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Candidates for Congress

Congressional candidates in the upcoming party primary at The Wakulla Sun's forum last week at the library: Audie Rowell, Austin Rogers, Evan Power, Joe Norton was a representative for his brother Jim Norton, Luke Murphy, Lee Jones, Nic Zatelos, Amanda Marie Green and Yen Bailey. Candidate Brice Barnes left early for a family emergency.

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Most of the candidates for Congress District 2 appeared at a forum held at the public library and hosted by The Wakulla Sun.

Since Congressman Neal Dunn, R-Panama City, announced his retirement, the field has been flooded with candidates.

Five Republicans and all four Democrats seeking their party's nomination attended the forum on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The Republicans attending were Audie Rowell, Austin Rogers, Evan Power, Luke Murphy and Lee Jones. Jim Norton was unable to attend and sent his brother Joe as a stand-in. Keith

Gross and Nick Lewis were absent.

Democrats in attendance were Yen Bailey, Brice Barnes, Amanda Marie Green and Nicholas Zatelos. Because of a family emergency, Barnes had to leave after introductions.

The number of candidates limited the number of questions that could be asked given time constraints. The candidates introduced themselves, took one question from Wakulla Sun Editor William Snowden, who was moderator, and then the candidates did their closing.

- Audie Rowell is a retired law enforcement officer who grew up in Tallahassee and attended North Florida Christian. He started his ca-

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

reer as a deputy at the Leon County Sheriff's Office and retired as chief deputy in Walton County.

He said he's running to make sure the country stays true to the values it was founded on. "That is our Christian family values, our Constitutional values, our capitalist values and our Constitutional republic values."

- Austin Rogers who has served as a congressional aide and most recently as general counsel to Sen. Rick Scott.

"You know a lot has

changed since this race started," he said. "It's all shown me the importance of this election. We have men playing women's sports, due to culture of decline and decadence. AI is developing at a rapid pace. And a good man, Charlie Kirk, was shot and killed on a college campus this past year for merely speaking his mind."

- Evan Power is the chair of the Republican Party of Florida.

Power, who has lived in the district for the past 26 years, said he wants his children "to have the same values and opportunities that I had growing up. But we're in a battle for the soul of our nation. If you had asked us 10 years

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Two murdered in Otter Creek, suspect still at large

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office confirmed there was a double-homicide at 740 Otter Creek Road in Sopchoppy. The deceased were identified as Rebecca Lynn Thomas, 58, and John William Luper III, 49, who both died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

It was reported that, following the killings, the victims' bodies were transported and concealed in separate locations.

A structure fire also occurred at the Otter Creek Road property. The cause and circumstances surrounding the fire remain under investigation; however, based on the information currently available, it is being treated as a separate incident from the homicides.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the sheriff's office reported it had obtained arrest warrants for Joseph Ronnie Raker, 46, on two counts of homicide, with nationwide extradition authorized.

Based on investigative developments, Raker should be considered dangerous. A \$10,000 reward has been offered for information leading to Raker's arrest.

With social media blowing up and citizens posting comments critical of the sheriff's office's handling of the case, Sheriff Jared Miller and Major Eddie Wester, head of Criminal Investigations Division, posted a 15-minute video on Facebook late Friday with the sheriff expressing his concern about the family and Wester laying out a timeline of events.

Some of the social media criticism focused

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The sheriff's office released these photos of suspect Joseph Ronnie Raker, who is wanted for the murders.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Jason Jones seeks re-election as circuit judge

By JASON JONES
Special to The Sun

A judge should be fair, compassionate, and follow the law, and I have demonstrated all three of these qualities throughout my 22 years as a member of the Florida Bar and my six years as your Judge.

For five years, I served as one of Leon County's general jurisdiction county judges and as the Circuit's Mental Health Court Judge. As a County Judge, I presided over hundreds of evidentiary hearings and trials. For the past year, I have served as a Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit, which includes Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson, Franklin, and Liberty counties. As a Circuit Court Judge, I currently serve as the general jurisdiction Circuit Court Judge for

Jefferson County and preside over probate and guardianship cases in Leon County.

As a longtime member of this community, I have been honored

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

and humbled to serve as one of your Judges. I have dedicated my career to public service and serving the people in this community.

You do not have to guess what kind of judge I will be. You have thousands of examples of the type of judge I am. I am patient and compassionate; I run my dockets efficiently, and treat everyone who appears before me with respect. I explain my rulings and ensure those unfamiliar with the process understand what is happening and why.

If you have never appeared before me, please visit my website, judgejasonjones.com, and view my endorsements. I am proud to be

supported and endorsed by Sheriff Jared Miller as well as many respected attorneys, such as retired Judge Terry Lewis, retired Judge George Reynolds, and former Florida Bar President Kelly Overstreet Johnson. I have support from prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys, plaintiffs' attorneys and civil defense attorneys, family law attorneys, probate attorneys, transactional attorneys, and everything in between. I am supported and endorsed by a diverse group of people because I am fair, compassionate, and follow the law. I have dedicated my entire career to serving the people of the Second Circuit and the State of Florida, and I humbly ask for the opportunity to continue to serve this community. Please vote to keep Judge Jason Jones on or before August 18th.



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First day of school

These Shadeville Elementary students head inside on the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 10, which was an early release day. Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre issued a statement giving “a huge shout-out and thank you to our bus drivers and van drivers for an amazing first day of school!” Myhre noted that some bus routes were a little longer, and some buses were more crowded than others, but no bus left campus over capacity and all students arrived home safely.



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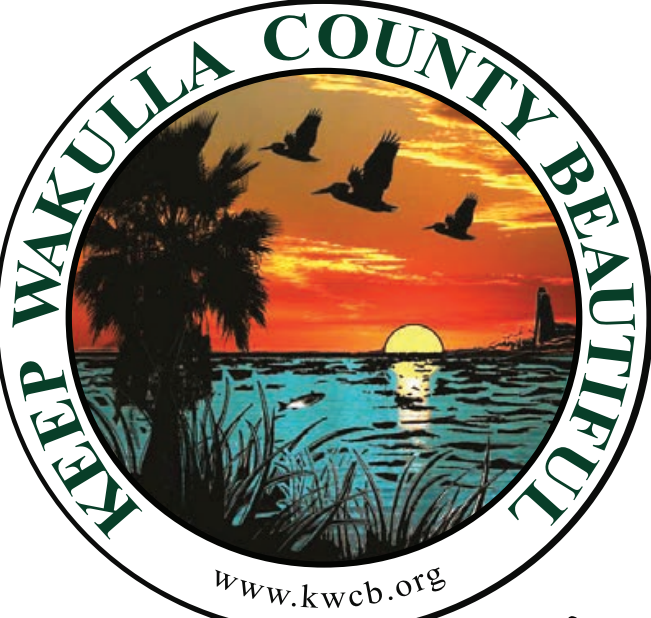
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Four receive scholarships from Wakulla Garden Club

By **LAURA MOOSER**
WCGC President

Four Wakulla County students are taking the next step toward careers in environmental and related fields with support from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, which awards \$3,000 scholarships each year to qualified high school seniors and college students.

