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Morriston man charged with kidnapping

A Morriston man was arrested Friday and charged with kidnapping a 17-year-old girl in Ocala.

Levy County Sheriff's Office deputies charged James Wesley Dyess, 47, on a Marion County warrant after he allegedly kidnapped the girl from the Westwood Mobile Home Park in Ocala Tuesday, Aug. 7.

According to the Marion County Sheriff's office, a witness saw the girl, who has



James W. Dyess

around to look for Dyess and the child, and found them in his van in the store's parking lot. The witnesses told the child to get out of the van, which she did, and Dyess fled the scene. Law enforcement was then notified.

Dyess was located and arrested by the Levy County Sheriff's Office at a residence within their jurisdiction Aug. 8.

He is currently being held in the Levy

County Jail on MCSO's warrants for kidnapping and simple battery, and is awaiting transportation back to Marion County to face his charges.

Detectives encourage the public to come forward with any information they may have regarding suspicious activity between Dyess and children that they may be aware of.

If you have any information on any other incidents like this involving Dyess, contact Detective Frank Scala at 352-368-3548.

Dyess took the victim to a nearby retail store's parking lot and allegedly attempted to molest her inside his van.

Witnesses then began driving



Photo courtesy of Levy County Public Safety

STOP THE BLEED

Levy County Department of Public Safety (LCDPS) met with teachers to provide Stop the Bleed and CPR training last week before school started. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. The campaign shows basic skills to handle an event where there is injury resulting in blood loss, call 9-1-1, ensure safety, compress and control bleeding. If you are interested in being part of community involvement and learning life saving skills or volunteering, contact: Levy County Department of Public Safety at 352-486-5209.

County gives auditor second chance

BY LORI PREVATT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In July, the Levy County Commission voted to seek a new auditor and terminate its relationship with the auditing firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram at the end of their contract later this year, after the firm missed an auditing deadline.

On Aug. 7, the auditor took to the podium at the BOCC meeting to negotiate with the county in an attempt to win back its business.

Louise H. Anderson, a representative for the auditing firm, offered the Board some incentives if they would reconsider the termination and let the firm continue to work for Levy County into the 2018-2019 year.

"We will take \$30,000 off next year's auditing fee, bringing the fee from \$125,000 to \$95,000, and pay the county a \$100 per-day penalty if the audit is not finished on time," Anderson said.

At this point, Commissioner Lilly Rooks questioned what happens to the county's grant funding. Anderson's associate, Frank Mason, said he wasn't aware of any counties losing grant funding due to this issue in the past. "I really can't answer that," he said.

Commissioner Mike Joyner asked the pair what happened to make the firm fall behind. Mason described what he referred to several times as "the perfect storm."

"Marsha Baker, who had worked for the County

for several years, retired," he said. "We had two new auditing managers come in. One manager didn't work out. Some of our employees had medical issues. One was out on maternity leave. We lost 25 percent of our workforce. Our firm also took on new quality control standards, which took some getting used to."

Joyner continued with questions. "You saw you were going to be late. Did you consider contacting us? Wouldn't it have been courteous to let us know instead of catching us off guard?"

Mason responded, "We didn't do a good job of that. We let the Constitutional Officials know."

Mason continued to explain further the difficult-

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UF, county to partner for highway safety

BY LORI PREVATT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UF Transportation Safety Center is looking to join efforts with Levy County for highway safety projects.

John Goodknight and Jasper Mascioccchi, representing the Center, addressed the Board of County Commissioners Aug. 7 to offer the county an opportunity to participate in a road safety study.

"We are proposing a plan to work with five counties," Goodknight said. "There is a category of funds offered for local roads. Benefit-cost analyses must be done to start projects."

When questioned about costs, Goodknight said there would be minimal costs to the county.

"All UF efforts use federal funds," he said. "There are very minimal resource commitments on your behalf."

The only costs to the county would be having the necessary county work-

ers at the work sites, Goodknight added.

"We have multiple areas we have identified with FDOT and, I won't say it fell on deaf ears, but they don't see it like we do," Commission Chairman John Meeks said.

Commissioner Mike Joyner added, "We have been trying to get County Roads 121 and 346 fixed for years."

County Coordinator Wilbur Dean praised the UF team for its previous work. "I would be happy if we get half of that," Dean said in reference to its work in another county.

The board approved a motion to work with the UF Transportation Safety Center. Goodknight said plans for projects will be reviewed with the county every step of the way. "In order for projects to be funded, they have to have a higher benefit-cost ratio," he said. "This is a two-year plan."

At the same BOCC meeting,

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Ten Broeck named Best Columnist in the state

Williston Pioneer editor Carolyn Ten Broeck was named the Best Serious Columnist in the state (for newspapers with a circulation under 7,000) Aug. 10 during the Florida Better Newspaper Contest at the Florida Press Association's Media Convention held at Bonnett Creek.

Ten Broeck won the prestigious Sally Latham Memorial Award for her column "Harvey Weinstein and me" that detailed her own sexual harassment and assault. Ten Broeck called for people to stop brushing such incidents under the rug and talk about them.

Ten Broeck also took a second place award for her photo collage of "A Williston Christmas" and a second place honor for Community Service, honoring the role she and the newspaper had in keeping Williston's Veterans' Memorial in the forefront of people's minds. More than 15 news stories, photographs, columns and editorials were published during 2017 as fundraising for the memorial took place. The winning entries can be viewed on page 10 of this edition.

Ten Broeck



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Three jurists seek 8th Judicial Circuit post

Voters in the current primary election face a choice for judge for Florida's 8th Judicial Circuit Group 8.

Three candidates for the position are on the ballot, including David Robertson, Julie Waldman and Gloria Walker. They are vying to succeed Victor L. Hulslander, who was elected in 2012 and is not seeking another term. The Circuit Judge serves a six-year term.

It's a nonpartisan race, meaning all eligible voters can vote in the race.

If a candidate garners more than 50 percent of the total vote, he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate achieves a majority, the two top vote getters will face off in the general election this fall.

In addition to Levy County, the district includes the counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist and Union.

David Robertson

Circuit Judge Candidate David Robertson has over 20 years experience as a practicing attorney representing individuals, business and state and local governments across North Florida.

He is currently employed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as Chief Counsel of its District 2 office, a position he has held for the past 10-plus years.

District 2 is comprised of 18 counties across North Florida and includes the six counties that comprise the 8th Judicial Circuit. Robertson advises the district secretary and district executive committee on a variety of complex legal issues associated with implementation of the district's annual billion-dollar work program.

He serves on the Office of General Counsel's statewide leadership team; supervises eminent domain litigation assigned to the district legal office, including hundreds of properties and tens of millions of dollars annually; supervises other legal work assigned to the district legal office, including matters in the areas of construction, procurement and environmental regulation; and manages a team of eight attorneys and four paralegals assigned to the district legal office.

Robertson personally litigates cases on behalf of FDOT and performs transactional work, including the negotiation and drafting of complex agreements between FDOT and private developers and local governmental bodies, primarily involving the development of transportation systems.

He serves the state of Florida and the country as an officer in the Florida Army National Guard (FLNG). He holds the rank of major with over 17 years of service. He currently serves as the command judge advocate for the FLNG's largest Major Subordinate Command.

His experience includes deployment overseas as part of the Global War on Terrorism in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel (2015-2016); assigned by the Chief of Staff of the FLNG to assist with drafting proposed revisions to the Florida Code of Military Justice (2018); one of three judge advocates assigned to Joint Task Force RNC for the 2012 Republican National Convention; and state active duty for multiple hurricanes.

Robertson advises the command on international and domestic operational law, military justice, contracts, fiscal law and administrative law. His military justice experience includes serving in the roles of prosecutor, defense counsel and legal advisor (similar to the role of a hearing officer).

Prior to accepting the Chief Counsel position with FDOT in early 2008, David was in private practice and developed a broad base of experience representing individuals, businesses and governmental bodies across North Florida in many different areas of the law. His experience outside of FDOT includes civil litigation, appeals, real property and other transactional work, consumer protection, warranties, age and sex discrimination, family law and serving as city attorney. He also served the Florida Bar as chairman of a local grievance committee. His community service includes serving on local boards of directors for the United Way and the Chamber of Commerce and coaching several Little League sports teams.

Robertson and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for over 15 years and have six children. They live in Alachua County and attend Greenhouse Church.



