



Hurricane Michael spares Taylor

Water rises and sparks fly...



Brilliant showers of blue, orange and bright red sparks shot through the air at the intersection of Dorman Peacock Road and Hwy. 27 East Wednesday afternoon as a hanging limb caused electricity to arc between two transmission lines. Duke Energy linemen quickly responded to the scene and had power restored within less than an hour.



Water flowed two to three feet deep across the Beach Road at the Keaton Beach Boat Ramp, and the storm surge around high tide Wednesday flooded the area around the Keaton Beach Corner Store (above), as water got inside several recreational vehicles parked on what is normally high ground behind the local landmark.

With maximum sustained winds of 155 mph, Hurricane Michael was the most powerful hurricane to strike the Florida Panhandle in recorded history -- devastating much of the Emerald Coast, including Mexico Beach and Panama City.

However, here in Taylor County, the damage was limited to coastal flooding and power outages, thanks mostly to the storm's tightly-condensed nature, with hurricane-force winds only extending about 50 miles from its center.

In comparison, Hurricane Irma, which made landfall → Please see page 3



Steinhatchee businesses received some minor flooding damage from Hurricane Michael's storm surge. Photos of water filling parking lots and flowing inside Steinhatchee marinas and restaurants filled social media on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Schools are closed today and Monday

The Taylor County School District will remain closed today (Friday) beyond the three days already announced in response to Hurricane Michael.

Students will also be off on Monday due to an already-scheduled teacher planning day.

"We are very fortunate and thankful that our community made it through the storm with minimal damage," Superintendent Danny Glover Jr. said in an e-mail sent district-wide Thursday morning.

"However, we would like to continue to remember

the rest of the panhandle communities that were not so lucky. There are many unknown factors at this time -- many are still without power, some employees have left town to avoid the storm and we are not 100%

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Heeding evacuation order:

Hundreds flee coast

Residents along the Taylor County coastline responded well to orders to evacuate leading up to Hurricane Michael making landfall along the Florida Panhandle.

According to Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Maj. Marty Tompkins, who was in charge of patrol duties during the hurricane,

most residents heeded the warnings.

"We had the best cooperation ever from the beaches area. There were maybe two families who stayed. They took it very seriously," Tompkins said.

"We also had good cooperation from Spring Warrior and Econfina. More people stayed in Steinhatchee than we would

have liked," Tompkins added.

The Taylor County Commission met at 12 noon on Monday, declaring a local state of emergency and issuing a voluntary evacuation order for coastal and low-lying areas in the county.

On Tuesday morning, → Please see page 2



"He loved Taylor County." That is the first thing Cashway Building Products founder Walter Davis "Buddy" Helm Sr. would want you to know, according to his son, Bud Helm Jr.

"He lived a good life," Bud said of his late father, who passed away on Sept. 26 at the age of 81.

"Taylor County has been good to our family. He was looking forward to running

a photo in the paper with the entire family in front of the new storefront thanking everyone for their business over the last 50-plus years," Bud added.

The elder Helm began his career selling lumber and hardware in Perry when he was hired to manage a local branch of Capital Cash and Carry -- a Tallahassee-based building supply store that opened a local branch here

in the 1960's.

"The company would not buy him a truck or a forklift, and he was having to load and unload everything by hand, so he decided to leave around 1964," Bud said.

"He and Charles Mincy formed a partnership and opened Cashway Building Products in Eastpoint. They saw an opportunity when the state built a bridge over to St. George Island," Bud

remembers. "In fact, they built the first two or three houses over there."

When Capital Cash and Carry closed the Perry store location around 1965, it left an opportunity for Helm and Mincy to relocate Cashway Building Products to Perry, setting up shop in a building located on U.S Hwy. 19.

"Charles and Daddy → Please see page 2



(Photo, left) Walter "Buddy" Helm Sr. is shown sitting on heart pine "sinker" logs that were cut down with an ax around 1837 in South Georgia and later recovered from the Withlacoochee River. "Back then the largest sawmill in the world was located where the Suwannee and Withlacoochee came together, and the rivers were the only way to get these logs to the sawmill," Bud Helm said. (Above) Helm was an avid outdoorsman and quail hunter.

Iron Horse 'Super Bog' approved

The Taylor County Commission has voted to approve the "special event" permit necessary to hold the planned Oct. 18-21 "Super Bog" planned at Iron Horse Mud Ranch on Hwy. 19 South in Taylor County.

Local attorney Trey Howard, who represents Iron Horse Mud Ranch, addressed the commission at its Oct. 1 meeting, telling commissioners that Iron Horse's special event permit application documents were

in order, with the exception of a consent release from one adjacent property owner.

According to Howard, the previous owner had signed the waiver, but had since passed away. Howard

said he was working with representatives of the family trust to complete the paperwork.

Commissioner Malcolm Page made a motion to approve the application contingent on the county

receiving the final paperwork. Commissioner Jim Moody seconded.

"I know the ambulance service has to be there, and the sheriff's office has to be there, and the fire department is going

to be there, according to the contract," Commission Chair Pam Feagle said. "Do we charge any kind of fee for the fire department to be there?"

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Law enforcement agencies looking to help neighboring counties hit hard by hurricane

FLEE COAST

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Taylor County Sheriff Wayne Padgett upgraded that order to a mandatory evacuation.

"We saturated the area with deputies to make notifications of the evacuation order," Tompkins said.

In addition to deputies, Taylor County Emergency Management (TCEM) also used "Alert Taylor" as well as verbal messages through the coastal emergency sirens.

"We had a good response with the sirens, with people saying they could hear them everywhere in Steinhatchee and the beaches," TCEM Deputy Director Kristy Anderson said.

An emergency shelter was opened at Taylor County Elementary School, with an estimated 25-50 people taking advantage of the facility. The shelter was pet friendly, and five animals

were among those seeking shelter at the school. One pet mouse delivered babies during her stay. According to reports, both mother and babies were healthy (and safe inside their container).

"We want thank the school board for assisting with the shelter," Anderson said. "They ran the shelter this year."

Shuttle buses were available in Steinhatchee and Keaton Beach to transport people to the shelter in Perry, but reportedly no one took advantage of the service.

Padgett ordered a curfew in the evacuated (coastal and low-lying) areas from 10 a.m. until sunrise Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

"The sheriff was concerned about protecting people's property," TSCO Chief Chuck Mincy said.

Roadblocks were put in place once the waters receded until county road crews could evaluate the roadways. Once the roads were clear, entry to the



Representatives from every emergency response agency, along with city and county government, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Florida National Guard took part in briefings at the Taylor County Emergency Operations Center before, during and after the arrival of Hurricane Michael. The center was upgraded to full activation on Tuesday.

coast was limited to those who could show proof of residency or re-entry passes. The roadblocks were lifted Thursday morning, but Mincy said the TCSO will continue to have a "heavy patrol presence" in those areas throughout this afternoon (Friday).

"Hats off to all county departments, county fire, volunteer firefighters and the county road department," Mincy said. "Thank you also to our CERT volunteers, Florida Highway Patrol, the National Guard and the American Red Cross."

Two troops of National Guard soldiers were housed by the school district at the elementary school and Taylor County High School.

"The school district made that possible," Anderson said.

Now that the threat of

severe weather has passed and Taylor County has been mostly spared from the hurricane's wrath, officials are looking to see how they can help their neighbors.

Liberty County lost its Emergency Operations Center and the ability to answer local 911 calls.

According to 911

Coordinator Sarah Weirick, Taylor County uses the same system as Liberty County and was preparing to answer 911 calls for them until they found a way to answer via cell phone calls locally.

Mincy said the TCSO has made two deputies available to the state for

seven-day assignments to help affected counties, and the Perry Police Department is also looking at providing assistance.

The Taylor County Jail has also made several beds available to house inmates from Gulf County, which experienced damage to its jail.

Foley Mill resumed operation Thursday

Foley Cellulose Mill resumed operations Thursday after shutting down due to Hurricane Michael.