This year, Lynn Artz, WCGC scholarship coordinator, proudly announced that FFGC awarded scholarships to all four students nominated by the Wakulla County Garden Club.

The scholarship recipients include Jack Coetzee, Joey Coetzee, Richie McWilliams, and Zoe Shoplock.

Joey Coetzee, one of this year’s WCGC-sponsored scholarship recipients, expressed appreciation for the support she and her family have received.

“I am extremely grateful to the FFGC members and scholarship committee for believing in our abilities and our academic worthiness,” she said. “The experiences



they exposed my brother and me to helped lead us to our career calling. The classes we take to achieve the goal of becoming environmental engineers are so chal-

lenging, requiring a great deal of time dedicated to studying. The financial support from FFGC provides significant help to us and our family. They have been amazingly



Garden Club scholarship recipients, from top left: Jack Coetzee and Joey Coetzee; Zoe Shoplock, above; and Richie McWilliams with parent Jenn McWilliams and Patrick McWilliams

generous in so many ways. I encourage others to join in their cause if you want to be a part of something meaningful and rewarding.”

Richie McWilliams, son of WCGC member Jenn McWilliams and Patrick McWilliams, has been involved with WCGC and the Sarra-cenia Chapter for many years. His volunteer support has included plant maintenance, hands-on gardening, construction of garden structures, and assistance at a variety of community gar-

dening events. “I am incredibly grateful to receive this year’s FFGC scholarship with support from the Wakulla County Garden Club,” he said. “Participating in their programs, including the Arbor Day Tree Give-Away and work at Sopchoppy Depot Park, allowed me to learn invaluable gardening and life lessons that will guide my future studies. I was also fortunate to work with many amazing, passionate people who generously shared their expertise and knowledge with me. This generous support will help me pursue my academic goals. Thank you!”

Zoe Shoplock has a deep love for gardening and extensive experience working with both school and home gardens, including vegetable, rain, and pollinator gardens. Zoe’s career interests continue to evolve, with current areas of focus in biology, including genetics and biomedical engineering, and ecology, particularly algal and cyanobacterial growth in freshwater and coastal waters affected

by nitrate and phosphate pollution. Upon receiving the award, Zoe expressed appreciation for the support and the opportunity to continue pursuing her academic interests.

FFGC scholarships are available to eligible Florida residents who are U.S. citizens, enrolled full time at a Florida college or university, and maintaining a “B” average (3.0) or better. Eligible fields of study include agriculture, biology, botany, city planning, conservation, ecology, forestry, horticulture, landscape design or architecture, marine biology, public sanitation, and related disciplines.

Completed applications and supporting documentation may be submitted each year between March 1 and May 1, and applicants must be sponsored by an FFGC garden club.

Students and families interested in future scholarship opportunities are encouraged to contact WCGC on Facebook or by email at Wakullacountygardenclub@gmail.com.

Wakulla 4-H earn state, national recognition

By **RACHEL PIENTA**
4-H Director

Wakulla County 4-H members returned from Florida 4-H University in Gainesville with an impressive list of honors that showcased their leadership, service, creativity and commitment to their communities. Their achievements earned recognition at the state and national levels and reflected the strength of Wakulla County’s growing 4-H program.

Among the top honorees was graduating senior Caden Gruebel, who was named Northwest District Leader of the Legacy, one of Florida 4-H’s highest youth leadership recognitions. The award honors exceptional leadership, service and positive influence

within the organization. Representing sixteen counties across Northwest Florida, Gruebel was recognized for years of dedication to mentoring younger members, strengthening local programs and serving as an ambassador for 4-H at county, district and state events.

Gruebel also received a \$500 Florida 4-H scholarship, recognizing both his accomplishments and his potential for future success. Throughout his 4-H career, he has demonstrated a commitment to service, citizenship and leadership that embodies the values of the 4-H pledge. His example has encouraged younger members to pursue leadership opportunities and become active contributors within their clubs



Caden Gruebel

and communities.

Another Wakulla County standout, Lauretta Compton, earned a National Trip Scholarship to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will represent Florida 4-H alongside other outstanding youth leaders from across the



Lauretta Compton

state. National 4-H Congress is one of the premier leadership development experiences in the country, bringing together 4-H members from across the United States for workshops, community service, networking and personal growth opportunities.

Compton also earned

first place honors in the Florida 4-H Fashion Revue for her sewing project. The Fashion Revue competition highlights youth achievement in clothing construction, textile sciences and personal presentation. Her winning project demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship, creativity and attention to detail, placing her among the top youth sewing participants in Florida.

The Future Leaders of Wakulla 4-H Club was recognized for its Community Pride project as one of the Top Six Community Pride projects in Florida. The statewide Community Pride program challenges youth to identify needs within their communities and develop meaningful service-learning projects that create lasting im-

pact. Selection among the top projects in the state reflects the club’s dedication to civic engagement, teamwork and community improvement.

The recognition received by Wakulla County youth at Florida 4-H University demonstrates the powerful impact of positive youth development programs.

As these young leaders continue to build on their accomplishments, they serve as inspiring examples of what can be achieved through dedication, service and a commitment to making a difference. Their achievements bring pride to Wakulla County and highlight the lasting value of the Florida 4-H program in developing confident, capable and engaged young people.

Candidates

From Front Page

ago if we were having a discussion about men in women’s sports, men in women’s restrooms and labeling parents domestic terrorists, you would tell me I was crazy. But this is where we are with the Democrats.”

• Jim Norton is the Gulf County Superintendent of Schools.

His brother, Joe, said he could go through all the things Jim would do in office and it would be no different than any other candidate on the Republican ticket: “Smaller government, lower taxes, Second Amendment rights... and America First.”

• Luke Murphy is a combat-wounded veteran who served in Iraq with the 101st Airborne. “I’m tired of watching this country go downhill,” he said. “I’ve got a 5-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. I care deeply about this country, its future. We’ve been fighting since we got here and, you know, I’m the only one on this stage that’s worked in agriculture, worked in construction, fought in

the military.”

• Lee Jones is a retired pilot who flew as a civilian during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

“I am not an attorney. I am not a career politician and I am not in the good ol’ boy club...” He said he had worked to change some laws dealing with airlines that made flying safer, and warned against the dangers of communism.

