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Peg the Pelican

By Marlo Scafe
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When a Milton couple found an injured pelican on their property, they were unsure what to do. But now they have formed an unlikely bond and even want to write a children's book to share their story.

Arthur and Kristen Hauck have been living in their home adjacent to Mulat Bayou for years now. They moved here because they enjoy spending time on the water, fishing, and being close to nature. Pelicans have rested their wings on their property many times, but when an injured one appeared, it was all new to them.

"I looked over and there she was sitting with blood all over the dock," Arthur said. "So, I think she lost her leg here to an alligator."

Peg showed up with a bloodied foot last June, and the Haucks didn't know what to do. She was sitting with another pelican whom they assumed was her mate. They tried approaching the injured bird but she did not trust them enough to let them near.

Brown Pelican Facts:

- Typically live 20 to 30 years
- Large birds with long, thick bills
- They use their expandable pouch to hold food
- Have brownish-gray bodies, with bright yellow and white head
- Neck color can change from white to brown during breeding season
- Predators include bald eagles, sea lions, large sharks
- They feed on mid-sized fish and some invertebrates
- They require up to 4 pounds of food per day
- Diet consists of menhaden, herring, sheepshead, pigfish, mullet, grass minnows

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Above: Peg and Pete are often seen enjoying each other's company. Top circle: Arthur Hauck and Peg hang out in the backyard. Submitted photos

'Decades to recover' from Mulat damage

By Gail Acosta
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The repeated clay intrusions into Mulat Bayou in the past seven months have significantly damaged the bayou and it will take tens of years for it to recover, says a local expert. Some residents have counted 11 such intrusions involving red clay from nearby developments washing into the bayou.

Christian Wagley is the coastal organizer for an organization named Healthy Gulf, working on water



This portion of Mulat Bayou has been polluted at least six times in seven months. Drone photo by Mach 1 Aerial Photography

quality, energy and climate issues along the coast of Northwest Florida. He holds a Master of Biology and coastal zone studies from the University of

West Florida.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

April 26

Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Santa Rosa County Extension Services building starting at 9 a.m. Come support your local master gardener program at the annual plant sale. There will be over 1500 native and Florida friendly plants, educational booths, food trucks and activities for kids

Pedal Safe Party at the Milton City Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This free event is open to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. There will be a trail ride, 3 interactive Bike Safety Stations, drinks & refreshments, and free bike giveaways.

May 3

2nd Annual Crawfish Boil 2.0 at the Prost Office Brewery starting at 12 p.m. Back by popular demand, it's time for another round of delicious crawfish and good vibes. Bring your friends and family for a day filled with great food, cold drinks, and music.

Foundry Student 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser at the Milton SportsPlex from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is a fundraiser for Foundry students for their Camp Baldwin retreat and mission trip. \$10 per player, up to 4 players on a team. Open to the public. Boys and girls of all ages can participate.

May 4

Paint for A HOPE at Your Pace Yoga Studio starting at 2 p.m. a night of creativity, connection, and giving back at our Paint for A HOPE Fundraiser, guided by the amazing Emily from The Traveling Painter. Whether you're an artist or just in it for the fun, this afternoon is for you.

May 10

Hop into a Fur-Ever Home at Santa Rosa County Animal Services from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the Krewe of Wicked Pirates and the Santa Rosa County Shelter for an egg-stra special, 'Hop into a Fur-Ever Home' pet adoption event. Come meet your new furry friend at the Santa Rosa County Animal Services Center.

Special Day at the Farm at AWA Farms from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A special day at the farm for special needs kids in middle school or high school.

May 15

STEAM Day at the Milton Library from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monthly STEAM Day. Each month will feature a different theme. Speak with a staff member for more information.

May 16

Stormfolk "Bands on the Blackwater" at Jernigan's Landing from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends. Food trucks available.

May 31

2025 Sheriff's Rodeo at Sant Rosa County Fair Association, Inc. starting at 7:30 p.m. A family-friendly evening packed with heart-pounding rodeo riding, jaw-dropping K-9 and SWAT demos, and other experiences, all in support of the SRSO Star Foundation.

Mulat

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Wagley has seen Mulat Bayou for himself, although he hasn't taken samples from it.

"There is a whole additional ecology that lives in the natural sediment on the bottom, like worms, shrimp, crab, seagrass..." Wagley said. "And what we are used to finding there is a more coarse or larger grained sand, not mud and muck."

Wagley further explained when the red clay enters the bayou, it leaves a bottom layer of muck which smothers the ecosystem there. It makes the water murky, which blocks light penetration and leads to oxygen depletion. The organisms and plant life need both to survive.

"Fish can swim and get out of the way. They may not come back for a long time," Wagley said. "But the things that cannot move, like oysters and seagrass, they are smothered and killed."

There really is no man-made fix to the damage that has been done. Wagley said dredging could make things worse and the cost is 'astronomical.' But there is something that must happen first.

"The first thing (that must be done) is stop the pollution. In a body of water like this, it takes a while to repair the damage. These waterways are already suffering from stormwater runoff, they are already compromised," Wagley pointed out.

He says it will take decades for the bayou to recover.

"Over time, the micro-organisms could redevelop and maybe some source of new sand could find its way in there. Eventually the native soil there will wash in on its own and may over decades begin to recover," Wagley said.

While the developers, Thomas Cornelison and Kip Walker, have been fined and even jailed for the code violations and Florida DEP permit violations, they have both entered a plea of not guilty to the charges. No court date has been set for the trials.

The Florida DEP warrant affidavit for Walker dates the circumstances of charges back to August 2024, saying "at the southwest corner of Damon Drive, positioned between Santa Cruz Boulevard and Tuscaloosa Street, Walker knowingly and intentionally failed to obtain a required permit for stormwater discharge from small and large construction activities."

Nov. 22, 2024, Florida DEP received a complaint which reported developers clearing a wooded area and bringing in red clay which was being washed into nearby waterways due to rainfall.

In all, according to records obtained, the Florida DEP made nine separate site visits between August 2024 and January 2025 noting the failure to obtain the necessary permit for stormwater control (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Generic Permit) before ordering his arrest. The arrest warrant for Cornelison reads nearly the same.

Peg

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Kristen called the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which recommended they let the bird stay there while they nursed it back to health. And so that's what the Haucks did. They gave her space and time, watching over her as she recovered. After two weeks of sticking close to the couple, she finally decided to take her leave, but she would be back.

"If I sit outside, she comes next to me and takes a nap, but only if I close my eyes and act like I'm sleeping," Hauck said.

The couple has now taken to calling the pelican Peg, and whom they assume is her boyfriend, Pete. Bonding with pelicans was not on their scorecard, but they consider it a win. Peg did lose her left foot, but it has healed over, and she comes and goes as she pleases. Arthur even sees himself in Peg, as he also knows what it's like to navigate the world with an injury.

Arthur had a life-changing injury snow skiing in Michigan. He now has chronic pain and has been without complete use of his left leg. As he watches Peg, he wonders if the Lord brought them together. It just so happens they were both injured on their left legs. He finds inspiration in knowing Peg never feels sorry for herself and keeps going.

Kristen's daughter, Fallon Gleason, is an art teacher and was inspired by Peg's story as well. She offered



Submitted photos

Peg drops by the Hauck's home for a visit.

her services in making the artwork for the book based on the pictures the couple sent. The Haucks agreed, and they hope to get it started soon.

"It would be a children's book encouraging time in nature and believing that all living creatures have one common language, love," Kristen said.

Kristen said due to Arthur's allergies, having a traditional pet was out of the question for them. And Peg's daily visits have brought them much joy. She and her mate Pete have amazed them with how perceptive they are to human communication.

Arthur said they are almost similar to a dog in

how the pelicans can understand their expressions and manner of speaking. If Peg is in his walking path, he simply tells her to move, and she listens.

"I was walking to my neighbor's house, and she was following me, and then she started to fly that way," Arthur said. "I told her to get back to the house, and she turned around, flew, and landed there."

Since forming a relationship with the pelicans, the Haucks have observed their many interesting traits. Like their colors changing in mating season, the fact that they can eat up to four pounds of fish at a time, and they can even eat so much that they have to wait

for it to digest before they can fly.

Arthur recommends not feeding pelicans, because they can become friendly with anglers and get caught by their lures and entangled in fishing line. He knows because he saw it happen to Peg. There was a man fishing, and Peg got the lure stuck in her bill. Because of her trust in Arthur, she allowed him to remove it with pliers.

The Haucks hope to continue watching over Peg and Pete and peacefully coexisting with each other. They also hope to work on their children's book and help share their experiences in hopes that others will appreciate the animals we share space with.

Market of Pace and Milton behind the scenes

By Marlo Scafe

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The Market of Milton celebrated its two-year anniversary on April 3, and the Market of Pace will celebrate three years in June. The markets are not only fun for attendees, but they also make it possible for locals to pursue their passions.

The market started after a conversation over a cup of coffee between Allison Hartman and Jennifer Kaiser at her daughter's home. Hartman asked what she and her husband planned to do with their land. The Kaisers have a homestead off Chumuckla Highway. Kaiser shared that one day, they had hopes to host a farmer's market of sorts and a community you-pick.

"Little did I know, she also had a desire for somewhere for her children to sell their products," Kaiser said.

They both discussed and agreed on a few core values that were important to them before starting the market. The first being that the market would be a safe and fun family event, not somewhere where they would have to worry about their children reading inappropriate words on products or seeing anything they would have to explain later.

"This is actually one of my favorite things about the Market. We are extremely family friendly," Kaiser said. "Between Allison and me, we have 22 children, which sounds a little crazy to say out loud, but its why it is so important to us."

The second value they agreed on was every product at the market would be locally crafted, locally created, or locally grown. They also have different local food trucks there weekly. The third value was the market would make



Photo by Marlo Scafe

Vicky Thurber with Buckwheat Designs and The Market of Pace and Milton founders Allison Hartman and Jennifer Kaiser believe in supporting local businesses and giving back to the community.

a difference in the community. They want to pour back into the local economy as much as possible.

"Our heart is for mom-and-pop stores to succeed," Hartman said. "For people to choose buying local over going to Target, and we have great stuff. It's been a great experience."

A week after they first discussed the idea, Hartman started making phone calls and secured a location at Oops Alley for what would be the first Market of Pace. They quickly outgrew Oops Alley and were welcomed with open arms at Woodbine Baptist Church. Then, a little over a year later, they were approached by the City of Milton to start what is now the Market of Milton.

The Market of Milton started at Jernigan Landing. At the beginning of this year, they made a switch of locations to the parking lot with a sea turtle statue next to Liberty Church, in hopes that being in a more visible location would increase foot traffic for their vendors. The change of location has had many positive outcomes.

"We went from 800

approved vendors to almost 1,400. It's not a small market anymore, it's a big thing," Kaiser said. "It's made a huge difference having that visibility and being more central."

Through the markets, they have raised funds for the local foster care system, families affected by the tornado in Jay, children who lost their father to murder, Toys for Tots, and more. They have also been an outlet for various local high school bands, cheerleading associations, and the animal shelter.

They said the markets would be nothing without their vendor community. Kaiser said it has been a delight every week to see the showcase of local talent and connect with all the different vendors. Many have become more than just a weekly acquaintance, great friendships have developed, and a sense of community with neighbors caring for neighbors on a regular basis.

Vicky Thurber owns Buckwheat Designs, selling custom tumblers and pens at the markets and online. She is a long-time resident of Milton and considers the

city home.

"Milton is amazing. I absolutely love the Market of Milton, it has helped me meet other people in the community, and it makes my car payment every month," Thurber said. "Another vendor was able to quit his job because the market has helped him."

Pace Market is at Woodbine Baptist Every Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. And the Milton Market at the sea turtle parking lot next to Liberty Church is every Thursday, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. On the third Thursday of every month, they host a local business night at the Milton market that features their vendors and local mom-and-pop shop owners and service providers.

On May 22 in Milton, they will be hosting a car show to raise funds for Wreaths Across America to provide wreaths for local military gravesites. On June 21 in Pace, they will be celebrating their third anniversary with a car show, a petting zoo, and a fundraiser for the family of Luca Kukuk, a local young man who died as a result of a drunk driving accident.

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Local lawn expert Skip Orth, owner of Father and Son Pest and Lawn Solutions has published a book titled "What Every Home Owner on the Emerald Coast Needs to Know About Lawn Care," which is a compilation of his many years of experience at solving lawn problems!

Skip says the Florida Panhandle is one of the most difficult places in the country to keep a lawn healthy. "We have poor soil that has little nutrition or moisture holding capabilities and a climate that is favorable to a number of pests and diseases that attack turf grass. You must be very pro-active with caring for your lawn, or it will naturally just decline. Mother Nature never intended for turf grass to be grown in our region. So if you are going to remove all the pine trees, scrub oaks and palmettos from a building lot and replace them with sod, you are going to have to continually work to keep the grass healthy and viable."

All of the information

in his book comes from personal experience working in the lawn care industry and dealing directly with troubled lawns in this area over the last 30 years. It's very practical information about things homeowners should and should not do to their lawn and why.

In the book, Skip addresses many concerns and frustrations commonly expressed by homeowners trying to keep their lawn healthy. "I talk about how to recognize specific pests and diseases, the proper way to water your lawn, the different types of turf grasses used in Florida and a lot more."

Skip says that the belief that grass eventually wears out and must be replaced every so many years is not necessarily true. "If a lawn is maintained properly, it should last indefinitely. However, proper maintenance not only includes things like watering and chemical treatments, it also includes periodic mechanical maintenance such as dethatching, aeration and

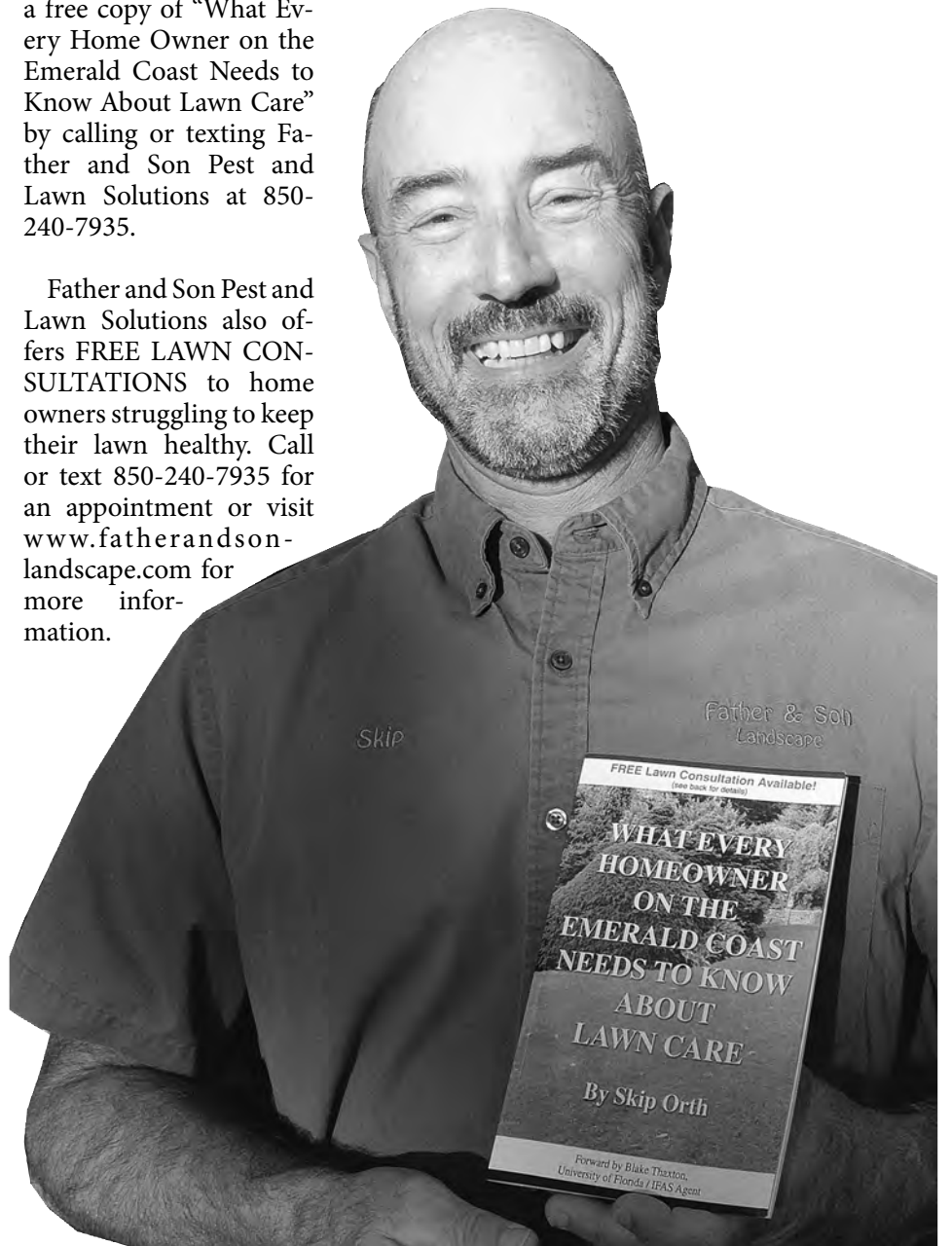
top dressing, which I also discuss in my book."

Skip feels one of the most important issues he addresses in the book is how to gauge a healthy lawn. He says we have been given unrealistic expectations about our lawns through the marketing efforts of fertilizer companies. "One of the biggest problems I see is well-meaning homeowners who end up destroying their lawn by over maintaining it with too much water and fertilizer. Proper watering plays a big part in keeping a lawn healthy. Proper watering involves the correct amount of water applied at the right frequency and time of day." Skip also says that most commercial fertilizers are not formulated for our soil here along the Emerald Coast and applying the wrong fertilizer can do more harm than good over time.

If you would like a copy of "What Every Home Owner On The Emerald Coast Needs To Know About Lawn Care," Skip is offering a free copy of

his book to all who ask for one. You can request a free copy of "What Every Home Owner on the Emerald Coast Needs to Know About Lawn Care" by calling or texting Father and Son Pest and Lawn Solutions at 850-240-7935.

Father and Son Pest and Lawn Solutions also offers FREE LAWN CONSULTATIONS to homeowners struggling to keep their lawn healthy. Call or text 850-240-7935 for an appointment or visit www.fatherandsonlandscape.com for more information.



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Road to nowhere?

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There is a road being built at the end of Ibis Road in Milton's Avalon Park as part of Maikaira Ridge subdivision that will lead to, well, nowhere. There is a decadeslong history of the property and the road beginning in 1994 that residents of Ibis Road hope the commissioners will uphold.

