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Widow urges lawmakers to shut down illegal internet cafés after \$779M verdict in Havana killing

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Gadsden County News Service

The widow of a security guard killed during a 2023 armed robbery at a Havana internet café is calling on Florida lawmakers to crack down on alleged illegal gambling operations after a Gadsden County jury awarded her family a \$779,389,024.37 wrongful death verdict.

The verdict, returned this week, stems from the killing of Lewis Butler, who was shot while working security at a business described in court filings as an internet café operated by Fortune MGT 2023 LLC and Manishkumar

Patel. According to the complaint, the business failed to report a prior gunpoint robbery on Oct. 25, 2023, during which a firearm was stolen. Investigators later found that the stolen gun was used in the Nov. 14, 2023 robbery that left Butler mortally wounded. He died the next day.

Court filings allege the café was known by its owners and managers to be a site of illegal gambling activity and that they failed to implement basic security measures after the earlier robbery.

At a news conference Monday, Butler’s widow, Kimberly Butler, urged

the Florida Legislature to take action to prevent similar tragedies. She called for stronger oversight, increased penalties, and the closure of establishments alleged to be operating outside state law.

State Rep. Michele Rayner joined the family and civil rights attorney Ben Crump, urging lawmakers to advance the proposed Lewis Butler Act, which would target illegal internet-gambling cafés and enhance public safety requirements.

Crump said the jury’s decision reflects the scale of the loss. “This verdict sends a clear message

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Kimberly Butler, widow of Lewis Butler, is pictured with attorney Ben Crump, after a Gadsden County Jury awarded a \$779 million wrongful death verdict in the killing of her husband.

Commissioners raise alarm over frequent budget amendments

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Gadsden County News Service

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners approved another budget amendment at its Dec. 2 meeting, despite pushback from some commissioners concerned that the board has been asked to approve too many such amendments lately.

The frequency of budget amendments was an issue

raised by commissioners at the board’s last meeting on Nov. 18 as well.

According to Finance Director Rose Raynak, the latest budget amendment was needed to balance the FY 24-25 budget and was the result of unanticipated revenue, such as Federal Emergency Management Agency money.

“We don’t know how much money we’re going to get in during the year,” explained Raynak.

But Commissioner

Alonzetta Simpkins questioned Raynak, seeking specifics on why another budget amendment was needed.

“We’ve been having a lot of budget amendments,” said Simpkins.

When asked by Simpkins if this would be the last amendment the board would be asked to approve for FY 24-25, Raynak said she believed so but it is possible there may be more.

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Brenda Holt made an unsuccessful motion to table the approval of the budget amendment until after the board has had a workshop on the matter.

“We can vote, but we have to have some knowledge of what we’re voting for,” said Holt.

In response to Holt’s motion, Interim County Attorney Louis Baptiste advised the board that they were technically already past the Nov. 29 deadline to approve

budget amendments — 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

The board ultimately voted 3-1 to approve the budget amendment, with Holt voting against. The board also voted 4-0 to schedule a workshop.

In other business, the board approved:

- The purchase of appliances, work benches, and awnings for the W.S. Stevens Center totaling \$40,810. Of that total,

\$19,872 is unspent grant funds.

- A grant agreement for landscaping improvements and roadside beautification along Pat Thomas Parkway totaling \$25,000. FDOT will reimburse 100% of the cost of the project.
- A \$1.8 million widening and resurfacing of Fairbanks Road from Concord Road to the Leon County line.

Quincy Music Theatre premieres Merrily We Roll this holiday season

Ruben Uribe
Photos by Kayla McMillan
Gadsden County News Service

Merrily We Roll Along premiered at the Quincy Music Theatre this past weekend as the second of the four musicals of the 2025-2026 Season.



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This classic theatre show is a 1981 musical version of an earlier 1934 original by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, reenvisioned lyrically by Stephen Sondheim and with a new book by George Furth. This play is notable for a reverse chronological plot structure, unveiling the disruption of a once close group of three old friends. As time regresses, the audience witnesses - backwards - how the trio of Franklin “Frank” Shepard (Ty Stone), Charles “Charley” Kringas (Logan Hagedorn-Espinola), and Mary Flynn (Emmie Bryson) came to dislike and ultimately distrust one another. Their own personal failures which led to that inevitable point are also brought into the light for critical examination and so are the origins and bright-eyed beginnings of their evolving friendships. The time frame of Merrily We Roll Along is across three decades, from the 1950s to the 1970s, and takes place in the five boroughs of New York

City. Described therein are the various social and cultural changes which rock the Big Apple.

Merrily We Roll Along is produced by the following: direction and music are by Andrew Busenlener and Gerry Nielsen; choreography is produced by Darci Brown; costumes are by Sarah Matlow; set design is by Jack Jammer with carpentry by Craig Grafmiller; and light and sound design are by Saul Benitez / Hailey Killan and Shelby Chase, respectively. All marketing materials were created by media liaison Chelsea Ealum. This performance is approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, with a 15-minute intermission in between the two acts.

Emmie Bryson plays critic and columnist Mary Flynn, one of the three protagonists of the musical. Unerringly loyal to her friends, Flynn suffers a great deal as the trio’s group dynamics deteriorate. Bryson describes her character



as”...pure love and hope. Her main goal is to keep her friends together, which she does instinctually, unthinkingly past their supposed ‘success,’ and constantly asks for things to return to the way they were in the past.” Unlike the other two protagonists, Flynn is not callously focused on her career goals. In Mary

Flynn, there is no need for any ultimate sacrifice, but instead one finds passion, which Bryson critically considered was, “truly her only pursuit... she is the glue that keeps the trio all together.” She further described Flynn’s regression into a less fractured, fallible individual who excuses the ungamely behavior

of her two friends as they attempt to make it big in Hollywood at any cost.

“Hollywood... the trio sees from their establishment in New York, as a success-land of dreams to break into,” she said.

Bryson is a student at

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Community Calendar

December

The Allison Christmas Spectacular 2025

- Thursday, Nov. 27 - Jan. 1, 2026
- 6 - 10 p.m.
- 2681 Florida Georgia Highway, Havana (Havana Christmas Tree Farm)

This year's show takes place exclusively at the Havana Christmas Tree Farm, 2867 Florida Georgia Hwy (Hwy 27), Havana, FL.

Enjoy a free drive-through light show from Thanksgiving through New Year's, 6-10 p.m. EST — tune to 102.1 FM for synchronized music.

Donations for show and sheriff expenses are accepted at the tree farm or via Cash App: \$allisonchristmas / Venmo: @

allisonchristmas. A community Charity Drive will also collect food, hygiene, baby, pet, and household items.

Christmas at Heritage Park

- Saturday, Dec. 13
- 4 p.m.
- 19 Decatur Street, Chattahoochee (Heritage Park)

Christmas at Heritage Park has been rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 13. Enjoy fun festivities including pictures with Santa, kids' craft, milk and cookies, tree lighting, and caroling with a community choir! Make sure to stick around for the annual City of Chattahoochee Christmas Parade at 6PM.

WinterFest

- Saturday, Dec. 13
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Downtown Havana

Celebrate the magic of the season at Havana WinterFest—our special way to ring in Christmas, Havana-style! There will be a Christmas lawnmower parade, petting zoo, kids zone with holiday activities, local vendors, festive food, unique gifts and live music & holiday entertainment.

City of Quincy Christmas Parade

- Friday, Dec. 19
- 6 p.m.
- Downtown Quincy

The City of Quincy's annual Christmas Parade has been rescheduled

December 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Holidays

14th - Hanukkah begins at sundown

21st - Winter Begins

25th - Christmas

for Friday, December 19, 2025, in Downtown Quincy. The parade will take place in the evening, starting at 6 p.m. This year's theme is "Let it Snow."

Bruner Family - Bluegrass Christmas at Bell and Bates

- Wednesday, Dec. 24
- 9 a.m.
- 10 N. Duval Street,

Quincy The tradition continues. The Bruner Family Bluegrass Group will be playing Christmas music on Wednesday,

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that businesses cannot ignore security risks, conceal serious crimes, and gamble with human life," he said. On social media, he added that the verdict "honors a life lost while protecting others" and called the tragedy preventable.

The wrongful death verdict comes as the criminal case tied to Butler's killing continues moving through the courts.