On the Democrat side:

• Nic Zateslo grew up in Tallahassee. His main issue he focused on was the proliferation of AI data centers. (He attended and spoke at the Wakulla County commission meeting in which commissioners voted 5-0 to support a local moratorium on data centers in Wakulla.)

“I spent the last few years working directly in AI,” he said, “understanding what’s coming, the job loss that’s no one’s talking about, the kids and anxiety and social media that’s destroying people and families... We all know something is wrong right now... I’m run-

ning here to protect our home and protect our families.”

• Amanda Marie Green lives in Tallahassee and is a former international development and emergency management professional.

“We’re experiencing a complete lack of interest in the voices of the American people because Congress is corrupt,” she said. “They don’t work for any of us in this room. They’re working for billionaires, they’re working for corporations that are funding their re-election and it’s unacceptable.”

• Brice Barnes lives in Tallahassee and is a political consultant and advocate for people with disabilities and women’s health care.

Noting that her father was in the hospital that day awaiting heart surgery, she said appearing at the forum was important.

“I care deeply about each of you and I’m running to represent everyone despite what else is going on in my life, I will show up for each and every one of you.” She stressed her ability to work across the aisle and get things done.

• Yen Bailey is an attorney in Tallahassee, and daughter of Vietnamese refugees. She ran against Dunn in 2024.

“I’m running again now because that’s what we need in Congress right now – I’m so tired of seeing the people in Congress who can watch our Constitution be violated over and over again and just say there’s nothing they can do about it. We need a fighter.”

Rotary Club member Heather Bryan was timekeeper, as the candidates were given 3 minutes for each portion.

A straw poll was held in which the 60 or so audience members in attendance voted. Amanda Green got the most votes of the Democrats, and Luke Murphy got the most votes of Republicans.

The party primary is Aug. 18. The winners of the Democrat and Republican primary will face off in the November general election.



PUBLIC NOTICES:

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



The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is Seeking a Volunteer to Serve on the Parks Advisory Committee

Are you a resident of Wakulla County and have an interest in the County Parks? If so, the Board of County Commissioners is seeking a volunteer to serve as the at-large member on the Parks Advisory Committee.

This Committee meets once every three months (quarterly) and primary responsibilities are to advise and make recommendations to the Director regarding existing parks activities and facilities, development of additional parks facilities, and assists in determining the needs of the community.

The member must reside in Wakulla County. Interested citizens should submit a written statement of interest which includes name, address, telephone number, and email address no later than August 28, 2026. Statements of interest can be emailed to Sabrina Clevenger at sclevenger@mywakulla.com or hand delivered to the Parks & Facilities Office, Attn: Sabrina Clevenger, 322 Shadeville Rd., Crawfordville, FL.



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- Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at FRESH Backpack Giveaway at the community center on Saturday:

Why are you excited to go back to school?



HIROSHI YOSHIOKA
11, Home Schooled

“I’m going to a co-op one day school this year and I’ll get to see friends from my church.”



IZAIE WISE
11, Nims Middle

“I will get to meet new friends and new teachers. I’m ready to learn.”



MERCY ZHAI
6, Buck Lake Elementary

“I’m looking forward to school because I get to play.”



MADDOX DEUSINGER
5, Kate Sullivan Elementary

“I will get to learn more about writing and get to go outside and play.”



SA’KYANI MEARS
7, Medart Elementary

“Because it has been summertime and I want meet my friends.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By **VERNA BROCK**

The age-old rituals of back-to-school began again this past week. Teachers and staff spent days (if not weeks) prepping classrooms and facilities for the fresh start promised by a new school year. Open houses have been held, and students battle anxious butterflies and genuine excitement stoked by anticipation of a new adventure.

I have so many memories of shopping trips – selecting new school shoes, clothes, supplies – all the things that signaled moving up the educational ladder. My mother often made dresses for me, because girls couldn’t wear pants to school. We girls wore multiple stiff petticoats under our skirts to make them stand out as much as possible. We were definitely styling in rural 1965 Muskegon!

The only exception to the rule? Snow pants that matched my snow jacket. In Michigan, winter days meant getting dressed, undressed, and dressed again as the day progressed. Hats, gloves, snowsuits, clunky, black rubber galoshes, ski-masks...all donned to battle snow flurries and cutting winds!

I think I enjoyed school shopping with my own children even more than I did during my childhood. When I was in school, backpacks were unheard of. We were required to cover our text books with paper bags from the grocery store. These were sturdy brown paper bags that we cut, folded, and fitted to every book. This process was required to meet strictly specified instructions from our teachers. Plastic bags, like those from Dollar Tree and Publix, didn’t exist back then. The upside? We could doodle and decorate our “book covers” to our hearts’ content!

My children got coveted Trapper Keepers and pencil boxes, as well as sturdy backpacks that would (hopefully) survive long enough to get through the new year. Where my friends and I carried heavy loads of homework in the crooks of our elbows, balanced on our hips, my children’s generation shouldered bookbags and leaned into weight. Inevitably, those very same loads would end up being dragged home.

Brand new clothes and shoes still delight children today. Styles may change, fads come and go, but getting fresh duds for a fresh school year is still satisfying. How much energy goes into planning that “first day outfit”? What child doesn’t light up at the sight of a box of brand new crayons? Untouched rectangular erasers, freshly sharpened No.2 pencils, maybe even some colored pencils or brightly colored markers, help to fill newly assigned desks.

My observation has been that kids today are filled with equal parts excitement to start the new year and see old friends, and wistfulness for the freedom summer gives. I can also attest that these emotions mirror my own, from sixty years ago. The main difference? My generation only had access to landlines for communicating, and those telephones were for adults only. That old-fashioned creation, the party-line, meant that chattering children were excluded from access. If you weren’t fortunate enough to live in an actual neighborhood, your contact with friends was severely limited. For that reason, the new school year couldn’t come soon enough for a lot of us!

Now, school is back in session all across Wakulla County and Florida. Our roads are filled with parents toting their kids to school each morning, and doing pick-up duty in the afternoons. Lots of students will be standing at bus stops, waiting for the “cheese wagons” to deliver them safely to school and home. Commuters need to step up their awareness game while everyone readjusts to the new paradigm of schools reopening for the Fall.

Plan on leaving for your destination earlier to compensate for the extra time school buses require. And, yes. There is nothing so important worth risking a child’s life or health.

So keep your eyes open, stay alert, and exercise your patience over the next few weeks while we all adjust!

Sopchoppy News

By **DJ BUTCH**

Hello from the beautiful small town of Sopchoppy.

