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WeatherSTEM

Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday



PM Thunderstorms
Hi: 87° Lo: 75° 79%
Sunrise 7:15 AM
Sunset 7:57 PM

Friday



Thunderstorms
Hi: 87° Lo: 75° 85%
Sunrise 7:16 AM
Sunset 7:56 PM

Saturday



Scattered Thunderstorms
Hi: 88° Lo: 74° 50%
Sunrise 7:18 AM
Sunset 7:51 PM



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One Section

"It's a New Day" *Locally Owned & Operated*

Our 5th Year 36th Issue
Thursday, September 3, 2026

Sheriff's office will end use of Flock cameras

Sheriff Jared Miller issues an extensive statement on why he decided to end use of the cameras in Wakulla

Staff Report

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Wakulla Sun had planned a package of articles about the ongoing controversy over Flock cameras, including the story at right on Austin Fairchild. We contacted the sheriff's office for comment. Later, Gov. DeSantis announced he was ordering the removal of the cameras from state highways. Shortly after, Sheriff Jared Miller made the decision to end the use of the cameras and issued the following lengthy statement explaining his position:

After carefully reviewing our agency's experience with the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader system, I have decided that the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office will terminate its use of and participation in the program.

The cameras were funded through a U.S. Department of Justice grant as part of a regional task-force initiative involving Wakulla and 12 other counties. The contract for the system is held and administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, not the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. The system was made available to our agency at no cost to Wakulla County for a two-year period.

From the beginning, I viewed this grant-funded period as an opportunity to evaluate the technology before considering whether Wakulla County should make any future



Wakulla Sheriff
Jared Miller

investment in such a system. This allowed us to assess not only its potential benefits as a public-safety and investigative resource, but also its accuracy, reliability, safeguards, accountability measures, and overall value to our community.

As Sheriff, I have a responsibility to ensure that the resources entrusted to this agency are used wisely. Technology can help our deputies and detectives work more efficiently and extend the reach of the limited resources available to us as a fiscally constrained and rapidly growing county. However, the potential benefits of a technology are not enough by themselves. We must be confident that any tool we use is reliable, effective, responsibly managed, and capable of providing genuine value to the citizens we serve.

During the evaluation period, the technology made a meaningful contribution to our public-safety efforts. It assisted our deputies and detectives in identifying and apprehending suspects, recovering stolen vehicles and property,

Wakulla man stopped after Flock camera misread tag

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Austin Fairchild was driving his company work truck when a Wakulla County Sheriff's deputy came up behind him with lights and siren. He moved off the road to let the vehicle pass, but it pulled in behind him. It was on July 28 at around 3:30 p.m. in front of the courthouse. Unknown to Fairchild, a Flock camera U.S. 98 at Ochlockonee Bay had hit on the work truck's tag and it was reported as a stolen vehicle. Deputy Arturo Cordoba used his loud speaker to order him: "Driver, roll your window down" and "Driver, put your hands out the window." Fairchild was then told to open the vehicle door and approach him. Fairchild was alarmed that the deputy had a one hand on his weapon. Eventually, it was determined that the stop was the result of a misread tag. But Fairchild was shaken by the incident, and said he now suffers from anxiety and difficulty sleeping. He has filed a complaint with the sheriff's office.



Austin Fairchild in the area in front of the courthouse where his work truck, which is covered in company logos, was stopped after a Flock camera misread his tag and reported the truck as stolen.

and advancing or resolving dozens of criminal investigations. In many instances, the system served as a force multiplier by providing timely investigative information and helping our personnel make more effective use of limited resources.

Those accomplishments are an important part of our evaluation and should not be overlooked.

At the same time, our operational experience identified performance and implementation concerns that must be

weighed alongside those successes. After considering the system's capabilities, limitations, and overall role in our operations, I determined that continued participation in the current program is not the appropriate course for the Wakulla

County Sheriff's Office.

Our evaluation also included a review of the policies and safeguards surrounding the system, including data access, retention, information sharing, auditing, user accountability, and oversight. Policies and safeguards governing the technology are in place; however, I must be confident that the overall framework—including the technology, applicable policies, operational procedures, and oversight mechanisms—fully aligns with the standards, needs, and expectations of this agency and the community we serve.

Technology can be an extremely useful resource, but it should never replace sound police work, professional judgment, or accountability. We have a responsibility to evaluate how a system performs under real-world conditions—not simply how it is expected to perform on paper. When our experience with a technology raises concerns, we must be willing to examine those concerns and determine what they mean for its continued use.

Technology also frequently develops faster than the policies, procedures, and oversight frameworks intended to govern it. New capabilities may benefit public safety, but innovation must be accompanied by appropriate safeguards, meaningful accountability, and responsible oversight. A technology should not be used simply because it is available.

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Animal shelter is a no-kill shelter

By NICOLE CASE
Correspondent

The Wakulla County Animal Shelter, a long-standing pillar of the community since its construction in a 1993 partnership between the Wakulla Humane Society & Wakulla County, stands strong amid recent budget cuts.

A testament to this is its recent recognition by the Best Friends Animal Society as a no-kill shelter, a status it has upheld for the past 6 years—that is, the shelter has an annual adoption rate of 90% or higher. The animal shelter maintains a euthanasia rate of 5-8%, compared to its typical yearly intake of anywhere from 500 to 2,000 rescues, owner surrenders, and foster animals. This means that every animal is thought of as an individual; their needs, behaviors, and history are considered when adopting them out.



Siblings Taco and Pickle came to the shelter severely malnourished and have since been restored to a healthy weight.

And although euthanasia may still be necessary in some cases, such as when the shelter exceeds capacity, it is rare and not taken

lightly.

To maintain their facilities, the Wakulla County Animal Shelter has 6-8 volunteers on staff in addition to

their paid employees; they socialize animals, administer medications, and handle deworming treatments.

Their paid staff includes 3 animal control officers, according to Walter Class, the shelter's director, who deal with "public nuisance issues, barking, dog bites, dangerous dogs, animal control violations, like where people are not properly taking care of their animals. They do neglect and cruelty investigations."

The shelter's approach is to think of most of the cats animal control has found as wandering, instead of abandoned or lost; a practice that has reportedly reduced their numbers from 20-25 cats to 8.

The shelter's full-time kennel techs see to the daily cleaning and sanitation of the facility.

"And that's what we really strive to do is to

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Man killed in motorcycle crash

Staff Report

A 21-year-old Crawfordville man was killed in a motorcycle crash last week on Spring Creek Highway, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred on Aug. 24 around 8:45 p.m.

The man was traveling north on Spring Creek Highway when he collided with the rear of an SUV also traveling north, and the motorcyclist was then struck by a southbound SUV. The drivers of the SUVs did not suffer any injuries.

The motorcyclist was pronounced deceased on scene, according to FHP.

The Wakulla News is closed

Staff Report

The Wakulla News has closed. The newspaper, which had been the oldest continuously operated business in Wakulla County, reportedly shut down two weeks ago.

News Editor Steve Steiner sent out emails to contributors announcing the closure.

The Wakulla Sun, the staff of which are all former employees at the News, began four years ago with a goal of being a locally owned, locally controlled source of news.



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Student of the Week

Kate Shields – 4th grader at Medart Elementary

Principal: Stan Ward

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: We are proud to recognize Kate Shields as our Sun Student of the Week! Kate is a hard worker who always gives her best and approaches each day with a positive attitude. She is kind, helpful, and always willing to lend a hand to others. Kate is a wonderful friend, a great role model, and a shining example of how a Mustang should represent our school. We are so proud of Kate and all that she brings to our school community!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Plant of the Week By Sarracenia Chapter of NPS

Southern Red Oak

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*) is a long-lived deciduous tree that grows 60-80 feet tall. Its lustrous green leaves are downy tan underneath, longer than wide, deeply lobed, and bristle tipped. They turn reddish-brown in fall. Also called Spanish oak, this oak is native to the southeastern US. It occurs mainly in Florida's northern counties. It inhabits dry upland sites and is common on poor-quality, sandy ridges. It is fire adapted and drought tolerant. A keystone species, its leaves feed the caterpillars of hairstreak and duskywing butterflies and many others, providing vital food for baby birds. Its oval acorns, 1/3 covered by the cap, feed woodpeckers, turkeys, deer, and Florida black bears. This handsome shade tree is one of Crawfordville's signature trees. Sadly, its presence is diminishing due to development.

