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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

Thursday

Cloudy

Hi: 81° Lo: 69° 52%

Sunrise 7:35 AM
Sunset 7:14 PM

Friday

Rain

Hi: 77° Lo: 71° 79%

Sunrise 7:36 AM
Sunset 7:13 PM

Saturday

Thunderstorms

Hi: 79° Lo: 72° 92%

Sunrise 7:36 AM
Sunset 7:12 PM



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Our 5th Year 41st Issue
Thursday, October 8, 2026

Sopchoppy issues

City Clerk Ashley Schilling yells a vulgarity and walks out of budget workshop

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

At a budget workshop for the City of Sopchoppy at the end of August, there was “verbal exchange between (Public Works Director Seth) Green and (City Clerk Ashley) Schilling,” according to minutes of the meeting. “Schilling abruptly walked out of the meeting and returned after a period of time.”

A disciplinary report on Schilling written by City Attorney Dan Cox described the scene more vividly: “You reacted to discussions with an unprofessional explosion of anger, left the Council Chambers while budget discussions were ongoing and yelled an explicit vulgar epithet as you left the room. You later returned but repeated these actions a second time before then returning through the conculsion of the meeting.”

Cox, in that same report dated Sept. 8, also noted it was the first time in Schilling’s lengthy career with the city that she has exhibited such conduct.

Schilling sent an email to city council members apologizing for her actions, and claiming that “my role is being marginalized and disre-



Sopchoppy City Clerk Ashley Schilling

spected by Public Works Director Seth Green. It is my belief that he does this because I am a woman. He does not treat any male employees this way.”

Cox wrote of Schilling’s apology that she was attempting to deflect blame for her actions onto Green.

Cox and Sopchoppy Mayor Leonard Tartt held a meeting with Schilling to discuss discipline, and in the line for Schilling’s signature

is written: “Refused to sign.”

The disciplinary report is notable in that it is marked “CONFIDENTIAL FOR CITY COUNCIL EYES ONLY” – which would appear to be not in keeping with requirements of Florida Public Records Law.

The Wakulla Sun obtained the records through a Public Records Request that took two weeks to fulfill. An intial request for records was filed on Sept. 16,

and a week later a subsequent email was sent to Cox again requesting the records and indicating the newspaper was prepared to take legal action to obtain them.

Cox hand-delivered the public records at a city meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The tranche of records includes emails from several city council members to Cox reacting to events.

Council member Nathan Lewis wrote that he didn’t believe Green had brought any issues to him that has minimized Schilling, her role or its importance. Rather, he wrote, “It is not that her comments have been incorrect or unwanted, but that they often come off as confrontational.”

Council member Lara Edwards wrote that Schilling’s apology was insufficient and should be addressed by the entire council at their next meeting.

At that next council meeting, on Sept. 14, Edwards attempted to bring up the issue and was quickly shut down by Cox and the meeting was abruptly ajourned, according to Sun Correspondent Linda Ann McDonald.

A letter from Cox to Schilling dated Sept. 14 and hand-delivered to

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St. Marks commissioner, businessman John Gunter dies

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The City of St. Marks mourns the passing of long time City Commissioner and community pillar, John Gunter, who passed away on Sept. 28. He was 69.

Gunter, owner of Posey’s and later, Cooter Stew, owned businesses that were social anchors to the St. Marks community.

Cornerstone of his community, John’s public service as a city commissioner reflected the same values he carried in his businesses and personal life – commitment, steadiness, and genuine care for the people around him. At the time of his death, there were still two years remaining on his term on the city commission, which runs until November 2028.

St. Marks City Clerk and close friend of the Gunter family, Paula Bell, said, “My heart is breaking, John was one of my closest friends, as well as a great friend to all. He was a great asset to this community in which he cared so deeply for.

His loss is felt not only by his family — including his wife Daphne, his children, and grandchildren — but by the countless residents who saw him as part of what made St. Marks feel like home.

Gulf Atlantic Bank opens in Crawfordville

Special to The Sun

Gulf Atlantic Bank is pleased to announce its continued expansion in North Florida with the recent purchase of property at 2395 Crawfordville Highway in Crawfordville, marking an important milestone in the bank’s growing commitment to Wakulla County and the surrounding communities.

Gulf Atlantic Bank currently operates full-service banking locations in Key West, Ocala, Plant City and Lake Placid, with an additional location underway in Lakeland. The Crawfordville expansion reflects the bank’s strategy of growing in strong Florida communities where relationship banking, local decision-making and personalized service can make a meaningful difference.

Bryan Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Atlantic Bank, said the expansion represents both an investment in Wakulla County and a continuation of the bank’s long-term growth strategy. “We are very excited about Gulf Atlantic Bank’s future in Wakulla County,” Robinson said. “Crawfordville is a growing, vibrant community, and we believe our relationship-focused approach to banking is an excellent fit for this market.”

Gulf Atlantic Bank is already serving clients in the Crawfordville market through its local team, including Heather Benton, Commercial Lender, and Michael Hutchison, Business Development Officer. Both bring extensive banking experience, local market knowledge and strong community relationships to Gulf Atlantic Bank.

Benton said the response from the community has already been encouraging. “We’re excited about the relationships we’re already building in Wakulla County,” Benton said. “Our goal is to deliver personalized financial solutions while providing the accessibility and service our clients expect from a true community bank. We’re looking forward to growing alongside this community for many years to come.”

The Crawfordville location currently operates as a loan production office and is expected to transition to a full-service Gulf Atlantic Bank branch in early 2027.



Heather Benton



Michael Hutchison

Dolly tribute at WCT

Wakulla Community Theater honors the late singer with songs and more

By NICOLE CASE
Correspondent

Wakulla Community Theater held a Dolly! event, a celebration of Dolly Parton’s life and work, at the Historical Sopchoppy Auditorium on Friday, Oct. 2.

Directed by Mina Sutton and Mary Katherine Westmark on the stage crew, and produced by the City of Sopchoppy, Dolly! featured a Dolly Parton lookalike contest, performances of Parton’s songs, prize drawings, trivia, and more. A portion of the night’s proceeds will go to Parton’s Imagination Library and the Wakulla High School Theater.

Led by Riley Carraway, the event’s MC, Dolly! began with footage of an old Parton interview.

For the first act of the night, the audience was tasked with judging the Dolly Parton lookalikes. Carraway called the participants to the stage, each dressed in an imitation of one of Parton’s iconic outfits, with platinum blonde wigs to match. Though most of the competitors were adults, like Jo Ann Watkins, who won first place in a landslide, people of all ages were encouraged



Luna Martinez performing ‘Here You Come Again.’



Jo Ann Watkins won the lookalike contest.

to enter the contest.

Wakulla singers Lauren Wilhelm, Lynn Martinez, and Tanner Prafford & Lily Nichols performed covers of “Jolene,” “Here You Come Again,” and “Islands in the Stream.”

A series of prize drawings, consisting of items such as paintings and tote bags with Dolly Parton-inspired mottos, was held.

The event’s next performance, this one of

“Eagle When She Flies,” came courtesy of Kathryn Golden, who is also set to play a part in WCT’s upcoming production of Blithe Spirit in November.

Other featured acts include that of the Wakulla Line Dancers, who danced to Romeo; Claire Blackwell and Hannah Hall, who sang a duet of “9 to 5”; and Era Tuff’s rendition of “Two Doors Down.” Nichols also returned to the stage with her sister,

Laurel, to perform “Coat of Many Colors.”

Wes Thurmond, the last act in the night’s youth section, followed this up with a guitar-backed cover of Parton’s “Do I Ever Cross Your Mind.”

In the spirit of the event, many folks wore blonde wigs, including Wilhelm, Tuff, and Carraway, and Thurmond joined in for his own performance, saying, “Well, as the only solo male performer here, some compromises had to be made,” as he put on a curly blond wig.

In between sections, Carraway announced the silent auction winner, Mary Harvey, and her prize: three photographs of Dolly Parton. Mary’s daughter, Jennifer, followed the announcement up with an electric performance of “Why’d You Walk in Here Lookin’ Like That.”