Ty'rone Washington was convicted of first-degree murder for the shooting, with jurors finding he opened fire during an attempted robbery with co-defendant Kelvin Brown. Evidence presented at trial showed Butler intervened to protect a cashier, pushing the clerk out of the line of fire before he was shot.

Washington was sentenced last week to life in prison without the possibility of parole for Butler's killing. Brown is expected to stand trial at a later date.

Crump said he and the Butler family will continue urging lawmakers and the Florida Gaming Control Commission to address what they describe as a statewide public safety threat. "We're calling on Florida lawmakers...to shut down these illegal gambling cafés before any more families lose their loved ones," he stated.

Kimberly Butler said she hopes her husband's death leads to meaningful reforms. "Businesses alleged to be operating outside the law should not be allowed to endanger workers and their communities," she said.

Gingerbread Honey Cupcakes: A Sweet Spin on Tradition

In a holiday season crowded with everything from mouthwatering cakes, cookies and pies to "fa-la-la-la" forgettable fruitcakes, the dessert table can bring you comfort and joy or sweet-tooth dismay.

Here's the secret to spicy, sweet cupcakes that "sleigh" at the dessert table: These gingerbread cupcakes with honey cream cheese frosting swap molasses for raw honey to deliver bold flavor and buzzworthy bragging rights.

Just like most legendary desserts, every drop of Busy Bee Raw Honey comes with a story. Sourced entirely in the U.S. and tested for safety, quality and three times for purity, it comes with a peel-away back label and Real Honey Code so you can trace your honey's journey from flower to hive to your holiday

dessert table.

To bring the journey to your home this holiday season, visit BusyBeeHoney.com to find more inspiration, information and availability.

Gingerbread Cupcakes with Honey Cream Cheese Frosting

- Yield: 12 cupcakes
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2 teaspoons ground ginger
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
 - 1 egg, lightly beaten
 - 1/2 cup buttermilk, at

room temperature

- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Honey Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4-6 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Line 12 regular-size muffin cups with paper baking cups.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, brown sugar, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and salt.

In large bowl, using hand or stand mixer, beat softened butter and honey until smooth and slightly fluffy, 1-2 minutes. Beat in egg then mix in

buttermilk and vanilla until combined.

Add dry ingredients to wet mixture and stir gently until no streaks of flour remain; don't overmix.

Divide batter evenly among muffin cups, filling each about two-thirds full.

Bake 20-22 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cupcake comes out clean.

Let cupcakes cool in pan about 5 minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.

To make frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter until smooth and creamy. Add honey and vanilla then gradually beat in powdered sugar until fluffy, spreadable and reaching desired sweetness. Chill for firmer consistency before piping or spreading, if desired.

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House seeks speedier redistricting

Jim Turner
News Service of Florida

As a House committee began working Thursday to possibly redraw Florida congressional districts that would be more favorable to Republicans, its chairman pushed for a quicker timeline than suggested by Gov. Ron DeSantis and Senate President Ben Albritton.

In discussing the process to redraw congressional lines, House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting Chairman Mike Redondo said the map should be completed by the March 13 scheduled end of the regular 2026 legislative session.

“Given the fact that we are less than a year away from the election, not to mention the fact that the candidate qualifying period for federal offices is in late April, it would be irresponsible to delay the creation and passage of a new map, especially

until after session,” Redondo, R-Miami, said.

On Wednesday, Albritton, R-Wauchula, noted in a memorandum to senators that DeSantis “has expressed a desire to address this issue next spring,” adding “there is no ongoing work regarding potential mid-decade redistricting taking place in the Senate at this time.”

On Monday, the online conservative news outlet The Floridian reported that DeSantis intends to call a special session on redistricting in the spring.

Asked about redistricting Wednesday during an appearance in Tampa, DeSantis said his staff hasn’t developed a map, and he continues to wait on a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court in a Louisiana redistricting case. That case involves issues about the creation of two majority-Black districts and the Voting Rights Act.

“We’re going to be

forced to do it (redraw Florida’s districts), I think, because the Supreme Court’s decision is going to impact the current map,” DeSantis said. “So just no matter what else happens, that is going to have to be addressed.”

Redondo said his committee next week will review the legal impact of changes that the Legislature made in 2022 at DeSantis’ direction to a North Florida congressional district. The changes eliminated a district that Black Democrat Al Lawson had held and led to Republicans winning all North Florida districts.

“Our work as a committee and as a legislative body is not directed by the work of other states or partisan g a m e s m a n s h i p ,” Redondo said.

Redondo’s comment drew mocking laughter from many people in an overflow crowd that was mostly opposed to the

possibility of a highly unusual mid-decade round of redistricting. President Donald Trump has pushed some Republican-led states to redraw districts to help the GOP maintain its slim majority in the U.S. House in the 2026 elections. Democrats have countered by trying to add more Democratic-held seats in California.

Jessica Lowe-Minor, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, said people came on buses to the Capitol from various parts of the state to object Thursday to the “clear partisan power grab.”

“There’s a national context in which, you know, states are competing against each other to try to secure control of Congress before a single vote has been cast in the midterm elections, and it’s a very partisan context,” Lowe-Minor said after the meeting. “And so within that context, we do not

believe that the state of Florida is allowed to do partisan gerrymandering, it’s a violation of our state Constitution.”

The meeting was scheduled for one hour but ended in about 30 minutes. No public comments were taken.

Redistricting usually happens after each U.S. census, with the last round in Florida in 2022. Republicans hold 20 of the state’s 28 congressional seats.

The dispute about the North Florida district involved Congressional District 5, which previously stretched from Jacksonville to west of Tallahassee. During the 2022 redistricting process, DeSantis argued that keeping such a district would be an unconstitutional racial gerrymander. Lawmakers approved drawing District 5 in the Jacksonville area.

An unsuccessful legal challenge to the change involved the

interplay of the U.S. Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause and the state Constitution’s “Fair Districts” standards, which include prohibiting drawing districts that would “diminish” the ability of minorities to “elect representatives of their choice” — often called a “non-diminishment” requirement.

Voting-rights groups argued that the District 5 overhaul violated the non-diminishment requirement because it effectively prevented Black voters in North Florida from electing a candidate of their choice.

But the Florida Supreme Court upheld the map. Along with the “non-diminishment” requirement, the Fair Districts standards also say, in part, that no “apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent.”

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Florida State University whose performances are inspired in part by her International Study Abroad Program in London. While there, she attended performances in London’s West End and frequently marveled at the talent on display. She hopes to get an MA in Costume Studies after developing a padded résumé in the local community theatre scene, which she says personally enriches her life deeply.

“To sum it up, this is a play that is very heavy in nature, and the message of it is to reach out and reforge with the people who have fallen out of your life. Come and see the show!”

Ty Stone is a counter-tenor who plays Franklin “Frank” Shepard, an ambitious composer. The issue central to Shepard’s character is that he lives in the past and future, yet never within the living present.

“He always says yes before he knows the cards,” said Stone of Shepard’s work ethic. “It brings him a great deal of misfortune; for instance, he loses his ability to see success because he does not assign value to anything that isn’t success. And he does see plenty of success, but the cost of ambition is the loss of the friends who supported him.”

On a personal level, Stone finds many parallels between himself and

Franklin Shepard, as they both strive to write and compose music. Actor Stone is originally from Blountstown, which he describes as a quiet town of humility, and set himself upon an instrument learning journey as a hobby through one of the major calamities of our time. “During the COVID-19 Pandemic, I became a much better musician and learned guitar, bass, kalimba, harmonica, etc.” Stone recollected. “I see a lot of myself in Franklin since I, too, hope to make my own material and become a writer of stories. But he is willing to do practically anything for a distant ideal.”

Logan Hagedorn-Espinola is the actor

behind the role of the up-and-coming playwright Charles “Charley” Kringas, who he describes as “uptight but genuine” about his creations. He had much to elaborate on the subject of his conflicted character.