Robertson



Waldman



Walker

Julie Waldman

Julie Waldman currently serves in a leadership position with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities as the Deputy Center Administrator at Tacachale, where she is responsible for overseeing the residential, vocational and leisure programming for 330 developmentally disabled adults.

Her legal career spans nearly 30 years, and has been dedicated to advocating for the most vulnerable citizens in Florida – children, the elderly and the developmentally disabled.

Waldman has lived in the North Central Florida community for 25 years, and holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Tulane University School of Law (1988), where she served on the Moot Court Board, and an undergraduate degree with College Honors from the University of Washington – Seattle (1985).

Her legal career has provided her with a unique perspective. She has tried cases in every circuit in this state, and almost every county. She has handled criminal and civil cases, guardianship and mental health matters. She has tried cases in every type of administrative forum, from employment matters to licensing to discrimination and whistleblower cases. She has argued before four of the five District Courts of Appeal, in multiple appeals, and has been instrumental in ensuring that the rule of law was properly applied at the lower court levels through appeals to the District Courts.

As part of her regular practice, Waldman represented the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in trial courts statewide, as well as having represented the Agency in appeals before the District Courts of Appeal. She has represented the Agency in employee appeals to the Public Employees Relations Commission and the Unemployment Appeals Commission.

In addition, she has practiced before the Division of Administrative Hearings representing the Agency in administrative challenges pursuant to Ch. 120, Florida Statutes. She has also represented the Agency in labor relations, employment litigation and civil rights litigation, including negotiation and settlement. She has provided counsel on employment issues of concern to the Agency, including interpretation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. She has provided advice on employment issues including sexual harassment, discrimination (both EEOC and Title VII), retaliation claims, background screening and hiring and firing decisions.

Her commitment to public service extends beyond her career with the agency – she gives back to her community through volunteer work and mentoring; inspiring others to be their best. As a result of her work over the past nearly 30 years, she is the 2018 recipient of the Florida Bar's annual Claude Pepper award, which is presented to public service lawyers whose character and accomplishments exemplify the highest ideals of service, demonstrating annual contributions over time and commitment to public service and the public interest.

It is Waldman's knowledge of the law, as well as an appreciation of the role of the judiciary in our government's system of checks and balances which demonstrates her abiding commitment to judicial

restraint, and great professional and personal integrity. She has a strong command of the law through decades of legal experience and public service, and she would serve Florida's families with honesty, sincerity, and true devotion to the rule of law.

Gloria Walker

Gloria Walker is the Managing Attorney and Director of Litigation at Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., a non-profit law firm dedicated to providing quality legal services to the abused, disabled, and elderly in North Central Florida.

As the Managing Attorney, she supervises eight attorneys and support staff and, as the Director of Litigation, she directs and oversees litigation in 17 counties, including Alachua, Bradford, Baker, Levy, Gilchrist and Union counties. She has helped over 1,000 families with legal disputes, including evictions, foreclosures, family and domestic disputes, contractual issues, and administrative law matters.

Walker graduated from both the University of Florida College of Business and College of Law with honors. She is now a leader in the community and in the legal profession. She is the President of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, the Circuit in which she seeks to fill an open seat for a judicial vacancy.

"I am driven by my faith in God, my family, and my desire to help others – I have the heart of a public servant," she said. "I knew that as an attorney, I would have the opportunity to help others. Utilizing my education and legal skills, I have been able to help the residents of this circuit."

Walker's public service in the Eighth Judicial Circuit started in 1996 when she volunteered as a Guardian Ad Litem and continues to this day as she helps the residents of this Circuit with their legal concerns, issues and disputes as an attorney.

In 2017, she became more involved with her alma mater, the University of Florida, when she joined the teaching staff at the Levin College of Law as an Adjunct Professor and began teaching law students pre-trial skills, an essential course that she plans to teach every year. Gloria has held many leadership roles. She was the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar's Grievance Committee.

For the last few years Walker has been a Table Captain at the PACE Center for Girls annual fundraiser and she "adopts" a daughter every other year through the Santa Fe College national "take your daughter to work day."

Currently, she is the President of the Eighth Judicial Bar Association and a Program Chair for the Bennett Inn of Courts.

She married her college sweetheart, Rogers Walker, who also serves this Circuit as an Assistant State Attorney at the Office of the State Attorney. Together they have two beautiful daughters ages 8 and 11 who attend public school in this circuit.

"As a family, we believe we should live in a community where the constitution is revered as the supreme law of the land, the rule of law is upheld and justice is served," Walker says. "It would be an honor and a privilege for me to continue serving the residents of Levy County, as your next Circuit Court Judge."

To learn more about the campaign, visit www.GloriaWalkerForJudge.com and like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gloriawalkerforjudge/>.

Speech contest open to 14-18-year-olds

Levy County Farm Bureau will host the 2017 Youth Speech Contest at 6:30 p.m. at the Bronson Middle High School auditorium. This year's topic is, "How has the introduction of agricultural mobile apps impacted the agriculture industry?"

Students must reside in Levy County and be 14-18 years old.

Prizes include \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place.

The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

For more information, contact Jaime.Jerrels@gmail.com.

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Opinion

Deflation, price makers and coffee beans

"I work sunup to sundown..."

Ain't too proud to sweep the floors."

"Cost of Livin'" as performed by Ronnie Dunn

Margaret McDowell



Arbor Outlook

Last week we talked about the combination of peace, prosperity, globalization and technology that's driven down inflation consistently over the last half century. It may not seem like it, but on average most goods are getting cheaper over time. Not everything is on sale, though. Prices for services, which represent a large and growing chunk of the economy, have been growing steadily for years.

So how to apply that knowledge to investing?

One strategy is to consider avoiding commodity-based businesses, which are "price takers," and invest instead in companies with built-in pricing power, or "price makers." Pricing power is a company's ability to raise prices consistently without having those profits siphoned off by rising costs.

Some companies have pricing power because a consumer doesn't think there's a worthy substitute for that brand. Some companies have pricing power because there really aren't any substitutes. Some companies build pricing power into their contracts so that they get paid a little more every year. Companies that have any form of pricing power are golden in a deflationary world.

For example, high-end coffee chains buy coffee beans, roast them and then sell not just a latte but an experience that consumers are willing to pay up for. Coffee bean prices are close to decade lows, yet skinny vanilla lattes and Frappuccinos are dearer than ever. The input, coffee, has gotten cheaper over the last decade; yet the output, drinking that coffee in a stylish storefront or conveniently picking it up on your way to work, keeps getting more expensive. The company captures the difference.

Another example is a cable company that provides broadband internet. Has your internet bill ever gone down? Is it likely to? But in the face of price increases, most of us will sigh, resign ourselves to the fact that we need internet access to work and live, and pay the higher monthly fee. That's another form of pricing power.

Companies involved in the production of oil and gas are the definition of price takers. They literally sell their end product at a price determined by the market, not the company. When oil is \$120 a barrel, that's fine. At \$50 a barrel, not so much. No pricing power.

Instead, why not own oil and gas pipeline companies? Some publicly traded pipeline operators have almost no exposure whatsoever to the price of oil or gas and have inflation "escalators" written into their long term service contracts. As long as their customers are using the pipes (which is likely) these pipeline operators get paid a little more every year, regardless of the direction of energy prices.