In 2001, the 58.063-acre property east of Ibis Road and south of Commerce Road came before the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners to rezone the property from RR-1 to R-1 for Heaton Brothers Construction Company after the local zoning board denied the request unanimously.

According to the minutes of the special meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the proposed subdivision making access straight from Commerce Road and not through Ibis Road. They discussed options but agreed access from Commerce Road was the best decision. County attorney Tom Dannheisser told the board they could have conditions attached to the motion if they wished. The board could have the applicant agree to the conditions and stipulate on the record that if he fails to comply, he would not object to changing the zoning back. The builder said, for the record, he understood the motion that included coming down from Commerce, "which will have to be a boulevard, but they will not be using any of the other roads," and he said he agreed to the conditions.

21 years later

In 2022, the property came back in front of the Board of Commissioners for another rezoning, changing the zone from R1 to R1A, and to medium density which allows 4 units/lots per acre to 6 units per acre.

At this meeting, Heaton Brothers was represented by consultant Beckie Cato, who



Submitted photo

Heaton Brothers Construction has begun building a road to connect to Ibis Road in Avalon Park. Previous county boards of commissioners have voted not to allow access to Ibis Road. Santa Rosa County has placed signs at the end of Ibis Road indicating the new road is closed.

recalled the board's condition of not using Ibis Road or Westmont Road in 2001. But then-commissioner Sam Parker spoke up and said he believed they should connect to all the neighborhood roads.

In the minutes, Cato said in terms of the increased density, she mentioned "the applicant donated property at the end of Ibis Road to preclude connection to Ibis Road and the section donated for the park is a pretty good chunk of land that was removed from development potential." She said the increase in density helps to offset that.

Commissioner James Calkins asked Commissioner Bob Cole to include in his motion for the rezoning that there would be no connectivity to existing streets. Cole said it was already on "here" that there is no connectivity to the existing streets. Once again, the motion passed 3-2.

2024

In September, revised plans of Maikaira Ridge surfaced,

showing a proposed access through Ibis Road.

It was later revealed that at a 2021 meeting, the board voted to approve a property donation agreement with Heaton Brothers Construction near the Avalon Subdivision. As part of the agreement, the county agreed to construct a southern extension of Trump Boulevard to connect to Heaton's development. At the time, the estimated cost to build the extension was about \$182,000.

But when the revised agreement was presented in 2024, the construction cost had increased to \$819,000. At that time, the board of commissioners were unaware of the proposal to build the extension. Heaton said to resolve the situation, he would void the agreement with the county. If then, the county didn't own the proposed donated properties, Heaton would, according to Dannheisser, be able to build the connector to Ibis Road.

2025

In recent days, Heaton has cleared the land all the way to

Ibis Road to begin constructing a connector road. He has also built curbs for the road.

Residents of Avalon Park and specifically Ibis Road are ready to make sure the roads will not connect. One Ibis Road resident, Trinity Colburn, has been speaking against the connection for several years.

He has now been informed that because of the land donation stipulation, it will have to go before the board again for another vote. Smith has indicated they cannot stop Heaton from building the road, but they can stop him from connecting to Ibis Road.

In response to an inquiry from this newspaper, Dannheisser said, "Commissioner Smith has advised that he is going to recommend that the county not approve the connection when the plat is submitted for approval."

Colburn had this to say, "Santa Rosa County is in trouble. Water ways being polluted with paltry fines for offenders, county documented zoning agreements being

violated with no fines at all, roads being built without a permit from the state. Regarding our case, all the evidence is there and has been presented to all of them in great detail. The only missing puzzle piece is the integrity, honesty, and accountability of our county officials. My advice, when it comes time to vote, vote for the candidate whose signs you haven't seen all over the county. Those signs cost money and that money came from somewhere."

Dannheisser went on to say, "Any county, city or Department of Transportation can deny or even close existing connections so long as a property owner is allowed access to their property."

Colburn and his neighbors protested Saturday at the end of Ibis Road against the road and any consideration of connecting the roads.

At Monday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, residents of Ibis Road spoke out about the road being built.

Smith, responded to the group saying, "I was told during the break that we can stop this (road construction) after being told we can't. I'm done with getting bad information and I'm getting tired of getting strung out up here."

Smith continued in a passionate tone, "I'm going to make it very clear. We are a board of county commissioners that are working our tails off to gain the trust of our community and we need everyone on staff to make sure they are joining in on this mission. I have about had all I can take. One thing I do know I have is my word. My word is my word."

Smith apologized for the harshness of his remarks, but he felt it was necessary. He went on to say that they would stop the building of the road and he would at a future date propose a possible recreation area for the community on the 3.6 acres owned by the county, which would essentially block the road from being built.

Citizen scientists help researchers protect keystone species

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Range maps for diamondback terrapins – a type of vulnerable aquatic turtle species – highlight the entire United States East Coast and Gulf Coast. Until a few years ago, however, the shading hiccapped between Port St. Joe, Florida, and Mobile, Alabama because no verified records of their presence existed. Then, researchers and citizen scientists took a closer look.

"They were there all along," said Rick O'Connor, a Florida Sea Grant agent for UF/IFAS Extension Escambia County. "We just had to do a better job of searching for them."

Earlier this month, O'Connor's Panhandle Terrapin Project commenced its 20th season combing the Gulf coast from Wakulla County in Florida to Baldwin County in Alabama in search of terrapins, which are native to marsh environments. Consisting mostly of trained citizen scientist volunteers, the group conducts regular surveys from April to September, the terrapin nesting season, to help the U.S. Geological Survey better understand the animals' habitat and activity.

New funding from the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program supports educational materials about terrapin ecology and about



A citizen researcher updates his logbook.

laws protecting animals. There's new tagging equipment, including radio frequency identification tags and satellite identification tags. Organizers are also exploring the feasibility of acoustic telemetry tags, devices that emit sound and are detected by receivers when an animal approaches.

The project's goals are to understand the status of terrapins in the Panhandle and to support conservation efforts. Terrapins are considered a keystone species because they are credited with keeping the populations of other animals, including herbivorous invertebrates, in check.

"The decline of terrapins



Photos submitted by UF/IFAS

Terrapins help balance the ecosystem by eating mollusks. When there is an overabundance of mollusks, they will start attacking the live marsh.

can increase the number of mollusks, which normally feed on the dead grass in the marsh," O'Connor said. "When there's an over-abundance of mollusks, they will start attacking the live marsh. So, having terrapins in that

ecosystem is very important for keeping the environment in balance."

But the animals' survival is threatened by many factors.

Although it's illegal in Florida and Alabama to possess a diamondback terrapin without a permit, the animals' compact size and bright, spotted coloring make them attractive to the pet trade. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild

Fauna and Flora, or CITES, has designated terrapins an Appendix II species, meaning they could become threatened with extinction unless trade is closely controlled.

Terrapins are also susceptible to road mortality, boat strikes, predation from raccoons and drowning in crab traps; as of 2023, recreational blue crab traps in Florida waters are required to feature bycatch reduction devices to prevent wayward terrapins from entering them.

A volunteer's perspective

Since 2005, the Panhandle Terrapin Project has trained more than 270 volunteers. This year, about 125 people attended information sessions in Apalachicola, Baldwin, Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties to learn how to measure and tag terrapins and identify their tracks and nests.

Volunteer Mathilda Ravine, co-coordinator for Okaloosa County, attends a training session every year to learn more about the species.

Ravine grew up on Santa Rosa Sound, but she didn't know terrapins lived in her area until she spotted a flyer for the Panhandle Terrapin Project about five years ago.

Surveys for the project consist of walking a mile in each direction on a designated beach. Ravine searches for signs of activity along the waterline and then along the shaded, vegetated areas where terrapins typically nest.

The project's tagging efforts revealed some terrapins have ventured as far as 60 miles from tagging sites, Ravine said.

"The literature says they're supposed to have site fidelity, but as Rick says, 'turtles don't read books,'" she said. "So, the tagging efforts are providing the USGS with data it doesn't necessarily have."

Although Ravine has seen a terrapin hatchling before, she hopes this season marks her first time spotting one herself.

"Volunteering for this project has been a great opportunity to get outside and learn more about my environment, and I'm so excited our work is shedding new light on terrapins' behavior and habitats."

Protecting green spaces

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According to a University of Florida study, by 2040, Florida's developed land is projected to increase by roughly 17.5% of the state's total land area. But there are groups working together to preserve as much land as possible.

Nearly a third of all land in Florida is used for agriculture. But University of Florida Center for Landscape Conservation Planning Director Dr. Tom Hctor said one of the things Florida grows the best is homes and buildings.

"If we don't work to better protect this land, we will have an increase of 17% of developed land. By 2040, we will lose ag land that is the size of 150 Miami cities," Hctor said.

Hctor is an expert on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications for identifying conservation priorities and implementation actions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services. He has been working on various projects, including the Projected Land Use maps by 2040.

The two different maps represent statewide sprawl and conservation. The sprawl shows what the state will look like if Florida continues developing at the same pace and density it is now. Hctor says smart planning and higher density housing can help prevent the large loss of land by 2040.

"The conservation scenario shows Florida can accommodate a large population growth and do it in a way that will convert a lot less rural land by increasing density," Hctor said.

Founded in 1972, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit land conservation organization. Their mission is to make sure that everybody in the United States is connected in some way with the outdoors. They work to conserve land for public use by creating parks, gardens, playgrounds, and protecting landscapes.

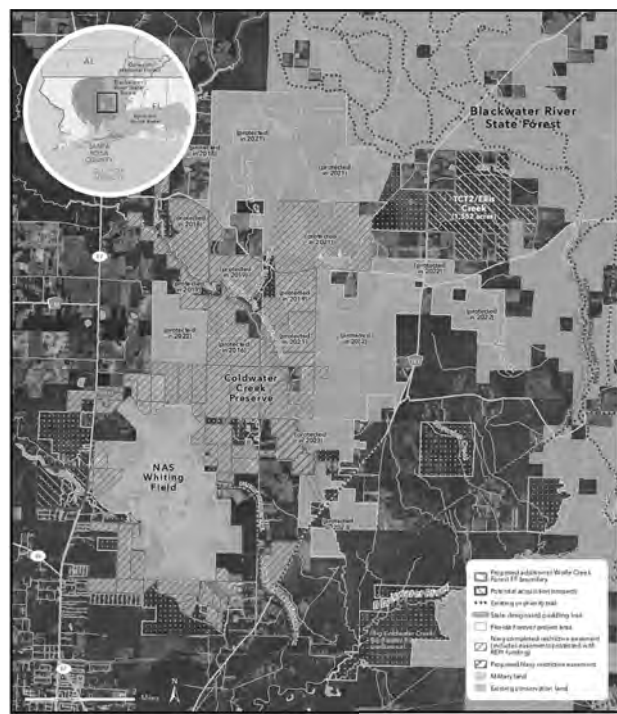
They garnered a Non-Profit Conservation Partner Award from the Longleaf Alliance for their work at Wolfe Creek Forest and Blackwater River State Forest. The award celebrates their efforts in longleaf pine conservation in Florida,



Submitted
The sprawl map shows Florida in 2040 if the state continues to develop at the rate and density it is now.



Sea level maps submitted by 1000 Friends of Florida Sea Level 2040 maps show the Projected Land Use in Florida.



Submitted by the Trust for Public Lands (TPL)
The Trust for Public Land (TPL) conserved 14,000 acres at Wolfe Creek Forest and Blackwater River State Forest. Also protecting drinking water quality at Wolfe Creek aquifer.

where they are protecting those crucial ecosystems and enhancing public recreation so more people can connect to the benefits of the outdoors.

"We protected thousands of acres in partnership with the county, state, and the Navy," Abberger said. "Providing additional recreation access for residents and

visitors to places like Big Cold-Water Creek and helping to buffer the Navy base."

According to the Trust for Public Land, 90% of Santa Rosa County's population relies on drinking water from Wolfe Creek's aquifer. 900 species found nowhere else on Earth live in the Longleaf pine forest habitat. And between both projects, more than 14,000 acres were preserved.

"We work cooperatively with private landowners, local governments, and state agencies to facilitate real estate transactions," said TPL Vice President Will Abberger. "Those take important conservation lands and move them from private ownership into public ownership."

Abberger said he has been in the land conservation business for about 30 years. He spoke about the many benefits of land conservation, like allowing folks with recreational opportunities in the outdoors is a big one, but also things like protecting water quality, protecting the county, and providing wildlife habitat.

The Trust for Public Land works at all levels to garner funding. They work with the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife, the state, and the Florida Forever Program. But now they are very interested in working with Santa Rosa County on funding for conservation. He said the county is a key link in the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

"The greatest challenge in Florida is the pace of growth and development. People continue to move to our state, and the need for places to live, new roads, schools, and other infrastructure is growing," Abberger said.

Trust for Public Lands wants to make sure Florida balances that with appropriate conservation and making sure that those lands that are most important, whether it's for recreation, wildlife conservation, or protecting water quality, are set aside and protected.

There are 25 counties in Florida now that are dedicated to funding land conservation. Abberger said that gives them a real advantage in achieving their conservation and recreation objectives. And that having county funding elevates them in terms of state funding and federal funding as a priority.

OBITUARY

Joy Permelia Boothe Rowell

1954 - 2025



Joy Permelia Boothe Rowell, 70, of Jay, Florida, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Joy was born in Mobile, Alabama, to the late Alex Zander Boothe, Jr. and Virginia Adelle Estes Boothe on December 5, 1954. She was the fourth of five children, and she loved each of her siblings fiercely. Joy spent much of her childhood on Lott Road, moving between her parents' dairy farm and the apartment above the store they owned. She went back and forth between Wilmer Elementary and Semmes, each time reuniting with friends who would call out, "Hey! Joy's back!" upon her arrival. She had a horse named Champ she loved, she picked and sold bushes upon bushes of peas, and she grew up in the warmth of a loving home where Jesus was praised, education was valued, and hard work was only matched by laughter. Joy moved to Milton in the sixth grade and then her family bought a farm and built a home in Allentown. She attended Allentown School, now called Central School, beginning in 8th grade. She graduated in 1973 and graduated from the University of West Florida with an English secondary education degree in 1979. She returned to Allentown and spent her teaching career ministering to and guiding the children of the people she had grown up with, along with hundreds more. She helped students see their potential, pointed them toward the Love that never runs out, and saw the light in the dimmest of eyes, reminding each of them that "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." She was a language arts teacher, yearbook sponsor, drama teacher, mentor, reading coach, and the county ESOL coordinator, serving the students and families she loved for 35 years. She inspired many to follow in her footsteps, including all three of her children. A favorite teacher at Central High School, Joy was also a gifted and encouraging Sunday School teacher throughout her entire adulthood. She taught adults at Berrydale Baptist Church, Cora Baptist Church, and Woodbine Baptist Church in Pace, where she had been a member since 2023. She led a ladies' Bible study the day she passed away. Joy lived life to the fullest and wanted to see as much of the world as possible. Sharing those experiences with her sisters and close friends and then sharing them broadly with her many social media friends brought her great happiness. She had visited all 50 states and Macedonia made her 50th country in September. Some of her favorite places she saw were Israel, Ireland, and Africa. She loved the scenery and loved going "anywhere she hadn't gone before," but it was the people she met and the stories they told that impacted Joy most. She loved people, met them easily, embraced them heartily, and always had an open heart and open hands. Her JOY for life was contagious. While her teaching career, her students, her church family, and her travels were all so important to her, her roles as a wife, mother to her three children, and a grandmother to her seven grandchildren were where she shone the brightest. She married Roger Glen Rowell in 1973, and God used her to make him the man he became. She was not only mother to her own children, but she was a second mother to many of their friends, as well as to nieces, nephews, and church family. She had a special way with folks, making each person feel as if he or she was her favorite. And when her grandchildren came along, she became DeeDee. They brought more joy and pride to her than anything else on earth ever had. She regularly babysat them all, attended their ball games, recitals, academic competitions, and special events. She wore her specially made shirts for each grandchild's school and became a staple in all three of their communities—Jay, Milton, and Pace. She made special time to be with each grandchild, taking them back-to-school shopping, having them spend the night often, cooking them their favorite foods, speaking Truth and encouragement into their lives, and praying for them regularly. She believed each of them had what it took to do anything they wanted and were called by God to do. Her greatest legacy may be that now they all believe that too.

Joy was preceded in death by her precious husband of 45 years, Roger Glen Rowell; her loving parents; a granddaughter, Anna Grace McMath; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law whom she loved dearly.

She leaves behind her two sons and two daughters-in-law, Chadwick Glen (Jessica) Rowell of Berrydale, and Rhett Alexander (Lana) Rowell of Jay; and her daughter and son-in-law, Misty (Joey) McMath of Pace. She lives on through her seven beloved grandchildren, Malinda Maesen (Maesey) Rowell and John Pasco (Pasco) Rowell II; Major Alexander and Piper Elizabeth Rowell; and Abriana Joy (Abby), Josiah Luker and Jackson Glen (Jack) McMath. She is also survived by her brother, Kenny (Gloria) Boothe of Cantonment; and her sisters, Sylvia (Jerry) Jennings of Cantonment, Betty (Mondal) Miller of Columbia, MS, and Andra (Joe) Mize of Flomaton, AL; sisters-in-law, Dinah Colonna of Florala, AL, and Lorraine Rowell of Jay; and brothers-in-law, Frank (Pearl) Rowell of Jay and Buck Roberts of Jay. Additionally, she leaves behind many nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces whose lives were indelibly touched by their Aunt Joy's love for them.

All services were held at Berrydale Baptist Church, 6730 FL-4, Jay, FL 32565, under the direction of Lewis Funeral Homes. Visitation was held April 17, and a memorial service was held on Good Friday, April 18. Interment followed in the Berrydale Baptist Church Cemetery. Her nephews served as active pallbearers.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Jay Hospital and friends and family who have prayed, visited, shared stories, and ministered during this unspeakably difficult time.

Attorney General James Uthmeier subpoenas Roblox for child-protection policies and procedures

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Attorney General James Uthmeier has issued a subpoena to Roblox, a popular online gaming platform, demanding information about how the platform markets to children, sets age-verification requirements and moderates chat rooms.

"As a father and Attorney General, children's safety and protection are a top priority," Uthmeier said. "There are concerning reports that this gaming platform, which is popular among children, is exposing them to harmful content and bad actors. We are issuing a subpoena to Roblox to uncover how this platform is marketing to children and to see what policies they are implementing—if any—to avoid interactions with predators."