We finally got some rain.... It has also been hot. Stay hydrated.

If you enjoy my Sopchoppy news you should follow me online. I post videos and pictures from my adventures. I’m about to take my online content to another level... Got a trip planned coming up! I had to re-arrange two booked parties to make it happen! But I couldn’t miss this opportunity! I appreciate all the follows, subscribers and even the watchers.. it all helps the engagement. But it would be cool if you drop a positive comment or hit follow.....

I recently went fishing with ole P and someone found a Megalodon shark tooth. Florida used to be under water so we sometimes find cool stuff.... The Megalodon was the largest shark to ever live, a massive, extinct apex predator that lived years ago, preying on whales and large marine mammals in warm, coastal waters. Size: Up to 60 feet long (or more, with some estimates up to 80 feet), weighing up to 50 tons. We tore the bream up too...

We also recorded a song about bream fishing. It features guitar by Jason Cupp. Beat by me and verses from P and me. It is available on streaming services and is a good fishing song. Check it out!

I also went out LY fishing with Captain Eric aka the Shrimp Pimp. He gets that nickname because he has been the shrimper in this area for years. While out on the water with Captain Eric aka the Shrimp Pimp I noticed something real cool. Most all the fishermen know each other. Some target different fish, some the same, some are crabbers, but they are all friends. They will meet on the water and talk about where the fish are or how good or bad fishing has been. They work together! They don’t compete... matter of fact one boat started netting LYs while they were near by.... Then they unloaded the fish onto Eric’s boat. Just helping him get his goal for the day. They were targeting mullet that day.

I thought that was really cool and I think a lot of people could learn from this. My adventures teach me more than just the outdoors....

I learned that a fisherman’s life is hard work but they have a beautiful office view, a family on the water and a lifetime of memories. Every day is another adventure! Thank the Lord for another beautiful day!

I won’t be DJing second Friday at Low Tide this month. I’m going on a lil trip....I will be DJing August 28 since I missed my night... put it on ya calendar.

I also had to get Dj Dannyboy to cover the Bingo on that Saturday. (Thanx) I just couldn’t miss this opportunity y’all..... I’m going to bring you some epic content.

Mark your calendars for Depot Days! September 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classic car parade, Big Wheel race, vendors, food and fun! I will be hosting the event and playing the best oldie goldies.

Sending you all love from Sopchoppy!

Library News

By **LINDA OAKS**
Library Director

Library News August 13th– August 19th

Thursday, Aug. 13th

- Tiny Tummy Time 9:30am
- Creative Writing I 10am
- Manga Club 5pm

Friday, August 14th

- Quilting Guild 10am

Saturday, August 15th

- Read Therapy Dogs 10am

Sunday, August 16th

- Closed

Monday, August 17th

- American Legion Post 114 6pm
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 114 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 18th

- ELECTION

Wednesday, August 19th

- No Childrens Programs
- Mahjong 1pm
- Knitting Group 4pm

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- Evening Mahjong 4:30pm



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HOME ON THE RANGE

Needs for a first handgun



By MARJ LAW

“I’m planning on buying a handgun,” says Addie to me.

“Wow! I never thought you’d want one!” Yes, I’m shocked. Addie has frequently told me she doesn’t like guns, won’t shoot one, and will never own one.

“Yes. Since I live alone and out in the sticks, it’s probably a good idea.”

“It seemed to me a good idea 5 years ago, Addie. So, why is it a good idea now?”

“Well, ever since my nutzo nephew got out of prison, I just don’t feel secure. He threatened everyone in our family.”

“Why would he do that?” I wonder. After all, we’re talking family here.

“Several years ago, he was doing drugs, got caught and wanted us to pool together to bail him out of jail.”

“He would have gone to jail, anyway.”

“Yeah, but back then he had this idea we’d get him out on bail and then he’d skip the state. But we wouldn’t give him money, so he said he’d come after each one of us personally, then break in and steal

our stuff too. I just don’t feel secure in my house now.”

“OK. Did you have something in mind?”

“Yes. A big one. Like a .45. My neighbor has a .45, and he says he’s never worried about defending himself. Except I want one that doesn’t have much kick. I’ve got a lot of arthritis in my hands and carpal tunnel syndrome too. What should I get?”

“Well, Addie, I’ve never come across a .45 with just a little recoil. A .45 is a lot of gun for someone with your hand and arm problems.”

“Oh. Well, what gun would be good enough for defense and have just a small recoil?”

“Let’s think about this. First of all, have you decided whether you plan to carry it or keep it in your home? Will you keep it by your bed?”

“I want to be able to carry it. Should I put it in a purse or carry it with me?”

“That’s a good question to start. Do you always carry your purse with you?”

“No. So, maybe it’s better to put it in my pocket. Most of my shorts have big pockets. There’s plenty of room.”

“Even if you carry in your pocket, Addie, you’ll need a holster. But you might not always have a pocket. Have you considered an inside or outside-the-waistband holster?”

“No. Which is better?”

“If you have it inside the waistband, it will be easier for your clothing to conceal it.”

“OK. Let’s get back to



the size of the gun. If I’m going to carry it in a holster inside my waistband, then I’m going to want a pretty small handgun, right?”

“Yes. With your small frame, you will need a fairly small handgun. So, we’ve established that you want a gun with low recoil. It has to be small to carry easily, and you want to carry it in an inside-the-waistband holster.”

“Yes. Can I wear it, carrying in the car?”

“You can, if you’re in Florida. Again, it should be small enough so you can sit comfortably.”

“What if I’m in the house? If I’m doing housework, I may not want to carry it. Since I live alone, I can just put it near where I’m working, right?”

“That’s not a good idea, Addie. Don’t you have friends who come to the door? And family. You have a granddaughter. And what about the guy who helps in your yard? You can’t leave a gun ly-

ing around in the house. It must be where anyone else can’t get at it. A gun is a huge responsibility.”

“But I will want it beside my bed while I’m sleeping. I can have it there, right? No one will be coming in the house at night unless I let them in. Only a bad guy would knock in the door at night. I’ll need it where I can get to it.”

“Sure, Addie.”

“Then I guess I’ll need some sort of a safe for it during the day. Then no one can get at it but me. I saw an ad for a safe where you stick your finger on its pad, and it unlocks.”

“Yes, Addie. I’ve got one of those. But good thing that it also opens with a key because it’s hard to put my finger in exactly the right place for it to unlock. And Heaven forbid that I need to get it out in a hurry! The key works better for me.”

“Doesn’t Joe use the finger pad?”

“Yes, he does.”