"The safety of our employees was our most important concern, along with protection for our community and neighbors," Foley Cellulose Public Affairs Manager Scott Mixon said Thursday.

"Mill leadership initiated Foley's hurricane contingency plan to safely bring the mill down in advance of the storm. Thursday morning, leadership cleared all teams and personnel to re-enter the mill and we initiated our plans to safely start up the mill.

"All employees resumed normal work as scheduled today (Thursday)," Mixon.

'He really wanted to thank the people of Taylor County'

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owned Cashway Construction Company and built houses. Daddy ran the building supply business there from 1965 until 1973, when we moved to this location (on Hampton Springs Avenue). I came back around 1987 or so and Daddy and I purchased the other half from Charles in 1989, forming Cashway Building Products of Perry, Inc." Bud said.

Last year, the Cashway founder's grandson Davis decided he wanted to follow his grandfather and father in the family business.

Ownership of the local building supply store officially transitioned from father to son in 2017.

Bud and Davis have since converted much of the warehouse into floor space — expanding the hardware store from 2,500 to more than 12,000 square feet.

Plans are to hold a grand re-opening ceremony in the near future, commemorating the upgrades and 50 years of serving Taylor County.

"We have much more of what we had before and a lot of new items as well. I wish we could have finished before....He was very proud of what this has turned into. It is very nice, modern and updated in every way," Bud said.

Born in Albany, Ga., Buddy loved all things outdoors.

"He loved to buy and sell property, loved to play poker, was a great quail hunter

and freshwater fisherman. He was hard-working — up until he couldn't," his son remembered.

"He was a good friend and would give you the shirt off his back. He enjoyed buying and selling antique wood — heart pine and pecky cypress. We really enjoyed working with old lumber together until he passed," Bud added.

"His greatest accomplishment was that he died without any debt and that his whole family loved and respected him. He was a lifelong supporter of Taylor County athletics and always went to watch his children and grandchildren play. He really wanted to thank the people of Taylor County for what they have done for us," Bud added.

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"Yes, ma'am," Howard said. "We have a contract with the fire department. We always pay for all of our services with the fire department. We pay for all of the EMS. We pay the sheriff's office for their portion of security, and we also have private security as well. There should be no expense to the county."

Following the discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the event permit.

New Iron Horse Mud Ranch owners Todd and Kari Larson have transformed the sprawling 520-acre Taylor County property into a safe and entertaining offroad theme park, featuring fun for families from all over the country.

"My vision is for this to be like a destination

resort — the Disneyland of mud parks — offering something for kids, parents, husbands, wives and even grandparents," Todd said.

"We want it to be very kid- and family-friendly, with a playground, beach and swimming area, stocked fishing ponds, campground and cabins," Todd said.

"People can come and have fun, even if they are not into rip-roaring around in mud trucks, because there are other things they can do. We will have cabins for families to stay in, electric hook-ups for RVs and a general supply store

with stuff you may have forgotten to bring," Todd added.

In addition to making the park safer, one of the first decisions the new owners made was to move the date of its biggest event of the year one week earlier so it does not fall on the same weekend as the Florida Forest Festival (Oct. 27).

"It is just better for everyone involved — local motels, restaurants and other businesses, for us, the festival and law enforcement — not to have both big events on the same weekend," Todd said.

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sure that all of the roads are safe for buses to travel.

"We do not make the decision to close school lightly, but at this time, we feel that it is in the best interest of everyone for the district to close school on Friday, Oct. 12," Glover said.

"Monday, Oct. 15, will remain a teacher in-service day. We attempted to switch Friday and Monday, but were unable to due to the fact that trainings throughout the

district have already been scheduled. Students will return on Tuesday, Oct. 16."

Point of Grace Christian will be open Friday, as well CDI Head Start. Aucilla Christian Academy will be closed on Friday due to a previously-scheduled fall break, and will be closed on Monday due to teacher planning.

The Taylor County High School home football game, which will serve as senior night, will be played tonight (Friday) night at 7 p.m. For more information, please see page A-10.



Wednesday wreck during Hurricane Michael

Just as the outer bands associated with Hurricane Michael began to impact the area, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) responded to a semi-truck and trailer that left the roadway and collided with several trees on the edge of the southbound lane of Highway 19 North near the Econfina River Bridge just after noon.

Surge rose to 7.2' at Nutall Rise, 5.3' at Steinhatchee

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last year in South Florida with 130 mph sustained winds, had hurricane-force winds extending out 85 miles.

"There is very little damage and very little debris," Taylor County Emergency Management (TCM) Deputy Director Kristy Anderson said Thursday. "If you have damage, report it to emergency management by calling (850) 838-3575."

Damage assessments were still underway Thursday afternoon, but preliminary reports include several flooded homes in both Steinhatchee and Aucilla areas, as well as flooded RVs at Keaton Beach.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the storm surge at Steinhatchee was 5.3 feet, while at Nutall Rise storm waters rose to 7.2 feet. Prior to the storm's arrival, NWS forecasters were calling for 6 to 9 feet of storm surge along the county's coast, which was down from their earlier predictions of 9 to 13 feet.

In addition to the storm surge, Taylor County had peak sustained winds of 43 mph with gusts at 53 mph around 4 p.m. Wednesday, according to the NWS buoy at Keaton Beach. In Perry, the NWS station at Perry-Foley Airport reported sustained winds of 26 mph and a gust of 45 mph around 6 p.m.

The winds resulted in thousands of customers

without electricity Wednesday, with crews from Duke Energy and Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) working to restore power.

As of mid-day Thursday, Duke Energy had 83 customers without power, after restoring 3,136 customers since the storm.

According to Community Relations Director Kaitlynn Culpepper, TCEC had 105 outages affecting 2,290 customers across its service area at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday -- including 555 members in Taylor County.

"Tri-County Electric Cooperative and our members fared pretty well considering the potential impact of Hurricane Michael," Culpepper said Thursday. "Crews were able to work outages throughout the day and into the night on Wednesday. At one point Wednesday evening we had almost 6,000 meters without power, and as of sunrise on Thursday 2,942 remain."

As of Thursday afternoon, just 71 customers remained without power in Taylor County.

"Our goal is to have 95% restored by Friday evening, with the exception of the coastal communities, as flooding and water damage can cause delays," Culpepper said. "At this time, we are unable to determine a specific restoration times and are advising members to make arrangements for at least the next two days."

On Tuesday, TCEC crews began pulling meters along

the coast due to the projected storm surge.

"Crews are assessing the coastal areas to determine if and when meters can be reinstalled," Culpepper said. "Flooding and water damage could impact this process. Once the meters are reinstalled this does not guarantee power will be restored due to outages affecting their area."

According to Anderson, the county will not activate its debris collection contractor. Residents with debris are asked to bring it to a county roll-off site.

While Taylor County residents were once again spared the worst, several former Perry residents suffered significant property damage.

Former Doctors' Memorial Hospital CEO Jim McKnight, rode out the storm with his family in his home in Wewahitchka, Florida.

Contacted Thursday, McKnight reported, "Every tree in my front and back yard was knocked down. Our pool pump house was destroyed, I have a tree on my man cave, and our next door neighbor has three trees on his house."

