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Serial killer confesses to Perry murder

Ruby Lane was 19 years old when she flagged down a stranger and asked for a ride.

The man picked her up, drove off and – less than mile down the road – killed her. He discarded her body in a wooded area just over the county line in Madison and left town.

Lane's body fell prey to the elements. Seven years

passed before her skeletal remains were discovered, and another 14 years slid by before those remains were positively identified.

During that time, her family gained some closure knowing she was gone and not simply "missing."

A decade later, the case has finally neared closure, as Lane's killer confessed to his crime.

Just as investigators suspected, Lane was one of several dozen victims of confessed serial killer Sam Little, who has been convicted for three murders in California and is the prime suspect in 20 more unsolved cases.

Last week, Perry Police Department (PPD) detective Lin Gray and Ray Kellerman were invited

to interview Little at the prison in Texas where he is being held on yet another confessed murder.

During that interrogation Thursday, Dec. 20, Little confessed to killing Lane.

"He had information that has never been released. Intimate knowledge of the crime that only someone involved would know," PPD Chief Jamie Cruse said.

"He gave detailed information on the circumstances and events surrounding her death, and was able to describe, in detail, where he disposed of her body. It is without a doubt that he is the person who killed Ruby Lane. We are working with the State Attorney's Office to bring charges against him and bring resolution to this

case," Cruse said.

At the time of her death, Lane was a Perry resident. Few details about her past are known, except that she battled a drug addiction.

"In many ways, she fit the profile of Little's other victims – he preyed on those who lived on the fringes of society, the ones who would

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Mercy or justice?

Whiddon gets life

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Managing Editor

Rodney Whiddon slid the needle into the vein with a junkie's finesse. The powerful combination of Dilaudid and Fentanyl slammed into his son's bloodstream with the power and speed of a super sonic train.

Nearly a decade later, Manden Whiddon, 24, recalled that first intravenous high at the hands of his father like the memory of a first lover's kiss.

"I remember thinking, 'I want to feel like this for the rest of my life,'" Whiddon said. "If you are an addict and you're looking for a high, the advantage to using intravenously is the euphoria is instant. As soon as you push it in, it's over."

The same could almost be said of the life Manden Whiddon led after that pivotal moment – one that ultimately led to the death of a beloved teacher and splintered not only the lives of her family, but also Whiddon's

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One murder: 3 paths to life in prison

While only one individual has been charged and found guilty of Shelly Strickland's murder, two others have also been held accountable for charges related to the central crime.

Assistant State Attorney Will Washington detailed how the cases against all three defendants – Garrett Arrowood, Rodney Whiddon and Manden Whiddon – addressed all elements of the murder.

"Garrett Arrowood was charged and convicted of murder. Manden Whiddon was charged with accessory after the fact and armed burglary as well as dealing

in stolen property and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Rodney Whiddon pled guilty to dealing in stolen property. All are charges that stemmed from the murder," Washington said.

Arrowood, who turns 30 on Jan. 9, and (Manden) Whiddon, who is 24, are both serving life sentences for their crimes. (Rodney) Whiddon, who turned 52 in late November, is serving a 30-year prison sentence.

"There is no such thing as parole in the state of Florida anymore, not since

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Strickland's family confronts Whiddon

"We – me and Garrett and my dad – went to her house with intentions of stealing items and she came home and Garrett shot her once and then my dad finished her...shot her two more times."

Much has been said and written in the nearly three and one-half years since Shelly Strickland was found shot to death at her home on O'Steen Road. Yet few statements have carried the power of this condensed version of events given by one of the three men (Manden Whiddon, his father, Rodney Whiddon,

and Strickland's nephew, Garrett Arrowood) who were allegedly involved in the crime.

Manden Whiddon, 24, delivered the succinct statement at the beginning of his testimony in Friday's violation of probation sentencing hearing before Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson.

Its impact no doubt pierced the hearts of Strickland's loved ones who were the courtroom – though for very different reasons, as evidenced by their subsequent testimony. Strickland's daughter,

Jessica Strickland Howard, was clear in both her acceptance of the statement and her desire for justice.

In a prepared statement she read from the witness stand, Howard said the trio's motive for the robbery, to steal items they could sell and then use the money to buy drugs, "does not matter. You three took my mother's life. It is not fair. You admitted to entering the house, using the garage door opener. You described the interior of her home. I hate that you had

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New jail scanner finds meth in female suspect

Just a few days after being installed, a new full-body scanner at the Taylor County Jail helped confirm the presence of illegal contraband being introduced into the facility by a local woman arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

According to a Perry Police Department (PPD) report, Tammy Darlene Perry, 47, of Perry, was charged with possession of methamphetamine after an early-morning traffic stop Wednesday, Dec. 26 yielded a small amount of the illegal drug.

However, as she was being booked into the jail, the new body scanner helped confirm an officer's suspicions that Perry was attempting to conceal a larger amount of meth inside a body cavity.

PPD Ptl. Jamin Cephus stated that while on patrol he conducted a traffic stop of a silver Toyota car with an expired tag, a non-functioning passenger side tail light and no tag light.

Perry claimed responsibility for an open container of beer

in the vehicle, and when she was asked to exit the

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Tammy Darlene Perry

JROTC instructor is remembered

Veteran educator and JROTC instructor 1st Sgt. Eddie L. Smith was an inspiration to both co-workers and former students who will be remembered for

the discipline, guidance, direction and dedication provided to the cadets that served under him during his 23-year career at Taylor County High School

(TCHS). "1st Sgt. Smith was not only a soldier, but an educator," former Superintendent of Schools Paul Dyal said. "He took

students in his classroom and gave them a purpose, developed self-discipline and taught them about respect. I always admired how he got the best out of

each of his cadets. He will be missed."

"1st Sgt. Eddie Smith embodied what it means to be a teacher. He loved his cadets, staff and the Taylor County School District. He loved everything about being here. His firm, but gentle, spirit has touched the lives of the community of Taylor County for over 20 years. I was blessed to have known him as a colleague, but even more as a friend," Taylor School District Director of Personnel Michael Thompson said.

"1st Sgt. Smith was an amazing teacher, leader and mentor for our students, but he was an even better person. We lost a TCHS family member that was near and dear to so many. He is already sorely missed," TCHS Principal Charles

Finley said.

"1st Sgt. Smith was an extraordinary man. He not only served his country, but also served our community through our JROTC program," Superintendent of Schools Danny Glover Jr. said. "I believe you choose to go into education because you want to change students lives for the better. 1st Sgt. did just that."

"He made a difference in many lives. We were blessed to have had such an outstanding instructor and mentor for the students in Taylor County. He will be missed," Glover added.

Funeral services for Smith will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. at Cook County Middle School in Sparks, Ga.

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Current and former JROTC cadets helped honor 1st Sgt. Eddie Smith by contributing to a memorial shrine next to Ziegler's Florist on Jefferson Street thanks to longtime JROTC supporter Rachel Maddox. The memorial has since been moved inside the JROTC classroom at TCHS.

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Defense chronicles history of abuse, addiction

MERCY OR JUSTICE

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own family. During a violation of probation hearing Friday, Whiddon threw himself on the mercy of the court for his role in the shooting death of Shelly Strickland. His attorney said they were not there to prove his client's innocence, but rather "to educate the court" regarding the facts that led up to the prosecution of Manden Whiddon, his father, Rodney, and Strickland's nephew, Garrett Arrowood, for the June 2015 murder.

However, at the end of several hours of testimony that laid bare the shocking and sad details of Whiddon's abusive childhood and his descent into drug addiction, it became a matter of mercy versus justice.

He knew the consequences when he entered into that plea agreement and gave the testimony he did, and he knew the consequences when he chose to lie and recant his testimony.

— Judge Leandra Johnson

Third Circuit Judge Leandra Johnson said she had to rule on the side of justice, sentencing Whiddon to life in prison.

In issuing the ruling, Johnson stated, "We started at 9:30 a.m. this morning and it is now 4:45 p.m. It would be impossible for this court to know everything that happened in this case even if we stayed here another week.

"There are never any winners in this type of case on either side.

"First and foremost, someone was killed. That is a fact that we cannot ignore. An innocent person is dead as a result of the actions of these three individuals.

"The defendant (Manden Whiddon) did have a horrible childhood. But that is not an excuse for his actions.

"As I listen to the testimony of these witnesses and of the drug use involved, I am reminded of the terrible damage drugs can do. I have seen many such cases in my 37 years as part of the criminal justice system. And, I have to agree with one thing the defendant himself said during one of his psychological evaluations, and that is, 'I don't believe that there is a cure (for drug addiction) or anything a judge can do to make me stop until I want to.'

"If ever there was a truth spoken, that is it.

"The defendant was given numerous opportunities to address his drug problems and addiction. He just did not do it. That does not minimize the influence of his own father, who was his partner in crime. Here is the defendant, who is very articulate and intelligent. He knew when he entered into his plea agreement with the state what the penalties of violating it was. In fact, he told his grandmother on that tape 'I am looking at life.' He knew the consequences when he entered into that plea agreement and gave the testimony he did, and he knew the consequences when he chose to lie and recant his testimony.

