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News Forum

Plant It, Grow It, Eat It

Taylor County Extension will host two free "Plant It, Grow It, Eat It" gardening workshops Thursday, Sept. 26, at 12 noon and 6 p.m.

"Learn more about gardening, planting and harvesting during the fall and winter months," organizers said.

RSVP by today (Wednesday) at 12 noon. The workshops will be held at Forest Capital Hall, located at 203 Forest Park Dr.

Distinguished Young Women Program set for Oct. 5

The 2013 Florida Forest Festival Distinguished Young Women Program will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. at Forest Capital Hall.

The entry fee is \$5.

Lee to speak at library on Monday

Author Ashton Lee will be the featured guest at the Friends of the Taylor County Public Library program on Monday, Sept. 30.

Lee is the author of "The Cherry Cola Book Club."

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m.; the community is invited to attend.

Poker Run rolls out this Saturday

AMVET Riders of Perry will host a Poker Run this Saturday, Sept. 28, starting at 11 a.m.

Scheduled stops include: Outz's Too in Newport, SkyBox Sports Bar on Crawfordville Highway and Captain Seanies on Crawfordville Highway.

The final stop will be back at Outz's Too for a chicken dinner and live music featuring the band Alibi.

Hands are \$10 each and include dinner. Additional activities include raffles, a 50/5 drawing and live auction.

Registration will be held at the clubhouse (107 East Green Street) or riders may join the group at any stop.

For more information, please call (954) 695-2978.

Food distribution planned Friday

A food distribution will be held at Jerkins Community Center this Friday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Don't forget to SMILE!

Entries are now being accepted for the 58th annual Florida Forest Festival Baby Photo Contest. The deadline to enter is Friday, Oct. 11. Entries should be turned in at Photos & Frames (located at 102 E. Main Street). Entry fees are \$9. Winners will be announced Saturday, Oct. 12.

Weather

Wednesday 85°
60% 72°

Thursday 89°
20% 72°

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MURDER TRIAL



Paul McNutt

- Jury selection takes 7 hours
- Opening statements set stage for self-defense
- Testimony expected to last all week



Lee Spees Sr.



Lee Spees Jr.

Eyewitness testimony filled with details

'Please don't shoot me no more'

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Staff writer

Bleeding from a shotgun wound to his shoulder and struggling to breathe through a collapsed lung, David Spees said he could only watch as his older brother, Lee Spees Jr., lay on his back and begged Paul

McNutt to spare his life

"Please don't shoot me no more, Paul. I'm done. I'm down."

"My brother was crawling. Trying to get away. Paul pulled the 9 mm from his back and started shooting at my brother again. I started to run, fell

down and then just played dead. He had stopped shooting at my brother when he saw me move and started shooting at me. I tried to not to move because I didn't know if he was coming after me, hunting me."

Spees couldn't say how long he stayed on the

ground, crumpled facedown with both arms crossed in front of him.

What he did remember clearly was: the smell of the dirt filling his nose, asking responding officers to let him get up so he could help his father and his brother, and being loaded into an

ambulance with his brother lying with his back towards him.

"I put my hand on his shoulder and told him I was messed up, and told him I loved him. He mumbled he loved me. Those were the last words my brother said."

Such extreme emotional eyewitness testimony set the stage Tuesday, Sept. 24, for the week-long double-murder trial of 70-year-old Paul McNutt, who contends he acted in self-defense when he shot and killed Lee Spees Sr. and his son, Lee Jr., in the waning daylight hours of Dec. 5, 2011.

Jury selection in the case took nearly seven hours Monday, with a four-man, two-woman jury being seated shortly before 4 p.m. (Two alternates, both men, were also selected to serve.)

Opening statements got underway Tuesday morning, with Assistant State Attorney John Weed honing in on the graphic details of the shooting:

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Some 175 jury summons were issued for the McNutt trial and selection began early Monday morning. Above, defendant Paul McNutt, right, listens as Judge Greg Parker (not shown) explains the selection process to prospective jurors. Members of his family and those of the victims' took seats on opposite sides of the aisle.