"My grandson Chase was on the coast during the storm and had to chainsaw his way back to the house. He reports much of St. Joe Beach and Mexico Beach is gone -- including the Look-Out Lounge. We can't get out, but we have generator

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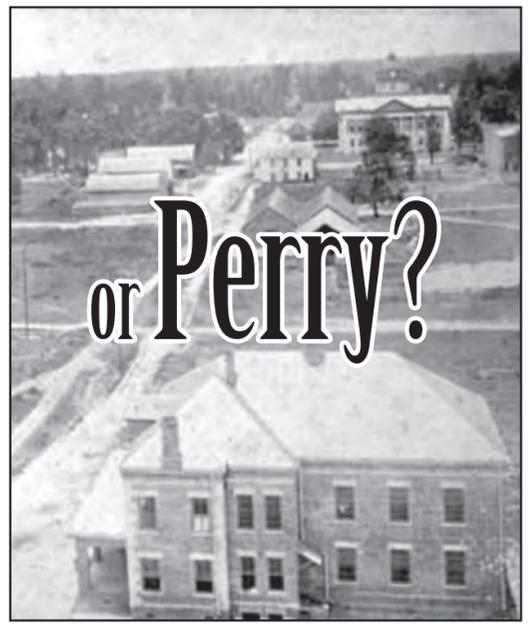
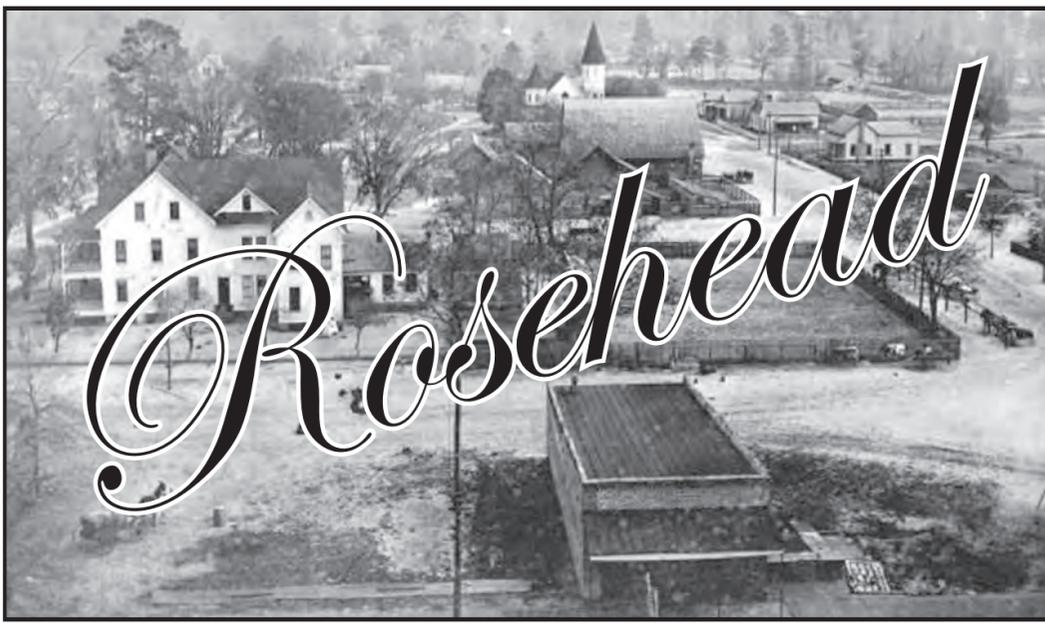
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Dr. Josh Goodman

For as long as most of us can remember, the story has always been that Perry started out as a town called Rosehead, founded in 1869 and named after the wild roses that grew on the banks of the nearby creeks. The name Perry didn't officially come along until 1875...or so the story goes. However, archival evidence, including maps, official state and county records and correspondence with the postal service, show that Perry is actually much older than Rosehead, and was founded long before 1869. **So what exactly was Rosehead? When was Perry actually established, and how did the story get so confused?** Join State Archives historian Dr. Josh Goodman at the October meeting of the Taylor County Historical Society Monday, Oct. 15, for a presentation tracing the origins of Perry and Rosehead as revealed in local historical documents, as well as records from the state and national archives. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and all interested persons are invited to attend.

A glance at the past

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THE 80s

PERRY THEATER WAS TO REOPEN BY CHRISTMAS

A Lakeland-based movie theater corporation purchased the former Perry Triple Theatre building and had plans to reopen the business before Christmas of 1983, according to the managers **Robert and Dorothea Long**.

The Longs also managed a similar theater in Palatka. The Perry Triple Theater was located behind the Perry Square Shopping Plaza. Long said that Floyd Theaters, Inc. had closed a deal for the purchase of the building, and that renovation had already begun.

He said that he began working for the company more than 16 years ago, and had since traveled all over the nation managing theaters. Long said that he felt the new company and his management could make the theater a regular meeting place for the people of Perry.

NEW BUSINESS WANTED ENTERPRISE ZONES IN CITY

A construction company from a neighboring county was thinking of locating a

plant in Perry, but was more likely to locate here if the city designated a portion of the city as an "enterprise zone," according to **Mayor Joe Yarbrough**.

Yarbrough told members of the Taylor County Development Authority that an asphalt company official from Chiefland had approached **City Manager Bill Noonan** about the creation of an enterprise zone.

If a city designated an area as economically depressed, any new businesses that located there, or existing businesses which expanded in the zone, could reap large tax savings off their Florida taxes.

STARNES WAS NEW KIWANIS PRESIDENT

Incoming president of Perry Kiwanis Club **Mark Starnes** presided over the club's first meeting of the 1983-84 year on Oct. 5, at the Skylark Restaurant.

The organization's top administrative officer used the opportunity to review his goals for club growth and service during the coming months and praised his predecessor, **Oscar Howard Jr.**, and other members for their leadership and last year's achievements.

VOTER REGISTRATION VAN PART OF FOREST FESTIVAL

The Voter Registration Mobile Unit was to be located at Forest Capital Park during the festival on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1983. Registration and other

services were available as soon as the parade concluded and continued until 5 p.m. All services were available in addition to registering.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Owens of Perry were proud to announce the birth of a daughter, **Meagan Elizabeth**, on Oct. 8 at Doctors' Memorial Hospital. Meagan Elizabeth was born at 11:07 p.m., weighed seven pounds, five and one-half ounces, and measured 21 inches in length at birth. The mother was the former Patricia Richbourg.

MISS USA WAS TO APPEAR AT FOREST FESTIVAL

Julie Hayek, the reigning Miss USA from La Canada, Calif., was to attend the Florida Forest Festival in Perry, Oct. 14-15, 1983.

Miss Hayek, who won the coveted title in Knoxville, Tenn., was scheduled to attend the FFA contest, festival banquet, Great Race, King Tree Parade and

fish fry during her two-day stay in the Forest Capital of the South.

Miss Hayek was to be met by a delegation from Perry when she arrived on a

flight from New York at the Tallahassee Airport.

After a brief press conference in the Capitol, the delegation motorcaded to Perry.



In keeping with the international theme of 1983's Florida Forest Festival -- Forestry: A World of Potential -- this group from the Perry Health Facility (PHF) decorated their entry in the Grand National Bed Race as a Japanese tea garden, complete with bonzai trees. Nicole Hanson, Van Miller and Randy Hubbard piloted the PHF vehicle - The Orient Express - in the race.



Remember when...

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Who gives this woman?

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

I'll be there when my lifelong friends Jackie Alexander and Wayne Flowers tie the knot Saturday, but I won't be the one giving her away. Not this time.

I gave her away more than 30 years ago when Wayne stopped me during a game of pool and asked like a gentleman if he could date my best friend.

"I really like your Jackie," he said. "Will you talk to her for me?"

I responded with a stupid-looking grin.

"What's that look for?" he asked.

Since Wayne and I were good friends, I felt I needed to tell him the truth. Or at least what I thought was the truth.

"Wayne," I said. "We're cool, and you know that. But, I can't let you date Jackie. Not today. Not ever."

"Why do you say that?" he asked in the calmest of tones.

His unruffled demeanor didn't stop me from responding matter-of-factly, "Because she's not looking for a boyfriend."

"Did she tell you that?" he asked.

"I know her like a book, so she didn't have to tell me," I shot back. "But she did."

Wayne nodded and made sure I knew there were, "No hard feelings."

As soon as I got home (we didn't have

cell phones back then), I called Jackie and told her what Wayne had asked me.

She giggled.

Jackie and friends since

I have been the best of we became classmates in kindergarten, so I knew that giggle was veiling something.

And since she didn't ask how I responded to Wayne's question, I decided to tell her anyway. "I told him you were not looking for a boyfriend."