Finally, Cristi Sorensen sang “I Will Always Love You.” The song is personal to Sorensen, as she heard it often as a child, but grew up singing a Whitney Houston’s version

As the close, all the singers gathered to perform “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” as a group,



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Student of the Week

Logan Smith – Wakulla High School

Achievements/Reason for Nomination: Wakulla High School is proud to recognize Logan Smith as our Student of the Week. A senior who exemplifies responsibility, academic excellence, and leadership, Logan maintains strong grades, actively participates in school activities, and consistently contributes positively to campus life.

A talented performer and dedicated leader, Logan serves as both Theatre President and Senior Class President. Theatre teacher Krissy Sanchez describes him as the department’s “Golden Goose,” saying, “Whatever he takes on, he has a way of making it shine.” She adds that Logan is not only an award-winning performer, but also “a genuinely kind, hardworking, and wonderful person who leads by example and cares about everyone he comes in contact with.”

His commitment to excellence, both in and out of the classroom, makes him a tremendous representative of Wakulla High School.!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK FEATURES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

Plant of the Week By Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS

Scarlet Calamint

By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER



The stunning brilliant red flowers of scarlet calamint (*Calamintha coccinea*) attract hummingbirds and large butterflies. The nectar-rich tubular flowers are 1-2 inches long with 2 flaring lobed lips. Scarlet calamint is a small woody semi-evergreen shrub with thin wiry stems. It grows 3-4’ tall by 2-3’ wide in full sun and very sandy soil with a taproot reaching 3-4 feet. The tiny deep green leaves are mildly aromatic when crushed. Also called red basil, this member of the mint family is native to coastal areas of eastern GA, southern AL and MS, the FL panhandle and central FL. It grows in sandhill, sandy flatwoods, coastal dune, and scrub habitats. Scarlet calamint is flowering now in coastal areas of Wakulla and Franklin counties such as Bald Point State Park.

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Wakulla County Tax Collectors Office

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Wakulla County Tax Collector

FLORIDA BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATE



The Florida Breast Cancer Foundation (FBCF) was founded by 3 Miami women in 1993. Originally named The South Florida Breast Cancer Coalition, the organization began as a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through advocacy, education, and research. With the introduction of the specialty End Breast Cancer license plate in 2002, a second organization was formed the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation - created to receive the funds from the sale of the plate. A few years later our official name changed to the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation, but our mission and vision remains the same.

Dr. Chuck Hess speaks to Native Plant Society

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society welcomed former County Commissioner and retired forestry biologist Dr. Chuck Hess for an evening presentation at the Wakulla County Library, on Sept. 15th.

The lecture titled, “Trends in Vegetation, Prescribed Fire, and the ‘Landscape Trap’ in the Long Leaf Pine Ecosystem” focused on educating guests about the changing conditions within one of North Florida’s most important ecosystems, the Apalachicola National Forest.

Shifts in vegetation, altered fire patterns, and long-term land management decisions can influence the health of the forest, thus, creating what researchers call a “landscape trap” where natural systems become increasingly difficult to restore without planned management.

The “landscape trap” concept was formally researched and defined by a team of ecological scientists led by Dr. David B. Lindenmayer and Gene E. Likens.

Hess, who is a wildlife biologist who retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 25 years of public service, shared his deep knowledge of North Florida’s native plant communities and long leaf pine ecosystems.

“The forest is becoming unburnable under natural conditions,” he said.

Explaining how prescribed burns work, Hess said, “Frequent low-intensity fire requires either abundant needle cast (which is proportional to the basal area) or herbaceous groundcover.” Basal area is one of the most important measurements in forestry and prescribed-fire management.

Basal area tells land managers how much of the ground area in forest is occupied by the cross-sectional area



of tree trunks. Basal area is the total cross-sectional area of all tree stems at breast height (4.5 feet above the ground) per acre. It is expressed in square feet per acre.

“If you don’t have 40% per acre of burn severity assessment (BSA) of pine basal area, or 40% per acre of BSA of groundcover, or if the percentages get too low, you enter a problem that can’t be fixed by fire,” Hess said. “You will have to spend lots and lots of money to get the forest back to its natural conditions.”

Hess also stated, “We are no longer paying attention to the forest itself; we are losing trees to fire faster than they are being replaced.”

A takeaway from the lecture empha-

sized that “Between 1996 and 2023, there was significant declines in both districts of the Apalachicola National Forest in wiregrass and herbaceous groundcover. “In the Wakulla Ranger District, there was a significant decline between 2001 and 2023 in tree saplings.”

Jack Rudloe, founder of Panacea’s Gulf Specimen Marine Lab, commented during the lecture, “The value of the smoke is important. The smoke goes out to sea and fertilizes the phytoplankton. The nutrients are released as the fire consumes the landscapes.”

Hess stressed, “We need to be ambassadors of our forest. If we don’t burn the forest today, it’s eventually going to catch fire; prescribed burns are important. It protects your home and your health.”

Dr. Lynn Artz, a member of the Native Plant Society and also a former county commissioner, shared a presentation with the group on pollinators and wildflowers.

Free native plant seeds were distributed at the event along with supplementary educational material.

Artistic swimmers perform at Wakulla Springs

By LINDA ANN McDONALD
Correspondent

The Tallahassee Serinas Artistic Swimming Team showcased their award-winning athleticism as they performed in the waters of Wakulla Springs on Saturday, an event hosted by the Friends of Wakulla Springs.

The athletes, ranging in age from 9 to 17 years old, included Baelynn Bixler, Elena Gelhardt, Elyse Gelhardt, Clara Hunter, Julia Hunter, Emma Rinehart, Jasper Brooks and Zoë Fisher.

After researching the Florida State Archives and learning about the aquatic shows once performed by the Tarpon Club of the Florida State College for Women, Chris Brown, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, became determined to revive the tradition and bring history back to Wakulla Springs.

Brown’s efforts aim to bring that spirit back to the springs, reconnecting audiences with a beloved chapter of Wakulla Spring’s cultural past. Brown mentioned, “Edward Ball used to love the shows, and I want to help bring this back.”

“I called FSU athletic club, and I asked if there were any synchronized swimming programs, and they said no, so they pointed me in the direction of the Serinas Club.”

“The sport, added to the Olympics in 1984 was formerly known as synchronized swimming. The change was made to highlight the sports artistic and athletic complexity, improve its visibility, and align it with other judged sports programs like gymnastics and figure skating, said coaches Anna Jowers and Andrea Gutierrez.

“The girls train 1-2 hours, 4 to 5 days a week and if we are preparing for competition, we get ready to train up to 6 hours a day.” The team



The Serinas Artistic Swimmers prepare to perform.

has competed and placed in the Junior Olympics held in Michigan. The group performed techniques such as basket lift and Emma Rinehart filled the role as the flyer for the presentation.

During the show, the girls were forced to adjust to the naturally occurring current of the spring, however, they progressively transitioned and delivered an outstanding performance.

Viewers filled the swimming area and both tiers of the Wakulla Springs dive tower to enjoy the award-winning artistic swimming team demonstrate their strength, endurance, complex transitions and artistic impression.

During the performance, a manatee surfaced adjacent to the roped off swimming area, adding even more natural beauty to the event.

FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the “Agency”), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08, 163.081, 163.082 and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency’s statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the “Qualifying Improvements”). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments to be collected by the Tax Collector in each County. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL on November 3, 2026, at 2pm. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency’s website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency’s website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before November 2, 2026 at 8am, so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

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WAKULLA COUNTY

STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report for Wakulla County is available for public review and comment. Any interested parties that wish to review the report must contact the Wakulla County Planning and Community Development office located in the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Complex at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 at (850) 926-3695. Members of the public may submit written comments to the same address. Please include your name, address and interest affected. Any comments received will be submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation with the annual report.

