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Weather forecast from Wakulla High School

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Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
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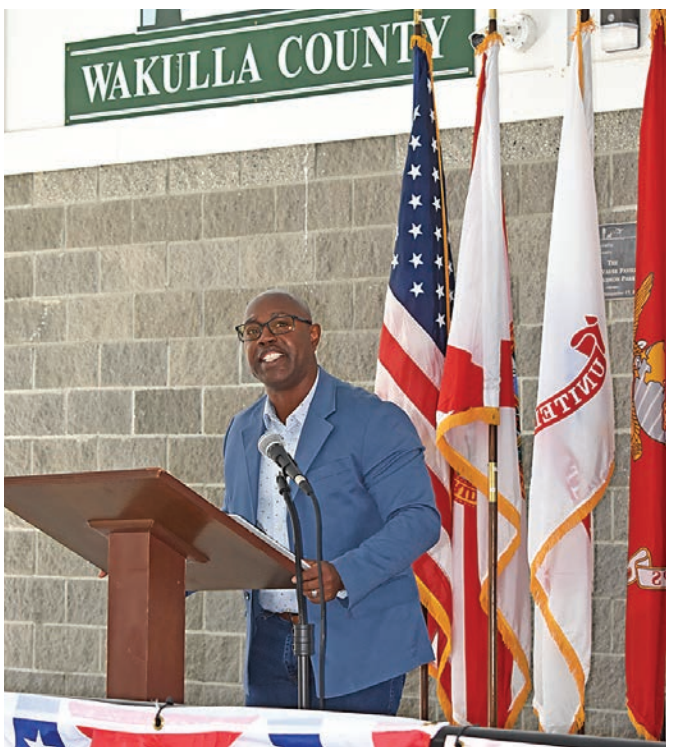
Saluting veterans

Parade and festival held Saturday for Veterans Day



VFW members hand out flags along the parade route on Saturday.

PHOTOS BY GERALD BROWN



County Veteran Service Officer Winston Murphy speaks.



Keynote speaker was Pastor Charles R. Creech.

From Havana to West Point

Veteran Mike Spencer talks about making the choice to be successful

By MARJ LAW
Correspondent

How can a young man from Havana, Florida become a graduate from West Point?

How is it possible he would then oversee IT supporting senior level Department of Defense officials and staff in operation, maintenance and enhancement of the Joint Staff global IT enterprises?

How could he hold senior and executive positions working with technology for the Department of Defense, U.S, Army training and simulations and U.S. Army Aviation organizations?

And finally, he was a Senior Director, Global Sales and Marketing for Boeing Vertical Lift business?

"What is vertical lift?" I wonder.

Apparently, that's when helicopters, planes and even jets, (including AH-64 Apache, H-47 Chinook, AH-6 Little Bird, and more!) are able to fly straight up. Under Mike's leadership, he created programs and trained others in logistics and mission command solutions for our military.



Veteran Mike Spencer made the choiee to be a success.

"What does that mean?" I had to have a dumbed-down explanation.

His simulation programs allowed senior military leaders to practice military operations on the computer before they were actually executed in the real world.

Useful, huh?

But I still wondered what qualities Mike had when he was young that made West Point grab his application and pull him into such a revered education? What would it take for another young person to become a West Point Cadet?

"My advice is you have to make a decision to be successful. This is a conscious decision. You have to be the one who's willing to work hard.

"Once I was suspended from school in the 9th grade." he says. "From that day on, I made the conscious decision to work hard."

"How did you go from there to West Point?" I wonder.

"West Point's application is looking for three things," said Mike's wife, Sabine, as Mike is not inclined to brag about himself.

"They want grades, of course. Then they look for physical ability and leadership qualities. They are looking for a well-rounded person."

"Your grades must have been great," I muse. "So how did you show the leadership and physical ability qualities?"

"I was Ccaptain of basketball and of track teams," he replies.

"And he was a member of the National Honor Society. He was also Battalion Commander of Army JROTC, which provided him with a background similar to Basic Training," adds Sabine.

"What did you do

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Wakulla deputy involved in shooting

Man in Hidden Meadows shot after allegedly being armed and confronting deputies aggressively

Special to The Sun

Deputies with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, along with investigators with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, are currently investigating a shooting involving a Wakulla County Deputy.

While assisting in the service of civil court paperwork, a Wakulla County Deputy was confronted by a violent individual. The Deputy responded in self-defense and was unharmed in the incident. EMS transported the subject to a local hospital for medical treatment. Charges are pending against the suspect.

On the morning of Friday, Nov. 6, deputies responded to an address in the Hidden Meadows subdivision to serve a court order to an individual. Deputies made contact with the individual named in the court paperwork, and he refused to exit the home to speak with deputies and instead barricaded himself inside. Additional deputies responded to the area to assist with the incident. As deputies were attempting to establish a secure perimeter on the home, the suspect exited the residence armed and moved aggressively toward deputies.

A deputy – in an effort to defend himself and nearby deputies – used his service weapon in defense. Deputies on scene immediately began rendering first aid to the suspect and called for EMS. The suspect was transported to a local hospital by EMS for further medical treatment. Investigators are actively working to obtain arrest warrants for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon for the suspect.

WCSO is actively investigating the aggravated assault incident. At the request of Sheriff Miller, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was contacted to investigate the use of a firearm by a deputy, which is standard procedure for all Wakulla County Sheriff's Office officer-involved shootings.

No further information will be released at this time due to the ongoing and active nature of the investigation. WCSO will release more information when it is appropriate and able to do so.

Man killed in Saturday early morning crash

Friends identify him as local musician

Staff Report

A 22-year-old Tallahassee man was killed in an early morning crash on Saturday when his sedan veered off Rehwinkel Road and hit several trees, according to Florida Highway Patrol.



CJ Beach performing at Palaver Tree a week ago.

Friends of the man identified him as CJ Beach, a local musical performer who had recently played at Palaver Tree's Rock and Roll Bonfire on Halloween night.

According to FHP, the incident occurred around 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, when the sedan was traveling north on Rehwinkel near Oakwood Trail and traveled onto the eastern shoulder of the road and collided with several trees.

The driver was pronounced dead on scene.

FHP was assisted by Wakulla County Sheriff's Office and Wakulla Fire Rescue.

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Student of the Week

Naomi Whyte– 3rd grader at Shadeville Elementary

Student Name: Naomi Whyte
Student Grade: 3rd grade
Student School: Shadeville Elementary
Reason for Selection?: Naomi is a third-grade student who shines both academically and personally, earning straight A's while consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. Her dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence are truly commendable. She approaches each day with a bright smile, a can-do spirit, and a willingness to give her very best. Naomi is a wonderful example of what it means to be a dedicated student and a positive role model for those around her. She always does the right thing, follows the rules, and is always kind and respectful. We are so proud of all she has accomplished and feel incredibly fortunate to celebrate her success. Keep shining bright, Naomi! Your future is full of amazing possibilities!



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Plant of the Week

Wand Goldenrod



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER - Sarracenia Chapter of FNPS

Wand goldenrod (Solidago virgata) brightens fall landscapes with slender plume-like clusters of golden-yellow flowers atop stems 3-6 feet tall. Tiny leaves pressed against the stem give a leafless wand-like appearance. The densely packed flower spikes are pollinator magnets. In addition to butterflies, they attract many specialist bees that require goldenrod pollen. Goldenrods are also ranked #1 among wildflowers in our region for supporting caterpillars. Birds relish the seeds. Florida's wand goldenrod had been considered Solidago stricta until recently. Also called slender goldenrod, this perennial prefers wetter sites than most native goldenrods, thriving in wet flatwoods, wet prairies, and roadside swales. Goldenrod is often mistakenly blamed for seasonal allergies but goldenrod pollen is carried by insects. The highly allergenic wind-carried pollen of ragweed, which blooms around the same time, is actually to blame.

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Barbecue fundraiser for senior center held



Dallas Marshall and friend with a flight of Bourbon.



Kay Gay, Tracy Guy, Terry Palmer, and Lee Smith.



Senior Center Board Member Niraj Patel serves up barbecue to hungry visitors.

PHOTOS BY LYNDA KINSEY







Some of the people who came out Saturday for Wakulla Giving Hands' Fill the Grinch's Trailer with Toys at Southern Pipe. The toy drive will suupport the group's Christmas Giveaway in Sopchoppy Gym on Dec. 12.

Some recent Chamber events

Ausley opening

The Ausley McMullen law firm ribbon-cutting on Oct. 19 to note the transition from Frances Casey Lowe law firm. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)





EDIT opening

The EDIT HOUSE, gift shop and fashions, held a ribbon cutting to mark its opening by owner Katie Taff on Oct. 16. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)

Lunch at Seineyard

It was the last monthly chamber luncheon of the year on Oct. 28 as members and guests networked at Seineyard. (Photo by Lynda Kinsey)



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WAKULLA COUNTY

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

Wakulla County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting annual non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated area of the County and within the incorporated areas of the cities of Sopchoppy and St. Marks, for the cost of providing fire protection, emergency medical services, solid waste, sewer, stormwater, road maintenance and improvements, clean energy and wind resistance improvements, property nuisance abatement, and broadband and other neighborhood improvements, facilities, and associated services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2027 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2026 in the Wakulla County Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (850) 926-0919, at least two (2) working days prior to the date of the hearing; Hearing & Voice Impaired at 1-800-955-8771; or email at ADARequest@mywakulla.com.

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Opinions

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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

LETTERS FROM READERS

Socialism is now mainstream

Editor, The Sun:

I voted to reject the shameful referendum to increase property taxes to support Wakulla County School Board's venture into freebies for all students.

Lack of critical thinking at large, will more than likely, permit this referendum to be approved.