She giggled again.

"Jackie, is there something you need to tell me?" I asked.

"No," she said. "I just thought it was funny."

She was still giggling when I hung up the phone.

About a week later, I was headed home when Jackie's car pulled up beside me and Wayne leaned out the passenger window and yelled, "Not today! Not ever!"

Jackie giggled.

That's when I realized Wayne wasn't really asking for my permission. He was trying to tell me what Jackie couldn't tell me through all that giggling. I wasn't happy for all of three minutes, then, like a best friend should, I forgave her and blessed their relationship.

So, who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Saturday, it will be William Alexander -- Jackie dad's -- turn. Not mine. My turn was over 30 years ago when I gave her away to be his girlfriend.



Congratulations to the future Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Flowers.

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Three generations of the Hendry family accepted the award for "Farm Family of the Year." Clyde and Nancy Hendry along with son Brett, daughter-in-law, Kari, and grandson, Kale. The award was presented by County Extension Director Clay Olson and TCFB board member Jerry Register.

Clay Olson (left) and Henry Davis have a combined 64 years of service to Taylor County's agricultural community.



A cake auction, coupled with private donations, raised \$2,000 for the Henry Davis Scholarship Fund.



This year's recipients of awards from the Henry Davis Scholarship Fund were presented plaques by the scholarship's namesake, Mr. Henry Davis. Shown are: (left to right) Davis, Zane Land, Taylor Land, Makenzie Bishop and Makenzie Ridgeway. Not pictured is Ava Musselwhite.

All in the (Farm Bureau) family



Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick was the evening's special guest speaker.

Three generations of Hendrys were on hand to accept the "Farm Family of the Year" award presented by Taylor County Farm Bureau (TCFB) during its Annual Meeting held in September.

Clyde and Nancy Hendry were joined by their son, Brett, daughter-in-law, Kara, and grandson, Kale, during the award ceremony. Taylor County Extension Director Clay Olson and Farm Bureau board member Jerry Register presented the plaque to the family.

The presentation was a highlight of the evening, which included guest speaker Florida Farm Bureau President

John Hoblick.

Olson himself was recognized for his 36 years of service to Taylor County's agriculture community.

TCFB President Billy Wayne Murphy and Olson presented the \$500 Florida Farm Bureau Tobacco Scholarship to Owen Drawdy.

Members and guests enjoyed boiled peanuts and sweet tea during a "meet and greet." Taylor County High School's JROTC Color Guard presented the colors to signal the opening of the meeting.

Guests dined on smoked chicken -- cooked by the Taylor County Cookers from Burns Funeral

Home -- coleslaw, baked beans and rolls. A multitude of desserts, compliments of Farm Bureau members, rounded out the menu.

Local 4-H'ers from the Livestock Club volunteered as servers.

Scholarship namesake Henry Davis and 4-H Extension Agent Abbey Tharpe presented plaques to this year's recipients of the Henry Davis Scholarships.

The recipients will be attending Camp Cherry Lake thanks to the scholarships.

A cake auction held during the evening, along with personal donations, raised \$2,000 for the scholarship fund.

Taylor County Farm Bureau Who's Who

- President:** Billy W. Murphy
- Vice President:** Helen Houck
- Secretary:** Seth Drawdy
- Treasurer:** Billy LaValle
- Board Members:** Henry Davis, Jerry Register, LaDonna LaValle, Auley Rowell and Will Sapp
- Florida Farm Bureau Treasurer & District 5 State Director:** Rod Land
- Director of Field Services:** Halee McBeth
- Agency Manager:** Lance Braswell
- Agent:** Ryan Perry
- Administrative Staff:** Charlene Russell and Lorie Russell



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7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Little King & Queen Pageant and Miss Florida Forest Festival Pageant 6 p.m., Forest Capital Hall
14	15 Taylor County Historical Society meeting 7 p.m.	16 Local Candidate Mixer 6-8 p.m., The Venue (124 S. Jefferson St.)	17 Free Ethics Course 1 p.m., Supervisor of Elections office	18	19 Dinner Under the Pines Scholarship Dinner & Auction 5:30-8 p.m., BBTC	20
21 WorshipFest 2-10 p.m., Rosehead Park	22	23	24 Florida Forest Festival Carnival. Opens 6 p.m. Wednesday on Industrial Dr.	25 Florida Forest Festival Fireworks 8 p.m. Perry-Foley Airport	26 TCHS Homecoming Events begin with parade at 1 p.m.	27 Florida Forest Festival Events begin with 5-K run at 8 p.m. in downtown Perry
28	29	30	31 Trunk-or-Treat 6-8 p.m. Jefferson St. & Steinhatchee Community Center			



Ellen Smith (left) with Potter's House was among the guest speakers at the Oct. 7 Community Prayer Service.



Calvary Baptist Church pastor Ben Kimmell also took the podium to lead the group in prayer.



The First Baptist Church Praise Team performed during the service. Members include: Cindy Worsham, Danielle Robinson, David Sullivan, Deborah Brooks, Sara Sue Grambling, Scott Barton, Cecile Hance, Meridy Robertson and Ken Blue. (Photos by Jessica Moore)

Churches lift voices to 'pray as one' for Taylor community

Taylor County came together "as one" Sunday, Oct. 7, for the fourth Community Prayer Service hosted by local churches.

Hundreds of supporters filled the pews at First Baptist Church (FBC) as guest speakers led them in prayer for the local and global "unreached," for a renewed vision for churches to minister to, and care for, the welfare of the community and for "God's people who are persecuted around the world."

Speakers included:

- Ben Kimmell of Calvary, who led in a time of opening adoration and thanksgiving.

- Sister Ellen Smith led prayer for the holiness of local churches.

- Dwayne Searcy of Calvary led prayer for the

global persecuted church.

- Mason Calloway of Perry First Assembly led prayer for local and global evangelism.
- Steven Ruff of FBC led

prayer for local churches to recover a sense of service to the local community.

- Tony Graham of → Please see page 7

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By SARAH HALL

Democracy is a team sport... spectators simply don't count

Our prayer

Lord God, help us to grow, to understand Your will and Your way. We are experiencing paradigm shifts and changes today. Our world is topsy-turvy in everything!

O God, we thank You that You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Thank you for being the God that You are!

Help us to continue to stand on Your written word and Your solid promises. Continue to give us that silent and mysterious element called faith. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

God bless survivors

We salute National Awareness of Breast Cancer Month and we thank God for blessing all the cancer survivors.

What do we learn?

We learn courage when we face danger. We learn patience when we endure suffering. We learn tenderness when we taste pain. We discover true friendship when false ones forsake us. We learn to prize freedom when we are in danger of losing it.

--referenced from

Dr. Robert H. Schuller's book "Life's Not Fair but God is Good"

Prayer focus

Please keep these friends in your prayers: the Reverends Chester and Carolyn Demps, Hazel Mickens, Charlotte Hugger and Beverly Irvine.

Things to think about

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

--Thomas Alva Edison

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work."

--Thomas Alva Edison

"Every word of God is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him."

--Proverbs 30:5

City Wide Mission meets Sunday

City Wide Mission Ministry's next session will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at 2:30 p.m. The event will be held at New Jerusalem P.B. Church with the Rev. Floyd Miles as pastor.

10 compelling reasons to vote

- To honor those in our military who courageously fight for us, and our law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency workers who respond to our needs and defend the peace at home. Those who sacrifice their personal well-being in the name of our safety and security deserve our respect. Voting is a way of giving them and their families our word of honor for their heroism.

- To honor people who struggled for civil rights, women's suffrage and the ideals of justice. For all whose diverse voices are essential for our nation's moral health and community vitality. Freedom needs affirmation. Voting is a way to

assure that our rights are protected by strengthening the voices of those for whom rights are sacred and need to be defended.

- To be a good example to our children and grandchildren by exercising the right to vote as a symbol of our faith in democracy. By voting we send a signal of the importance of the choices we as adults make to secure a better future for ourselves, for our children and for the generations who will follow.