County to seek CDBG funds for housing rehab

The Taylor County Commission is looking to apply for a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund low-income housing improvements.

The commission held the first of two public hearings on the grant last week, and listened to a presentation on the CDBG program from Kathy Baker of Jordan & Associates, which the county contracted with

to administrate CDBG applications.

The CDBG program has four categories, including housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and economic development.

Housing projects include rehabilitation of housing or publicly-owned properties and demolition of dilapidated housing and the relocation of residents to replacement housing.

Neighborhood revitalization projects include a variety of neighborhood improvements such as utility and drainage, paving, sidewalks, lighting and more.

Commercial revitalization projects provide funding for improvements of downtown commercial districts to promote business in areas where there is a general decline in commercial

activity. Economic development grants provide funding on a 50/50 public and private investment to generate business activity through the creation of new jobs to Florida.

Unlike the other categories, which feature set application periods, economic development grants can be applied for throughout the year. Additionally, applying for

a grant in one of the other three categories does not disqualify the county for applying for an economic development grant later.

According to County Grants Coordinator Melody Cox, it was staff's recommendation to apply for a housing grant.

Earlier this summer, the county learned it was receiving \$350,000 in

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United Way sets \$285,000 goal

Building off of last year's successful campaign, the Taylor County United Way officially kicked off its 2013-14 fund-raising season with an "ambitious but achievable goal" of \$285,000.

Campaign Chairman Mark Wiggins announced the goal at the United Way's kick-off breakfast held Tuesday morning at Taylor Senior Citizens Center.

Joining him were about 40 community members

and representatives from many of the United Way's 22 participating agencies.

Wiggins began his opening address by stating that Campaign Associate Glenda Hamby approached him the first day he took

office as Taylor County tax collector about starting a United Way campaign in his office.

"I think United Way is very important," he said. "For virtually nothing, you can feed a family. With

the backpack program, it's about \$5 to feed a family of four for the weekend.

"It's quarters, it's dimes, it's nickels and you're making a big difference. If

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Board finalizes 2013-14 budget

The Taylor County Commission finished its second budget hearing Monday evening, finalizing its 2013-14 budget, which totals \$41.3 million.

The commission began its second of two hearings on Monday, Sept. 16, but was forced to continue this week due to an advertising error.

Once again, no one from the public was present for the hearing and the commission quickly approved its final property tax millage rates and budget.

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The 2013 Taylor County United Way Campaign and Chairman Mark Wiggins announced a fund-raising goal of \$285,000 during Tuesday morning's kick-off breakfast held at the Taylor County Senior Citizens Center. Shown above are United Way of the Big Bend Vice President for Resource Development Sarah Deeb (far left), along with members of the Taylor County United Way Campaign Team, including (from l to r): Dan Simmons, Rob Hilley, Scott Barton, Mark Wentworth, Ronette Griffin, Wiggins, Dawn Gunter, Campaign Associate Glenda Hamby and Pam Rigoni-Parker.

In the right place at the right time?

Dear Editor:
We never know where time will take us, "until we get there" that is. God knows why and we find out along the way.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, at about 5:05 p.m., I was on my way home from work and for some reason I drove a different way from my usual route every other Monday through Friday. The route that I took was from South Washington Street to Highway 27 East at the intersection of the jail at that time. When I pulled over just past the jail, he had just sat down to rest. I walked up behind him and said to him, "Sir! Brought you something to eat and drink." He had taken one of his shoes off to doctor his foot. So he didn't get up but, he looked up at me and I gave him the bag with all of the goodies in it. He was tickled pink; to say the least he was smiling from ear to ear and he instantly said thank you, then he looked in the bag he said to me, "Ma'am, thank you so much I appreciate this."

About that same "time" a gold van had slowed down

to the store to get him something to eat and drink.