"This is a sad case for everyone involved. It is sad for the defendant and for the victim's family. There are no winners here. But, this court is charged with administering justice. The defendant asks for mercy. The prosecution asks for justice. And, after considering everything, the defendant admits to willfully violating probation. It does constitute a willful violation of probation," she said.

Whiddon was sentenced to life in prison for armed

burglary and 15 years each (to run concurrent with the life sentence) for additional charges of dealing in stolen property and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

As the judge announced her decision and handed down the sentence, Whiddon, red-faced and wide-eyed, began to cry as he looked around the courtroom at family members sitting in the audience. His mother, Beverly Cannon, wailed and sobbed loudly with her head in a family member's lap.

Whiddon asked the judge for a chance to address the victim's family.

The judge agreed, but made it clear to Whiddon that the sentence had been handed down and would not change.

Standing and turning toward the side of the courtroom where Strickland's family members sat, Whiddon stated, "I just want to say that I am truly sorry. Mrs. Arrowood...Jessica...I am sorry. If I had to do it again, I would tell the truth. I am sorry. I was just under so much pressure. I am sorry. I am truly sorry. I am. I will wear this like a man."

Turning to the judge, Whiddon pleaded for some time to speak to his family.

"Please just give me a moment with my family. I have not seen them..." Whiddon begged before being cut off by the judge, who stated that any decision regarding visitation was up to the sheriff's office.

Obviously angry and upset, Whiddon marched quickly over to the fingerprinting station and hurriedly rolled each finger in ink as he was fingerprinted by the court officer.

Shaking his head side to side while staring at family members, Whiddon stated, "I wish I had it to do over again," before telling his stepfather, Troy Whitehurst, "I am sorry Troy. I really am."

Whiddon mouthed "I love you" in the direction of his mother and grandmother as he was led out of the courtroom.

Moments later his mother stormed out of the courtroom wailing.

It was an emotional ending to a day filled with harrowing testimony that cast a bright light on the shadowy sins of a family immersed in drugs and addiction.

Whiddon's mother testified that his father, whom she never married, was a known addict.

"The entire time I was with Rodney, he never hid it. He would snort a line this big right in front of you."

Cannon testified that she attempted to win custody of Manden by approaching "every attorney in town" and even one judge, but none would help her.

She and Rodney split when Manden was "8 or 9" and she moved to Georgia to live with Troy Whitehurst. Although the two never married, they share a pre-teen daughter.

Manden testified that while the family lived in Georgia, he helped Whitehurst cultivate marijuana.

"Troy was a pot farmer. He grew pot and lots of it," Whiddon said.

I would have done anything for it at that point. I was like my father's puppet I guess you could say. I was under his realm of mayhem.

— Manden Whiddon

During that time span, Whitehurst was busted in a federal case for cultivating cannabis.

"We were putting up this ruse that Troy was a millworker. When it (the arrest) came out in the paper...I had worked very hard in school to establish my position in the sports field, but when it came out I was the pot farmer's son, I went on the bench. My grades...everything went bad for me. I was shunned out of that school. I was too embarrassed to go to that school, and I dropped out. That was the breaking point, and I ended up coming back to Perry," Whiddon said.

Ironically, it was Whiddon's early foray into drug use that sparked a fight between Whitehurst and him.

"I started smoking marijuana, and Troy didn't want me smoking marijuana, and we got in a fight over it. That's when I called my granddad and dad. I was 15 when I moved back."

By that time, his father's drug of choice was Xanax, and Manden himself developed a raging addiction to Fentanyl.

"It was like a game...his drug of choice was Xanax, and he would get me to go to my granny's house and swipe them and trade to him for Fentanyl. I would have done anything for it at that point. I was like my father's puppet I guess you could say. I was under his realm of mayhem," Whiddon said.

Fast forward six years to 2015, Whiddon returned home after a two-year stint in prison to find that his father "had sold every bit of property we had - tractors, anything on the farm that my granddad had worked

his whole life to acquire - he (Rodney) sold it for next to nothing. We had absolutely nothing."

It was during this time (Manden) Whiddon reconnected with Garrett Arrowood.

"I met Garrett Arrowood in the county jail before I went to prison. We were in the same cell together. We just started eating food together, hanging out playing cards. We just became friends. That's how I met Garrett. I went to prison. He went to rehab," Whiddon said.

When the pair reconnected in the summer of 2015, Whiddon's father Rodney was drawn into the mix.

In the 36-to-48-hour window prior to Strickland's murder, Manden testified that "me and Garrett started hanging out, and he was talking about he wanted to go to his aunt's house to steal stuff. He could get in and it would be easy to do, and we did it. We were just riding around smoking drugs, and we went to my granny's farm and stole the water tank and sold it to Garrett's granddad, Mr. O'Steen. We actually were at the dump in Perry, we met him there and sold him the tank, and we were just riding around buying drugs. We stole a light pole out of the projects in Perry, and there was a pole barn near O'Steen Road we were trying to tear down to get the I-beams because Garrett was going to sell them to his granddad. He hooked his truck to them trying to snatch them down, but he couldn't get them to come down, so he was mad. His truck was about out of gas. We didn't have no money for no drugs or nothing. That's when the plan came about -- he wanted to go to his aunt's house and steal some items."

She told Manden she had spoken with an attorney in Tallahassee and "he said you could plead the Fifth. Tell them you plead the Fifth and that you were forced by two lawyers to fabricate a story. That way it comes to a stop."

Manden's response to his grandmother was, "You realize they will snatch my plea (deal) and give me a life sentence?"

She responded, "They can't give you a life sentence...plead the Fifth, and they all can just stand there with their friggin' mouths open."

That call, along with a note his father managed to have passed to Whiddon in jail, proved to be the tipping point and the next day, Manden recanted his early testimony - effectively killing the state's case murder case against his father.

On Friday, Manden told the judge "this was a lot of pressure. I felt like I was going to be disowned and not have any family left. I felt about an inch high. I just couldn't bring myself to do it. There was a tv in my cell, and I seen on tv I was set to testify against my father. It was more than I could bear. I felt so guilty about everything. I just completely had a mental breakdown. I actually cut my wrists, and I did what I did and I'm sorry for that. I'm trying to make it right, right now."

Whiddon stated that his original testimony was the truth and his subsequent denial of that testimony was a mistake.

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Grand jury indicts couple in Parks murder

A Leon County grand jury has indicted a married couple previously arrested for the murder of 32-year-old Derek Levy Parks. Parks' skeletal remains were discovered in Americus, Ga., in September – two months after he was reported missing from Tallahassee in July. On Thursday, Dec. 20, Tallahassee-area grand jurors returned murder-first

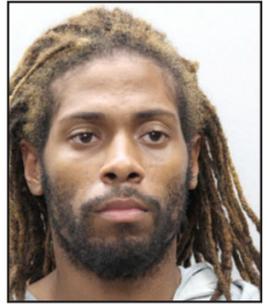
degree and accessory after the fact indictments against Terrelle Lamar Price-Brown, 25, and his husband, Jessie Daquan Price-Brown, 24, who initially met Parks through the gay dating app, Grinder. The court document states that on or about July 17, 2018, the couple killed Parks, who was first reported missing by family members in Perry on July

19. The case was assigned to the Tallahassee Police Department's Special Victims Unit. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that Parks was last seen with Jessie Daquan and Terrelle Lamar Price-Brown on July 16. The couple reportedly stayed at Parks' Tallahassee home for several days in June before leaving for

Americus, where Terrelle's mother lives. Cell phone evidence and vehicle GPS evidence suggested that Parks gave them a ride to Americus, court documents indicate. Witness testimony revealed Jessie and Terrelle argued while staying with Terrelle's mother and Jessie left the residence to
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Jessie Price-Brown



Terrelle Price-Brown

Traffic stop leads to two drug arrests

As most local residents were wrapping gifts or rushing around to pick up the last few remaining items on their Christmas list, Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Deputy Jordan Thigpen nabbed a Tallahassee couple on Santa's "naughty" list. The morning of Saturday, Dec. 22, Thigpen conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle in the area of Mt. Gilead Road.

Michelle Lynn Dollar, 49, of Tallahassee was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as for an active warrant on the same two charges.

Bryan Craig Dollar, 50, of Tallahassee was also charged with possession of meth and poss of drug paraphernalia. Both were placed under arrest before being transported to the Taylor County Jail.



Bryan Craig Dollar



Michelle Lynn Dollar



During a search, Bryan Craig Dollar and Michelle Lynn Dollar were found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia – including several butane torch style lighters, pipes commonly used for smoking illegal narcotics, digital pocket scales and small baggies containing methamphetamine.



Assistant State Attorney Will Washington, during his testimony Friday, attempted to draw a timeline of a young man who squandered chance after second chance.