Most Wakulla County voters abhor the thought of the democratic-socialist agenda, yet this referendum smacks of it. The democrat-socialist agenda advocates for free just about everything with no consideration of any qualification other than taxing those who work.

To receive social benefits, one must meet certain thresholds and this includes the WIC program, HUD housing, welfare, food stamps aka SNAP, etc.

So why does the WCSB feel they can further burden the taxpayer by playing Santa Claus with our money?

As per the US Census Bureau, the poverty level is 6.7% in Wakulla County https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/wakullacountyflorida/PST040225 .

So my question is, why should property taxpayers pay for 100% of free meals for the entire school district?

Not only is the School Board not representing the property taxpayers, they appear to be in alignment with certain socialist principles. This is NOT good and is contrary to our American values and heritage.

After observing this most recent election:

• Socialism is now mainstream. Even the Wakulla County School Board embraces elements of socialism via the referendum and basis for it.

• Mainstream Democrats will be subservient to the DSA.

• Tried and true American ideals are no longer relevant. Our affluence has become the harbinger of our demise

• Kolorado (not misspelled) is Eastern Kalifornia

• Time to discuss a national divorce

I'm glad I'm 70. In 20 years, this country will not be recognizable.

Robert Franco
Surf Road

Good luck to Carrie Hughes

Editor, The Sun:

Dear Wakulla Citizens,

I have reached out to Carrie Hughes to congratulate her on the win as Wakulla County Commissioner, District 4. I wish the best for her and our community as she works to serve our community.

While I am heartbroken about the outcome, I respect the voters decision.

I am grateful for my family, friends and the citizens of our community who believed in my vision. Thank you. It means the world to me.

Just because I do not have a county commission seat, does not mean I cannot continue to speak up on the issues that affect us as a community, to be the voice of our community.

I am still concerned about the water issues. I hope we can unite as a community and get to work towards clean, drinkable and safe water for all in our community.

Thanks again and God Bless Wakulla County!

Patricia Sue Dyszer
NPA Candidate for District 4

Library News

By LINDA OAKS
Library Director

Library News Nov. 12 – November 18th

Thursday, November 12th
• Rotary Club of Wakulla 8:30a
• Tiny Tummy Time 9:30a
• Creative Writing I 10a
• Manga Club 5pm
• Meadows HOA 6pm
• Bible Reading 6p
• Radio Testing Session 6:30pm

Friday, November 13th
• Quilting Guild 9:30a

Saturday, November 14th
• American Legion Rider's Meeting 9:30am
• Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group 10am
• Read Therapy Dogs 10am

Sunday, November 15th
• CLOSED

Monday, November 16th
• American Legion Post 114 5:30pm
• American Legion Auxiliary Unit 114 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 17th
• Wakulla Tourist Development Council 9am
• Book Bunch 10am
• Lego Club 4:30pm
• Evening Mahjong 4:30pm
• Florida Sarracenia Chapter of the Native Plant Society 6pm
• Lego Robotics 6pm

Wednesday, November 18th
• Book Babies 10am
• Wakulla County Garden Club 11:30am
• Mahjong 1pm
• Knitting Group 4pm
• American Legion Riders Chapter 114 6pm

On the Horizon

Calendar of events for the week of November 12

Thursday, November 12

• St. Marks City Commission meets at City Hall at 6 p.m. A comp plan workshop will be held beginning at 5 p.m.
• The Rotary Club of Wakulla County meets at the Wakulla Public Library at 8:30 a.m.
• Line dancing is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Women's Club. 6:30 to 8 for beginners. $10.
• The VFW Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. at 475 Arran Road in Crawfordville, every Thursday. There are concessions and raffles.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Friday, November 13

• Wakulla War Eagles host a first round playoff game against the Bay County Tornadoes at 7 p.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon and 7 p.m. every Friday at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Saturday, November 14

• The Wakulla Caregiver Support Group will meet at the Wakulla County Public Library at 10 a.m. every second Saturday of the month.
• Ernie Stevenson Memorial Inshore Fishing Tournament will be held at Shell Island Fish Camp in St. Marks from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presented by Fellowship of Christian Athletes. For more information, contact Doug Everett at (850) 295-1598.

Sunday, November 15

• Open casting auditions for the making of a horror feature film Tate's Hell will be held at Palaver Tree Theater beginning at noon. To apply, send name, age, headshot and any previous acting experience by Nov. 12 to CastingTatesHell@gmail.com.
• Wakulla Giving Hands food giveaway every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the facility across from Medart Elementary on Highway 98. Line up begins at 11 a.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Monday, November 16

• County Commission meets in commission chambers at 6 p.m.
• School board meets at the district office at 5:45 p.m.
• The Wakulla Respite Program is available for anyone with memory impairment at no cost from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Ellen Baptist Church every Monday.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. for women and 8 p.m. for men every Monday at 54 Ochlockonee St.
• Gentle Yoga and Stetching Class with Margaret every Monday at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church CLC Building in Crawfordville. Bring a mat.

Tuesday, November 17

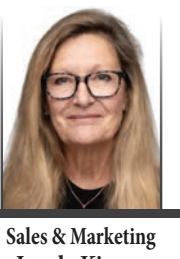
• Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, meets at the new public library at 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Andre "Andy" Clewell, a plant taxonomist and restoration ecologist who will present Plant Taxonomy, the Untidy Science, to explain how plants are classified. For a Zoom link email Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com. Free and open to the public.
• One Cent Sales Tax committee meets in the county commission conference room at 10 a.m.
• County Historic Preservation Committee meets in the county commission conference room at 3:30 p.m.
• Sopchoppy community dinner is held every week at the Towles House at 6:30 p.m.
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 54 Ochlockonee St.

Wednesday, November 18

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

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– Compiled by Lynda Kinsey

Polled at the Wakulla Chamber of Commerce's ribbon cutting for Ausley McMullen:

What's your favorite movie about an attorney?



FRANCES CASEY LOWE
Ausley McMullen
"The Rainmaker!"



SUSAN JONES
Bluewater Realty
"A Time to Kill. It has a great story line, and it helps that Mathew McConaughey was in it too."



PEGGY GALLANT
Ausley McMullen
"A Few Good Men. I really liked the powerful ending and the collaboration of the underdog."



GWEN STATEN
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"Phillidelphia with Denzel Washington & Tom Hanks. The movie addressed the social issues of AIDS discrimination in the early '90s."



CLAYTON MUSGROVE
Engineer
"A Few Good Men. It's a deep movie that requires a lot of thought. It's intense. You cannot go wrong with the American military. "

Wakulla Crossroads

By VERNA BROCK

There are times when events make the universe seem to tilt, shift, or move ever so slightly, yet everything feels different. Last week was one of those times, and the midterm election was one of those events. Whatever your preference or politics, watching little "d" democracy in action was exciting. I commend everyone who took the time to vote. I only wish a greater percentage of registered voters had participated. Fewer than fifty percent bothered to cast a vote here in Wakulla County.

Congratulations to newly elected representatives! Now we begin the process of grappling with the consequences of our decisions. I sincerely hope the successful passage of Florida Amendment 3 fulfills all the positive predictions of its advocates. I confess having concerns about how small rural communities like Wakulla County will manage to provide adequate services. Enthusiastic supporters assured me that we never needed all that tax money, it was just being wasted. I know you can tell I am a skeptic. Nonetheless, I really want the proponents to be correct.

It was very gratifying to see large crowds lining the road last Saturday at the Veteran's Day Parade. There was a real sense of patriotism as folks gathered to honor veterans for their service and sacrifice while protecting America.

November seems to have arrived with a real change in the weather, with some predictions saying we can expect temperatures in the 30s this week. No gradual easing into winter for North Florida! Let's leap headlong from summery highs in the 80s to chilly 30s within a few days.

Sadly, our peach trees at Casa Brock already have tender, pink blossoms opening due to the recent warm wet weather. Many of our citrus trees have fruit beginning to ripen, and I hope we won't suffer a hard freeze any time soon.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, which means Christmas is right around the corner. It seems like every day brings another opportunity to gather and celebrate the holidays.

Just be sure to leave time to decompress and appreciate the deeper meaning of the seasont!

What local veterans taught students about America

By Wakulla School District

Each fall, Wakulla High School teacher Nancy Floyd Richardson invites local veterans into her English 3 Honors classroom to help students explore what it means to be an American. The guest speakers are part of a larger project that combines research, interviews, creative writing, peer editing, and public speaking, as students prepare entries for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy scholarship competition.

"The 2026 - 2027 theme is 'What a Veteran Taught Me About America,'" Richardson said, noting the challenge the theme presented for students who don't have a veteran in their lives. "Some students could interview a family member or friend, but others didn't have that personal connection. Instead, I brought veterans to them, allowing students to learn directly from those who served."

The granddaughter and daughter of Army veterans, Richardson believes students should consider both the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship. "Many of our high school juniors will be old enough to vote next year," she said. "This is a pivotal time when they're developing their core beliefs and beginning to confront some of life's larger questions."

Richardson began incorporating veteran interviews into her teaching in 2005, helping students develop thoughtful questions before opening her classroom to local service members like Wakulla County Schools Superintendent Richard Myhre.

"There are few honors greater than serving your country," Myhre said. "However, being given the chance to educate America's youth on what that service means is a close second."

Representing multiple generations, the guest speakers shared how military service has changed over the decades, offering perspectives shaped by different conflicts and assignments. WHS custodian Jeffery Donaldson recalled perilous journeys through the Korean countryside as a military truck driver and fuel specialist. Retired Air Force Colonel Tom Slade described a career in logistics that began during the Vietnam era and later took him to the Pentagon, where he supported the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served as the U.S. Air Force's senior officer in Saudi Arabia, overseeing the activation of three new military bases. During more recent combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, WHS ROTC instructor Michael "Gunny" Long worked primarily with rockets and mortars. After 26 years of service, Long treasures what all the guest speakers share: time with family and the opportunity to mentor youth.