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Wakulla County Tax Collector

MARGARITAVILLE BENEFITS THE SINGING FOR CHANGE CHARITY



The Margaritaville specialty license plate in Florida benefits the Singing for Change charity. This charity, founded by Jimmy Buffett, provides grants to Florida nonprofits that help communities recover from natural disasters. Specifically, the funds are directed towards organizations assisting with hurricane and other disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts.

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Notice of Public Hearings
Concerning a Text Amend-
ment to the Wakulla County
Land Development Code

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, September 14, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and before the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, September 21, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. All affected parties may appear at the public hearings, be heard, and submit evidence and written comments on the application.

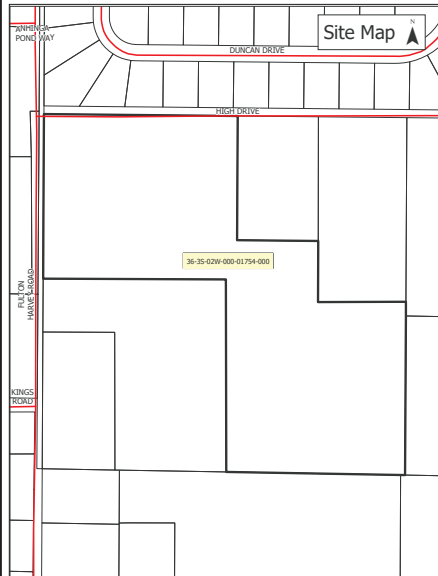
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO DATA CENTERS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; AMENDING WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 2-4 RELATED TO DEFINITIONS; CREATING SECTION 6-40 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

September 3, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING AN APPLICATION
FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT

The Wakulla County Planning Commission proposes to consider the following application. A Public Hearing is scheduled regarding the following before the **Planning Commission on Monday, September 14, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.



1. Application for Preliminary Plat Approval: PP26-04
Applicant: Patricia H. Langford and James M. High, Jr.
Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown
Proposal: create 7-lot residential subdivision – High Estates

Tax ID Number: 36-3S-02W-000-01754-000
Existing FLU Map: Urban Fringe (FLUE Policy 1.2.7)
Current Zoning: LDR (Section 5-68, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: “X” zone on Panel 0225E
Parcel size: 21.45+/- acres
Location: 229 High Drive, south of Audubon Forest Subdivision

Hearing Required: Planning Commission: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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

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Do You Own Homesteaded Property in
Wakulla County and Are Interested in
Serving on the Value Adjustment Board?

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners is currently seeking one (1) citizen to serve on the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). The purpose of the VAB is for any taxpayers within Wakulla County who object to the assessment placed on any taxable property by the Property Appraiser, to file a petition with the Clerk of the governing body for a hearing. Per 194.015, F.S. each County is required to create a Value Adjustment Board.

The VAB citizen appointment must own homesteaded property in Wakulla County. Typically, the VAB only conducts 3 or 4 meetings during the months of August, September, and October.

Interested persons should submit a statement of interest explaining their interest in serving on the VAB no later than September 18, 2026 and should include the person's name, address, telephone number, and email address. Statements of interest should be emailed to Jessica Welch, Public Services Director at jwelch@mywakulla.com. September 3, 2026

NEWS RELEASE

Wakulla County Announces the Vacancy
Adjustment Program Application Period
for the Solid Waste Assessment

Crawfordville, Florida – The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners announces Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Vacancy Adjustment Program for the Solid Waste Assessment.

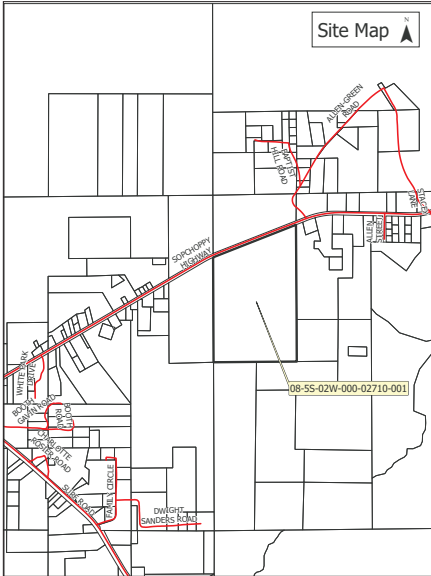
The Vacancy Adjustment Program allows any property owner to seek a refund of the Solid Waste Assessment (\$214.00 per dwelling) for residential property which is vacant for the entire Fiscal Year (Oct. 1, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2026). To qualify, the owner must complete a Vacancy Adjustment Application and file with the BOCC Administration Office by October 15, 2026. The applicant must be the owner of the residential property and provide documentation from a utility provider that no utility services (electric and/or water) were provided to the residential property during Oct. 1, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2026.

The Vacancy Adjustment Application can be obtained on the County website (www.mywakulla.com), or at the BOCC Administration Office, 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL. For more information, please contact Mike Beauchamp at 850-926-0919 ext. 712 or via email at mbeauchamp@mywakulla.com.

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Applicant: RBIG, LLC
Agent: Edwin Brown & Associates, Inc./Wade Brown
Proposal: create 7-lot residential subdivision – Virginia Bay

Tax ID Number: 08-5S-02W-000-02710-001
Existing FLU Map: Rural 2 (FLUE Policy 1.2.5) & Rural 1 (FLUE Policy 1.2.4)
Current Zoning: AG (Section 5-25, LDC)
FEMA Flood Info: “X”, “A”, “AE”, & “0.2PCT” zones on Panel 0355E
Parcel size: 58.95+/- acres
Location: south side of Sopchoppy Highway, east of Surf Road

Hearing Required: Planning Commission: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

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



More Public Notices appear
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Notice of Public Meeting:

The Wakulla County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will hold a Public Meeting on September 10, 2026, at 9:00a.m. at the Wakulla County Community Center (Wakulla Room), 318 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville, FL, (850) 926-3695.

Purpose of Meeting:

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

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

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September 3, 2026

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SCHOOL BOARD

Public Announcement Requesting Bids from Pre-Qualified General Contractors

Bids are requested from pre-qualified general contractors by H2Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Wakulla County Schools

H2E PROJECT No.: 25 - 168
WCS BID NO.: 2025/26 - 04
PROJECT NAME: Riversprings Middle School AHU Replacement
BID DATE: Tuesday, September 22 , 2026
TIME: 2:00p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION :

1 . Scope : One for one replacement and consolidation of multiple DX split system air handling units and associated condensing units with dx split system air handling units and condensing units . New 6 ‘ tall chain link fence will house the new condensing units. Controls modification as required for new units . Minimal electrical work will be required for the one for one replacement of the units. Code minimum commissioning will be required.

2 . The entity responsible for all aspects of project management:

H2Engineering , Inc.
114 East 5th Avenue
Tallahassee , Florida 32 303
Phone : (850) 224 - 7922
Fax : (850) 224 - 5876

3. Bids will only be accepted from General Contractors pre qualified for thi s project .

4 . All questions or requests for written interpretation or correction MUST be in writing no later than Tuesday, September 8 , 2026. Direct all inquiries to the H2Engineering Project Manager : Mark Poindexter, PE . Email: mpoindexter@h2engineering.com

5. Sealed bids must be received at the Wakulla County School Board administration building, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, no later than **2:00p.m. local time, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.** Bids must be clearly marked with project name, project number and bid number on the outside envelope. Submittals received after deadline will not be considered.

6. Bids must be submitted in full accordance with the requirements of the drawings, specifications, bidding conditions and contractual conditions, which may be obtained by contacting the H2Engineering project manager.

7. Drawings are available in digital format.

In the event the Contract is awarded to the Bidder, Bidder shall, within eight (8) Owner business days after the award by the Owner of the Contract shall furnish the required Performance and Payment Bonds; failing to do such, Bidder shall forfeit their bid guarantee as liquidated damages. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be secured from any agency of a surety or insurance company, which agency shall have an established place of business in the State of Florida and be duly licensed to conduct business there.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and/ or informalities in any Bid and to reject any or all Bids in whole or part, with or without cause, and/or accept the Bid that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the School Board of Wakulla County, Florida.

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SUPERINTENDENT

August 20, 27, September 3, 2026



FOLLOW THE SUN.