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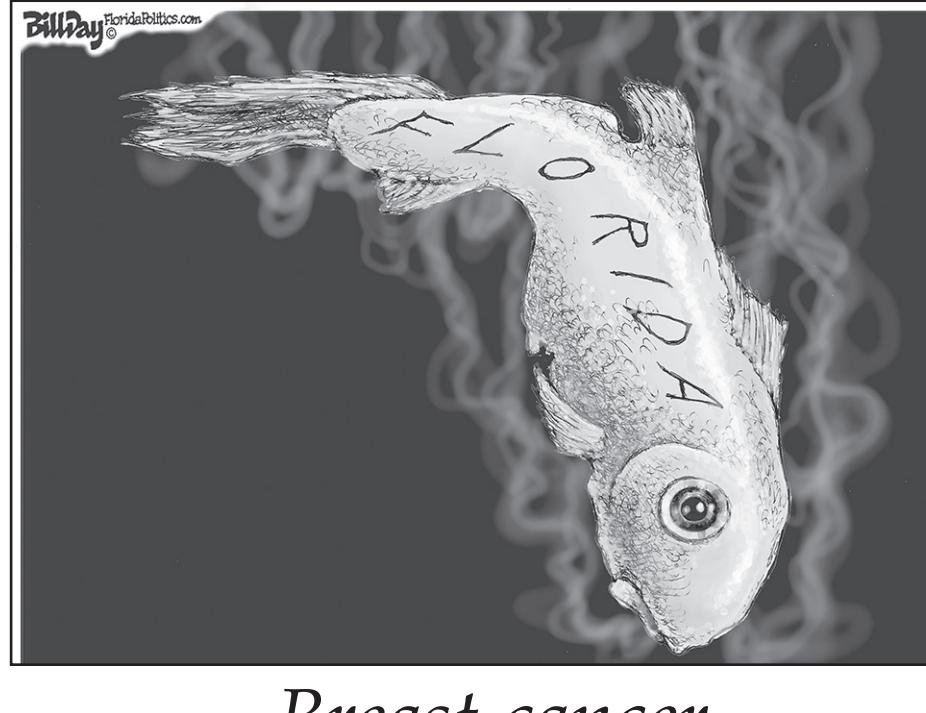
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Breast cancer

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Pushing Up Daisies

Six weeks ago, my sister-in-law was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. This devastating announcement was unexpected. She and my brother rushed off to a cancer treatment center in another state. We have great expectations that her treatment there will prove miraculous.

I traveled to Louisiana this weekend to see my brother and his wife. We are expecting results from a recent blood test to inform us of whether her condition has improved, remained the same, or worsened. We are praying for improvement.

My sister-in-law has always been very health conscious. Among us, she has been the one who has deprived herself of any food-related pleasure, has maintained a routine exercise program, has avoided excessive sun exposure, and seen her doctor annually for check-ups; yet, it is she who has extensive cancer.

She suffers pain, nausea, confusion, sadness, self-blame, fear, exhaustion, depression, etc. My brother does too. We are all confused. We wonder how this happened and what should be done to save her? She and my brother research exhaustively, potential treatments (natural, of course) and the rest of us pray intently for her return to health.

We discussed possible treatment options this weekend. There are so many obstacles to obtaining them, primarily distance and expense. My brother and his wife are professional people; however, her treatments within the last six weeks have already exhausted their financial reserves. They are now looking at creative options to afford additional treatment.

My sister-in-law will return to work tomorrow. These past six weeks have nearly exhausted her FMLA, therefore, to retain her qualification for health insurance, as ill as she is, she must work.

She has hope for a holistic treatment located in a state far away from where she lives. The cost is exorbitant. She and my brother will be forced to sell their home, their vehicles, their investments, their life insurances, as well as all of their possessions. All that they have worked for over the past 20 years will soon be gone. They will be left with nothing more than their love, each other, barely enough money to afford her chosen treatment, and their hope that she will survive.

I sat with my brother yesterday after church. With the loss of every worldly possession including their home, they have many decisions to make. We spoke of them possibly relocating after her treatments to a state that is friendlier to alternative pain treatments, primarily the use of

medical marijuana. Both my brother and my sister-in-law would lose their professional licenses should they unlawfully utilize this option in their state of residence. My sister-in-law, however, is a naturalist and is intolerant to conventional pain options utilized thus far in her journey back to health.

Moving to the mid-west will isolate them from family and friends as her treatments bankrupt them.

At this juncture, they both suffer tremendously; she, the pain and uncertainty of recovery; he, the fear of losing his wife, the uncertainty of financially affording her needs, and the reality of bankruptcy. Our family suffers the sadness that we may lose one of our members, the worry of their financial plight, and the pain of his and her sufferings.

My brother is understandably filled with rage, fear, and depression. It is painful to witness him suffer so deeply.

My sister-in-law is understandably obsessed with research. She is trying to find what will save her life. I am

scrambling trying to ensure that

should the worst happen, we can

afford to get them home for inter-

ment. I can't even imagine that I am

doing such a thing. I feel guilty that

my focus is the possibility of her

death, but I understand that it is my

responsibility. I do it silently, however,

so that they do not have to consider

this burden on top of everything

else from which they suffer.

We understand that life ends, how-

ever, we did not expect that she would

be fighting for survival so young. We

pray, hope, and plan that she will live.

As a funeral practitioner, however, I

am unwillingly forced to consider and

budget for what our family hopes will

not be our reality, the loss of her life.

Six months ago, I lost my grandson.

My anguish was and continues to be,

devastating. My brother and sister-

in-law were kind, supportive, and

helped me through it. Should this

become their reality, I pray I can muster

my strength and help them as they

have helped me; to feel my Savior's

love and to know that one day our

family will reunite.

Families are Forever, I believe that

with all of my being. Were it not

true, why would there be love? The

body is weak and must therefore per-

ish. Even through death, the spirit, as

does love, continues. Reason dictates

that reunion is not only just, it is

imminent. For this, I am grateful. It

is what allows me to survive.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a Certified Grief Counselor (GC-C), the Managing Funeral Director (FDIC), and owner of Queen City Funeral Home in Queen City, Texas.

It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on.

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7. If we can't be at your event, take

your own photos and submit them.

The editor is happy to work with you

to make your notes into a story.

8. Remember, upcoming events get in

that week; things that have happened

usually within two or three weeks.

Robert
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Bob At The Movies

The Meg

Early on in "The Meg," it occurred to me that sharks just aren't very scary. I don't mean this movie's shark (although some unconvincing CGI doesn't help), but all sharks.

Their teeth are always so small in proportion to the rest of their mouths that they don't register the way they're supposed to, and their eyes and faces perpetually have this expression that tells me they're just minding their own business.

Even definitive scary shark movie "Jaws" knew to keep actual shots of the creature to a minimum or else people would stop taking it seriously (and the legendary deficiency of the mechanical shark certainly didn't help). So this movie is already hurt by being a monster movie with a nonthreatening monster.

Jason Statham stars as Jonas Taylor, an underwater rescuer in need of redemption.

We see his initial failure at the beginning of the movie, where he's forced to leave two colleagues behind to die. The sequence is so choppy and poorly-edited that when another colleague rhetorically asks "What have you done?" I was actually wondering what exactly he had done.

A few years later, a team of scientists is trapped at a point lower than any human has ever travelled before. Jonas is called upon to rescue them, but only agrees because one of the scientists is his ex-wife Lori (Jessica McNamee).

The mission is partially successful, but the rescue allows a 70-foot, previously-thought-extinct Megalodon to escape from its icy tomb at the bottom of the sea. Now it's up to Jonas and his ragtag team of unprepared scientists to save the world from the horror they've unleashed.

The team includes Jonas's old friend Mac (Cliff Curtis), his old detractor Heller (Robert Taylor), techie Jaxx (Ruby Rose), aquaphobic crewman DJ (Page Kennedy), unscrupulous billionaire Morris (Rainn Wilson), world-renowned oceanographer Dr. Zhang (Winston Chao), Zhang's brilliant daughter Suyin (Bingbing Li), and Suyin's adorable daughter Meiyang (Shuya Sophia Cai).

Disappointingly, several of these characters are given very little to do. It's easy to forget that Mac, Jaxx, and DJ are even in this movie until they get knocked into the water and become potential chum.

The movie, rather predictably, throws in a romance between Jonas and Suyin, but the two have very little chemistry. I would have much rather seen Jonas rekindle his relationship with Lori, effectively repairing his life both below and above the surface.

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Faith

Love on a cross

If you were dying and you only had time to say seven sentences, what would you say? Would you tell your family how much you loved them? Would you witness like you have never witnessed before? Would you make sure all your financial things were in order? What would you do? It's really kind of difficult to know isn't it?

All people believe that love is important, but they usually think of love as a feeling. In reality, love requires a choice and an action, just as the Word of God points out. The supreme example of God's love was demonstrated in sending His Son to die in order to take away the sins of all who believe in Him. Everything Jesus did in life and death was supremely loving.

As they led Jesus away from the Praetorium, the Judgment Hall, they made Simon, a man from Cyrene, who happened to be coming from the countryside, help Jesus carry His cross. A huge crowd of people followed along with women weeping and lamenting Him. There were also two others, criminals, being led with Jesus. And when they had come to the place called Golgotha, there they crucified Jesus, and the criminals, one on His right side and the other on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

I don't know about you, but if I was hanging on a cross, who was put there by those at the foot of it, I probably would not be in the forgiving mood. I mean, "Who was this prayer of forgiveness for exactly?" I mean if you were to look around the foot of the cross that day, there wasn't anyone around there that seemed to be deserving of forgiveness.