I picked him up some peanut butter crackers, some beef jerky, something to drink, some chocolate, some gum and some Tylenol. There was something about his presence when I saw him that made me feel like he would be very grateful for whatever he was given.

So I left the store and proceeded to go back to Highway 27 East. Sure enough he was there just in front of the jail at that time. When I pulled over just past the jail, he had just sat down to rest. I walked up behind him and said to him, "Sir! Brought you something to eat and drink." He had taken one of his shoes off to doctor his foot. So he didn't get up but, he looked up at me and I gave him the bag with all of the goodies in it. He was tickled pink; to say the least he was smiling from ear to ear and he instantly said thank you, then he looked in the bag he said to me, "Ma'am, thank you so much I appreciate this."

About that same "time" a gold van had slowed down

and this sweet little voice from the passenger window said, "Sir, here is a hot meal for you." He got up to take the food and acted as if he had just "won the lottery."

He was super tickled by then. He thanked her as well, then he walked back over to where I was and said to me this is a very nice corner of the world, I wish that I could stay here for a while. He thanked me again and I told him good luck and God bless. He said that it was a great day for him and that God had blessed him again.

Life is very interesting sometimes because, the sweet lady and her husband in the gold van that stopped happened to be our neighbors who live behind us. They also felt compelled to stop to give this homeless man something to eat just like I did. The neighbors could have been on a different road at that "time" on that day as well. I chose to take a different route going home that day at that "time" and saw him walking. Had

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...And Now, Starring On The World Stage...



Midweek Muddle

Brussels sprouts have terrific health benefits: who cares?

By SUSAN H. LINCOLN

After you've been to the grocery store a million times, you begin to long for a new animal to roam the earth before giving his life to provide sustenance for your family. Standing before the meat counter each week, I repeat the litany, "Beef, pork, chicken...beef, pork, chicken."

Occasionally the family enjoys turkey or fish, but then the litany begins again: beef, pork, chicken.

Next, I stand before the vegetables: lettuce, green beans and squash. In the fall, various bunches of greens provide a welcome break, but for many weeks out of the year, I look at the famous three: lettuce, green beans, squash.

So when I eyed those cute little Brussels sprouts in a purple mesh bag, I bought them. I read the label to make sure they didn't come all the way from Brussels, and they did not, but they hailed from Salinas, Calif., which isn't much closer and doesn't play into my loyalty to "Fresh From Florida."

Even so, I needed a break. From Florida, I bought asparagus.

Then I walked down the aisles collecting three beans for a salad of the same name.

Ever since, the family has been distraught.

"Brussels sprouts," the husband said in disbelief. "I stopped eating Brussels sprouts when I was four."

I reminded him that we all grow up (?).

"But there are only three things I don't eat, and Brussels sprouts is one of them," he reminded.

I told him about the vegetable's anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory qualities. Then I reported that I had watched a cooking show on television, during which the sprouts were roasted in the oven, under the influence of olive oil, salt and pepper. "This is not your Mother's boiled Brussels sprouts," I explained to him but I could hardly allow the words to leave my mouth, because I've never prepared anything better than his Mother.

Even so, I knew a positive spin was required.

The sprouts were darling and green. I happily cut them in half and arranged them artistically on a baking sheet to begin the roasting process.

Soon the aroma wafted from the oven. It wasn't great.

But when I tasted one of the smaller sprouts, it wasn't bad... at first. Soon thereafter, a bitter aftertaste galloped through my mouth.

Fortunately, I had prepared a marinated Three-Bean Salad and it was chilling in the refrigerator.

After the appropriate baking time, I pulled the sheet from the

oven just as the husband walked through the kitchen. He produced the same facial expression he must have had at age 4.

"Give it a try," said I.

He did. He tilted his head in a moment of surprise, and then the bitter aftertaste found him and he gave me that "don't you try this again" look.

"They're not awful," he said as a compliment, which is sort of like, "You're not too fat."

At the table, I commented on the son's maturity. "Look he's enjoying the Brussels sprouts."

"Enjoying is not the word I would use," he said rather quietly.

