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The Wakulla Sun

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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi: 91° Lo: 69° 6% Sunrise 7:23 AM Sunset 7:40 PM	Hi: 91° Lo: 72° 12% Sunrise 7:24 AM Sunset 7:39 PM	Hi: 90° Lo: 73° 33% Sunrise 7:24 AM Sunset 7:38 PM



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9/11 memorial held

First hearing on county budget is held

By NICOLE CASE
Correspondent

The Wakulla County Commission held the first public hearing on the millage rate at a meeting held Tuesday, Sept. 8.

County commissioners set the tentative millage rate at 7.7 mills and gave preliminary approval to the county budget.

State Attorney Jack Campbell appeared at the meeting to request a fund of \$65,000 – a total that includes a one-time \$15,000 payment – to cover the increasing costs of improved technology in the courtroom.

The final public hearing for approval of the final millage rate and budget, will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m.

During the public hearing, many voiced their concerns over the future of Wakulla's animal services in light of the county's proposed budget cuts, including PAWS volunteers, foster parents, and the shelter's office manager.

Crystal Thadwick, a volunteer at the animal shelter, spoke on the subject first. "The county cannot sustain these outcomes without community support, and likewise, the community cannot sustain them without the county," she said about the shelter's recent 95% live return rate. "When access to surrender and adoption services is reduced, the need does not disappear. It resurfaces as more stray animals, more animal control calls, more abandonment, and more families left without a safe responsible option."

Later, Tina Rich recounted her family's own experience with Wakulla Animal Services, wherein they nursed a dog back to health after she'd been left for dead. "She had been shot point blank in her head and her front leg ... [Willow] had suffered from unimaginable cruelty, and yet she was still fighting for her life," Rich said through tears. "Her story is a reminder that the work being done by our shelter and animal control, isn't simply about animals. It's about compassion, and doing the right thing."

Animal Control Director Walter Class, alongside Adam Leath and David Lynch of the Jacksonville Humane Society, spoke of the positive impact their partnership with Wakulla Animal Services has had in the community. According to Leath, the Humane Society has spent \$32,940, which has been divided up amongst spay-neuter services, transfer incentives to rescues like the Wakulla Animal Shelter, supplies, and more. They have also reduced the length of stay while raising the adoption rate above the national average, as Leath added: "92% of cats are leaving alive today, and 93% of overall animals are leaving alive from the shelter."

The partnership is owed to Class's persistence at many of the Humane Society's leadership training workshops. They've since worked to provide continuous, sustainable resources for Wakulla Animal Services and rescues like it.

Class concluded by presenting the shelter's official No-Kill plaque.

Veteran Zack Barton expressed frustration with county Veteran Services. He suggested that tax dollars be spent on the needs of veterans, rather than on animal services.

Wakulla Sun to host candidate forum

Staff Report

The Wakulla Sun will host a candidate forum for the three candidates seeking the District 4 seat on the Wakulla County Commission: Republican Carrie Hughes, Democrat Beverly Keister, and independent Patricia Dyszer.

All three candidates have committed to attend.

The forum will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Chamber of Commerce office (the old courthouse) on the second floor beginning at 6 p.m.

Sun readers are encouraged to submit questions for the forum – send them to editor@thewakullasun.com or mail them to the Sun office, 12 Arran Road, Crawfordville FL 32327 or drop your questions off at the office.

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office held its annual memorial to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon using hijacked airplanes as missiles. A fourth aircraft crashed in an empty field in Pennsylvania after passengers fought the hijackers. The sheriff's office ceremony began at 8:30 a.m., the time the first aircraft crashed into one of the towers at the World Trade Center. Above, the sheriff's office Color Guard lowers the flag. At right, students were among the attendees. (Photos by Gerald Brown)



Rachel McClure does sound therapy

By LINDA ANN
McDONALD
Correspondent

Sound vibration therapy is a complementary wellness practice that uses specific tones, frequencies, and physical vibrations to help the body shift into a calmer, more regulated state. To put it into perspective, sound is vibration, and those vibrations can influence the nervous system, muscles, and even emotional states.

Rachel McClure is a certified sound and vibration therapist who describes herself as a multifaceted disciplinarian within the creative realm. Applying her knowledge as a licensed practical nurse, she merges her medical background into music therapy.

McClure explained Wakulla Springs is a large energy source in



Rachel McClure with a drum at Wakulla Springs.

which she utilizes natural energy pulled from Wakulla Spring.

"The Wakulla Spring has its own unique frequency, and the earth has a frequency. While we are visiting the spring, we feel relaxed because we are picking up on the spring's frequency. Because Wakulla Spring is so big, it is an equally big amplifier of this earthly frequency.

"Just being near the spring, or getting in the water, the frequencies will affect you. It affects your blood pressure, cardiovascular system, you are relaxed because it lowers your cortisol, it is good for inflammation by way of the cold water of the spring, and it has physical manifestations on your health."

Through sound therapy, McClure brings sound influenced from

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Dance Schedule

Sept 11
JJ LUXE +
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Sept 25
JOEY NORTON +
RUNAWAY BISCUITS

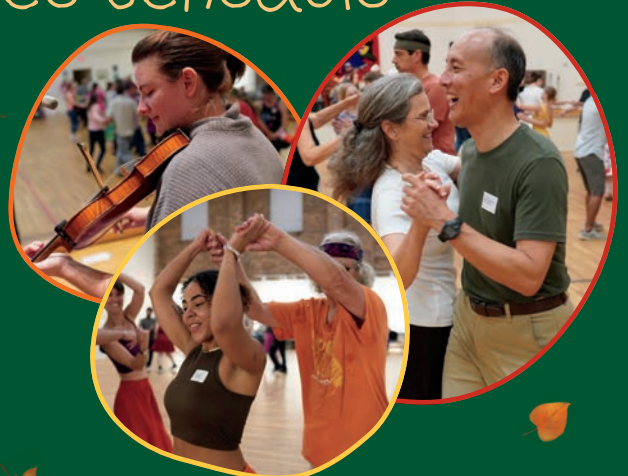
Oct 9
RACHEL FLEMMING +
MYSTIC GORILLAS

Oct 23
DREW THOMAS +
BUNNY BREAD BANDITS

Nov 13
RACHEL FLEMMING +
GREASY STRING BAND

Dec 11
VICKI MORRISON +
YAZOO KICKSTARTS

Dec 12
CAJUN DANCE WITH
GUMBO LIMBO



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Student of the Week

Silas Harvey – 3rd grader at Shadeville Elementary

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Silas Harvey Silas shows all of the qualities that represent a Shadeville Warrior. His classroom teacher, Mrs. Glassner, shared that Silas has come into 3rd grade ready to work hard and is always trying his best! He has a terrific positive attitude, and he always puts forth his best work, even when it is challenging at times! I am very proud of him. We all enjoy having him in our class.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Plant of the Week By Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS

Tievine

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



Tievine (*Ipomoea cordatotriloba*) is one of two dozen native and non-native morning glories found in Florida. Its large pink funnel-shaped flowers bloom in early morning then wither at midday unless cloudy. Inside each flower is a deep pink throat and angled lines forming a star shape. The showy fragrant flowers attract butterflies and moths. Tievine leaves vary, some with 3 lobes (triloba), some heart-shaped (cordato), and some arrow-shaped. The long stems hug the ground or climb fences and shrubs, providing cover for birds and mammals. Also called purple bindweed and coastal morning glory, this perennial twining vine is native to the southeastern US and found throughout Florida. It inhabits disturbed areas (e.g., roadsides, vacant lots, fallow fields) and grows on sand dunes. Plant tievine on a fence with room to spread.

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- dog food
- Friskies wet & dry cat food
- Dawn dish soap

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of St. Marks has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 6:00 P.M.