State attorney: Whiddon 'deserves life in prison'

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"I'm asking for some understanding and maybe a little bit of leniency. I'm sorry for everything I've done. I truly am, for all the pain and suffering I've brought to my family... all the families involved. I would just like a chance at life at some point, to really try to make something of myself. I know I have it in me. I do. I can be a productive member of society if you see fit for me to ever get out of prison. I'll prove it to you. I won't be back," Whiddon said. After Whiddon's plea for leniency, Assistant State Attorney Will Washington weighed in on the side of justice, drawing a timeline of a young man who squandered chance after second chance. "He was released from prison in May 2015. He was 21 years old. Shelly Strickland was found June 24, 2015 – one month after he was released from prison. "I did the math yesterday. Since he has been an adult – not including pre-trial – he has been on probation for his entire adult life except for 10 months. And if you include pre-trial, he has been on probation or under court supervision for all but four months of his adult life. We believe the crime was committed on June 22, 2015. He was arrested Jan. 21, 2016. He was 21 when he pled and gave the initial statement. He was 23 on

June 22, 2017, when he gave false testimony which caused Rodney Whiddon to not be tried for murder, and today you have heard that he says Rodney was guilty. "You will notice the state has not objected to any of the defense stipulations. We agree that Manden had one of the worst childhoods that you can think of. That is common knowledge. We have no objection to that. We did not have all the evidence of the amount of pressure being put on him by his family leading up to his father's trial," Washington said. Washington went on to explain why the state pursued a plea deal with Manden rather than his father or Arrowood. "Manden has one felony on his criminal record; Arrowood had eight felonies, and Rodney had six felonies. He had the least criminal history. He had one felony criminal mischief when he was 17 for burglary of a dwelling, filed as an adult. "Manden changing his story was a death knell for the state's case against Rodney Whiddon. Him coming into court and saying, 'I know I will get life in prison for changing my story, but I was not there and dad was not there' was so detrimental to the state's case...I don't like to use the cliché 'burglary gone wrong,' but there is no evidence that either of these men left Lake Bird with the intent to kill. But, there is

plenty of evidence that their intent was to go and steal to buy drugs. "Mr. Whiddon (Manden) stole one more thing from this family – he stole any chance that his father would serve any time for the murder of Shelly Strickland, and that is a crime that deserves a sentence of life in prison," Washington concluded.



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A glance at the past

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C-C-C-C-COLD CHRISTMAS

Santa and his reindeer must have felt right at home Christmas Eve 1983, when they made their rounds in Perry as North Pole-like temperatures descended on Taylor County just in time for the holidays.

Record lows were set the weekend of Christmas in Taylor County, with the mercury sinking to 10 degrees on Christmas Eve and 12 degrees on Christmas Day.

On Monday, with the temperatures in the teens, Perry was colder than Anchorage, Alaska.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVED HONOR

George M. Page of Perry, a junior geology major at Georgia Southwestern College, was named a "Distinguished Military Student" at Georgia Southwestern for 1983-1984.

Cadet Page of the Army ROTC program at GSW was chosen by the vice-president for academic affairs, Dr. Jerry E. Williams, for the honor, which guaranteed him a regular Army commission.

In order to be named a distinguished military student, a cadet must have achieved a high standard in military skills and in academic ability.

Page was the son of Malcom Page and Mrs. David Windsor, both of Perry.

COUNTY FUNDED VETERAN'S OFFICE

Taylor County military veterans were able to continue to have a local

Veteran's Service Officer (VSO), following extended funding of a part-time position by the Taylor County Commission the week of Dec. 21, 1983.

The move came only 11 days before the office was scheduled to be closed.

Commissioners had voted in July to shut down the office at the end of the year, claiming the county could no longer afford to operate it full-time.

Many local veterans opposed the decision.

Led by Virgil Villa, VFW service officer, they appealed to the commission on Nov. 15 to keep the office open.

At that meeting, the commissioners were addressed by State Director of Veteran Affairs Simon Stover, who Villa had invited to Perry.

Stover said veterans have a substantial financial impact upon Taylor County, noting that about 2,500 people in the county receive benefits amounting to more than \$2 million annually.

This income has a multiplied effect of about \$10 million on the county's economy, he said.

SCOUTS VISITED OKEFENOKEE SWAMP

Fourteen boys and three adults from Boy Scout Troop 600 visited the Okefenokee Swamp near Fargo, Ga., for a three-day camping trip during the winter of 1983.

The Scouts camped on Mixon's Hammock, a small island which they reached by canoe.

Making the trip were scouts Alan Vickers, Doug Powers, William Allen, Ty Hill, John Sons, Steven Zip, Jeff

Humphries, Bobby Melton, A.J. Rother, Andy Smith, Brian Barfield, James Moore, Gerald Bell and Darin Kinsey, and adult leaders Ed Allen, Pete Smith and Scout-master Gary Weathers.

Highlights of the trip included a compass and pacing contest, instruction in emergency preparedness and a canoe trip.

WENDY'S OPENED

Wendy's Restaurant opened for business Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1983, to become Perry's newest dining establishment. On Monday, burgers were frying fast as the employees prepared food for their families in a final dry run before opening day.

The hot food was obviously enjoyed by all on a cold winter's day. The Perry Wendy's was managed by Keith Smith.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leavins, 213 Sandra St., was selected by the Clean Community Committee as the December 1983 Yard of the Month for the Springlake Heights Subdivision.

MILITARY NEWS

Faircloth

Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel J. Faircloth III, son of Shirley J. Tucker of Perry, participated in Exercise Bear Hunt 84, conducted in the Republic of Korea. He was a member of Seventh Communication Battalion, Third Marine Division, Okonawa, Japan. During the exercise, the battalion provided communications support to elements of the Third Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Support included all phases of communications from the basic field telephone and wire lines to the Marine Corps' newest and most sophisticated Satellite data terminals. Around-the-clock service was provided to ensure that participants could communicate with air, land and sea elements of the exercise. The exercise involved other units of the U.S. Armed Forces and Republic of Korea military personnel.

Wright

Spec. 4 Joseph T. Wright, son of William T. and Anne L. Wright of Perry, arrived for duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. Wright, an intelligence analyst with the 2nd Infantry Division, was previously assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. He graduated from Florida State University in 1979.

Quotable Quotes

Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to.

--Bill Vaughn

Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.

--Author unknown

Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbours, and let every New-Year find you a better Man.

--Quoted in Benjamin Franklin's 1755 Poor Richard's Almanack

Every man should be born again on the first of January. Start with a fresh

page. Take up one hole more in the buckle, if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but, on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take interest in the things that are and are to be, and not in the things that were and are past.

--Henry Ward Beecher

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--Oprah Winfrey

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Remember when...

Should old friends be forgotten?

I'm through mumbling my way into the new year.

Every year, on Dec. 31, at the stroke of midnight, I bring the new year in with a few shouts of "Happy New Year," a brief prayer (a more detailed one comes later), and then the mumbling of "Auld Lang Syne."

I mumbled my way into too many new years to recall, and I haven't been by myself.

I've brought the new year in various groups of family, friends, and people I didn't know, and I've never been the only person mumbling through the song.

I've brought the new year in various places - Perry, Tampa, Detroit, Gainesville and Atlanta. And guess what? I still wasn't the only person mumbling through this song.

Even though people all over the world bring the new year in joyful, and sometimes solemn, renditions of "Auld Lang Syne," no one seems to know all the words to the song, which was composed in 1788 by Scottish poet Robert Burns.

A recent survey found that only seven percent of Scots know all the lyrics.

That same survey found that only three percent of people in the United Kingdom knew the words while 42 percent of Millennials had no clue. Americans weren't questioned in the survey, but being an American and knowing quite a few, I'm sure the number is closer to two percent than three. I usually get the first line or

two right.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne."

I have to admit, instead of singing "auld acquaintance," it comes out "old acquaintance," which is the Americanized version.

From there, it's downhill.

"For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne. And surely, you'll buy your pint cup! And surely, I'll buy mine! And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne."

I have an ear for music, so I know when the "auld lang syne" parts come in. But that's it.

This year will be different though.

On Dec. 31, at the stroke of midnight, I plan to bring in 2019 like I've brought most years in - with a few shouts of "Happy New Year," a brief prayer, and "Auld Lang Syne."

But, instead of mumbling through the song, I plan to sing it word for word with family, friends and maybe even people I don't know.

Recently, a friend asked why I thought people sang this song every New Year when no one knows all the lyrics.

"Auld lang syne translates into times gone by," I responded. "And then, the first lines of the song ask a question that everyone knows the answer to."

Should old friends be forgotten?

I think not. So, see you in 2019 old friends.

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Pre-K honorees

Taylor County Pre-K honored (top left) Salena Ford as its "Non-Instructional Employee of the Year" and (top right) Amy Bowden as its "Teacher of the Year" for the 2018-19 school year. Family and friends joined Pre-K staff in congratulating the honorees. Ford has worked at Pre-K for 22 years and Bowden is a 25-year veteran teacher.

Taylor County 'Ag Day' celebrates 25 years

By ABBEY THARPE
4-H Extension Agent/UF IFAS
For 25 years, fifth graders throughout Taylor County have had the opportunity to participate in 4-H Agriculture Day.

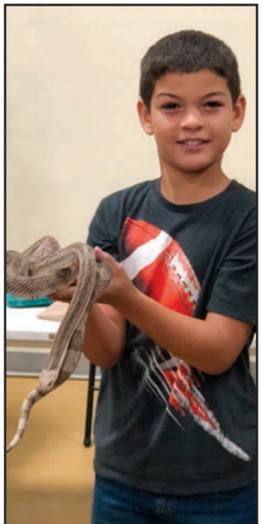
From the time 4-H Agriculture day was created in 1997, more than 5,000 fifth graders, plus their teachers and parent chaperones have learned more about Florida Agriculture and natural resources.