“Kringas is trying to make a statement with his work, but his ideas are on the outs,” he said. “He keeps getting put down and brushed aside - and, for him, it’s basically an indecent form of artistic censorship.” Such alterings, said Hagedorn-Espinola, affect his personhood and therefore his affections for close friends in a generally profound way. “He begins to lose his spark. You can see his pessimism return to the optimism that he once held as the play goes on. It hits close to home because all artists sometimes have some anxiety about finding their own style, and what compromises that one has to make to make it big. It’s tragic. It’s to the point Frank - who Charley is closest with - and he begins having these huge fights. You will have to remember, though, as with all characters in this play, that he was not always this way.” Studying under the College of Theatre and Dedman College of Hospitality at FSU, Hagedorn-Espinola hails from Orlando, Florida and is currently in his Sophomore Year. He has been performing in theatre for 12 excellent years. His most recent performance was as the villainous Jonas Fogg



in FSU’s adaptation of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, and he hopes one day to put his merits as an actor to the test as a cast member aboard a Royal Caribbean Cruise liner.

Like all of Quincy Music Theatre’s shows, Merrily We Roll Along features a live pit orchestra composed of veteran musicians. The cast is composed of 17 actors and the crew consists of 15 experienced technicians - coming out to a total of around 32 people coming together to bring this new and merry production to you, Floridians!

Merrily We Roll Along is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. This play is licensed by Music Theatre International (MTI).

Further dates for Merrily We Roll Along are as follows:

Performances:

- Friday, December 12, 2025 - 07:30 p.m. (EST)
- Saturday, December 13, 2025 - 07:30 p.m. (EST)

• Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 02:30 p.m. (EST)

Individual tickets for Merrily We Roll Along can be purchased on the theatre website (www.quincymusictheatre.com), by calling or visiting the Box Office (850-875-9444), or by emailing qmtofficial@quincymusictheatre.com. Ticket Prices are \$22 for Adults, \$19 for Seniors (62+); and \$17 for Students of any age. Each ticket includes a \$2 processing fee. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Please call ahead for wheelchair seating and/or service animals.

Parking will be available at street level on East Washington Street (in front of the theatre), in the grassy lot behind the theatre (on the corner of Franklin and Duval Streets), at Bell & Bates Hardware Store after 5 p.m. and all-day Sunday, and in the unpaved lot behind the Quincy Garden Club.

Please allow a few extra minutes for parking before the “curtain.”

NOTICE OF INTENT: PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, intends, at a Regular Meeting, at the Gadsden County Governmental Complex, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December 2025, to consider adoption of an ordinance entitled:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05, AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING IN GADSDEN COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2025. ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING A HALF-CENT SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SALES SURTAX AS LEVIED BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PURSUANT TO FL STATUTES SECTION 212.055(6); DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE NOTICES TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INCIDENTAL ACTIONS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILIT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPEAR AT THE MEETING AND BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER, HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE MAY NEED TO ASSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection in the Gadsden County Administrator’s Office, located at 1B E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida and on the County website at gadsdencountyfl.gov.

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. Persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing must contact the Gadsden County Administrator’s Office, 1B E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, (850) 875-8650, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

MEETING NOTICE


The next regular meeting of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. The following items have been agendaed: **Awards, Presentations, and Appearances:** Major Projects Presentation, Economic Development Update Presentation **Consent:** Ratification Memo, December 2, 2025, BOCC Regular Meeting, **Items Pulled for Discussion. Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit):** The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners welcomes and encourages public participation at all Board meetings. Citizens can speak for up to three (3) minutes on non-agenda items. Public comments and participation are also encouraged for items on the agenda. Additionally, if you are unable to attend a meeting in person, comments from the Public can also be submitted via email to CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov by noon on the meeting date. Comments submitted after the deadline but prior to the meeting will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. Citizens are further encouraged to participate on the County’s website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov. **Public Hearings.** Approval of Public Works Heavy Equipment Lease Purchase, Approval of the Adoption of ordinance No, 2025-05, An Ordinance Ordering and Providing for The Holding of a Referendum of The Qualified Electors Residing in Gadsden County to Be Held on November 5, 2024. On The Question of Approving a Half-Cent School Capital Outlay Sales Surtax as Levied by The Gadsden County School Board Pursuant to Fl Statutes Section 212.055(6); Directing the Clerk to Provide Notices to State Government; Authorizing Certain Incidental Actions, Providing for Severability, And Providing an Effective Date **General Business:** Approval of funding from a Due to Liability owed Midway Senior Center moved to FY 25-26 Budget, Approval of Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Agreement, Approval of CRA Task Order for Court House, Approval of Change Order #01 Ben Bostick Road Resurfacing **Clerk of Court:** Updates; **Interim County Attorney:** Updates; **Interim County Administrator:** Updates; **Discussion Items by Commissioners:** Updates. (This agenda and a listing of the Receipt/File items may be viewed in electronic format on the County’s website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov.)

If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such public meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence to which the appeal is to be heard.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Facilities Management Office, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, by written request at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Telephone: (850) 875-8665 or 850-363-1360.

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When Steve and Dud got up to go get a paper, it left just Doc and Bert sitting at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop. Bert turned his head and smirked a little, being careful not to let Doc see him. Doc also didn't see Dud outside, punching in a number on his cell phone while Steve stood by as a cheerleader.

“Doc,” said Loretta, from the cash register, “phone call for you, Hon.”

“Here? Okay...” Doc walked over and picked up the phone.

“This here Doc?” said the caller. “The Doc what lost his squirrel?”

“Uh ...” Doc looked around for help. There was none. “Yes. Yes it is.”

“Found your dang squirrel here, Doc. That reward thing still good?”

“Well ... yes.”

“Five dollars and a quarter, right? Now is that cash or check? I don't take no checks.”

Doc is looking all around and looks wilderness-type lost. “Cash I guess.”

“Only thing is, Doc. Need to be sure this is your squirrel, right? So can you describe him for me?”

“He's ... gray.”

“All gray squirrels are gray, now, ain't that right? How about any distinguishing marks? Tattoos?”

“No tattoos.”

“So far so good. Now you said in the ad his name is Chipper. Well, I called him Chipper and the son of a gun bit me.”

“He did?”

“What I mean to ask here, Doc, is did you and your squirrel get along? No squirrel problems? He looks like he needs a square meal to me. You feed him good?”

“What?”

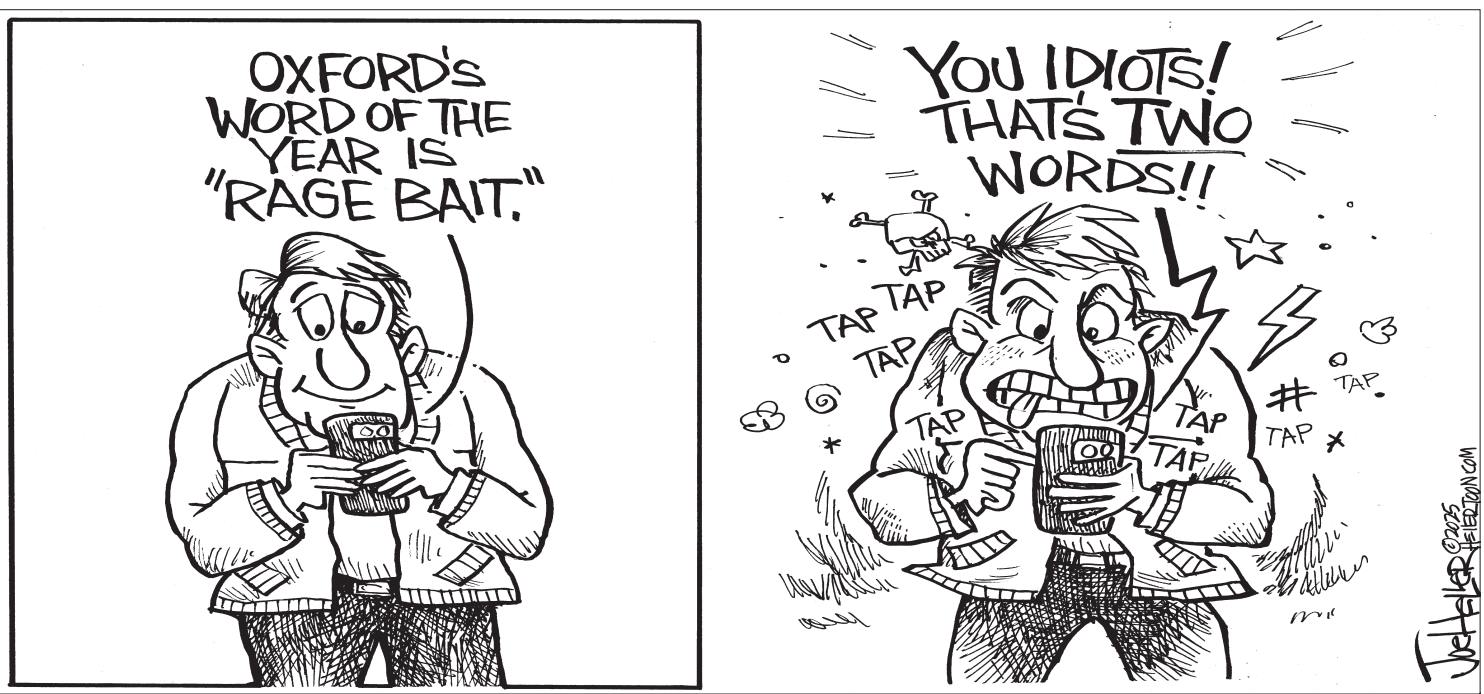
“You know ... like Squirrel Chow free choice, or did you put him on a nut ration? I mean, he ate like there was no tomorrow. Dang near ate up the whole five dollars and a quarter reward money in squirrel food.”