At
788 Port Leon Drive
St. Marks, Florida 32355

September 17, 2026

THE CITY OF ST. MARKS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES

The City of St. Marks is requesting qualifications from firms or individuals licensed to practice in the State of Florida for professional engineering and consulting services.

For a complete copy of the RFQ, please email: kgatewood@cityofstmarks.com or visit the city website under news – cityofstmarks.com. Prospective firms/individuals should submit proposals on or before October 8, 2026, at 2:00PM Eastern Standard Time. Qualifications will be opened immediately after the deadline at 788 Port Leon Drive in the Commission Chambers of the City of St. Marks. Open to the public.

Sept. 10, 17, 2026

BUDGET SUMMARY

City of St. Marks - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ST. MARKS ARE 7% LESS THAN LAST YEAR’S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage Rate Per \$1,000	4.5000	GENERAL FUND	UTILITY FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem Tax		205,000	-	205,000
Franchise Fees		44,000	-	44,000
Utility Tax		57,000	-	57,000
Communications Service Tax		20,000	-	20,000
Licenses & Permits		7,000	-	7,000
Intergovernmental Revenue		36,000	-	36,000
Charges for Services		91,500	610,000	701,500
Interest income		48,000	22,000	70,000
Grant Revenue		455,000	202,960	657,960
TOTAL REVENUES		963,500	834,960	1,798,460
Carried Forward Balances		1,179,311	2,602,953	3,782,264
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES		2,142,811	3,437,913	5,580,724
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government Services		416,250	-	416,250
Physical Environment		-	-	-
Transportation		-	-	-
Culture/Recreation		122,250	-	122,250
Other Nonoperating		-	-	-
Water/Sewer/Garbage Expenditures		-	662,000	662,000
Grant Expenditures		455,000	202,960	657,960
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		993,500	864,960	1,858,460
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		1,149,311	2,572,953	3,722,264
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES		2,142,811	3,437,913	5,580,724

The tentative, adopted and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

September 17, 2026

City of Sopchoppy, Florida Notice of Adoption of Ordinances

The City Commission of the City of Sopchoppy gives notice of its intent to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY AND THE WATER FUND OF THE CITY OF SOPCHOPPY. TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026-2027 OPERATING YEAR.

A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon as can be heard in the City Hall, 105 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, FL. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained and people wishing to comment may do so in person at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Sopchoppy, P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

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

Leonard Tartt, Mayor
Attest: Ashley Schilling, Municipal Clerk

Spet. 17, 2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for 2026/2027.

This notice is applicable to Wakulla County.

A public hearing to make a
FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES
will be held on:

September 21, 2026
6:01 p.m.
at
29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327

September 17, 2026

Budget Summary - Wakulla County, Florida Fiscal Year 2026/2027

THE OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ARE 3.3% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Tentative Millage Levy								
General Fund	7.7000							
		General Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Enterprise Funds	Total All Funds *	Elimination of Interfund Transfers	Net Total All Funds
Taxes:		Millage Per \$1,000						
95% Ad Valorem Taxes	7.7000	19,397,829	-	-	-	19,397,829	-	19,397,829
Sales, Use, Utility & Fuel Taxes		5,071,708	2,795,000	5,044,903	-	12,911,611	-	12,911,611
Licenses and Special Assessments		650,000	4,742,493	31,400	-	5,423,893	-	5,423,893
Intergovernmental Revenues		10,782,675	28,300,953	9,695,654	55,010,395	103,789,677	-	103,789,677
Charges for Services		4,980,226	632,400	-	9,380,717	14,993,343	-	14,993,343
Fines and Forfeitures		42,400	37,000	-	-	79,400	-	79,400
Miscellaneous Revenues		816,144	25,541,800	-	23,965,828	50,323,772	-	50,323,772
Total Revenues - Sources		41,740,982	62,049,646	14,771,957	88,356,940	206,919,525	-	206,919,525
Transfers In		7,880,948	18,606,055	225,000	14,552	26,726,555	(26,726,555)	-
Fund Balances Carried Forward		4,056,547	3,175,345	2,232,262	2,266,197	11,730,351	-	11,730,351
Total Revenues, Transfers & Fund Balances		53,678,477	83,831,046	17,229,219	90,637,689	245,376,431	(26,726,555)	218,649,876
Estimated Expenditures:								
General Government		9,540,796	725,728	3,255,236	-	13,521,760	-	13,521,760
Public Safety		6,117,465	4,445,700	3,989,804	-	14,552,969	-	14,552,969
Physical Environment		483,191	-	105,262	64,646,206	65,234,659	-	65,234,659
Transportation		7,600	3,099,177	5,716,828	-	8,823,605	-	8,823,605
Economic Environment		85,908	22,391,544	-	-	22,477,452	-	22,477,452
Human Services		1,591,212	108,481	-	-	1,699,693	-	1,699,693
Culture and Recreation		4,322,819	4,183,544	2,807,743	-	11,314,106	-	11,314,106
Court Services		80,745	527,707	-	-	608,452	-	608,452
Debt Service		-	26,341,800	155,000	23,959,600	50,456,400	-	50,456,400
Total Expenditures - Uses		22,229,736	61,823,681	16,029,873	88,605,806	188,689,096	-	188,689,096
Transfers Out		29,508,741	20,948,946	1,199,346	1,357,346	53,014,379	(26,726,555)	26,287,824
Fund Balances - Reserves		1,940,000	1,058,419	-	674,537	3,672,956	-	3,672,956
Total Expenditures, Transfers & Fund Balances		53,678,477	83,831,046	17,229,219	90,637,689	245,376,431	(26,726,555)	218,649,876

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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.”

‘The Clumsy Custard’ at WHS

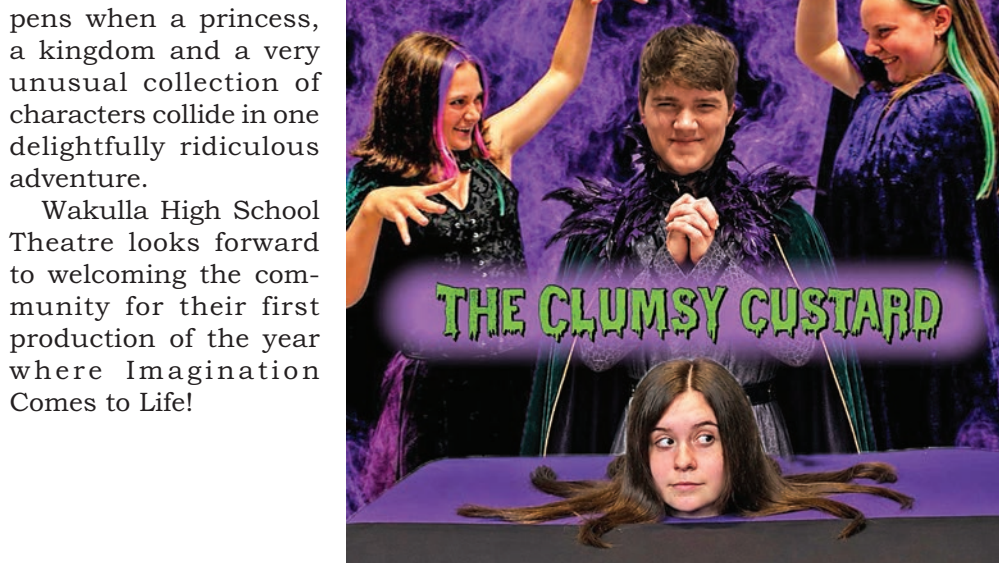
Wakulla High School Theatre invites audiences to step into the wonderfully wacky Kingdoms of Zob Proper and Zob Improper this September for its production of “The Clumsy Custard,” a fast-paced comedy filled with heroes, villains, princesses, monsters and plenty of unexpected laughs.