The classes rotate through 10 different sessions, which include: Georgia Pacific, from tree to consumable products; Farm Bureau, growing corn; Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), reptiles; marine mammals; Diane Whitfield shared the history of horses; Katie the

Cow with Southeast Milk came to talk about dairy production; and Stephen Cutts taught honey bee production. One class offered homemade popcorn. Agriculture is a vital part of Florida's heritage,

economic foundation, and future potential. Taylor County 4-H received a Florida Ag in the Classroom Grant to fund Ag day for all fifth graders in the county. The day was designed to educate youth about the importance of agricultural

commodities and how agriculture affects and impacts their lives. More than 20 volunteers helped to teach youth about corn, forestry, aquaculture, honeybees, horses, and more during the daylong event.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers brought a host of reptiles for the students to see up close and personal.



Southeast Milk's "Katie the Cow" promoted dairy production.



Longtime 4-H volunteer Diane Whitfield shared information on the history of horses.



Students also learned about marine life during the annual Ag Day tour.

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A midnight breakfast will be served and all are welcome. The guest will speaker will be Evangelist T.C. Elston of Atlanta, Ga.

Senior Pastor Dr. Willie Anderson invited everyone to

attend. The church is located at 105 Sandra Street.

Antioch Revival Center

A New Year's Eve Service will be held at the Antioch Revival Center (3803 Cash Road) on Monday, Dec. 31, from 7 p.m. until midnight.

Pastor Cricket Watson invites everyone to come and bring a friend.

Obituaries

Beverly Karen Richardson

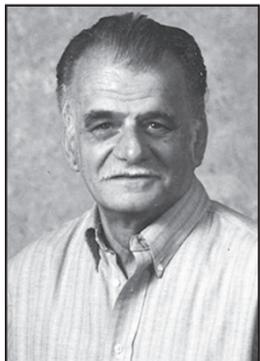
Beverly Karen Richardson, 61, of Perry, passed away on Dec. 25, 2018, at home.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m., at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Springhill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Dec. 29, from 4-6 p.m. at Evans Walker Funeral Home. Beverly is survived by: her sons, Terry L. White Jr. and Tyree Richardson; her mother, Hazel Richardson-Mickens; her siblings, Michael, Charles, Cletis, Fred, Carmen, Chadrick, Fredrick, Bonnie, Brenda, Ola, Florida, Julia, Loretta and Natalia; grandchildren, Sundra, Raheem, Ranisha, Kiajah and Terry III; and great-grandchildren, Ta'Kiya, J'yuni, Jayvien, Raheem Jr. and Lyndel Jr.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Evans Walker Funeral Home of Perry.

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Donald Ray 'Bill' Robinson

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Donald Ray "Bill" Robinson, 83, died Dec. 22, 2018, at his home in Perry.

Bill was born July 28, 1935, in San Diego, Calif., to Charles A. Robinson Jr. and Anna Oliver Robinson.

Bill honorably served his country in the United States

Air Force as a military police officer. He enjoyed spending time with his wife. In his younger years he enjoyed boating, fishing and target shooting. He was a manager at the local Subway for 21 years.

Bill was preceded in death by: his parents, Charles A. and Anna Robinson; and one sister and her husband, Lois and Barney Cobb.

He is survived by: his wife of 23 years, Mary Robinson; his children, William "Bill" Robinson (Monique) from Yorktown, Ind., Robert "Bob" Robinson (Amy) of Vermontville, Mich., David Robinson (Tess) of Lansing, Mich., Timothy McNutt (Vicki) and Cheryl Moore (James), all of Perry, and Delbert McNutt Sr. of Dawson, Ga; 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship with Elder Gary Blanton officiating. Interment services followed immediately afterward in Pineview Memorial Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Perry.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church building

fund. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.joeburnsfuneralhomes.com.



Frankye Mae (Hyrd) Sermons

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Frankye Mae (Hyrd) Sermons, 87, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018.

Frankye, the beloved daughter of the late Maedell Jackson, was born March 23, 1931, in Perry.

She married Willie James Sermons Sr. on March 13, 1948. To that union, two daughters and three sons were born.

Frankye was a loyal member of New Brooklyn M.B. Church. In addition to her administrative skills, she was a licensed beautician.

Frankye will remain forever in the hearts of: her five children, Dr. Brenda Magee, Willie

James Sermons (Yvonne), Charles Stanley Sermons (Gracine), Wayne Sermons and Dr. Wanza Sermons-Lee (Willie); two sisters, Sarah S. Hall and Mary E. Jones; one brother, the Rev. George E. Clayton (Sandra); 10 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Dec. 26, from 5-6 p.m. at New Brooklyn M.B. Church. Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at New Brooklyn M.B. Church. Interment was held immediately afterward at Springhill Cemetery.

Trinity Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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By SARAH HALL

More than a candy cane

Happy Birthday, Jesus
I'm glad it's Christmas
All the tinsel and lights
And the presents are nice
But the real gift is you.
Happy Birthday, Jesus
I'm so glad its Christmas
All the carols and bells
Make the holiday swell,
but its all about you.
Happy Birthday, Jesus
We love you.

— Author Unknown
Candy Canes

The candy cane has long been a Christmas tradition and was said to have been the creation of a fine Christian candy maker in Indiana. Its sweet peppermint taste has been enjoyed by young and old for years.

The candy maker started with pure white candy to symbolize Jesus' innocence (Heb 4:15) and the holiness of the sinless son of God (1 John 1:7).

The white also shows the virgin birth of Jesus: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son..." (Matt 1:23).

He made the candy hard because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation (Matt 16:18, 1 Thess 5:24), and that Jesus is like a "rock," strong and dependable. (Psalm 31:3).

Next, the candy maker made the candy in the shape of a "J" for the name of Jesus who came to earth as our Savior (Matt 1:21, Acts 4:12).

When the candy was turned upside down, it is the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff (John 10:11). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Finally, he stained the candy with red stripes.



Sarah Hall

The color red symbolizes God's love that sent Jesus to give His life for us on the cross (John 3:16).

The large red stripe is for the blood Jesus shed for our sins on the cross (Eph. 1:7). "In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

The smaller stripes remind us of Jesus' suffering and our redemptive healing (John 19: 1-30).

So, as the Christmas season draws to a close, when you see candy canes hanging on a tree, remember that they're not just candy canes.

Instead, they are a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

— Author Unknown
Prayer Focus

Please keep these friends in your prayers: Ranard Anderson of Orlando, Ollie M. Glanton and Katie Monroe.

In bereavement

The families and friends of the late Elizabeth Ware of Asbury Park, N.J.; the late Frankye Sermons; the late Sam Miller of Houston, Texas; and the late Beverly Richardson are in our thoughts.

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11 'Dogs named to All-Big Bend team

A whopping 11 members of the Taylor County High School (TCHS) football team have been named to the Tallahassee Democrat's All-Big Bend football team – highlighted by Dacorian Bellamy, Devante Glover and Robert Glanton – who were selected to the first-team.

The Bulldogs wrapped up the 2018 season with a 7-6 record and made their deepest postseason run in more than two decades before falling to Florida High, 30-22 in the third round of the Class 3A state

playoffs. Senior quarterback Dacorian Bellamy was selected to the All-Big Bend first-team offense after racking up 1,405 yards passing with 15 touchdowns and just five interceptions this past season. Bellamy also rushed for 994 yards while crossing the goal line nine times on the ground.

Senior linebacker/defensive back Devante Glover was named to the All-Big Bend first-team defense after an impressive 2018 season in which he recorded 128 tackles (14 tackles for a

loss) to go along with three interceptions, three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries.

Junior Robert Glanton was named as a member of the All-Big Bend first-team utility defense after having a year full of both offensive and defensive highlights.

Offensively, Glanton had 32 receptions for 525 yards and three touchdowns, while gathering 399 yards rushing to go along with two touchdowns. Glanton also played quarterback during several games and threw for 636 yards to go along with six touchdowns.

Defensively, Glanton recorded 69 tackles, an interception and forced one fumble. Glanton also returned both a kickoff and a punt for a touchdown during the season.

Wide receiver Zoe Roberts and lineman Travis Day were both selected to the All-Big Bend second-team offense.

Roberts had 41 receptions for 744 yards and eight touchdowns this past season.

Travis Day anchored Taylor County's offensive line with a blocking percentage of 91% while picking up 84 "pancake" blocks.

Kavan Thomas was



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named to the second-team defense as a linebacker after racking up 138 tackles.

Thomas returned a kick for a touchdown and also turned in some crucial offensive plays, as he caught two touchdown passes during the Bulldogs' late season playoff run.

Demari Stephens was named to the third-team

offense as a receiver, after catching 32 passes for 334 yards and six touchdowns for the Bulldogs in 2018.

Gregory Warf was named to the third-team offense as a lineman thanks to a blocking percentage of 93% and 52 pancake blocks, while not allowing a sack the entire season.

Cade Johnson was the only Bulldog listed on the third-team defense, as he recorded 138 tackles for

Taylor County, including 11 tackles for a loss.