- Voting is our society's great equalizer. No matter our station in life, income, ethnic heritage or social status, every eligible citizen over age 18 has the same power of one vote.

- Pollsters do not determine who wins elections. Voters do. Predicting the outcome of elections, especially close ones, is at best an inexact science. Pollsters and political pundits have their roles, but like each of us, they only have one vote.

- Elections should not be about negative ads, it should be about the options we have to promote positive policy actions. Voting for candidates in whom we believe, and for or against ballot initiatives we know will affect our future, is a perfect counterbalance to the flood of negativity polluting the airwaves and filling our mailboxes.

- Voting is now more convenient than ever. Early voting reforms and the wide availability for alternative and absentee voting makes it all easier for us to participate. Democracy is a team sport... and spectators simply don't count.

- It's vital to be an informed voter. Pay attention to news reports and editorials about the campaigns. While how we vote is confidential, the fact that we voted, or failed to vote, is public record. Elected officials know which individuals and demographic groups are voting, and we who do vote are more likely to be influential in policy debates. Non-voters are voiceless and by not participating can become victims of their own neglect.

- Regret is preventable. The day after the election is one day too late, and "could have, should have" are sorry alternatives to acting. Have a "no excuses" attitude by committing to vote, ask others to join us in voting, and promote a positive approach to making a difference among family, friends and colleagues.

- Be part of making history. Because every indicator points to the prospect that the 2018 mid-term election will have an impact for years/decades to come, every vote is even more important. As a Floridian, I know how close elections can be. Being a participant in affecting history gives each of us a sense of pride in participation and the power to touch the future.

--Author unknown

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Pastor Chester Demps (left) and Co-Pastor Carolyn Demps will preside over anniversary services planned Wednesday, Friday and Sunday of next week.

Faith Baptist welcomes missionary Fried, quartet 'River Jordan' Sunday

Faith Baptist Church will host missionary Samuel Fried and the gospel quartet River Jordan Sunday, with services at 10 a.m.

Fried, who is with the Churches pray for strength

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River Jordan will perform

old time Southern gospel favorites with the flavor of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

A free fellowship lunch will follow the morning services.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Homecoming is this Sunday

Calvary Baptist Church will host its 57th annual Homecoming Sunday, with morning services beginning at 10:45 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds. A work day is set Saturday, starting at 8 a.m.

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11 a.m.
Sunday Evening
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Christian Tabernacle announces church's 30th anniversary celebration

Christian Tabernacle will host its 30th Pastoral and Church Anniversary with three days of services next week.

A "fire and consecration" service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.

A musical extravaganza is planned Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Anniversary services will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Breakfast and dinner will be served.

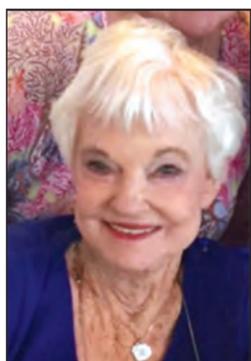
PRAY AS ONE

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Antioch Missionary Baptist Church led in prayer for the fatherless of the community and nation.

"The night was truly amazing. It was encouraging to see the body of Christ in Taylor County come together with one voice asking God to strengthen our churches and to pull down the barriers and destroy the attitudes that divide us," Senior Pastor Steven Ruff said.

Obituaries



Janis Coleene Dickert

Janis Coleene Dickert

Janis Coleene Dickert, 90, died Oct. 8, 2018, in Perry. Coleene was born Oct. 10, 1927, in Perry to Cecil Shealy and Nannie Ross Shealy.

Coleene was a member of First Baptist Church of Perry. She was a homemaker and an avid Gator fan. She lettered in basketball and played the clarinet in the band with Taylor County High School. She loved her family and friends, and loved to get together for cookouts, dining, dancing and having fun; she was the life of the party.

Coleene was preceded in death by: her husband, Jerry Dickert; her parents, Cecil Shealy and Nannie Ross Shealy; two brothers, Cecil and Cleo; and one sister, Berneese Brown.

She is survived by: her children, Paul (Laura) Dickert and Mark (Lori) Dickert; five grandchildren, Erin, Adam, Ray, Haile and Dylan; and four great-grandsons, Cole, Mason, Luke and Tripp; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Perry with Brother Steve McHargue and Brother Gary French officiating. Entombment services will follow immediately afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, from 1-2 p.m., at the church.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Perry. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com.



James 'Jimmy' Brian Tyler

James "Jimmy" Brian Tyler, 61, died Oct. 9, 2018, in Perry. Jimmy was born July 5, 1957, in Tallahassee to Stanley and Shirley Courtney Tyler.

Jimmy honorably served his country in the United States Army during Desert Storm. He was a member of San Pedro Baptist Church. He worked as a

pipefitter in the construction industry. He was an avid outdoorsman, and loved hunting and fishing. Jimmy also was a member of the Boy Scouts.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Courtney Tyler; and his brother, Stephen Tyler Sr.

Jimmy is survived by: his father, Stanley Tyler and wife, Deek, of Perry; his son, Bryan Tyler and daughter, Samantha Tyler; his brother, David Tyler; and his sister, Cathy Jenkins and her husband, Robbie; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home of Perry with Brother Eddie Pridgeon officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the



James Brian Tyler

service, from 2-3 p.m., at the funeral home.

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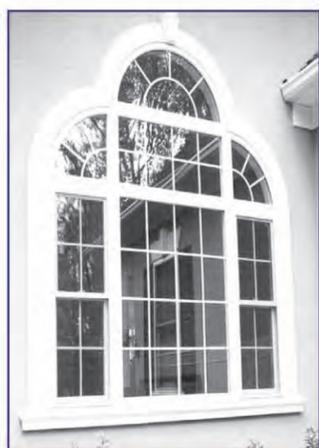


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Bulldogs celebrate senior night against Williston

The Taylor County High School (TCHS) Bulldogs' football team has jumped back into the play-off race thanks to a 34-0 shut-out victory over Jefferson County last Friday night in Monticello.

The Bulldogs (2-4 overall) snapped a four-game losing streak last Friday night when they blanked the Tigers, 34-0 to jump up to fifth place in the Class 3A, Region 1 power rankings.

The Bulldogs will host the (2-4) Williston Red Devils tonight (Friday) at Dorsett

Stadium with a chance to solidify their hold on one of the six play-off spots within their region.

The Red Devils are coming off a win themselves after defeating Belleview last week, 48-7.

Williston's other victory was against Newberry, 42-28.

Newberry's four losses have come against: Union County (18-14), Eastside (42-20), Madison County (46-6) and Fort White (32-12).

This season the Red

Devils have been outscored 173-142 so far, with a roster featuring 34 players.

The Red Devils will be led by senior cornerback and running back Quinyon Mitchell, who has committed to play for Toledo and holds 13 other Division 1 college football scholarship offers.

Mitchell accounts for more than 80% of the Red Devils' total offense and servers as their lock-down cornerback (matched up against the opposing team's top receiver) when Williston goes on defense.

In 2017, Williston went 5-6 while making their first playoff appearance since 2009.

The Red Devils managed to edge the Bulldogs out late in the game last year by a score of 28-27.

Williston was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Pahokee 41-17.

Taylor County (#5) just entered the top six of their regional power rankings, which would mean a playoff spot if the season were to end today.

The Bulldogs will look

to avenge their loss from last year to the Red Devils tonight (Friday) at 7 p.m. -- which will also serve as "Senior Night."

Taylor County has 10 seniors that will be acknowledged tonight, including: Dacorian Bellamy, Devante Glover, Kavan Thomas, Thomas Bethea, Joseph Morgan, Max Kallschmidt, Cade Johnson, Gregory Warf, Travis Day and Nathan Hendry.

Senior night will take place 40 minutes before game time beginning at 6:20 p.m.