Steve and Dud walked back into the café, then, with the cell phone still at Dud's ear, and the laughing began.

“You were right all along, Doc,” said Bert. “In winter, everyone can use a good hoax.”

Doc paid for the coffee.

Brought to you by Ol' Max Evans, the First Thousand Years by Slim Randles. From the University of New Mexico Press.



The 2025 cat food and litter shortage has caused constraints on supply chains

Patricia Smith

Over the past few years, many U.S. pet owners, especially cat guardians, have noticed that dry cat food, wet cat food, and cat litter go in and out of stock unpredictably. This has affected both major retailers and smaller brands, leading to much frustration and difficulty in the mission of maintaining consistent diets for cats with sensitive stomachs or finicky eating habits.

This article explains why these shortages continue, what cat owners can do to stay ahead of disruptions, and provides a curated, reliable list of in-stock cat-food and litter products that regularly ship throughout the United States, including North Florida.

Why are cat food and litter still so hard to find? One would think once the Covid-19 pandemic had ended and time had passed that manufacturing and shipping would no longer be an issue, but unfortunately, that is not the case. Cat food and litter shortages have become a repeating pattern caused by several overlapping factors such as national supply

chain constraints, higher post pandemic pet population, Manufacturers Prioritizing Certain Product Lines, regional distribution gaps, and litter material shortages.

National supply chain constraints consisting of ingredients like fish, chicken, and beef continue to face interruptions from fishing season, feed-cost inflation, processing plant labor shortages, delays in transportation, and packing material shortages (especially aluminum cans). Many of the cat food brands rely on “just in time” production, even a small shortage of one ingredient can halt an entire recipe.

The higher post-pandemic pet populations consist of the “pandemic pet boom” where there was a dramatic increase of the number of cats in U.S. households. The demand for cat food is now higher than it ever has been, but production has not fully scaled up to match. Premium and specialty recipes are especially affected because they rely on more specific ingredient sources.

The manufacturer’s prioritize

certain product lines that consist of ingredient availability dips and brands often focus on their top-selling SKU’s. This prioritization tends to pause or reduce production on specialty flavors and temporarily discontinues niche grain-free or sensitive stomach formulas.

Regional Distribution - When regional distribution gaps occur, the products exist at the warehouse level. Distribution and trucking delays may cause entire regions, including parts of the Southeast, to show “Out of Stock.” States at the end of certain shipping routes, like Florida, sometimes feel these gaps the hardest.

Litter-Material Shortages – Cat-litter shortages can occur for a number of different reasons depending on the type such as clay litter, corn/wheat/ pine litter, and eco/tofu litter, that rely on bentonite mining and multi-state distribution routes and are highly affected by agricultural cycles and weather. Smaller manufacturers with more fragile supply chains typically produce eco/tofu litter. This is why switching between clay and non-clay litter can help

avoid shortages.

Tips for Staying Ahead of Shortages in 2025 – Sign up for auto-ship (Chewy, Petco, Walmart) This helps you lock in supply even when the product temporarily goes out of stock for normal buyers. Keep 2–3 acceptable foods your cat tolerates because this reduces stress when one brand disappears.

For litter try both clay and non-clay litter options because if one category experiences shortages, the other is usually available. Try to buy 1–2 months ahead especially in Florida, where shipping routes sometimes cause delays.

Avoid highly niche, unusual, or imported cat-food brands These are the most commonly disrupted.

Cat food and litter shortages aren't going away any time soon — they are tied to global supply chains, national shipping issues, and increased demand from the growing pet population. But with a little planning and by relying on widely distributed, consistently stocked brands, cat owners in Florida can avoid the stress of last-minute shortages.

NURSE JUDY’S NOOK

Not so smart old dog

Judy Conlin

I should be excellent at managing appointments because I usually have some every day. Some are doctor appointments. Some are dentist appointments. Some are lab appointments. Others are committee meetings, club meetings, theater meetings or board meetings. I write them on my calendar and try to plan my life around them.

Ha.

That is a waste of time. An appointment means nothing these days. You get a phone call or an e-mail or a text asking you to reschedule as the person you were supposed to see is on vacation, out of town, or who knows where. You spend days trying to reschedule and find a date that works for you both. This may finally be rescheduled, and it also may need to be changed again.

I realize all these places are extremely busy with lots of people to handle. What they don't seem to realize is that even very old people (like me) are busy just trying to meet all their obligations which increase significantly with age. We seem to have a different doctor and office for each of our body parts as time goes on. Sometimes I

long for the old country doctor who took care of all your parts except teeth and some eye problems. Only one office to go to-only one guy to deal with, but I fear that is not coming back as we get increasingly more specialized.

Even though they say an old dog can't learn new tricks, this old dog is pursuing that goal. Having tried to go to a portal and reschedule, I've found I am totally incapable of doing this. When I call to reschedule and don't get a call-back, I just quit. I leave the ball in their court. If they discover I haven't been seen after a while, they usually will find a way to contact me for a new appointment and if not and if I'm still alive and functioning, perhaps I didn't need to be seen after all.

I realize this is a radical approach from a registered nurse, but I think the lowering of my stress level must be a plus in my favor.

This week I found another helpful solution to this appointment problem. I had an appointment to have blood drawn at 11 am in Tallahassee. I started out early because I know how hard it is to find a parking spot. Thus, I got there on time and was prepared for a quick entry and exit. At the

desk, I was told by a helpful attendant that they were a little behind and I was number 19 on the list. I could sign in and wait, but if the wait got too long, she would reschedule me for another day. I thought about this. I did not want to reschedule. That would mean another trip to Tallahassee and the possibility of having that same wait . Then, this old dog had an idea.

“Just sign me in,” I said cheerfully. “I must leave for a bit, but I'll be right back to wait my turn.”

My helpful clerk agreed this would work.

I left the lab and headed to the cafeteria. They only served broccoli cheese soup, and toasted cheese sandwiches. They were crowded and I had to wait to order. I didn't mind. There were 19 folks ahead of me in the lab. By the time I got to order, they were out of the soup, but they did have the sandwich. I ordered it and a large chai tea latte. Again, the lady at this snack bar was besieged by hungry workers and it took a while.

Again, I didn't care. They might be down to 15 or 16 ahead of me by now. I leisurely ate my cheese dripping sandwich and drank my huge

latte. I needed a bath after that and took a trip to the restroom to free my hands (and I have to say the front of my blouse) from some very sticky cheese.

Pleased with myself, I sauntered back to the lab and inquired about the number in front of me now.

“You're next,” she said with a big smile. I smiled right back. I had outwitted the system. This old dog had learned a new trick.

I bragged about this to Nurse Judy, my all knowing alter ego, on the way home.

“You might want to review this before trying it again,” she said.

“What do you mean?” I ask.

“If you had cut that time a little closer you might have missed your appointment and had to come back anyhow. Besides that, you've probably ruined the results. Your cholesterol level will be up from all that cheese, and your blood sugar will be elevated from that latte. You'll probably be rescheduled anyhow.”

She always rains on my parade.