October 8, 2026

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INVITATION TO BID NO: 2026-20

REBID LOWER BRIDGE FLOATING DOCK IMPROVEMENTS

BID ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2026

BID RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2026

BIDS DUE DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 29, 2026, AT 3:00 P.M. EST

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, on October 29, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned unopened.

The principal features of this procurement by the County are known as: REBID LOWER BRIDGE FLOATING DOCK IMPROVEMENTS. The specifications of this procurement are stated in ITB 2026-20.

This ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County’s Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the Wakulla County BOCC Procurement Office at 850-926-0919, Ext. 715 or Procurement@mywakulla.com.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment, is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

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Oct. 8, 2026

Opinions

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



Sopchoppy Lions honor Randy Anderson

The Sopchoppy Lions Club proudly announces the addition of a new Melvin Jones Fellow Award winner in its membership! Lion member Randy Anderson was selected for the prestigious award in July of this year. The Melvin Jones Award, named for the founder of the Lions Clubs, is presented to Lions for years of continuous and exemplary service. Randy Anderson, a member of the Sopchoppy Lions for 50 years, joins Lion Warren Harden who received the award in 2025. Lion President Sal Martocci presented the award commenting, “Both Lions, Warren and Randy, represent the true meaning of the Lions motto, ‘We Serve’. We are honored to have them in our club.” The Sopchoppy Lions Club was chartered by Lions International in September 1952 and has served the Sopchoppy Community in a variety of programs over the years. For more information about the club’s activities/services or to join, call (850) 320-553 or 962-3711.



Open House at English

English Financial held an Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 29 catered by Posey’s. At left, Jordan Lee, Brian English and Megan Smith at the event.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Thanks to Fire Rescue for care

Editor, The Sun:

Mr. Snowden, my name is Carolyn Powell, 850-567-4471. I had an occasion on Saturday, September 12 to require an ambulance to transport me to TMH. I want to shout out my thanks to ALL fire and rescue available to Wakulla County. The all do an awesome job.

Two EMTs arrived at my house within minutes in the pouring rain. They were Cody and Raymond. I couldn’t have asked for more professional kind and compassionate guys. They took me to the hospital and stayed with me until I was placed in a room with medical staff.

Kudos to them from a very sick lady in horrible pain. God bless our Wakulla Fire-Rescue family.

Carolyn Powell
Crawfordville

Vote No on Amendment 3

Editor, The Sun:

Fellow Citizens of Wakulla County,

I want to encourage everyone to be good citizens and exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026.

In addition to selecting those

who will represent us in many government positions, there are three amendments to our state constitution which our legislators have asked us to vote on.

I’m particularly concerned about Amendment 3, the increase to Homestead Exemptions in 2027 and 2028. Most of us would like to see our property taxes go down, and while that would occur with the passage of this amendment, that’s not the REAL story.

The TRUTH is this amendment would transfer power away from

local governments (our county commission) and move it to the state, by making us more dependent on revenue from state government.

Our local government leaders would face very difficult budgetary decisions, likely meaning funding for animal control, services for the elderly and our new local library would be drastically reduced or cut altogether. It could lead to reduced staffing for our local law enforcement and fire/rescue departments.

No one knows for sure, but I hope you’ve read the proposed plan if Amendment 3 passes. It’s not pretty.

100% of property taxes collected in Wakulla County stay in Wakulla County, nothing goes to the state.

If we have a problem with how our property tax dollars are spent, we can talk to our local commissioners. Let’s keep our tax dollars here and keep more control over how our money is being spent.

Vote NO on Amendment 3!

Jack Richardson
Wakulla

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 October 8

Thursday, October 8 • St. Marks City Commission meets at City Hall at 6 p.m. • The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the Wakulla Public Library at 8:30 a.m. New location! • 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.	be recognized before the game. Band, Cheerleaders and Color Guard will be recognized at halftime. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.	Monday, October 12 • 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.	Church every Monday. • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St. • Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.
Friday, October 9 • Wakulla War Eagles host district rival Godby Cougars at J.D. Jones Stadium at 7 p.m. It’s senior night – football players will	Saturday, October 10 • Boots and Bingo, the annual fundraiser for Rotary Club of Wakulla, will be held at 3Y Ranch from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each. • FSU Marine Lab at St. Teresa is holding its Whatever Floats Your Boat competition to build boats with recycled materials. The regatta begins at 11 a.m. • The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group meets at the public library at 10 a.m every second Saturday of the month.	Sunday, October 11	Tuesday, October 13 • 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, October 14 • Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

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Polled at the Chamber’s Wakulla Non-Profit Fair:

What inspired you to join and volunteer with your group?



TAMIKA RICH

Christian Coalition

“Because they do a lot for our youth, we also give scholarships to two Wakulla students each year. I just love the children.”



SARAH GARBER

Crawfordville Lions Club

“Because they help the community with eyesight and hearing. There are also a lot of opportunities to learn how to best serve your community.”



KIMBERLY MATTOX

FSU Health

“I joined this group because I know the creator of it through WCCY and I want to continue the work FSU started last year with the FSU Heath Expo.”



CINDY JONES

Wakulla Giving Hands

“Because I have a compassionate heart for those in need. I’ve been in those shoes, and God tells us to take care of the needy.”



PATRICK ALLISON

Chamber Non-Profit Group

“Because I have clients that I can’t meet all of their needs so I organized this group so we could benefit the community, and I would know who to send my clients to.”

Wakulla Crossroads

By Verna Brock

By the time you read this, the Wakulla County Public Library will have had its grand opening in the new Crawfordville facility. Located on the corner of Shadeville Road and Trice Lane, adjacent to the Community Center property, it is a beautiful building. Perhaps you’ve seen the drone footage taken within the library and posted on social media! Be sure to “check it out” if you haven’t already.

Speaking of the Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a resource fair there this past Saturday.

Well over 20 organizations were on site, sharing the services they provide for our citizens. Many thanks to the Chamber for taking the initiative on this project.

This coming Sunday the Wakulla United Methodist Church will host its annual Homecoming. Church service starts at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish dinner at 11. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our congregation’s 182 years of Methodism in Wakulla Station.

That same evening, the Woodville U.M.C. hosts its monthly Second Sunday Sing at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. The music is always great, the food

delicious, the fellowship warm and it is free and open to the public. If you’ve never participated, come give it a try.

I’ve been dealing with the frustrations of vehicle rentals this past week, while my car is having work done. Forced to choose between a pickup truck and a Chrysler van, I chose the van. You know what? Some cars are too smart for my own good. I’ve become accustomed to driving my zippy little Elantra hybrid. I like (mostly) all of ITS bells and whistles. The same cannot be said of the Chrysler. It guzzles gas (I am spoiled), has a crazy tendency to view random foliage as an obstacle when in reverse, and is very wonky when I try to shut it off. I really can’t wait to get my ride back from Mike’s!

I am, however, enjoying the brief hints of Autumn weather we’ve had lately. Cooler mornings and nights are a welcome respite from the unrelenting heat of this past summer. The butterflies, moths and honeybees are reveling in the 10-foot-tall goldenrod, Spanish needle, “Mexican Petunias” and golden Lantana. All day long, my gardens are abuzz with pretty bugs fluttering and flying from bloom to bloom.

I still have a hummingbird or two hanging out, and the woodpeckers keep me entertained as they hang upside-down to eat shiny red seeds from Magnolia pods. They hop from limb to limb, unconcerned with their spatial orientation. And yes, the crows continue to rob the pecan trees!

Buckhorn News

By Ethel Skipper

Buckhorn community will be looking forward to a big day on Saturday, Oct. 10, as family and friends, moms and dads, cousins, aunts and uncles,

and new acquaintances come together to celebrate Buckhorn Day.

Some of the names of the families: Mills, Allen, Rosier, Franklin, Simmons, Webster, Hines – the list of names gets longer. Everyone is wel-

come.

I didn’t list all the names, so come out on Saturday and read your family name and enjoy old pictures.