They divided Jesus' clothes and cast lots for them. The people stood there staring at Him like He was some spectacle. Even the rulers sneered their faces at Jesus and taunted Him saying, "He saved others. Let's see Him save Himself! That is if He is the Christ, the Messiah, the chosen of God." Even the soldiers came up and began to mock Him and offering Him sour wine. They even had the audacity to taunt our Savior by telling Him, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

These people didn't need forgiveness; they needed annihilation! But Jesus isn't like you and I! Though justified by the people's actions, Jesus never once judged, condemned, argued with, nor offered to "get them back." He left all that up to the Father and He said something that the majority of people who have been hurt by words could never say and that was, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing" (NLT).

The ironic thing is these people knew exactly what they were doing. They knew they were throw-



Morriston Baptist Church

ing rocks. They knew they were hurling insults. They knew they were crucifying Jesus, but what they didn't know was that they were crucifying the Messiah. They had been misled and misguided by the father of lies himself --- Satan, and Jesus knew it! The people at the foot of the cross that day had not the faintest idea of what they were doing. They had put on worldly blinders and were led astray.

As Jesus hanged on His cross that day, two others, criminals, hanged on theirs as well. Jesus wasn't alone! We aren't told their names. We aren't where they came from, but we do know that the two men were *malefactors* or thieves. Here they were, two thieves each hanging on a cross with the Savior of the world hanging between them. You have to wonder: Did they know who Jesus was? Did they care that He was innocent? All we do know is what Scripture tells us.

"Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." (Luke 23:39-41 NKJV)

The gospels of Matthew and Mark recorded that both criminals taunted Jesus. Though both men faced the same horrible death, one of them seems to have picked up on the taunts of the religious leaders: if Jesus were indeed "the Christ," then he should "save" himself and them in the process.

It seems that one of the criminals literally had a change of heart. As the one thief made his scoffing remarks, the other began to rebuke him by asking, "Don't you fear God even when you are dying?" He continued, "We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong?" (NLT).

How did this thief know that Jesus was innocent and where did he learn about the fear of God? Why all of a sudden did he gather together some morals? Where did his compassion come from? Perhaps he was afraid of dying and needed to get right before he did? Maybe he had heard Jesus speak. Maybe he had seen Jesus love others. Maybe he had watched Jesus eat with sinners. We don't know! Maybe the only thing he knew about this Jesus, this self-proclaiming Messiah, was the Jesus he sees now: a beaten, bruised, slashed, nail-suspended preacher. His face bloodied to a pulp, His bones protruding through torn flesh, His lungs gasping for air, His hands and feet nailed to a cross. Whatever was told

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Incentives to get people to listen aren't wrong

I just came back from another great opportunity to speak to some hunters and fishermen in Central Kentucky.

For nearly a decade Terry and his volunteers have been hosting an expo. In fact, I spoke at the first one.

Terry and his team rent the local high school and bring in vendors and groups from all over the region. They pay a small fee to host a booth and in turn, hundreds of men and women can view and even buy their products. Most of these participants are the exact demographic these businesses look to sell. It's also a great opportunity for the local residents to get great deals on gear for the upcoming season.

As well as gear, Terry and his gang will have a wide display of deer mounts that are state records. One can even have his own buck scored by certified scorers. All in all, it is a great day to scratch the deer hunting itch that is becoming more and more irritating as the days toward deer season come closer and closer.

What Terry and the folks are really interested in doing, is giving each attendee a nugget of spiritual truth. They just know that if their sign just said, "Come on Saturday and Hear a Nugget of Spiritual Truth," no one would show up.

For men who may not have very much interest in spiritual things, it's going to take a good seminar on being a better hunter and an opportunity to win a John Deere Gator, for that guy to listen to someone like me tell him how God uses the outdoors as a compass to point a man to God.

Now some bemoan this approach. Someone usually barks, "If a hotdog will get him here, a hamburger will keep him home!" They say this as if incentives are wrong.

Well, he is wrong.

Let me build the case for those of you who are Christians. Think about the person you would most desire to become a fellow believer. Is it a friend? A son? A coworker?

Now, let me ask you. How much money would you be willing to give for 30 minutes of his time for the express purpose of sharing your faith with him and asking him to consider becoming a follower of Christ as well? That's right.

And now you know why Terry and his church,

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CHURCH BRIEFS

Zumba

The First Baptist Church of Williston invites ladies to Zumba every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. There is a \$2 charge.

Love Class

First Baptist Church, Williston, holds The Love Class each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to encourage, love and uplift ladies of all ages with the love of Jesus.

Holy Family Catholic Angel House

Angel House Thrift Store at Holy Family Catholic Church, located three miles from Williston at 17353 NE Hwy 27 Alt, is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every weekend.

Zumba

Holy Family Catholic Church hosts Zumba every Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There is a \$2 charge.

Fountain of Life

Oasis Community Solutions is offering an arts and crafts program for seniors and caretakers beginning Monday, Aug. 27. The program launches with a collage class from 10:30 a.m. to noon. It is open to everyone ages 55 and up as well as caretakers of any age. No artistic background is needed to participate, and all materials will be supplied. This is the start of an ongoing program to be held every Monday, except legal holidays, at Fountain of Life Church, 623 E. Noble Ave. in Williston.

Collage will be offered every week, and other crafts will be added as the program progresses, with knitting and crochet beginning in September.

This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to socialize while exploring a creative outlet. For more information, phone Phyllis or Barbara, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 352-538-4474 or email: folknews@gmail.com.

Taste of the Nature Coast is Oct. 9

Come "taste" what you've been missing, as local chefs present their best dishes and compete for your vote!

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Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 each, online or in person at Tri-County Community Resource Center at 15 N Main St. in Chiefland. The day of the event, a limited number of tickets may be purchased for \$25 each (cash/check only) at the door.

Proceeds of this event benefit the work of Tri-County Community Resource Center (TCCRC).

TCCRC acts as a connecting hub between those in need and existing community organizations and supports.

Tri-County Community Resources, Inc. (a 501(c)3 charitable foundation) supports the daily work of the resource center and helps identify gaps in services and supports, advocating to make these resources available to area residents. In March 2015, TCCRC opened its doors, providing an array of on-site services and assistance, such as substance abuse/mental health services and referrals, veteran's resources, health care screenings, employability education, financial literacy assistance, parenting supports and much more - all under one roof!

To purchase tickets online, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-taste-of-the-nature-coast-tickets-47856098880>

To sponsor, donate, or for additional event information, please email: tasteofnaturecoast@gmail.com

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Visitors launch their kayaks from the Chassahowitzka River Campground into the river.

Haven for kayaks, canoes

Editor's note: This is the next in a series on outdoor water activities available in northwest Florida.

The Chassahowitzka river is a gorgeous six-mile river that runs to the Gulf of Mexico and is a favorite of kayakers, photographers, and wildlife enthusiasts.

The first half of the river is fed by spring-fed tributaries and features a forest of wetland trees and jungle-type scenery. Three miles out, it widens into a broad view of saw grass, bright blue skies and the occasional hardwood haddock.

Visitors get the chance to see everything from dolphins and turtles to hawks, hummingbirds, and herons.

The river entrance lays inside the Chassahowitzka campground, which offers kayak, canoe, johnboat rentals for \$35 and paddleboard rentals for \$40. There are no hiking trails on the campground.

Fishing is also a popular activity, both saltwater and freshwater.

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RV hookup sites cost \$38, primitive camping sites are \$23 and RV rentals are \$70 per day for two people. Each additional adult or child over 12 are \$5.

Parking is \$25 per vehicle and \$7 for a trailer. Two leashed pets are allowed with proof of shots.

Amenities include a camp store, bathrooms, showers, WiFi, a recreation building with a/c and kayak storage.

The campground is located at 8600 W Miss Maggie Drive, Chassahowitzka, FL 34448. Take a left from the Suncoast parkway onto US 98, then keep straight through the US 19 intersection to the end of Miss Maggie Drive.

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◆ chassahowitzkaflorida.com

compiled by Julia Grady-Weil/Citrus County Chronicle

Florida gas prices soar

Gasoline prices in Florida have risen 4.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.80/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 stations in Florida. This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.1 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.85/g, according to GasBuddy.