The Bulldogs had two players make the All-Big Bend squad as honorable mentions, including Irvine Azerte (kicker) and Adam Sellers (offensive lineman).

Taylor will graduate seven of the 11 players named to the All-Big Bend teams, as Glanton, Roberts, Stephens and Sellers will return to the Bulldogs for at least one more season.



De'Mari Stephens



Kavan Thomas



Zoe Roberts



Cade Johnson



Adam Sellers



Gregory Warf



Travis Day



Irvine Arzate



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Breaks world record by two seconds

Dunwoody crowned 200m breaststroke champion

After a rough start to his competition at the FINA 2018 Swimming World Championships in Hangzhou, China earlier this month, Nkosi Dunwoody smashed Olympian Andrei Cross' 200 meter breaststroke record to be crowned the 200m breaststroke champion in the boys' 15-17 age group.

Dunwoody, 16, of Barbados, is the son of Wayne Dunwoody of Perry and Adua Kinch of Barbados.

The 6'-2" high school student competes as a swimmer on the Barbados Alpha Swim Team and knocked more than two seconds off of the previous world-best time of 2:24.79 to claim the new 200m breaststroke record time of 2:22.54 on Dec. 12 in China.

The week did not start off well for Nkosi, who was disqualified in the 100m breaststroke for an extra dolphin kick at the start.

Then, in the 200m preliminaries, Nkoski

finished in fourth place during Heat #1 – behind swimmers such as Adriel Sanes from America, who took first place, Arnoldo Herrera from Croatia, who finished in second, and Filipe Escudeiro of Malawi, who finished in third.

However, Dunwoody came roaring back in the 200m finals to capture the gold medal with a record time.

"I am very happy that I have broken the record," Nkosi said. "It makes me believe that hard work does pay off, because I worked really hard to achieve this. I feel accomplished and proud of myself as well as my swim club," Dunwoody told the **Barbados Saturday Sun**.

"I've been training nine times a week and early in mornings when it is very cold. I had to balance going to school, getting up for training and still doing homework and the gym. It was really rough for me," he added.

"The record wasn't in my mind, but I knew I had put in the work, so all I had to do was execute," he added.

Nkosi is the grandson of Henry and Delores

Jay of Perry, Mr. William Mauesby of Atlanta, Ga. and Jeffery and Ethnie Kinch

of Barbados. Nkosi has a sister, Aza F. Dunwoody, who is also an accomplished

swimmer on the Barbados ➔ Please see page 12

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'Bumblebee' is the 'Transformers' film we deserved and have finally received

I've said this before, but I wasn't a huge "Transformers" fan growing up in the 80s when the cartoon was all the rage. That's not to say I didn't watch the show and play with the toys, but I was always more of a "G.I. Joe" fan.

Still, the idea of a live-action "Transformers" film was intriguing. The 2007 release of the Michael Bay-directed summer blockbuster definitely played to my inner child, delivering a decent film that has looked better and better in retrospect as each subsequent sequel failed to live up to the original's admittedly average benchmark.

In fact, 2009's "Revenge of the Fallen" was so bad, it remains the bar by which I measure all terrible blockbusters, and it has yet to be topped, although "Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom" came pretty close this past summer.

As for 2011's "Dark of the Moon," the best thing the movie had going for it was the fact that it was better than its immediate predecessor. Meanwhile, 2014's "Age of Extinction" is the film that managed to make explosions boring, a feat I still don't completely understand. Finally, 2017's "The Last Kingdom" was about six movies in one, and managed to fail at all of them.

Traveling back along the trail of broken robotic dreams left behind by Bay, it would be easy to believe that we would never get a good "Transformers" movie, at least not while he was still in the director's chair.

And, that is exactly why I was more than a little interested in the latest installment in the franchise, "Bumblebee," a prequel set back in the 80s, following the title Transformer's first arrival on Earth.

Not only is this the first "Transformers" film not directed by Bay (a point worth mentioning twice), but it also has the shortest runtime and the smallest budget, both things that ultimately help the movie as a whole.

Overall, "Bumblebee" is easily the best "Transformers" film to date -- a low bar I know -- but's also the first truly good "Transformers" film, one which I left not hating my choice to review movies, but instead looking forward to seeing it again.

The story begins on the planet Cybertron amidst the war between the Autobots and the Decepticons. One of the Autobot soldiers, B-127, escapes to Earth in order to seek out a refuge for the Autobots so they can recover and take the war back to the Decepticons.

Arriving in 1987, he battles a Decepticon and runs afoul of Sector 7 Colonel Jack Burns (John Cena, "Blockers") before winding up in a junkyard, where he is found by 18-year-old Charlie Watson (Hailee Steinfeld, "Pitch

Perfect 2").

Charlie is still mourning the death of her father, and feels like she doesn't fit in with her family, which includes her mother's new husband. Meanwhile, the Decepticons' Shatter (voiced by Angela Bassett, "9-1-1") and Dropkick (Justin Theroux, "The Spy Who Dumped Me") are searching for Bee, hoping he will lead them to the rest of the Autobots.

Stepping into the director's chair for "Bumblebee" is Travis Knight (son of Nike founder Phil Knight), whose previous directing credit is 2016's "Kubo and the Two Strings." He also worked as lead animator on "Coraline" and "ParaNorman," so if you're keeping track, that makes "Bumblebee" his first live-action film, although you'd never know it by watching. The action sequences feel grand and suitably oversized, but shot in a way that allows the audience to actually follow what is happening.

The script is from Christina Hodson, whose previous writing credits consist of "Shut In" and "Unforgettable," both of which made many Bottom 10 lists in their respective years. Here, however, she delivers an action-filled script, which admittedly received an uncredited polish from Kelly Fremon Craig, who wrote and directed "Edge of Seventeen," which also starred Steinfeld.

The characters (both human and robot) feel more fleshed out, with Bumblebee getting more depth here than in any of the other five films in which he played a major role. Even better, the comic relief is much tamer -- both in content and intensity -- keeping the film suitably grounded despite the giant robots. The toilet humor that stained all of Bay's films is nowhere to be found.

Rounding out the movie is its 80s time setting, which gives it a built-in soundtrack, as well as a lot of nostalgia for those my age who watched "Transformers" back in the 80s, while not alienating its modern day younger audiences.

The special effects are mostly really good, with a few exceptions that don't really distract from the action. The smaller budget keeps the story more focused.

All in all, "Bumblebee" is the "Transformers" film we wish we got back in 2007. Hopefully, it is the start of a much better franchise, able to shake off the rust of the Bay era and blast off into a much brighter future (even if it stays in the 1980s, which I hope it does). If the previous films turned you off, be sure to give this one a chance. I doubt you'll be disappointed.

The film is rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi action violence.

'Mary, Queen of Scots' shows it is hard to be queen in a king's world

Mary Stuart, born Dec. 8, 1542, became Queen of Scotland at the ripe age of six days old following the death of her father, King James V. At the age of six months, a treaty was signed under which she would be married to the English King Henry VIII's son Edward when she turned 10. Instead, at the age of 5, she was betrothed to Francis II, the crown prince of France. Married at the age of 15, she was widowed just days before her 18th birthday.

With nothing left for her in France, Mary returned to the British Isles, where she was still Queen of Scotland and also had a believable claim to the English throne, currently held by her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

And, it is at this point in her story that the new film, "Mary, Queen of Scots" picks up, with Mary (Saoirse Ronan, "Lady Bird") arriving in Scotland, but with eyes on England.

The film is very much Mary's story, although Elizabeth (Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya") plays a large secondary role, providing a contrasting queen who is facing many of the same challenges Mary does in a country and time in which women are not seen as equals, much less rulers.

The story follows Mary's formal accession to the throne of Scotland and her efforts to secure the English crown, if not for herself then for her yet-to-be-born children. Her plausible claim to the throne, along with her Catholic faith, riles the Protestant Elizabeth,

who has not married and has no heir of her own.

Mary's biggest challenges, however, may come from within Scotland itself, with political rivals, scheming lords and chastising priests all looking to unseat the new queen.

"Mary, Queen of Scots" is directed by Josie Rourke, whose career to this point has been in the British theatre world, and the script is from Beau Willimon ("The Ides of March"). This is a wordy movie, and covers about seven years of Mary's life, in which many, many things happen, few of which are positive for the young queen. I've often complained about films suitably depicting the passage of time, but Rourke does a really nice job doing so here.

The film runs in at two hours, four minutes, but feels a good bit longer. I've often said I can tolerate slower movies more than most, and as a history buff, I found this film quite interesting, buoyed by two fantastic performances from Ronan and Robbie. Both showcase their character's strengths to stand up in a world trying desperately to beat them back down, while also depicting the radically different ways in which they fight back against that world.

Still, if slow and methodical isn't your cup of tea, then "Mary, Queen of Scots" is a British visit you might want to skip.

The film is rated R for some violence and sexuality.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FESTIVALS

DEC. 31

The third annual **Rocking New Year's Eve Party** once again takes over Rosehead Park in downtown Perry, beginning at 5 p.m., and featuring the "largest fireworks display ever in downtown Perry history" at 10 p.m. Entertainment includes kids' games from 5 to 9 p.m., karaoke from 5 to 7 p.m. and DJ Ricky Bobby. (Karaoke contest sign-up is at Rains Train Stop Flower Shop & Artisan Designs at the Historic Perry Station.) Food and arts and crafts vendors will also be available. Admission is free. The event is presented by the Taylor County Historical Society.