Opinions

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

Passing of Judge Sanders Sauls



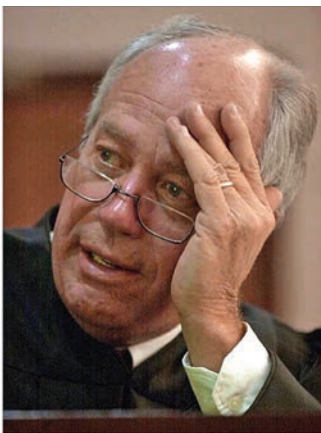
By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

It is with great sadness I note the passing of retired Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls on Saturday, Aug. 28. He was the circuit judge assigned to Wakulla County for many years. Back in the old days, I'd sometimes bring one of my three daughters

to work with me, usually on court days, and we'd sit in Judge Sauls' courtroom. My youngest daughter, Harper, misunderstood the judge's last name and called him "Judge Saucer." He gained notoriety in the 2000 election debacle and presided over Gore v. Bush in Leon County. When the Florida

Supreme Court rejected his decision, he stepped down from the case without explanation. A lot of news stories from that time described him as "folksy." I always thought he was down-to-earth, and didn't have time for folderol. And he had a wry sense of humor. I recall one time he

ordered bailiffs to take a disruptive defendant and duct tape his mouth shut. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3, at Golden Eagle in Tallahassee at 2 p.m. William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.



LETTERS FROM READERS

Sign up for Blue Crab Parade

Editor, The Sun:

This year's Blue Crab Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th in Panacea's Woolley Park. The parade will be on Hwy 98 and starts at 10 a.m. with line-up at 9:30a.m. Parade entry forms are available on-line at

VisitPanacea.org/Blue-Crab-Festival. Send your completed form to Wakullaoptimist@yahoo.com. Coastal Optimist Club is in charge of organizing the parade. Entrants will receive an email to let them know their place in the line-up. Email danielsj@rocketmail.com with any questions. We hope everyone will come and join us for a lot of fun.

Jo Ann Daniels, President
Coastal Optimist Club

Celebration of Dolly set for Oct. 2

Editor, The Sun:

August 25 was a sad day for many people. Dolly Parton passed away from cancer. Wakulla Community Theater is hosting a "Celebration of Dolly" on Oct. 2 qt 7 p.m. at the Sopchop-

py Theater and Conference Center (Old Sopchoppy School Auditorium). Doors will open at 6:30. Dolly songs will be performed by many awesome singers. There will also be raffles, trivia, a silent auction and a Dolly look-alike contest! Civic Brewing Co. will be selling beer and wine onsite. Proceeds from this event will help Wakulla High School Theater pay for districts. Purchase your tickets at: wakulla-communitytheater.org.

History highlight: Decisive victory

Editor, The Sun:

By 1781, the War of Independence had raged for six years and was a stalemate. On both sides of the Atlantic, sentiment prevailed that if no decisive victory was scored soon, the colonies would be pressured by both the British and their allies, the French, into a negotiated settlement with difficult compromises. The British would likely retain the colonies they occupied; Georgia, South Carolina and perhaps, New York, as well as all the land west of the Appalachians Mountains. Washington and Rochambeau, French commander of the allied troops in America, planned a joint attack on New York. Meanwhile, British General Cornwallis moved his army into Yorktown, Virginia.

The French navy blocked his escape by water, and the combined forces of France and the U.S. cornered his troops between the York and James Rivers. A siege operation was undertaken and in October 1781, the British army surrendered. More than 8,000 British were taken as prisoners; both army soldiers and navy seaman, as well as thousands of armaments, hundreds of artillery pieces and over three dozen British ships. It was the decisive victory the Americans had sought! It was not readily apparent, however, that the British surrender meant the end of hostilities. General Clinton still commanded a large contingent of British forces in New York. Would the British send reinforcements and continue to press the offensive? General Washington was not convinced that the victory meant an end to the war. King George urged Parliament to continue fighting, but Parliament, in February, 1782, moved to stop the war with the American colo-

nies. Benjamin Franklin, one of the peace commissioners appointed by the Continental Congress, warned, "We cannot be safe while they keep Armies in our Country." The U.S. won remarkable peace terms: all 13 colonies remained in the U.S. and the lands west of the Appalachians to the Mississippi River were ceded to the U.S. This was territory the native Americans had occupied for centuries. Within 50 years, they would be banished from these homelands. The Anglo-American negotiations concluded with the Treaty of Paris of 1783, nearly two years after the surrender at Yorktown. Tens of thousands of loyal British subjects who

lived in the colonies left their homes and livelihoods for exile. In exhilaration, the new nation now began the difficult work of hammering out a government. Don't miss out on the Wakulla County Historical Society's signature America 250 celebration. "Threads through Time": a historic costume fashion show and tea. History told through the clothes we wore. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 to 5 p.m. At the Crawfordville Women's Club. Tickets for sale at wakullahistory.org. Limited seats available! Andrea Carter, President Wakulla County Historical Society

Something on your mind?

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On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of September 3

Thursday, September 3	Friday, September 4
• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. • The Optimist Club meets at Myra Jean's at noon. • Line dancing is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Women's Club. 6:30 to 8 for beginners. \$10. • The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	• Wakulla War Eagles travel to Tallahassee to take on the Chiles Timberwolves at Chiles at 7 p.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
Saturday, September 5	Sunday, September 6
• Panacea Community Market will be held at the fire station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	• Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the

facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98. Line up begins at 11 a.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St. Monday, September 7 • LABOR DAY – Schools, banks and government offices will be closed for the holiday. • The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St. • Gentle Yoga and Sketching Class with	Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat. Tuesday, September 8 • Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St. Wednesday, September 9 • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
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Polled at the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Wakulla Springs Lodge:

What do you like best about Chamber luncheons?



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The people! I really like the drawings also, and I especially like it if I win.”



DAVID HARVEY
Retired Sheriff

I like seeing all the new faces, some are about 50 years younger than me.”



SEAN GELLIS
Gellis Law

“I really like that they give the opportunity for businesses to speak and the drawings and giveaways. It makes me realize how small our community really is.”



DONNA FRITSCHÉ
Florida Wild Mammal Assoc.

“I love how the businesses support one another.”



MARY WALLACE
Capital City Home Loans

“Seeing all our businesses come together to support each other and the fact that everyone forgives me and laughs off my pronunciations of names.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

In Wakulla County, we have watched the transmogrification of the south-west corner and parking lot of the Community Center over the past few months, as a brand spanking new edifice is erected there. For the very first time in Wakulla County’s history, a public library has been designed, funded and built for that exact purpose.

The first tiny storefront library appeared in the 1970s, when Leon County entered an agreement with the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners to provide library extension services. Opened across from the Courthouse, the Leon County Public Library operated it with limited funding from Wakulla. I bet you can imagine how well that played out.

The BOCC chafed at having no actu-

al vote in how the branch was run, even though they were contributing funding. Eventually, the Wakulla County BOCC decided the County would assume full responsibility for a small public library. It opened in the historic courthouse building, which is now used as the Chamber of Commerce in Crawfordville. Three stories tall, it is the last example of a nineteenth-century wooden Florida courthouse. The State of Florida considers the building a priceless architectural treasure, as do Wakulla’s citizens.

As a library, however, it faced significant challenges. Housing heavy book stacks above the first floor level was impossible without endangering the structural stability of the entire building. There was no elevator, making a lot of the building inaccessible to any-

one with physical limitations. It lacked central heat and air, which prevented the true climate control necessary for materials’ preservation and protection.

Inevitably, due to population growth throughout Wakulla and the need for a more practical facility, the library moved to its current location in Medart. It prospered there for the past 20-plus years, even undergoing an expansion, but once again began to experience growing pains. After much effort and planning by library staff, a construction grant was written, submitted and awarded. We were on the way to a bright new library.

Now, in a few short weeks, we will be welcomed into an amazing facility that can serve our citizens for decades to come. I can’t wait to attend the grand opening, and tour this new iteration of the Wakulla County Public Library! What new literary heights will be scaled, what flights of imagination

will take wing, and how many children will become lifelong readers? All thanks to the vision of librarians, citizens, and government working in partnership to provide a warm and welcoming hub for learning and growing!