Happy birthday wishes to Archie Simmons on 10/4, Rodney on 10/5, Felice Green on 10/6, Charlene Skipper on 10/7, Frank Johns on 10/17,

Chinesta Smith on 10/18, Teresa Boger-Rosier on 10/20, and Solomon Mills Jr. on 10/14.

Our prayer and concern goes out to the Hines family, the Godbolt family, and the Perkins family on the death of their loved ones. Let us pray for each other.

Sheriff’s Report

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

- Deputy McMullen made a traffic stop on 2023 Chevy sedan for a traffic offense at Tiger Hammock and Shadeville roads. The driver admitted to possessing marijuana. The marijuana was seized for destruction.
- Deputy McMullen responded to the sheriff’s office lobby in reference to a found phone. The owner of the phone was identified. Deputies are still attempting to locate the owner.
- Deputy Bushong responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft. Contact was made with Asset Protection who stated a male was seen exiting the store with NBS cards worth approximately \$99.94 passing all points of sale, failing to pay for the merchandise. Case forwarded to Criminal Investigations Division.
- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle due to the registered owner not possessing a valid license. During the stop, the driver, Tiffany Lincoln, admitted to knowing her license was suspended. She was placed under arrest and transported to the jail without incident.
- Dep. Bushong responded to Chinook Trail in reference to criminal mischief. Con-

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

- Deputy Kreitlow responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft. Contact was made with asset protection who advised two subjects stole \$239.75 worth of items.
- Deputy McMillan responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft. Contact was made with asset protection. They advised an unknown female stole \$21.47 worth of items.
- Deputy Hinson responded to Ameris Bank in reference to a scam. Contact was made with the reporting person. She was scammed by a phone call where she believed a “deputy Wallace” called stating she had a warrant. She is out of \$400.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

- Deputies responded to the Medart Rec Park in reference to a citizen reporting an unknown individual taking an ATV and performing donuts in the sand volleyball court. He made contact with deputies later into the shift, advising that they did not want to pursue charges.
- Deputy Sullivan made contact with a citizen who was located at the 4000 block of Crawfordville Highway with his bicycle. He advised he was at the church due to his brakes failing on his bicycle. While speaking to him, a needle was located by his feet. The needle was seized and impounded

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

- Lt. Paul conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Christopher Rentz, who was found to have an active warrant. Rentz was placed under arrest. A search of Rentz was conducted and revealed six Diazepam pills in his pocket. Rentz was then transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.
- Deputy Sullivan observed a disturbance occurring in the area of Shadeville Road and Crawfordville Highway between James Harvey and another individual. While attempting to investigate, Harvey was told multiple times not to interfere while deputies were conducting their investigation. He failed to comply and was ultimately detained. While detaining Harvey, he began to tense and pull away from deputies. Harvey was placed under arrest and transported to the Wakulla County Jail without incident.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

- Units conducted a traffic stop on a green van driven by Matthew Cowell and passenger Tonia Wagoner. Both occupants were asked the exit the vehicle due to officer safety. Under Wagoner’s seat was a bag of methamphetamine. After interviewing both subjects, Cowell took ownership of the meth. A probable cause

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

- A citizen made contact with a deputy in the front lobby in reference

search was conducted of the Ford E150. In the back of the van was a living area where a bed was located. Under the bed, Tristan Dedmon was located hiding from deputies. Dedmon had active burglary and theft warrants out of Leon. Cowell and Dedmon were placed under arrest and transported to county jail.

- Units responded to Walmart in reference to a trespass. Nicole Alday was seen in the store stealing and trespassing. Units waited for Alday to exit the store and arrested her. Alday stole approximately \$321.19 from Walmart.

to paying for a fence job. He advised he paid this person \$8,000 in total for a fence and the worker ultimately took the money and never returned to the job site to finish the job. Case forwarded to CID.

- Deputy Post conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. Upon contact with the driver, Deputy Post developed probable cause to search the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and yielded a small amount of marijuana and marijuana products. The items were seized for destruction.

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Sights are important



By MARJ LAW

Yippee! You’ve found your new handgun! It fits nicely in your hand, and you’ve borrowed one from a range to try it out. The recoil is light. The gun is concealable in your inside the waist-band holster. Now you have protection, you can practice at the Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office range, and all is well!

Except...

You were so busy finding a gun that fit with little recoil that you forgot one thing. Sights.

Darn. Sometimes it’s difficult to line up sights, and some of the older guns are the worst. At least for you: a new or new mature shooter.

One sight is simply a groove along the slide. Line up the groove to your target. It’s not as easy as it seems. Some guns have that groove with a white dot sight in the front. Line up the groove with the white dot to aim at the red circle on your target.

Hm. Practicing at the range is going to take a while.

Sometimes you may

find black rear sights with a painted front sight. Line up the sights so the front and back sights form a straight line and find the bull’s-eye over that center front sight. Depending on your gun, you’ll learn whether to cover the bull’s-eye with your front sight as you aim, or your gun may require you to aim so that the bull’s-eye sits directly above your aligned front sight. That takes some practice and knowledge of your gun.

Sometimes both front and back sights are black. These can be difficult to see. If you have a gun with these, there’s hope for you! You can find some French white nail polish to paint the front sight white. It’ll make lining front and back sights a lot easier.

Fiber optics make aligning sights much easier. Fiber optics are tubes which collect light. They are much easier to see when you try to align them. Some fiber optics combine red and green sights, and there are others with different colors. The different colors make it easier to see to align them. New shooters can find aligning sights to take a lot of practice.

Are your sights tritium? Don’t pooh-pooh those small greyish dots. They may be tritium. Do you want to be able to aim in the dark? Tritium dots glow when it’s dark or with low light. They do not require external light sources. You might want a gun with



sights that glow in the dark. Of course, you’ll still have to practice to align them. In daylight, they can be somewhat difficult to see. More practice.

A gun with a laser sight might be what you’ll want. It focuses a beam of bright light, often red or green, at the target. Lasers do not require you to line up front and rear sights. Point and shoot! Now that’s pretty easy! Except...

Except that the laser is attached to your gun which makes the combination of gun and laser fairly bulky. Finding a holster to fit both might be a trick. Now you have extra size and weight to deal with.

Also, most lasers have to be manually turned on. When Mr. Bad accosts you, do you have time to fiddle with your gun to turn on the laser?

It’s different when your practice at the range than when you suddenly must protect your life or the life of someone else. Your adrenaline is pumping and your hands are shaking... You need to be able to act immediately.

And fast acting will

require practice. Make it easy on yourself and find a gun with sights you can acquire automatically after some practice time at the range.

What is easiest for you, so that at a time of great stress, you will be able to protect yourself?

A big thing to consider is your eyesight; not just the sights on your handgun. According to the site: Ammoman School of Guns, they quote the American Optometric Association about sight changes as we age.

“The muscles that focus our eyes grow weaker as we grow older. This weakening of the muscles makes it harder for us to focus on objects closer to the eyes. Losing this focusing ability for near vision, called presbyopia, occurs because the lens inside the eye becomes less flexible, and it happens to almost everyone as they grow older.”

Well, darn. So now, as we get older, it will be more difficult to see those front sights. Black sights, colored sights, tritium sights... What to do? What to do? You need to focus on your sights to obtain a good

sight picture. Concentrating on them takes time, and time can be in short supply when Mr. Bad suddenly approaches.

Yes, the laser is a point-and-shoot choice, except for that bulk problem under the barrel. But wait, wait! All is not lost!

Some guns now come with a red dot reflex sight. If they don’t come with one, some guns have a plate that you can remove so you can mount a red dot on the rear of the gun’s slide.

Why would you pay quite a bit more for one of these sights?

Yes, they’re more expensive than white dot, fiber optic or tritium sights. However, in bright light or low light, a colored dot shows on its window. Like the laser, this makes your gun a point-and-shoot gun. Just point the dot at the center of the target. No problem of lining up sights! This makes it fast to acquire your target. And, since the red dot sight is mounted at the rear of the gun, it is less bulky than a laser. Most holsters can accommodate the red dot sight.