WRESTLING

JAN. 5

WWE Live comes to the Donald Tucker Civic Center in Tallahassee at 7:30 p.m. Scheduled matches include:

Intercontinental Championship Match with Seth Rollins vs. Intercontinental Champion Dean Ambrose; Triple Threat Match with Finn Balor vs. Dolph Ziggler vs. Drew McIntyre; Elias vs. Bobby Lashley; RAW Tag Team Championship Match with Tag Team Champions Bobby Roode and Chad Gable vs. AOP. Also scheduled to appear: Alexa Bliss, Sasha Banks, Nia Jax and many more. Also, see the legendary John Cena live. (Card subject to change.) Get up close and personal with ringside seats, meet and greets with WWE superstars and more with the WWE Superstar Experience Package or walk down the aisle like your favorite superstars with the brand new "Walk the Aisle" experience. Tickets (not including special packages) run from \$15 to \$100. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.tuckerciviccenter.com or call (850) 583-4871.



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JAN. 5-6

Making Light Productions presents **"Under the Rainbow: A Batty Bird-Brained Musical about Noah's Ark"** at Theatre Tallahassee. An original musical written by the staff at Making Light Productions, "Under the Rainbow" is



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set in the bird sanctuary of Noah's Ark and opens with a "cruise ship" atmosphere, as the birds prepare to embark on what they think, at first, anyway, is an exciting journey. By the end of the upbeat Latin-themed opening number, 38 days have passed, and the birds are a little tired of cruising. The Counting Crows have lost count, the Mockingbird is getting on everyone's nerves, and no one has heard from the wise old owl. Even Red Robin Williams, the resident stand-up comic, finds his jokes falling flat. "Under the Rainbow" explores, through the magic of musical theatre, what it means to be different -- and how our differences make us all stronger and more beautiful, both individually and as a group. Showtimes are Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.undertherainbowmusical.com.

JAN. 10-27

Theatre Tallahassee's Studio Theatre Season continues with **"The Savannah Sipping Society."** In this "laugh-a-minute" comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate -- and an impromptu happy hour -- and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment -- and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends. Showtimes are Jan. 10-12, 18-19 and 25-26 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at theatretallahassee.org or by calling (850) 224-8474.

JAN. 11-27

The Monticello Opera House presents **"Beehive: The 60s Musical,"** a wild, head-shaking tribute to the rocking women who made the music of the era so special -- everyone from Lesley Gore to Janis Joplin, from the Shirelles to the Supremes, Aretha Franklin to Tina



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Turner and more. With two dozen beloved hits, the show takes audiences on a journey through song, documenting the dramatic changes that America underwent during the 60s. Showtimes on Friday and Saturday nights are 8 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For Sunday matinees, showtimes are at 2 p.m.; doors open at 12:30 p.m. and lunch is at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$22 with optional \$20 dinner. Due to catering requirements, dinner and lunch reservations are required and must be made no later than 10 a.m. the Wednesday before the weekend of performances. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (850) 997-4242 or visit www.monticellooperahouse.org.

JAN. 11 - FEB. 3

The Hippodrome Theatre in Gainesville presents **"A Doll's House, Part 2."** You thought it was over. It's not. Nora returns to the family she left 15 years ago -- what could possibly go wrong? A cutting-edge riff on the original classic that caused riots more than 100 years ago, "A Doll's House, Part 2" is a visceral and quick-witted look at what happens when you have to cross a bridge you've burned, and is directed by Charlie Mitchell, playwright, University of Florida theatre professor and director. "Back in the day 'A Doll's House' was revolutionary," Mitchell said. "For a woman to walk out on her life and not just her husband, but her children. It was called 'a door slam heard all around the world.' How interesting to see what happens when she comes back and how these characters still have so much unfinished business." You don't have to have seen Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" which premiered in 1879 to "get it." Mitchell says the play stands on its own, "You understand right away what happened in the past." Showtimes are Tuesdays to Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit thehipp.org or call (352) 375-4477.

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this weekend at the movies

We've reached the last weekend of 2018, and technically it has no new wide releases to offer moviegoers. That's because both of this week's nationwide releases made their debut back on Christmas Day.

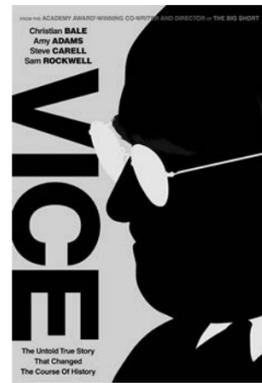
The first is **"Holmes & Watson,"** a comedic take on the classic Sir Arthur Conan Doyle characters with Will Ferrell ("Daddy's Home Too") as the indomitable detective, Sherlock Holmes, and John C. Reilly ("Kong: Skull Island") as his partner John Watson. The movie, written and directed by Etan Cohen ("Get Hard," "Men in Black III"), reunites the two actors, who previously found success with 2008's "Step Brothers" and 2006's "Talladega Nights." The story follows Sherlock and Watson as they try to uncover a plot to kill Queen Victoria before the culprit can fulfill his plan.

The movie is rated PG-13 for crude sexual material, some violence, language and drug references.

Your other new option is **"Vice,"** from writer/director Adam McKay,



who won the Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar for 2016's "The Big Short," which he also directed. This time he turns his attention to former Vice President Dick Cheney (Christian Bale, "The Dark Knight"), who went from a Washington bureaucrat to arguably the most powerful vice president in U.S. history under President George W. Bush (Sam Rockwell, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"). The film has been receiving major buzz for the transformative performance of Bale, along with the work of the rest of the cast, which also includes



Amy Adams ("Arrival") as Lynne Cheney and Steve Carell ("Beautiful Boy") as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. As with most things involving politics these days, the film itself has been receiving some decidedly mixed reactions, and I've seen it featured in both Top 10 lists and Worst 10 lists. I'm betting how you feel about the Bush administration will likely color your impression of the movie -- depending on which side of the political fence you fall.

The film is rated R for language and some violent images.

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Lisa Arrowood to Manden Whiddon:

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STRICKLAND'S
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a bad childhood, but it was ultimately your decision. My mom's life was much more valuable than stealing some guns and arrowheads to get high."

However, Strickland's sister, Lisa O'Steen Arrowood – mother to Garrett Arrowood – said her family "came here today hoping to hear the truth, but we are still hearing inconsistencies."

She said that with Whiddon's testimony, "They want to paint a picture that it was all my son and Rodney -- to make

it appear that Manden's involvement was minimal." Addressing Whiddon directly, Arrowood said, "Only God can fully forgive you for the sins you have committed. Satan surely doesn't want that to happen and he will constantly tempt you to lie and make wrong decisions. God offers you hope, peace and eternal life if you will turn away from all of that and give your life to Him."

"Shelly was kind, compassionate and loved helping others. As you know, she dedicated her life to teaching children. She wanted to make a difference. If given the

chance, I'm sure she asked God to forgive you. She was just that kind of person. She always put the needs of others before herself. "But all the lies and uncertainty that have surrounded her death have really taken a toll on us."

"I am so sorry for the life you have had. It is not God's plan for a parent to lead their child into a life of drugs and sin. Parents are supposed to love, teach and guide their children to do good things and live their life by the standards God set. I know that you didn't have that and I am truly sorry for you. But you are an adult now and it is up

to you to decide how you will live your life and to take responsibility for your actions."

"You have told so many different versions of what happened to Shelly. First, you didn't even know where she lived and had never been to her house, then you were there but stayed in the car, then you said she was murdered Tuesday morning as the sun was rising, then it switched to Monday night, then you were in the house looking at the arrowheads and your dad and Garrett killed her, now you weren't there at all and don't know anything. Do us all a favor and just tell the truth. Your

daddy even told the judge how outrageous this whole ordeal has been. He stood right in this very spot and told the judge how FDLE Agent Albert Willis told him that all his troubles would be over if he would just say that he saw Garrett with the guns. At least he took a step toward doing what is right by telling the truth."

"With your widely changing stories, it is obvious that someone has been directing you what to say. I have to ask, when you said what my sister's last words were, who told you to say that? I'm sure you realize how hurtful that

was. And then you came back and said it was all a lie. Why would you do that? More importantly who told you to do that? Whoever it was, I'm certain they were promising to help you, but where are all those people now?"

"I am sure you are aware that double jeopardy prevents you from ever being charged with this crime again. Let our family have some closure. For your own soul, tell the truth. Where you spend eternity is much more important than anything that will ever happen to you here on this Earth," Arrowood said.

Woman searched after scanner indicated drugs were present

METH
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the vehicle, Cephus noticed her make several "sudden movements with her arms" and observed "a clear bag with a white substance inside" in her left hand.

Cephus instructed Perry to give him the drugs, but she instead proceeded to reach

down her pants and "place the drugs inside" her private area while stating it was a "rock" (crack cocaine).

Despite being told to stop, Perry continued to reach her hand down her pants.