A quick update on the never-ending tale of the traveling euphonium before I close. Since August 22nd the horn has (reportedly) remained stranded in Caledon, Ontario...again TWO THOUSAND miles from the actual seller. There have been no updates concerning any movement of the instrument. But! Ed did receive a \$10 invoice from UPS for confirming Customs did not charge him for their repeated inspections as the errant euphonium repeatedly crossed international lines. Keep in mind the not-insignificant shipping costs already paid for mailing a small tuba hither and yon!

Anyone want to offer odds on whether this horn ever makes it to the Station? Until next week, wish us luck!

Sopchoppy News

By DJ Butch

Sopchoppy get ready for Depot days September 12 (9-1) in downtown Sopchoppy! Big wheel race, classic car parade, food and vendors! I will be playing the oldie goldie classics and hosting the event.I really love the classic cars! Special thank you to Dave aka DTB for helping make this event awesome. This will be a great time. Bring the family and come on out and enjoy another great festival.

We have been getting rain lately and we really needed it. The weather wasn’t as hot with the overcast but it is still hot!

Duke Energy came and trimmed the trees around the power lines. I see we have some water in the ditches finally. I wonder if the crawfish have came back.

I recently went to the St. Pete Open. It is the world’s largest spearfishing tournament. Tyler and Jesse from Trident restaurant entered with Matt and Kade. Tyler and Jesse are from Sopchoppy. JF and I were just going for fun. These guys are diving past 80 miles offshore in water up to 200 feet deep. I love fishing but I like to be on the boat...haha. We had a blast! Jesse won a spear gun. We also celebrated my birthday. We enjoyed St. Pete and

we also visited Hard Rock in Tampa. It was an absolute amazing adventure. I saw dolphins and all kinds of fish. We had a blast.

I heard we have a new business opening in Sopchoppy! The Corner marsh with home decor and more. Also Marsh and mane hair co. They will have a grand opening the same day as the Depot Days festival on September 12 from 9am-1pm.

Please if you travel to Sopchoppy stop at our stop signs. A lot of people don’t stop and we have a lot of walkers, pets, golf carts, kids, scooters, skateboarders and bikes. Please don’t speed and always stop. Also don’t throw trash out! We have a beautiful city and we love visitors but please have respect and keep our city beautiful.

I had a meeting at the historic Sopchoppy School recently. A lot of amazing things are happening! New floors, pictures going up. New events! I’m so happy!

I fought for this school! I spoke at the city meeting! I love my school! My mom went to high school there, I went to elementary and my son went to pre-K. This is part of our charm, our history! This will continue to bring joy, amazing events and revenue. Some couldn’t see the vision but I’m glad it is being used and upgraded.

Some things in life are worth fighting for. I love Sopchoppy! I love my school! I’ll always be a Yellow Jacket. My hometown and my heart! Til next time.. sending you all love and good vibes from Sopchop!

Flock cameras

From Front Page

able. It should be used only when we are satisfied that it meets the standards of our agency and can be implemented responsibly.

In reaching this decision, I reviewed our agency’s experience with the system, consulted with members of my team, examined the information gathered during the evaluation period, and listened to questions and feedback from Wakulla County residents.

I have always believed that serving as Sheriff means being willing to lis-

ten. Our citizens have raised thoughtful questions about this technology, and I take those concerns seriously. Listening does not mean making decisions based on the loudest voice in the room. It means considering community feedback alongside the facts, our operational experience, and our responsibility to keep people safe.

Maintaining the public’s trust is more important than the use of any single technology. Our responsibility is not to defend a system simply because we agreed to evaluate it. Our responsibility is to examine the facts, learn from our experience, identify concerns when they arise, and determine whether the results justify continued use.

This decision applies specifically to WCSO’s use of and participation in the current Flock ALPR program. Because the contract is held by FDLE, the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office is not terminating or modifying the contract itself. Rather, WCSO is ending its participation in and use of the system.

Our deputies and detectives will continue using established investigative resources and proven law enforcement methods to identify suspects, locate wanted and missing persons, recover stolen property, investigate criminal activity, and protect our community.

I will continue looking for responsible ways to provide our personnel with the resources they need to perform an

increasingly difficult job. Being a responsible steward of public resources means being willing to explore new ideas that may help us operate more effectively. It also means being willing to discontinue the use of a tool when our experience gives us reason to do so. That is part of responsible leadership.

The citizens of Wakulla County expect us to protect them, listen to them, preserve their trust, and use public resources wisely. Those are not competing priorities. They are all part of the commitment I made to the people of Wakulla County, and they will continue to guide every decision I make as Sheriff.

Animal shelter

From Front Page

make sure that we’re maintaining a very high standard,” said Class, “because it would be unfair for us to go out and ask the public to do less ... or more than what we do.”

The adult cats, once spayed or neutered, are allowed to free-roam. In the patio area, the adult cats are given many activities and toys to play with, including a giant exercise wheel, scratching posts, “ball tracks,” and wand toys. Their freedom allows for

natural socialization before adoption, getting them used to interactions with humans and other cats.

As for the shelter’s kittens — theirs is a separate room, across the hall from the adults.

Additionally, the shelter has 18 dog kennels – nine on either side of the building – which each afford the pooches space to stretch their legs.

Beyond adoption, though, the shelter also works with 40 foster families in the county and surrounding areas year-round. Animals unable to stay at the shelter’s physical location, whether due to capacity limits, behavioral issues, or simply the need for more

hands-on care, are taken in by foster families.

To apply to foster, Class told the Wakulla Sun, the process is “very similar to [their] adoption application.”

Since its beginning, the shelter has relied on funding from taxpayer dollars, which they receive through the county budget. This may change soon.

In recent weeks, the Wakulla Animal Group, or WAG, has been in talks with Wakulla over a possible transfer of ownership of the Wakulla County Animal Shelter. For WAG to run the facility, it would reportedly cost the group a minimum of \$300,000 a year.

Teresa Brannan of WAG called it

premature to speculate on. “The Strategic Organizational and Restructuring Plan is still a proposal and has not yet been approved by the County Commission,” she said.

Class is optimistic that it won’t come to this.

“I don’t think it’s gonna be a thing ... because it takes a lot of money to run this, and I think they’ve kind of decided that’s something they’re not ready to take on,” he said.

If interested in fostering or adopting, visit 1 Oak St, Crawfordville FL 32327, or their page on adoptapet.com.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Polly wants a .380. Which one?



By MARJ LAW

My friend Polly has decided to purchase a handgun. She wants it for her purse, for her bedside, in her car and in an inside-the-waist-band holster. And maybe in her pocket, too, when she has a large enough pocket.

“Looks like you want a one-size-fits all model!” I laugh.

“Yes. I sorta do. I’m looking at four different .380s. Two of them will fit in a purse, pocket or holster. But the other two are larger. They won’t fit nicely in my purse or pocket. Now, I’ve heard that the larger ones will shoot more accurately because they have longer barrels, but I’m not sure I believe that.”

“Yes, Polly. Generally, you are correct. Longer barrels have more rifling. The longer barrel allows the pressure to accelerate the bullet to a faster speed. Also, it’s like when the quarterback throws the football. Have you noticed how he rolls it when he throws it? He’s putting a spin on it. The spin

makes the football fly faster, longer and more accurately. The same is true of the projectile flying from your handgun. The more spin equals a truer, faster bullet.”

“Is that the only reason the longer-barreled guns might shoot better?” she asks.

“Another reason is that the sight radius is longer.”

“The sight radius?” She echoes, wondering.

“That’s the distance between front and back sights. AI says: ‘A longer sight radius generally improves accuracy by allowing for better alignment of the sights.’”

“So, when was the last time AI shot a handgun?” Polly’s sounding a little snotty. Maybe because she herself needs to line up sights to see the difference.

“OK, Polly. We’re going to talk turkey. We’re going to the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range to shoot those four different .380 handguns you’ve been looking at. Then you’ll tell me which shoots better. Two of them are micro compact and about the same size. The other two are compact and about the same size. Since you just told me (although I’m not sure you believe it) that the longer-barreled guns may be more accurate, let’s see if that’s true.”

“OK. And our discovery might just help me choose the gun for me.”

“Let’s begin with the smaller handguns,” I suggest. “Since we’ve talked about the WCSO range rules, and you’ve

got your eye and ear protection and understand the difference between ‘hot’ and ‘cold,’ let’s begin. This is the Sig Sauer P238. It will fit into what you’ve described you want: something for the purse, holster, bedside and car.”