There are numerous concerning reports about children being exposed to graphic or harmful material on the gaming platform, as well as predatory adults being able to message minors on the app freely. The Attorney General's subpoena also demands Roblox to hand over documents related to the platform's collection and processing of children's data.

Roblox features millions of games and interactive environments. The platform develops some of the content, but much of the content is created by users. In 2024, Roblox had more than 85 million daily active users, an estimated 40% of whom being under the age of 13.

Uthmeier is demanding Roblox to produce information including:

- Documents sufficient to show the amount of time spent on the platform bro-

ken down by age for all users 16 years of age or younger;

- Examples of all marketing materials that relate to the platform's suitability for children;

- Documents relating to the marketing of the platform to young customers or youngest demographic—including but not limited to the use of promotions and giveaways, social media platforms, celebrities, social media influencers, and cartoon images. This specification includes all internal documents, including marketing plans and use of social networks;

- Documents reflecting the steps Roblox take to ensure children are not exposed to mature content on the platform;

- Communications to or from a Florida user reporting abuse to Roblox;

- Communications to or from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children relating to Florida users;

- Communications relating to parental controls being circumvented by children using the platform;

- Documents sufficient to describe chat and game moderation capabilities;

- Documents sufficient to show the age verification procedures used relating to child users creating accounts on Roblox and any audits thereof;

- Documents sufficient to identify employees who have been responsible for creating and enforcing age verification policies; and

- Documents relating to any criminal prosecution of which the platform is aware, arising or alleged to have arisen from children's contact with chat room users.

For God's sake

By Rev. Michael Bannon
Compass Community Church

I used to make my living as a professional guitarist, and there is a universally shared experience among guitarists who have played in bands. At some point in your performance, someone is going to shout out, "Freebird! Freebird!" For those who don't know, Freebird is a song by the southern-rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, and it features several iconic guitar solos. I have heard that request often and most of my 6-string colleagues have as well. For the many times we've been asked to play the song, you'd think that we would take the time to learn it. I never have, and neither have any of my guitar playing friends. Perhaps, deep down, we fear that, were we to play it, we would be disrupting a long-established order of things.

Now that I play guitar mostly in worship services at church, I am confident that I will not hear someone from the congregation request to hear "Freebird," at least not as a serious request. But there are worship songs that have a particularly special place in our hearts. For instance, with older congregations, you could decide at the last moment to sing "How Great Thou Art" or "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and most, if not everyone in the congregation could sing either of those songs without the need of a hymnbook and could even provide harmony parts.

In the first ministry I served, one of the many hats I wore was that of minister of music. It was a congregation that sang hymns, so occasionally on a Sunday night, I would let the congregation call out the hymns they wanted us to sing. When a request was made, I would ask the person what it was about that hymn that made them ask for it. Most often, the hymn evoked some cherished childhood memory, perhaps having been taught the hymn by a grandmother. Not surprising then, most of the hymns requested were well-known and long beloved. However, occasionally someone would request a hymn that no one knew, including me and the pianist. When asked why that hymn, the answer was usually, "I have always appreciated its words, and wanted to hear its melody."

Music is a powerful medium songwriters of every genre use to communicate a message for good or for ill. It can serve up a heart-stirring message of undying love or of a universally shared experience. Some skilled wordsmiths artfully explore the great mysteries of life. Yet, there are others who churn out a crass message, even one that is obscene, for its financial potential.

I believe that we Christian musicians ought to use music to deliver the highest message, expressing praise to God through beautiful melodies and skillful lyrics, to communicate a message that is biblically true and doctrinally rich, extolling the attributes and works of our great God. But like our secular counterparts, we too often settle for shallow, frothy songs of not much substance. We can, and we should do better, much better! Let's glorify God.

FAITH

Vision of Hope: Family, fishing, and fun



Photo by Marlo Scafe

Treasurer Christine Wong and Vision of Hope Founder Jane Simmons consider everyone at Vision of Hope family.

By Marlo Scafe
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The Annual Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Their goal is to partner 50 "fishing buddies" with their participants who have developmental disabilities.

Vision of Hope is a Christ-centered nonprofit organization with a team of instructors and volunteers, dedicated to assisting people with unique abilities. They help with challenges like transition to adulthood, long-term employment, self-advocacy, life, and social skills. Their fishing rodeo in Jay is expected to be a day to enjoy the outdoors, strengthen community bonds, but most importantly, to enjoy fishing.

"It's a good family day. We have a fish fry, so after they get their fish, they get to come up and eat a fish dinner," Vision of Hope Founder Jane Simmons said.

They are seeking 50 anglers who can help their participants attach bait, cast, and reel in a fish. The event is just one of the ways Vision of Hope strengthens the bond between the community and people with developmental disabilities. Simmons started Vision of Hope after working with the Florida School District and the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department.

"After 15 years at Pace High School, I walked into a classroom of students with developmental and intellectual disabilities and everything changed," Simmons said. "I had never felt love like that before. It felt like coming home."

Simmons was also part of Wallace Baptist Church, where she grew in her faith as a young wife and mom. The church loved and supported her through every season, helping her grow not just spiritually, but also as a teacher and leader.

Over 20 years in the classroom, she got to know her students deeply. Their strengths, challenges, and dreams, and she built strong bonds with their families. As her retirement approached in 2009, she couldn't shake the feeling that her work with them wasn't finished. She dreamed of creating a place where they could continue to grow, feel loved, and



Participant Frank holds up a fish from the 2024 Annual Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo.

be supported for the rest of their lives.

"That's how Vision of Hope was born. Through prayer, faith, and a desire to make sure our friends feel the same love I felt from God and my church family," Simmons said. "It had to be Christ-centered because that love is what makes all the difference."

Today, their participants learn life and job skills, grow in confidence, and know they belong to a family that cares. She said no matter what someone believes, everyone deserves to be loved and treated with respect. That's what Vision of Hope is all about. Early in 2008, prior to her retirement, Simmons began thinking about the possibility of continuing to provide school-to-workforce transitional assistance to young adults with unique abilities. Having worked with these young adults in the school district for many years, Simmons knew that there were not enough resources to continue to provide services to most of these graduating students.

In short, their community was facing and continues to face the critical deficiency of transitional services to young adults with unique abilities. In October of 2009, Vision of Hope, Inc. was formed as a Florida nonprofit corporation to address the need for transitional services for disabled individuals, including vocational training, job coaching, job placement, and supervised housing.

Christine Wong is the treasurer for Vision of Hope and has seen the fruits of their efforts directly in her 25-year-old son, Andrew. Wong said he does not have



Submitted photos of Matthew and Christopher play a game of Jenga together at Vision of Hope.

a formal diagnosis but is considered intellectually disabled. At Vision of Hope, they recognized his unique abilities and helped him find employment.

Andrew has now worked at the Chick-fil-A in Pace for the past six years, but he has a wide variety of feats he takes pride in. When they lost the deck on their pool a couple of years ago due to storms, Andrew paid to have a new deck put on. While Wong drives him to and from work, he has a driver's permit, his own truck, and takes pride in his accomplishments.

"When my son came here, we decided we were going to get involved with Vocational Rehabilitation," Wong said. "He was our first client in Vocational Rehabilitation."

Since Andrew, numerous other success stories have followed. Other participants have gone to Locklin Technical College, bakeries, coffee shops, and more. Simmons said it's not all about getting a job at Vision of Hope. After one client lost his job at Walmart, she said she saw the importance of continuing a relationship. They consider everyone family and want to not only set them up for success but also continue to go on the journey with them.

"He ended up getting fired and lost his job. And after that, I just knew how important it was to have a heart for them and to follow them," Simmons said.

Their mission is to glorify God as they offer hope for a future to adults with intel-

lectual and developmental disabilities, creating an atmosphere where each one reaches their full potential. Their vision is a world where every person with an intellectual and developmental disability is given a sense of satisfaction and independence to reach their full potential.

The Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo is Saturday, April 26, at 5512 Morristown Rd. Jay. Open to all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To apply to be in the fishing rodeo or to learn more about the event, visit visionofhopefl.org.

"Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world," John 16:33.



Aliana, Andrew, and Elijah are good friends who met at Vision of Hope.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bezalel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. At the Last Supper, which disciple protested against having his feet washed by Jesus? Peter, Andrew, Bartholomew, Judas

3. What golden graven image did the Israelites dance in front of? Calf, Ox, Horse, Camel

4. Who primarily made the golden graven image in the above question? Joseph, Michal, Lot, Aaron

5. From Revelations 13:18, what's the number of the beast? 7, 13, 666, 777

6. In John 18:38, who asked, "What is truth"? Pilate, Martha, Joel, Eve

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Calf, 4) Aaron, 5) 666, 6) Pilate

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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MILITARY

98-year-old pilot sees Skyraider legacy live on in AFSOC's OA-1K Skyraider II

**VETERANS
★ POST ★**

by Freddy Groves

QL means quality of life

Injured or disabled veterans have a friend in QL Plus, or more specifically, the engineering students and their mentors who create the QL Plus projects for veterans.

The purpose of QL Plus is to create the gear and adaptive devices that will make injured veterans more independent and mobile, able to manage their daily lives or participate in sports and hobbies. The students come from 25 colleges and engineering schools across the country, and they work with mentors and experts to create the personalized devices that injured veterans need.

Some of the projects are ingenious -- wheelchair tire cleaners for a veteran's garage, kayak and bike lifts and hiking prosthetics are just a few of the devices created by the students. Then there was the weight-lifting hook so a veteran could complete his workout routine, and the one-handed bobsled for the U.S. Para Bobsled team. One veteran was able to play his guitar again after losing his arm when the QL Plus team created an adaptive guitar pick that attaches to his prosthetic arm. To read about these and more, see the "View Featured Projects" link at the website www.qlplus.org.

And check YouTube for some of the group's previous projects (www.youtube.com/@qlplus-program) as well as Instagram (www.instagram.com/ql.plus).

Veterans with a disability (not necessarily service-related) are encouraged to apply to have devices made for them at no cost whatsoever. Each project takes a full year, with design of the device done in the fall semester and the actual building of it in the spring, with completion in May.

If there is a device you need to make your life easier, QL Plus wants to hear from you (www.qlplus.org). Click on "Request A Project." They're now taking applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

If you don't need a device but you'd like to donate to QL Plus (it's a nonprofit rated three stars by Charity Navigator), you can mail a check to 1544 Spring Hill Road #9927, McLean, VA 22102.

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U.S. Air Force Photos by Staff Sgt. Natalie Fiorilli
Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Bill Buice, a former A-1 Skyraider pilot, poses for a photo in front of the new OA-1K Skyraider II at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 3, 2025. The OA-1K Skyraider II takes its name from the A-1 Skyraider, which Buice flew in Vietnam from June 1967-July 1968 before being shot down, forcing him to medically retire.

By Staff Sgt. Natalie Fiorilli
Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

At 98 years old, retired Lt. Col. Bill Buice never imagined he'd see another Skyraider take flight.

Looking ahead, he smiled as the hum of the aircraft's turboprop engine deepened as it drew closer.

Joined by his family and members of Air Force Special Operations Command, Buice watched as the first missionized OA-1K Skyraider II arrived at Hurlburt Field, April 3.

As the OA-1K Skyraider II taxied, Buice said the moment brought back a wave of memories. To him, this was more than a tribute to the original A-1 Skyraider, the plane he piloted during the Vietnam War until the day he was shot down nearly 60 years ago.

Rolling in for a pass to inspect the area below, Buice heard a sudden explosion.

It was July 9, 1968, and Buice, call sign "Firefly 16," and his wingman, "Firefly 17," were providing cover for a formation of American helicopters flying in northern Laos, near the Vietnam border.

Looking through the canopy of his A-1, he spotted a fire on the left wing of his aircraft.

Buice dumped the hydraulic system pressure to extinguish the flames. It worked, but the wing had a gaping hole, and the



Retired Lt. Col. Bill Buice, left, a former A-1 Skyraider pilot, and Phillip Jennings, a retired Air America pilot, reconnect before attending a delivery ceremony held for the arrival of Air Force Special Operations Command's first missionized OA-1K Skyraider II at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 3, 2025. Jennings rescued Buice after he ejected from an A-1 Skyraider in July 1968, after taking enemy fire in northern Laos, near the Vietnam border.



Courtesy photo
Lt. Col. Bill Buice sits in the flight deck of an A-1 Skyraider in the late 1960s. Buice piloted the A-1 Skyraider during the Vietnam War until the day he was shot down in July 1968.

magnesium casting continued to burn.

He pulled the aircraft into a climbing turn, looking for a place to land. His teammates warned him over the radio.

"Not in the valley, whatever you do," they urged, warning the enemy could be there.

Knowing he would soon lose complete control of the aircraft, he reversed his rudder controls, forcing the A-1 into a faster roll. Inverting the plane, he pulled the ejection handle as soon as he could see the sky through the canopy.

"The canopy disap-



Courtesy photo
Lt. Col. Bill Buice poses for a photo in front of an A-1 Skyraider in the late 1960s.

injury would end his 20-year Air Force career.

For decades, Buice often thought about the man who had rescued him, wondering if he made it out alive.

Sitting beside Buice at the OA-1K delivery ceremony was Phillip Jennings, a retired Air America helicopter pilot—the very man who had saved him that day. Over the years, the two had reunited only a handful of times, making this moment even more special, Jennings noted.

"I knew from the moment I watched him get shot down that we would have to go get him," Jennings said. "I'm elated to be able to be here to see him be recognized and honored. He was the real hero that day, saving the Air America helicopters from landing in the deadly gunfire that shot his A-1 down."

Though the crash ended his flying career, Buice said he has always felt a connection to the A-1 Skyraider.

As a pilot, Buice liked the A-1 for its ability to fly for an extended period while also being able to carry a large payload of ammunition.

The OA-1K Skyraider II now carries on that role, equipped with advanced weapons systems for light attack and reconnaissance missions for AFSOC.

Taking a moment to look at the new aircraft, Buice reflected on what it meant for the next generation of Skyraider pilots.

"I hope they embrace the challenges, the accomplishments — even the fear and the adrenaline," he said. "There will be a day when they can no longer do this. Today is not that day."

Today, Buice lives at the Hawthorne House, an assisted living neighborhood in the Air Force Enlisted Village in nearby Shalimar, Florida. The Air Force Enlisted Village is a community for retired enlisted military members and their surviving spouses.

peared with a bang," Buice recalled. "Then nothing."

He saw the jungle rushing up. His airspeed increased and altitude dropped. He pulled the handle again.

The rocket fired, pulling him from the cockpit. His parachute deployed, slowing his descent. He crashed through the jungle, hitting a tree and injuring his shoulder and quickly realized he couldn't move his right arm.

Hearing noise nearby, he used his left hand to reach for his pistol and call for help with his radio.

Moments later, an Air America helicopter arrived. Owned and operated by the CIA, Air America was a cargo and passenger airline that provided air support for the U.S. and its allies during the Vietnam War.

A pilot came down to help Buice onto the lift, but as they ascended, the weight was too much.

"I insisted that he join me for the trip up, but it was too heavy," Buice recalled. "So I gave him my radio and pistol, and he stayed behind, hoping another chopper would get to him before the bad guys did."

Buice was airlifted to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand for urgent medical treatment. Ultimately, his shoulder

EDUCATION

Digging for history at Milton High School



Photos by Marlo Scafe

City of Milton staff, UWF Archaeology Department, the Florida Public Archaeology Network, and Milton High School staff pose for a photo by the Milton High School dig site. (left to right) Stephen Prestesater, Mayor Heather Lindsay, Milton High School student Raelynn Castillo, Fire Chief John Reble, Barbara Clar, Principal Tim Short, City Manager Ed Spears, and Anthropology instructor Steven Ramirez.

By Marlo Scafe
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Every Friday, students from Steven Ramirez's anthropology class dig and sieve for artifacts at Milton High School. They practice teamwork while learning local history.

Briane Gleaves was working on one of the large sieves, looking for small pieces of metal, pottery and anything else that might have a story to tell. Bricks have been a common item found, leading to the students' discovery about a local brick kiln.

"Bricks that are out at Fort Pickens were made there and transported over," Principal Tim Short said. They were able to dig out there, and they were uncovering bricks and found a couple of old kilns."

As the class works on the excavation site on campus, they practice mindful digging and, for the time being, have switched to trowels. They have found rusty nails, glass, and netting that was probably used on a construction site.

"Normally, we use the big shovels, but we're just trying to level it out, so we're having to use trowels for that because they're smaller and more exact," Gleaves said.

While Ramirez knows the students aren't likely to find anything groundbreaking, he said it's good practice for them. The students get to practice digging, sifting, and researching the historical background of what they find.

Ramirez explained the artifacts they were finding were from when the school



Raelynn Castillo pours dirt into Briane Gleaves' sieve, a prime example of how the anthropology class requires teamwork.



Briane Gleaves sieves for anthropological artifacts.



Milton High School anthropology students take a break from their work to show off a bag of their coolest artifacts.



Anthropology instructor Steven Ramirez monitors the students' dig site.



Izzy Deland uses a toothbrush to carefully clean pieces of glass found by her anthropology peers.

was built. This explains the construction netting, bricks, and the abundance of rusty nails found. Milton High School was built in 1915, and the anthropology class gives the students a direct experience of unearthing evidence of what life might have been like on campus more than 100 years ago.

"They're not going to find any Indiana Jones treasure or a Native American village or anything like that. But it gives them the practice for when they do," Ramirez said.

Anthropology is the study of what makes us human. With the goal of understanding our evolutionary origins, our distinctiveness as a species, and the great

diversity in our forms of social existence across the world through time. In conjunction with the UWF Archaeology Department and the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Milton High School is providing a unique opportunity to explore the past through archaeology.

Barbara Clark is Regional Director for both the Northwest and North Central Regional Centers of the Florida Public Archaeology Network. She said while Milton High School is the only high school with a program like this, they do other activities with other schools, libraries, and even senior centers.

They do a lot with fourth

graders as they learn about Florida history that's relevant to what they do. Tristan Harrenstein is the public archaeology coordinator and said archaeology is always a possibility for any of the students to pursue after this class. And that it's a lifelong interest that anyone can enjoy.

"Always more to do, it's never ending. But that's part of the joy," Harrenstein said.

Clark said the students are learning transferable skills that could be used in many professions. They are learning teamwork and the different aspects of various roles, whether digging or sieving on site, or analyzing the artifact further with research or lab work. She said anthro-

pology and archaeology are vast fields and even have a subfield dedicated to bricks.