Written by William Gleason, The Clumsy Custard is a full length playful medieval adventure. When danger threatens the kingdom and its princess, an unforgettable cast of characters is swept into an adventure where things rarely go according to plan.

Audiences can expect bold characters, over-the-top comedy and plenty of theatrical surprises as the students of Wakulla High School Theatre bring the strange and hilarious world of Zob to life. With a story that celebrates courage and friendship the production offers entertainment for the whole family. Performances of The Clumsy Custard will be held September 17–19 at 6:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee September 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Come cheer for the heroes, boo the villains and discover what happens when a princess, a kingdom and a very unusual collection of characters collide in one delightfully ridiculous adventure.



LETTERS FROM READERS

Historical Society annual dinner is set

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Historical Society Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Wakulla County Historical Society, I would like to invite you to attend our Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, October 8 at the Shriner’s Club, 4141 Crawfordville Hwy. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00.

The meal will be pulled pork, barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, greens, cabbage, cornbread, cake, tea, coffee and water. The cost is \$27 and we are requesting prepayment. Checks should be made payable to WCHS. Payments can be mailed to the Historical Society at 24 High Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327, or come by the Museum Thursday-Saturday. You may also pay online at wakullahistory.org. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 1. For more information call 850-591-6030 or email ArleneVause@wakullahistory.org.

You may have heard of the first European visitors to our area, a 1528 expedition lead by Spanish explorer, Narvaez. As we are getting ready to celebrate the 500th anniversary of this event, plan to come to the annual meeting to hear Wakulla’s own James S. Dunbar share his expertise about the 1528 expedition. Jim is a renowned archaeologist, with a B.A. from UF, a Masters and a Ph.D. from FSU. He worked for the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research for 35.5 years before retirement. He is an ideal speaker on this timely topic.

Membership renewals are due October 1 each year. Memberships may be submitted online at wakullahistory.org or at the Historical Society, 24 High Drive, Crawfordville.

We hope you will join us as we learn about this early time in Wakulla County’s history, and discuss what the Historical Society has accomplished this year and hopes to accomplish in the future with your support.

Sincerely,

Andrea Carter, President
Wakulla County Historical Society

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

Something on your mind?

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



On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of September 17

Thursday, September 17	• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the TSC Wakulla Center at 8:30 a.m. • Optimist Club meets at noon at Myra Jean’s. Superintendent of Schools Rick Myhre will be the speaker. • 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 host the Rickards Raiders at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
Friday, September 18	Saturday, September 19	• Coastal Cleanup will be held beginning at 8 a.m. • PAWS Pamper Your Pooch dog wash will be at Hudson Park from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Festival of Joy, a series of quarterly events for special needs kids, will be held at Wakulla Springs Lodge from 1 to 4 p.m.
	Sunday, September 20	• 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 21

- County Commission meets in the commission chambers at 6 p.m. It will be the final hearing on the budget and millage.
- 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 Stretching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First

Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.

Tuesday, September 22

- FIRST DAY OF FALL
- Tourist Development Committee meets in the commission conference room at 9 a.m.
- 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 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Sopchoppy Depot Day Festival:

What’s your favorite thing about Depot Day?



BETHANY PAFFORD

Assistant Principal

“The Sopchoppy Bake House!”



CAITLYN PRISCO

Hamaknockers/student

“Everyone coming together in the small town.”



ANDREA WADSWORTH

The Corner Marsh

“The people! The hometown community feel, the visitors coming to support the day, having a good time. All the support received by the vendors, the food trucks and the small businesses of Sopchoppy.”



BRANDY LAWHON

Dental Hygienist

“I’ve always loved Sopchoppy. The small town feel is very Mayberry.”



NANCY PAUL

Sopchoppy volunteer

“Everything here is so special. We have events going on for everyone from 3 years old to 103 years old. We love sharing the history of Sopchoppy too!”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

In a few short weeks, the Wakulla County Public Library will finish preparations, pack up all the collections and materials, and make the momentous move to our brand new library facility. Only a few short miles distant, but offering a world of difference, the new, more central location will open unlimited new vistas for citizens of all ages and interests.

The Wakulla Library Writers weekly class has met at the Medart location for years. Our teacher, Kitty Culkin, recently gave us a prompt to write about the Big Move from the perspective of the library chickens. I thought you might enjoy my take on their unique point of view as we all wait with bated breath for the upcoming big day, so here it is:

Ya Gotta Break a Few Eggs!

The atmosphere at the library auxiliary henhouse had been unusually unsettled for the past few weeks. The girls were spending as much time as possible, even with the record-breaking heat wave, running the chicken wire tunnel.

They needed to burn off all their anxious energy.

Every day they caught snippets of conversations carried on by the humans working at, or visiting, the library. Although human speech was a weak second language for them, they could grasp enough to realize big changes were coming. Everyone seemed energized at the prospect of whatever was happening. Everyone that is, except the feathered denizens of the Coop.

“I don’t like it, I tell you, DON’T LIKE IT ONE BIT,” exclaimed Henny (the grande dame of the little flock). “Do we even know if we’re included in this move?”

“Oh, stop your clucking Henny! Of COURSE we’re included. The library would be worthless without its chickens. Who else will catch all the wayward Georgia Thumpers, who will squawk out the warning when the red-tail hawks get too close?” Blondie, the Polish chicken, flapped her wings for emphasis of the obvious.

Little Banty Barbara fluffed her feathers, tipping her head with one eye

turned towards Blondie. “I’m inclined to agree with Henny...no one is telling us what to expect. How are we even going to travel to a different place? Where will we live? We’ve just made this place perfect!”

So it went, on and on, as the girls debated all the possibilities. Mostly, it just led to more uneasiness as the days passed. Henny was already mourning the cozy little henhouse and its shabby-chic chicken wire run. Blondie found herself stifling her exasperation with her roommates’ gloom and doom scenarios. Little Barbara was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, to the point she was molting feathers.

Meanwhile, preparations for The Big Move were intensifying, and the air of anticipation at the library was growing every day. Important people came and went, full of plans and decisions. Director Linda moved with urgent purpose as moving-day began to loom closer and closer.

But the little flock could only watch it all with apprehension. Even Blondie began to feel the knot of uncertainty in her gizzard.

“Oh, woe is me!” cried Henny, “We’re bound to be Sunday dinner soon!”

Barbara scurried around like the proverbial chicken with her head cut off, squawking and cackling non-stop, “Help, help, HELP! I do not want to be Sunday’s, or any other day’s, dinner!”

Blondie peered through her top-knot of feathers, watching her sisters coming unglued. Taking a deep breath, she clucked loudly, “Calm down! NOW! These hysterics aren’t helping anything! Remember that old library cat? He always said we should never borrow trouble. I vote we take his advice, and trust our friends to take care of us!”

The other hens paused to stare at Blondie. She continued, “There is nothing we can do but wait. You two are going to run yourselves into an early grave! I say, let’s wait and see before we lose our minds.”

“We don’t know anything for sure. But what’s coming may be much better. After all, if you want to make a delicious omelet, ya gotta break a few eggs!”

Readers, keep your eyes on the Sun for all the latest updates, and plan to save the date for the Grand Opening. Rumor has it, it will be September 29th, so it’s truly right around the corner. See you there!

Sopchoppy hosts Depot Days on Saturday



Mark and Pam Piland won 1st place in the car show with their 1957 Nash Rambler Metropolitan.



Big Wheel winners: 3rd Benjamin Bourbeau, 2nd Ruby Sue Tscharnner, 1st was 3-year-old Rodney Howe.