“Super!” she agrees. “Show me by shooting it!”

“This is about what will fit your needs, not mine,” I object.

“Nuh-huh.” Polly stands her ground. “I’m going to watch you shoot all four. Then, I’ll shoot. So, you shoot that baby .380.”

“Remember, Polly, what you see and what I do here is all subjective. You may find different answers for yourself when you shoot.”

“That’s OK. Watching you will help me a lot, but I will try them all later, too.”

I haven’t shot this Sig P238 in a while. Oh, well. The range is ‘hot,’ so it’s all right to shoot. We’re at the shooting bench, and 5 rounds are in the magazine. I plant my feet, and aim.

Blam!

Well, that wasn’t so good. But, hey. At least it hit the 8-inch target. I shoot the next four rounds.

“That’s not terribly impressive shooting,” notes Polly. “I saw your hands go upwards when you shot. Looks like that gun has a lotta kick.”

“Yes. It has more than I recall, but not a whole lot. I haven’t shot it in some time. But it fits nicely in my hand. You and I both have small hands. And, by the way, I did hit the target each time.”

“Let’s see if you can

get closer to the x-ring with the Sig Sauer 365/380,” she challenges.

I aim and shoot another five rounds. Trigger pull on the 365 seems a bit stronger than the P238.

Polly looks at the target.

“Since you’ve been shooting for so many years, I thought you’d hit a few x-rings. But at least all these 5 rounds hit the target, too,” she observes and continues: “But your hands didn’t rise so much with this gun. Guess it doesn’t kick so much.”

She’s right. The 365/380 seems to have a bit less recoil than the P238. Again, as it is such a small gun, it fits my hand well. Both the P238 and the 365/380 have long enough grips that my pinky doesn’t dangle.

“Maybe I’ll see you get an X-ring with the larger Smith & Wesson Shield EZ,” she says hopefully. “The longer barrel might help you.”

No, I’m not even a little frustrated at her insistence that I get an X-ring. Right? I go on to tell her: “The EZ is really an easy gun to operate. It’s my favorite for the mature woman.” Polly snickers. Polly’s my age. I don’t know what the snickering’s about.

“Notice how easy it is to rack the slide?” I demonstrate. Yes, the EZ does have the easiest slide. “Trigger pull is lighter than the 365/380. And trigger travel on all three guns is quite light.”

“Let’s see how this gun shoots,” Polly suggests. “The gun is larger than the other two.” She

steps back as I get ready to shoot.

“Wow! Your hands hardly rose at all when you shot this one,” she notices. “And your five rounds did get closer to the X-ring than with the other two.”

Dang. And I thought I’d do rather a lot better with the EZ. It really is fun to shoot. And it’s so easy to load, as well. It loads like some of the .22s do, with a button you pull down on the magazine. Pull down, plop a round in. Easy. I used an UpLula to make the others easier to load.

Polly is correct about her observation of the EZ’s recoil. Kick on the EZ is lighter than on either of the smaller handguns.

“OK. Last one,” she says. I’m shooting the Ruger Security .380 this time.

“This is my least favorite .380,” I say, wanting to hear she’s not expecting me to be hitting the X-ring with the last five rounds. “As I recall, it kicks more than the EZ, and doesn’t have quite as light a trigger. So, don’t expect a lot. But remember, if all rounds are consistently hitting the target, all of these guns could be good defensive weapons for you should you like the way they handle for yourself.”

I shoot five rounds with the Ruger. Huh.

“You shot better this time! All five got on the target like they did with the other guns, but now your groupings are closer to the X-ring! And I notice your hands didn’t rise each time you shot!”

Yes. Holes on the target are closer to the X-ring. On my least fa-

vorite .380, yet. Or so I thought. Things change.

“Shooting off-hand is good practice, too,” I tell Polly. “If for any reason you can’t use your dominant hand, practicing with your off-hand is a good idea.”

I load five rounds and shoot with my left hand. Huh. Then, I put in my last six rounds. Huh. Go figure. Out of 11 shots, four hit bull’s-eyes. For the first time, Polly looks impressed.

“OK. You hit the target with all 4 handguns,” she says. “So, depending on how I like the way they shoot and depending on the way they fit my hands, any of them could work for me. I noticed, though, that the somewhat-larger guns did show tighter groupings on the targets. And how is it that you shot the Ruger off-hand and got 4 bull’s-eyes? I thought the Ruger was your least favorite.”

Maybe I paid more attention to stance and grip since I shot those last 11 rounds with my off hand. Maybe it got cooler outside. Maybe the wind didn’t blow. Who knows? All four of the .380s are great little handguns. If you can shoot all your ammunition into an 8-inch target, you should be able to save your life if Mr. Bad breaks into your home.

You don’t always need to get an X-ring.

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



GAFFTOSAIL
SALTWATER CATFISH
(*Bagre marinus*)

With painfully sharp spines on its fins, salt water catfish can grow to 1ft and 2lbs. They are bottom feeder using whisker-like barbells to aggressively locate food. Females lay 50 or so pea sized eggs which males pick up and hold them in their mouths until hatching. The growing babies then use their father’s mouth as a home. He does not eat during this month long period, but once his appetite is triggered he will not hesitate to eat his own offspring. The bones of this catfish are sold in curio shops as the ‘crucifix’ bone.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO

Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs last week and shot this photo of an osprey flying.



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A perspective on labor for Labor Day



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Bert and I were saddened to learn that our friend Wallace had only weeks to live due to advanced leukemia. Six months later, al-

though he never went into remission, he rebounded so well that the hospice house discharged him, allowing him to return home for a short while. Throughout his ordeal, even while in the hospice house, Wallace prayed, “Father, You’ve kept me alive this long. What do You have left for me to accomplish?” What an example! Wallace could have easily justified putting his feet up and taking it easy for whatever time

he had left. Yet even in the face of fatigue, he wanted to live out the rest of his life faithfully. What if you and I lived each day as if Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) was true? “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” As if the One Who created us had actually prepared a plan for every day of our lives? We love the permission Labor Day gives us

to rest from our work. So, without detracting from all that Labor Day entails, I’d like to suggest we look at our work differently. Perhaps if we asked God to show us how to serve Him in everything we invest our time and sweat into (work and leisure), it could change our perspective. How might our lives change if we asked God, “What have You prepared for me to do today, Lord?” What if we asked

this every day at work, school or home? Wouldn’t this affect not only our day but everything we labor toward? Especially if we did it all with a humble and cheerful attitude? It would give even mundane tasks meaning. It’s been about 10 years since Wallace left us. I wish I could thank him for modeling how to live and work well. By God’s grace, I want to live out the plan God has prepared for me each and every day, for

as long as I’m able. Every time I’m tempted to waste another day, I want to think about the look that must have been on Wallace’s face when His Lord and Savior said, ... “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” 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*.

The in-between spaces



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

There was something special about that little red mat. It stayed folded with 27 other mats along the back wall of the classroom until the afternoon. After lunch, we would each claim our mat and find a little space on the floor for our afternoon nap. We had a small blanket or beach towel from home to cover us, and for a little while, the class-

room became quiet. I remember lying there, quietly wishing the time would pass by. I would watch the teacher grade the morning’s work and somehow with the ticking of the clock I would drift off to sleep. Eventually, we would awaken, gather our things, and return to our lessons until it was time for the bus ride home. It was simple. And it was long ago. Sixty years have passed, with so much happening in those in-between spaces of life. We grew up. We fell in love. There were weddings and promises – some kept and some broken. There were children to raise and, before we knew it, grandchildren filling our lives with

joy. And somewhere along the way, there were moments we wish we could undo. There were celebrations we never wanted to end and goodbyes we never wanted to say. There were gains and there were losses. There were dreams that came true and others that quietly slipped away. There were moments of laughter and moments that left their own kind of ache. Through it all, we learned that life doesn’t move in a straight line from one destination to another. There are spaces in between – years we don’t always notice while we’re living them, filled with experiences that somehow become our lives. And even now, I have

come to appreciate the afternoon nap. I have also come to treasure those in-between spaces where I was never alone. Perhaps that is why the words of Ecclesiastes have become more meaningful to me with the passing of time. King Solomon writes that there is a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens. There was a time for the innocence of childhood and all that came with it. A time to grow. A time for beginnings, a time for laughter and tears, a time for holding on and letting go, and a time for endings. Looking back, I can see seasons I didn’t understand while I was living them. Some were

beautiful. Some were painful. Some seemed to last forever, while others passed before I realized they had begun. And yet, each one became part of my story. Maybe that is the gift of growing older. We begin to understand that life isn’t made up of only the big moments. It is also made up of the quiet spaces between them – the ordinary afternoons, the waiting, the changes, the times when we aren’t quite sure what comes next. The little girl on the red mat wanted the afternoon to hurry along. Today, I think I would tell her to rest a little longer – to linger in the innocence of her youth. The clock will keep

ticking and the lessons will come. The bus will arrive to take her home as the seasons of life continue. For life has a way of moving us forward, whether we are ready or not. And that is what we learn with age – that God was always present in the in-between spaces of our lives, carrying us through each season, even when we didn’t know He was there. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