Some of the veterans who spoke: Jeffrey Donaldson, Bill Peck and Fred Nichols.

The veterans shared stories of adventure, camaraderie, and service, but they also spoke openly about the challenges of military life. Their conversations touched on separation from family, difficult decisions, the loss of fellow service members, and the lasting friendships forged through shared experiences.

Beyond their military experiences, the veterans offered lessons about perseverance, responsibility, and finding purpose. WHS history teacher Tim Colman described the difficulty of transitioning to civilian life and how his search for purposeful work eventually led him back to his alma mater. Wakulla County Commissioner Fred Nichols discussed finding purpose in law enforcement and continuing to serve his community by teaching gun safety courses.

Colonel Slade prepared a PowerPoint offering advice on setting goals, taking responsibility for one's actions, and learning from mistakes. He emphasized that the five best words a supervisor can hear are, "I'll take care of it."

For some students, the veterans' stories offered new perspectives on their own lives. WHS junior Jachai Howard centered his speech around respect, noting that listening to the veterans provided a new outlook on his father, a veteran. "When I was younger," Howard said, "I remember getting frustrated, but now I realize that my father has been trying to teach me the value of respect all along. It's not just about respecting ourselves and others, but it's also about our role as Americans."

Overall, students noted that the interviews helped transform a broad patriotic theme into a topic of personal interest. Some began researching women's roles in the military and advances in technology. Others were drawn to retired educator Bill Peck's stories of brotherhood or wanted to investigate the challenges facing homeless veterans.

Students showed the greatest interest in veterans' benefits, particularly access to mental health services. They were encouraged to learn more after some of the guests spoke candidly about grief, loss, and the difficulty of coping while separated from family and familiar support systems. For many students, these conversations deepened their understanding of the sacrifices veterans continue to make long after their active service ends.

"Moving forward, we should do a better job of appreciating our country and the people who serve it," said junior Noah Balacz. "Because of just one conversation I had with a veteran, I will now be able to do that."

As an educator, Richardson sees the project as an opportunity to develop students' critical thinking skills while encouraging them to consider their responsibilities as citizens. She said, "As Americans, we should examine our past, question our present, and imagine our future. We need to learn to solve problems respectfully alongside people whose opinions and priorities differ from our own."

After meeting the veterans and interviewing her uncle, student Kelsey Fruggerio said, "The biggest lesson I learned is that loving America is not just about waving the flag or celebrating a holiday. It is about appreciating our freedom, respecting the people who protect America, and doing our best to make our country a better place for everyone."

Outdoors

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HOME ON THE RANGE

Assisting a newbie



By MARJ LAW

On Wednesdays, around 10 a.m., Joe and I are at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range. We come at the same time each week, hoping to meet friends who also like the shooting sport, and also to assist those new to handguns.

This Wednesday, Belinda is a newbie who wants to manage a handgun.

First, the deputy at the office instructs Belinda on basic range rules. She quickly picks up the idea of "hot" and "cold" range and the deputy discusses range pricing, should she want to become a member. This is important, as the WCSO dues are only $75/year. This includes spouse and children under 18 years old. It's a great value.

At the pistol range, Joe and I make sure Belinda has "eyes" and "ears." Safety is always a major concern. She sees the red line in the concrete which designates the difference between "hot" and "cold."

Belinda owns a small Taurus .380. This .380 is small enough to fit in her purse or to wear as a "carry" piece on her body. It is very lightweight at 10.2 ounces. The short barrel is just 2.84 inches long and overall length is 5.25 inches.

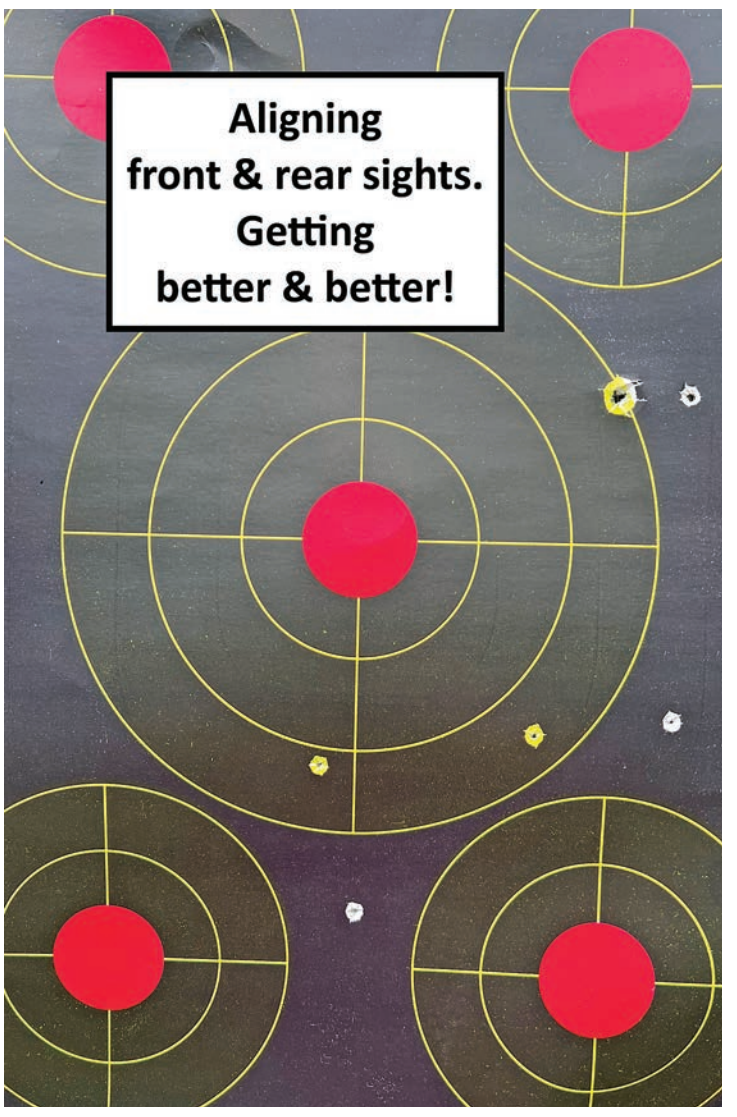
Joe and I haven't shot this particular handgun before, so we ask Belinda's permission to shoot it. Belinda is happy to let us try out her gun. So we both have a go at it. It fits nicely in my hand, but has a surprising amount of recoil. I watch Joe shoot it, and see his hands rise in reaction. When I look this Taurus up on the internet, will reviews agree?

"The grip is too small for my hands," Joe reports. "When the grip doesn't fit well, in this case being too short, I have more difficulty in trying to control the gun."

Well, it fits my hands, but I'm feeling the recoil may be too much for Belinda.

Belinda has physical difficulties, like carpal tunnel syndrome, arthritis, and other problems. While the gun may be the perfect size for her hands, Joe and I are concerned for her that the recoil may aggravate existing problems with her body.

This is important to me. I have come to the point in my life where I'm careful to avoid shooting a gun that might end up exacerbating any of my own problems. This understanding is why we're concerned for Belinda.



Fortunately, we had brought my Smith & Wesson .380 EZ. In my opinion, since this is the easiest .380 to manage, I'd like to begin with it.

Belinda has no problem with the slide. The slide on the EZ is remarkably easy.

Next, we demonstrate the Uplula. Belinda is a fast learner. She takes to the Uplula right away, because this is an easy way for her hands to load a magazine.

The EZ has two big white dot rear sights and 1 big dot front sight. We discuss aligning the sights to the target. Aligning sights can be a difficulty for a newbie either because of the concept or because of any visual problems a shooter might have.

Noting that the range is "hot," and her "eyes" and "ears" are in place, Belinda aims the EZ. Her feet are shoulder width apart. She has learned to keep her finger off the trigger until she's ready to shoot, so her index finger aligns under the barrel.

She leans slightly forward.

Blam! She shoots several times. In spite of good positioning, her eyesight makes it difficult to align the sights.

We bring out the Sig Sauer P322. This is another small handgun. It has fiber optic front and rear sights, which may make shooting easier for Belinda.

Blam! Yay! She hits the target! She hits it again and again.

Wait! A round is sticking upwards in the ejection port. A jam!

Belinda turns to us.

We instruct that when there is a problem, she should drop the magazine first. Then, tilting the gun so the ejection port faces the ground allowing gravity to help, she pulls back the slide to allow any round to drop out of the gun. Now she knows that the gun is empty, and she can reinstall the magazine.

Confidently, Belinda repeats the process of loading. She aims and fires again. Again, she hits the target. You can see that she gets better and better at aligning the sights to her target.

The next time we visit the range, I'd like her to try out a handgun with fiber optic sights on both the rear and the front again. With her sight confines, she may prefer to try out a gun with a reflex sight, which would have only one dot to light up with the bull's-eye on the target.

Buying a handgun can be a challenge for a new shooter. A gun that fits snugly in your hands may not shoot the way you expect it to. For instance, while her Taurus, according to MI, "is noted for its lightweight, polymer-frame construction and minimalist dimensions suitable for personal defense," Jesse B Outdoors states: "This is a snappy 380 acp."

Most newbies do not want a "snappy" gun. Furthermore, AI goes on to explain: "The PT738 serves its intended role as an up-close personal defense weapon for those who prioritize a lightweight and compact platform, provided the user remains committed to practice and appropriate ammunition selection."