Average gasoline prices on August 13 in Florida have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$2.26/g in 2017, \$2.07/g in 2016, \$2.42/g in 2015, \$3.35/g in 2014 and \$3.50/g in 2013.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices yesterday were 53.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago and are 0.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has dropped 3.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 50.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Areas near Florida and their current gas price climate:

Sarasota- \$2.77/g, up 11.3 cents per gallon

from last week's \$2.66/g.

Tampa- \$2.77/g, up 13.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.64/g.

Cape Coral- \$2.76/g, up 6.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.69/g.

"Yet again, average gas prices have remained fairly quiet. This summer has been remarkably quiet at pumps with most states seeing prices move in an uncharacteristically small summer range of 10-20 cents per gallon or less," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Oil prices continue to be range bound between \$67 and around \$73 per barrel as of late as competing factors weigh on oil prices at very similar times. Oil inventories have continued to decline, but gasoline inventories remain healthy, and with summer drawing to a close and gasoline demand set to step down, we may see additional relief coming barring any disruptions to the flow of oil or gasoline like a major hurricane."



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Happenings

August

RGH Open House

Regional General Hospital, Williston, will host an Open House Friday, Aug. 17 from 2-6 p.m. Tours of the facility's advancements will be held.

Please enter through the main entrance behind the American flag.

The hospital is located at 125 SW 7th St., Williston.

Upcoming

WWII Vets Luncheon

World War II Vets and Proud of it will meet at the Gathering Table in Chiefland at 11 a.m. Sept. 13.

The luncheon is open to all vets, their families and caregivers.

For more information, contact Virginia Lewis at 352-528-2310.

Chiefland High Reunion

The Chiefland High School Class of 1968 has settled on Homecoming weekend, Oct 5-7 for its 50th Reunion.

"The class graduated 49 and has lost 14 that we know of, but we are missing contact information for quite a few of our classmates," said Class President Franklin Watson. "If anyone is in contact with any of our classmates ask them to contact me at fwatson@tallynet.com."

Complete details of the weekend will be communicated as they are finalized.

30th Annual Peanut Festival

The Williston Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for vendor spaces at its 30th Annual North Central Florida Peanut Festival, set for Saturday, Oct. 6 in Williston's Heritage Park.

Applications are available at www.willistonfl.com or at the office, 607 SW 1st Ave., Williston.

Applications for the Baby Peanut Pageant and Little Peanut King and Queen may also be obtained online or at the office. The pageants are open to children infant through 6 years old.

For more information, email willistonflcoc@gmail.com or call 352-528-5552.

Ongoing

Pick Up a Williston Map

The Williston Chamber of Commerce has updated city maps as part of its ongoing effort to assist tourists and newcomers to the eastern part of Levy County.

The maps include updated streets, roads and infor-



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mation for Williston and the surrounding area, including the Highlands and Bronson.

The maps are free and available at the Chamber from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 607 SW 1st Ave. For more information, call 528-5552.

Rotary Club

The Williston Rotary Club meets each Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 247 NE 1st St., Williston.

DAV Needs Members

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is looking for disabled veterans to join the organization.

It meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at Beef O'Brady's, 7050 NW 140th St., Chiefland.

For more information, call Commander Larry Foland at 352-493-1351 or 727-773-7124 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

American Legion Bingo

American Legion Post 236 of Bronson holds Bingo every Monday at 6 p.m.

Bring a friend and come join in the fun at the doublewide at 9550 Hwy 27 Alt toward Williston on the right hand side. Handicap parking is in the rear of the building.

Quarter Bingo will also be held Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call Margie at 352-317-5922 or Tom at 352-486-6721.

Lions Club Meeting

The Williston Lions Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, 401 SE 6th Ave., Williston.

- Fridays: The Children's Table is at the Club from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

- Wednesday: Bingo at the Club at 2 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Bring a new friend or canned goods for free cards.

- Every Friday through Sunday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Indoor Flea Market/Thrift Store. Vendors can set up outside for free.

Some New Things: The club will host a Meet-and-Greet Cruise-In the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with free coffee.

On the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 3, the club will host an animal swap. You can buy, sell, barter or give away dogs and cats, which have been immunized with certificate of health.

Those with parakeets or other exotic birds must have a state license. Vendors who have plants and

vegetables are also encouraged to participate in the weekly flea market on Saturday.

Square Dance Class/Dance

The Clover Squares dance club has started its summer procedure.

Please "Reply All" to the email by 9 a.m. on Wednesday and if at least eight dancers respond, there will be a dance.

To be added to the email list, want to learn to dance or have any questions, call 352-528-3323. The dance is Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 213 W Noble Ave., Williston.

AA Meetings

Monday:

Williston Winners

7:30 p.m. St Barnabas Episcopal Church,
551 NW 1st Ave.

Tuesday:

Bronson Believers

7:30 p.m. Midway Plaza, 13451 27A

Wednesday:

Women in Action 10 a.m.

Midway Men's Group

7:30 p.m. Midway Plaza, 13451 27A

Thursday:

Williston Winners

7:30 p.m. St Barnabas Episcopal Church,
551 NW 1st Ave.

Friday:

Bronson Believers

7:30 p.m. Dogan Cobb Building, 27A

Bronson Serenity Group

7:30 p.m. Midway Plaza

Sunday:

Sunday Evening Beginners

7:30 p.m. Midway Plaza, 13451 27A

Information:

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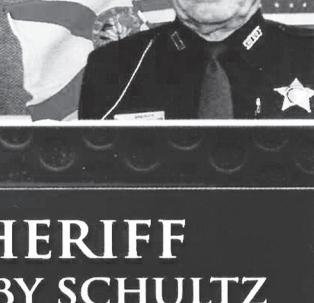
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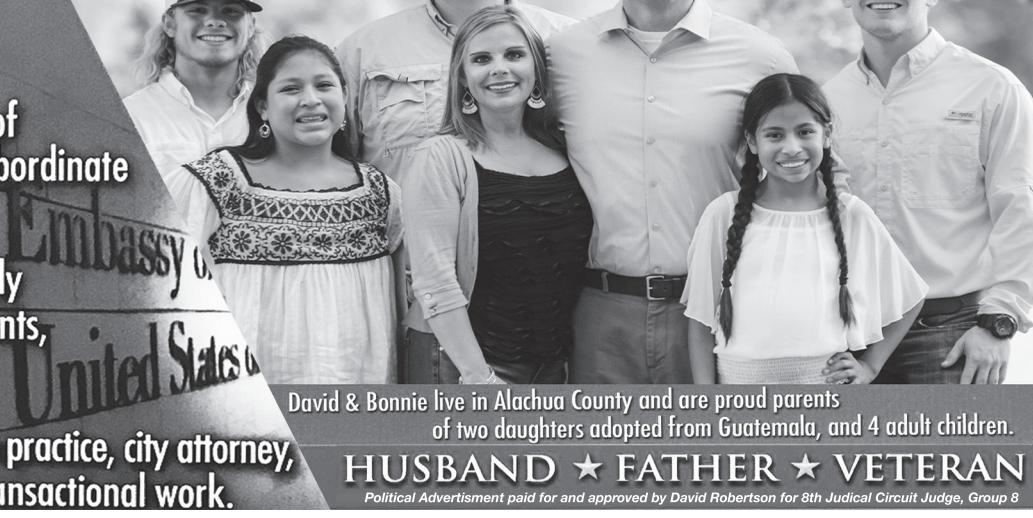
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David & Bonnie live in Alachua County and are proud parents of two daughters adopted from Guatemala, and 4 adult children.

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SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The Levy County Sheriff's Office reports the following arrests:

- Aug. 9, Noah Keith Bevins, 37, Inglis, out of county warrant, resisting W/OV, VOP. Bond \$5,000.
- Aug. 7, Jason Richard Blouse, 44, Cedar Key, out of county warrant.
- Aug. 7, Jonathan Lee Cothran, 25, Lake Butler, VOP.
- Aug. 11, Ja'Harold Davonta Davis, 20, Gainesville, no DL, possession of ammunition or weapon by a convicted felon. Bond \$22,500.
- Aug. 9, Dena Ray Doty, 37, Cedar Key, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession of drug equipment, VOP. Bond \$26,000.
- Aug. 8, James Wesley Dyess, 47, Morriston, two out of county warrants. Bond \$31,000.
- Aug. 11, Christopher Neal Easom, 41, Williston, No DL. Bond \$1,500.
- Aug. 11, Johnny Ray Futch Jr., 44, Trenton, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of drug equipment. Bond \$29,500.
- Aug. 6, James Otha Gaskins, 32, Timmonsville, S.C., possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.
- Aug. 11, Kevin Henry Hahn, 59, Inglis, out of county warrant.
- Aug. 8, Larry Mortimer Huskins, 46, Inglis, battery, domestic battery by strangulation, contempt of court. Bond \$500,000.
- Aug. 8, Robert Mitchel Hyde, 39, Williston, VOP.
- Aug. 12, Ledarcus K. Jackson, 26, out of county

Often Used Abbreviations

Driver's License—DL
Driving While License Suspended or Revoked—DWLSR
Driving Under the Influence—DUI
Failure to Appear—FTA
Released on Own Recognizance—ROR
Resisting With Violence—RWV
Resisting Without Violence—RW/OV
Violation of Probation—VOP

warrant, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams. Bond \$8,580.