CLASS 3A REGION 1 FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS (Through Week Seven)	
Top six teams will advance to play-offs	
School Point	Average
Florida High	43.00
Baldwin.....	40.33
St. Joseph.....	39.71
Pensacola Catholic	38.57
Taylor County	37.50
Episcopal.....	35.83
Fort White	35.00
Providence	33.50
Newberry	30.83

Stephens is UF's top TE threat

For the second straight week, former Taylor County Bulldog standout Moral Stephens played a key role in leading his University of Florida (UF) Gators football team to a key Southeastern Conference (SEC) victory.

This past Saturday, UF squeaked by Louisiana State University (LSU), 27-19 thanks to yet another touchdown reception by Stephens, who once again caught the only passing touchdown of the game from QB Feleipe Franks.

Six games into the 2018 season, Stephens has emerged as the top receiving threat at the tight end position for the Gators, leading the other five tight ends who have combined for 10 catches, 101 yards and a touchdown.

Stephens has racked up nearly that much production all by himself, catching six passes for 76 yards and three touchdowns.

"When I first got here, my opportunity was limited, as far as with the different coaches and the scheme they had for the team," Stephens said.

"As soon as I saw in the spring how he (UF Head Coach Dan Mullen) was splitting us out and putting us in situations where I could run routes and use my ability that I always have had since high school, I knew it was gonna be a big year for me," Stephens added.

This past Saturday, the Gators baited the Tigers perfectly by faking a quarterback draw by Franks, allowing Stephens to slip out and catch a wide-open

touchdown pass from Franks on a corner route.

Mullen is seeing a lot of potential for his offense opening up as a result of Stephens' play and is bummed that Stephens wasn't developed sooner.

"It's a tragedy that we don't have him for longer, where he can get a real offseason to let his body develop," the first-year coach said.

"He might have a future even beyond this year if he decides to work at it, because I think he's just scratching the surface for what his development could

have been," Mullen added.

Through six games in 2018, the transformation is impossible to overlook. Stephens has six catches this season, and three of those have been touchdown receptions.

The first one came in a loss to Kentucky, but the other two TD catches have come at key moments in games that have helped push Florida to victories over Mississippi State and LSU.

Not only does Stephens lead all Gator tight ends, he is tied for the team lead in touchdown with wide receivers Van Jefferson and

Freddie Swain.

Along with that production, Stephens has often been a key blocker for Florida this season, and he believes his improvement in that area helped him catch the attention of his new coaches.

Florida is now 5-1 on the season and is ranked #14 in the latest football poll after beginning the season unranked.

Stephens looks to extend his touchdown catch streak to three games this Saturday as the Gators travel to Nashville to face conference-foe Vanderbilt at noon.



Moral Stephens caught his third touchdown of the season in the Gators' win against LSU.



Lady Bulldog Harmony Glanton goes high to spike the ball during recent action. The TCHS varsity team will advance to the state playoffs as the #3 seed.

PG&CC postpones 4-Ball tourney

Due to Hurricane Michael, the Perry Golf & Country Club (PG&CC) Board of Directors has decided to postpone the Four-Ball Tournament that was scheduled for this weekend.

PG&CC will send out

information later when the tournament is rescheduled.

"We are still going to have our monthly social on Friday night, Oct. 12, and would like to invite everyone to attend. Bring a steak for the grill and enjoy some

karaoke thanks to Danny and Toni Everett," PG&CC Board Member Donald Blue said.

The PG&CC hopes to have the course playable in time for the 1 p.m. scramble this weekend.

Lady Bulldogs earn #3 seed

The Taylor County High School (TCHS) varsity volleyball team had two matches postponed over this past week due to school closures for Hurricane Michael.

Those games — against Hamilton County and Dixie County — will not be made up due to it being the final week to play regular season

games, according to the FHSSA, therefore the Lady Bulldogs will advance to the playoffs as the #3 seed.

Taylor County is 4-7 on the season, as they have dropped their last three matches heading into the district tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs returned to practice today (Friday) in preparation

for the start of the district tournament, which will begin next Tuesday, October 16.

Taylor County will travel to Tallahassee to take on Marianna in the semifinals next Tuesday in hopes of advancing to the district championship, which will be hosted by Florida High on Oct. 18 in Tallahassee.

TCMS tournament delayed by storm

The Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) volleyball team has had their conference tournament pushed back one week due to Hurricane Michael.

The Lady Bulldogs are now scheduled to host the conference tournament here in Perry on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

TCMS is now 6-5 on the regular season and has secured a bye in the first round of the playoffs, which the Bulldogs will host beginning next Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs will host the Eastern Division of the conference tournament, as they will play the winner out of Madison County and Suwannee County match immediately following that match next Tuesday around

6 p.m. If the Lady Bulldogs are victorious, they will advance on to face the winner of the Western Division for the

conference championship next Thursday, with the winner of the Western Division hosting the championship match.

Keaton Beach Fishing Report

Trout bite was great before Michael

By PAT MCGRIFF onemorecast@gtcom.net

Of course, this report was written before the storm hit, so I don't know if I will still be here or what the aftermath will bring, but before Hurricane Michael hit, the trout bite was on fire!

I had limits of 20, 15 and 15 trout — with one fish over 20 inches per each angler — each day.

I had the Hardegree boys from North Georgia out last Friday, and we caught beautiful trout all day. It was a great day with some great folks, as was each day over the weekend.

We caught trout and reds on live pinfish and pigfish under Back Bay Thunders in 4.0 — 5.5 feet of water.

On Saturday I took Aaron and Lindi Griner from Alapaha, Ga. out, and we had a wonderful day, with a slow morning due to a tide-equalizing east w-i-n-d.

But, when the tide turned, we caught 10 trout in short order. The first two keepers came on my Assassin "Acid Rain" sea shad, and then the bite was ON, as we caught eight trout in under 20 minutes.

We also had two nice reds for the day as well.

On Sunday, I had my buddies Jim and Zack Bruchey of Moultrie, Ga. out, and we waxed 15 trout

and two nice reds. Hopefully I will be able to send you a report next week.

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'Venom' is an old-school comic book movie

I've never read the Spider-Man comics, but I've seen enough of the cartoons and movies to have a decent grasp of the character and his various villains and allies. So, I knew enough of Venom to know that his portrayal in "Spider-Man 3" was an affront to most fans.

With Sony signing off the rights of Spider-Man himself to Marvel and the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), the studio is trying to figure out how to make movies (and more importantly, money) with all of the characters they still control, including Venom.

Their first attempt to create their own cinematic universe is "Venom," with Tom Hardy ("The Dark Knight Rises") as Eddie Brock, a reporter who asks a few too many questions and finds himself infected with an alien symbiote (like a parasite).

Since Venom's character in the comics is inextricably linked to Spider-Man, the writers had to come up with a different story, one involving an Elon Musk-type billionaire named Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed, "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story"). When Eddie goes too far in an interview, he ruins both his own

career and that of his fiancée, Anne (Michelle Williams, "The Greatest Showman"). Then comes his encounter with Venom, an alien symbiote brought to Earth by Drake to create a better human that can survive in space.

Eddie discovers that if he wants to survive Drake's goons, as well as Venom's fellow symbiotes, he will need to work together with the entity inside his body and his mind.

"Venom" really feels like a comic book movie made 15 years ago, before Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy or the MCU, when adaptations tried to bring the zaniness of the comics to the big screen rather than ground them in reality. There's not a problem with that approach, but "Venom" is also trying to be a hard PG-13 horror film in superhero tights, and this results in some really

wonky tonal shifts, especially with Venom's character, who is very sarcastic and makes jokes with Eddie.

"Venom" does provide some fun, and it's not nearly as bad as a lot of critics are saying.

The movie is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and for language



'A Star is Born' is a tale of music and heartbreak

To be completely honest, "A Star is Born" is probably not a film I would have gone to see if I didn't review movies. It looked great, but based on the trailers, I felt it was going to include some serious heartbreak in addition to its music. And, I was right, but I'm glad I went to see the movie, because it is an exceptional debut directing effort from Bradley Cooper ("American Sniper") and boasts a wonderful performance from Lady Gaga ("American Horror Story").