Big Wheel race action.
PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN

Threads Through Time fashion show draws crowd

Story & Photos By Linda Ann McDonald

In observance of America’s 250th anniversary, the Wakulla County Historical Society paid tribute by hosting a Threads Through Time fashion history show and afternoon tea event on Saturday at the Crawfordville’s Women’s Club.

At the standing-room-only event, history was broken into eight distinct periods. Each period was followed by a powerful monologue that explained the significance of the clothing on display while sharing their social meaning and historical impact. The show was narrated by Chuck Klieforth and Susan Solburg.

Part One included History and Threads from 12,000 years ago to the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Models included Amber Sanders representing pre-history to 1513. Theater with a Mission, Tallahassee, FL represented First Spanish Period 1513-1763 and British Period 1783-1821.

Cynthia Paulson and Quincee Messersmith characterized Territorial Florida 1821-1843, and Katheleen Butler, Helga Torbert,



Missy Hyatt, left, as 1776 wife of Patrick Tonyn, governor of British East Florida, and Helga Torbert dressed as a woman in mourning.

Robert and Kenny Manning highlighted Statehood, Civil War and Reconstruction 1845-1877.

Part Two included History and

Threads 1865-2026. Models included Pepper Young, Evan Salas, Cynthia Paulson, John Shoemaker, Mary Katherine Westmark, and

Wesley Thurmond bringing to life the Development and Boom Era 1877-1929.

Lucy Carter, Elena Mayhre, Heather Bryan, Bianca Trociewitz, Mary Ann Laird, Emilee Mason, Winzie Wilson, Jan Holtman, and Loretta Bowman covered the Modern Times: 1930’s – 2026.

Halfway through the event, guests were invited to an afternoon tea which consisted of a variety of teas and finger sandwiches, such as cucumber, ham salad, and egg salad. Ginger and blueberry scones were served along with egg and spinach bake, fruit, clotted cream, and strawberry jam. Traditional tea was served.

Additional clothing was on display for educational consumption along with tea sets and tableware loaned/donated for use by The Riley House Museum, Theater with a Mission, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Museum of Florida History, Wakulla Guild, Elena Myhre, Lynda Kinsey of The Wakulla Sun, Elise Barwick, Madeleine Carr, Crawfordville Women’s Club, and Pat Jones.

Madeleine Carr wrote the script for the event.

HOME ON THE RANGE

What to look for in a handgun



By MARJ LAW

“What should I look for when buying a new handgun?” asks Newbie. “There’s got to be some things that everyone should look for.”

It depends. There’s no one gun for everyone. The things you look for may depend on whether you are large-boned or small-boned.

Recently, I asked two men and three women what they look for in handguns. All five have been shooting for 10 years or more.

Sally, who has sturdy bones, looks for a wide grip to fit her large hands. She likes high stippling for added control when her palms are sweaty. And aren’t we in Florida? Sweaty hands happen here.

She has heard of a gun that can be converted from a .22 to a 9mm handgun. These are rare, and you have to search hard to find them. Modular guns have become popular, though, and she may find a way to have a versatile gun.

Sally likes the curved trigger, saying it gives her better control and

helps to prevent her from sticking her index finger too far into the trigger. And sights? She wants the red dot holographic sight. Of course, red dot sights do not come with most guns. They can be a pricey addition.

I ask Joe what he likes. He is big boned and fairly tall.

“I like a palm swell in the grip,” he replies. “It fits my hand better and it gives me more physical contact with the grip. This gives me good control to stay on target for subsequent shots. When it comes to the trigger, I like one with a 3.5 or 4.5-pound pull.

“For sights, I prefer the big white dots. Two in the back, and one in the front. I’m more used to the white dots than the red or green fiber optic sights.

“Oh, and I look for a hammer gun.”

He thinks he means it, but one Christmas Santa brought him a Sig Sauer P320. It’s a striker-fire gun. Joe loves it. Oops! No hammer! He’s going to the dark side. I like the striker-fired guns.

The next person I ask is Rick.

“What do you like in a gun?”

“I like finger grooves in the grip,” he replies. “Also I like it to have a palm swell. And for the trigger, I like a trigger that curls; not a flat trigger.

“I look for 9mm handguns because of their ammunition. Traditionally, the 9mm ammunition has been easier to find and it is less expensive. Some ammunition



is hard to obtain and it’s a lot more expensive. People should be aware of the availability of ammunition for their guns before they buy.

“I prefer a hammer gun to a striker-fired gun, and I want a picatinny rail for accessories like a flashlight or laser under the barrel or a red dot sight over the barrel.

“And, speaking of sights, I want my guns to have night sights.”

Me, I’ve got my own preferences, and Joe and I have lively discussions

that fits my other criteria. Maybe a Sig Sauer P938 or an H&K VP 9 SK will fit the bill. Trying them out first will help make that decision.

I like a gun with big fat white dots: 2 rear and 1 front. Big dots are easier to see than others. But if I had my druthers, well, I’m waiting for a Sig Sauer Romeo 7 with a green chevron. The green seems crisper than a red dot, and I like the point where you aim.

Glenda is petite. She wants a gun that has a slide that is easy to pull back. Some slides are quite stiff.

Her gun has to have very little recoil. She wants good control of her gun. Less recoil allows better control, as does palm swell on the grip. This is why she wants palm swell too.

She has a small hand, so she prefers a gun with a small grip.

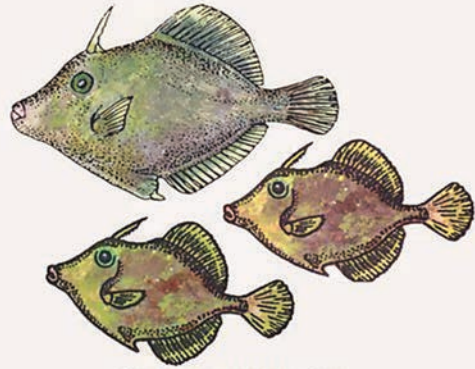
She prefers a pretty gun. So do Sally and I.

“That’s kind of superficial, wouldn’t you say?” asks Joe.

“Not at all,” replies Glenda. “What better way to keep Mr. Bad from bothering anyone again? First, he has to admit he was shot by a female. Even worse, he was shot by a female toting a pink gun!”

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

This is a repeat of a column from 2022.



GREEN FILEFISH
(*Stephanolepis hispidus*)

Fishermen named this fish for the sandpapery skin using it to strike matches. The fish has a trigger like mechanism on its dorsal spine that makes it spring erect when they are threatened. This fish lives in in sargassum (seaweed) beds where it eats tiny marine invertebrates. Juveniles often inhabit floating sargassum weed rafts. It grows to about 14” and is often eaten by dolphins and larger fish.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a Least Bittern and apple snail eggs.

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Rachel McClure

From Front Page

Indian ancestors. “With crystal bowls, I make resonance of frequency and mood,” she says. “The ripple of sound is cohesion created of nature by using certain instruments and frequencies which bring cohesiveness with the body.”

McClure plays drums, guitar, flute, crystal bowls, wave drums, and anything she can get her hands on percussion wise. “My voice is my best instrument. My instruments add to the spring; it adds another layer so that we can be a part of it. I can’t change the spring, but I can bring in my layer through music and art and color,” she says.

“Sound therapy is a long ancient practice the west is now learning; vibration is the first thing you are aware of when you hear your mother’s heartbeat in the womb. Everything makes sound, there is no beginning.”

While explaining the impacts of the energy from Wakulla Springs upon the human body and the benefit of sound therapy, McClure explained, “My art is like all of my music and all my nursing experience had a grand marriage; it only makes sense that I would take my experience, and rewrite it for me, so I can provide therapy for people.”