- Aug. 12, Robert Earl James, 40, Williston, DUI, possession of cocaine. Bond \$12,500.
- Aug. 10, Elmer James Lane Sr., 55, Trenton, out of county warrant.
- Aug. 12, Dustin Dwight

Liston Sr., 22, Chiefland, battery. ROR.

- Aug. 9, Brittany Lynn McCool, 24, Homosassa, out of county warrant.
- Aug. 11, Thomas Ira Miller II, 50, Micanopy, possession of cocaine. VOP. Bond \$10,000.
- Aug. 11, Michael Allen Miller, 26, Chiefland, fleeing/eluding, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams. Bond \$22,500.
- Aug. 8, Houston Lee Myers, 22, Chiefland, DWLSR, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of drug equipment, VOP. Bond \$3,000.
- Aug. 7, John Wayne Pipkin Jr., 41, Chiefland, VOP. Bond \$20,000.
- Aug. 8, Bennie Lee Richardson Sr., 59, Williston, possession of weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, possession and/or use of drug equipment. Bond \$2,000.
- Aug. 10, Ken Stephon Rives, 38, Williston, non-support of children or spouse, possession of cocaine. Bond \$13,700.
- Aug. 6, Eduardo Santillan, 23, Alachua, DWLSR. Bond \$1,000.
- Aug. 6, Selena Marie Scott-Barber, 38, Williston, resisting arrest during the commission of

a theft or recovery of property. ROR.

- Aug. 11, Mandy Jean Sears, 40, Williston, attached license plate not assigned, DWLSR, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription. Bond \$35,000.

- Aug. 10, Donald Jean Simmons, 37, Ocala, two counts non-support of children or spouse, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession and/or use of drug equipment. Bond \$64,160.

- Aug. 9, Wesley Austin Sims, 26, Perry, simple assault. Bond \$1,000.

- Aug. 7, John William Snow, 56, Ocala, resisting W/OV, two counts possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession and/or use of drug equipment. Bond \$37,000.

- Aug. 6, Ashleigh Leigh Sykes, 30, Toccoa, Ga., possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession and/or use of drug equipment. Bond \$7,000.

- Aug. 6, Jacob Thomas Verrier, 18, Hernando, out of county warrant, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams. Bond \$1,000.

- Aug. 7, Adrian Craig Ware, 33, Apopka, DWLS, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.

- Aug. 7, Nebuchadnezzar Earl Watson, 63, Fanning Springs, disorderly intoxication. Bond \$1,000.

- Aug. 9, Timothy Leon White, 44, Morriston, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession and/or use of drug equipment. Bond \$16,000.

Haven helps patient celebrate landmark birthday

BY JEREMY HAUPT

SPECIAL TO THE PIONEER

Friday, July 27 was a very special day for Haven patient Elaine Farmer-Wingrove. It was the day she celebrated her 70th birthday, and several visitors from Haven were on hand to help her mark the occasion.

In addition to spending time with Farmer-Wingrove, Haven also delivered a cake, candy, a blanket and balloons to help her celebrate her special day. "It meant everything to me. I would not have had a birthday otherwise," said Farmer-Wingrove of her birthday party. "My son and grandson live about an hour and a half away, and I have never really had that big a family so I don't know what big celebrations are."

The fun did not end with her birthday party, she was also treated to a haircut courtesy of Haven volunteer Mary Jane Deas. "It was great to get my hair cut. That was something I have needed to do for some time now," said Farmer-Wingrove, a former nurse from Mount Clemens, Mich. who has lived in Archer for over 30 years. "I just appreciate Haven to no end. They spent a good hour and a half with me and I just couldn't have had it any better."

Deas has been volunteering with Haven for over 12 years in different capacities including as a patient caregiver. However, her role providing haircuts to our patients and sometimes their caregivers may be the one she excels at the most. "I was a hairdresser for about 40 years until I retired in 2012," said Deas, a Fanning Springs resident for over 55 years. "I really enjoy giving the patients, and sometimes caregivers, haircuts. It is such a joy to be able to spend time with them. I've recently started spending most of my time volunteering with the patients that do not have too many family members around to come visit with them."

While she works primarily with Chiefland



Haven Volunteer Mary Jane Deas gives Elaine Farmer-Wingrove a haircut during her birthday celebration.

patients, Deas is extremely flexible and willing to meet the needs of our patients outside of the Tri-Counties. "She travels to patient homes, nursing facilities and in Haven's care centers," said Haven Chiefland Volunteer Coordinator Vondla Sullivan.

"Even though she is retired, she still maintains her licenses in order to provide this service to Haven's patients and caregivers and of course there is no charge for the haircuts."

She joined Haven as a volunteer after a personal

experience with the organization. "Haven took care of my mother toward the end of her life and I decided that after my mom received such great care that I wanted to start volunteering there," said Deas. "When I first started I didn't think that I would be able to sit at the bedside of a patient who is actively dying, but over time I have been able to do that and other things that I thought were outside my comfort zone."

While she has certainly brought joy to many over her years volunteering with Haven, Deas is quick to point out that it is not only a one-way street. "Spending time with Elaine for her birthday really cheered us all up. She was so upbeat, she had done her makeup and she was beautiful," said Deas. "Miss Elaine is just a joy to be around and I want to stay in contact with her. We just had a great time, and I am hoping that I will be able to visit with her as often as I can."

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Harvey Weinstein and me

When the first accusation against movie producer Harvey Weinstein came out, I wasn't too shocked.

Most of us have grown up with the stereotyped "casting couch" portrayal of Hollywood.

Over the years, usually after some bigwig mogul has died, we hear the tales but then it's too late to confront the alleged abuser.

Bill Cosby has been an exception to that rule. And now Harvey Weinstein.

In the days that followed that first accusation, as more and more women came forward – and not all of them actresses – all I could say was, "He's sick."

Every day, both mainstream news and social media report another alleged victim.

Why, you may ask, did these women not come forward? Why did they mask the horror of rape? The embarrassment of harassment? The threat of public humiliation?

Many have said they were just getting started in their careers and he was so powerful they feared their working days would be limited.

Some feared other repercussions.

But for the most part, women just felt ashamed. They were the victims, but somehow the guilt they felt became so overwhelming they wore the mantle of disgust and shame rather than place it where it rightly went: on the abuser.

I know how they feel.

Over the weekend, someone started a #metoo status on Facebook asking women (and men) to post if they've ever been in an abusive situation, whether it was workplace or elsewhere.

I shared it.

This morning my husband asked, "You've been sexually harassed in the workplace?"

"Or assaulted," I added.

He was surprised to learn I have.

Harassed a couple times in the workplace, assaulted several times elsewhere.

He was taken aback. "You've never told me that," he said.

I don't talk about it. Not with the



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Editor

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man who knows everything about me, and loves me anyway. Not with my best friend, Denise, who knew me better than I knew myself.

I haven't been raped, please understand, but I have been sexually assaulted – the unwanted touch, grope, feel.

I always felt it was my cross to bear.

Once upon a time, when I was decades younger, I toyed with the idea that perhaps I had said or done something to provoke the unwanted advances.

It wasn't until I was a freshman in college that I took a workshop, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" that I learned that my behavior had nothing to do with it.

It's almost always about the power the abuser has over his victim.

It becomes a mind game with that person wielding the power and the victim feeling shame and weakness.

Ten years later, in the work environment, I took a stand against a male customer and refused to let him have power over me.

In the years that have followed, I've managed to derail conversations or actions that have put me in uncomfortable situations.