“Only you can decide that, Addie. Tell you what, I’ll bring a couple .380s and a couple 9mm handguns to the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range on Wednesday. After we discuss the WCSO’s range rules, you can try our guns, and see if one of them fits your needs. If it does, you can go down to a local gun store and buy it.”

“Will I have to wait three days to take it home?”

“No. You took the concealed weapon class, so you won’t have to wait.”

“Good. Now, if I decide to fly out west for my vacation, I’ll have a gun. Everyone out west carries guns.”

“Flying with your gun, and having it in a different state requires research on your part. You can take your gun on the plane, but you need to know the TSA rules about how to pack it. I looked on the-gunplace.com and found a clear discussion on how to travel by plane with your gun.”

“And since I have my concealed weapon license, I can carry it out west.”

“Not necessarily, Addie. Rules can vary from state to state. You’ll need to research each state you plan to travel in, and find out their rules for carrying.”

“Well, then, maybe I’ll just leave it locked up at home. In the meantime, I can’t wait to go to the range!”

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



ATLANTIC SPADEFISH
(*Chaetodipterus faber*)

Abundant in shallow coastal or brackish waters, in reefs or around channel markers and docks, these can often grow to 3” long. Juveniles (black phase) are common in estuaries and often found in very shallow water swimming at an angle imitating plant debris. Adults often occur in very large schools of 500 or more feeding on invertebrates or nibbling on jellyfish. They spawn in late spring.

Eukarya, Animalia, Cordata, Actinopterygii, Perciformes, Ephippidae

 Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory
www.gulfspecimen.org

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a white ibis looking over the river.

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a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

Thursday 13

Sun rise/set

7:03 AM

Moon rise/set

7:56 AM

8:21 PM

8:30 PM

Moon Illumination 1%

Friday 14

Sun rise/set

7:04 AM

Moon rise/set

9:00 AM

8:20 PM

9:04 PM

Moon Illumination 5%

Saturday 15

Sun rise/set

7:04 AM

Moon rise/set

10:02 AM

8:19 PM

9:35 PM

Moon Illumination 11%

Sunday 16

Sun rise/set

7:05 AM

Moon rise/set

11:02 AM

8:18 PM

10:04 PM

Moon Illumination 16%

Monday 17

Sun rise/set

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12:01 PM

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10:34 PM

Moon Illumination 27%

Tuesday 18

Sun rise/set

7:06 AM

Moon rise/set

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8:16 PM

11:05 PM

Moon Illumination 37%

Wednesday 19

Sun rise/set

7:06 AM

Moon rise/set

1:59 PM

8:15 PM

11:39 PM

Moon Illumination 46%

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

High Tide

Low Tide

Carrabelle

28 Min.

25 Min.

Apalachicola

1 Hr., 53 Min.

2 Hrs., 38 Min.

Cat Point

1 Hr., 13 Min.

2 Hrs., 31 Min.

Lower Anchorage

1 Hr., 36 Min.

2 Hrs., 3 Min.

West Pass

1 Hr., 26 Min.

2 Hrs., 39 Min.

GO FISH!

Tide charts by

tides4fishing.com

First

Aug. 28

Full

Sept. 4

Last

Aug. 12

New

Aug. 19

Best fishing days this month

Best fishing day(s) is in the center of date ranges.

Aug. 10-15, 19, 25-31

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

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Friday 14

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Saturday 15

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Sunday 16

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Monday 17

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Gag grouper season opens Sept. 1 in Gulf state waters

From FWC News

At its August meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the 2026 recreational season for gag grouper in state waters of the Gulf of America, excluding all state waters off Monroe County, to Sept. 1 through Sept. 30. The 2026 recreational season will close at 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 1.

This season is consistent with NOAA's recently announced season in adjacent federal waters. Maintaining

consistent state and federal recreational seasons for Gulf gag grouper will help prevent exceeding the recreational quota and reduce the likelihood of a quota payback in 2027.

If you plan to fish for gag, grouper or other specific reef fish species from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up for the State Reef Fish Angler Designation (annual renewal is required). As a State Reef Fish Angler, you could be selected to receive a mail survey component of the State Reef Fish Survey.

Data from the State Reef Fish Survey is now being used for Gulf gag grouper management, and by participating in the survey, you are improving recreational data that is used to provide recreational fishing opportunities in Florida.

To learn more about the State Reef Fish Survey, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.

To learn more about gag grouper season and regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and select “Recreational Regulations”, followed by “Reef Fish” and then “Grouper” and “Gag.”

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Lisa Vince shared a photo of gathering storm clouds at sunset off at Ochlockonee Bay off Surf Road.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

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The Diving Emergency *January 3, 2013*

What to do when the unthinkable happens.
The worst has happened, someone has been hurt
during a dive. What do you do?

Recovery to the surface is important, and first aid will help if the diver is still alive.

Who do you call for help? What do you do with the equipment?

Get the diver to the surface. If you can't remember your basic training, or if your basic training was insufficient, remember to hold your dive buddy's regulator in their mouth, using their BCD, slowly bring your buddy to the surface while maintaining a steady ascent. If you are having troubles drop your buddy's weightbelt to make things easier.

Once you reach the surface, assess the victim, are they responsive? If medical attention is needed and you are on land call 911. If you are on a boat, use the marine radio VHF channel 16 and call the coast guard PAN PAN PAN. This is a distress signal that will alert the coast guard that you need medical assistance. If the victim is unresponsive, administer first aid and assess CPR.

Ask someone to keep the equipment sequestered. Turn off the cylinder after you note the pressure in the tank and note how many times the valve turns to turn off the tank. Make notes of everything you observe, conditions of the dive site, condition of the equipment, dive profile, and get the contact information for everyone who was involved. Ask each person to write down a witness report, what they saw, as soon as possible.

Co-operate with law enforcement, coast guard, EMS and boat captain. No matter what happens, be prepared.

Oxygen on board/at the dive site and delivery equipment is one of the best first aid supplies for any diving accident. Be trained to use the equipment, in first aid, in CPR and in any of the medical evacuation procedures for the dive site that you attend. Know where the nearest hyperbaric chamber is located to your dive site, as well as the phone number of your local EMS and LifeFlight helicopter service. In Wakulla county, you will be transported to Capital Regional Medical Center under the care of Dr. William Kepper, their chamber medical officer.

Medical treatment for diving injuries can be very expensive. Medical evacuation and hyperbaric chamber treatment can exceed thousands of dollars. The Divers Alert Network (DAN), an advocacy group for divers in the USA, provides an insurance policy that covers these treatments and transports and are available at a minimum fee. They can be reached online or by contacting your local dive center. DAN also serves many uses so please look at their services for divers. DAN contact information: 1-800-446-2671 or (919) 684-2948, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Now the worst has happened, are you going to be prepared?