Today, a red dot sight can come with a green dot. I find the green dot to be crisper than a red dot. So, I prefer the green red dot sight.

Also, with new technology, you can find red dot sights that you don’t have to turn on. At times of trouble, you sure don’t want to have to fiddle with your gun. “Shake awake” red dot sights turn on automatically when you move the gun. How easy is that?

Conversely, when you put your gun away, you don’t have to remember to turn off the sight. How easy is that?

And some of these “shake awake” red dot sights come with solar panels to keep their batteries activated. You might never live long enough to have to change the battery!

Ammoman said: “I also switched over to a red dot this year, and I’m pleased with the results so far. I no longer have to perfectly position my glasses in order to see the sights of my gun. The dot is right there in my field of view as I complete my draw, allowing me to be slightly faster when engaging targets up close, and more accurate with shooting at longer ranges. A red dot may not be right for you, but if you’re struggling to find the front sight as your eyes grow older, it is definitely worth your time to see if it’s the solution you’re looking for.”

I’ve noticed that new shooters blessed with good eyesight seem to prefer shooting a gun with red dot sights.

Try out a gun with a red dot sight, and see for yourself what kind of sight is best for you!

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



HONEYCOMB COWFISH
(*Acanthostracion polygonius*)

The scales of this fish fuse together to create an armor, and the two horns over its eyes. It feeds on marine invertebrates such as shrimp, sponges or tunicates. They live in shallow clear water reefs and grow up to 10” long. Little is known about their reproduction. Each males has two females in a polygamous family group. They are considered a delicacy in the Caribbean but they can cause ciguatera poisoning by eating and concentrating the toxins of dinoflagellates resulting in serious illness in humans.



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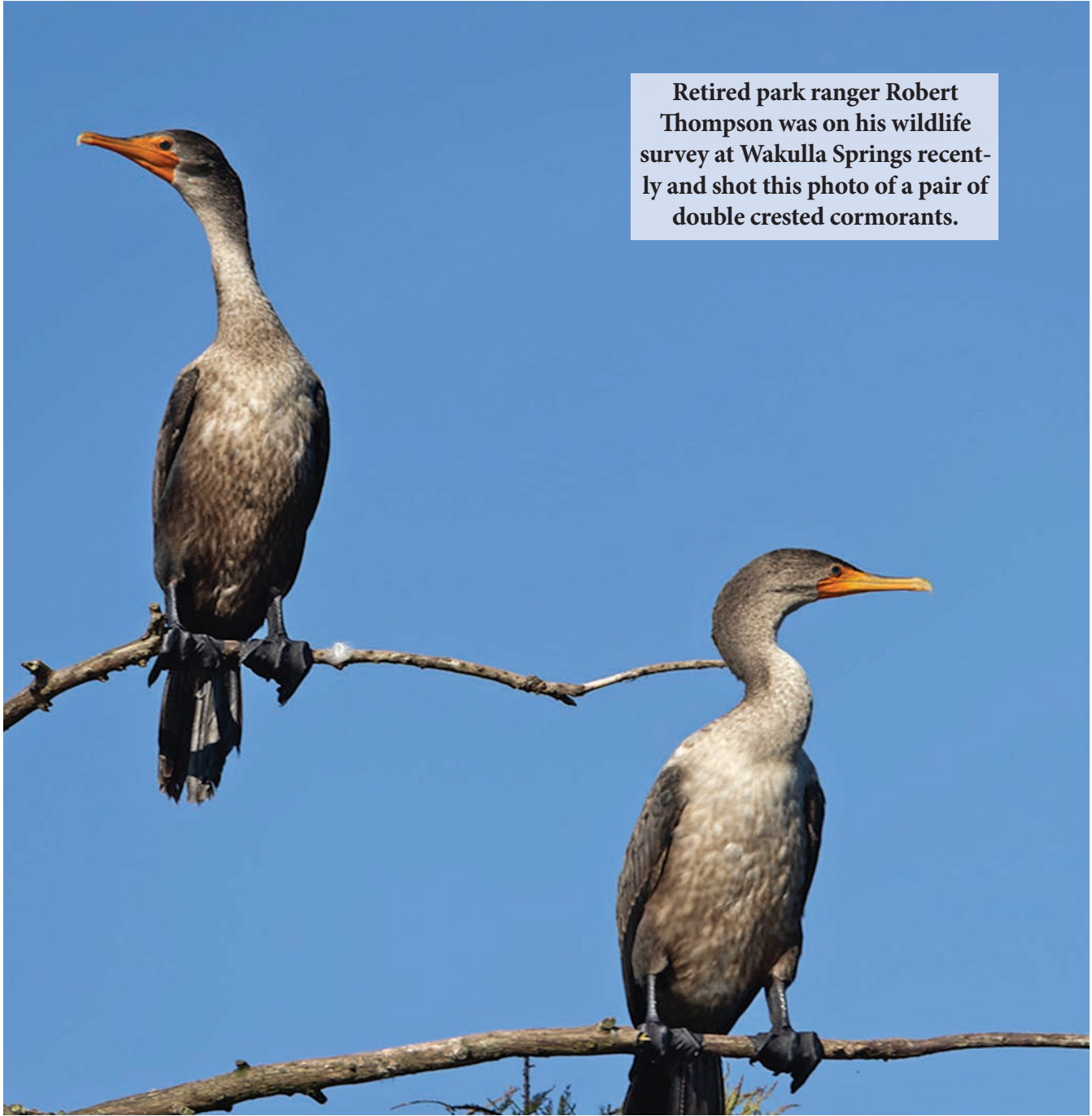
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Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a pair of double crested cormorants.

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Friday 9

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7:34 AM
7:12 PM

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5:32 AM
6:02 PM

Moon Illumination 3 %

Saturday 10

Sun rise/set
7:35 AM
7:11 PM

Moon rise/set
6:32 AM
6:31 PM

Moon Illumination 0 %

Sunday 11

Sun rise/set
7:36 AM
7:10 PM

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7:32 AM
7:01 PM

Moon Illumination 1 %

Monday 12

Sun rise/set
7:37 AM
7:09 PMMoon rise/set
8:32 AM
7:34 PM

Moon Illumination 3 %

Tuesday 13

Sun rise/set
7:38 AM
7:08 PMMoon rise/set
9:25 AM
8:08 PM

Moon Illumination 7 %

Wednesday 14

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7:38 AM
7:07 PMMoon rise/set
10:22 AM
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Moon Illumination 13 %

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High Tide

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Carrabelle 28 Min. 25 Min.

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

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

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

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

Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

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Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

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Jesse Rice is hunting Lionfish

By LINDA ANN McDONALD

Combining the fun of diving and fishing with the responsibility of protecting Wakulla’s ecological and marine resources is exactly why Jesse Rice targets invasive lionfish.

Lionfish are predatory reef fish. They eat native fish, which can reduce native populations and have negative effects on the overall reef habitat and health as they can eliminate species that serve important ecological roles such as fish that keep algae in check on the reefs. Lionfish also compete for food with native predatory fish such as grouper and snapper.

As the owner of Trident restaurant, Rice turns an invasive predator into a culinary highlight by transforming his catch into delicious, Gulf-to-table meals.

“Targeting Lionfish serves several purposes for me – I love to scuba dive, I am a steward of Wakulla’s ecosystem, and I love to provide a new product by serving Lionfish to my customers.

“For 99 out of 100 customers, this will be their first culinary experience



Jesse Rice with a mess of Lionfish.

with Lionfish,” he says. “We do specials including tacos, grits, fruit salsa, rice with mango and Pico de Gallo. We usually fry the fish because the filets are so small.”

Lionfish are stalking predators that often corral prey into a corner. They can consume prey that are more than half of their own length and are known to prey on more than 70 marine fish and invertebrate species.

They also compete for food with native predatory fish such as grouper and snapper and may negatively impact the overall reef habitat by eliminating

organisms that serve important ecological roles such as herbivorous fish that keep algae in check.