But I don't talk about it. With anyone.

My life is an open book – except this chapter.

Maybe that's the problem.

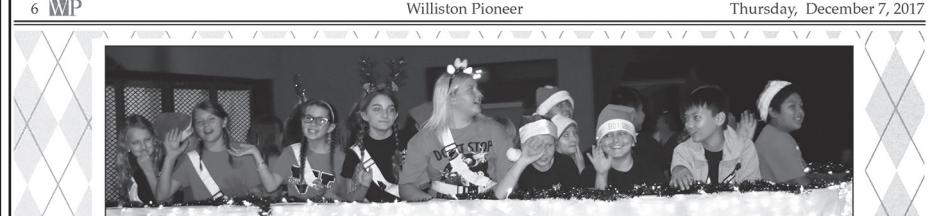
Embarrassed that we find ourselves in these scenarios, we brush them under the rug and into the recesses of our minds to avoid the feelings they conjure. Those same feelings of fear, shame, humiliation and that someone we knew valued us as less than a human being.

Just writing these last few vague paragraphs have taken a toll on me and they say nothing really.

It's past time we talk. Past time we confront the demons that haunt us that we dare not speak about. Past time to stop feeling guilt, embarrassment, humiliation about someone lording power over us.

I never want my granddaughters to have to say #metoo.

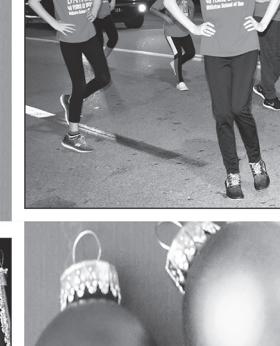
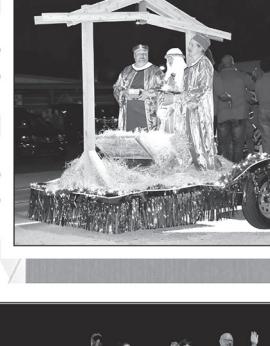
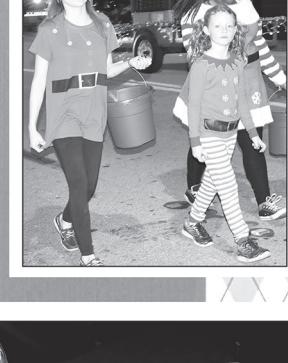
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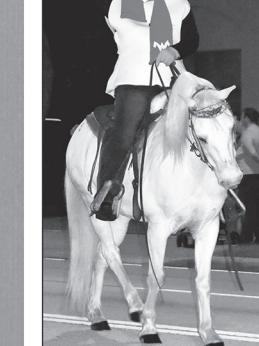
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Best Depiction of Theme –
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"You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch"

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Second Place – Florida Press Association Community Service In Support of the Veterans' Memorial*

* One example from more than 15 published articles or photos

I challenge you, Williston

My first intention was to write an editorial – an opinion from the newspaper's standpoint. I then realized the topic is too personal and I couldn't do it justice in a newspaper editorial.

That's when I decided to make it my opinion – just mine – that of Carolyn Ten Broeck.

It's not one of my typical "Slice of Life" pieces about my rather atypical life.

This is cut and dried and to the point. And it's personal. Deeply personal.

This fundraising for the veterans' memorial has gone on long enough. That's right. Too long.

Three years ago this month, Ken Schwiebert approached me about doing something in the newspaper to raise funds for a memorial. At that time \$20,000 seemed adequate. It wasn't and it isn't.

In two years, only \$7,000 came in. In the past six months, add about \$48,000. And yet sadly, it still isn't enough.

While \$55,000 would have covered a monument, there are still preliminary expenses that weren't factored in back in 2014. Add \$18,000 for bricks,



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\$8,000 for lighting, \$5,000 for flagpoles and flags and about \$30,000 for concrete work and you've soon spent \$61,000 – more than you've taken in.

Granted the city of Williston/CRA will bear some of that site expense, but still there's

not enough to purchase the monument and bronze emblems that go on it.

We need more money and we need it now. Not in January. Not in May. TODAY.

The very first event I covered as an editor in Levy County was Williston's Veterans Day service in the park. It made an impression on me that today, 12 years later, it remains one of my favorite things.

Saturday, it all came back again as I watched the parade and attended the ceremony in Heritage Park.

These men and women each wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America when they signed up to serve in the military. At any time that check could be cashed, and sometimes it was only payable with their lives.

As I knelt beside the Rich brothers, featured on this week's front page and

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►Stewart

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him, he understood that he had never been in better company. And somehow he realized all that he had was prayer, that he had finally met the One to whom he should pray.

The thief realized that he had one final appeal left. "Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord, remember

me when You come into Your kingdom'" (Luke 23:42 NKJV). There was no long drawn out prayer. Just short and to the point: "Jesus, would you remember that I believed in you?" The thief's final plea before death was a confession of the Savior. What the Jewish leaders refused to believe, the thief believed!

If anyone deserved

death, it was these two thieves, but Jesus did something that is unthinkable, He honored the plea. He assured the thief that on that very day he would be in paradise with His Savior. Jesus didn't have to pardon the criminal, but He did! He didn't have to assure him paradise but He did because of His great love.

►Road

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plans were also solidified to begin the process of rebuilding the boat ramp on Highway 40, on the Withlacoochee River.

Josh Baxley of Dewberry Engineering discussed the plans with the BOCC. Commissioner John Meeks suggested a community meeting with citizens, business owners and other stakeholders once they have a construction plan in place. "We will amend the task order to state this,"

Baxley replied.

Meeks described some of the problems in the area with the current boat ramp park.

"Some of the problems that occur now are local issues. Parking is in the roadway. The problems are unique. It is a peninsula and commercial fisherman use it. They must be mindful of the recreational folks. County staff, Parks and Recreation and the Road Department should be involved in the updates."

Jack Schofield, a regular attendee of BOCC

meetings, said, "If part of the ramp needs to be closed during construction, businesses need to be made aware. There needs to be phasing plans. They need warnings about the construction."

The board accepted the task order with the amendment for community meetings to be added as needed. Meeks said the direct appropriation received from the Legislature for the park/boat ramp improvement was \$650,000.

►Audit

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ties the company faced. "There were more audit failures being reported through the peer review process. Audit failure rates are frankly embarrassing."

Commissioner John Meeks asked what constitutes an audit failure and Mason replied, "Wording changes and not supporting your opinion constitute failures."

Meeks spoke briefly about emails he received about being out of compliance for the audit. "The situation did make me angry," he said.

However, he also expressed concerns about getting behind on the audit schedule next year if they accept bids to find a new company, as the process could take months.

"There are very few people who do this work," Meeks said, "and the bucket is filling up fast because other firms are picking up lost business from them."

Anderson said, "We are prepared to start next

year's audit in 2 to 3 months."

Clerk of Court Danny Shipp was also concerned with the timetable. "A late audit can affect your bonds. However, going out for a new auditor will put us behind getting started."

After hearing from Shipp, Commissioner Joyner made a motion to withdraw the termination of the contract with Carr, Riggs and Ingram and accept the new offer, while requiring the firm to pay a penalty of \$1,000 per day for not completing on time.

Mason reassured the board: "We have restaffed and regrouped. We have arranged a schedule so we can start our work on time. We are behind on two counties, Gilchrist and Dixie. We serve 10 counties in our office. We are not currently picking up other counties."

Joyner's motion ended up failing for lack of a

second as the discussion turned towards concerns over the difficulty in finding a new auditor, given the lack of available time. Joyner then made the same motion again.

"My greatest concern is being behind already," Property Appraiser Oz Barker said. "Regardless of how bad it was, they know our county. Hearing what I hear, I am going with Commissioner Joyner."

Commissioner Matt Brooks gave a second to the motion after hearing from Barker. The motion passed, allowing the auditor to continue serving Levy through the 2018-2019 year.

"The audit was one month and one day late and it was accepted, which was most important," Meeks said. "Carr, Riggs and Ingram have been serving Levy County for nearly 30 years."

►Miller

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and all the volunteers, spend money and time

on their good friends and family in Central Kentucky.