Brick archaeologists focus on analyzing the historical and cultural significance of bricks through various methods, like petrographic analysis, which is a microscopic examination of rocks and minerals to identify their composition, textures, and structures. They study the composition, manufacturing techniques, and markings on bricks to understand past production processes, trade networks, and the social and economic contexts of brick use.

"This class is amazing, honestly. We get to come out here every single Friday and do

this," Gleaves said. "The best thing we found so far was the handle of the teapot, and it was a fancy one too."

Ramirez said his students are great at sharing the different work, and that the kids don't just walk, they run out to the site on Friday. He said he would love to have an archaeology course, but they currently only offer anthropology.

Ramirez said it is a one-semester class, and they do not finish the entire textbook. He would love to see an AThere nthropology II course offered to delve even further into the subject. But the second semester he teaches is all about Florida history, which goes hand in hand.

Chick-fil-A THE RIDGE Presents **PHS Student of the Week**

Tristen Solis

Age: 18
Class: Class of 2025
Parents: Cristilyn & Dennis Solis

Favorites


School subject: Biotech
Extracurricular activity: Digital Media WPHS
Hobbies: Photography
Car: Nissan Skyline R34
Store: Toys'R'Us
Musical Artist: Giveon & Bryant Barnes
Movie: "Hacksaw Ridge"
TV show: Original "Ten Titans"

Fast Facts

Cafeteria food must-have: Nachos
Last book read that wasn't required: "The Unwanteds"
Pet peeve: Slow hall walkers
Person most admired: My father
Person I'd like to meet: J. Cole
First job: Property manager
Top accomplishment: Transitioning from home school to public school for the first time my 10th grade year then joining five extracurriculars

Future

After-graduation plans: Apply for UWF IT apprenticeship
Career goal: Technical engineer



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Chick-fil-A THE RIDGE Presents **MHS Student of the Week**

James Reed

Age: 18
Class: Class of 2025
Parents: Cheryl and Time Reed

Favorites


School subject: Cybersecurity (CST) and Psychology
Extracurricular activity: A.V.A (Appreciation of Visual Arts club at MHS)
Hobbies: Video games, trading card games, creative writing, songwriting and listening to music
Car: Anything I can comfortably fit in
Store: Cordova Mall in its entirety, though I'd love to go to Omega Mart one day
Musical Artist: ShazX, The Living Tombstone, Livingston, and Zyrnaeth
Movie: The three Venom and Deadpool movies

Fast Facts

Cafeteria food must-have: Bread sticks (specifically the ones from middle/elementary school)
Last book read that wasn't required: "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" (Book One)
Pet peeve: People that don't pull their own weight
Person I'd like to meet: Technoblade, but he passed just over 2.5 years ago, rest in peace.
First job: Rock N' Roll Sushi
Top accomplishment: My cumulative academic success. I'll be graduating an honor grad with nine certifications including my A+ and top 30 of my class of 400+.

Future

After-graduation plans: I'll be taking my 2nd year at Locklin then four years at UWF or some university for psychology.
Career goal: High paying cybersecurity job



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5 tips for organizing your home office



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Family Features

When temperatures creep up again, it signals time for an annual tradition: spring cleaning. While big projects like windows are hard to overlook, don't forget smaller areas that need attention, too, such as your home office.

Making sense of a year's worth of paperwork and clutter can take some serious time, especially as many people have been working from home more than normal, but getting organized can help you tackle home management tasks more efficiently. Making the office a priority can reduce frustration when it comes to spending additional time in your office while working from home.

These five tips can help get you started:

1. Make sure you have furniture that can adequately store your stuff, including plenty of space for files, reference books and computer equipment. Pieces need not be costly to be functional

and there are plenty of attractive options available online and at both small and major retailers.

2. Arrange the space with its intended use and your own work style in mind. For example, if you don't need ample space to spread out over a large, flat work area, eliminate that space – it's simply an invitation for clutter.

3. Place items you rely on

frequently, such as a calculator or ruler, within arm's reach so they can easily be put away between uses. Capture these items in containers and bins to keep the space looking neat and free of clutter.

4. Establish a filing system that lets you keep track of important papers you need to keep and have a shredder handy to help you discard any sensitive documents.

Whether you alphabetize, color code or use some other method, group paperwork into segments for categories such as bills, banking, health care, auto, insurance and so on for easy access in the future.

5. Tangled cords can make even the most organized spaces look messy, and they may pose a fire or tripping hazard. Get control of your cords by storing devices you don't use regularly and securing the remaining cords

with twist ties or clips. Remember to use a surge-protected power strip to minimize the chance of damage should a power surge occur.

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In Our Opinion

P25 encrypted emergency communication system: A double-edged sword for public transparency and journalism

Emergency communication systems are critical for public safety, enabling swift coordination among first responders during crises. Over the years, technological advancements have made these systems more efficient, reliable, and secure. One such innovation is the P25 (Project 25) communication system—a suite of standards designed to ensure interoperability among various public safety agencies while prioritizing encrypted communication for enhanced security. While encryption undoubtedly bolsters the confidentiality of sensitive operations, it also raises significant concerns for journalists and advocates of government transparency.

Encryption in P25 systems helps protect critical information from unauthorized access, ensuring the safety of emergency personnel and the effectiveness of operations. However, this same encryption can inadvertently obstruct a fundamental aspect of democracy: the public's right to know. Newspaper reporters, who rely on access to real-time communication feeds for accurate and timely reporting, find themselves increasingly sidelined by the encryption protocols of P25 systems.

The crux of the issue lies in the balance between security and transparency. Historically, journalists have monitored police scanners and other unencrypted radio communications to stay informed about breaking news, public safety incidents, and unfolding emergencies. This access allows reporters to cover stories that affect communities and hold authorities accountable. Whether it's tracking police responses to protests, reporting on natural disasters, or investigating questionable use of force, unfiltered access to emergency communications has been a cornerstone of robust journalism.

However, the widespread adoption of encrypted P25 systems has essentially cut off this vital information channel. Many public safety agencies argue that encryption is necessary to prevent criminals from exploiting communication feeds, protect the privacy of individuals involved in incidents, and safeguard officers in sensitive situations. But in the years we have monitored scanners, we have never heard sensitive information being broadcast. Yet, the unintended consequence is a chilling effect on the press's ability to report accurately and promptly.

And, the lack of access to real-time emergency communications hampers journalists' ability to cover stories as they unfold. By the time information is released through official channels, the immediacy of the news has often passed, and critical details may be omitted. This not only affects the quality of reporting but also risks eroding public trust in the press. If journalists cannot provide timely and accurate information, communities may feel disconnected or misinformed about issues that directly impact their lives.

When we posted information about P25 on our social media and website, former Okaloosa County Commissioner Graham W. Fountain responded with:

"Laws throughout the country were put into place to secure ALL public safety communications. I was the co-chair of the Taskforce that wrote these laws and policies. Every type of first responder has times that disclosure of the how, when, where, reason for any call needs to be confidential until such time the agencies conclude it can be released. Medical calls, fires (which are criminal arsons often) create communication recording that are later determined to be part of a criminal, civil, or even administrative record that requires security. Please understand first, all first responders create these transmissions as part of their job. They are not entertainment or playthings. Private citizens who are not in the legal "need to know" have no business with those communications. If public safety agencies need for you to know about an incident, they will alert through planned and screened communications that will not cause unwanted stress on victims and their families. If you are truly interested in what these agencies are doing; join up at a full-time, volunteer or p/t first responder. The days of folks monitoring scanners are over. The public safety community demands it; the courts have upheld it, and agencies don't need criminals using communications in their schemes, illegal ambulance chasing lawyers, using it for their unlawful craft. There will be no movement to change where this is going. Very soon with the P225 mandates-all public monitoring of first responder coms will cease in all agencies. If local agencies desire authority and funding to use these systems created by the state and implemented by counties, cities, and independent fire control districts they are required to be encrypted/secure. Just read the 9/11 commission report and all kind of radio issues you will understand why your objective regrettably cannot be full-filled."

Mr. Fountain – we don't find it entertaining to listen to emergencies all day long where lives are changed in the matter of minutes. But we monitor so we can adequately and accurately inform the public of fires, motor vehicle accidents resulting in road closures, emergency operations information and other issues that may arise. Our public depends on us.

A possible solution is the creation of partnerships between public safety agencies and news organizations. By fostering trust and collaboration, these partnerships could pave the way for greater transparency while preserving the integrity of emergency operations.

Democracy thrives on an informed citizenry, and journalism remains a vital pillar in ensuring that transparency prevails. Without careful consideration and collaboration, the promise of security could unintentionally overshadow the essential pursuit of truth.

Santa Rosa County Meetings

April 24
BOCC Regular
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 8:30 a.m.

Commission Special Rezoning
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 5 p.m.

April 29
Sales Tax Committee
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 9 a.m.

April 30
Land Development Code Task Force
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Santa Rosa County Multijurisdictional Flood Mitigation Task Force
 Milton City Hall Council Chambers
 6738 Dixon St., Milton from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

May 5
Santa Rosa County Commission Committee
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 8:30 a.m.

May 8
Santa Rosa Commission Regular
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 8:30 a.m.

Santa Rosa County Zoning Board
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 6 p.m.

May 9
Land Development Code Task Force
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

May 13
City of Milton Work Session (agenda review)
 6738 Dixon St., Milton from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

City Council
 6738 Dixon St., Milton from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

May 14
Aviation Advisory Committee
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 5 p.m.

May 19
Commission Committee
 Tiger Point Community Center
 1370 Tiger Park Lane, Gulf Breeze at 8:30 a.m.

May 20
Law Library Board
 Santa Rosa County Courthouse Conference Room #1411
 4025 Avalon Blvd., Milton at noon

May 22
Santa Rosa Commission Regular
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 8:30 a.m.

Santa Rosa Commission Special Rezoning
 Santa Rosa County Administrative Board Room
 6495 Caroline St., Milton at 5 p.m.

Milton Community Redevelopment Agency
 6738 Dixon St., Milton from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sundial Utilities of Milton, Inc.
 6738 Dixon St., Milton from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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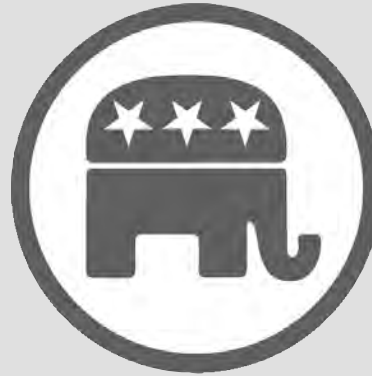
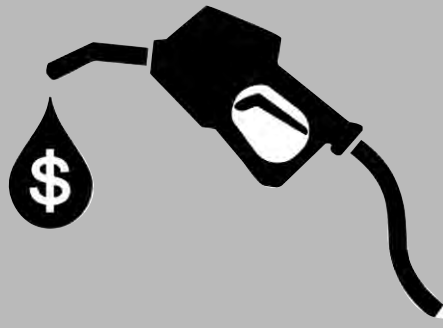
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The AAA auto club said Florida motorists were paying an average of \$3.09 a gallon Apr. 14 for regular unleaded gas, down from \$3.18 a week earlier.



1.21M GOP edge

The Republican Party of Florida's registration advantage over the Florida Democratic Party has increased to more than 1.21 million voters, according to a new state report.

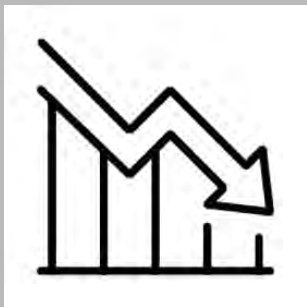
House backs oil drilling restrictions

With supporters arguing that Northwest Florida's Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay need to be protected, the House on Apr. 16 passed a bill that would shield some environmentally sensitive areas from oil and gas drilling. Also on Wednesday, the Senate Rules Committee approved a Senate version of the measure that wouldn't go as far as the House bill. Both proposals (HB 1143 and SB 1300) were filed in reaction to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's approval last year of a draft permit for a Louisiana-based company to drill an exploratory well in Calhoun County near the Apalachicola River — an approval that faces a legal challenge. The House and Senate bills would require the Department of Environmental Protection to use a “balancing test” to determine potential risks to natural resources before issuing drilling permits near water bodies. But the House bill, which drew unanimous support Wednesday, also would ban oil and gas drilling within 10 miles of the state's three National Estuarine Research Reserves --- the Apalachicola reserve, the Guana Tolomato Matanzas reserve north of St. Augustine and the Rookery Bay reserve south of Naples. Rep. Allison Tant, a Tallahassee Democrat and co-sponsor of the bill, said “all of North Florida went on fire” after the department last year issued the draft permit. Rep. Lindsay Cross, D-St. Petersburg, said the bill “puts a ring of protection” around areas of Northwest Florida that 15 years ago faced economic ruin because of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Earlier this month, Eric Hamilton, a lobbyist for the American Petroleum Institute, told a House committee that the proposed 10-mile rule would take away mineral rights without compensation for about 1 million acres of private property around the river.



State parks plan backed in Senate

A Senate committee Apr. 15 unanimously approved a proposal that would bar the construction of such things as golf courses, resort-style lodges and pickleball courts in state parks. The bill (SB 80), sponsored by Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, came after a controversy last year about a proposal that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection dubbed the “Great Outdoors Initiative.” That proposal, which was pulled back after a public outcry, would have affected nine state parks. Perhaps the biggest target of opponents was a proposal to add three golf courses at Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Martin County, which is in Harrell's district. Other parts of the initiative that drew heavy criticism included proposals to construct lodges with up to 350 rooms at Anastasia State Park in St. Johns County and Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Walton County. The bill must clear the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee before it could go to the full Senate. The House is scheduled Wednesday to take up its version of the bill (HB 209).

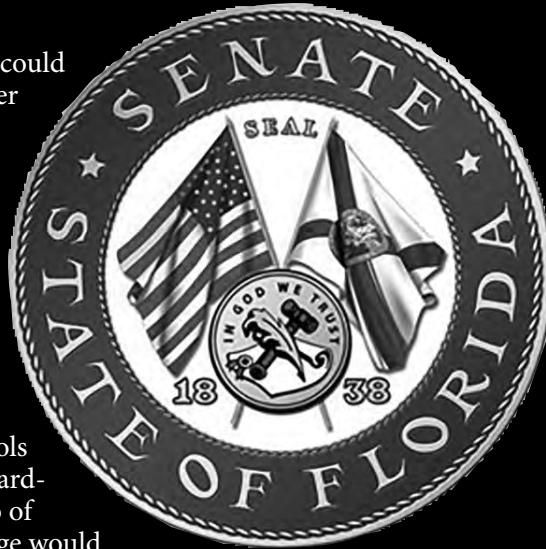


63,136 enrollment decrease

Enrollment in Florida's traditional public schools is expected to decrease in the coming years. The report, compiled by the state Education Estimating Conference, said enrollment in traditional public schools is projected to go from 2,805,298 in the 2025-2026 fiscal year to 2,742,162 in the 2029-2030 fiscal year.

'Schools of Hope' could get boost

A Senate committee Apr. 15 approved a proposal that could help expand the use of “schools of hope,” a type of charter school, in areas with low-performing traditional public schools. The Senate Pre-K-12 Appropriations Committee voted 6-1 to support the bill (SB 1708), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami. Florida has 12 schools of hope, which operate in the attendance zones or within five miles of what are considered “persistently low-performing” public schools, according to a Senate staff analysis. The bill, in part, would expand a definition in state law of persistently low-performing schools. Under the proposal, that designation would begin to apply to public schools that are in the bottom 10 percent of schools statewide for student performance on third-grade standardized English-language arts or math exams in at least two of the previous three years. The staff analysis said the change would “greatly increase the number of schools being designated as persistently low-performing schools” and, as a result, increase the areas where schools of hope could operate. “This creates a pathway for more high-performing, high-outcome (schools of hope) operators to enter into communities,” Calatayud said. Sen. Rosalind Osgood, a Tamarac Democrat who cast the only dissenting vote, raised questions about whether the lowest-performing students would be able to get spots in the schools of hope. The bill must clear the Senate Rules Committee before it could go to the full Senate. A House version (HB 1267) has been approved by two subcommittees and is pending in the House Education & Employment Committee.



“Florida is proud to follow the leadership of President Trump as the first state to officially recognize the Gulf of America.” **Sen. Nick DiCeglie** said in a prepared statement. Gov. Ron DeSantis on Apr. 14 signed two bills aimed at carrying out President Donald Trump's directive to change the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America.



“They spoke loud and clear and told us, “These are our treasures,”” **Rep. Robin Bartleman, D-Weston** said. The Florida House made clear Apr. 15 it doesn't want golf courses and resort-style lodges in state parks.

“The primary purpose of the study is to analyze the potential impact of eliminating or significantly reducing ad valorem (property tax) assessments on homestead property and provide policy options for mitigating negative fiscal consequences,” The bill (SB 7034) says. With **Gov. Ron DeSantis** pushing to reduce or eliminate property taxes, the Senate on Apr. 14 released a proposed tax package that would require a study detailing options for cutting property taxes — and potential implications.

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 2. Captain America: Brave New World
 3. Black Bag
 4. A Working Man
 5. Novocaine
 6. The Alto Knights
 7. Wicked
 8. Companion
 9. In the Lost Lands
 10. The Monkey

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, April 24, the 114th day of 2025. There are 251 days left in the year.

On April 24, 1916, Irish republicans launched the Easter Rising, a rebellion against British rule in Ireland. Though the rebels surrendered to British forces six days later, the uprising set the stage for republican victories in the Irish general election of 1918 and the establishment of the Irish Free State via the Anglo-Irish Treaty in 1922.