Editor's Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2013.

God will never quit on us



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

My daughter Wendy stood in her wedding gown before the full-length mirror. She and her bridesmaids chatted excitedly as they prepared for the very

important day. I wanted to join in. As the mother-of-the-bride, I should – should what? I panicked. I didn’t feel ready for this responsibility. Only a few months earlier, I had begun my journey out of decades of severe chronic anxiety disorder. I tried to say something mother-of-the-bride-ish, but instead I just stood there – almost unable to move or speak. The familiar panic swooped down on me, catching me off guard.

After years in and out of mental hospitals, my confidence was gone. Taking a deep breath and forcing my feet to move as I walked across the room, I pretended to search for something in my purse. Thankfully, my sister Teri entered the room. I mouthed “help.” My hands wouldn’t stop shaking. Recognizing the situation, she discreetly coached me through everything I needed to do over the next several hours. I felt disappointed

that I wasn’t where I wanted to be emotionally, but I thanked God that I was at least better than I had been a few months earlier. A reassuring peace settled over me, knowing I’d be even stronger a few months down the road. As I was learning to trust God’s Word – rather than live by my emotions – I felt confident that He was finally beginning His miracle. He was helping me become the stable person I had prayed to be for so many years. And now, many

years later, I rejoice in His finished work! Well – almost finished work. He still has more work to do in me. Philippians 1:6 (ESV) says, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” God will never stop working in us to make us the person He has designed us to be. He will perfect any area of our lives that isn’t fully surrendered to Him. I firmly believe that as we place our trust in

His Word and yield to His grace, we’ll see Him bring about dramatic changes in us. Even when we don’t see changes as quickly as we would like, it’s nice to know He doesn’t quit on us. And He never will. *Sheryl H. Boldt is a sales executive for Wave 94 and author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt.Wave94@gmail.com.*

When Mom prayed



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

It is a silver bread warmer that sits most days beside my stove – the same dome-shaped warmer Mom used when I was young. There are a couple of dents on the lid, and the sides are scratched and tarnished from years of use. But those marks only make it more precious to me. They are reminders of a kitchen that was often

busy and a mother who was always preparing something for someone she loved. There was always a piece of baked bread waiting inside for someone. Although it is not used as often as it was in Mom’s kitchen, it still draws me back to the scent of fresh-baked bread and afternoon snacks. Mom’s biscuits were golden-crust, fluffy, and layered with a lightness that felt magical. She brought them to the table last, still steaming, just as we were ready to eat. Watching the butter melt into the warm center was a simple joy that marked the close of a day well spent. Biscuits were her quiet signature – a gift of

comfort and love that lingered long after the meal. Even after we all left home and started our own lives, that little warmer was rarely empty. It waited quietly on the counter, holding bread she had made, ready to be warmed. But Mom had another signature – one that could not be seen or touched. It was woven into the life of our family through the silent prayers she carried to her Heavenly Father. In time, those quiet prayers gained a voice. Whenever we walked out her front door to return home, she would pause, lift us to the Lord, and pray, “Lord, put angels at their wheels and a hedge of protection around them. Take them safely home.”

For years, I thought it was simply something Mom did. I didn’t realize I was being taught one of life’s greatest lessons. The disciples were learning that same lesson as they walked beside Jesus. They witnessed His miracles, listened to His teaching, and watched Him minister to the endless crowds. They also noticed something else – Jesus often slipped away to be alone with His Father. Jesus knew that before He poured Himself out for others, He needed to spend time with His Father. What was Jesus showing His disciples, and showing us? Luke tells us that after watching Jesus pray, one of the disciples said to

Him, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). It wasn’t a request inspired by a miracle. It wasn’t prompted by one of His sermons. It came after they witnessed the quiet intimacy Jesus shared with His Father. They saw something in Him that they longed for. Perhaps that is how prayer is often learned. It is not only taught through words; it is revealed through a life that trusts God. Looking back, I understand Mom was teaching me the same lesson. She didn’t explain prayer; she showed me. When we were beyond the reach of her hands, she placed us into the hands of the One who could go with us wherever we went. The years have

passed, and that silver bread warmer still sits beside my stove. It reminds me of biscuits, family meals, and a mother’s quiet love. But most of all, it reminds me that while the biscuits she made nourished our bodies for a day, the prayers she offered nourished our souls for a lifetime. Mom taught me that prayer is a gift we receive, practice, and pass on.

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) *Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

OUT TO PASTOR

If I were a millionaire



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I have never had an ambition to become a millionaire. I just never thought about it, and it never crossed my mind or my wallet. I’ve got many calls from these “Fake Publishing Houses” telling me I won a hundred million dollars, and all I have to do is pay a \$2,500 processing fee, and it’s all mine. I used to tell them to take the fee out of my winnings, and we’d both be winners. Of course, how can you take something out of something that doesn’t exist? There was a friend who won a million dollars. I lost track of him for a while, and then two years later I found out he was bankrupt. I don’t know what his story was, but evidently he didn’t know how to handle \$1 million. When my friend asked me what I would do if I had a million dollars, I really didn’t know what to say. Later, I realized that dreaming about wealth is fun, but it’s also hilarious how our minds invent these grand ideas that never quite match real life. I certainly wouldn’t buy a new truck, or get a new house, or buy any

fancy clothing. None of that stuff matters to me, but I did have an idea that bounced around in my head. If I were a millionaire, I would give The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage enough money every week to do her thrift store hopping. She hops from one thrift store to another and then to another. She can spend the whole day hopping from thrift store to thrift store, especially with her daughters. They make a wonderful team when it comes to thrift stores. There isn’t a thrift store within a 100-mile radius that does not know The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage by name. Now, while she is hopping from thrift store to thrift store, I would go and treat myself to a box of Apple Fritters. After all, if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage isn’t home, then she can’t see me eating an Apple Fritter and I don’t get into trouble. Oh, what a fun time that would be. And if I were a millionaire, that’s one thing I would do. As I was thinking about this on my lazy chair with a nice hot cup of coffee, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage happened to walk by. She noticed I was smiling a lot more than I usually smile. “So,” she said, “what’s making you smile so much this afternoon?” I didn’t notice her come in, so I was a little surprised at this question. I just looked at her and said, “Oh, my dear, I was just thinking about

a joke.” “Yeah, and what joke were you thinking about?” Now I was backed into a corner. I thought for a moment and then replied, “I was thinking about the joke, why was six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine.” Looking at me and shaking her head, she said, “Why do you tell yourself that joke 100 times a day and still laugh? We both know you weren’t thinking of that joke.” I looked at her and finally said, “I just was thinking of what I would do if I was a millionaire.” She sat down on the couch, looking at me, and said, “And what would you do if you were a millionaire?” Now I was again backed into a corner. With some hesitation, I said, “Well, the first thing I would do is to give you a large weekly