“Where there is structure such as a coral reef or any kind of wreck, there are fish, including lionfish,” said Rice. “When I dive, I make it a purpose to clean the wrecks free of Lionfish. When you see Lionfish, they are going to be

in masses, that’s what makes the fishing fun.”

Rice uses a pull sling, which is essentially a slingshot adapted for fishing, to catch Lionfish.

Participating in Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s annual Lionfish Challenge, Rice earned the title of Reef Ranger.

“I’ve harvested over 5,000 Lionfish and with this, the positive impact on the reefs is evident.

“I can see over the 5 years I have been doing this, how the reefs have been cleaned up,” he said.



Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

New boat. March 28, 2013

I understand the FSU Marine Lab has a new research vessel replacing a 50 foot craft that served them well for over three decades. Back then, the 65-foot RV Tursiops had just been returned to surplus property leaving the Marine Lab without a research and training ocean going platform.

Our fledgling diving program had faculty and students seeking marine exposure. With little funding and great resolve, I turned to the courts to find a replacement vessel. After two frustrating years of inspecting confiscated boats around the southeast, I found a Marine Management hull in the Miami River.

For the price of past due dockage, we could take possession of the Wolf, previously used to haul drugs from South America, now confiscated and turned over to FSU. With the resolve of youth, I took several students to Miami, stayed at a friend’s house and over two weeks reassembled what had been stripped (stolen) over the years. When the dock community figured out what we were doing they came to the rescue returning anchors, antennas, fixtures and engine components at no charge. We soon changed out crews and departed for the trip north.

Venturing out into the Miami River with our new boat was short lived. We met bow-to-bow with an incoming freighter, who with no room to maneuver and being much larger than us, forced me back on the dock! We did finally make it out into the Intercoastal Waterway headed for the canal that crossed south Florida through Lake Okeechobee.

Progress was slow as we struggled with contaminated fuel, weather and police raids.

A case of fuel filters accommodated the first problem, anchoring up during storms was relatively easy, but the police raids were another story. We later found out that the Wolf had a reputation which brought her passage to the attention of every legal jurisdiction we passed through.

Lights, sirens and bull horns became routine and small police craft would swarm out of hiding. Police, with hidden but obvious guns would demand our surrender. Paperwork would be exchanged and much frivolity expressed. I suspect they all used us as an exercise, alerting the next county along our passage for good measure.

A big storm kept us in Tarpon Springs for several weeks before moving on north. I had shifted crews again, this time taking on a student raised in Steinhatchee. With family there, we could hardly pass their harbor without a visit.

That night his father visited the boat and like so many before on this trip, recognized the craft. Only he offered to sanitize the Wolf, since he knew of the secret hiding places below.

I was ever so thankful to be rid of any lingering contents of its previous life and agreed.

On a late March evening, the Wolf, soon to be renamed the Nectes, then the Seminole, and finally the Cala Nectes, pulled into the FSU harbor to begin a new life in support of marine science.

I wish the new boat an equally rewarding experience. **Editor’s Note: This is a repeat of a column from 2013.**

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A tribute to pastors



By **SHERYL H. BOLDT**

Dear Pastor,
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We know that being our pastor isn’t always easy. Your hours far exceed those of a 9-to-5

job – and sometimes we can be a handful. Your commitment to God’s calling shows you want to be a good representative of the God you preach about.
We’re grateful for how you deepen our hunger for God’s Word and admonish us to honor Christ in all we do. You encourage us to reach our full potential by serving Him in our homes and communities. Your weekly messages challenge us not to let life’s distractions keep us from God’s purposes.
Most of all, we’re eternally thankful for all

the times you remind us that God loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.
We can’t thank you enough for the many hours you’ve spent reading and researching Scripture, praying for clarity. You’ve persevered, prayed through and taught us the hard verses. We admire you for not backing down from teaching “unpopular” verses and doctrine, even when they’re politically incorrect.
We appreciate the sacrifices you and your wife make for us. For selflessly putting others’

needs ahead of your own. For being available and approachable. For representing Christ well.
Your years-long dedication clearly shows how much you want to be there for us, even when you can’t. We understand your schedule and human limitations. We know that, whether present or absent, you bring our needs to our powerful and ever-present God in prayer.
You and your wife are important to us and our community. We’re praying for you as you continue to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call

of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14 ESV). Please let us know how else we can pray for you and your family.
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A side note: To the pastors who are retired or who had to make the difficult decision to leave your church, we thank you for your years of service to your congregation and community. We’re praying for God’s continued grace in your life.

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.

Serving God is worth it



By **CHERYL CRUCE**

I remember watching my mother at 80 years old be baptized as a reaffirmation of her faith in God. My mother was a woman who worked hard and cared deeply for other people. She was also the kind of woman who always had every hair in place, regardless of what else might have been going on around her. That was

just Mom.
I can still see the moment. Age had caught up with her. At 80 years old, my sister and I held her hands as we helped her navigate the steps, finally releasing her to the pastor as she stepped into the baptismal waters. I can see her silver hair flowing freely as the waters covered her. Then, as she stood again, there was a quiet strength in her that I will never forget.
In the stillness of the moment, the pastor asked if she would like to say something to the people. She gave a simple yes and began to speak. She spoke briefly about her life and some of the hardships she had experienced.

She talked about losing her son when he was only 30 years old. She admitted that there had been times when she had walked away from God. But then she talked about coming back, and in that coming back, realizing that God was still there. He had not moved. He had not changed. He had not stopped loving her.
She said after all she had experienced, she wanted those gathered there to know one thing: “Serving God is worth it.”
I have thought about those words many times since that day. Mom wasn’t telling us that serving God had made her life easy. She was telling us that after ev-

erything life had brought her, she had discovered a treasure that life could not take away – unshakable faith.
There was a truth in her words that can only be taught through life and time. God is still God when we hurt, when we grieve, and even when we wander. When we turn around and come home, He is still there, waiting patiently for our return. I think most of us learn the same way. Life teaches us things we could never have understood when we were younger. We begin to see that some things change, some things are lost, and some things are beyond our control.
Jesus once told a short parable about a

man who found a treasure hidden in a field. When he discovered it, he knew he had found something of such great value that he was willing to give up everything else to have it.
I believe Mom had discovered a treasure like that. Not a treasure that could be placed in a box or passed down with the rest of her belongings, but a treasure that had been formed through a lifetime of knowing God. It was a treasure that had grown more valuable with every season of her life. The joys had added to it, but so had the losses. The times she had wandered had not erased it. If anything, they had taught her just how

precious it was to know that God was still there when she found her way home. She had learned that faith could survive sorrow, disappointment, wandering, and loss. After eighty years of life, Mom stood in those baptismal waters and told us what that treasure meant: “Serving God is worth it.”
Praise the Lord, my soul, forget not all his benefits— Psalm 103:2
I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken— Psalm 37:25

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

OUT TO PASTOR

Not everything in life is funny



By **JAMES SNYDER**

I’m the kind of person who finds a sliver of humor in just about everything in life. If I can’t laugh, I guess I’m not awake yet.
The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is not on board with my attitude. It takes her quite a while to find something to laugh at. If only she could see my bathroom mirror in the morning, she could find something to laugh about.
Several years ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I celebrated our birthdays which are two days apart. We went to a restaurant to celebrate. I told the waitress that we were celebrating our birthdays.
She looked at me, smiled, and said, “Tell me, sir, how does it feel to be old?” Then she laughed.
Of course, I laughed back at her, then reached across the table and began squeezing the arm of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I looked back at the waitress and said, “It sure feels good.” The waitress and I were laughing, and the only one not laughing was sitting across the table from me. For some reason she didn’t think it was funny.
I worried she might