Review Stream agrees: "The fit is fairly comfortable, but the pistol does kick a bit more than one might expect. The .380 ACP round is not known for being exceptionally powerful, but it does kick this small, light gun pretty hard. The recoil is comparable to what you'd experience with a snub-nose, .38 revolver – it's manageable, but can take you by surprise if you don't expect it."

Users may not commit to practicing on a handgun which has more recoil than they like. And, if you don't practice, will you be able to defend yourself in a critical situation?

Belinda remembered everything we discussed, and she did well with the Sig 322 because the fiber optic sights were easier for her than aligning front and rear sights with the white dot sights of the EZ. I hope to take her to the range again with a gun having a reflex sight. This way, she will be successful in hitting the target.

I always enjoy working with a newbie at the WCSO range. Belinda is fun and remembers everything the deputy and we explain.

Next time, we'll introduce her to a handgun which may be even better suited uniquely to her.

It is exciting to match a newbie to a handgun which fits her needs best.

I hope to see Belinda at the WCSO range again.

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



DWARF or PYGMY SEA HORSE
(Hippocampus zosterae)

The smallest of seahorse species lives in sea grass flats especially where eelgrass grows. Their color is usually unpatterned tan, but can be black to bright green. This seahorse was severely affected by the BP Gulf oil spill because its favored habitat where the population was greatest, was directly in the path of the oil. Its numbers are uncertain but it is becoming rare and may be in trouble. We can hope as the gulf, survivors from our area will repopulate the more western damaged habitats.

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Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory
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From Havana to West Point

From Front Page

during your years of service that you feel made the most impact?"

Mike created modeling and simulation programs which ended up in training generals in Europe. For instance, with these programs, they knew in advance how to train for the invasion into Bagdad.

Mike also enjoyed mentoring young people in the military.

"From Havana, to West Point, to Colonel, to super high-ranking positions in private life, give me your best advice to young people who live right here."

"Like I said, make the decision," he says.

"As soon as you can, make your decision and commit to being successful."

WEEKLY WILDLIFE PHOTO



Retired park ranger Robert Thompson was on his wildlife survey at Wakulla Springs recently and shot this photo of a Yellow Crowned Night Heron.

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Local writers share their experiences



Gulf Coast Weekly Almanac

Nov. 12 - Nov. 18

Tide charts by tides4fishing.com

	First	Full	Last	New
	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Nov. 9

Best fishing days this month

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

Nov. 6-12, 17, 21-27

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

	High Tide	Low Tide
Carrabelle	28 Min.	25 Min.
Apalachicola	1 Hr., 53 Min.	2 Hrs., 38 Min.
Cat Point	1 Hr., 13 Min.	2 Hrs., 31 Min.
Lower Anchorage	1 Hr., 36 Min.	2 Hrs., 3 Min.
West Pass	1 Hr., 26 Min.	2 Hrs., 39 Min.

St. Marks River Entrance

Th	1st 2:21 AM ▲ 3.6 ft	2nd 9:45 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 4:13 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 9:09 PM ▼ 1.6 ft
Fr	1st 2:52 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 10:24 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 4:55 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 9:47 PM ▼ 1.7 ft
Sa	1st 3:27 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 11:06 AM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 5:43 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th 10:34 PM ▼ 1.7 ft
Su	1st 4:08 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 11:55 AM ▼ 0.4 ft	3rd 6:39 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th 11:36 PM ▼ 1.8 ft
Mo	1st 5:03 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	2nd 12:51 PM ▼ 0.6 ft	3rd 7:41 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th —
Tu	1st 12:59 AM ▼ 1.8 ft	2nd 6:27 AM ▲ 2.6 ft	3rd 1:53 PM ▼ 0.7 ft	4th 8:40 PM ▲ 2.8 ft
We	1st 2:30 AM ▼ 1.5 ft	2nd 8:22 AM ▲ 2.6 ft	3rd 2:54 PM ▼ 0.9 ft	4th 9:28 PM ▲ 2.9 ft

City of St. Marks

Th	1st 2:57 AM ▲ 3.3 ft	2nd 10:49 AM ▼ -0.1 ft	3rd 4:49 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th 10:13 PM ▼ 1.4 ft
Fr	1st 3:28 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 11:28 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 5:31 PM ▲ 2.7 ft	4th 10:51 PM ▼ 1.5 ft
Sa	1st 4:03 AM ▲ 3.1 ft	2nd 12:10 PM ▼ 0.2 ft	3rd 6:19 PM ▲ 2.6 ft	4th —
Su	1st 12:59 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 4:44 AM ▲ 2.9 ft	3rd 12:59 PM ▼ 0.4 ft	4th 7:15 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
Mo	1st 12:40 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 5:39 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	3rd 1:55 PM ▼ 0.5 ft	4th 8:17 PM ▲ 2.5 ft
Tu	1st 2:03 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 7:03 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 2:57 PM ▼ 0.7 ft	4th 9:16 PM ▲ 2.6 ft
We	1st 3:34 AM ▼ 1.4 ft	2nd 8:58 AM ▲ 2.4 ft	3rd 3:58 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 10:04 PM ▲ 2.7 ft

Shell Point, Spring Creek

Th	1st 2:39 AM ▲ 3.7 ft	2nd 10:01 AM ▼ 0.0 ft	3rd 4:29 PM ▲ 3.1 ft	4th 9:25 PM ▼ 1.7 ft
Fr	1st 3:10 AM ▲ 3.5 ft	2nd 10:40 AM ▼ 0.1 ft	3rd 5:11 PM ▲ 3.0 ft	4th 10:03 PM ▼ 1.8 ft
Sa	1st 3:45 AM ▲ 3.4 ft	2nd 11:22 AM ▼ 0.3 ft	3rd 5:59 PM ▲ 2.9 ft	4th 10:50 PM ▼ 1.8 ft
Su	1st 4:26 AM ▲ 3.2 ft	2nd 12:11 PM ▼ 0.5 ft	3rd 6:55 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th 11:52 PM ▼ 1.9 ft
Mo	1st 5:21 AM ▲ 3.0 ft	2nd 1:07 PM ▼ 0.7 ft	3rd 7:57 PM ▲ 2.8 ft	4th —
Tu	1st 1:15 AM ▼ 1.9 ft	2nd 6:45 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	3rd 2:09 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 8:56 PM ▲ 2.9 ft
We	1st 2:46 AM ▼ 1.6 ft	2nd 8:40 AM ▲ 2.7 ft	3rd 3:10 PM ▼ 1.0 ft	4th 9:44 PM ▲ 3.0 ft

Alligator Point, Ochlockonee Bay

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Tu	1st 12:47 AM ▼ 1.4 ft	2nd 6:15 AM ▲ 1.9 ft	3rd 2:05 PM ▼ 0.7 ft	4th 8:28 PM ▲ 2.1 ft
We	1st 2:18 AM ▼ 1.2 ft	2nd 8:10 AM ▲ 1.9 ft	3rd 3:06 PM ▼ 0.8 ft	4th 9:16 PM ▲ 2.2 ft

St. Teresa, Turkey Pt.

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Dog Island West End

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

Thursday 12	Sun rise/set	Moon rise/set
	6:59 AM 5:42 PM	10:09 AM 8:07 PM
Moon Illumination 12 %		
Friday 13		
	7:00 AM 5:41 PM	10:57 AM 9:02 PM
Moon Illumination 18 %		
Saturday 14		
	7:01 AM 5:41 PM	11:39 AM 9:59 PM
Moon Illumination 27 %		
Sunday 15		
	7:02 AM 5:40 PM	12:16 PM 10:56 PM
Moon Illumination 35 %		
Monday 16		
	7:03 AM 5:40 PM	12:49 PM 11:52 PM
Moon Illumination 45 %		
Tuesday 17		
	7:03 AM 5:39 PM	1:19 PM —
Moon Illumination 55 %		
Wednesday 18		
	7:04 AM 5:39 PM	1:48 PM 12:49 AM
Moon Illumination 65 %		

Thursday 12	Major Times	Minor Times
	3:08 PM 3:33 AM	10:09 AM 8:07 PM
Friday 13		
	3:58 PM 4:23 AM	10:57 AM 9:02 PM
Saturday 14		
	4:47 PM 5:12 AM	11:39 AM 9:59 PM
Sunday 15		
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Wednesday 18		
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$250 reward to tagged cobia and tripletail

From FWC News

A new project aims to give fishery managers important data on Cobia and Tripletail. These species are popular with Florida anglers, but they move across state and federal waters throughout the Gulf. That requires coordinated research and management among Gulf states. Beginning in 2026, researchers are tagging cobia and tripletail using dart, acoustic and satellite tags. They are also collecting biological samples from both species. The goal is to learn more about their movements, fishing pressure, population connections and key biological traits. Anglers can help by reporting tagged fish or donating carcasses to local researchers.

Researchers in Florida and across the Gulf will be tagging Cobia and Tripletail with two types of tags: a white external dart tag and an internal acoustic transmitter that is surgically inserted into the abdomen. These tags will provide biologists with long-term movement data over multiple years.

What to do when you catch a tagged fish

1. REMOVE the tag

If legal, the fish may be harvested. If you harvest the fish, please locate and return the acoustic tag inside the abdomen along with the white external dart tag.

If you release the fish, be sure to clip off the white external dart tag before releasing the fish.

2. REPORT the tag

Report your tag either online or by phone.

- Online: tags.usouthal.edu
- Call: (800) 372-5950

Be ready to report the following information:

- Tag number
- Length (pinched tail)
- Weight
- Location
- Date and time of capture
- Did you harvest or release the fish

3. MAIL the tag

In order to receive the $250 reward, you must mail the tag(s) to the address below:

Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Attn: Fisheries Ecology Lab
101 Bienville Blvd
Dauphin Island, AL 36528
Questions?