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

OUT TO PASTOR

What it was was a boo-boo



By **JAMES SNYDER**

This week I experienced a little “situation.” I was in the bathroom getting ready to take a shower when, for some reason, I slipped and went crashing to the floor. At my age, this is a rather serious “situation.” I fell on my left leg, and all I could think of was that I broke my hip, and now I’m going to have a hip replacement. I tried to get that out of my mind, but for some reason it lingered. I’m not exactly sure what my problem was, but I could not get up. What bothered me was whether I should call for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to help me or lie there struggling to get up. Of course, I chose the

latter and tried my best to get up off that floor. At that time, I was not feeling any pain, but I was worried that because of my fall I broke something. I knew I needed help, so after much thought I decided to call for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. That was the last thing I wanted to do, and I knew that I would live with that for the rest of my life. It may even leak into eternity; I’m not sure. I threw my pride into the toilet and called out for her to come and help me. Believe me, I tried as hard as I could to solve my problem. Over the years, I have discovered that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can solve any problem, so my choice was obvious. She came and saw me splattered all over the bathroom floor and asked, “What happened?” I knew an exposé on what happened in the bathroom wouldn’t solve any of my problems. I just looked at

her and said, “Can you help me get up?” I was anxious to know the full extent of my injuries. Within 30 minutes of her helping me, I finally was able to get out of the bathroom and into the bedroom on my bed. That was the longest 30 minutes of my life. I sat on the bed for a few moments, trying to assess my situation. I checked my leg for swelling or pain, and thankfully, I had no broken bones and my hip was working just fine. I sighed a deep sigh of relief at that point. The only thing I had was some fatigue in my left leg. It wasn’t anything serious; I felt confident I didn’t need to go to the hospital for an examination. Every time I go to the hospital, they find six or more things wrong that I never even thought of. So, I decided to rest at home and work on my boo-boo, hoping it would heal on its own. For the last two weeks I’ve had to walk with a cane. That is not

something I ever wanted to do. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “Don’t you know that a Cane can make you Able?” I looked at her with a very suspicious stare because I remembered what Cain did to Abel. Oh boy, what am I in for? I’ve had to face worse physical problems than this, and I was happy that I didn’t have to go to the hospital. It just meant that I would have to slow down and let everything work out. A lot of things in life really zap you of strength. I know I’ve been hit with a lot of “pie-in-the-face” stuff throughout life. Sometimes this stuff is exaggerated to make it seem worse than it really is. I remember going to the hospital one time thinking I had a lot of health problems that I would have to deal with for some time. After a full examination, the doctor came back to my hospital room and said, “As far as I can tell, you don’t have anything seriously wrong with

you.” He smiled and then walked away. I had one doctor who said after every examination, “Someone your age should have something wrong with you.” I kept that doctor for a short time and moved on to another doctor. I know people take things seriously sometimes. Even things that aren’t really important; they exaggerate, and I think sometimes they do it to get attention. Over the past several weeks, I’ve been walking around with my cane, and each day seems better than the last. I don’t know how long I’m going to keep my friend, the cane, by my side. I’ve noticed that when I go out somewhere, at some stores, people open the door for me when they see me coming. That’s because my friend is by my side. I sure would hate to give that up for the rest of my life. Reflecting on this, I see that some boo-

boos, like my fall, can surprisingly turn into blessings, reminding us to find hope in setbacks. We find this in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” Sometimes it takes trouble to experience God’s comfort. So, when in trouble, look for God’s comfort because it’s right in front of you.. 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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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

• **Rondee Lynn Mathis Shannon**, 53 of Crawfordville passed away August 21, 2026.

• **Caleb Anderson**, 21, of Crawfordville passed away August 24, 2026.

Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff’s Report is for activity August 21 to 28.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

• Deputies responded to Chinook Trail in reference to a citizen reporting her vehicle had been burglarized. Miscellaneous items were taken, including her Bible, purse, and bank cards. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported a delayed theft. Taken was approximately \$408 worth of unpaid merchandise. Case forwarded to CID.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

• Tre Anderson was arrested for DUI after being discovered behind the wheel and highly intoxicated. Anderson was also charged with refusal to submit breath test.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

• Deputies responded to Jean Drive in reference to a citizen reporting a theft. Items taken were a generator, truck driveshaft and battery. He valued all items taken at approximately \$2,100. He believes his son might be responsible for the theft. Case forwarded to CID.

• A citizen reported her identity had been comprised. An un-

known subject opened an account in Las Vegas and \$140 was charged against her credit. She wished a report be written for informational purposes only.

• Deputies responded to the bridge located on Tiger Hammock Road in reference to an overturned ATV. Once on scene, it was determined the ATV was inoperable and abandoned. The ATV was towed by rotation wrecker.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

• A citizen reported an Amazon Delivery driver taking a Trek bicycle from her property. The delivery driver can be seen on home surveillance turning a camera away from the area of the bicycle prior to taking it. Another camera captured the whole incident.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

• Deputy Caleb Bushong responded to the sheriff’s office lobby in reference to an animal bite. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated she was just released from the hospital after being attacked by a dog on Aug. 24. She stated while out for a walk, a dog became aggressive with her and jumped on her. She stated she fell down and injured her knees. While down,

• **Marjorie Gill Langston**, 85, of Tallahassee passed away August 25, 2026.

• **Benjamin Jerome Litowsky**, 61, of Crawfordville passed away August 24, 2026

Rebecca Lee Perkins “Becky”, 86, of Wakulla Station

the dog bit her. After a few moments she was able to fend off the dog and seek medical attention. Animal control responded and conducted their investigation.

• While looking for a wanted subject on Roddenbery Sink Road, deputies located a stolen motorcycle on the property. The motorcycle was reported stolen by FSU Police Department. The motorcycle was towed from the scene by Coastal Towing.

• A citizen reported a possible fraud. Possibly a Walmart card was used with her information, but she is not out any funds at this time.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

• Deputy Ian Kilbourn responded to Klickitat Drive and made contact with the reporting person, who stated an unknown suspect entered his unsecured vehicle during the night of Aug. 25. He stated his center console was rummaged through, but nothing was missing. He stated due to nothing missing and no surveillance available, he did not want to pursue charges.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

• A citizen reported a check of hers had been altered. She paid \$350 via mail service for an insurance bill. When the check posted on her account,

she discovered it had been altered to \$2500. She was unsure who had tampered with the check. Case forwarded to CID.

• Walmart Asset Protection reported a delayed theft. Taken was approximately \$56.74 worth of unpaid merchandise. Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputy Dustin Saba conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being operated by John Rueban Cruse, due to him having an active warrant out of Mobile, Alabama for narcotics possession. Cruse was placed under arrest and his vehicle was towed by rotation wrecker service.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

• Deputy Caleb Bushong responded to the sheriff’s office lobby in reference to a fraud. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised \$158.31 had been taken from her account by a company called TransAmerica. She advised she is unsure why this payment occurred and called her bank to dispute the charges. The bank placed a hold on the charge and prevented any further charges from TransAmerica to occur. The bank then began a fraud investigation to look into the matter. She advised she was able to locate a name of a possible suspect due to the name being on the account. She wished to pursue charges for this inci-

passed away August 30, 2026.

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

dent and completed a sworn affidavit and a request for prosecution Case forwarded to CID.