bring it up on the way home, but she never did.
I always find ways to turn something around and laugh at it.
Often, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would start a conversation by saying, “I was thinking...”
Then, without thinking, I interrupted her and responded, “With what?” Then I would laugh hysterically. Of course, I was the only one laughing at the time. She would look at me with one of “her looks,” and I could tell she was not laughing, even on the inside.
After 55 years of marital bliss, I have had many occasions to laugh. Even when people make fun of me, I join in the laughter, which is all right with me.
Driving across town last week, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was driving the Sis-sy Van. She was coming close to a red light, and being the knucklehead that I am, I said to her, “There’s a red light, make sure you stop.”
Looking at me, she said, “You think that is funny?”
I must’ve, because I was laughing then. She, on the other hand, was not laughing at all. Looking at me, she said, “Would you like to walk home?”
The one thing that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is afraid of is a cockroach. She sees one, grabs her broom, and chases it until she can get rid of it.
Once, as we were going to bed, before she turned off the light, she

saw a cockroach right under her pillow. She had a screaming moment and then got her shoe and tried to kill that old cockroach.
Upon getting rid of the cockroach, she looked at me and said, “Did you plant that cockroach under my pillow?”
Of course I shook my head in the negative, but as I thought about it, that would’ve been a good plan for me to use. I had never thought of doing something like that. But it was another bullet in my arsenal.
Several weeks later, I thought about that. In the kitchen, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had a box of sugar-free cookies, and I was only allowed one per day.
I wanted my second sugar-free cookie, and I didn’t know how to get it without getting caught. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was in the kitchen, and there was no way I could sneak in and get a cookie. So when I came into the kitchen, I looked back down the hallway and said, “Oh, is that a cockroach down the hallway?”
Coming back into the kitchen, she said, “I guess it got away because I can’t find it.”
After she said that, she looked at me, looked at the box of sugar-free cookies, and then looked back at me. She wasn’t smiling; she was scowling and growling. She just stood there quietly for several minutes, just staring.
I tried, but I couldn’t control myself, and I started laughing.
Then she said, “What

do you think is so funny?”
“Oh, nothing,” I said, trying to control myself, “I was just thinking of a joke.”
Still scowling, she stared at me and said, “I think I know what joke you were thinking of.”
Reflecting on this, I was reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses.
“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones” (Proverbs 17:22).
To me, no medicine is better than a “merry heart.” Sometimes it takes effort to have a merry heart, but it’s worth it in the long run. The real challenge is knowing what I believe is funny.
Sometimes I laugh at the wrong thing and

suffer for it.

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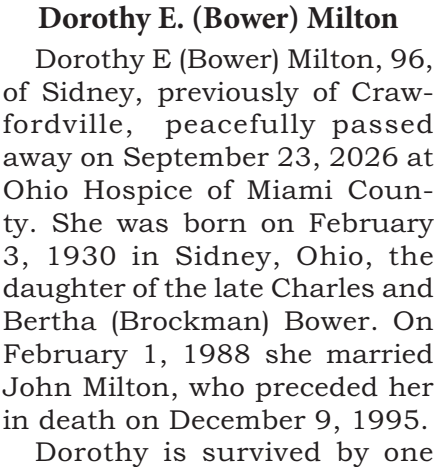


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Hiram Thomas “Tom” Riggins was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a man of faith who lived a life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

Tom was a graduate of Manatee County High School in Bradenton, Florida, Class of 1956. He continued his education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, earning a Bachelor of Science degree, and later earned his MBA from Central Michigan University. After graduating from FSU, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army, beginning a distinguished military career. He retired in 1988 after 27 years of active military service. During his time in the Army, Tom served as a Military Intelligence Officer, with as-

son, John Maxson of Sidney, Ohio; one son, Raymond Milton of Duff, TN; one daughter, Patricia Fultz of Mumford, TN; in laws, Frank and Lucille Milton of New Braunfels, TX; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dennis Maxson; one daughter, Charlotte Clark; one son Horace Milton; one great-granddaughter, Ashlee Coverstone; one sister, Jacqueline Maxson; and

one brother, Ted Bower.

Dorothy and John were previous owners of the Tilton Hilton Bar at Indian Lake. Once retired they ventured to Florida splitting their time between Florida, Tennessee and Ohio to be with family and friends. She cherished her close friendships, and she loved spending time with her family.

A Family Graveside Service will be held at a later date in Duff, Tennessee.

He is survived by his two daughters, Christina Riggins Paiva (John) of Apollo Beach, and Patricia Riggins Allen (Jack) of Elizabethtown, North Carolina; his stepson, Randall Reid Phillips (Lorra) of Crawfordville; his grandchildren, Kyle, Kendall, Blake, and other extended family members and friends who will cherish his memory.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 5, 2026 at Lake Ellen Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. Family will receive friends one hour prior for visitation. Final resting will be Lake Ellen Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

• **John S. Gunter**, 69, of St. Marks passed away September 28, 2026.

• **Fredrick Coleman Hening**, 85, of Wesley Chapel passed away October 4, 2026. 4, 2026.

• **Peter Okin**, 76, of Crawfordville, passed away October 926-591

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her, lays out the process for appealing disciplinary action.

On Sept. 21, Schilling responded with an email to city council members that she is formally appealing the disciplinary action and is being represented by Tallahassee attorney Tiffany Cruz.

In the email, Schilling writes that she takes responsibility for her ac-

tions at the Aug. 31 budget workshop. "My frustration stemmed from feeling overlooked and dismissed on matters tied to my role as City Clerk. Accepting responsibility for my reaction is not the same as agreeing that my underlying concerns were unfounded."

Schilling also poses numerous questions in her email, including asking who initiated the disciplinary action and requested the disciplinary report be prepared? And if the city council collectively consulted or was involved in reaching the decision before the report was presented to her.

A city council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, Schilling's husband, John, went to the speaker's lectern to ask why the proposed discipline of the city clerk was not brought up, and questioning if it needed to be voted on by the full commission.

Cox didn't answer directly, but repeated that the matter was being appealed.

Schilling's mother, Martha Hodge Evans, a former Sopchoppy city council member who had to resign from the council when her daughter was promoted to city clerk several years ago because of potential con-

A controversial issue at the meeting was a proposal by some city council members to outsource payroll and Human Resources.

Prior to the meeting, John Schilling posted on Facebook that the goal was to remove responsibilities of the city clerk as part of the goal of firing her.

Edwards denied there was any goal except streamlining work.

Ashley Schilling and Public Works Director Seth Green declined to comment for this story.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

1001-1008 TWS NOA-NOFS

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

UNION HOME MORTGAGE CORP., CASE NO.: 26000085CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER A/KIA TIMOTHY PLESSINGER, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER AJKIA TIMOTHY PLESSINGER
33 PAULETTE DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER A/KIA TIMOTHY PLESSINGER
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is PO BOX 5026, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33310 on or before _____, a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in THE WAKULLA NEWS) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Dated this 25th day of September 2026.

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By: /s/ Rachel L Howard
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1001-1008 TWS NOFS

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR
OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HB1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIE SHERMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF
OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al.
Defendants

Plaintiff, CASE NO. 24-CA-101

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure
dated **September 15, 2026**, and entered in 24-CA-101 of the Circuit Court
of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein
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OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HB1 is the Plaintiff and
MARIE SHERMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF
OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
AMERIS BANK; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEWISEES,
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ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF
MARIE SHERMAN, DECEASED; RICKY SHERMAN; THE UNKNOWN
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LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY
CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARVIN ANTHONY DAVIS,
DECEASED; DONTANOUS ANTWON DAVIS; DEMARCUS ANTHONY
DAVIS; DEMARIO ANTONIO DAVIS 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 **November 19, 2026**, the following
described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 31 AND 32, BLOCK “21”, WAKULLA GARDENS, UNIT 1,
ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 1, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY,
FLORIDA.

Property Address: 215 NEELEY ROAD, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

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than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in
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Dated this 22nd day of September 2026.