Also on this date:

- In 1915, in what is considered the start of the Armenian genocide, the Ottoman Empire began rounding up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.
- In 1960, rioting erupted in Biloxi, Mississippi, after Black protesters staging a “wade-in” at a whites-only beach were attacked by a crowd of hostile white people.
- In 1967, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov was killed when his Soyuz 1 spacecraft smashed into the Earth after his parachutes failed to deploy properly during reentry. He was the first human spaceflight fatality.
- In 1980, the United States launched Operation Eagle Claw, an unsuccessful attempt to free 53 American hostages in Iran that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. service members.
- In 1990, Space Shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.
- In 1995, the final bomb linked to the Unabomber exploded inside the Sacramento, California, offices of the California Forestry Association, killing chief lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray. (Theodore Kaczynski was later sentenced to four lifetimes in prison for a series of bombings that killed three people and injured 23 others.)
- In 2013, in Bangladesh, a shoddily constructed eight-story commercial building housing garment factories collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.
- In 2018, former police officer Joseph DeAngelo was arrested at his home near Sacramento after DNA linked him to crimes attributed to the Golden State Killer; authorities believed he committed 13 murders and more than 50 rapes in the 1970s and 1980s. (DeAngelo would plead guilty in 2020 to 13 counts of murder and be sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Shirley MacLaine is 91. Actor-singer-filmmaker Barbra Streisand is 83. Fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier is 73. Actor Eric Bogosian is 72. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 70. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 61. Actor Djimon Hounsou (JEYE'-mihn OHN'-soo) is 61. Actor Aidan Gillen is 57. Actor Rory McCann is 56. Latin pop singer Alejandro Fernandez is 54. Baseball Hall of Famer Chipper Jones is 53. Actor Derek Luke is 51. Singer-TV personality Kelly Clarkson is 43. Country singer Carly Pearce is 35. Actor-musician Joe Keery is 33. Actor Jack Quaid is 33. Actor Jordan Fisher is 31. Golfer Lydia Ko is 28.



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SPORTS

Pace Patriots win district baseball championship for fifth consecutive season



By Brian Lester
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Pace's baseball players flashed fives with their hands amid an energy-filled celebration last Wednesday night on their home field.

For the fifth year in a row, the Patriots are champions, rolling past Crestview 10-0 to claim the District 1-6A crown.

"It's great. We win a lot, and I love it," Tucker Ricks said. "It's the best feeling."

Fellow senior Grant Walters is proud that Pace, the No. 2 team in the state, has kept the streak intact for another year.

"It feels great to continue the winning tradition," Walters said. "All the guys before us, they are following along, and it feels good to make them

proud." Winning is a good thing, and it's also something that never gets boring for the Patriots, who are playoff bound and hoping to make a run at state.

"Let me tell you, this never gets old," head coach Jason McBride said. "It means a lot to the program and to the seniors. They



Glenn Brooks holds the trophy after Crestview beat Pace for the title.

Photos by Brian Lester

wanted to win this."

McBride had a feeling coming into the game that Pace was ready for the

moment against the Bulldogs

"You could tell when they showed up to the park they had another look in their eye," McBride said. "They wanted it."

Thanks to Ricks, who twirled a no-hitter, and an offense that cranked out nine runs in the sixth to blow the game open, Pace was able to get the job done and improve to 20-4.

Ricks was stellar, striking out 13 and nearly recording a perfect game.

"I was trying my hardest to throw strikes. The first couple of innings I wasn't throwing too many, but I got there," Ricks said.

McBride couldn't say enough about how well Ricks handled himself in a big game.

"He had all of his pitches working. What a great night for him," McBride said. "In a district championship game, to throw a no-hitter, it says a lot about him."

Offensively, the Patriots got rolling in the sixth after Walters led off the inning with a double and eventually scored when Bryce Hatton was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

"Once we scored that run, everyone settled down," McBride said.

Two-run doubles by Dax Brooks and Cam Lee stretched the lead to 6-0. Crestview could do nothing to slow the momentum down and the game ended when Walters scored the 10th run of the night for the mercy-rule win.

"I feel like sometimes we are just firing on all

cylinders and other times we need a spark to open the flood gates. And that's what we did," Walters said.

From there, the celebration was on. McBride handed his players the trophy and the cheering started.

Regional tourney play is up next, and it will be a best two-of-three format. Pace will be the No. 2 seed and host.

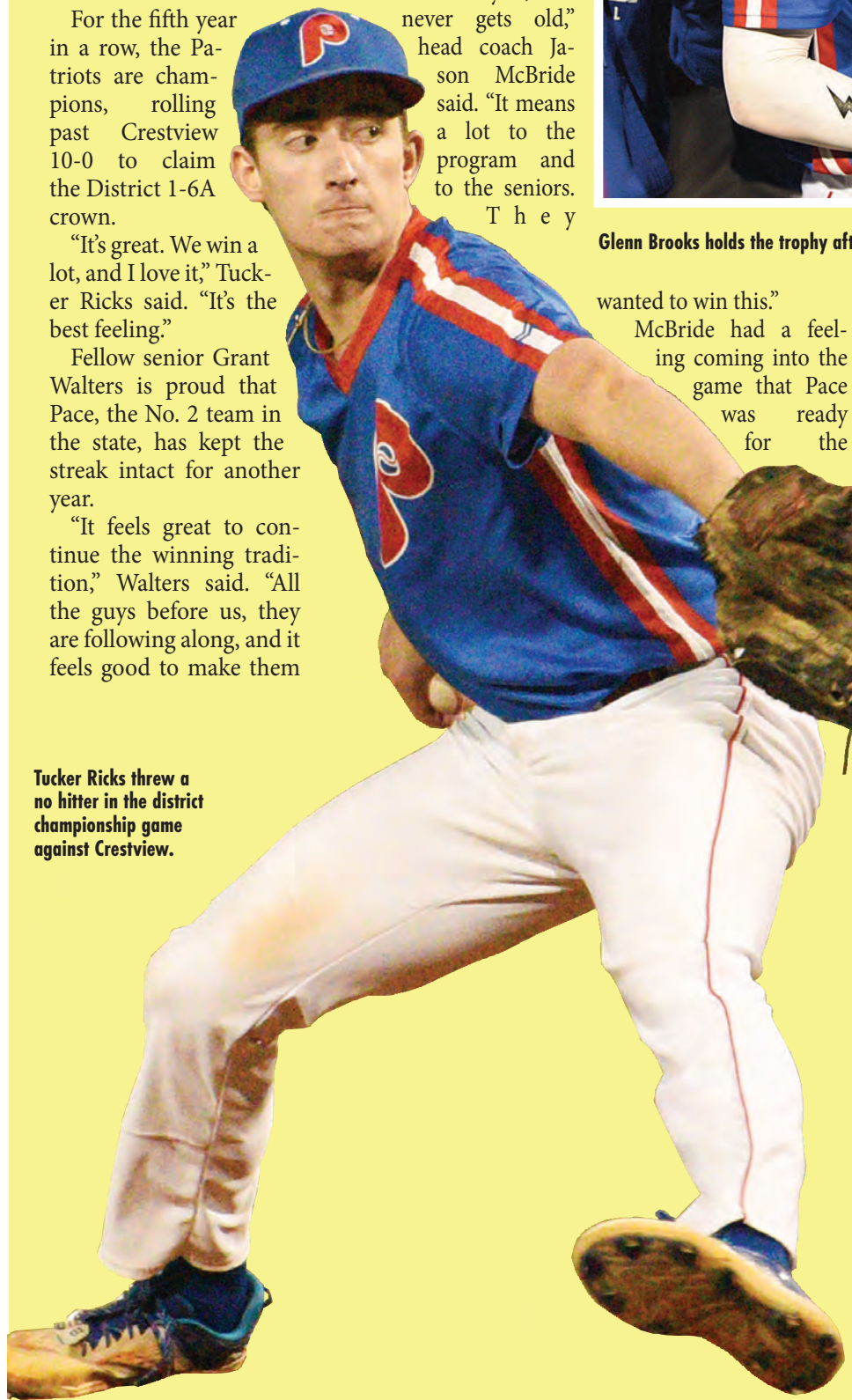
The Patriots are seeking their first trip to state since 2022.

"We have to go out and have fun and just trust ourselves," Walters said. "I have a great feeling about this year."



The Patriots celebrate their fifth consecutive district championship.

Tucker Ricks threw a no hitter in the district championship game against Crestview.



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Brian Out Loud!

By Brian Lester

Pace repeats as district champ in flag football, eyes run at state title

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With all the talent Florida produces from an athletic standpoint, you'd think coaches here were some of the highest paid in the nation.

Think again. Florida coaches are underpaid, a lot of times underappreciated, and in most instances, overworked. Coaches in surrounding states tend to make more.

Of course, they don't get into this profession for the money.

They do it for the love of the game, the chance to stay involved in the sport they love and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young athletes. Their goal is to see these athletes succeed not only while they are in high school, but beyond.

Still, more money is something no one is ever going to complain about, and the Florida Coaches Coalition is doing its best to ensure coaches make more in the future.

The group has met with the state legislature and is confident the meeting will lead to a bill going before the Florida House and Senate as early as the beginning of 2026. And the hope is the new pay is in place for the start of next school year.

Look, I'm all for coaches making more money in the state.

The men and women that live the coaching life give up a lot of their own time for the good of someone else. And a lot of the work they do isn't even seen by the public. It's behind the scenes work that most don't ever see and never will.

And the difference a coach can make in the life of an athlete is something that can't be measured in dollars and cents.

That said, I'm not quite sold yet that the state of Florida is going to do something for the coaches when it comes to how much money they are able to put into their bank accounts.

In other words, I'm not betting anything on it. Not yet anyway. But maybe at some point I'll change my mind.

After all, talk is cheap. The state can talk all day and all night about what they are going to do to pay coaches more, but acting on that talk is a whole different story.

And the coaches who are part of the coalition I mentioned earlier can push as hard as they want to get higher pay, but they have to hope that effort doesn't get ignored in the end.

The other thing to keep in mind is I feel like if coaches get more pay, everyone who teaches in general is going to want more pay. I'm not sure you can pay coaches more without paying teachers as well.

Maybe there is a way around it. Who knows. Time will tell.

I do hope it all works out. I do hope coaches do get more money in the long run. They deserve it.

But at the same time, no matter how much coaches get paid, it will never be what they truly deserve. Because the job they do has no price tag on it.

Pace's flag football team has now gone back-to-back as District 1-3A champions.

The Patriots claimed their latest title last Thursday night, beating Niceville 20-7 to lock up the No. 1 seed for the postseason.

Tied at 7-7 after one quarter, the Patriots took the lead for good in the closing seconds of the half when Amaya Pablo connected with Kenna Pacitti.

Pace's defense took care of the rest, and the Patriots added one more touchdown in the fourth to secure the victory.

Pablo, one of the nation's best quarterbacks and a Lindsey Wilson college commit, threw for 213 yards and three scores. The senior star has thrown for more than 14,000 yards in her career as a four-year starter.

Emma Sutton caught two of those scoring strikes from Pablo and Pacitti had the other touchdown while



Photos by Elijah Nall

The Pace Patriots have now gone back-to-back as district champions in flag football.

finishing with 82 receiving yards. Sutton racked up 46 receiving yards.

Emily Good, who will join Pablo at Lindsey Wilson, dominated defensively to the tune of 13 tackles. Josie Arthur tallied six tackles.

It was the latest impressive effort by Pace's defense, which has allowed only one team to score multiple touchdowns this

season. The Patriots are 15-1 and have won nine consecutive games.

Their last loss was March 12 to Choctaw, when they fell 21-14, but they avenged that defeat on April 9 with a 19-7 victory.

Pace marched all the way to the state final four last season and is hoping to get back there this year and bring home the program's first state championship.



Amaya Pablo threw for three touchdowns in Pace's 20-7 win over Niceville in the District 1-3A final.

Regular season winding down for area softball teams



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Lana Gonzales has helped lead the way for Pace this season.

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District tournament play in softball was scheduled to begin next week for Jay, Pace and Central.

Here's a look back at the action from this past week.

Pace

The Pace Patriots are ranked second in the state and atop Region 1-6A and hope to make a run at a repeat as 6A state champs.

Last week, Pace rolled past Crestview 10-0, lost 1-0 to Niceville and topped Tate 3-0. The Patriots are 16-3 after 19

games.

Kamryn Pierce racked up three hits against the Bulldogs while Ashley Pickard, Grayson Cox, Abby McLean and Britten Kettler all finished with two hits apiece. Kettler drove in four runs.

Hannah DeMarcus worked five innings for the win and struck out 14.

Against Tate, Pace tallied 11 hits, with Cox, Pickard and Gonzales all racking up three hits apiece. DeMarcus struck out 16.

Jay

The Royals won all three of their games last week, knocking off Gulf

Breeze (3-2), Northview (5-3) and Crestview (12-5).

The win over Northview was a revenge game after Jay lost to the Chiefs 9-5 on April 3. Jay is 18-1 after 19 games and the No. 1 team in the Rural classification.

Mylee Frazier led the way against Gulf Breeze, tallying four hits. Presley Hawthorne finished with two hits. Layna Lowry won in the circle, striking out four.

Against Northview, Jay finished with five hits, with Mylee Frazier tallying one while also driving in three runs. Lowry struck out nine in the

win.

Lowry got the job done at the plate against Crestview, coming through with three hits. Hawthorne, Kylei Martinez and Kaylee Gilbreath all finished with two hits.

Central

The Jaguars are seventh in their region and 10-10 on the year. Central went 1-2 this past week, crushing Booker T. Washington for the second time this year by a 15-0 score.

Central lost 19-3 to Freeport and 14-11 to Paxton.

In the win against the Wildcats, Natalie Blair had a big day, racking up

three hits and driving in three runs. Shelby Zigler came through with a hit and knocked in two runs. Taegan Baggett also rose to the occasion, driving in five runs.

Tenley Smarr was solid in the circle, striking out four and only allowing two hits in three innings of work.

Blair tallied two hits against Freeport and drove in two runs. Kylie Goodale and Sophia Harold also tallied two hits.

Baggett, Blair, Zigler and Addie Holland all finished with two hits apiece against Paxton. Holland and Zigler also drove in two runs apiece.



Shelby Zigler, batting in a game last season, has once again been a key player for the Jaguars.

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MHS Athlete of the Week

Garrett Chaffee

Sports: Weightlifting

Class: 2026

Parents: Paul and Jessica

Plans after graduation: Go into business with my dad

Dream Job: Influencer

Favorite TV Show: "Bleach"

Favorite Store: Amazon

What is the best part about being an athlete? Hanging out with friends

Favorite Sports Memory: Golden Corral during junior year

Who is the funniest teammate on your team? Josh

What is your biggest strength as an athlete? Bringing snacks

If you could be a pro athlete for a day, who would you be? LeBron James



Garrett Chaffee

Jay prevails against rival Central in district title game



Photos by Brian Lester

The Jay Royals are back-to-back district champs for the first time since 2009.

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It was well after 9 p.m. on a Thursday night in Baker and Jays' baseball team was still celebrating its championship.

The players were holding the trophy and taking photos, savoring the thrill of going back-to-back as district champions for the first time since 2009 after beating rival Central 14-2 in six innings.

"I've never won (two in a row) in any sport. It's a crazy feeling," senior Hayden Morris said. "I think some people were doubting us because of our record, but we've come together and are playing well."

Jay (15-10) lost by a 2-1 score to Central (14-7) earlier this season but avenged that loss two weeks ago (6-0 win).

"After we played them the first time, it lit a fire under us," senior Grayson Shehan said.

Jay hoisted the Rural District 1 trophy after the win, taking the first step on the road to a state title repeat.

Not everything has come easy this year, but Jay has navigated the obstacles. The Royals have won five straight after dropping three in a row.

"I'm proud of the guys," head coach Duane Raley said. "We were sluggish early in the year and had some good and bad days. But we are on a roll now and playing good baseball."

In the Central dugout, players were gathering up their gear before heading



Clay Norris celebrates with his teammates after scoring a run.



Hayden Morris earned the win on the mound for Jay.



The Jay Royals celebrate their championship.



Quincy Wilson bats for the Jaguars in the district title game.

home. The Jaguars are still in the postseason despite the loss.

"It was one of them nights," head coach Coy Campbell said. "But give them credit. They have a good team and won state for a reason."

Central trailed 8-0 before scoring twice in the bottom half of the fourth inning in this neutral site game. Brock Reeves drove

in two runs on a base hit to get Central on the scoreboard.

Despite the outcome of this game, Campbell likes the effort this team has given in 2025.

"I'm super proud of us," Campbell said. "We lost seven starters, and for us to come back and compete for a (district) championship, it says a lot about the kids."

Jay had its two biggest innings in the third and sixth, scoring four runs in each one. One of the keys to success was the bottom of the lineup, which included a three-hit effort from Bryson Morris.

Shehan racked up two of Jay's 10 hits and drove in three runs. Hayden Morris knocked in three runs while working 3 1/3 innings, giving up

two runs on three hits and striking out three. Jax Lowry finished the game, recording four strikeouts.

"I got tired at the end and my back leg was cramping on the follow through," Hayden Morris said. But Jax came in and finished the job. That's what we preach. Picking each other up."

Central tallied five hits,

with Reeves, Quincy Wilson, Payton Holland, Jake Ellis and Garrett Gandy all getting one.

With the Royals winning, they now shift their attention to the regional.

"Earlier in the year I told you I was worried about the team. I feel better now," Raley said. "We still have a ways to go, but I'm happy with the progress."

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Sport: Baseball
Class: 2025

Plans after graduation: To go play baseball at University of Alabama
Dream Job: to study animals in the wild
Favorite Movie: "Rambo"
Favorite Store: Dick's Sporting Goods
What is the best part about being an athlete? Brotherhood

Favorite Sports Memory: Going to state my freshman year
Who is the funniest teammate on your team? Eli Riffel
What is your biggest strength as an athlete? My speed
If you could be a pro athlete for a day, who would you be? Shohei Ohtani



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Panthers rise to occasion when it matters against Dolphins

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Don't let Milton's record in baseball fool you. The Panthers have proven they can rise to the occasion.

They did it again last Monday night on the road in a District 1-5A semifinal, rallying from two different deficits to knock off Gulf Breeze, the No. 2 team in the state.

"It was definitely exciting. "It was a lot of fun to watch," Panther head coach Keith Little said.

Milton (10-12) won the game 7-5, tying the score in the sixth and then scoring three runs in the seventh, avenging a 9-1 loss from earlier this season. The Panthers also have a 7-4 win over Niceville this season. The Eagles are the No. 1 team in the state in 5A.

Against Gulf Breeze, Saylor Melton notched the victory on the mound. He worked five innings, giving up seven hits and four runs while striking out five.

The Panthers trailed 5-4 going into the top of the seventh but tied the game at 5-5 when Clive Pack knocked in Cade Burdette on a ground out to even the score at 5-5.

A balk moments later allowed Harley Messer to come home and give Milton the lead for good. Emmerick Wortman scored the final run of the night after Brayden Barrow was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Barrow then helped Milton close out the game, getting the Dolphins to hit into a double play before



Saylor Melton comes off the field in a game against Gulf Breeze. He earned the win on the mound and drew four walks at the plate.

Photos by Brian Lester

wrapping up the game with a strikeout.

"There was no panic. We talk about championship innings being the fifth, sixth and seventh. You try to make things happen in those innings, and we were able to get things done last night," Little said.