When speaking about combining the separate worlds of music therapy and nursing, she said, “I can’t make the rules, I can’t break the rules, but I can rewrite them, for me, to provide services for people.”

McClure said, “I utilize Qi Gung exercises, add in some dance, yoga stretching, which is easy on flow with building energy, and then go into a sound bath and play instruments over you.”

McClure grew up in Wekiva Springs. She said, “I was there every day of my life, I was never sick except when I had the chicken pox. When my parents moved to Monticello, Florida, our family visited Wakulla Springs, and I knew instantly that this is what I was looking for to live near.”

McClure was part of a show on September 11, at Palaver Tree, which will include a wall of gongs and sound instruments. The show is a sound journey with dance and rhythm.

Water Ways

a peek into life on and under the water

Local writers share their experiences

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Rock the Dock held



Team Rezoned with a big fish catch.



10-year-old Tanner Morgan with a red grouper.



Jessica Alexander with a redfish.



Dan Sherraden with Blair and Clay and a big Amberjack, left. And it rained on and off on Sunday, above.

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Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Business Underwater. February 7, 2013

Becoming a merchant has made me more aware of the challenges facing some of my underwater study subjects. Let me explain.

For years I observed marine creatures that survived by providing a service to their community. Science calls them cleaners, and by enlarge, dismiss their contribution as minimal and for the gratification of their host. Perhaps...

The most obvious to humans are the fish cleaners on a reef, specifically the Pederson shrimp found on Caribbean reefs. They are typically found roosting near anemones. Fish come to their location and are observed to patiently wait their turn, and then posture to the shrimp.

Once mutual consent is reached, the fish will expose an area of its body and the shrimp will jump on to pick parasites or flesh, "cleaning," some times inflicting pain which is tolerated by the fish.

The fish will often open its mouth and permit the shrimp to enter, much like we humans do at the dentist. The shrimp presumably benefit with food, the fish with less parasites and better health.

Cleaner shrimp represent a benefit to many fish made obvious by the effort of fish to seek and defend cleaners and their station (The Wakulla News, Oct. 11, 2012) on a reef. Shrimp advertise their services by swimming away from the protective anemone (anemones sting like fire coral when touched) and "dance."

Caribbean divers have learned to offer their hand in posture to these shrimp and are cleaned. I have witnessed shrimp refuse to clean a fish and be knocked off the station or later ignored.

Successful stations have a line of waiting fish, with multiple cleaners servicing clients. The established communications between these two species, more often in a predator-prey relationship, and the benefits derived by both in this relationship fascinated me then as a scientist and now as a merchant.

From our protective anemone, our center, we advertise our services (sign, newspaper, festivals, radio) which defines our facility. Our fish, customers, come to our station to learn skills for better health to safely enjoy a new realm, and acquire technology to make them more efficient. They occasionally flinch when paying for a service, but tolerate it for the derived benefits like the cleaned fish.

It is our customers after all, who defend our station and encourage our success. Like the cleaner shrimp, our success is only as good as the service we can render. Our customer participation at the center benefits our staff in terms of salary with which to feed their families. With more customer participation, more staff will be hired and our station will grow. Sound familiar?

At first glance it may sound far-fetched to compare our business with community life under water, and use the analogy to understand and improve our business processes.

Hans Hass, the Austrian explorer and naturalist, years before Jacques Cousteau, using an oxygen rebreather lived amongst the fishes, observing community dynamics.

Hass has made many movie documentaries, and written several books about his observations. It was later in life that Hass became a successful consultant when he made the connection between how fish literally integrate their behavior to minimize efforts and maximize outcome, and applied it to the business world.

This I just learned during a review of this article by Dr. Joerg Hess.

Now, about that dance...

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

When we’d rather crop ourselves out of photos



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Do you cringe when you see photos of yourself? Perhaps you hide from the camera because you’re worried your physical flaws will be frozen in the

snapshot forever. You groan whenever someone posts a photo of you on social media. If you could, you’d crop yourself out of the photos, or at least Photoshop ten pounds off. I envy those of you who don’t seem worried about how you look in the pictures others share on social media. Instead, you’re smiling and enjoying the camaraderie with those who obviously enjoy spending time with you. Unlike you, I’ve missed out on many Kodak moments. Or, in today’s language, selfies

with family and friends. If I don’t want to keep missing moments like these, I need to develop a different perspective. I know I’m not alone, so I invite you to join me in developing a Christ-centered perspective. Instead of being preoccupied with our (perceived) physical imperfections, we can ask God to help us see ourselves as others see us, especially those who love us and want us in their pictures. More importantly, let’s pray to see ourselves the way God sees us. We can ask Him

to help us be less obsessed with our physical appearance as we think about this week’s verse. “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well” (Psalm 139:14 ESV). We (you!) are wonderfully made. We are God’s masterpiece! What if we actually believed that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”? Wouldn’t this reality change the way we see ourselves? Wouldn’t it change the way we interact with

others? Eventually, this truth could equip (and motivate) us to live as one who reflects His love as we become less insecure – and more Christlike. As we continue to change, our character will become so attractive that it will radiate from our countenance, replicating the One Whose character we desire to emulate. As we become less and less focused on ourselves, including how we look, not only will our character be transformed, we just might become relaxed enough to enjoy being

a part of other people’s lives. Though we still might not be thrilled to have our pictures taken, perhaps by developing this mindset, we’ll stop running away from the chance of being included in the memories of those who love us – preserved forever on social media. *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.*

Honey from a mason jar



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

As a pastor, I have shared many youth moments before a sermon. Some have resonated with the congregation, while others have stayed with me long after the service was over. Every now and then, a simple message reaches a place in my own heart that I didn’t know needed to be touched. That happened with a mason jar filled with positive words. It

was a youth moment that came to memory during my morning cup of coffee. The mason jar was filled with strips of paper, each one printed with a single word: friendship, acceptance, courage, love, forgiveness, and kindness. I was purposeful in selecting only positive words, wanting to set the mood for the sermon and give the young ones encouraging thoughts. As the words were pulled from the jar and explained, it was obvious that just speaking them made the people listening feel good. There was something about hearing a positive word spoken aloud that seemed to settle into their hearts, bringing

smiles to their faces. I began to realize how easily we underestimate the power of a word when spoken out loud. Our language is our communication, and we use words every day to express what we think and how we feel. Some are spoken without much thought. Some are spoken in frustration. Some are spoken in jest. And some are spoken with intention. We often don’t stop to consider just how much our words can affect the person listening or how long they can linger after the moment. Thinking of that little mason jar of words carried me to the creation story. It is during creation that we hear the voice of God speaking

light into the darkness. It was His voice that called the heavens and the earth into existence. He set an order to the winds and the tides, quieting the chaos before Him with the spoken word. There are times when life becomes chaotic. The tides within our souls can rise, and darkness can find its way into places we never expected. In those moments, a word of encouragement or hope can remind us that we are not alone. We may not calm every storm or change another person’s circumstances, but we can speak life into the darkness. God spoke good into creation and we were created in His image. We cannot speak a world into ex-

istence as God did, but we have been given the ability to speak into the world around us. Perhaps that is what stayed with me about that little mason jar. It was not really about the pieces of paper or even the words printed on them. It was about the reminder that our words carry something with them. Our words can bring comfort and healing. When we speak, someone is listening. And sometimes, what we say becomes the very thing someone needed to hear that day. Maybe we all need an imaginary jar of good words within reach. Not because every word we speak will change a situation, but because we never know when one

small word can make a difference in someone’s life. We can choose our words carefully. We can choose to speak life. We can choose to leave a little more light wherever we go. That morning, I thought I was preparing a simple message for a group of young people. Instead, God used a mason jar to remind me that good words are worth carrying and worth giving away. Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24 *Cheryl Mixon-Cruce is Pastor of Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church and Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.*