• Deputies responded to Bay Pine Drive in reference to a fraud. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she received a phone call from an unknown person telling her she had a warrant for her arrest. The subject then told her that if she did not pay \$4,000 that she would be arrested. She complied with the caller and sent the money via Bitcoin transaction before realizing she was being scammed.

Case forwarded to CID.

• Sgt. Dylan Causseaux conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for faulty equipment. Upon contact with driver Steven Malphurs it was discovered he did not have a valid Florida Drivers License. It was confirmed Malphurs license was suspended/revoked at the time of stop. Malphurs was arrested and transported to the WCSO Jail Facility without incident.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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

City of Sopchoppy Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Sopchoppy will hold two regular monthly meetings Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL.

Purpose of Meeting: General Business.

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

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

Sept. 3, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Wakulla County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners propose to consider the following and adopt the following by ordinance. Public Hearings are scheduled regarding the following before the **Wakulla County Planning Commission on Monday, September 14, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits** and before the **Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, September 21, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted below or as time permits.** All public hearings will be held at the County Commission Chambers located west of the County Courthouse at 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327. Interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony.

Application for Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment: CP26-02

Applicant: Wakulla County

Proposal: Consider adoption of an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Pertaining to the Public Schools Facility Element and Capital Improvements Element

Hearings Required: Planning Commission: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners: Monday, September 21, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND REVISING POLICY 2.3.1 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18-24, AS AMENDED; AMENDING AND REVISING POLICIES 1.8 AND 7.1 OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18-21, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND FOR FILING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Copies of applications, draft ordinances, and any related public record files may be viewed at the County Planning Department located at 11 Bream Fountain Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F; Phone (850) 926-3695. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of a County Board must ensure a verbatim transcript or copy is made of the testimony and exhibits presented at said hearings. Persons with a disability needing a special accommodation should contact the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at (850) 926-0919; Hearing and Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

September 3, 2026

Musicians invited to gospel sing

Staff Report

Musicians are invited to participate in the 5th annual Crawfordville Seventh Day Adventist Church gospel sing on Sept. 26.

The church welcomes new vocal, instrumental or group participants. The church requests each special music presenter lead a song from a list to be provided.

Contact the church at gospelsing22@yahoo.com or call 850-888-3301. Provide your name or group name, church name, and title of your special music song.

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CITY OF SOPCHOPPY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OLD SOPCHOPPY SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND LIBRARY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Sopchoppy is soliciting proposals for the use of the old Sopchoppy High School cafeteria and library building located at 164 Yellow Jacket Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated on the basis of: (i) whether the proposed use is for profit or not for profit, (ii) the range and type of uses proposed, (iii) the compensation to be paid to the City and (iv) capital investment proposed. Minority enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Proposals are due at City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL 32358 by 10:00 am, Friday, September 25, 2026. The proposals will be ranked by the City Commission on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Questions concerning this solicitation may be sent by email to Ashley Schilling, Municipal Clerk at ashley.schilling@sopchoppy.org.

The City of Sopchoppy is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace. The City will take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate the disabled and ensure their needs are equitably represented in this solicitation. Pursuant to Title VI and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Town will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, language, income, or family status.

Leonard Tartt, Mayor
Attest: Ashley Schilling, Municipal Clerk
Publication Date: September 3, 2026

September 3, 10, 2026

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FICTITIOUS NAMES

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Local Marketing Partner LLC, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

CHOSEN BY HAND

Located at 1353 Coastal Hwy, Panacea, FL 32346
In the County of Wakulla
Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporation of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Published on Sept. 3, 2026

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, JOHN LEBEAU JACKSON, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

JOHN JACKSON ONE MAN AND A TRUCK

Located at 141 GRAHAM TRL CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
In the County of Wakulla
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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
c/o Frances C. Lowe, Esquire
Ausley McMullen
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

The written claim must include:
The claimant's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available);
The amount of the claim;
The basis for the claim; and
Copies of any documents supporting the claim.

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

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026.

SETTING SUN PANACEA, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company
By: s/ Frances C. Lowe, Esquire
Ausley McMullen
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Published August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT
MORTGAGE SERVICING,
V.
ANTHONY GLENN ROLLINS; ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(s).

Case No.: 2025-CA-000127

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ANNISHA BATTLE- ROLLINS
2073 SW 87th Terrace, Miramar, FL 33025
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:
LOT 15, BLOCK B OF BUCKHORN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE (S) 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Alexandra Kalman, Esq., Lender Legal PLLC, 1 800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Wakulla County, Florida 17th day of August, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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

August 27, September 3, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: CASE NO.: 2023 DP 9

L.A. DOB: 11/16/2025,

MINOR CHILD /

NOTICE OF ACTION- TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: Amy Allshouse, address unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: L.A. born on 11/16/2025. You are hereby **commanded** to appear on November 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM before the Honorable Brian Miller at the Wakulla Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327, for an **ADVISORY HEARING**.
FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS 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 ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FI 32301; 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.

Dated August 17, 2026

{{County Court Seal}}

Greg James
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: **/s/ Lindsey Nichols**
As Deputy Clerk

Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2026-CA-000107 V.

MARY JANE WITWICKI, 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: MARY JANE WITWICKI; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against her

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

LOT 41, BLOCK 6 OF WAKULLA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-035-008-06854-000

Address: Comanche Trail, 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 19th day of August, 2026.

{{County Court Seal}}

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

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2026-CA-000107 V.

MARY JANE WITWICKI, 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: MARY JANE WITWICKI; if alive, and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns, and all other parties claiming by through, under or against her

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

LOT 41, BLOCK 6 OF WAKULLA GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-035-008-06854-000

Address: Comanche Trail, 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 19th day of August, 2026.

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

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

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

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: 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,

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.

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

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

ESTES INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2026-CA-000113 V.

CARMEN M. NEGION, DONNIE EARL PRICE AND ALBERTO S. ALLEN, 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: CARMEN M. NEGION, DONNIE EARL PRICE and ALBERTO S. ALLEN; 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 1, BLOCK C OF WAKULLA RIVER ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-016-006-06412-000

Address: Owl Lane, 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 19th day of August, 2026.

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

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

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

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, Case No.: 2026-CA-000103 V.

JESSE R. RAYMOND AND LORRAINE G. RAYMOND, 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: JESSE R. RAYMOND and LORRAINE G. RAYMOND; 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(S) NUMBERED NINETEEN (19), IN BLOCK TWENTY-TWO (22) OF WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT THREE, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD ON PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-043-010-08943-000

Address: Klickitat 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 19th day of August, 2026.

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

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 128

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

Certificate #: 1083 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 00-00-056-430-09947-006

Description of Property:
**Lot 6 Macy Lee Acres
PB 6 P 46 OR 1273 P 322**

Name in which assessed **LEANNE ROBERTS COBB** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Court-houseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

Published on August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 129

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

Certificate #: 1143 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 00-00-075-141-10234-a10

Description of Property:
**The Pines Unit 1
Block A Lot 10, OR 65 P 352 & OR 86 P 872
OR 130 P 373 & OR 131 P 113, OR 134 P 793 & OR 332 P 847**

Name in which assessed **BILLY A GODWIN/BETTY K GODWIN ETAL** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 130

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

Certificate #: 1286 Date of Issuance: **May 29, 2019**

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

Description of Property:
**LOT 44 HS P-6-M-11
IN SE 1/4 OF LOT 44
DB 26 P 163 OR 932 P 791, OR 933 P 415 ORDER (HENRY MAE)**

Name in which assessed **HEIRS OF MRS BURTON FORBES** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

Published on August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 131

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

Certificate #: 135 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 23-4S-02W-000-02013-000

Description of Property:
**23-4S-2W P-1-M-50C
COMM AT NW COR OF SEC 23 & RUN
E ALONG SEC LINE 15 CHS THEN S
20 CHS THEN W 15 CHS TO W LINE
OF SEC THEN N ALONG SEC LINE**

Name in which assessed **STEVEN H JOHNSON/ JESSICA E JOHNSON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

Published on August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 132

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

Certificate #: 907 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 00-00-034-009-08568-000

Description of Property:
**WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT 2
BLOCK 9 LOT 24
OR 5 P 381, OR 763 P 644**

Name in which assessed **JAMES R JONES/ BETTY J JONES** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

Published on August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 123

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

Certificate #: 569 Date of Issuance: **May 31, 2024**

Parcel #: 33-2s-01e-189-04995-e02

Description of Property:
**Springwood Subd Phase 1
Lot 2 Block E OR 105 P 131
OR 242 P 545 OR 285 P 379, OR 294 P 841**

Name in which assessed **CLARENCE WILSON/LUCY JOHNSON** said property being in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida. Unless suchcertificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Wakulla Co.Courthouseon: **October 21, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. All bidders must pre-register in the OR Dept. prior to 9:45 P.M. to participate in the auction.