More later,
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Grace Notes

When ugly becomes good news

Nancy Kennedy

For those who celebrate, this year's National Ugly Sweater Day is Dec. 19. It's a day of lighthearted tackiness and frivolity — a chance to wear hideous knitted apparel, loud and proud.

Embrace the ugly and pass the eggnog.

When I was maybe 14, I had an ugly sweater, although I didn't think so at the time. It was a yellowy golden, baby-poop color with short sleeves that I wore with brown velveteen bell-bottoms.

Yellowy golden baby poop is so not my color. I have a photo of me wearing the outfit, and I look like I'm on day three of a five-day plague.

However, that ugly sweater

circa 1968 wasn't the celebrated ugly Christmas sweaters of today — FYI: \$158 at Nordstrom with free shipping, or \$18 at Walmart.

Frankly, I don't get it. Even worn ironically, why would anyone want to wear something so loud and obnoxious on purpose?

It's something I think about. A lot.

The other day, I came across a 2015 column about ugly Christmas sweaters written by Parker Bullard.

He writes, "It's exhausting trying to have it all together...trying to be less ugly than you feel. It's exhausting trying to be perfect."

"But when you wear an ugly sweater, nobody expects you to look your best...In some ways, ugly Christmas

sweaters are a form of confession. They help us confess to ourselves what a mess we really are. There is another 'me' hidden beneath the image I project, one that is weak and incapable and wounded and full of regret. "There is an ugly me."

Bullard said that by putting on an ugly sweater, we're not putting on a "disguise of imperfection." Instead, we are "taking off the disguise of perfection."

I'm pretty sure most ugly sweater wearers aren't that philosophical about their Christmas taco, neon snowman or Jolly Llama sweaters. I think most people wear ugly Christmas sweaters just because they think they're fun.

But Bullard hits on something true: We all have

an "ugly me" we try to cover up — the parts we'd rather hide, the shame and guilt we don't want anyone to see.

People have been doing that since Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, grabbing the nearest fig leaves in a panic.

Here's a thought: What if we didn't try so hard to hide our ugliness?

It's a terrifying thought. And yet a freeing one, when we remember that Jesus loved us in our ugliness — "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Not only that, He actually became ugly in our place, weighted down by the sins of the world, nailed to the Cross.

And by His death and resurrection, He clothed

us in His beauty and righteousness.

Now forgiven, we don't have to put on pretend perfection — we have His to wear.

That means we can admit to ourselves and to others that yes, we are sinners — but we have a great Savior.

As Christmas approaches, I still won't be caught dead in an ugly Christmas sweater — they're hideous and look scratchy besides.

But even without one, I'm grateful that God loves me far beyond my questionable fashion choices — and even beyond my ugliest self.

Contact Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 (leave a message) or email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

Obituaries



Virginia Ann Ruff

Virginia Ann Ruff, 84, passed away November 30, 2025, at the Dozier House in Tallahassee, Florida. Ms. Ruff was born May 4, 1941, in Crosby, Mississippi to Paul and Ethel Ruff.

After graduation from Leon High School in Tallahassee, she obtained

a master's degree in education and taught at Lively Vocational Technical School for most of her career of 40 years. Teaching was her pride and joy. She was passionate about her students and spoke of them frequently throughout her retirement years, even in the last few months.

She lived the past 50 years on her tree farm in Havana, Florida, which was her heaven on earth and recently completed a longleaf pine restoration project, together with her son, Dan, establishing Longleaf Farm as a wildlife refuge for the Florida Gopher Tortoise, as well as creating habitat for

area wildlife, including deer, turkey and the bob white quail. She treasured her time on the farm immensely, enjoying the peace and quiet.

Ms. Ruff was predeceased by her parents, a son, Gus Winchester, and a brother, Mack Ruff. She is survived by her son, Dan Winchester and daughter, Elizabeth Winchester; a sister, Mary Ellis (Gene) and a brother, Mike Ruff (Diane); grandchildren, Mack and Mitchel Winchester.

Per Ms. Ruff's wishes, no services are planned.

Humphrey, 91, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on Dec. 7, 2025. Born in Cookeville, Tennessee to Robert H. "Pop" Alcorn and Audrey Tiller Alcorn, Nancy was a graduate of Chattahoochee High School and resided in Chattahoochee for many years as both a youngster and adult. She lived a life marked by deep faith, devoted love, and vibrant spirit.

A faithful follower of Christ, Nancy's faith guided her through all seasons of life. She was a devoted military wife, standing steadfast beside her beloved husband, Colonel Richard A. «Dick» Humphrey, through the demands and adventures of military service. Their love story spanned 33 beautiful years of marriage until his passing in May 1993. Dick was the love of her life, and their partnership exemplified commitment, devotion, and enduring love.

Nancy was a loving mother to seven children, and her gregarious nature brought warmth and joy to

all who knew her. She had a passion for FSU football and could often be found cheering enthusiastically for the Seminoles. Her vibrant personality, generous heart, and unwavering faith touched countless lives.

She is survived by her siblings: Robert Alcorn (Faye), Charlotte Stephens, John Alcorn (Wanda), and Debra Fowle (Buddy); her children: Bob Humphrey (Terry), David Humphrey (Stacey), Ricky Humphrey, Andria Thames (Cliff), Amy Macdonald (Tom), Jim Humphrey (Brooke), and Ryan Humphrey (Jenny); as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who will cherish her memory.

Graveside services will be held at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025 at 11 a.m. Eastern Time / 10:00 AM Central Time.

Nancy's legacy of faith, family, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

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LOST TITLE APPLICATION NO.: 2612799

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 82 OF THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT (RTA)

WHEREAS the applicant(s) in the above stated application has/have declared that the following duplicate Certificate of Title has been lost, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to cancel the said Certificate of Title and issue a new one in duplicate fourteen days after the last publication of this advertisement.

Volume: 1272
Folio: 630
Place: part of Jubilee Pen called Woodstock
Lot: 267

Parish: Portland
Registered proprietor(s): Opal Walfall

The following transactions lodged with this application will be registered pursuant to section 81 of the RTA:

Application to Note 2612797
Marriage
Transfer 2612798

(Signature)
L. Dunbar
Deputy Registrar of Titles
2t: 12/11, 12/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 25000722CAA

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF,

VS.
ANDRE LAMAR FOREHAND A/K/A ANDRE L.
FOREHAND AND SABRINA NICOLE HILL-
FOREHAND A/K/A SABRINA FOREHAND, ET
AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Unknown Spouse of Lizzie D. Smith A/K/A Lizzie Dale Smith F/K/A Lizzie Dale Lee Last Known Address: 1832 Hamilton St, Quincy, FL 32351
Current Residence: UNKNOWN

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

Begin at the Southwest Corner of the North half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West and run East 196 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said point of beginning run North 154.5 feet; thence run East 66 feet; thence run South 154.5 feet; thence run West 66 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands being a part of the North half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, situate, lying and being in the City of Quincy, County of Gadsden and State of 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, on or before January 5, 2026 within or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Havana Herald, 103 W 7th Avenue, Havana, FL 32333 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 a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800- 955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 25 day of November 2025.

(Seal)
NICHOLAS THOMAS
As Clerk of Court
By: Charlotte Willeby
As Deputy Clerk
2t: 12/4, 12/11

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 142 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 689 P 1226 OR 337 P 352. FROM THE NWC RUN E. 3326 FT., WEST 207.43 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE WEST 832.33 FT., S 105 FT., EAST 832.33 FT., N 105 FT TO THE P.O.B. ALSO; COMMENCE AT THE NWC AND RUN E 3326 FT TO BEGIN; THENCE S 105 FT., WEST 207.43 FT., N 105 FT., EAST 207.43 FT TO THE P.O.B. LESS PART PER OR 337 P 355 & LESS PART PER OR 42 P 557 & LESS PART PER OR 370 P 413. LESS ALL OTHER PARTS SOLD. BEING IN SECTION 8-3N-2W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-08-3N-2W-0000-00122-0200

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: RUTH BISHOP (ETAL) PAULINE CURTIS C/O RUTH BISHOP

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 3RD Day of SEPTEMBER 2025.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk
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CERTIFICATE NO: 369 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 27, P. 160 N. 50 FT. OF S. 100 FT. OF 1 1/4 ACRES OFF W. SIDE OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 LYING S. & W. OF OLD BAINBRIDGE RD IN SECTION 34-3N-2W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-34-3N-2W-0000-00313-0200