OUT TO PASTOR

A cookie in the hand is worth two in the cupboard



By **JAMES SNYDER**

For the last few years, I have been on a rather strict diet, according to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I have some health issues, and I’m not allowed to eat anything with sugar in it. It seems everything has sugar in it. Believe me, she’s been very vigilant in supervising my daily menu. She also supervises all the medicine I have to take every day. It seems I have become a drug addict. The doctor prescribed the medicine I am to take every day. I have been very faithful in keeping to her strict diet. Every once in a while, maybe once or twice a month, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will give me a sugar-free cookie. She says it’s because I’ve

been good in my diet. Occasionally, I remember the good old days when I ate as many cookies as I could every day. And believe me, they weren’t sugar-free cookies at that time. I should congratulate the people who developed sugar-free cookies because now I can have one occasionally. According to her, I can’t even think of an Apple Fritter; they are pure poison for me. I’m really not sure I believe that. But then, I’m not really in control of my menu. It took me quite a while to realize that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had hidden away a bunch of sugar-free cookie boxes. I never even thought about it until recently. Occasionally, she gives me a sugar-free cookie and tells me I’ve been faithful to my diet, so it’s okay for this one. If she can bring me one sugar-free cookie, it must mean that there is a store of cookies somewhere in the house. If anybody can hide anything without me finding it, it is you-know-who.

So, the question is, where is she hiding this store of sugar-free cookies? It’s got to be somewhere in the house, and for me to find my way to my office and then to the bathroom is quite a chore. But it began to work on me until I had to find out where that stash was. Every year for a week The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and several of her daughters go to St. Augustine and shop around at all of the thrift stores in the neighborhood. They have been doing this for several years. I had a thought in my mind. While she is on this trip, I will spend time looking through the house to find that hidden stash of sugar-free cookies. The first thing I asked myself was, “Where would I hide those cookies?” Then I struck all those places off my list. The next thing I asked myself was, “Where would she hide those cookies?” That was my list for the week. I searched the whole house, looking in places she might hide

them. I started in her craft room. It took me at least one day to go through her craft room, looking at every place where a bunch of cookies could be hidden. Finally, I exhausted my search and found absolutely nothing resembling a sugar-free cookie. I then searched the rest of the house carefully, looking in every possible place. I must say I’m not very good at activities like this. However, I put a spirit of diligence into my efforts to uncover it. The day before they were to return from St. Augustine, I finally hit the jackpot. Behind the washer and dryer, shelves were filled with the stuff she needed to do the laundry. I almost didn’t look there, but I had no other place to go, and this was my last place. I looked very closely at every aspect of that little room, and then I hit the jackpot. In the corner, I discovered six boxes of sugar-free cookies, very well hidden from sight. I couldn’t believe my fortune. I took the opportunity to open one

of those boxes, took out two cookies, put the box back, and went to my lazy chair to enjoy them. After all, one cookie in my hand is worth two in the cupboard. A week later, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into my office, stood at the door, and just stared at me for a few moments. I had no idea what she was up to because I was deep in my work for the day. Then she said, “You did not find the boxes of sugar-free cookies, did you?” To lie to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is as close to the death penalty as anybody could get. I looked at her for a few moments and then said, “I’m not sure what you’re talking about.” “You know exactly what I’m talking about,” she said rather strongly. At this point I re-

alized I was caught red-handed. I had to confess and promise never to do it again. Several days later, when she was out shopping, I went to the closet looking for those cookies and, to my surprise, they were all gone. I don’t know if I’ll ever find them again, but I won’t give up looking. I recalled a verse in Jeremiah 33:3, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” God has some wonderful treasures for me, and His great delight is in revealing them to me as I need them. *Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com.*

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Obituaries



Lionel F. Dazevedo

Lionel F. Dazevedo, 83, of Crawfordville, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2026.

Born to Earl and Irene Dazevedo, Lionel lived a life defined by service, hard work, adventure, and devotion to those he loved. Following high school, he proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country as a Vietnam veteran. After his military service, Lionel began a long and successful career in the airline industry. He worked with National Airlines, Pan Am, and later Delta Air Lines in sales, where he eventually retired. Never one to slow down, Lionel later entered the real estate profession, working along-

side his beloved wife, Marianne, with Coldwell Banker and Exit Realty. Lionel was a member of the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce and the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club. He found great joy on the water and loved sailing, camping, and sharing life's adventures with his family. He and Marianne especially cherished traveling together and creating memories over the many years of their marriage.

Lionel will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 57 years, Marianne Dazevedo; his children, Mark Dazevedo (Kirsten) and Gil Sousa; his siblings, Claire Strandhagen and Gerry Dazevedo; his grandchildren, Sean, (Allen) Samantha,

(Josh Landry) Jaden, and Kade; and his great-grandchildren, Jet, Pheonix, Joshua "JJ," and Carter "CJ."

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2026, at Tallahassee National Cemetery. A reception will follow immediately following at the Women's Club of Tallahassee Los Robles, 1513 Cristobal Dr., Tallahassee FL 32303. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Charity of your choice.

Young Family Funeral Home is assisting the family at this time, Crawfordville 850-926-5919

DEATH NOTICES

• **Daniel Herbert Morgan**, 62, of Tallahassee passed away September 5, 2026

• **Mark Amon Summers**, 63, of Crawfordville passed away September 5, 2026

• **Alice Elaine Wiginton**, 75 of Crawfordville passed

away September 10, 2026.

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

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report is for activity August 18 to September 4. There were 1,256 calls for service.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

- A citizen reported an unknown female exiting the Dollar General store at U.S. Highway 319 and East Ivan out the emergency exit door with unpaid merchandise. Once he heard the alarm going off, he ran to the back door and observed the female attempting to push a cart full of merchandise through the soggy ground. Upon seeing the employee, the female suspect abandoned the cart and was seen running to get into an orange-colored vehicle awaiting her. The employee advised the female had a black tote from the store full of merchandise in her possession as she got into the awaiting vehicle. The vehicle was last seen northbound on 319. Deputies canvassed the area and were unable to locate the orange vehicle.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

- Sgt. Dylan Causseaux conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for faulty equipment. Upon contact with driver Steven Elward Malphurs it was discovered Malphurs did not have a valid Florida Driver's License. Dispatch confirmed Malphurs license was suspended/cancelled/revoked at the time of stop. Malphurs was arrested and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.
- Deputy Johnathan Kilbourn responded to Blackberry Lane in reference to a vehicle

burglary. Contact was made with the reporting person who stated he went out to his vehicle and discovered his vehicle had been burglarized. He advised his firearm was stolen from his vehicle. The firearm was entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen. Deputies canvassed the subdivision in an attempt to collect video footage but yielded no results. After a short time, a resident of the area advised she captured footage of two unknown subjects coming on to her property and attempted to get in her vehicle but failed. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Division.

- While conducting an investigation on the above incident an additional victim was identified at Juniper Drive. Contact was made with the victim who stated his credit/debit cards and license were stolen from his vehicle. Case forwarded to CID.

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

- While conducting proactive patrol, Deputy McMullen and Deputy Parker observed Jerry Landrum enter the Dollar General near the courthouse. A few moments later Landrum exited the store and continued walking north on Crawfordville Highway using the bike path in the southbound lane. Landrum was then observed crossing Crawfordville Highway, not in a designated crossing area. Due to this infraction, the deputies made contact with Landrum and advised him of the infraction. While speaking with him, consent was given to conduct a search of his backpack and of his person. A new packet

of socks was located in Landrum's waistband. After reading his Miranda rights, Landrum was asked if the socks were stolen to which he admitted they were. Due to this, contact was made with the store manager and advised she would like to pursue charges. Landrum was issued a Notice to Appear and released from the scene after being provided a court date.