This is the fourth time Hollywood has told this story. The original version debuted in 1937 with Janet Gaynor and Fredrick Marsh, followed by remakes in 1954 starring Judy Garland and James Mason, as well as 1976 starring Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson.

The story follows an alcoholic musician (Cooper), who meets a young singer (Lady Gaga) and helps her find fame just as his own

career is beginning to sink.

First off, let me say that Cooper can sing much better than I ever expected, and Lady Gaga can act even better. Cooper has played broken characters before for award-winning directors David O. Russell in "Silver Linings Playbook" and Clint Eastwood in "American Sniper." He was nominated for both performances, but his work in "A Star is Born" may be his best yet. I could see him and Lady Gaga earning nods this awards season, as well as the film itself.

In addition to the performances, the music is also quite good, and I'm considering buying the soundtrack -- not something I was expecting going in.

There is definitely heartbreak along this journey, but the story, the characters and the music make it worth taking the trip.

The film is rated R for language throughout, some sexuality/nudity and substance abuse.



THIS WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES



Okay, folks, so I don't know when theaters in our area will re-open after Hurricane Michael, but hopefully it will be soon, because there are some very interesting films to consider this weekend.

Up first is "Bad Times at the El Royale" from writer/director Drew Goddard, who wrote and directed the modern horror classic "Cabin in the Woods" and penned the Academy Award-nominated script for "The Martian." This film looks to be a mystery thriller with a bit of Quentin Tarantino flare thrown in, following a group of strangers who arrive at the title hotel, each with their own agenda and secrets. The trailers have done a great job of making the film look very intriguing without giving away much, if any, of the story. What I do know is the film has a great cast that includes Jeff Bridges ("Kingsman: The Golden Circle"), Jon Hamm ("Baby Driver"), Chris Hemsworth ("Avengers: Infinity War"), Dakota Johnson ("50 Shades of Grey") and more. I really



don't know if the film will be as good as it looks like it will be, but I can't wait to find out.

The film is rated R for strong violence, language, some drug content and brief nudity.

Up next is another Oscar contender, "First Man." Directed by Damien Chazelle ("Whiplash," "La La Land") and written by Josh Singer ("Spotlight," "The Post"), the film tells the story of astronaut Neil Armstrong (Ryan Reynolds, "Blade Runner 2049"), from his life at home to the famed mission that led to him becoming the first man to set foot on the moon. The film looks beautiful based on the trailers, giving everything a very 60s-era aesthetic. The early buzz has been extremely positive from both the critics who got to see the film at its festival premiere, as well as Armstrong's own sons. This is sure to be a Best Picture contender once awards season begins.

The film is rated PG-13 for some thematic content involving peril and brief



strong language.

Finally, we have "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," the second film based on the works of prolific children's author R.L. Stine. The first film was a bit of a surprise hit back in 2015, so it's not really a shock that a sequel has arrived. The first film made the interesting choice of inserting a fictionalized version of Stine into the movie (played by Jack Black) along with his books, which magically contain the monsters he wrote about. This time around, a group of kids once again unleash the horrors onto their town when they open the one book Stine never meant to be found, "The Haunted Halloween." I'm not sure how large a part Black will have in this film, as he doesn't show up in the trailers, but if he's in it, he will be competing against himself in "The House with a Clock in Its Walls."

The movie is rated PG for scary creature action and images, some thematic elements, rude humor and language.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HURRICANE MICHAEL

Several events in the region have been canceled or postponed due to Hurricane Michael and others may still be canceled later, so be sure to call before purchasing tickets. As of presstime, the "Kevin Hart: The Irresponsible Tour" event at Donald Tucker Civic Center scheduled for this Friday has been canceled, as well as the Tallahassee Artist Series' concert featuring pianist Arsentiy Kharitonov on Sunday. The Panacea Oyster Festival scheduled for Sunday has been postponed. Additionally, the Party in the Pines has been canceled for reasons unrelated to the storm.

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 14

The Studio Theatre at Theatre Tallahassee presents "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani. On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But, the bruises heal, and the hearts mend -- almost -- in this delightful mid-winter night's dream. **HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE:** This weekend's shows are still scheduled to happen, although organizers continue to monitor the storm. Remaining performances are Oct. 12-13 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at theatretallahassee.org or by calling (850) 224-8474.

OCT. 5-14

The Florida State University School of Theatre opens its 2018-19 season with "Eurydice" by Susan Ruhl at the Lab Theatre in Tallahassee. Moments after saying "I do," Orpheus's bride draws her last breath. Ripped from her beloved Orpheus and taken to the underworld, Eurydice struggles to decide between life on earth with her husband or death in the underworld with her father. Descend into this fantastical reimagining of the classic Greek myth where gods are cheeky boys on bicycles and the only way to get there is by elevator. Complete with dark humor and wit, it is sure to have you laughing and on the edge of your seat just dying to know what happens after "till death do us part." **HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE:** The Oct. 12 performance has been canceled due to FSU being closed, but as of presstime, the performances on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. are still on. The production has also added a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 13. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets, visit tickets.fsu.edu or call (850) 644-6500. For more information, visit theatre.fsu.edu.

OCT. 17-21

FAMU Essential Theatre's Mainstage Series presents "In the Red and Brown



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"Water" by Tarell Alvin McCraney. Oya is a teenager growing up in the projects in Louisiana. As a high school track star, she has the chance to escape poverty with a full scholarship to college, but sacrifices her ambition to stay home to care for her ailing mother. Written by the Academy Award-winning director of "Moonlight," this lyrical and intoxicating story explores love, loss and hope in times of sadness. The play contains strong language and is recommended for ages 13 and older. Midweek performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. (\$8 general admission). Weekend performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.; tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and FAMU employees, \$8 for students/children and free for FAMU students with ID. For more information, call (850) 561-2425 or visit www.famu.edu/EssentialTheatre.

NOV. 30 - DEC. 9

The Monticello Opera House presents a special Christmas holiday production of the play "The Long Goodbye," a dramedy by Perry native Anthony Lamarr. The play is a story of love, of hope and having to let go. For Mrs. Pet, disbelief is the easiest way to deal with the death of her only child, 30-year-old Amy. For Clarence, Mrs. Pet's husband, and Terry, her son-in-law, time is the best medicine. It's been nearly two years since Amy died on Christmas morning, and for two years, Mrs. Pet has patiently waited for her return, believing that Amy really didn't die -- she just went away until her illness is cured. Mrs. Pet has been trapped in time since that morning, refusing to remove her Christmas décor. It's Christmas year-round at Mrs. Pet's. The play is being produced in collaboration with the Florida A&M University theatre department.



FESTIVALS

OCT. 11-14

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak will host the third annual **Suwannee Roots Revival**, featuring scores of musical acts, including Oteil & Friends, Leftover Salmon, Donna the Buffalo, Keller Williams' Petty Grass featuring The Hill Benders, Horseshoes & Hand Grenades, Samantha Fish and Shinyribs. **HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE:** The festival will go on as planned, according to organizers. Weekend tickets (which include primitive camping) are \$175 in advance and \$150 for students and military members. Tickets at the gate will be \$200. Saturday/Sunday tickets are \$150. Single-day tickets are \$50 for Thursday or Sunday and \$80 for Friday or Saturday. For more information, visit www.suwanneerootsrevival.com.

OCT. 13

Taylor County's 2018 Florida Forest Festival royalty -- including **Miss Florida Forest Festival, Little King and Little Queen** -- will be



FESTIVALS

crowned during ceremonies held at Forest Capital Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Three Taylor County teens will vie for the Miss Florida Forest Festival crown, while 19 contestants will participate in the Little King and Queen Pageant, dressed as different characters from beloved Dr. Seuss books for a grand opening number sure to have the audience cheering and rhyming...and craving green eggs and ham. Admission is \$5. WCTV's Amy Robinson will serve as emcee for the evening, and entertainment will be provided by the Miss Florida Forest Festival candidates.