allowance so you and the daughters could go hopping all of the thrift stores in the county.” Then I giggled. “That sounds like a good idea,” she said with a broad smile on her face. “But, what would you be doing while I’m out hopping the thrift stores?” Oh boy. I didn’t think this through far enough, I guess. If I tell her what really was on my mind, I could be in a little bit of trouble. To try to think up an alternative is very risky business. Not able to say anything right away The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “You would not be thinking of getting Apple Fritters while I’m away?” “I never thought of that,” I said very thoughtfully, “but that sounds like a very good idea.” And then I laughed at her. “Let me understand

this,” she said, “if you were a millionaire you would spend a large portion of your money on me hopping thrift stores and then on you buying Apple Fritters?” My smile quickly evaporated from my face. Even if I were a millionaire, I could never get away with anything with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I have everything I want right now except for a box of Apple Fritters. So, if I were a millionaire, I would enjoy spending money in that direction. I don’t understand why she can have what she wants, but I, on the other side of the marriage vow, can’t have what I want?

In further thinking, I was reminded of what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 5:10, “He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.” No matter how much money I might have, I will never be satisfied. My satisfaction is rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. *Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.*



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DEATH NOTICES

- **Teresa Reeves Colson**, 72 of Crawfordville died on August 8, 2026.
- **Christopher Daniel “Stu” Dailey**, 34 ,of Sopchoppy died on August 4, 2026.

- **Scott Edward Fox**, 66 of Crawfordville died on July 31, 2026.
- **John William Luper III**, 49 of Sopchoppy died on August 3, 2026.

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

Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff’s Report is for activity July 31 to August 7. There were 1,352 total calls for service.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- Deputy Joshua Parker conducted a traffic stop for faulty equipment. The driver, Jennifer Barineau, was found to be in possession of 5.2 grams of marijuana. It was seized for destruction.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

- Florida Highway Patrol requested EMS assistance on a trooper-involved traffic crash in the area of Outz Too. All parties were OK and refused transport, scene was turned back over to FHP.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2 TO MONDAY, AUG. 3

- Double homicide case on Otter Creek in Sopchoppy. Forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

- Deputy Arturo Cordoba responded to Tiger Hammock Road in reference to an injured deer that had to be dispatched.
- Deputy Shawn Joens and Deputy Meredith Sullivan responded to the 8000 block of Coastal Highway in reference to a disturbance. While on scene, Breanna Ginnery struck Kane Shamah in the presence of Deputy Joens. Kane was trespassed from the property and departed the scene, but returned

while deputies were still on scene. Ginnery was placed under arrest for domestic battery and Shamah was placed under arrest for trespass after warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

- A citizen reported several items taken from his residence around the July 18th - 19th timeframe. He suspects three people he allowed to hang out at his residence for a few days as the persons who might have taken the items.
- A citizen reported forgetting her wallet in a shopping cart at Wal-Mart. Upon realizing this, she contacted Wal-Mart Customer Service and was informed the wallet had been turned in to lost and found. After retrieving her wallet, she reported \$200 missing from the wallet. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputies responded

to a report of a traffic crash. Upon arrival in the area, no traffic crash had occurred. A canvass of the area revealed a cellphone had fallen off a motor vehicle and alerted WCSO Dispatch. The phone was collected and turned into property & evidence for safekeeping.

- A citizen advised she was contacted by a man claiming to be law enforcement informing her she just missed jury duty and needed to pay 10% of the citation. She proceeded to make two transactions for a grand total of \$14,900 at Triangle Petro in Medart. Case forwarded to CID.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

- A citizen reported ordering a tub/shower combo for a new home construction build at Broken Bow Trail in December 2025. Upon delivery, a photo image of

the delivered item was sent indicating the location and time of delivery. He arrived at the construction build and observed the delivered tub/shower combo himself. Shortly afterwards, he returned and the tub/shower combo were missing from the construction site. On this day, he located the tub/shower combo in the backyard of a residence on Feather Trail. Due to the tub/shower being in the backyard of the residence, deputies could not enter the property to further investigate. Images were taken from the roadway and uploaded to evidence.com. He was provided with a community request link to upload more images and shipping information. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Caleb Bushong and Deputy Kory Smith pulled over Sean Anderson for window

tint. Sean gave consent to search and a search yielded 6.3 grams of methamphetamine and a Taurus G3 9mm in the same bag. He was subsequently arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

- Deputy Shawn Joens responded to the Annex in reference to a citizen reporting fraud to his bank account. He was alerted by his bank in reference to possible suspicious activity on his account. After further investigation, he was found to be in the negative by \$8,000 with several \$500 withdrawals being noted. Case forwarded to CID

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

Double homicide

From Front Page

on the sheriff’s office finding Raker inside the structure that was on fire and having him transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation. At that time, it wasn’t clear that there had been any murders and Raker was described in the video as being cooperative with deputies.

Sheriff Miller said he was aware of a lot of information being posted on social media. “Some it’s accurate,” he said, “some of it’s incomplete and some of it is simply not true.”

The sheriff added that the agency not releasing a lot of information is because they are doing a thorough investigation and don’t want to compromise the successful prosecution of the case.

Wester said the case began on Sunday night with an intoxicated man, who could barely be understood, telling deputies that someone had been shot in the Otter Creek Road area.

Deputies went out to the scene with limited information and found nothing. Deputies expanded their search and found signs of a struggle in the yard. They retreated to obtain a search warrant. No bodies had been found at the time.

Later, in the early morning, a fire was reported at the scene. Raker was inside the house and transported to the hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation. In an interview with detectives at the hospital, he indicated someone else was responsible for injuring Luper and Thomas.

Raker came back out to the scene and volunteered to help with evidence, but no evidence was discovered, Wester said. He was allowed to leave because he was considered a witness.

K9 teams from the state Department of Corrections and human remains detection K9s came out that morning and a man’s body was found on

neighboring property of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. The body had been concealed and covered with underbrush, Wester said. It was identified as Luper.

The search continued and about 100 yards away, a deceased female was discovered in heavy brush and concealed with underbrush. It was identified as Thomas.

The video ends with Wester urging anyone with information on Raker to contact the sheriff’s office.

Ronda Connett, Luper’s sister, had been frequently posting on Facebook about the case. Her last post on Thursday, Aug. 6, just before midnight reads: “To make sure the

truth is told Joey Raker is not the only suspect yes he shot them but also contacted his meth head friends to help dispose of the bodies and destroy the evidence and then paid them in cash with the money he stole for my brother”

Capt. Brett Surace, public information officer for the sheriff’s office, said on Monday that throughout the weekend, officers had been running down leads trying to find Raker.