MONDAY, AUG. 31

- Deputies were dispatched to Parkside Circle in reference to a citizen reporting three of his firearms being stolen out of his red Ford pickup truck while being away from home. While on scene, it was learned that the victim was unable to provide serial numbers for the three firearms that were stolen. He will follow up with Deputy Love to provide the serial numbers when he is able to locate them. Deputy Love along with Sgt. Causseaux and Lt. Paul canvassed the surrounding areas in attempt to locate video footage but to no avail.
- While canvassing the neighborhood for video footage in the above mentioned incident, deputies made contact with a citizen who also ended up being a victim of a vehicle burglary as well. While interviewing him, it was determined the only item of value that was stolen out of his vehicle was a pair of ear muffs. As the investigation continued, he ultimately informed deputies he was able to locate the original packaging the suspect tore apart to retrieve the ear muffs in a neighbor's yard approximately 100 yards from the scene. The packaging was collected for evidence.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

- A citizen reported the theft of two generators. He valued both generators at approximately \$1,150.
- A citizen reported the theft of cooper wiring from the substation. He valued the wiring at approximately \$2,500. Due to no video footage or suspect information, this case will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

- Deputy McMullen responded to the sheriff's office lobby in reference to a fraud. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised she was contacted by a subject who claimed to be from Reader's Digest. The subject claimed they sent checks to her and requested she pay them back due to tax reasons. She advised she sent the money via gift cards as requested before realized she was being scammed. She advised she sent \$800.
- Deputy McMullen in addition to the above incident responded to the sheriff's office lobby in reference to a fraud. Contact was made with a citizen who advised she was contacted by a subject who claimed to be from Reader's Digest. The subject claimed they sent checks to her and requested she pay them back due to tax reasons. She advised she sent the money via gift cards as requested before realized she was being scammed. She advised she sent \$19,000. Case forwarded to CID.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

- Deputy Bushong was dispatched Stanley Drive in reference to a theft. Contact was made with a citizen who advised during a prior incident he had dropped

his keys and was unaware. He stated he recently discovered his keys to be in the possession of his ex-girlfriend. He advised this discovery was made by posts on Facebook of her taking pictures of herself with his keys. He advised he wished to pursue charges and completed a sworn affidavit and an affidavit for prosecution. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Bushong responded to Lake Ellen Drive in reference to possible criminal mischief. Contact was made with the reporting parties who stated they noticed some damage to their truck. They stated they believe someone tried to take the antenna off and that there were chips in the paint. They named an individual who they believe to have caused the damages due to the them having issues recently. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputy McMullen responded to Dorothy Loop in reference to a stolen vehicle. Contact was made with the reporting person who advised on Aug. 31st he returned home from a trip. Around 9 p.m. he looked out of his bedroom window and saw someone he knows leaving the property in his vehicle. He asked his roommate about this situation and was advised that the individual was going to help a friend who was having vehicle issues. He stated after a few hours the person did not return with the vehicle. He advised over the last few days he had tried to contact him but to no avail and wished to pursue charges for vehicle theft. Case forwarded to CID.
- Deputy Williams responded to Walmart in reference to a revised during a prior incident he had dropped

tion who advised an unknown subject entered the store. The subject took a shopping cart and went to lawn and garden. He then placed two chairs which were on sale in to the shopping cart. He then went to sporting goods and placed another chair with a value of \$59.97 in his shopping cart. The subject then went to self-checkout, scanned the chairs on sale and exited the store failing to pay for the remaining items. Case forwarded to CID.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

- A citizen reported his tire being slashed while he was at Dux on Sept. 2. Deputy Kreitlow responded to Dux and reviewed the video surveillance footage. Deputy Kreitlow was able to determine a suspect. When the victim learned who the suspect was, he refused to prosecute.
- Walmart Asset Protection reported a delayed theft. Taken was approximately \$32 of unpaid merchandise.
- Deputies responded to a fight in progress located at the Waffle House. Upon arrival, Skylar Laing, Santana Ahrent, and Essence Blue were proven to have been involved in a physical altercation that was mutual. During the investigation, it was determined that all involved parties were extremely intoxicated during the incident. After reviewing footage from a witness, it was determined that the fight was mutual from all parties. Therefore, they were all transported to the Wakulla County Jail without further incident.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0917-0924 TWS NOFS

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, CASE NO. 25000125CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A CASSANDRA KRIMMEL, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 06, 2026, and entered in 25000125CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A CASSANDRA KRIMMEL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CASSANDRA CHARLENE KRIMMEL A/K/A CASSANDRA KRIMMEL; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION 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 08, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK A OF WAKULLA HEIGHTS UNIT 1, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OR RECORD ON PAGE 68, PLAT BOOK 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, INCLUDING THE 1999 MOBILE HOME WIHT VIN NUMBERS OW65172A AND OW65172B, AND TITLE NUMBERS 79331230 AND 79331278.

Property Address: 19 ATKINSON RD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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

Dated this 8th day of September 2026.

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



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NOTICE OF ACTION

0917-1008 TWS NOA

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

HARLAN N. HARLOW, Case No.: 2026 CA 000115
PLAINTIFF,
V.
BLANCHE HAMILTON, PAMELA HAMILTON, TARAE HAMILTON, AND SHANNA HAMILTON, AS HEIRS OF RICHARD HAMILTON, DECEASED; MICHAEL FARMER, SR.; BRIDGETT FARMER; GREGORY FARMER; QIANAPATTERSON, YOLANDA FARMER, GERALD FARMER, JR., JOSHUA FARMER, JOHNTAY FARMER, KEVIN FERGUSON, RONNIE FARMER, AND ANTHONY FARMER, AS HEIRS OF GERALD FARMER, DECEASED, CHARLES FARMER; JACKIE FARMER; CYNTHIA FARMER JACKSON; DAVID FARMER; PATRICIA E. FARMER; TANIA C. OGLESBY, JONATHAN ROBINSON, NATIA OGLESBY, JOH'NIA ROBINSON, AND SAMMIE PHILLIPS, JR., AS HEIRS OF BENJAMIN C. FARMER, JR., DECEASED; BETTY HAWKINS BEY A/K/A BETTY HAWKINS BAY; DIANE HAWKINS; BOOKER HAWKINS, JR.; IRENE HAWKINS STAUFFER A/K/A IRENE HAWKINS; ROSAPHINE MITCHELL; KENNETH HUGHES, DERRICK HUGHES, DIANA BLUE, CONNIE HUGHES, AND RITA MARCHESSAULT, AS HEIRS OF QUEEN MCRAE A/K/A QUEEN CANNON; LEONARD MCPHERSON; SANDRA A. LITTLETON, ANTHONY STORY, FREDERICK STORY, AND JAMEICA CHESTER, AS HEIRS OFFLOREE J. MCPHERSON A/K/A FLOREE JOHNSON-MCPHERSON, DECEASED; PHILIP MCPHERSON; ERNESTINE LITTLE;
THE UNKNOWN GRANTEES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST UNDER OR AGAINST THAT CERTAIN DEED DATED MARCH 26, 1921, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 10, PAGE 504 PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST W.H. HAWKINS A/K/A WILL HAWKINS, DECEASED, EMMA HAWKINS, DECEASED, ELIZABETH HAWKINS FARMER A/K/A LIZZIE G. FARMER, DECEASED, BOOKER T. HAWKINS, DECEASED, QUEEN MCRAE A/K/A QUEEN CANNON, DECEASED, ELMORE HAWKINS MCPHERSON A/K/A ELMA HAWKINS MCPHERSON, DECEASED, FLOREE JOHNSON-MCPHERSON A/K/A FLOREE J. MCPHERSON, DECEASED, MABEL FARMER LONG, DECEASED, RICHARD HAMILTON, DECEASED, GERALD FARMER, DECEASED, BENJAMIN C. FARMER, JR., DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE NAMED Defendants, their spouses, or their predecessors in title,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: ALL DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST NATHANIEL FARMER, DECEASED, AND WILL HAWKINS a/k/a W.H. HAWKINS, DECEASED, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to quiet title on real property, lying and being and situated in Wakulla County, Florida, which is more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a light wood hub making the Northeast Corner of Lot 5, of the Hartsfield Survey of Lands in Wakulla County, Florida; thence run along the Northerly boundary line of said Lot 5, South 70 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West 646.35 feet; thence leaving said Northerly boundary line run South 15 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East 1401.65 feet to a found iron rod, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 72 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 645.95 feet to an iron pipe lying on the Easterly boundary line of Lot 5, of said Hartsfield survey ofland; thence run along said Easterly boundary line as follows: South 15 degrees 57 minutes 33 seconds East 150.79 feet to a found concrete monument; thence run South 14 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 56.91 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 15 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds East 43.17 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 16 degrees 55 minutes 08 seconds East 163.19 feet to a concrete monument; thence leaving said Easterly boundary line run South 73 degrees 08 minutes 14 seconds West 633.95 feet; thence run North 17 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 403.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 6.00 acres more or less.