Call (800) 372-5950 or email tagreturns@disl.org

If you catch a Cobia or Tripletail with one (or both) of these tags and follow the steps below to report and return the tag, you could receive a $250 reward!





Underwater Wakulla

By Gregg Stanton

Future Generations. *May 2, 2013*

I was honored to spend Monday at Shadeville Elementary School talking about our water's journey in Wakulla County to the entire fifth grade.

It took all day, what with 100 attentive students and five teachers all with excellent questions.

I challenged them all to tell me on one page, where water came from and where did it go in Wakulla County. The assignment is due in a week and will be graded by each teacher for spelling, grammar and content. The best of each class will be given a mask, snorkel and fin set from my shop as a reward.

I spoke to a generation that will help solve many of our next water management problems. I discussed the water cycle, what it was like to live underwater and underground – similar abodes, both of which I have some experience.

Each student tried breathing from a sanitized scuba regulator to feel the flow of gas and hear the noise from a life support technology, in an attempt to empathize with the divers of the upcoming film. Cave formation and water flow then served as a segueway to the film "Water's Journey" by the late Wes Skyles.

For those not familiar with this film, Skyles creates a project to track a pair of divers down a long underground river in North Florida. Footage of both the surface trackers and those below are used to tell the story of our underground rivers, their pollution and proposed solutions.

Running parallel to this adventure is a discussion about agricultural pressures such as fertilization and animal waste have on the Floridan Aquifer and how every day families can make a difference.

Clearly, everyone today found the diving part a lot more exciting. But the lessons of the film were not lost in the details presented. When I had to stop the film early because of time constraints, every class was upset, even though I stopped it during a non-diving segment!

The film's effect was stunning.

After the film, student comments were very revealing. Some described recovering bottles from a swamp, others finding dumped trash next to the Wakulla River. Several said they had sinkholes, some clear and some not, on their family property.

Many good questions were asked. Most agreed we have a problem that needs attention. But what can they do? Some suggested reporting polluters, others suggested clean ups like the Coastal Cleanup only for sinkholes and rivers. One teacher reminded her class that they were empowered to make a change.

I pointed out that their future included a college education and a career to find answers to many of these pressing issues.

Mind you, very few of these young adults are old enough to be certified to dive, let alone drive a car to a dive site, yet they are embracing their future responsibly.

I was impressed!

And I look forward to reading their papers next week.

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

The real enemy in our conflicts



By SHERYL H. BOLDT

As Christ followers, we want to honor God in our relationships. Many of us carry struggles we don't always voice because they are so personal. And so embarrassing.

But it's important to consider who is working behind the scenes, constantly stirring up strife. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12 ESV).

Spiritual warfare is active and constant. It's not imaginary. It often shows up in the middle of our relationships with our husbands, siblings, neighbors and even church friends.

Before I get to the heart of today's message, I want to briefly share something personal about Bert's and my marriage (with Bert's permission). It's not polished or pretty, but it's real.

Bert and I occasionally have such horrible fights that I fear we'll never love each other again.

Then, at the height of our yelling, one of us will miraculously suggest we pray together.

Sometimes, as we begin our prayer, I'm filled with doubt about whether God can reunite our hearts.

But He always does.

While we pray, God reminds us who our real enemy is. I'm not Bert's enemy, and he's not mine – though it may feel that way at times. Rather, we're fighting a brutal adversary.

When Bert and I hear about "perfect" marriages falling apart, we realize how fragile love can feel when the enemy is working overtime. That realization makes us cling even harder to each other – as true partners, one flesh, choosing again and again to fight for our marriage, not against it.

We become even more determined to stand shoulder to shoulder, supporting one another as members of the same team, in Jesus' Name.

Although there were years when Bert and I wondered if we'd make it to the next anniversary, last May we celebrated our 20th!

Does this apply to your relationships? Do you and your husband (or your sister or brother, or a neighbor) have such terrible arguments that they leave you feeling awful?

The warfare in our relationships is real and present.

We must fight for our marriage, not against it. Fight for our relationships with our siblings, church friends, neighbors and relationships at work and at home. Especially with those who don't know Christ.

And … especially with those who know we know Christ!

As Christ followers, honoring God in all our relationships becomes increasingly important. Rather than giving in to unforgiveness or name-calling, let's put on the armor of God and stand firm against the devil's schemes – and remember who our real enemy is.

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Teddy bears and burning bushes



By CHERYL CRUCE

I was already thinking about getting home on time. Meanwhile, she stood dropping quarters into the slot until the machine came to life. Her small hands gently guided the handle, her eyes intent on the little stuffed bear behind the glass partition. Then, with all the hope she could muster, she pushed the red button and watched the claw descend toward her wanted prize. And it was a miss.

Three more times she dropped her change into the machine. Each attempt brought renewed determination. Three more times I watched her try for the prize. Finally, with her last few quarters, she managed to land the claw on the bear, and it fell into the opening below. Her persistence had paid off. She had won and was ready to go home. That's when it all changed.

We had been so focused on my daughter's efforts to beat the machine that we hadn't noticed the older woman standing beside us. I don't know how old she was. Her hair was graying, and she seemed to have some difficulty communicating, speaking slowly and carefully. She stood there, excitedly applauding my daughter's victory.

Michelle looked at the little bear in her hands, then at the stranger beside her. Without hesitation, she handed over the very prize she had worked so hard to win. To say tears formed in my eyes would be an understatement. I watched my young daughter offer such unexpected generosity to a stranger. The woman's toothless smile grew wider, and Michelle smiled right back. There was no need for words. They embraced. Michelle reached for my hand, and we walked away.

The little bear was the prize she thought she wanted. But something much greater happened that day. We could have walked away celebrating a successful trip to the claw machine, plushy in hand – never giving another thought to the woman standing beside us. But my daughter noticed. We stopped. And in that moment, I received a lesson that was worth far more than the little bear my 6-year-old had held. Sometimes we become so focused on our plans that we miss the opportunities God places along the way.

Moses experienced just such a moment while tending sheep in the wilderness. He noticed a bush that was burning and not being consumed by the flames. Rather than simply passing by, Moses turned aside to see what was happening. It was there that God called his name. In the quiet of the wilderness, in the middle of an ordinary day, Moses discovered that he was not forgotten. God had a purpose for him, one he never expected.

I wonder how many burning bushes we encounter in our own lives. Not bushes of fire, but unexpected moments when God invites us to pause, pay attention, and see beyond ourselves. They may come through an interruption, a person in need, or an opportunity to offer kindness when we least expect it. Sometimes God is closer than we realize.

That day, Michelle's greatest gift wasn't the little bear she won, but the love she freely shared. And perhaps that is what God is inviting us to discover. Life isn't just about what we accomplish or what we take home with us. It is also about the people we touch, the compassion we offer, and the love we leave behind. May we be willing to turn aside, because sometimes the greatest blessing is found in the opportunity to be a blessing to others.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. — 1 John 3:18

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OUT TO PASTOR

The pumpkin pie controversy: Fruit or vegetable?



By JAMES SNYDER

After more than 55 years of marital bliss, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have had very few controversial conversations. We agree on more things than we could ever disagree on.

Our biggest controversy is broccoli and Apple Fritters. We will never agree on this controversy as long as we live. I don't think broccoli is a "real vegetable," and she doesn't think an Apple Fritter is a "real fruit."

Our arrangement is that she can eat broccoli and I can eat an Apple Fritter as long as we're not at the same table together. I try to tell her the origin of broccoli, but she doesn't buy my story.

It was Thanksgiving time, which is one of the best times of the year for us as a family. We all get together for Thanksgiving dinner and enjoy our fellowship. If you could see the table filled with all kinds of food, you would be amazed.

Even though I'm on a strict diet for my health, I sneak behind The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's back and take things from the table to eat that she wouldn't approve of. That's what family is for, and I use it to my advantage as much as I can.

One of the things The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage makes for Thanksgiving dinner is pumpkin pie. She usually makes at least four pumpkin pies for the family. In my opinion, her pumpkin pie is the best you can find anywhere. And believe me, I grew up in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is the pumpkin pie capital of the world.

At our last Thanksgiving dinner, as we were eating dessert, which was pumpkin pie, I remarked that this pumpkin pie was the best I have ever eaten in my lifetime. I know no better fruit for a pie than a pumpkin.

That was when our controversy started. When I made that remark, she looked at me very sternly and said, "Pumpkin is not a fruit it is a vegetable."

Then she reminded me of the dishes she made from pumpkins. And it was a long list, to tell you the truth. All of those dishes had nothing to do with fruit but everything to do with vegetables. I'm not sure there is a dish made from pumpkins that she hasn't made and served in our house.

The last controversy we had was when I tried to explain to her that an apple fritter is exactly a fruit. We debated this for a long time, and nobody came out as the winner. I still believe an Apple Fritter is a fruit.

But back to the pumpkin, she wasn't going to settle for me telling everybody that a pumpkin is a fruit. She went on to explain all the different dishes she makes, and none of them had anything to do with fruit. The only thing that had to do with fruit was the pumpkin pie.

When she contradicted me, I was sitting at the table with everybody else, so I looked at her, took a bite of my pumpkin pie, and said, "This is the sweetest and most wonderful pie you have ever made." And then I said, "Don't you know that nobody makes a pie out of a vegetable?"

Of course, she wasn't going to accept my explanations. She reminded me that I did none of the cooking or baking in the kitchen and so, I was limited in my knowledge of what a pie was or wasn't. She then emphasized that she was the family expert on baking pies.

I wouldn't say anything to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, but I did my research on this and discovered that some believe pumpkin is actually a fruit. I didn't know, so I did that research, and after that I was very pleased to enjoy another slice of her pumpkin pie. If she wants to believe that pumpkin is a vegetable, how in the world is that hurting me? I will do nothing to compromise her baking pumpkin pies in our home.