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CARRIE MAE MATHIS C/O EDWARD MATHIS

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE NO: 437 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 712 P 1998 DB 106 P 538 THE W 35 FT OF LOT 7, BLK E, CARVER HTS.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-35-3N-2W-0320-0000E-0071

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MARKHOR INVESTMENTS INTERNATIONAL

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE NO: 738 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BEGIN AT A POINT 50 FT N OF SWC OF LOT 4, BLOCK 42, GREтна. RUN E 80 FT., S 40 FT., W 80 FT., N 40 FT. TO POB. OR 299 P 15

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-32-3N-4W-0430-00042-0041

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BILLIE ALLS

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE NO: 883 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BEGIN AT A POINT 50 FT N OF SWC OF LOT 4, BLOCK 42, GREтна. RUN E 80 FT., S 40 FT., W 80 FT., N 40 FT. TO POB. OR 299 P 15

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-03-3N-6W-0000-00243-0700

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALICE MAE HOFFMAN AND HENRY EDWARD JACKSON C/O ED JACKSON

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE NO: 911 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: DB 83, P. 291 COMM. AT INTERSECTION OF E. SIDE OF WIRE RD. & S. LINE OF SECT. RUN N. 12° W. 212 FT. TO BEGIN, E. 40 FT., N. 12° W. 35 FT., W. 40 FT., S. 12° E. 35 FT. TO P.O.B. IN SECTION 3-3N-6W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-03-3N-6W-0000-00433-0100

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: LEROY BATES ESTATE C/O LEROY

BATES JR

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CERTIFICATE NO: 922 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 543 P 1183 OR 531 P 1259 OR 116 P 151 OR 76 P 339 THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 16 MORGAN-BOYKIN SUBDIVISION.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-03-3N-6W-0450-00016-0040

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: GERALD SMITH; BETTY JONES, RUBY SHELTON

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CERTIFICATE NO: 933 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: PER WILL DB 118, P. 112 BEGIN 1229.3 FT. S. & 146.6 FT. W. OF N.E.C., RUN S. 5° E. 209 FT. S. 77° 12' W. 104.5 FT., N. 5° W. 209 FT., N. 77° 12' E. 104.5 FT. TO P.O.B. IN SECTION 4-3N-6W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-04-3N-6W-0000-00141-0300

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BOOKER T WILLIAMS; RALPH NELSON WILLIAMS

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1005 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 549 P 793 OR 387 P 949 OR 386 P 1838 COMMENCE AT THE NWC OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 10-3N-6W AND RUN S 00 DEG 49'1» W 35.35 FT TO RD #269; S 33 DEG 54'00» E 468.26 FT; S 33 DEG 54 MIN 00 SEC E 146.69 FT, S 33 DEG 54 MIN 00 SEC E 164.31 FT, RUN 56 DEG 06 MIN 00 SEC E 250 FT, N 56 DEG 06 MIN 00 SEC E 58.78 FT, N 56 DEG 06 MIN 00 SEC E 252.22 FT, N 59 DEG 47 MIN 39 SEC E150 FT, N 33 DEG 54 MIN 00 SEC W 233.95 FT TO BEGIN & RUN N 33 DEG 54 MIN 00 SEC W 58 FT, S 66 DEG 57 MIN 42 SEC W 152.42 FT,S 56 DEG 06 MIN 00 SEC W 369.83 FT, S 14 DEG 36 MIN 11 SEC E 84.17 FT, N 58 DEG 25 MIN 53 SEC E 178.94 FT, N 56 DEG 06 MIN 00 SEC E 368.5 4 FT TO THE POB. ALSO: A 14 FT ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-10-3N-6W-0000-00321-0200

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CYNTHIA JONES

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1234 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 713 P 1 CERT 1083 OF 2000 DB 92 P 412 LOT 32 IN HUDSON HILLS. OR 380 P 1400.

COMICS AND PUZZLES



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Schwadron 2-22

"After my successful treatment for being a spendaholic, I became a gridlock-a-holic."

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FRATG

PNITE

EQLUES

HYRPOT


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Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MODEM FAUNA QUAINT DROOPY
Answer: When the giant Asian bears fought over the last of the bamboo, it was — "PANDA-MONIUM"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



It will be as good as new once we're finished.

I can't wait for the grand opening.

SHE WAS BUYING THE RUN-DOWN CORNER MARKET SO SHE COULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

JUMBLE FOR KIDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

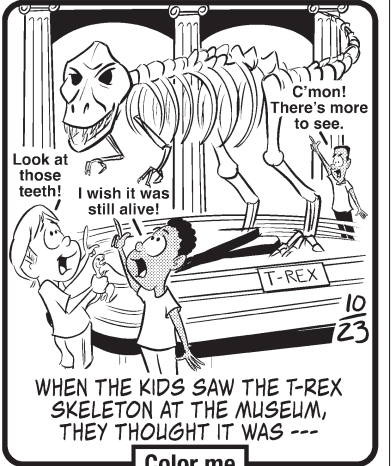
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Look at those teeth!

I wish it was still alive!

C'mon! There's more to see.

WHEN THE KIDS SAW THE T-REX SKELETON AT THE MUSEUM, THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ---

Color me

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer here:

Jumbles: HIM NOON TWIG DISH
Answer: When the kids saw the T-rex skeleton at the museum, they thought it was — "DINO-MIGHT"



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Russell Myers 4/25

YOU'RE THE SMALLEST WOOLLY MAMMOTH I'VE EVER SEEN!

I GOT CAUGHT IN THE RAIN!

WOOL SHRINKS. LESSON LEARNED.



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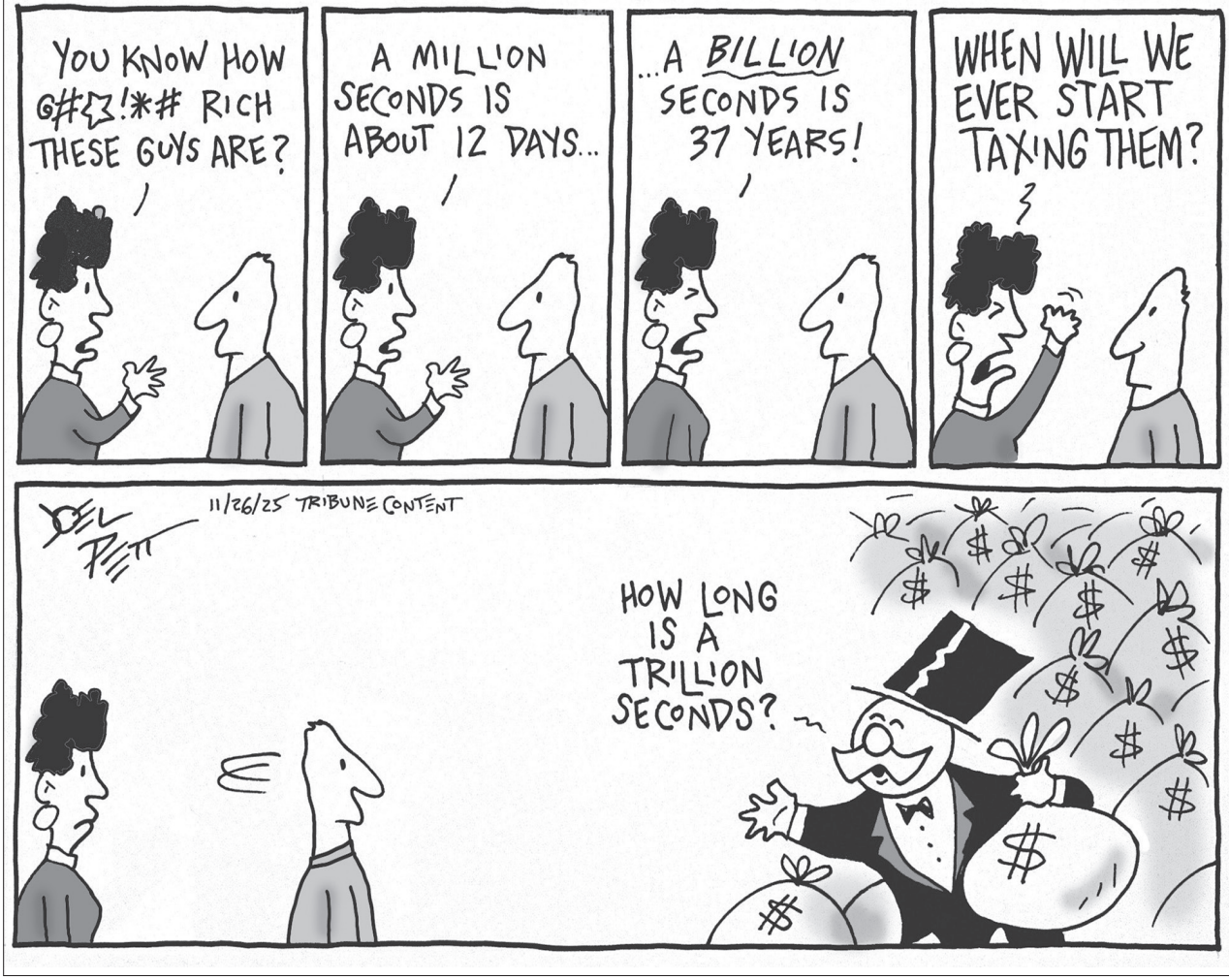
Maybe the city can give him a medal of some sort after he rides his garbage truck bucket list wish!