Barrow and Burdette tallied two hits apiece, with Barrow also knocking in two runs. Parker McCoy, Harley Messer and Pack all came through with hits as well as the Panthers secured their biggest win of the season so far.

Burdette drew a bases loaded walk in the third to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead.



Parker McCoy drives in a run for the Panthers.

Messer was then hit by a pitch to bring home a second run.

The Dolphins tied the

game in the bottom half of the inning and then pushed ahead 4-2 in the fourth.

Barrow's double brought

Messer home before McCoy reached on an error and opened the door for Wortman to cross the plate and

tie the game.

The Panthers had dropped seven of eight going into the game but were ready for the moment against the Dolphins, who came into the night with a 15-10 record and the No. 2 spot in the region.

Milton started the year 6-1 but has struggled since. And yet, to be in a position to play for a district title is a big deal for the Panthers.

"It's been a roller coaster of a ride. From 6-1 to 9-12 was not how I drew it up, but I am just proud of their effort and focus and willfulness and commitment," Little said. "Told them to just play baseball and have fun."

Panthers continue to compete hard on softball field

By Brian Lester
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Milton's softball team didn't walk off the field with a win over Navarre last Tuesday night, but the Panthers didn't come away empty-handed either.

For a young team with just one senior on the roster, there were lessons learned in a 4-2 loss.

"It was a learning opportunity," Milton head coach Matt Wood said. "You always have an opportunity to learn from a loss, and the focus and ability of our girls to compete has grown so much."

Milton (10-10) led 1-0 after Adrienne Yoder scored off a bases-loaded walk. The Panthers held that lead until the fifth when the Raiders scored four times to take the lead.

Milton cut the lead in half in the sixth when Lexi Hawthorne, a senior leader for the team, drove in Faith Cain. But the Panthers weren't able to get any closer and extend their win streak to three games.

In a matchup featuring two teams ranked high in their respective regions – the Raiders are third in Region 1-6A while the Panthers are sixth in Region 1-5A – Wood said the outcome could have easily been different.

"If we make a few plays,



Chloe Norman pitches during Milton's game against Navarre last week.

Photos by Brian Lester



Destiny Dennis reacts after hitting the ball.

we go to the seventh with a lead. We have some things we still need to clean up," Wood said.

Still, the Panthers have come a long way from the start of the year when they lost their first five games. Milton is 10-5 since then

and one of the keys has been pitching. Chloe Norman, who is only a freshman, worked six innings and struck out eight.

"Chloe has done a great job. She's keeping us in games," Wood said.

Even with the loss, Milton

is still in good shape going forward and has a shot at making the regional tournament. The top eight teams in the region get in.

"We have to keep competing hard," Wood said. "The big thing is when you have a lead, you have to finish."



Photo by Brian Lester

Kennedy Gardner and Anna Barnes chase down a Raider player during a game earlier this season.

Panthers wrap up girls lacrosse season

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Milton's lacrosse team wrapped up its season in the district tournament earlier this month.

The Panthers battled Tate close before falling 7-3 in a District 1-2A quarterfinal. Milton ends the year with a 7-3 record.

Milton finishes with a 3-11 record and was led this season by Hayden Tripodi and Anna Barnes. The two seniors combined for 30 goals. Tripodi tallied a team-high 20 goals.

Maisy Archangel and Maddie Dove also had solid seasons, with Archangel scoring eight goals

and Dove tallying seven. Kennedy Gardner added five goals. The good news for Milton on that front is all three were only juniors this year and should step into even more prominent roles next season.

Abigail Hardaker was the goalie for Milton this season and made 163 saves.

Pace and Milton athletes punch tickets to regional meet

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Pace's boys track team won the District 1-3A championship last Thursday at Pine Forest while the girls team finished third.

Milton also competed at the meet and had one district champion in Hattie Lee, who won the 400 hurdles in a time of 1:07.87.

For the Pace boys, Keegan Dickerson came away as a district champ in the discus with a throw of 160-feet-1-inch and Jivers Yacinthe won the 110 hurdle (14.31) and long jump (21-6 1/4). Hayden Jackson came out on top in the javelin with a throw of 176-5.

The 400 relay also won a district title. Yacinthe, Nathaniel Lyons, Jr., Cameron Boudreaux and Jordan Taylor are on that squad and clocked in with a winning time of 42.38.

Emily Cogburn won a district title in the discus on the girls side, unleashing a throw of 102-10. Alyssa Clark won the 800, clocking in at 2:22.44.

The Patriot girls also prevailed in the 1600 and 3200 relays. Clark, Grace Manor, Bree Stankard and Brylee Shields won the mile relay in a time of 4:13.64.

Shields, Manor and Stankard teamed up with Leah Iorg to win the 3200 relay (9:52.56).

The top finish for Milton's boys team belonged to Sergio Robinson who placed second in the long jump with a distance of 20-11 1/4.

The top four placers at the district meet advance to the regional, which is scheduled for May 2 at Pine Forest.



Above: Jivers Yacinthe won the 110 hurdles and the long jump. Below left: Sergio Robinson was a runner-up in the long jump.

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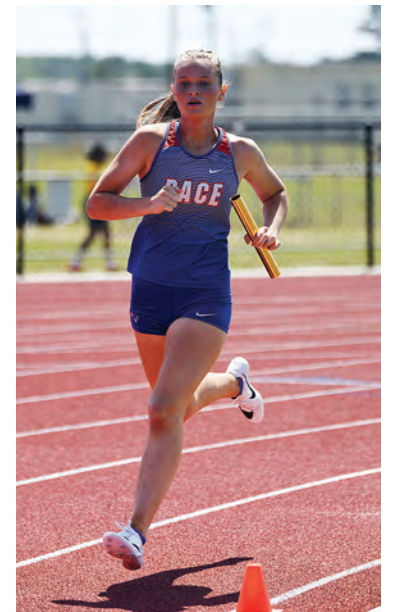
Nathaniel Lyons, Jr., runs in the 100 at the district meet.



Keegan Dickerson finished third in shot put and won the discus.



Devon Washington qualified for the regional in the long jump.



Grace Manor helped Pace win the 1600 and 3200 relays.



Bree Stankard and Alyssa Clark celebrate a win in the 3200 relay.

Area Results (Top 4)

Girls

Long Jump: 2. Lilie Christensen, Navarre, 16-2 1/2
 Discus: 1. Emily Cogburn, Pace, 102-10; 3. Alaina Munoz, Crestview, 98-10; 4. Peyton Mack, Milton, 87-10
 Javelin: 1. Alaina Munoz, Crestview, 109-7; 2. Kenzie Dunckel, Pace, 109-5; 3. Peyton Mack, Milton, 95-4
 Triple Jump: 4. Caitlin Ferguson, Pace, 32-7 1/4
 3200 Relay: 1. Pace (Grace Manor, Bree Stankard, Leah Iorg, Alyssa Clark), 9:52.56;
 4. Navarre (Adalynn Curtis, Emma Grossman, Jaelee Placke, Lulu Kerns), 10:53.19
 100 Hurdles: 4. Hattie Lee, Milton, 16.51
 100: 3. Jade Wright, 12.44
 1600: 2. Marisa Turner, Navarre, 5:15.99
 400 Relay: 3. Navarre (Emma Bailey, Emma Barry, Sage Wesson, Jade Wright), 49.42
 400 Relay: 2. Grace Manor, Pace, 1:02.19
 400 Hurdles: 1. Hattie Lee, Milton, 1:07.87; 2. Rhyann Schorzman, Navarre, 1:12.14
 800: 1. Alyssa Clark, Pace, 2:22.44; 3. Marisa Turner, Navarre, 2:24.81
 200: 2. Jade Wright, Navarre, 25.70; 4. Aundrea Thompson, Crestview, 25.96
 3200: 4. Adalynn Curtis, Navarre, 12:52.19
 1600 Relay: 1. Pace (Alyssa Clark, Grace Manor, Bree Stankard, Brylee Shields), 4:13.64;
 2. Navarre (Kyllyn Shawaryn, Marisa Turner, Jade Wright, Audrey Bilby), 4:15.80

Boys

Long Jump: 1. Jivers Yacinthe, Pace, 21-6 1/4; 2. Sergio Robinson, Milton, 20-11 1/4 inches; 3. Seth McClure, Pace, 20-8 3/4; 4. Devon Washington, Milton, 20-8 1/2
 Discus: 1. Keegan Dickerson, Pace, 160-1; 2. Ayzdon Siaki, Crestview, 129-1; 3. Samuel Waggoner, Pace, 124-2; 4. Keegan Gilbert, Navarre, 122-2
 Javelin: 1. Hayden Jackson, Pace, 176-5; 2. Alec Leach, Pace, 160-9; 4. Tate Jernigan, Pace, 146-11
 Shot Put: 1. Braxton Barr, Navarre, 44-7; 2. Mason Mathis, Navarre, 44-6 3/4; 3. Keegan Dickerson, 44-2 1/4; 4. Makael Williams, Pace, 43-0 1/4
 Pole Vault: 1. Garren Latig, Navarre, 13-10 1/4; 3. Granger Hughes, Pace, 11-3 3/4; 4. Caleb Mumford, Navarre, 10-10
 High Jump: 3. Sergio Robinson, Milton, 5-11 3/4
 Triple Jump: 4. Gabriel Gottlieb, Crestview, 43-0 1/2
 3200 Relay: 2. Navarre (Brody Bruce, Moses Knox, Landon Burt, Logan Pope), 8:28.26; 3. Crestview (Emery McGriff, Tucker Sheldon, Anthony Bragg, Alex Wisniewski), 8:34.32; 4. Pace (Parker Kelly, Markiece Kramer, Caleb Reed, Eli Tyner), 8:36.06
 110 Hurdles: 1. Jivers Yacinthe, Pace, 14.31; 3. Devontae McDonald, Milton, 15.91
 100: 2. Jivers Yacinthe, Pace, 10.80; 3. Nathaniel Lyons, 10.91
 1600: 2. Brody Bruce, Navarre, 4:37.77; 4. Emery McGriff, Crestview, 4:37.91
 400 Relay: 1. Pace (Nathaniel Lyons, Cameron Boudreaux, Jivers Yacinthe, Jordan Taylor), 42.38
 400 Hurdles: 4. Christopher Paudini, Crestview, 59.61
 400: 2. Markiece Kramer, Pace, 50.37; 3. Noah Chin, Navarre, 50.84; 4. Jayden Jones, Navarre, 51.06
 200: 2. Nathaniel Lyons, Pace, 22.42; 3. Zeke Burgess, Navarre, 22.59
 3200: 2. Brody Bruce, Navarre, 10:04.61; 4. Caleb Reed, Pace, 10:07.81
 1600 Relay: 2. Navarre (Jayden Jones, Moses Knox, Aiden Gargus, Noah Chin), 3:25.19

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Malnutrition in older adults

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Malnutrition is a serious concern for older adults.

Aside from food insecurity caused by poverty, malnutrition can come about because of many reasons, including physiological and psychosocial factors. In fact, even people with high incomes can suffer malnutrition because they fail to recognize changing physical conditions.

For example, there is a natural decline in taste and smell as one ages. Food may not have the same level of enjoyment that it used to have because the taste or smell seems "off." This leads to a reduced interest in eating and, sometimes, an insufficient nutrient intake.

Medication side effects, which are common in older adults managing multiple conditions, can affect appetite and digestion. For example, some medications cause nausea or a dry mouth, both of which can diminish the desire to eat.

Oral health can cause issues. Dental problems such as missing teeth, gum disease or poorly fitting dentures can make chewing difficult and uncomfortable. This can lead to avoiding certain foods, particularly those that are harder to chew, like fruits, vegetables and proteins. Unfortunately, this avoidance can result in a diet lacking essential nutrients, particularly protein, which is vital for maintaining muscle mass and promoting healing in the body.

Mobility issues further complicate the situation.



Many older adults may struggle to shop for groceries or prepare meals due to limited mobility or physical weakness. This can lead to reliance on convenience foods, which are often less nutritious, or skipping meals altogether.

Social isolation also plays a role, as eating alone can diminish the motivation to prepare and consume healthy meals. This is particularly

common in older adults who live alone or have lost a spouse or close friends.

How do you know if you or a loved one is experiencing malnutrition? The Neighbors of Dunn County list the following signs: unintentional weight loss, fatigue or weakness, loss of appetite, cognitive changes and delayed wound healing.

To combat malnutri-

tion, seniors and caregivers can take several proactive steps. First, regular dental check-ups and addressing any oral health issues can make eating more comfortable and enjoyable. Secondly, modifying meals to include soft, nutrient-dense foods, like smoothies or soups rich in protein and vegetables, can help seniors maintain proper nutrition without discomfort.

Social engagement during meals contributes to better habits. Encouraging seniors to eat with others, whether through community meal programs or family gatherings, can make the experience more enjoyable and increase food intake. Additionally, caregivers and healthcare providers should monitor medication side effects and adjust dietary plans as needed to accommo-

date changing appetites or digestive issues.

Finally, addressing mobility concerns by arranging grocery delivery services or preparing meals in advance can help ensure seniors have consistent access to nutritious foods. With proper attention and care, the risks of malnutrition can be significantly reduced, allowing older adults to maintain better health and quality of life.



Tilapia that wasn't stored properly causes scombroid poisoning

Dear Dr. Roach: I ate some tilapia last night, and within an hour, I had nausea and a headache, then vomiting a few hours later, and now diarrhea. What do you think is going on? -- V.P.

Answer: I would be interested if you felt any sensation of warmth on your face or neck or any flushing, as your symptoms are highly suggestive of a foodborne illness called scombroid poisoning. It most commonly happens after eating tuna, mackerel or bonito but can come on after eating other fish as well, including tilapia. The fact that it began so soon after eating a compatible fish is suggestive of the diagnosis.

Scombroid is the most common foodborne illness from seafood. Scombroid happens if the fish is not stored at a cold-enough temperature (at any time) after being caught. This is why you should refrigerate cans of tuna after opening them.

In addition to the flushing sensation, headaches, nausea, and vomiting, people with a scombroid toxicity can get rashes on their face, neck and upper chest. Sometimes they get burning or itching around their mouth.

If the symptoms aren't gone before the condition is suspected, then an antihistamine tablet, such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl), can help relieve symptoms. If there are stomach or intestinal troubles, a different type of antihistamine, such as famotidine (Pepcid), can have an added benefit.

If the vomiting and diarrhea are severe, intravenous fluids may be necessary, although my experience is that most cases are milder than this.

Physicians who make the presumptive diagno-

sis of scombroid poisoning should contact their local public health authorities to identify where the contamination occurred and help prevent other cases. Scombroid poisoning is vastly underreported.

Dear Dr. Roach: I was recently in the hospital for a hip fracture and was discharged with oxycodone. I've been taking it for about two weeks after stopping morphine in the hospital (the dosage being 2.5 mg twice daily), but I am worried about withdrawal. I know two people who got very ill after suddenly stopping pain medication. -- J.S.B.

Answer: Withdrawal from opiates happens when people who are physiologically dependent on opioids suddenly stop taking them. A person can become physiologically dependent in as little as three weeks, or even shorter if they had been taking opioids in the past. Opioid withdrawal is very unpleasant, with abdominal symptoms (nausea, cramps, diarrhea, vomiting, etc.) and agitation being the most

common symptoms.

The main way of avoiding withdrawal is to avoid staying on opioids too long. Changing from a long-acting opiate like oxycodone to a shorter-acting one may help. Using non-opioid pain relievers to minimize the need for opioids can also help. I have sometimes tapered down the dose slowly to try to prevent withdraw-

al; however, the dose you are on is already quite low, so the likelihood of withdrawal is small.

I do want to emphasize that it's important to get off these drugs. Recent studies have shown that 25% or more of people who start chronically taking opioids after a hip fracture continue to take them for months or years, but opioids are not good long-term pain

medications for most people.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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SRC BUSINESS LICENSES

- 4/10/25 – Jacob Knight, Knight Landscape Concepts Inc., Service, 232 Massachusetts Ave., Pensacola, FL 32505 US
- 4/10/25 – Pace Fitness LLC, Service, 5367 Woodbine Rd., Pace, FK 32571-8765 US
- 4/10/25 – Solano's Farming LLC, Contractor, 522 Union St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547-1132 US
- 4/11/25 – Catalina Land Management LLC, Service, 9904 Provincial Rd., Milton, FL 32583-9394 US
- 4/11/25 – Everon LLC, Contractor, 826 Creighton Rd. Ste A103, Pensacola, FL 32504-7076 US
- 4/11/25 – Hilltrust Coffee LLC, Lounge, Restaurant, Food Truck, 8763 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre, FL 32566 US
- 4/11/25 – Partners Medical Practice and Recovery Center, Professional, 4453 Highway 90, Pace, FL 32571 US
- 4/11/25 – Carl Linne Carlson Jr., Patriot Asset Protection LLC, Service, 1149 Seabreeze Ln., Gulf Breeze FL 32563 US
- 4/11/24 – Chari Huntzberry, Seiz, Service, 4322 Third Ave., Pace, FL 32571 US
- 4/14/25 – Detox Paddle Co, Service, 5707 Munson Hwy., Milton, FL 32570-6254 US
- 4/14/25 – Devon Parsch, Professional, 4622 Summerdale Blvd. #1368, Pace, FL 32571 US
- 4/14/25 – Chadwick B. Hook, Hook Concrete Construction LLC, Contractor, 6042 Queen St., Milton, FL 32570 US
- 4/14/25 – Kenneth Gramm, Kenneth Gramm Landscaping, Service, 5626 Silver Star Court, Milton, FL 32583 US
- 4/14/25 – George Flowers, Perennial South LLC, Contractor, 143 Beaver Creek Rd., Dothan, AL 36303-9353 US
- 4/15/25 – Carolla Stallworth, Mia's Permanent Makeup Studio LLC, Professional, 6408 Highway 90 Suite 5, Milton, FL 32570 US
- 4/15/25 – Sean Edward Sammon, Scotia Creative Capital LLC DBA-Sunshine and Lollipops Candy, Lounge, Restaurant, Food Truck, 4579 Watkins St., Milton, FL 32571-2511 US
- 4/16/25 – Calvin Callahan, PB and J LLC, Subcontractor, 9915 Nichols Lake Road, Milton, FL 32583 US