Anyone who sees Raker or has information about his location should immediately call 911 or contact the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office at (850) 745-7100.

Man killed in crash

Staff Report

A Sopchoppy man was killed in single-vehicle crash on Tuesday, Aug. 4, just before 11 p.m., according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

According to FHP, the truck was traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 319 and was negotiating a left curve near Dickson Street and failed to make the curve and traveled onto the shoulder of the roadway and overcorrected – the truck went across both of the lanes of 319 and onto the eastern shoulder and began overturning.

The driver, a 34-year-old man, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. He was reported as not wearing a seatbelt.

FHP was assisted on scene by Wakulla Fire Rescue and the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office.



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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
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Ausley McMullen
68-A Feli Way
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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
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Published August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
THOMAS JORDAN BROWN
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-117

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of Thomas Jordan Brown, deceased, File 2026-CP-117 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 13, 2026.

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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".

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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.

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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, Case No.: 2026-CA-000101
PLAINTIFF,
V.

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

Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

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

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

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

Address: Franklin Drive, Crawfordville, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

0730-0820 TWS NOA

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

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Case No.: 2026-CA-000104
PLAINTIFF,
V.

MARIA ELENA PICCIRILLO, IF ALIVE, AND IF DECEASED, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER,

Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

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

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

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

Address: Dr MLK Jr Memorial Road, Crawfordville, FL

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

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

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

TRACT "D"

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

More particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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



July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE

0813-0820 TWS NOS
IN THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN
AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Case #: 2026-CA-31
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
LUKE FRANKLIN STARLING;
DENA KAY STARLING; and
UNKNOWN TENANT
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated August 3, 2026, entered in Case No. 2026-CA-31 of the Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein **LUKE FRANKLIN STARLING, DENA KAY STARLING, and UNKNOWN TENANT** are the Defendants, that **Greg James**, the Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in person at the Wakulla County Courthouse on the first floor in lobby at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327, on **September 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM**, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

Legal: **COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 10 OF THE NATHAN DONALDSON ESTATE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT OF RECORD ON PAGE 481 OF DEED BOOK NO. 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SAID CORNER MARKED BY AN OLD IRON AXLE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 171.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' 46" EAST, 315.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 15.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 156.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 25' 55" WEST, 315.0 FEET TO AN OLD IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" EAST, 171.1 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

AND

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 10 OF THE NATHAN DONALDSON ESTATE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT OF RECORD ON PAGE 481 OF DEED BOOK NO. 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SAID CORNER MARKED BY AN OLD IRON AXLE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 171.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' 46" EAST, 315.0 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' 46" EAST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A 30 FOOT ROADWAY, 315.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 15.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST 156.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 25' 55" WEST, 315.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" EAST, 156.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" EAST, 15.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10 OF THE NATHAN DONALDSON ESTATE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT OF RECORD ON PAGE 481 OF DEED BOOK NO. 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SAID CORNER MARKED BY AN OLD IRON AXLE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 171.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' 46" EAST, 315.0 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT HEREIN CONVEYED; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' 46" EAST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A 30 FOOT ROADWAY, 315.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST, 15.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" WEST 156.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 25' 55" WEST, 315.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" EAST, 156.1 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25' 27" EAST, 15.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N 1/2 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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SUBJECT TO EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY, BEING A STRIP 15 FEET WIDE (WEST HALF OF A 30 FOOT ROADWAY) ACROSS EAST SIDE OF ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT.

TOGETHER WITH A 2021 LIVE OAK 30X58 MODEL MANUFACTURED HOME, BEARING SERIAL NOS.: LOHGA30072118A AND LOHGA30072118B.

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

Dated this 6th day of August 2026.

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

NOTICE If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327-0337, 850-926-0905 telephone, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770. Aug. 13, 20, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0813-0820 TWS NOFS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, CASE No. 25000009CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSHUA L. HICKS;
Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale dated July 16, 2026, and entered in Case No. 25000009CAAXMX, ofthe Circuit Court ofthe Second Judicial Circuit in and for WAKULLA County, Florida. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter **"Plaintiff"**), is Plaintiff and JOSHUA L. HICKS, are defendants. Greg James, Clerk ofthe Circuit Court for WAKULLA, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the **First Floor of the Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327 at 11:00 a.m.**, on the **10TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, FAIRWINDS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 68 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Si usted es una persona minusválida que necesita algún acomodamiento para poder participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho, sin tener gastos propios, a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Tenga la amabilidad de ponerse en contacto con Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 por lo menos 7 días antes de la cita fijada para su comparecencia en los tribunales, o inmediatamente después de recibir esta notificación si el tiempo antes de la comparecencia que se ha programado es menos de 7 días; si usted tiene discapacidad del oído o de la voz, llame al 711.

Si ou se yon moun ki andikape ou enfim ki bezwen akomodasyon pou w ka patisipe nan pwosedi sa, ou kalifye san ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kek ed. Tanpri kontakte Francene Brown, Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225 Tallahassee FL 32301, Phone no. 850-606-4401 nan 7 jou anvan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resevwa konvokasyon an si liè ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tandè oubyen pale, rele 711.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2026.

Counsel of Plaintiff
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Phone (954) 571-2031
Pleadings@vanlawfl.com

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

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. August 13, 20, 2026

0813-0820 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, CASE No. 26000037CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIANNA CRONAN AND PHILLIP HIGHSMITH, ET AL.,
Defendants

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.

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

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4400; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. August 13, 20, 2026

0813-0820 TWS NOF
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

SELENE FINANCE, LP CASE #: 25000050CAAXMX
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
MIRANDA STORM WEST; et al.,
Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Order Granting Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on July 28, 2026 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Wakulla County Courthouse Lobby, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the **10th day of September, 2026 at 11:00 AM** on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

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

Property address: 105 Windsor Way, Crawfordville, FL 32327

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

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

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

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Greg James
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Wakulla County, Florida
By: **/s/ Ethan Brown**
As Deputy Clerk

Aug. 13, 20, 2026

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13. Netherlands seat of government
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18. Lout
21. Pastas
24. Release from restrictions
26. Female sibling
27. Title of respect
30. Silver coins
32. Region in India
35. Partner to cheese
37. Dark or dusky
38. Pacific Northwest tree
39. Exaggerate
42. Toddler
43. Touch lightly
46. Fundamentals
47. Jeopardies
49. Curved structures
50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
52. Forming the bottom layer
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