Street Address: 2504 Dr. MLK Jr. Memorial Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Parcel ID: 00-00-005-000-06237-000

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any upon Plaintiffs Attorney, Eric S. Haug, Legacy Legal & Consulting, 2618 Centennial Place, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, September 17, 2026, and to file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2026.

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



Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 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

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

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



NOTICE OF ACTION

0827-0917 TWS NOA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIR-
CUIT 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

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



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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.
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

Case No.: 2026-CA-000102

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 L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

September 3, 10, 17, 24 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
REIS D. ALSBERRY
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No.: 26000134CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Reis D. Alsberry, deceased, whose date of death was July 7, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for WAKULLA County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent’s death by the decedent or the decedent’s surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 10, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative:
/s/Wendy Hill ElDeiry /s/Barbara Alsberry
Wendy Hill ElDeiry, Attorney Barbara Alsberry
Florida Bar Number: 091340 7401 Yahley Mill Hollow
ELDEIRY & ELDEIRY PA Henrico, VA 23231
480 Sawgrass Corp. Pkwy., Ste 110
SUNRISE, FL 33325
Telephone: (954) 670-2800
E-Mail: whe@eldeirylaw.com

Sept. 10, 17, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FANNIE ROSE SAITTA
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

File No.: 26-CP-000133

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Fannie Rose Saitta, deceased, File Number: 26-CP-000133, by the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327; that the decedent’s date of death was February 13, 2026; that the total value of the estate is \$137,248.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
William Joseph Saitta	4 Chinook Trail, Crawfordville, FL 32327

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent’s death by the decedent or the decedent’s surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.288 Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 10, 2026.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Michele Diglio-Benkiran, Esquire William Joseph Saitta
Michele Diglio-Benkiran, Esquire 4 Chinook Trail
Florida Bar Number: 0162620 Crawfordville, Florida 32327
Legal Counsel, P.A. Sep 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 2026
13330 W. Colonial Drive, Unit 110
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Telephone: (407) 982-4321
E-Mail: efiling@legalcounselpa.com
Secondary E-Mail:
michele@legalcounselpa.com
Attorney for Petitioner, William Joseph Saitta

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

0910-0917 TWS NOFS

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CASE NO. 26000037CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIANNA CRONAN AND PHILLIP HIGHSMITH, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 07, 2026, and entered in 26000037CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and BRIANNA CRONAN; PHILLIP HIGHSMITH; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.; COMMODORE COMMONS OF WAKULLA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNER’S ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Greg James as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., the Front Lobby, Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville, FL 32327, at 11:00 AM, on 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 27th day of August 2026.

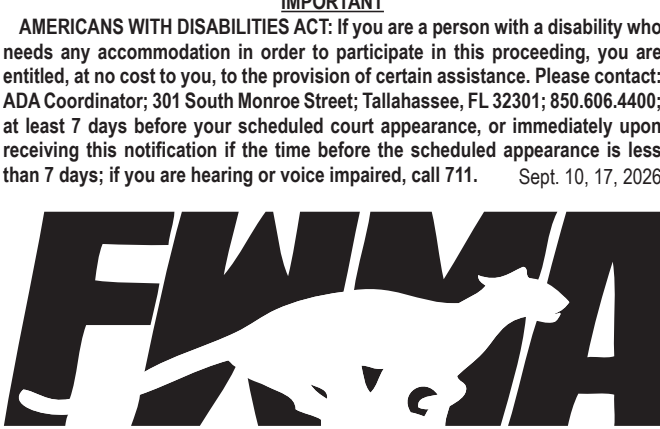
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Greg James
As Clerk of the Court
By: **/s/ Rachel L Howard**
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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

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 130

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

Certificate #: 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 131

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

Certificate #: 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.

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TAX DEED FILE NO. 2026 TXD 132

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **CHRISTINA M GUERRA** 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.

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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.

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SAFE SPORTS

WORD SEARCH

W	K	F	E	B	A	T	H	L	E	T	E	M	P	N	I	A	R	T	S
U	H	E	L	M	E	T	U	P	L	Y	O	D	V	N	P	M	C	N	P
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A	W	H	D	L	Y	E	L	Y	A	I	T	L	A	F	C	S	K	O	U
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G	O	C	P	F	O	R	A	A	B	I	D	D	O	U	R	A	W	S	E
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F	N	C	F	T	E	A	M	W	O	R	K	W	T	L	E	O	O	O	I
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I	I	E	T	I	U	R	M	H	T	O	H	U	R	W	H	S	F	R	N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ATHLETE
BRACE
CLEATS
CONCUSSION
CONDITIONING
CONTUSION
COOL DOWN
ERGONOMICS
GOGGLES
HELMET
HYDRATION
IMPACT
INFLAMMATION
MOUTH GUARD
PADDING
REFEREE
REHABILITATION
SPORTSMANSHIP
SPRAIN
STAMINA
STRAIN
SUPERVISION
TEAMWORK
WARM-UP

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. A young canine
8. North Carolina university
11. “Oddbod” actor Tom
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Mysterious “Severance” family
16. Single Lens Reflex
17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency
38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Late AC/DC front-man Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don’t forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. “__ and flows”

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope

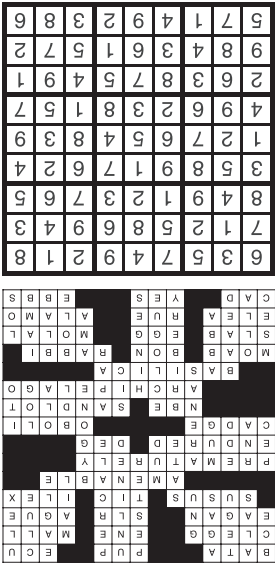
14. It’s delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It’s used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities with
42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. __ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors’ group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. __ Angeles

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports.

IEFDL



6				4				8
7	1	2				9		3
	4		1		3	7		
3	5	8			7			
			6		4		3	
	9	6	2	3	8	1		
					5	4		1
	8							2
5	7				2		8	

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an athlete born in Texas on September 17, 1995. I played football, basketball and baseball while in high school. But football is where I eventually gravitated, despite my father playing professional baseball. I have led the Kansas City Chiefs to several Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Field

Answer: Patrick Mahomes



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