OCT. 13

Mayo will host its annual **Pioneer Day** with events including a parade beginning at 10 a.m., an art show at Lafayette State Bank lobby, arts and crafts vendors and more.

OCT. 24-27

The **Florida Forest Festival** kicks into high gear when the carnival opens Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. Fireworks will light the skies Thursday, Oct. 25. The festival takes over downtown Perry on Friday, Oct. 26, with a schedule that includes the Kids' Parade, "Strutt Your Mutt" Contest, Kids' K Fun Run, Gaslight Parade and more. The big day dawns Saturday, Oct. 27, beginning with a 5-K run at 8 a.m. and the King Tree Parade at 10. The action then shifts to Forest Capital Park for live music, forestry competitions, a classic car show and more, including the "World's Largest Free Fish Fry." For more information, visit www.floridaforestfestival.org or call (850) 584-TREE.



CONCERTS

OCT. 12

The NFCC Artist Series presents the Chuck Roberson Band & Review, "**Big Soul Explosion**," at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium located on the North Florida Community College campus in Madison. The living legend Chuck Roberson is the quintessential journeyman of Southern soul. A dynamic rhythm and blues singer, Roberson was born in Augusta, Ga. He moved with his family to Madison (Fla.), where he spent his formative years and discovered his deep passion for music. His professional career began in the 1970s and took a major step forward when he signed with R&B powerhouse Ecko Records in the '90s. He remains one of the most consistently-played artists on contemporary Southern soul radio. The concert will feature a live band and local singer Callie Buchanan. Tickets are \$15 for general admission with open seating. For more information about the concert or to purchase tickets, visit www.nfcc.edu/artist-series/.

If you have an event you would like included in our calendar of events, please call us at 850-584-5513.

Party in the Pines canceled, but not because of Michael

The second annual Party in the Pines Music Festival scheduled for Oct. 19-20 in White Springs has been canceled.

On Wednesday, festival organizers posted the following message on their website and Facebook page: "It is with a heavy heart that Party in the Pines Music

Festival has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. We are working on a plan to compensate ticket holders and sponsors. Details will be posted to our website partyinthepines.com and social media pages soon. "We realize this impacts many people in many different ways. We apologize

to our supporters and team members who have worked hard to bring this event to our community."

The festival was to have a musical line-up featuring Zac Brown Band, Little Big Town, Kip Moore, Luke Combs, Dan & Shay, Granger Smith, The Cadillac Three and more.



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Perry-Foley Airport was chosen as a major staging area for Duke Energy crews restoring power in the panhandle following damage from Hurricane Michael. "Duke needed a very large area very quickly, and Taylor County offered the airport as an option," Airport Manager Ward Ketring said Thursday. "We have crews here from over 20 states awaiting clearance to go into the damaged areas. Once they get the clearance, they are not far away. We are pleased we were able to offer our facility to the hurricane recovery efforts." Shown from above, the line of trucks -- three to four wide -- runs a mile long down the airport's runway. In total, there are 600 vehicles and 2,000 crew members expected at the airport. "They're planning on feeding 2,000 people at the airport tonight," Ketring said. "I've never seen anything like this."



Wind-whipped storm waters rose five to seven feet above normal along the Taylor County coast, and sparks flew inland as hundreds lost power, but local residents escaped the worst of Hurricane Michael's wrath on Wednesday. While many reached out to loved ones in the Panhandle and were horrified by photos of familiar landmarks completely destroyed in Panama City and Mexico Beach, locals were counting their blessings and turning their thoughts to how they could help neighbors to the west. The shelter at Taylor County Elementary School, which was manned by school district volunteers, housed a troop of National Guard soldiers along with 25 people seeking shelter from the storm. The pet-friendly shelter saw life renewed when a pet mouse gave birth to a litter of babies during their stay (at right).



Johnson: 'Blountstown looks like a bomb went off'

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power! It was horrific, but we are blessed because we are alive!"

Former Taylor County High School (TCHS) teacher and football coach Beau Johnson and his family evacuated to stay with family in northern

Georgia, leaving his home in Blountstown, where he serves as the Tigers' head football coach.

"From all reports, Blountstown looks like a bomb went off. I had to assume my family home is completely destroyed, but at least my wife and son are with me safe. I've never dealt with anything

like this," Johnson said on Thursday.

"The school resource officer called to tell us they think our house survived, but it is surrounded by downed trees. We won't know for sure until the roads are clear enough so we can get back in to check," Johnson said, adding that much of the county did not fare as well,

including the Tigers' football field.

"The home bleachers and the lights at the stadium are all gone," Johnson said.

"Just down the street from our house, Calhoun Liberty Hospital has major damage. The roof was ripped off and they are running on a generator. Patient rooms have broken windows.

Staff vehicles have broken windows and are dented. We are stuck here until we have access to roads.. It is hard for EMS to get to people due to the severity of damages.

We are praying for everyone -- especially those who are injured and need help. The devastation in Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe is just awful."

Taylor County Administrator Ted Lakey's family evacuated Port St. Joe on Monday and has not yet been able to return to evaluate the damage.

"We have only seen one photo of the neighborhood, so we do not yet know if the home survived or how much damage was done," Lakey said Thursday.



Let's celebrate!



The 63rd annual Florida Forest Festival officially kicks off this Saturday with the combined Little King & Queen and Miss Florida Forest Festival Pageant. Some 19 little saplings will vie for the Little King and Little Queen crowns, while three teens will compete for the Miss Florida Forest Festival title. (Above, right) The junior contestants will dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters for the "Welcome to Seussville" program. (Above, left) The three young ladies seeking the Miss Florida Forest Festival crown are (left to right) Jenna Lee, the daughter of Page and Erica Lee; Abbyanna Stewart, the daughter of Gil and Tammy Stewart; and Haley Suzzett Armstrong, the daughter of Thomas and Marlene Harrison. Saturday's ceremonies will be held at Forest Capital Hall, starting at 6 a.m. Admission is \$5.

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and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpointe Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 163, Maitland, Florida 32751, email: gov@counterpointees.com. All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by the Agency on or before October 29, 2018. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should

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appear at the public hearing. In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (386) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing. By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018
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Be on the lookout for Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida AmeriCorps members in action around Taylor County!

service program that provides opportunities for individuals to serve their communities in many different capacities in exchange for a living stipend, educational award

and valuable on-the-job experience. AmeriCorps members commit to one year of service, and not only provide academic enrichment and mentoring

to youth at the Boys and Girls Club, but they also can be seen throughout the community where there is a need. From school book fairs and Special Olympic

events to storm clean-up crews, you can count on AmeriCorps members to "Get things done." The program begins in August each year and runs until the following July.

Please contact Meridith@bgcperry.com or call (850) 584-8448 for more information on the program, and how you can join the AmeriCorps team.



AmeriCorps members were spotted helping out at the Taylor County Elementary School Book Fair recently. Shown above are AmeriCorps members Alyssa Broome, Carley Ondash, Alyssa Wilson and Kinley Dorman.

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Scholarship dinner will be held Oct. 19

On Friday, Oct. 19, Big Bend Technical College (BBTC) will host its second annual "Dinner Under the Pines" scholarship dinner and auction. The event, held at the BBTC campus, will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$25 and include a one-pound ribeye steak, potato, salad, dessert and drink. Items up for auction

include a custom-made BBQ grill, cowboy grills, fire pit rings and much more. There will also be a raffle for a cowboy grill and door prizes. "Bring a non-perishable food item and get extra door prize tickets!" organizers said. All proceeds go to BBTC's Career and Technical Education (CTE) scholarship fund.



Early voting will begin at the Taylor County Supervisor of Elections Office (located at 433 U.S. 19 N.) Monday, Oct. 22, and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 3, for 13 consecutive days.

Early voting hours will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day. Any voter in the county may vote early in lieu of going to their precinct on Election Day.

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