Perry then reached back down in her pants and "tried to give me a small corner of the bag I saw (earlier) with

a small white substance inside," Cephus reported.

During questioning, Perry admitted there were more drugs inside her private area, and Cephus requested back-up.

The small amount of drugs the suspect did produce field tested positive for methamphetamine, leading to Perry being placed under

arrest and transported to the Taylor County Jail.

Upon arrival, Perry was placed in the body scanner, which showed the drugs were located in her vaginal area, leading to her being escorted to a private room and searched.

During the search, a correctional officer advised that a bag containing 2.5

grams of a crystal-like substance fell from Perry's private area.

The male subject driving the car, who stated he had just met Perry that day, adding that they "had a good time" at his place in Mayo after she "helped him clear up around his house," was issued a citation for expired tag and given a

verbal warning about the tag light and tail light being out.

After being searched and read her rights, Perry admitted to possession of the drugs, but claimed it was "her first time using meth" and that the male she was with had injected it into her arms "because she did not know how to do it."

Victim was last seen in 1993; reported missing in '97

SERIAL KILLER
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not be missed," Cruse said.

According to investigators, Little had been coming to Perry since the late 1960s.

"He was very familiar with the area and could tell us what vehicle he was

driving each time he visited here. He frequently stayed at the Skylark Motel, the Kingswood, several of the other motor court motels that used to be open here," Kellerman said.

The investigation timeline shows that Lane was last seen in 1993; however, her

family didn't report her missing until 1997.

"We now know that she was last seen in 1993 and that Little killed her in 1993," Cruse said.

PPD investigators were among a select group of departments invited to interview Little. Cruse

credits Texas Ranger James Holland with facilitating the interview.

"He has been successful in interviewing Little himself and has built a rapport with him," Cruse said.

Lane's surviving family members were notified of Little's confession Thursday,

Dec. 27.

"Her sister said it was a comfort to the family that her father (who died in 2017) got to know that Lane's remains had been identified, and that was thanks to the due diligence the Perry Police Department. He got to know where his daughter was, and

they were able to have a service for her to gain some closure," Kellerman said.

Reports indicate that Little's killing spree spanned decades and that he left a trail of bodies from as far north as New Jersey, as far south as Miami and as far west as California.

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Funeral service will be held Saturday in Sparks, Ga.

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Bus transportation will be provided for all TCHS students (with required current field trip forms) who are at the TCHS bus pick-up line at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday morning. Any adults not employed with the Taylor County School District can also ride if they have a volunteer form on file with the school.

Smith suffered fatal injuries in a four-vehicle crash that occurred on NE Collin Kelly Highway in Madison County on Friday afternoon.

Former students, co-workers and friends continue to mourn the death of the beloved JROTC instructor, as memories and tributes in honor of Smith – commonly referred to as “1st Sgt.” or “Top” – have been shared online via social media.

A memorial in his honor

was started next to Zeigler’s Florist on Jefferson Street over the weekend and was moved into the JROTC building at TCHS after Christmas.

“Words aren’t enough. The reach this man had will live on for decades. He certainly had an influence on my personal children, as well as countless other students. ‘First’ was a wonderful, sweet and kind man that instilled pride and hard work in his cadets. He literally changed lives, gave kids that didn’t always feel connected a family and made sure everyone had a purpose in that program.” Taylor County Middle School Assistant Principal Alicia York Beshears stated.

“He was the Master of the shooting range, King of the chicken dinners, Host with the Most for Military Balls (with help from Rachel Maddox – he would be sure to say) and the Hilarious Leader of ‘The Dining-



1st Sgt. Eddie Smith

In’ events (Grog Bowl),” Beshears added.

“He started each period with the Cadet’s Creed, which highlights accountability – something ‘First’ believed in, as he encouraged our students to take ownership. Ownership of their actions and ownership of that program. ‘Top’ taught them the skills of organization and leadership. By the end of each year he had

the kids running the show themselves.” Beshears remembered.

“And, he was modest. He never took credit for anything, although many times it was deserved. I could go on and on about him. But, if you’re reading this, I don’t have to. Because chances are, you are a part of the legacy he left behind,” Beshears concluded.

Other descriptions include: “a damn good soldier, instructor and high school mentor, but more importantly -- a well respected good man,” and “a highly respected man of honor.”

“It did not take long before he had my respect, and I knew he was one of the most honorable men I would ever meet,” one person said.

“He was dedicated not only to his job, but to us. He wasn’t just our instructor, he was our friend and our source of guidance,” a

former student remembered. Smith was described as a “mentor and friend,” a “special role model,” “a truly great man” and “great educator and leader.”

Smith was born in Adel, Georgia, where he attended high school and entered active duty following graduation. The married father of three children had four grandchildren.

Smith spent a tour in Hanau, Germany and Fort Carson in Colorado from 1976 to 1981. He served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 1981-83 as a drill sergeant and in the field artillery at Fort Hood, Texas during Desert Storm and Desert Shield (1983-91), when he rose from the rank of staff sergeant to first sergeant.

Smith earned a degree in general studies from Central Texas College Europe Campus in Berlin, Germany, where he was stationed from 1991-94. While there, he served as sergeant major

of Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization and first sergeant of Echo 320th Field Artillery.

From 1994-96, Smith served as sergeant major and Senior Military Science Instructor at Morehead State University located in Morehead, Kentucky.

The 61-year-old began his career at TCHS in 1996, serving as the Army Instructor for TCHS JROTC in Perry.

Smith’s awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, South West ST Asia Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) and Joint Military Unit Award.

Reports indicate victim likely came home and caught the Price-Browns in the act of robbing his apartment

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contact Parks, who drove Jessie to his apartment in Tallahassee.

Court records show Jessie remained with Parks in Tallahassee for the next few days.

On July 16, Jessie Price-Brown was reportedly seen with Parks along with a U-Haul van that investigators determined Parks rented that day for six hours. Parks was listed on the rental ticket as a secondary driver.

On July 19, Parks’ mother reported to TPD she had not heard from her son for a week, which was unusual.

On July 22, Parks’ 2015 red Chevrolet car passed a government-controlled license plate reading device

in Arlington, Virginia, leading investigators to begin searching for the vehicle of the missing person.

The Fairfax County Police Department found the abandoned vehicle on Aug. 1. Inside, investigators found a pawn receipt with the name “Terrelle Price-Brown” and fingerprints belonging to both Jessie and Terrelle.

On Sept. 13, after 59 long days of searching and anguish, information obtained from one of the suspects led to the recovery of Park’s body in Americus, Ga.

According to investigators, Parks’ body was found wrapped in a rug at the end of a paved road where locals routinely dumped trash.

On Oct. 26, Tallahassee

Police Department investigators announced they had arrested the Price-Brown couple in connection with Parks’ murder.

The news came less than 24 hours after Parks’ family received formal notification that the body found in Americus, Ga., on Sept. 13 was indeed that of their son and brother.

Reports indicate Parks was strangled with a belt that was still around his neck when his body was discovered.

Through various interviews and evidence gathered, they learned that the suspects likely were caught stealing property from the victim, which led to his murder.

Additional records show that Parks likely returned home from his job as a Lyft

driver during the early-morning hours of July 17 and caught the Price-Browns in the act of robbing his apartment.

Investigators said they believed Parks was killed at his Tallahassee home between 4:25 and 5 a.m. that morning.

Throughout the investigation, both suspects

actively attempted to prevent the efforts of law enforcement to recover the victim’s body, investigators said.

Both Price-Browns were originally being held in Fairfax, Va., where they were arrested in mid-October after getting into a fight with one another “and the law was called.”

According to a probable cause document, the couple’s relationship included regularly soliciting other sexual partners through online dating applications such as Grindr.

In late December of 2017, both men were previously arrested in Arizona for being in possession of a stolen U-Haul van.

Washington: ‘Life means life in the state of Florida’

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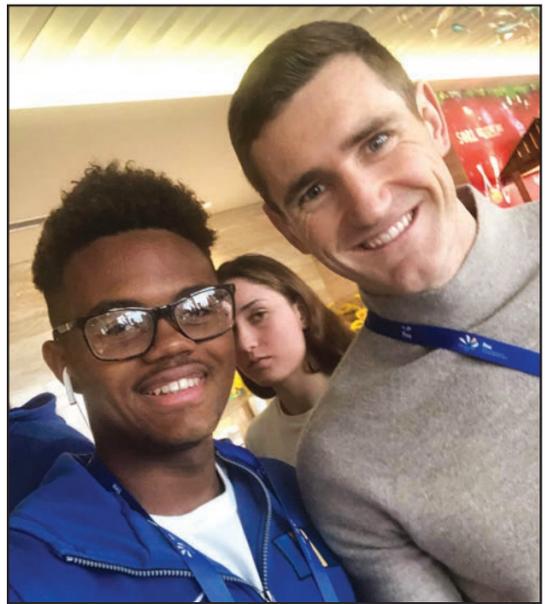
a court ruling in 1994. Life means life in the state of Florida. As for Rodney, he will serve 85 percent of his sentence (with gain

time),” Washington said, pointing out that Rodney Whiddon would be 77 years old before he could be released.