Thinking along this line a verse of Scripture came to mind.

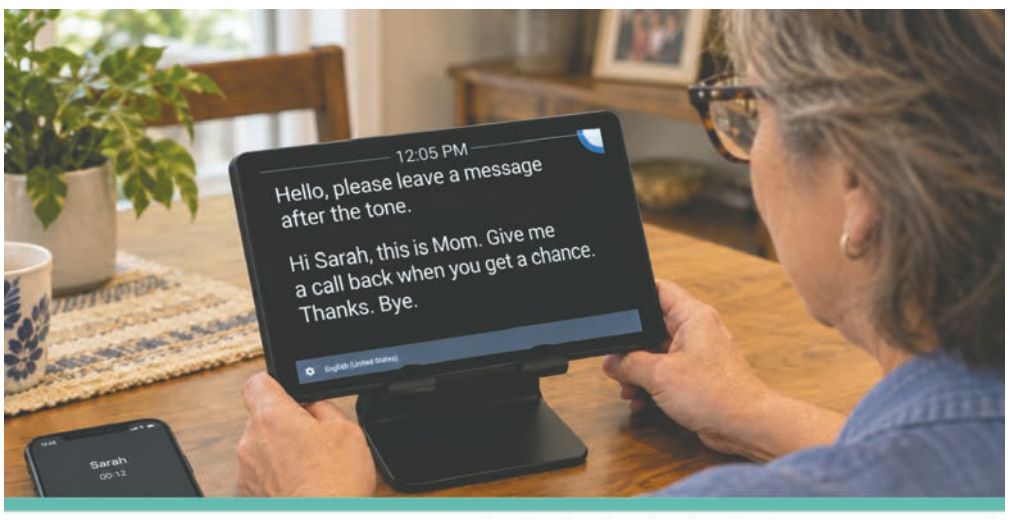
"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

There are some things where we need to agree to disagree. However, all good relationships are built on agreeing on the right things. If we are to arrive at the same destination, it is important that we walk in the right direction.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, email jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

• **Nellie Rae Baggett,** 88, of Crawfordville, passed away November 3, 2026.

• **Daniel Scott Autrey,** 40, of Tallahassee. passed away November 5, 2026.

• **Tommy John Hartsfield,** 54, of Crawfordville, passed away on November 8, 2026.

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

Weekly Roundup – Florida's red wall

By JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – A "blue tsunami" of voters that rolled across the U.S. on Tuesday failed to inundate Florida.

Sunshine State voters elected Republican U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds as its 47th governor. The Naples resident will become Florida's first Black governor upon inauguration in January.

Meanwhile, Republicans leaned on a 1.5 million registered voter advantage and much better funding to retain the U.S. Senate and Cabinet seats. U.S. Sen. Ashley Moody, Attorney General James Uthmeier, Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson all kept their seats with narrow victories of about 2 percent.

Moody, Uthmeier and Ingoglia had previously been appointed to those positions by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Florida voters also approved a constitutional amendment first pushed by DeSantis that significantly raises the homestead property tax exemption, cutting billions in revenue to local governments.

DeSantis, acknowledging his "lame duck" status on Wednesday, showed his voice has weight among his party as Florida voters rejected another amendment that would have increased the amount of money lawmakers can put into a key reserve fund. DeSantis opposed the measure that the Republican Party of Florida backed.

But Democrats had victories outside of the statewide contests.

Republicans lost around 15 seats and their long-held supermajority in the state House, while Democrats made the supermajority more tenuous in the Senate as former Maitland Mayor John Lowndes unseated incumbent Republican Sen. Jason Brodeur of Sanford.

The state's Congressional delegation also went unchanged – pending a possible recount in Florida's District 27 race between Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar and Democrat Eliott Rodriguez – after an unprecedented mid-decade redrawing. The new lines were pushed by Trump and DeSantis with the intention of flipping four Democratic-held seats to keep the U.S. House under Republican control.

EXTINCTION-LEVEL

In a stark assessment of Tuesday's election results, DeSantis described the national outcome as being "as close to an extinction-level event for Republicans in many parts of the country that we have seen probably in the last 100 years."

He didn't name Trump, but said the results were a rejection of Republicans in Washington, D.C., who haven't addressed cost-of-living issues, failed to release Jeffrey Epstein-related records and continue to allow sitting members to trade stock of businesses they oversee.

As for Florida, DeSantis proclaimed it mostly served as a firewall against the Democratic wave.

"The question is why did Florida hold up? Why did we hold the line?" DeSantis said. "The answer is that we've built up a record of achievement, we've earned trust from a number of our voters."

Having clashed on a variety of issues the past two years with House leadership, DeSantis also appeared to take some delight that the supermajority fell.

"There's a lot of great House members," DeSantis said. "But how they behaved over the last two years was not acceptable, and they had a rotten Speaker, and there were a lot of problems there. So, it just is what it is. I can't bail them out of their behavior."

THE MINORITY REPORT

House Minority Leader-designate Christine Hunschofsky, D-Parkland, attributed her caucus picking up about 15 seats to people feeling "that their voices and their experiences and their struggles have not been acknowledged and addressed in the legislative process."

And without the supermajority in place, Hunschofsky said they're looking on how to take advantage of having more say on issues.

"Whether it's waiving the rules, how Constitutional amendments getting on the ballot, veto overrides; those things all require two-thirds vote," Hunschofsky said. "Additionally, when the margins are closer, there are issues that are very bipartisan issues that are important to people back home, and that makes with us having more numbers, it makes it important that on those really important bipartisan issues that we all come together and that our caucus also has a seat at the table."

DATA CENTERS

The Public Service Commission rejected Duke Energy Florida's proposal to meet the requirements of a new state law pushed by DeSantis intended to shield ratepayers from the costs of data centers.

Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo Smith said the law "made it clear that large load customers must bear their own full cost of service without shifting those costs to other ratepayers."

Smith further expressed confidence Duke can "develop a tariff that meets the Legislature's requirements while supporting Florida's continued growth."

Brooke Ward, Florida State Director for Food & Water Watch, called the vote "a victory for affordability and a testament to the importance of laws that put people above corporations." But Ward added the state needs more affordable energy legislation to "ensure a more equitable energy future for all Floridians."

MODERN ERA

The execution of Death Row inmate Jesse Guardado on Thursday was the 19th by the state this year, matching the single year high for Florida since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the punishment in 1976.

The high was set in 2025.

Guardado, 64, murdered a Panhandle woman an in 2004 after she helped him reset his life following his release from jail.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Republican U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds is elected Florida's 47th governor as Florida mostly holds against a "blue wave" that swept the nation.

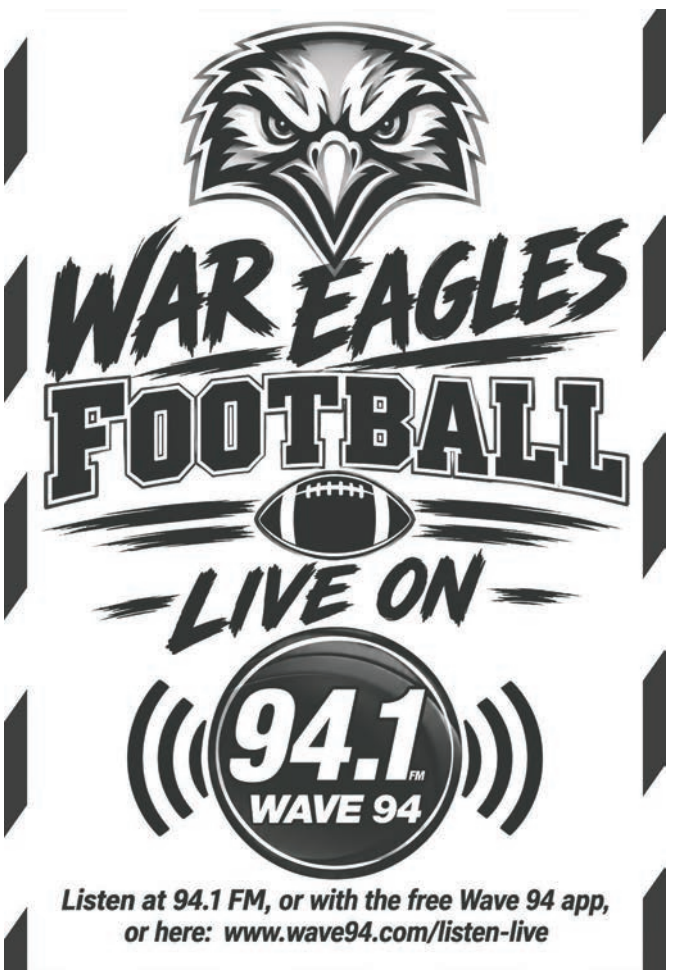
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We're going to make 'Don't Mess with Texas' and 'Don't Tread on Me' look PG. In Florida, we say don't F with Florida!" – U.S. Sen. Ashley Moody in her victory speech at the Haya Hotel in Ybor City.gave will continue to echo for generations to come.