Contact Gary Miller at gary@outdoortruths.org

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 38-2018-DR-620

Penny G. Coonts, Petitioner

and

William Wayne Coonts, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: William Wayne Coonts
753 Lynn Ave.
Weston, WV 26452

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Penny G. Coonts, whose address is 7051 SE 214 Ave., Morriston, FL 32668 on or before Sept. 7, 2018, and file the original work with the clerk of the Court at 355 S. COURT ST., BRONSON, FLA 32621 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915)

Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. **WARNING:** Rule 12.286, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: August 3, 2018

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Hope Gibson
Deputy Clerk

Published Aug. 9, 16, 23 and Aug. 30, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE No.: 2018CA000232

NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff

vs.

ROBERT B. CASTLEBERRY

A/K/A ROBERT CASTLEBERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT B.

CASTLEBERRY A/K/A ROBERT CASTLEBERRY;

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY,

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►Garver

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The action sequences are entirely what you'd expect from a movie like this. Jonas's rescue of Lori and her team is supposed to be harrowing because there's a bunch of lights and alarms warning of an impending breach, but the situation never looked that dire to me.

The crew sets off on a few missions to destroy the Meg, but you know they're not going to be successful because it's early and we haven't yet gotten to the much-hyped scene where the shark invades a crowded public beach. For that sequence and others, just pick out a minor charac-

ter and see if they survive.

For example, what do you think the odds are for that chubby kid on the raft who always has an ice cream bar in his hand? Will the movie protect him because he's a child, or will it feel that one protected youngster in Meiying is enough for one film? My fear of being wrong is way more intense than any fear the stupid shark can drum up.

"The Meg" knows that it's not a good movie, so it's trying to market itself as a self-aware bad-but-fun movie. The problem is that it lacks the creativity or charisma to pull off that kind of identity. It comes close a few times, in scenes where

Statham, Wilson, or Cai are having fun with the movie's blatant badness, but those moments are fleeting.

I know August isn't the best time for new releases, but you don't need to waste your money on "lesser of several evils" movies like "The Meg" when there are actual good movies like "Mission: Impossible – Fallout" still playing.

Grade: D

"The Meg" is rated PG-13 for action/peril, some bloody images and language. Its running time is 113 minutes.

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►Carolyn

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spoke with younger brother, Sarge, who at 96 remembered WWII as if it were yesterday, I couldn't help but cry and repeat over and over to him, "Thank you. Thank you for your service."

Vernon Denmark, 94, came into the office to buy himself a brick and as I filled out his paperwork, he told me about serving on Okinawa. I'd just seen "Hacksaw Ridge" two weeks before and I cried for the lost lives, the lost youth and for boys who never got to see their mothers' faces again.

Our own Charles Goodman lived for 21 months in a tank in the jungles of Vietnam, fighting an unpopular war because it's what his country asked him to do.

Charles came home from Vietnam, but you can see the horror in his eyes and hear his voice quake any time you speak with him about his service and he is trans-

ported back 50 years.

We owe these people more than a memorial. We owe these people our way of life. We owe them a debt we cannot repay.

So when I say fund-raising has gone on long enough, I mean it.

I know these are tough economic times. I know the holidays are upon us. I know your most pressing thoughts may be "How will I pay the rent?" "How will I put food on the table?" "How will I clothe my children?"

I get it. I know money is tight.

But I also know that for the vast majority of us, we waste money every single month on something we just can't live without.

Maybe it's the new smart phone. Maybe it's Netflix. Maybe it's a Coke or pack of cigarettes.

And that's where my challenge comes in.

There are more than 2,700 people in Williston. There are thousands more in the

surrounding area.

I challenge everyone who reads this to donate \$5 to the Veterans Memorial Fund before Dec. 31.

I challenge you to share this column with your family and friends who do not read the paper.

I challenge you to give up some luxury, if necessary, to make that donation.

If we can spread this challenge the way we once did chain letters, it could reach as many as 5,000 people by the end of next week – since it is Thanksgiving.

As you bow to give thanks next Thursday, don't forget the American veteran who put his life on the line so you could spend the day with your family.

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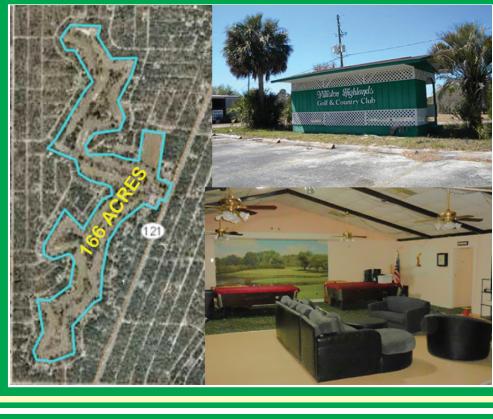


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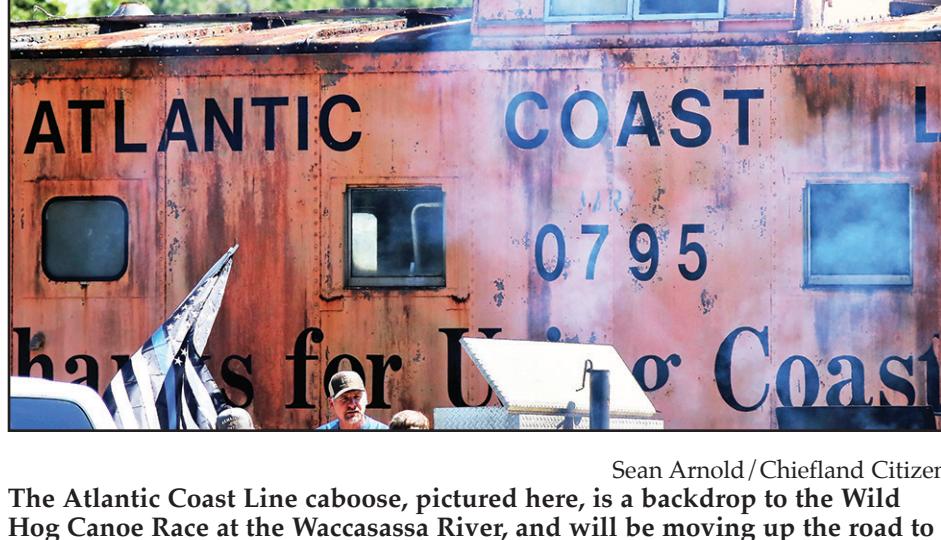
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The Atlantic Coast Line caboose, pictured here, is a backdrop to the Wild Hog Canoe Race at the Waccasassa River, and will be moving up the road to Gulf Hammock to join the "Three Spot" locomotive at Wayside Park.

Caboose gets a new home

BY LORI PREVATT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Atlantic Coast Line caboose that sits at the Wild Hog Canoe Race property is set to eventually join a fellow historic railway car just up the road at Wayside Park in Gulf Hammock.

Toni Collins, president of the Levy County Historical Society, discussed plans for its move with the Board of County Commissioners on Aug. 7.

Currently at Wayside Park, the old locomotive engine referred to as "Three Spot" sits enclosed in a fenced area, visible from Highway 19. It was built in 1915 and was used to haul lumber from the Patterson-McGinnis Sawmill.

Collins described the recovery of the old caboose from a cow field off 326, where it sat for 14 years, and said it needs restoration work.

"The Historical Society will restore the caboose and it is my plan to come back and offer it to you. The caboose only needs to be moved 1.5 miles and the Historical Society will pay for the move."

Collins also noted that the Society would be paying for a security system to be installed after the caboose reaches its destination.

"Security cameras will be installed at the park to see if we can catch those folks who like to collect train memorabilia," said Collins, referring

to a past burglary at Wayside Park in which two bronze plates, valued at \$500, and specially made by the Historical Society, were stolen off the locomotive. A train bell was also taken.

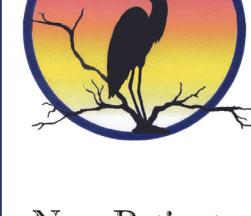
Commission Chair John Meeks said he was concerned with insurance issues if someone were to get hurt looking at the caboose. Collins reassured Meeks that the caboose would not be set up for patrons to enter. She explained the caboose did not meet the ADA standards for it to be accessible, and it will be viewed from the outside only.

Collins also said the Society is planning on purchasing an historic marker for the caboose to mark its 50th anniversary. She said the historic marker had arrived for the Three Spot locomotive.

The board approved a motion calling for these two pieces of locomotive history to be staged together, at Wayside, which is directly across from where the old Atlantic Coast Line traveled.

"The old railroad bed is across the street from the park where the Atlantic Coastline ran from 1913 to 1984," Collins said.

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