We need to put something special on it to honor Mr. Walt!

We could thank him fo' bein' a good fr'en!

How about congrats to him fo' his long term longevity and engrave it on a bucket? Cute! Huh?

SCANCARELLI



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DEL RITT 11/26/25 TRIBUNE CONTENT

YOU KNOW HOW G#%!*# RICH THESE GUYS ARE?

A MILLION SECONDS IS ABOUT 12 DAYS...

...A BILLION SECONDS IS 37 YEARS!

WHEN WILL WE EVER START TAX'ING THEM?

HOW LONG IS A TRILLION SECONDS?

SCRABBLE G R A M S

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A1A1O1Z10N1N1B3

O1O1U1F4M3D2L1

A1A1I1O1T1L1F4

Double Word Score

3rd Letter Triple

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 223

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION TOMORROW

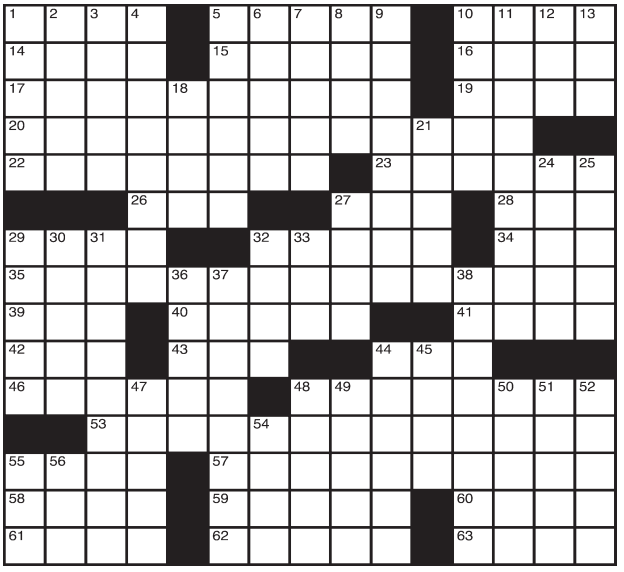
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11-20

EDITORS: Here is the solution to today's SCRABBLEGRAM. You can print the solution on the same day elsewhere in your paper, or beneath the following day's puzzle. If you choose to run the solution elsewhere in the same day's newspaper, insert the appropriate type (below) over the SOLUTION TOMORROW line in the puzzle.

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

Puzzle solutions on page A6



Across

1 Emmy-winning sitcom created by Susan Harris

5 Held in suspense

10 Eats

14 Mercury Prize-winning singer-songwriter Parks

15 «She-Hulk» actress Renée __ Goldsberry

16 Decor do-over, informally

17 Prosaic

19 Parroted

20 «My pleasure»

22 Stresses, in a way

23 «The quicksand of reason,» per George Sand

26 Coolers, for short

27 Real mensch

28 Lav

29 Piedmont product

32 City in French Flanders

34 Bother

35 Question of when

39 Peachy

40 «Tell me you didn't»

41 Singles

42 Wrath

43 Prefix with diversity

44 Compass rose dir.

46 «Next week on ... » segment

48 Most tidy

53 Crunchy snack

55 «Uh, no»

57 March Madness stage

58 Garden veggie

59 Gulf of Aden republic

60 Idea shared by many

61 Prefix on many Chinese brand names

62 Swelling

63 Winged figure in Piccadilly Circus

Down

1 Riyadh resident

37 Chakra that signifies the unconscious mind

38 Quiet stretch

44 Singer dubbed the «Tejano Madonna»

45 Prime Day event

47 More cautious

48 Ring

49 «Who cares what they do»

50 More than ready


51 Poor sap

52 «Uh, yeah»

54 __ dog

55 Part of LGBTQIA+ or 10-J-Q-K-A

56 Tucson or Santa Fe



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pluggermail@aol.com

Thanks to Scott Gallatin Wilson, Wisconsin

A plugger isn't worried about getting his Christmas lights up

Christmas is coming and we are...

...decorating, baking, and hiding gifts!

Kids: color stuff in!

Dear Santa, I've been very good this year...

Christmas is coming and I've hung up my stocking. Now I'm writing my letter to Santa Claus! Have you?

Newspaper Fun!

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Lighting the Way!

Follow the dots to see what Pinch put in his windows.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20

Every year, while waiting for Christmas, people around the world place glowing candles in their windows. Lights are hung on houses and trees. Cheerful fires are lighted in fireplaces. Bonfires and Yule logs blaze. Candlelight services are held in churches.

Burning candles and colored lights show our joy and hope. Candles in windows show a welcoming home and hearth. Lights remind some people of stars in the sky. All kinds of light can send a message of warmth and peace to all.

Can you find and circle items below that might fit into a stocking?

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

book coins doll crayons puzzle DVD

nuts candy cane orange magic tricks gum socks

Holiday Hustle and Bustle

Wow! There's so much to do at holiday time. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and see what families are doing:

1. _____ and tasting Christmas cookies

2. _____ for the perfect gift until your feet hurt

3. _____ in long lines to take photos with Santa

4. _____ and hanging wreaths and garlands

5. _____ through the woods to find and cut down the perfect Christmas tree

6. _____ ornaments and stockings

7. _____ and hiding gifts

8. _____ up outdoor lights and putting Santa and Reindeer in the yard

9. _____ a giant ham and baking it

10. _____ plane tickets and packing suitcases

11. _____ greetings and sending Christmas Cards

12. _____ carols and sipping hot chocolate

writing tromping wrapping singing standing hanging buying

making 2 3 10 11 9 4 12

baking stringing shopping

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

... a _____ in a pear tree!

Most people start shopping and wrapping gifts after the Thanksgiving holiday and continue until Christmas Eve. The well-known song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" tells about gifts given and received from December 25th until January 5th. The next day is January 6th, the day Christians believe the Three Kings brought gifts to the Holy Child.

Dear Santa, I've been very good this year...

Christmas is coming and I've hung up my stocking. Now I'm writing my letter to Santa Claus! Have you?

Christmas is Coming!

The Symbols of Christmas

Did you find and circle items below that might fit into a stocking?

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

1. candle s 2. carol s 3. Santa Claus 4. stockings 5. bell s 6. wreath s

7. mistletoe 8. reindeer 9. tinsel 10. angels 11. card s 12. tree s

Holiday Hustle and Bustle

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

... a partridge in a pear tree!

2 3 10 11 9 4 12

SHOPPING A STANDING G BAKING UN WRAPPING I GLAZING T MAKING N SINGING

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

... a partridge in a pear tree!

Don't Peak. Puzzles on page A5.