Editor's Note

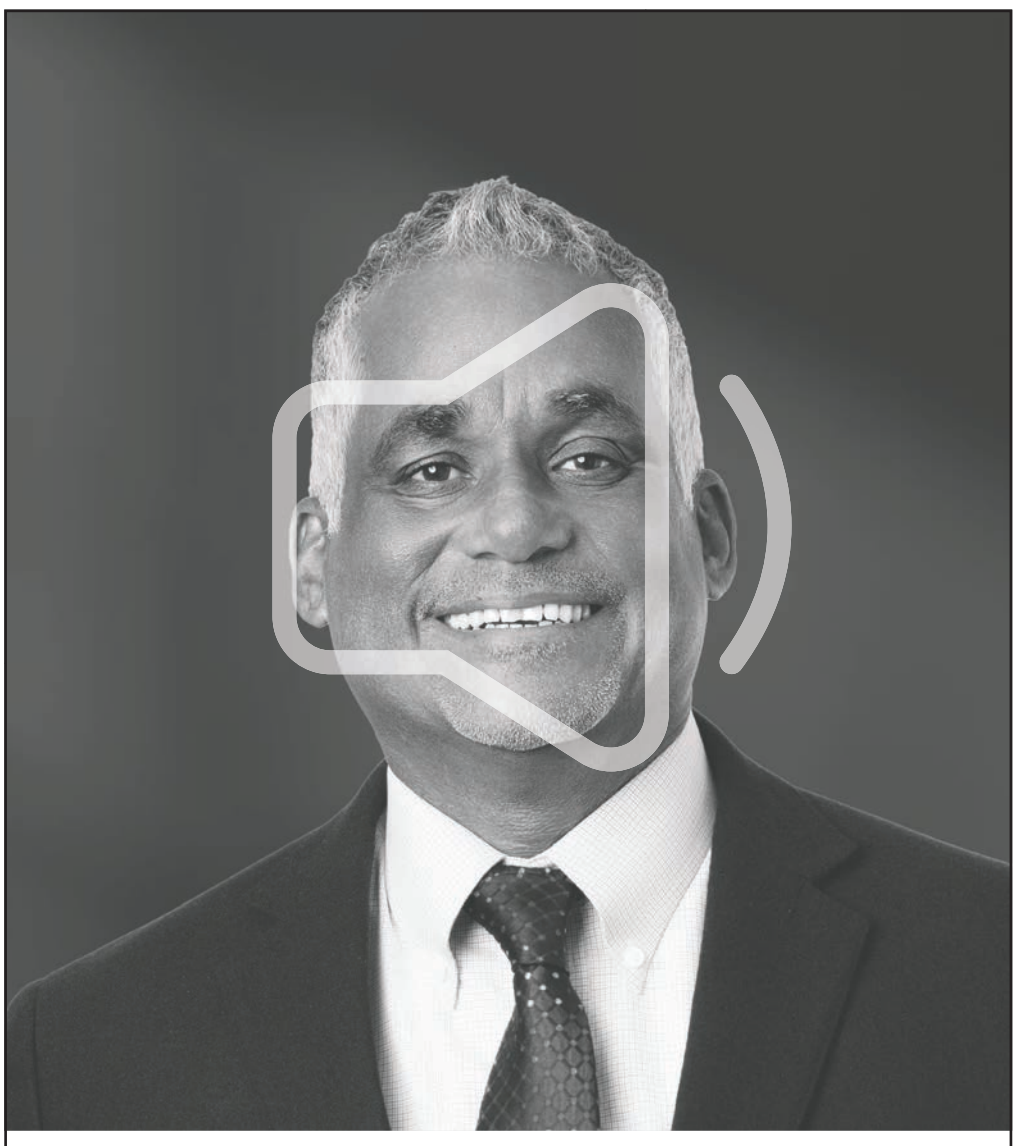
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It should resume next week.

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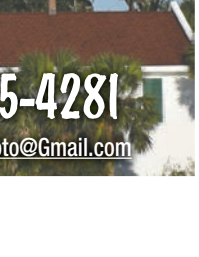
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Uncle Bub Towing

located at 606 Wakulla-Arran Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327,
intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of The Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.\.

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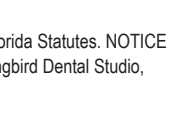
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Total Care Dental

located at 2167 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327,
intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of The Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

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FICTITIOUS NAME

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Songbird Dental Studio

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NOTICE OF ACTION

1105-1126 TWS NOA

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

AUDETTE PROPERTIES, LLC, CASE NO. 2026-CA-167
Plaintiff,
vs.
HERBERT F. HEISZ a/k/a HERBERT HEISZ, if alive and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HERBERT F. HEISZ a/k/a HERBERT HEISZ, if alive and if deceased, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assigns and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against him

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

LOT 24, BLOCK 47, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT FIVE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Wakulla County Parcel ID No. 00-00-034-012-09542-000 has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JAMES C. THOMPSON, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW & POWER, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, Fourth Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 29th day of October 2026.

GREG JAMES
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rachel L. Howard
Deputy Clerk

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 2026

1022-1112 TWS NOA

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

KEVIN SMITH AND KELLY SMITH, Case No.: 2026-CA-156
PLAINTIFF,
V.
ROSA NELL HANSON (DECEASED), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ROSA NELL HANSON, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROSA NELL HANSON OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE,
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Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

Lots numbered Twenty four (24) in Block "23" of WAKULLA GARDENS, as shown by Plat of Said subdivision of record o Page 39 of Plat Book No. One of the Public Records of Wakulla County.

PIN #: 00-00-035-008-07862-000

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

DATED this 19th day of October, 2026.

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

Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION

1105-1126 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
KEVIN SMITH and KELLY SMITH, CASE NO. 2026-CA-165
Plaintiffs,
vs.
JAMES I. CHELF (Deceased), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF JAMES I. CHELF, Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Judgment Creditors and All Parties Claiming By, Through, Under or Against JAMES I. CHELF OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); ANNIE E. CHELF (Deceased), UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OF ANNIE E. CHELF, Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Judgment Creditors and All Parties Claiming By, Through, Under or Against ANNIE E. CHELF OR THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE(S) OR THE RESPECTIVE ESTATE(S); KNOWN AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND ALL CLAIMANT(S), PERSON(S) OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS HEREIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

Lot 43, Block "A" of MAGNOLIA GARDENS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 37, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

PIN #: 00-00-078-013-10766-000 has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Frances Casey Lowe, Esquire, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 68-A Feli Way, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, on or before the date not less than 28 days and no more than 60 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

Dated this 28th day of October 2026.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Rachel L. Howard
As Deputy Clerk

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 2026

1105-1126 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUDETTE PROPERTIES, LLC, CASE NO. 2026-CA-167
Plaintiff,
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Dated this 29th day of October 2026.
GREG JAMES
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rachel L. Howard
Deputy Clerk

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 2026

1112-1119 TWS NOA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PLANT HOME LENDING, LLC, CASE NO. 2026CA000124CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEANNA MICHELLE BOZEMAN, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DEANNA MICHELLE BOZEMAN Last Known Address: 7194 Garrett Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32303 DEANNA MICHELLE BOZEMAN Last Known Address: 85 Spokan Trl, Crawfordville, FL 32327 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEANNA MICHELLE BOZEMAN Last Known Address: 7194 Garrett Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32303 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEANNA MICHELLE BOZEMAN Last Known Address: 85 Spokan Trl, Crawfordville, FL 32327

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property located in Wakulla County, Florida

LOT 18, BLOCK 4, WAKULLA GARDENS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

including the buildings, appurtenances, and fixture located thereon. Property Address: 85 Spokan Trl, Crawfordville, FL 32327 (the "Property"). filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on HOWARD LAW, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 902 Clint Moore Road, Suite 220, Boca Raton, FL 33487 on or before December 12, 2026 (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition filed herein. CASE NO.: 2026CA000124CAAXMX

Dated this 5th day of November 2026.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rachel L. Howard
As Deputy Clerk

Nov. 12, Nov. 19, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
MADGE MATHESON,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE
CASE NO.: 26-CP-87

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of MADGE MATHESON, Deceased, Case No. 26-CP-87 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.

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 November 12, 2026.

Personal Representative:
Margaret Matheson
54 Beeler Road,
Crawfordville, FL 32327

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

Nov. 12, 19, 2026

1105-1112 TWS NTC
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FILE NO. 2026-CP-162
George Lewis Weymouth,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of George Lewis Weymouth, deceased, File 2026-CP-162 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.

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands 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. This date of the first publication of this notice is November 5, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-8245

Personal Representative:
Frances Casey Lowe, Esq.
68-A Feli Way
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: File No.: 26000149CPAXMX
JAMES MCDONALD,
DECEDENT.
DIVISION: PROBATE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of James McDonald, deceased, whose date of death was April 8, 2026, and the last four digits of whose Social Security number is 6301, is pending in the Circuit Court for Wakulla, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3056 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327, File No. 26000149CPAXMX. The names of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 12, 2026.

/s/ Kishásha Sharp
Kishásha B. Sharp, Esq.
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K.B. Sharp P.A.

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Nov. 12, 19, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1112-1119 TWS NOFS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, CASE NO. 25000158CAAXMX
Plaintiff,
vs.
ETHEL L ETHRIDGE A/K/A ETHEL ETHRIDGE A/K/A ETHEL LONG, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 2, 2026 entered in Civil Case No. 25000158CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida, wherein **PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** is Plaintiff and **ETHEL L ETHRIDGE A/K/A ETHEL ETHRIDGE A/K/A ETHEL LONG, et al.,** are Defendants, the Clerk of Court, Clerk of Court of Wakulla County, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Lobby, Crawfordville, FL, 32327 in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes at 11:00 AM on the 17th day of December, 2026 on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment:

Lot 25, Block 59 of Wakulla Gardens Unit 4, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 46, of the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida.