Strickland, a longtime educator and school administrator, was found

shot to death in her garage on June 24, 2015. Prosecutors described the crime as “burglary gone wrong” and subsequently pursued charges against the three named defendants.

Dunwoody will compete next at World Junior Championships



Nkosi Dunwoody with South African swimmer Cameron van der Burgh, Africa’s first home-trained world record holder and winner of two Olympic medals.

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Alpha swim team.

“We thank everyone for the prayers and encouragement,” his father, Wayne, stated. “Special thanks go out to his aunt Millie Mitchell of Atlanta, Ga, his godmother Nellie Walker, godfathers Terrell Jenkins and Nathaniel Washington, all of Perry, who have all been very instrumental to both Nkosi’s and Aza’s success.”

“Nkosi has really made me proud, working toward these goals since age of three,” Wayne said, adding that the FINA World Championships are considered by many swimming experts to be a “dress rehearsal” for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic games.

“He will be several months from turning 18 then, so it will be a tall order to make the minimum qualification times, however by the time the 2024 Olympics roll around, if he is healthy and blessed, and his training continues to go well, Nkosi should be in his prime and ready for the ultimate competitive competition,” Wayne said.

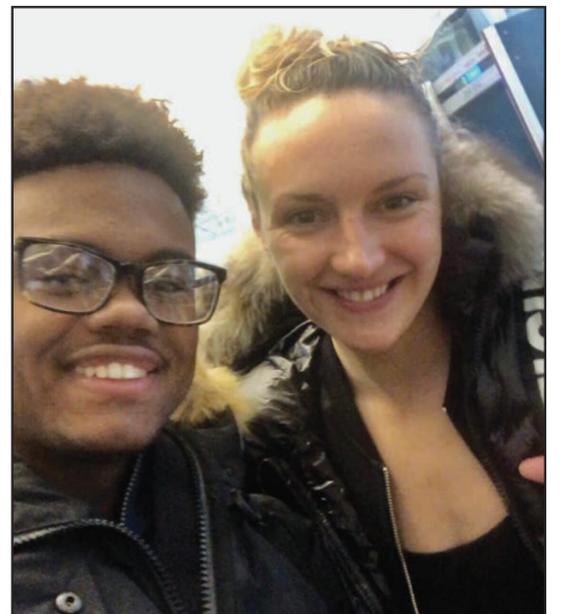
“He plans to keep training hard and we hope that all of that will take care of itself in due time,” Wayne said. “During his recent trip he has met many current and former gold medalists, such as Katinka Hosszú and Cameron van der Burgh, both of whom won gold medals during this particular event. The experience has been tremendously beneficial to him.”

Next up for Dunwoody will be the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships set for August 20-25, 2019 in Budapest, Hungary.

Dunwoody’s past

swimming success includes earning 12 gold medals at the CARIFTA Aquatics Championships and eight gold medals at the Central American & Caribbean

(CCAN) Championships in Barbados, as well as many other trophies and awards during his time competing in the Barbados Swimming Association.



Dunwoody with Hungarian swimmer Katinka Hosszú, winner of four Olympic medals, including three gold.



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DMH hosts Hospice 'Service of Remembrance'

It was standing room only as local community members gathered together Thursday, Dec. 20, in a Service of Remembrance to reflect on loved ones that have passed away.

Big Bend Hospice sponsored the event with

Doctors' Memorial Hospital, who hosted the ceremony.

"It was a well-attended, beautiful event," said the Rev. Glenn Hodges with Big Bend Hospice. "The ceremony is designed to help people cope with the passing of someone

dear to them. Of course, this service took on a special sort of nuance because of the holidays.

While we're celebrating the holiday season, people tend to remember their losses more."

"We were very happy Doctors' Memorial Hospital hosted the event. We're looking forward

to teaming up with them for more community events," Hodges continued.

School policy outlines how parents and staff expected to behave

At their Nov. 13 meeting, The Taylor County School Board held a public hearing and adopted a civility policy outlining acceptable and unacceptable behavior for all parents, visitors and school staff while on school grounds and during school-sponsored events.

The policy -- entitled "Taylor County School Board Policy; Civility -- Conduct of Parents/Guardians, Visitors and Staff" -- also details the authority of school personnel and actions they can take in response to someone behaving inappropriately, as well as what a parent or other visitor can do if they feel a member of school staff has behaved inappropriately.

According to Superintendent Dr. Danny Glover Jr., the new policy is not replacing an old policy.

"We used to have one in place many years ago," School Board Chair Brenda Carlton said.

"I did not find one in your current policies," School Board Attorney Angela Ball responded.

"Were there any events that led to the creation of this policy, or is this proactive?" School Board member Deidra Dunnell asked.

"Proactive," Glover responded. "This is something I've wanted to do for a long time."

The behaviors listed in the civility policy are straightforward. School and district personnel are expected to treat a parent/guardian and other members of the public with courtesy and respect. Parents and other visitors are expected to treat all school and district personnel with courtesy and respect.

Unacceptable behavior

includes, "but is not necessarily limited to: behavior which interferes with or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, buses, an employee's office or office area, areas of a school or facility which are not open to the general public or areas where educational learning is under the direct supervision of an instructional staff member."

Other disruptive behavior includes: using unreasonably loud or offensive language, threatening someone, damaging property, obscene/abusive texts, emails or voicemails, and any other behavior which would disrupt the orderly operation of the school, classroom or any other school district facility.

If a parent/guardian does not behave appropriately, the school principal has the right to prohibit them from entering the school, and will instead arrange alternative means for the parent/guardian to access student records and attend meetings concerning their child.

School personnel also are not obligated to respond to any abusive or offensive text, voicemail or message.

If such a message is received, the staff member "should save the message and contact his or her supervisor."

If the message threatens personal harm, the authorities will be contacted.

If a parent/guardian feels they were subjected to unacceptable behavior by a member of school staff, they should contact the staff member's immediate supervisor, appropriate administrator and/or the Superintendent or designee, according to the new policy.



During the "Service of Remembrance" ceremony, three different types of candles were lit to honor loved ones that had passed away -- the candle of grief, the candle of rejoicing and the candle of remembrance. With the candle of remembrance, each participant came forward to light a candle and had the opportunity to speak the name of the loved one they wanted to honor.



Big Bend Hospice and Doctors' Memorial Hospital sponsored the Service of Remembrance. Shown above (left to right) is the Big Bend Hospice Team -- Trona Cruce, Monica Ellis, the Rev. Glenn Hodges, Jan Lee, Traci Wood, Carol Katz and Sean Aultman -- and the COO of Doctors' Memorial Hospital, Mary Lescher.



It was standing room only during the Service of Remembrance held Thursday, Dec. 20, at Doctors' Memorial Hospital. "We ran out of seats," said Glenn Hodges with Big Bend Hospice, "It was well-attended."

At the Booking Desk

Editor's Note: It is the policy of this newspaper to run the names of all those arrested and booked at the Taylor County Jail. All those listed below have been charged with a crime, but are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Nov. 27:
Steven S. Hall, 35, Live Oak, Fla., battery on prisoner (malicious without great bodily harm), public order crimes (alter/destroy record of person in state custody), Dep. Fenton, TCSO.

Nov. 28:
Luke Sparrow, 33, Madison, Fla., VOP, Lt. Gulbrandsen, TCSO.

Nov. 29:
Christopher Aaron Williams, 31, Greenville, Fla., moving traffic violation (driving while license suspended, first offense), Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.
Marjorie Smith, 40, Crawfordville, Fla., VOP, Dep. Anderson, TCSO.
Benjamin Franklin Flowers, 60, Perry, Fla., battery (touch or strike), Sgt. Young, TCSO.

Nov. 30:
Regina Nicole Barnes, 20, Perry, Fla., petit theft, Dep. Sexton, TCSO.

Patricia Elaine Parker, 47, Perry, Fla., violation of conditional release (state parole), Dep. Sexton, TCSO.
Traci Shiver Jones, 41, Perry, Fla., possession of methamphetamine, possession and/or use of drug equipment, moving traffic violation (knowingly driving with license suspended/revoked), Ptl. Cephus, PPD.

Kimberly Marie Cannon, 32, Steinhatchee, Fla., VOP, Dep. Sexton, TCSO.

Dec. 1:
Don Gordon Helton, 25, Perry, Fla., VOP, Dep. Fenton, TCSO.
Randall James Branch, 23, 3103 S. U.S. Hwy. 19, FTA, Dep. Whimberley, TCSO.
Cameron Scott Upshaw, 31, Perry, Fla., battery, Lt. Gunter, TCSO.
Debra Hugger Mango, 45, Perry, Fla., FTA, Ptl. Phelps, PPD.

Alexander Santos, 19, Holyoka, Mass., FTA, back for court (in custody for court appearance) Lt. Gunter, TCSO.

Dec. 2:
Jeremiah Lawayne White, 30, Perry, Fla., VOP, Ptl. Cannon, PPD
Angelo Robert Joanos, 21, Crawfordville, Fla., burglary (dwelling/structure or conveyance, armed), hold for another agency, resisting officer (obstruction without violence), larceny (commit grand theft damage

over \$1000), Sgt. Griffin, TCSO.

Loretta Nadine Ayala, 33, Perry, Fla., VOP, Dep. Sexton, TCSO.

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