MARRIAGES

- Stephen Carter Brown to Darlene Cheri Anderson
- Marley Catherine Crawford to Adam Carver McLaren Christie
- Olivia belle Rolfe to Ethan Joey Lane Covington
- Timothy Ray Sours to Christen Danielle Spann
- Charles Edgar Dillard to Janece Marie Gordon
- Crystan Faith Johnson to Heather Danielle Chestnut
- Rain Naya McCue to Logan James Welsh
- Wynton Marsalis Holmes to Ashley Nicole Perry
- Danielle Marie Jing Mei Lee to Collin James Olson
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- Britton Gage Costello to Kailey Raye Dement
- Peter John Varos Jr. to Angela Beth Hueston
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- Lindsey Dee Petry to Joel Nathaniel Lett
- Caleb Alexander Arrington to Meagan Elizabeth Bastien
- Joshua Daiel Bardin to Danica Marie Spears
- Robert Tanner Smith to Kaleigh Elizabeth McCullough
- Casey Adam Miller to Chelsie Nicole Altman
- Elijah Cameron Jones III to Jordyn Michelle Ward
- April Marie Fisher to Everette Scott Alford
- Kaitlyn Paige Hamrick to Zachary Price Miller
- Alyssa Lynn Simon to James morgan Frantz
- Zachary Crawford Garner to Ahna Marie Stolfi
- Ethan Stuart Johns to Dana Renee Calame
- Justin Lyle Trepanier to Katelynn Marie Johnson
- Gerald Edward Taylor to Melissa Lynn Graves
- Jacob Daniel Aragon to Karen Marie-Jeanne Temple
- Christopher Jordan Billedeau to Jessica Danielle Branning
- Deepti Shrestha to Rayamajhi Sushil
- Scott Douglas Robinson Jr. to Dusty Lynn Oder
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- Nicholas Adam Spry to Haleigh Nicole Harp
- Alyssa Jade Barnes to Corey Justin Loudon
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- Cathy Jo Courte to James Kevan Wooten
- Irene Kivell to Fredrick William Penrose
- Katina Lynn Pease to Ted Lenard Cannady

King Crossword

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- 1 Persian Gulf emirate
- 6 Little lie
- 9 Chances, for short
- 12 Winner's gesture
- 13 "All bets — off"
- 14 Haw preceder
- 15 Thesaurus compiler
- 16 Bach's "Coffee —"
- 18 Deserves
- 20 Legal document
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- 23 Commotion
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- 29 "Othello" character
- 31 Indian instruments
- 35 Mea —
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- 41 — out a living
- 43 Glacial

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- 45 Ornamental beetle
- 47 Cheery refrain
- 49 Arcade pioneer
- 52 Revue segment
- 53 Prohibit
- 54 Serious
- 55 That lady
- 56 Walgreens alternative
- 57 On mom's side

- 11 Plane assignments
- 17 Chirps
- 19 Perfect
- 21 Science room
- 22 Brit. record label
- 24 1501, in Roman numerals
- 26 Available for work
- 28 Japanese seaport
- 30 Snip
- 32 "Open sesame" speaker
- 33 Sinbad's bird
- 34 Pigs' digs
- 36 Praline nuts
- 38 Greek cheeses
- 39 Coniferous tree
- 40 Emulate Douglass
- 42 Obliterate
- 45 Serb or Croat
- 46 Heaps
- 48 "Shark Tank" network
- 50 Emeritus, briefly
- 51 Hot temper

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- 1 TiVo, for example
- 2 Mil. morale booster
- 3 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" role
- 4 Baseball's Tommie
- 5 Office leader?
- 6 Element
- 7 401(k) relatives
- 8 London's Big —
- 9 Butler's love
- 10 — four (small cake)

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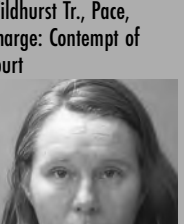
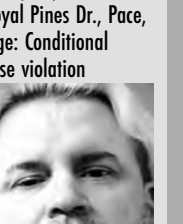


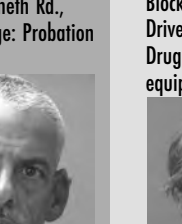




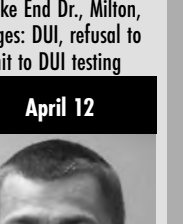
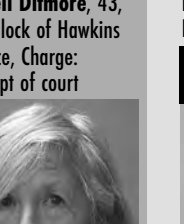








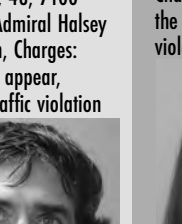

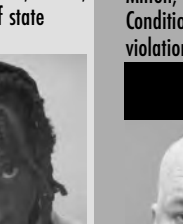


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- JETCROP
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TODAY'S WORD

ARRESTS OF NORTH SANTA ROSA COUNTY RESIDENTS

Arrest and incident reports are taken from the information released from law enforcement agencies. Charges or citations reported in the Santa Rosa Press Gazette do not imply guilt. Guilt is determined by the courts. Information on this page is public information. Names on arrest records will not be withheld by request for any reason. Every effort is made to provide accurate information. If an error in the named charge occurs, Santa Rosa Press Gazette will correct the named charge in a future publication when it is brought to our attention. Juveniles are named only if the arrest involved a felony offense.

<p>April 10</p>  <p>James Joseph Burns, 44, 5800 Block of Hermitage Cir., Milton, Charge: Moving traffic violation</p>	<p>April 11</p>  <p>Phillip Joseph Brabec, 42, 2700 Block of Wildhurst Tr., Pace, Charge: Contempt of court</p>	<p>April 11</p>  <p>Clifford Carlton Reeves, 50, 4800 Block of Royal Pines Dr., Pace, Charge: Conditional release violation</p>	<p>April 12</p>  <p>Bobby Edward Miley, 40, 6600 Block of Elva St., Milton, Charges: Drug trafficking, drug equipment possession</p>	<p>April 13</p>  <p>Jeffrey Wayne Williams, 42, 6400 Block of Walnut St., Milton, Charge: Drug possession</p>	<p>April 14</p>  <p>Haley Michelle Hancock, 31, 5300 Block of Kenneth Rd., Milton, Charge: Probation violation</p>	<p>April 15</p>  <p>Matthew William Faessel, 34, 4800 Block of Broadleaf Drive, Milton, Charges: Drug trafficking, drug equipment possession</p>	<p>April 15</p>  <p>Marilyn Ward Taylor, 72, 5600 Block of Collinswood Dr., Milton, Charge: Animal cruelty</p>
 <p>Brandon Reed Conlon, 25, 5600 Block of Kingrey Rd., Milton, Charges: Drug possession, drug equipment possession</p>	 <p>Krystal Lynn Cook, 40, 3800 Block of Wilkes St., Pace, Charge: Obstructing a criminal investigation</p>	 <p>Norman Bryce Halfacre, 46, 5100 Block of Lake End Dr., Milton, Charges: DUI, refusal to submit to DUI testing</p>	<p>April 13</p>  <p>KC Joell Dimore, 43, 4800 Block of Hawkins Dr., Pace, Charge: Contempt of court</p>	 <p>Ambrice Renee Page, 36, 4600 Block of Fowler Dr., Pace, Charges: Neglecting a child, DUI</p>	 <p>Adam Russell Simpkins, 46, 4600 Block of Carl Booker Rd., Milton, Charge: Possession of a weapon</p>	 <p>Arthur Edward Harbeson, 80, 5000 Block of Roland Rd., Pace, Charge: Possession of obscene material</p>	 <p>Jana Marie Williams, 35, 9600 Block of Chumuckla Springs Rd., Jay, Charges: Drug equipment possession, drug possession (x2)</p>
 <p>Brian Louis Hawkins, 53, 4100 Block of Bell Ln., Pace, Charge: Probation violation</p>	<p>April 12</p>  <p>Jonathan Paul Jones, 48, 6500 Block of Park Ave., Milton, Charge: Probation violation</p>	 <p>Kevin Daniel Cole, 6400 Block of Appaloosa Ave., Milton, Charges: Moving traffic violation, out of county warrant</p>	 <p>Mary Louise Page, 67, 4000 Block of Thomas St., Pace, Charge: Failure to appear</p>	<p>April 14</p>  <p>Richard Allen Coonrod, 46, 7100 Block of Admiral Halsey Ct., Milton, Charges: Failure to appear, moving traffic violation</p>	 <p>Jeremy Lee Suggs, 41, 5900 Pamela Dr., Milton, Charges: Fleeing/eluding the police, moving traffic violation</p>	 <p>Thomas Norman Olsen, 33, 5700 Block of Forest Hills Ln., Milton, Charge: Out of state fugitive</p>	 <p>Robert Jermaine Johnson, 43, Homeless, Milton, Charge: Conditional release violation</p>
 <p>Ronald Lee Pinkney, 49, 5900 Block of Ashton Woods Cir., Milton, Charges: Drug possession, drug equipment possession</p>	 <p>Welsey Noah Pugh, 43, 4000 Block of Jacaranda Tree., Milton, Charges: Drug possession, drug equipment possession, weapons offense</p>	 <p>Trevor Dustin Leonard, 27, 7800 Block of Petersen Point Rd., Milton, Charge: DUI</p>	 <p>Madison Dacey Pennington, 30, 440 Block of Burke St., Milton, Charge: DUI</p>	 <p>Grayson William Flaherty, 35, 6800 Block of Sagebrush Ln., Milton, Charge: Probation violation</p>	 <p>Francesca Diane Wunderle, 25, 3000 Block of N 36th Ave., Milton, Charge: Battery with domestic violence</p>	 <p>James Antono Rushing, 37, Homeless, Milton, Charges: Trespassing, drug equipment possession</p>	<p>April 16</p>  <p>Ronald Douglas Haines, 47, 6100 Block of Riverchase Rd., Milton, Charge: Probation violation</p>
 <p>Steven Christian Ryan, 29, 7100 Block of W Gardner St., Milton, Charge: DUI</p>							

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENACTMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be advised that on the 13th Day of May, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., CST, in the City Council meeting room at the City Hall at 6738 Dixon Street, in the City of Milton, Florida there will be proposed for enactment an Ordinance whose title is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 9.3 (N.4.b) OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF MILTON, ADDING STANDARDS FOR FENCES IN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING DESIGN CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's office for inspection. Any interested party may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

This date of April 14, 2025

Molly Turnes
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILTON, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE AND INTENT TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE

The Santa Rosa County Zoning Board and Board of County Commissioners will conduct public hearings to consider a change of land use and/or rezoning of land areas depicted on the maps within this advertisement. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Zoning Board (to consider and make a recommendation on the proposals):
Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners (to consider adoption of the ordinance):
Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

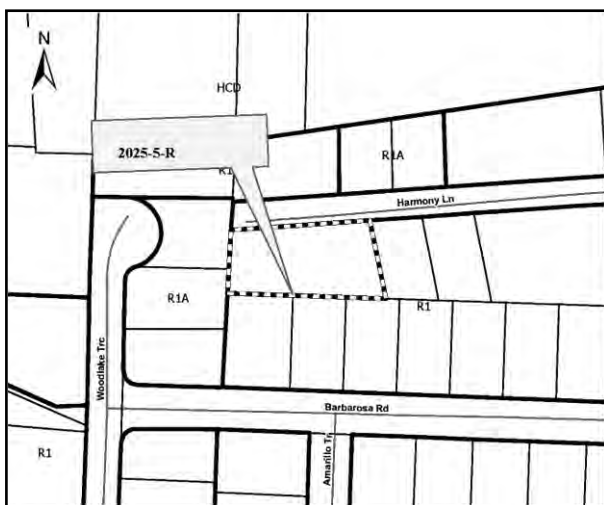
The Zoning Board meeting and the Board of County Commissioners meeting will be held at the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center in the Board Meeting Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida. At the public hearings, the Zoning Board and Board of County Commissioners shall consider the ordinances entitled:

Ordinance 1:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-19 AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICTS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-13; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

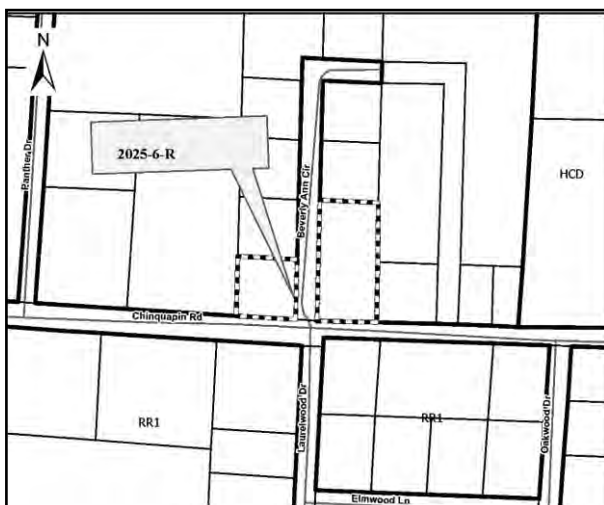
Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential) to R1A (Single Family Residential)- total approximately 0.46 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: No Change



Zoning District Amended: from RR1 (Rural Residential Single Residential) to R1 (Single Family Residential)- total approximately 1.3 (+/-) acres

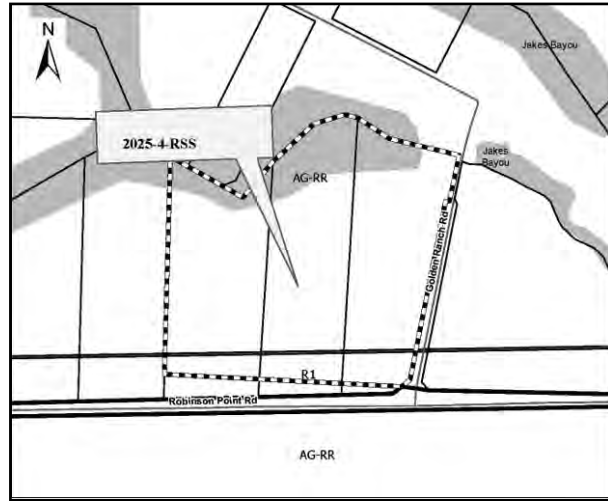
Future Land Use Amended: No Change



Zoning District Amended: from AGRR (Rural Residential Agriculture) to R1 (Single Family Residential) - total approximately 25.1 (+/-) acres

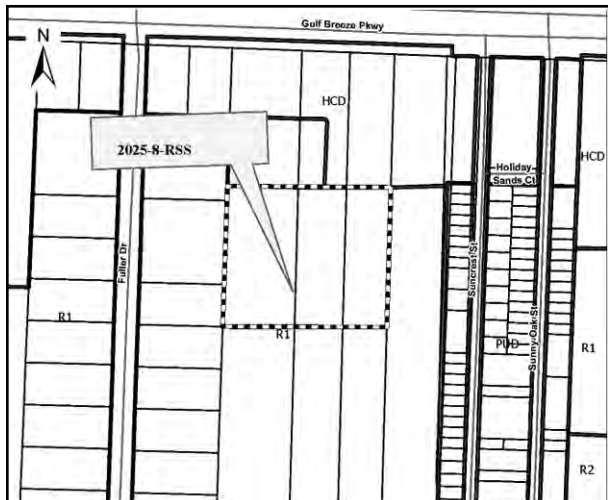
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Future Land Use Amended: from AGRR (Agricultural Rural Residential) to GPSFR (Garcon Point Single Family Residential) - total approximately 25.1 (+/-) acres



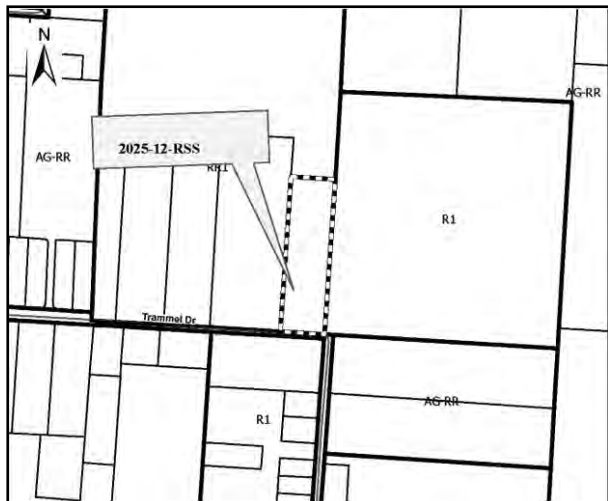
Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential) to HCD (Highway Commercial Development)- total approximately 3.00 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: from SFR (Single Family Residential) to COMM (Commercial)- total approximately 3.00 (+/-) acres



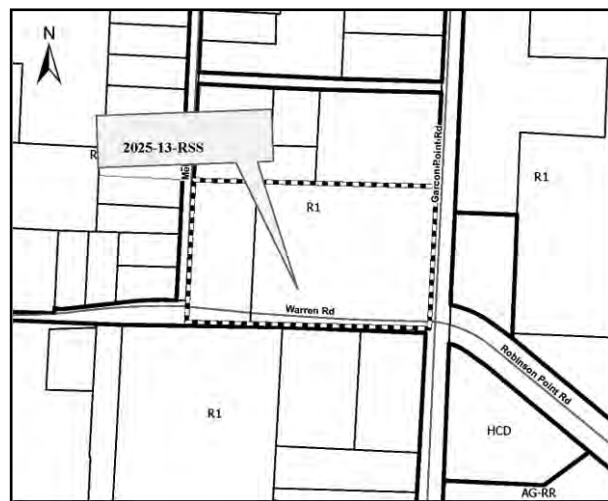
Zoning District Amended: from RR1 (Rural Residential Single Family) to AGRR (Rural Residential Agriculture) - total approximately 5.05 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: from SFR (Single Family Residential) to AGRR (Agricultural Rural Residential) - total approximately 5.05 (+/-) acres



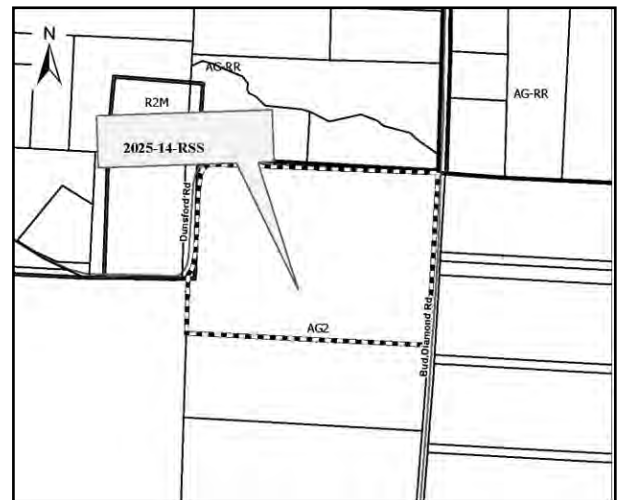
Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential) to HCD (Highway Commercial Development)- total approximately 5.4 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: from SFR (Single Family Residential) to COMM (Commercial)- total approximately 5.4 (+/-) acres



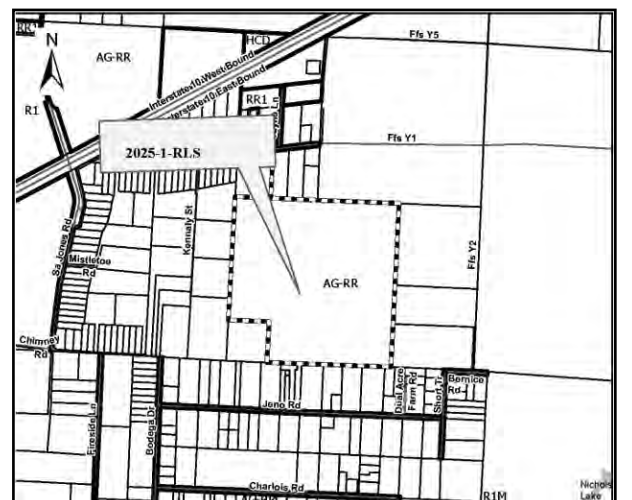
Zoning District Amended: from AG2 (Agriculture District 2) to AG1 (Estate Residential Agriculture) - total approximately 30.00 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: from AG (Agriculture) to AGER (Agriculture Estate Residential) - total approximately 30.00 (+/-) acres



Zoning District Amended: from AGRR (Rural Residential Agriculture) to RR1 (Rural Residential Single Family) - total approximately 154.5 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Amended: from AGRR (Agricultural Rural Residential) to SFR (Single Family Residential) - total approximately 154.5 (+/-) acres



The proposed ordinance and map may be inspected by the public prior to the above scheduled meetings at the Santa Rosa County Planning Department, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton, Florida. The agenda and backup documentation will be available via the Meetings & Agendas Page of the County's website at www.santarosa.fl.gov approximately 1 week prior to each scheduled meeting. Interested parties may appear at the meetings and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance. All interested parties should take notice that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter coming before said Board at said meeting, it is their individual responsibility to insure that a record of proceedings they are appealing exists and for such purpose they will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and the evidence upon which their appeal is to be based.