August 17, 2026

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

Published on August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

0903-0924 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PAFFORD PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No.: 2026-CA-000102
CLAIRE P. HOUSER AND BEN P. HOUSER, 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: **CLAIRE P. HOUSER and BEN P. HOUSER; 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 FIFTY-TWO (52) BLOCK “N” MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-078-013-11303-000
Address: Ted Lott Lane, 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 24th day of August, 2026.

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



September 3, 10, 17, 24 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0903-0910 TWS NOFS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT
MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No. 2025-CA-000127
ANTHONY GLENN ROLLINS; et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

To: ANNISHA BATTLE- ROLLINS
2073 SW 87th Terrace, Miramar, FL 33025
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK B OF BUCKHORN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE (S) 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Alexandra Kalman, Esq., Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026.

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



Sept. 3, 10, 2026

0903-0910 TWS NOFS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No. 26000037CAAXMX
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 October 01, 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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 27th day of August 2026.

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



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27. Skin care product manufacturer
28. Thirteen
29. Angry
30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch
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36. Engage in
37. Mass of fish eggs
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. American real estate investment firm
44. Megabyte
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47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
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50. Flute
51. Dismissive sound
52. Slang term for marijuana
53. Young women's association
54. Cosmopolitan city
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56. Pointed end of a pen

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I am an actress and singer born in California on September 1, 1996. I began my career as a fashion model. I also performed a cover of a Katy Perry song for Kidz Bop. I'm known for my role on a Disney show and also for playing a love interest opposite Tom Holland's Spiderman.

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FSU quarterback Ashton Daniels launches a pass.

FSU wins, 34-17

By **BOB FERRANTE**
Editor, *The Osceola*

Ashton Daniels saw his receivers were covered and opted for the easy play, a 4-yard touchdown run to cap Florida State’s 60-yard drive. And an end-zone celebration with Peter Warrick.

Daniels was hit-and-miss in his FSU debut, tossing an inexcusable interception but also had a 4-yard touchdown pass to Samuel Singleton Jr. in the first half of FSU’s 34-17 win over New Mexico State on Saturday.

FSU coach Mike Norvell called a high-percentage pass for Daniels on the first play, having him roll right and connecting with Duce Robinson for a short gain. Daniels’ 44-yard pass to Danzy was one of his best throws as the quarterback often utilized the screen game and took check-down passes. He also had a nice touch, downfield pass to Robinson for 24

yards.

Daniels finished 17 of 27 (62.9 percent) for 202 yards. He often took screens and check downs to help move FSU’s offense into scoring position.

“I think the team did well, I think the offense did well,” Daniels said. “Obviously, there’s some plays that we want to have back. But I think that we responded very well to some negative plays, putting points on the board.”

Ousmane Kromah had a weaving 52-yard run in the fourth quarter. The sophomore enjoyed his first 100-yard game, picking up 115 yards on 14 carries.

But Singleton Jr. did a little bit of everything. He had nine carries for 42 yards and caught four passes for 54 yards. Singleton’s 46-yard kickoff return also set up Florida State (1-0) near midfield, and he finished off the drive with a 2-yard TD run.

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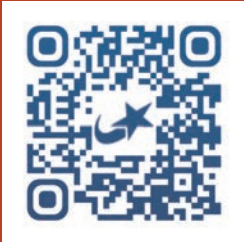
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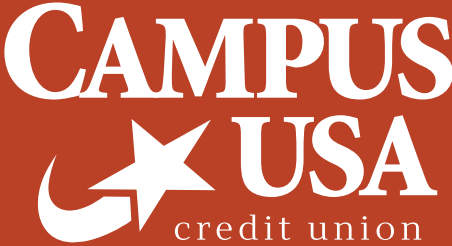
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War Eagles get by Taylor, 25-19

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles got their second victory of the season, a hard-fought 25-19 win over a tough Taylor County Bulldog team.

Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. said it was a “sloppy” game – lots of mistakes and penalties. “Difficult playing in that environment” of Perry. But he was pleased that War Eagle fans packed the stands as well, and credited the fans with helping get the win.

Some of the sloppiness included four unsportsmanlike penalties on Wakulla – with two of those going against Ryheem Moore, receiver and safety, which led to him being ejected.

The first call was after a receiving touchdown. Coach Allen said players get 5 seconds to celebrate and Moore exceeded that limit, according to referees.

The second foul came after referees met with both coaches and warned there was lots of unsportsmanlike conduct. Right after that, Moore made a tackle on the scrambling Bulldog quarterback and appeared to flex as he stood up, drawing a flag and ejection.

The game was notable as well in seeing Coach Allen’s rushing attack with multiple running backs. Quarterback Ashton Brooks shared time with Jaylen Jones, who played quarterback for Coach Allen last season in

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Running back Danny Godbolt in action.

Blountstown, and RB Danny Godbolt came in and ran a wildcat play.

With the game on the line in the 4th quarter,

the War Eagles up by 6 points, they took over with about 4 minutes left.

“I told the boys we only need one or two first

downs to run out the clock,” Coach Allen said. And that’s what they did.

The team combined rushing totaled 281 yards. Offensive player of the week was RB Nigel Cloud who gained 90 yards on 17 carries, including a touchdown.

QB Brooks was named MVP of the week, going 10 of 13 passing for 158 yards and a TD.

Defensive player was linebacker Cedric Hicks who had 3 tackles and a forced fumble.

A special teams player was Jaylen Jones with a blocked PAT and a tackle. (He also scored an offensive touchdown.)

GAME RECAP

PHOTO BY KEN FIELDS

Wakulla took the opening kickoff and the first drive stalled behind numerous penalties. On the punt, the ball sailed over the punter’s head and was a scoop and score by the Bulldogs. Extra point was blocked. Taylor up 6-0.

Taylor tried an onside kick, but Wakulla recovered it at midfield. The War Eagle drive was feeding running back Nigel Cloud, who completed the drive with a touchdown run, dragging defenders into the end zone with him. War Eagles go for 2 point conversion but come up short. Tied at 6.

Bulldogs couldn’t move the ball and punted. Wakulla takes the

punt at the 45 and drive down and score on a 10-yard TD pass to Rhyeem Moore. He’s called for unsportsmanlike on celebration. Extra point missed. Wakulla 12-6.

Bulldog next drive: long pass to inside the 20. Couple of plays later it’s first and goal at the 4. Halfback pass for a score. PAT good. Taylor up 13-12.

On Wakulla’s next drive, they get a 27-yard field goal by kicker Colby Carranza to take a 15-13 lead.

Bulldog fumble on their next drive, but Wakulla can’t move the ball. Punt from deep in their own territory goes off the side of the punter’s foot, downed at 25. Bulldogs take advantage of the short field and score on a touchdown pass. Extra point no good. Taylor up 19-15 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Jaylen Jones as QB scores on a rushing touchdown. Extra point makes it 22-19.

In the 4th quarter, Carranza added a 30-yard field goal to make it Wakulla 25-19 with 6 minutes remaining.

Bulldogs forced to punt on their next possession and Wakulla ran the ball to run out the clock. Final: Wakulla 25, Taylor 19.

While it was sloppy, Allen said “It’s always good to find a win.”

War Eagles are 2-0 on the young season.

UP NEXT: CHILES TIMBERWOLVES

Wakulla travels to Tallahassee this Friday night to play the Chiles Timberwolves.

Coach Allen noted Chiles is 1-1. He noted they won their first game by 50 points and then were locked in a 14-14 tie with Florida High last week before falling in the second half 24-14.

“They’re no pushover,” Allen said, adding that his War Eagles would have to play more fundamental football.

“We’ve got to play more disciplined,” he said.

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FROM THE COACH

Last week: Sloppy game against Taylor but always good to get a win.

Scouting: Chiles is 1-1, and no pushover.

Key to victory: War Eagles need to play fundamental football, play disciplined. Focus on getting Wakulla’s athletes the ball in space this week.



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