Puzzle Solutions

SOAP	BATED	GRUB
ARLO	ELISE	RENO
UNORI	GINAL	APED
DONT	MENTION	ITY
ITERATES	VANITY	
ACS	GEM	LOO
ASTI	LILLE	IRK
WHAT	TODAYS	DATE
AOK	OHGOD	ONES
IRE	BIO	SSW
TEASER	CLEANEST	
HARDS	SHELLTACO	
ASIF	ELITTEEIGHT	
CUKE	YEMEN	MEME
EVER	EDEMA	EROS

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

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION									
B ₃	O ₁	N ₁	A ₁	N ₁	Z ₁₀	A ₁	RACK 1 =	86	
W ₄	A ₁	R ₁	G ₂	A ₁	M ₃	E ₁	RACK 2 =	65	
D ₂	O ₁	O ₁	M ₃	F ₄	U ₁	L ₁	RACK 3 =	63	
A ₁	F ₄	L ₁	O ₁	A ₁	T ₁		RACK 4 =	9	
TOTAL							223		
PAR SCORE 150-160									
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PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-04-2N-3W-0600-00000-0320

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MARKHOR INVESTMENTS INTERNATIONAL

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1235 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 901 P 795; OR 169 P 345 LOT 37, HUDSON HILLS.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-04-2N-3W-0600-00000-0370

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ARTHUR L W JONES AND MODIESTE JONES

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1261 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 25, P. 632 LOT 5 OF A PLAT OF 17 BUILDING LOTS ALSACE PLANTATION.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-06-2N-3W-0620-00000-0050

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: WILLIAM M CLARK, C/O VIRGINIA ALEXANDER

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1346 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: DB 81, P. 265 & 267 BEGIN 145 FT. S. OF N.W.C. OF LOT 184, ORIGINAL QUINCY RUN E. 95 FT., S. 45 FT., W. 95 FT., N. 45 FT. TO P.O.B.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-07-2N-3W-0730-00000-1845

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HEIRS EVELYN NELSON LIVINGSTON AND ALICE CAMPBELL

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1633 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: DB PPP, P. 260 COMM. AT SEC RUN N. 300 FT., W. 426 FT. TO POB, RUN W 321 FT., S 30 FT., E 50 FT., N 20 FT., E 50 FT., S 240 FT., E 50 FT., N 100 FT., E 50 FT., S 100 FT., E 50 FT., N 220 FT., E 50 FT., S 220 FT., E 21 FT., N 250 FT TO POB. LESS PART SOLD PER OR 281 P 102. OR 353 P 1888. IN

SECT. 11-2N-4W; ALSO: INC- LUDING A 50 FT BY 50 FT LOT ON THE N SIDE OF EXPERIMENTSTATI ON RD AND LYING S OF PROP. OWNED BY NATHANIEL RUSS ET UX PER OR 271 P 418.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-11-2N-4W-0000-00444-1000

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HARRY WYNN JR ET AL

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2370 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 668 P 166 OR 481 P 1510; OR 554 P 1395 LOT 16, BLK. C, MOSSY OAK ACRES SUBDV.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000C-0160

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JANIS E CURRY

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2380 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 2 BLOCK J, MOSSY OAKS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PL BK 1 P 158 OR 726 P 1211 OR 664 P 151 OR 658 P 1145 OR 647 P 386; OR 507 P 1192 OR 46 P 182

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000J-0020

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: FORD CONSULTANTS CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATES, LLC

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2381 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 658 P 1143 OR 647 P 386; OR 507 P 1192 OR 46 P 182 LOT 5 BLOCK J, MOSSY OAKS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PL BK 1 P 158

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000J-0050

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: PIERRE MAXO BEAUBRUN

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2382 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 658 P 1199 OR 647 P 386; OR 507 P 1192 OR 46 P 182 LOT 8 BLOCK J, MOSSY OAKS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PL BK 1 P 158

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000J-0080

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SABINE SAINT LOUIS

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CERTIFICATE NO: 2383 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 658 P 1195 OR 647 P 386; OR 507 P 1192 OR 46 P 182 LOT 10 BLOCK J, MOSSY OAKS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PL BK 1 P 158

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000J-0100

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: IMMACULA G CHERILUS AND SABINE SAINT LOUIS

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 2387 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 752 P 1452 OR 647 P 386 OR 507 P 1192 OR 46 P 182 LOT 11, BLK K MOSSY OAK ACRES PER PLAT BK 1 P 158

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000K-0110

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ANTOINETTE AZOR

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7TH Day of JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 3RD Day of SEPTEMBER 2025.

NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida

BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 612 P 1110 OR 610 PG 1175; OR 547 P 1066 OR 52 P 268 OR 50 P 457-459 OR 45, P 247 - LOT 8 BLK L, MOSSY OAK ACRES SUBDV.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000L-0080

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: GREGORY TOUSSAINT AND PATRICIA BIVERLY LOUIS

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 658 P 1155 OR 610 PG 1175; OR 547 P 1066 OR 52 P 268 OR 50 P 457-459 OR 45, P 247 - LOT 9 BLK L, MOSSY OAK ACRES SUBDV. PER PLAT BK 1 P 158

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 5-0L-0R-0S-1280-0000L-0090

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ABELARD RAYMOND AND SUSIE JEANOT

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Tau Zeta Chapter announce 2025 Doves in Waiting

Staff Report
Gadsden County News Service

Chapter of Quincy recently announced the 2025 Doves in Waiting. On December 6, 2025, the community came out in support as the Doves were introduced to society. Doves In Waiting: Makayla Ashley, Ke’Zirrah Brown, Logan Drye, Taelah Hanchard, Kaelynn Lewis, Kiersten Parks, Braelynn Williams, Madyson Tolbert, Jaliyah Turner, and Shunae Thurman. Escorts: Caden Golden, Zaviyer Diggs, Jhahid Abdalnabi, Kevin Hanchard, Ryenn Baker, Jordan Staten, Jakari Ward, Garyn Washington, Nehemiah Weston and Romareon Battles.

Gadsden County Extension Column

Simplify your holiday shopping

Sharlee Whiddon
Gadsden County News Service

As holiday shopping is still in full swing, many families are looking for a simpler, and more meaningful, approach to gift giving. The “Four Gift Rule” is a method that encourages families to focus on four meaningful categories when choosing gifts. This method is gaining attention as families are looking for ways to reduce holiday stress, cut unnecessary spending, and make gift exchanges more intentional.

The “Four Gift Rule” is quite simple and includes gifts for something they WANT, something they NEED, something they WEAR, something they READ. Rather than an overwhelming number of packages, families can choose a thoughtful item from each of the four categories. This method not only helps the giver when purchasing, it helps keep expectations of the receiver realistic.

Something They Want
Children naturally have wish lists filled with toys, games, and hobbies they’re eager to explore. This category is about fulfilling one of those desires in a thoughtful way. It could be a new set of building blocks, a doll or action figure, sports gear, or craft supplies. The key is to select one item that sparks joy and excitement, rather than trying to satisfy every request. This not only makes the gift more memorable but also teaches children to appreciate what they receive.

Something They Need
Practical gifts may not always generate squeals of delight, but they play an important role in a child’s daily life. Items like school supplies, bedding, or an alarm clock can support routines and responsibilities. Families can make these gifts more appealing by choosing colorful designs or incorporating a child’s favorite theme.

Something They Wear
Clothing and accessories are often overlooked during holiday shopping, yet they can be both functional and enjoyable. A cozy sweater, a new pair of shoes, or winter gear like hats, scarves, and gloves can make children feel cared for while keeping them comfortable. Families might consider letting kids help pick out styles or colors, turning this gift into an opportunity for self-expression. When chosen thoughtfully, clothing becomes more than just a necessity, it becomes a way for children to showcase their personality.

Something They Read
Books are gifts that last far beyond the holiday season. Whether it’s a series that keeps children engaged for months, or a title that reflects their hobbies and interests, reading materials inspire imagination, build knowledge, and encourage lifelong learning. Families can tailor this gift to a child’s passions, ensuring that reading feels like an adventure rather than a chore.

The Four-Gift Rule simplifies decision-making and helps families avoid the trap of excessive spending. Instead of buying dozens of items, parents can focus on four categories that balance fun, practicality, and growth. This approach also reduces clutter at home and teaches children valuable lessons about gratitude and moderation.

By receiving more meaningful gifts, kids learn to cherish what they have and recognize the thought behind each gift. Ultimately, the holidays are about connection, not consumption. By adopting the Four-Gift Rule, families can shift the focus from quantity to quality. Each gift becomes a symbol of love and care, chosen with intention. Families can feel confident that they are meeting their child’s desires, needs, and interests without overwhelming themselves or their budgets. This thoughtful approach ensures that the holiday season remains joyful, memorable, and centered on what truly matters, family.

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