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File #: 2025005
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BUFFALO BILL LLC, holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate has filed said Tax Certificate for the Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Certificate Number and year of Issuance, the Description of the property, and Name(s) in which it is assessed is as follows: Certificate Number: 1800802
Year of Issuance: 2018
Description of Property: *DESCRIPTION UPDATED FOR 2025* 10-1N-28W: BEGIN AT THE NE CORN OF LOT 2 BLK 'C' DAVIDSON TRACT AS RECORDED IN BK 'A' PG 41, THN WEST 79 FT, THN SOUTHWESTERLY 231 FT, THN EAST 117 FT, THN NORTH 217 FT TO THE POB, AS DES IN OR 1366 PG 794, **LESS AND EXCEPT NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL DEED, LATER FOUND TO HAVE A LESS OUT THAT WAS PART OF SALE IN 1938 AS FOLLOWS PER OR 49 PG 108***** , BEGIN AT A PT 39 FT W OF NE CORN OF LOT 2 THN SRLY 224 FT, THN WRLY 58 FT, THN NRLY 231 FT, THN ERLY 38 FT TO THE POB AS DES IN OR 49 PG 108 & OR 95 PG 394 (OUT OF #2 IN 1938)
Parcel ID: 10-1N-28-0870-0000-0020
Name in which Assessed: ANDREW NETTLES, JAMES NETTLES
All of the above property is located in Santa Rosa County, In the state of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to the law the property described in such certificate(s) will be sold to the highest bidder online at www.santarosa.realtaxdeed.com on the 05/12/2025 at 12:00 noon CT, by Jason D. English, ESQ, Santa Rosa County Clerk of Courts & Comptroller. ML3670

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File #: 2025006
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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Year of Issuance: 2020
Description of Property: BEG AT NW COR OF N2 OF SW4 OF NW4 OF NE4 TH E 555 FT TH S 105 FT TH W 555 FT TH N 105 FT TO POB AS DES IN OR 489 PG 257
Parcel ID: 34-2N-28-0000-21006-0000
Name in which Assessed: JAMES WALLS HEIRS
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File #: 2024302
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Year of Issuance: 2021
Description of Property: *REMAINDER OF #6.3 FOR 2018* FOR POB COM AT A PT ON S LN OF SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH RANGE 28 WEST (ANTONIO MOLINO GRANT) A DISTANCE OF 390 FT E OF C/L OF SRD #191 (GARZON* POINT RD) THN S84*E ALNG GRANT LN 2154.25 FT THN N6*E 427.5 FT THN N84*22'W 1550.4 FT

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THN N84*30'W 205 FT THN N15*38'W 315.7 FT THN N74*14'W 327.95 FT TO E R/W OF GARZON POINT RD THN SWLY ON RD 161 FT +/- THN S 84*E 242.32 FT THN S29*07'W 428 FT THN S84*E 15.7 FT THN S 6*W 210 FT TO POB AS DES IN OR 677 PG 487 LESS 1/2 AC FOR CEMENTERY & LESS OR 689 PG 142 (FOR #6.4) LESS OR 772 PG 240 (FOR #6.5) LESS OR 842 PG 720 (FOR #6.6) LESS OR 883 PG 493 (FOR #6.2) LESS OR 924 PG 571 CORR IN OR 927 PG 241 (FOR #6.8) LESS OR 994 PG 225 (FOR #6.9) LESS OR 1790 PG 1739 (FOR DELETED) #6.3 NOW ADDED TO #6.1) & LESS OR 1590 PG 1256 & OR 1590 PG 1256 (#6.12) LESS OR 2049 PGS 1141 & 1139 (#6.13)
Parcel ID: 14-15-28-0000-00615-0000
Name in which Assessed: JACKIE BROXSON, WAYNE C BROXSON
All of the above property is located in Santa Rosa County, In the state of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to the law the property described in such certificate(s) will be sold to the highest bidder online at www.santarosa.realtaxdeed.com on the 05/12/2025 at 12:00 noon CT, by Jason D. English, ESQ, Santa Rosa County Clerk of Courts & Comptroller. ML3671

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File #: 2025007
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RICCARDO MARINO, holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate has filed said Tax Certificate for the Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Certificate Number and year of Issuance, the Description of the property, and Name(s) in which it is assessed is as follows: Certificate Number: 1900903
Year of Issuance: 2019
Description of Property: OLLINGER TRACT SE DIAGONAL 1/2 OF LOT 2 BLK 72 AS DES IN OR 1606 PG 667 & OR 3307 PG 1772
Parcel ID: 11-1N-28-2920-07200-0020
Name in which Assessed: PATRICIA WHITFIELD ET AL
All of the above property is located in Santa Rosa County, In the state of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to the law the property described in such certificate(s) will be sold to the highest bidder online at www.santarosa.realtaxdeed.com on the 05/19/2025 at 12:00 noon CT, by Jason D. English, ESQ, Santa Rosa County Clerk of Courts & Comptroller. ML3687

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. DR-2024-901249.00
IN RE: GRAND PARENTS RIGHTS JENNIFER CRUIKSHANK Plaintiff
Vs. CHARITY JUSTINA BURDITT Defendant
NOTICE Defendant, CHARITY JUSTINA BURDITT, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's, JENNIFER CRUIKSHANK, GRAND PARENTS RIGHTS and other relief by JUNE 06, 2025 or thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him or her in the above styled case, No. DR-2024901249.00, Circuit Court of Baldwin County. Done the 28th, day of MARCH, 2025. /s/ BRENDA Q. GANEY BRENDA Q. GANEY Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, AL MCCONNELL LYNN FARLEY P.O. BOX215 FAIRHOPE AL, 36533 ML3682

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FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison; Santa Rosa County; 4025, Milton, FL 32583; Phone (850) 623-3159; Fax (850) 982-0602; ADA.SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov, 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.
WITNESS my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 4th day of April 2025. JASON D. ENGLISH, as Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Wendy Thompson As Deputy Clerk ML3689

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, CASE NO.: 23000956CA Plaintiff,
VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THORNTON ESTES COLE, JR.; WINN COLE SHANNON; SUSAN FAITH HAMMOCK A/K/A SUSAN BLACK; REBECCA LEIGH HAMMOCK A/K/A REBECCA MUNCHER; JONATHAN DAVID HAMMOCK; HOLLEY BY THE SEA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DE-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN THE INTEREST OF: G.N.M. (DOB: 02/07/2024)
Minor Child
Case No.: 2015 DP 044
NOTICE OF ACTION (TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS)
TO: Stephanie Morrow
Address Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: G.N.M. (DOB: 02/07/2024). A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Steven C. Warrick, Juvenile Division, at the Santa Rosa County Courtroom 2D, Milton, FL 32583, for an ADVISORY HEARING.
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2025 BY: /s/ LIANA R. HALL, ESQ. BAR NO. 73813 Submitted by: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900 Coral Springs, FL 33071 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 SERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM ML3697

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Address: 4187 Castle Gate Drive, Pace, FL 32571 Current Residence: UNKNOWN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 77, BLOCK A, HAMMERSMITH, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, within or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Santa Rosa Press Gazette, 6576 Caroline Street, Milton, FL 32570 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 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Blvd Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA.SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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 9th day of April, 2025 BY: /s/ LIANA R. HALL, ESQ. BAR NO. 73813 Submitted by: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900 Coral Springs, FL 33071 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 SERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM ML3697

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 23000090CA FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, VS. JUDITH V. SUMERAU A/K/A JUDITH SUMERAU; ET AL., DEFENDANTS. RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule the April 15, 2025 Foreclosure Sale dated the 4th day of April, 2025, and entered in Case No. 23000090CA, of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Santa Rosa County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and JUDITH V. SUMERAU A/K/A JUDITH SUMERAU; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUDITH V. SUMERAU A/K/A JUDITH SUMERAU; WATERWAYS AT TIGER POINT EAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. Jason D. English, Esq. as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at electronically at www.santarosa.realtaxdeed.com, on May 21, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit: LOT 13, BLOCK B,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1st JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 572024CA-000426CAAXMX U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2022-RPL3, Plaintiff, -vs- SCOTT S. RAHMES; SHARI RAHMES, et al, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Lien Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of April, 2025, entered in the above-captioned action, Case No. 572024CA-000426CAAXMX, Jason D. English, Esq., the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, by electronic sale beginning at 11:00 a.m. at www.santarosa.realtaxdeed.com, on May 21, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit: LOT 13, BLOCK B,

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SANTANDER, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK D, PAGE 51, OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2201 CALLE DE CASTELAR, NAVARRE, FL 32566 IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. DATED this 11th day of April, 2025. Attorneys for Plaintiff 900 S. E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 204 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 Phone (954) 468-0016 Fax (954) 468-0310 By: /s/ Steven C. Weitz Steven C. Weitz, Esq., FBN: 788341 s t e v e n w e i t z @ w e i t z s c h w a r t z . c o m If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, ADA Liaison, Santa Rosa County, 6865 Caroline Street, FL 32570, (850) 623-3159 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. ML3700

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: NO.: 24000279CAMXAX LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

MCKENZIE ASHTON RE-NEE TIPTON; KASSIDI PAIGE WILEY; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), JASON D. ENGLISH, ESQ. as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.santarosa.realforeclose.com at 11:00 AM central time on the 03 day of June, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: COMMENCE AT A RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 28 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 994.50 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3443, PAGE 636, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE DEPART SAID EAST LINE NORTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK

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3443, PAGE 636, A DISTANCE OF 10.51 FEET TO A 4" SQUARE PLAIN CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GARCON POINT ROAD, STATE ROAD S-191-C (60' R/W) FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPART SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 04 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 87.50 FEET; THENCE DEPART SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE NORTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 248.77 FEET TO A CAPPED METAL ROD (LICENSED BUSINESS #5170) AT AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3443, PAGE 636, BEING ALSO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, SMITHVILLE, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 28 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK "R" AT PAGE 148 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 87.50 FEET TO A CAPPED METAL ROD (LICENSED BUSINESS #5802) AT AN INTERSECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 248.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK "1", SMITHVILLE. IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 28 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4275 GARCON POINT RD, MILTON, FL 32583 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Blvd. Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA. SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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 11 day of April 2025. By: /s/ Lindsay Maisonet Lindsay Maisonet, Esq. Bar Number: 93156 De Cubas & Lewis, P.A. PO Box 5026 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 ML3701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 24000349CAMXAX PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN SETTLERS AND

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BENEFICIARIES OF THE NANCY C. WHALLS LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 21, 2021, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 27, 2025 in the above-styled cause, Jason D. English, esq., Santa Rosa county clerk of court, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on May 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (CT), at www.santarosa.realforeclose.com. LOT 1, BLOCK A, PHASE II, VILLA VENYCE II, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 2 AND 6, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 29 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C AT PAGE 76 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY Property Address: 2768 Venetian Way, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 87.50 FEET TO A CAPPED METAL ROD (LICENSED BUSINESS #5802) AT AN INTERSECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3443, PAGE 636; THENCE DEPART SAID WEST LINES SOUTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 248.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK "1", SMITHVILLE. IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 28 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4275 GARCON POINT RD, MILTON, FL 32583 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Blvd. Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA. SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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. ML3703

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be for sale by Avid Storage - Surfside, 8202 Navarre Parkway, Navarre FL 32566 to satisfy a lien on May 16, 2025 at approx. 11:00 AM on www.storage treasures.com: Alijauan Jeffersons 2331: Furniture, Boxes, Totes. ML3709

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Southern & Sweet, Royal Resell, at 4375 Highway 4, in the County of Santa Rosa, in the city of Jay, Florida, 32565, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Jay, Florida, this 24th day of April 2025. Karah Knowles, owner, or Corporation full name. ML3710

Notice of Sale Pursuant to Chapter 45 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION: CASE NO.: 57-2022-CA-000275

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DIVISION: U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS COLLATERAL TRUST TRUSTEE OF FIRSTKEY MASTER FUNDING 2021-A COLLATERAL TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST WILLIAM L. ETHERIDGE, DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 2, 2025, and entered in Case No. 57-2022-CA-000275 of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Santa Rosa County, Florida in which U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against William L. Etheridge, deceased, Rebecca Etheridge, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Jason Lawson Etheridge, deceased, James Turner Etheridge, Sybil McClain, Joleen Etheridge, State of Florida, Santa Rosa County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Brandi M Etheridge, are defendants, the Santa Rosa County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on online at www.santarosa.realforeclose.com, Santa Rosa County, Florida at 11:00AM CST, 12:00PM EST on the May 13, 2025 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: LOT 13, BLOCK 2, MOSSY OAKS, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C, AT PAGE 158, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. A/K/A 7271 MOSSY OAKS DR NAVARRE FL 32566 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. ALBERTELLI LAW P. O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 Tel: (813) 221-4743 Fax: (813) 221-9171 EService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com By: /s/ Justin Ritchie Florida Bar #106621 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Blvd Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA. SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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. ML3711

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CASE NO.: 25000056CAMXAX NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. GREGORY WILLIAM COATS A/K/A GREGORY W. COATS; NICKELLE COATS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE OF ACTION TO: GREGORY WILLIAM COATS A/K/A GREGORY W. COATS (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address(es)) 7223 MARTIN ROAD MILTON, FL 32570 144 CAMELLIA CT FREEPORT, FL 32439 NICKELLE COATS (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address(es)) 7223 MARTIN ROAD MILTON, FL 32570 144 CAMELLIA CT FREEPORT, FL 32439 ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, INCLUDING, IF A NAMED DEFENDANT IS DECEASED, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THAT DEFENDANT, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS (Last Known Address) 7223 MARTIN ROAD MILTON, FL 32570 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 29 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 2384.76 FEET; THENCE DEPART SAID NORTH LINE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 2108.79 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 500.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 500.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MARTIN ROAD (RIGHT OF WAY VARIES); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE DEPART SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 00 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 500 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL LYING IN AND BEING A PORT OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 29 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A: 7223 MARTIN ROAD, MILTON, FL 32570. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442., Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in Press Gazette) 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. If you are a person with a disability who needs any

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accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Boulevard Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA. SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 15th day of April, 2025. JASON D. ENGLISH, ESQ. As Clerk of the Court and/or Comptroller /s/ Tammy Jo Brown Signature ML3712

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Royal Apparel, at 2439 Camors Rd, in the County of Santa Rosa, in the city of Jay, Florida, 32565, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Jay, Florida, this 24th day of April 2025. deGraaf Services LLC, owner, or Corporation full name. ML3714

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to YRR, LLC, Garrett W. Walton, Managing Member, 2605 Semoran Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32503 to construct and operate a 0.051 MGD annual average daily flow (AADF) domestic wastewater treatment facility which would land apply 0.051 MGD AADF of reclaimed water to a Part II subsurface drip irrigation field system. The facility will be located approximately at latitude 30° 34' 32.8495"N, longitude 86° 57' 25.0195" W, in the Yellow River Ranch Subdivision, east of Ward Basin Road and south of Hickory Hammock Road, in Milton, Florida 32583 in Santa Rosa County. The Department has assigned permit file number FLAB07468-001-DW3P to the proposed project. The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northwest District Office, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740, at phone number (850)595-8300. The files are available electronically from the Department's Electronic Document Search Portal using Application Number FLAB07468001, http://prodenv.dep.state.fl.us/DepNexus/public/searchPortal. NOTICE OF RIGHTS The Department will issue the permit unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of

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the application. Petition for Administrative Hearing A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. Time Period for Filing a Petition Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Extension of Time Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request

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for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Mediation Mediation is not available in this proceeding. ML3715

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE No. 24000132CAMXAX BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERVICES I TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. GORDON STEPHEN ANDERSON, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) UNDER THE THOMPSON LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 24, 2002, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 4, 2025 in the above action, the Santa Rosa County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Santa Rosa, Florida, on June 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at www.santarosa.realforeclose.com for the following described property: LOT 6, BLOCK 1, HICKORY SHORES, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTIONS 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 28 WEST, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SANTA ROSA 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. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein. Tromberg, Morris & Partners, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 600 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 600 Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 Telephone #: 561-338-4101 Fax #: 561-338-4077 Email: eservice@tmppllc.com By: Kyle Melanson, Esq. FBN 1017909 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, ADA Liaison Santa Rosa County 4025 Avalon Blvd. Milton, FL 32583 Phone (850) 623-3159 Fax (850) 983-0602 ADA. SantaRosa@fcourts1.gov 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. ML3716

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