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GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND
ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF
MARIE SHERMAN, DECEASED; RICKY SHERMAN; THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEWISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY
CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARVIN ANTHONY DAVIS,
DECEASED; DONTANOUS ANTWON DAVIS; DEMARCUS ANTHONY
DAVIS; DEMARIO ANTONIO DAVIS 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 **November 19, 2026**, the following
described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Plaintiff, CASE NO. 24-CA-101

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure
dated **September 15, 2026**, and entered in 24-CA-101 of the Circuit Court
of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Florida, wherein
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR
OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2024-HB1 is the Plaintiff and
MARIE SHERMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF
OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
AMERIS BANK; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEWISEES,
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NOTICE OF ACTION

1008-1015 TWS NOA-NOFS

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

UNION HOME MORTGAGE CORP.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER A/KIA TIMOTHY PLESSINGER, et al.,
Defendants

Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 26000085CAAXMX

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER AJKJA TIMOTHY PLESSINGER

33 PAULETTE DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY J. PLESSINGER A/KIA TIMOTHY
PLESSINGER

33 PAULETTE DRIVE, CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the
following described property:

LOT 4 AND NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 5, BLOCK “55”, WAKULLA
GARDENS, UNIT FIVE, A SUBDIVISION

AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1,
PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC

RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your
written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for
Plaintiff, whose address is PO BOX 5026, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33310
on or before November 7, 2026, a date at least thirty (30) days after the
first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in THE WAKULLA
NEWS) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service
on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be
entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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 Momoe Street
Tallahassee, FL 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 this 25th day of September 2026.

Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 26000085CAAXMX

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Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 26000085CAAXMX

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
REBECCA LYNN HEWETT THOMAS,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-137

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of REBECCA LYNN HEWETT THOMAS,
Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-137 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla
County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court,
Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville,
FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's
Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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 Decedent and other persons having claims or demands
against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN
3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS
NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, 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 Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether
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 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is
made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 1, 2026.

Personal Representative: /s/ Sean W. Gellis
Haleigh Marie Johnson
716 Brent Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32305

SEAN W. GELLIS
Florida Bar No. 105924
GELLIS LAW, PLLC
2931 Crawfordville Hwy
Crawfordville, FL 32327
Phone: 561-371-2848
sean@gellislaw.com

Oct. 1, 8, 2026

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
LARRY NOBLE CAMPBELL,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO.: 26-CP-108

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of LARRY NOBLE CAMPBELL, Deceased,
Case No. 26-CP 108 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County,
Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, Wakulla
County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court,
Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville,
FL 32327. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's
Attorney are set out at the end of this Notice.

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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 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
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made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 1, 2026.

Personal Representative: /s/ Sean W. Gellis
Kevin Raymond Campbell
11 Daffodil Cove
Crawfordville, FL 32327

SEAN W. GELLIS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GILBERT BARFIELD
DECEASED
DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO: 2026-CP-145

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Gilbert Barfield, deceased, File 2026-
CP-145 is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville,
FL 32327. The name and address of the personal representative and the
personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

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

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against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated
claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE
DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 8, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 521450
Ausley McMullen
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-8245

Personal Representatives:
Adam Thomas Barfield
225 Rehwinkel Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Oct. 8, 15, 2026

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,
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, JOHN TAY 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, DEWISEES, 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

Case No.: 2026 CA 000115

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: ALL DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE, AND ALL UNKNOWN PART-
TIES 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 Harts-
field survey of land; 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 leav-
ing 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. Contain-
ing 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, Lega-
cy 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.

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

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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



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42. \$10 bill
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4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)

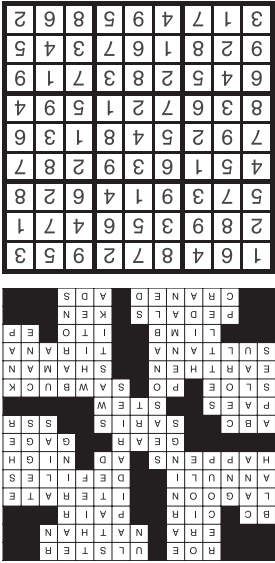
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of south-eastern Alaska
56. One’s own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chiropractic care.

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born on October 12, 1968, in Australia. I attended the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, turning down a role on a soap opera to do so. I am best known as an action star, but I'm also an accomplished singer and performer, having appeared in musicals.

Answer: Joint

Answer: Hugh Jackman

War Eagle Band performs



After traveling to Alachua County to play at the War Eagle football game Friday night, the War Eagle Marching Band was back at work on Saturday, performing in the band showcase at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee. (Photos by Perry Dissmore)



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War Eagles fall to Hawthorne, 28-14

By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

The Wakulla War Eagles traveled to Alachua County to take on the Hawthorne Hornets last Friday night, and were defeated 28-14, falling to 5-2.

War Eagle Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. had a simple assessment: "They were more physical than we were."

Early in the game, Wakulla was up 8-0 on a 50-yard pass-and-run from quarterback Ashton Brooks to receiver Demarkus Roberts. Quarterback Jaylen Jones came in for the 2-point try and scored.

They held the lead until the second quarter when a 75-yard punt return by the Hornets and a 2-point play tied it. The ensuing kick-off to the War Eagles was short, going to an up-man, it was muffed and recovered by the Hornets at midfield. The drive culminated in a touchdown run and another 2-point play to go up 16-8.

"Momentum shifted to them" on that drive, said Coach Allen.

The coach also pointed to problems on offense that hamstrung them: first down penalties and one or two fumbled handoffs.

When you're a run-first offense like the War Eagles, the first down penalties are difficult to overcome, the coach said.



War Eagle running back Armon Lindsey carries the ball.

Just before halftime, the Hornets scored again – the 2-point try was unsuccessful – and the War Eagles faced a 22-8 hole.

The second half kickoff went out of bounds and the Hornets started at their 35. First play from scrimmage was a 65-yard touchdown run – 2 point try was no good. Hawthorne was

up 28-8.

Wakulla's offensive drives stalled, but the War Eagle defense played stout.

In the 4th quarter, Demarkus Roberts had a 70-yard punt return for an apparent touchdown called back on a ruling he had stepped out of bounds – though there didn't appear to be a referee's whistle

stopping play. Added to that, a penalty for sideline warning. Then a quarterback sack; then a dropped pass.

With 1:46 remaining, Demarkus Roberts grabbed a pass that had been tipped by a defender and took it to the end zone – a very athletic play. The 2-point try was no good.

But the attempted

onside kick didn't go 10 yards before Wakulla touched it. And the Hornets went into victory formation and ran out the clock. Final: 28-14.

Coach Allen named Roberts the Overall Player of the Week, Offensive Player of the Week, and Special Teams Player of the Week because of his outstanding performance.

Lee-Anthony Green was named Defensive Player of the Week.

Quarterback Ashton Brooks went 6-for-12 passing for 147 yards and 2 touchdowns, with one interception.

Overall, the War Eagles rushed for 137 yards as a team.

Middle linebacker Rayshon St. Hilaire had 12 tackles in the game.

**UP NEXT:
GODBY COUGARS**

The winner of this game is likely District Champion. Both Wakulla and Godby are 1-0 in the district – Wakulla after beating Suwannee, and Godby after defeating Baker.

"Godby is a pretty balanced team," said Coach Allen. "They throw and run. They've been putting up 30 to 45 points a game." (Notable that Baker held them to 14 points in their game.)

"Their defense is not as strong as what we faced last week, but still strong."

To win, Allen said, his offense will have to dictate the pace of the game – “Play our style of football and keep their offense off the field.”

Friday night is also senior night at J.D. Jones Stadium: senior football players will be recognized before the game, and senior band, cheerleaders and color guard will be recognized at halftime.

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COACH
Derek Allen

FROM THE COACH

Last week: The War Eagles got out-played, and out-physical'ed by Hawthorne.

Scouting: The Godby Cougars are a balanced offense, and not-as-strong defense.

Key to victory: War Eagles play their style of football, dictate the pace of the game, and keep Godby's offense off the field.



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KEN FIELDS

Four War Eagles were visiting Florida State on Saturday at the FSU-Virginia game: lineman Joe Bunce, defensive back Travon Simmons, defensive back Al'Darious Black, and lineman Trenten Barwick.

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**DEMARKUS ROBERTS**
Receiver, defensive back

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