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

Dated this 4th day of November, 2026.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Rachel L. Howard
Deputy Clerk

Nov. 12, Nov. 19, 2026

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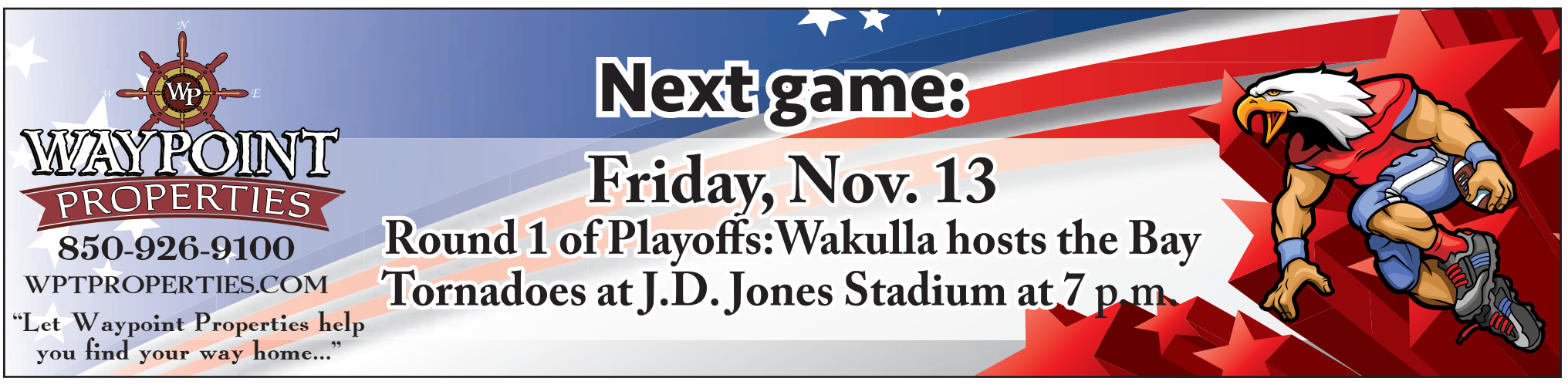
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COACH Derek Allen

FROM THE COACH

Last week: The War Eagles practiced knowing they'd likely face Bay, Pine Forest or Bishop Kenny in the playoffs.

Scouting: Bay is talented with a bunch of athletes and a running quarterback who can pass.

Key to victory: The War Eagles need to slow the game down and play at their pace. 'Two or three yards and a cloud of dust.'

Bay in the playoffs

By WILLIAM SNOWDEN

The playoff brackets were revealed on Friday and Wakulla came out ranked No. 3 and hosting the No. 6 Bay County Tornadoes on Friday night.

There's still some disagreement over the start time – Bay wants 7:30, Wakulla wants 7.

Head Coach Derek Allen Jr. said Bay comes in with a record of 8-2, same was Wakulla, and its two losses came at a total of 10 points combined.

"They're a really good football team," he said. "They have a bunch of athletes, and a running quarterback who can throw."

He said the Tornadoes rely on big, explosive plays and like to play fast.

For the War Eagles, Coach Allen said the team will want to slow the game down the way they like it – "Two or three yards and a cloud of dust."

It's still unexplained how Wakulla won the district title and defeated Godby and Baker and yet they go into the playoffs ranked No. 1 and 2.

Coach Allen said there's a call set for Tuesday with FHSAA in which it will be explained.

Godby plays No. 8 Palatka on Friday night, while Baker plays No. 7 South Walton. The other game on the regional schedule is No. 4 Bishop Kenny vs. No. 5 Pine Forest.

Coach Allen is asking fans to be there for the game.

"It's very important that everybody come out and support the team," he said. There's no streaming, so if you want to see it you've got to be there.

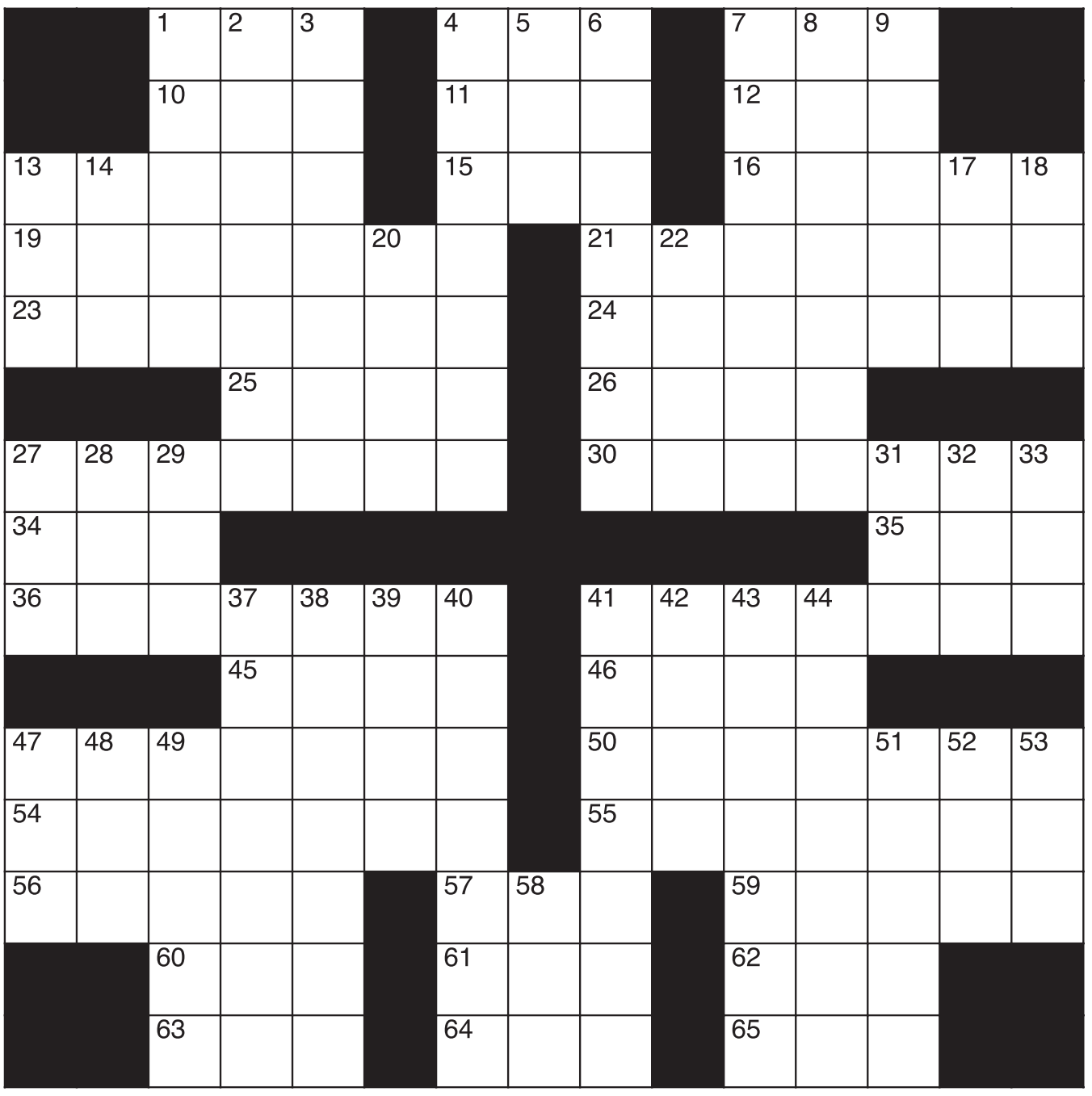
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CLUES ACROSS

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4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

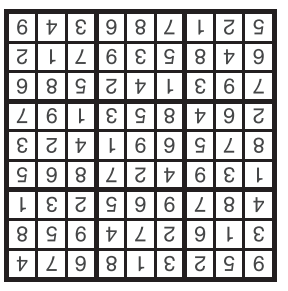
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6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
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9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

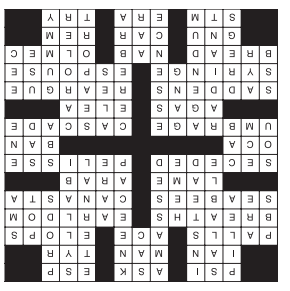


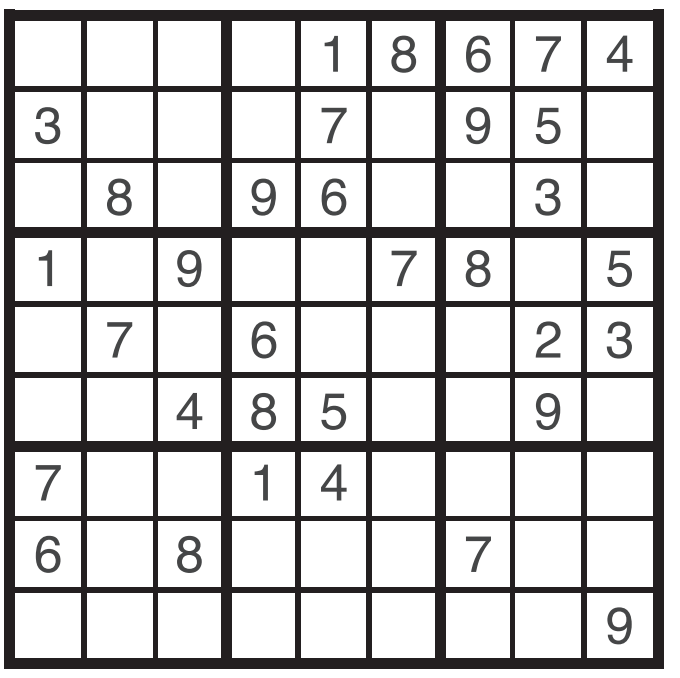
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GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on November 12, 1982, in New York. I was raised in Millburn, NJ, and was inspired by my mother to go into acting. I've played a princess, a fashion magazine assistant and a cat burglar. I won an Academy Award for the film adaptation of a poplar musical.

Answer: Stuffing

Answer: Anne Hathaway