"More?" asked the husband, holding the serving platter out for him.

"It's better than that," he said, pointing to the three-bean salad.

I was completely offended. Here these people sit at my food trough, making disparaging remarks.

"Now I like that," the husband said of the salad.

"Good," I said, "you get to eat all of it because I'm not crazy about it."

He looked at the quart container and worried about his long-term health.

"Then he's got to eat the Brussels sprouts," he said, pointing across the table to the son. Who needs more children?

In a dramatic action, I picked up the platter and put the remainder of the sprouts in the garbage.

"Maybe the dog wants them," the son said to divert me.

"No way," said the husband.

I attempted to ignore them, for they have no idea how much it would cost to hire somebody like me to put up with them, do their laundry and prepare their food. As I returned the tea pitcher to the refrigerator, I announced lilyingly, "I have asparagus."

Nobody got excited.

So I looked at my own reflection in the kitchen windows over the sink where the dirty dishes and I spend quality time each evening. As a dirge, I repeated the litany from which I should never depart: beef, pork, chicken; lettuce, green beans, squash.

Then I decided to learn another litany with two verses: the first suggests an alternate approach, You-Cook-Then, You-Cook-Then, You-Cook-Then, with a refrain of Take-out's-Fine, Take-out's-Fine, Take-out's-Fine.

That will be my Dirge of the Day until a new animal roams this earth and finds his way to the meat counter, carrying a load of green vegetables from Florida that everyone at my table loves.

Or when hell freezes over, whichever comes first.

Letters to the Editor

Hoping the community can come together despite disagreements

Dear Editor:
AMVETS POST 20 was at the Praise in the Park giving away free bottled water.

I arrived early thinking it started at 5 p.m. and was there as they were setting up. A gentleman doing the sound system walked over and asked if we were selling water and I told him we were giving it away. He then said "let me do this" and gave me a \$10 bill stating he would be over later for more water.

We had intended to leave once our supply of water

was exhausted. About halfway through we were getting low on water so I gave my brother the \$10 bill and told him to go buy some more water.

He returned with the water and then another gentleman walked up and thanked me for speaking at the recent city council meeting regarding the proposal to close Washington Street. He wished they would have closed Washington Street for a short period of time as a trial before voting. I had never thought of that before and don't know if the

city has either. Before the meeting I was 100 percent against closing Washington Street, but after looking at the drawings and hearing both sides I was 50/50 and was okay with however the council voted. It was a tough call and passed 3-2.

We have drawings showing what the park will look like with and without the Washington Street bridge and I will admit it does look better without the bridge. However on the traffic we only have

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Officer saves parking spot?

Dear Editor:
Thank God I don't live in Perry.

I recently had surgery on my foot and was finding it very difficult to get around. I placed a bandage carefully on my foot slipping a sock over the bandage to protect it and hobbled to the vehicle. Glad my husband could drive because I couldn't.

So we set off going to Perry to visit. It was Sept. 11, 2013, and we wanted to just get out a little and enjoy the scenery. As we arrived at a local restaurant my

husband noticed a parking spot up close to the building so it wouldn't be far for me to walk. It had also recently rained and I was afraid of getting my foot wet due to my recent surgery the week before, so I was taking precautions my doctor had ordered.

As my husband was pulling into the parking spot up next to the building on the north side, we noticed a female deputy standing near it. As we were about to switch the engine off and get out the deputy told us

this parking spot was taken for her friend. Not wanting to challenge an officer, we moved.

The parking spot now closest was on the dirt parking area. So we parked there. As I got out and started walking my foot became wet because of the recent rain. The dirt was still wet. So I hobbled all the way to the door.

As I was hobbling along I noticed a female pull into the spot where we tried to park. The officer still standing there. Upon the female's exit of her vehicle, the female officer joined the female that just parked in the spot where we tried to park. The female was not injured nor was she handicapped, mind you--this was not handicapped parking either.

I truly became upset. How could this officer hold a parking spot for her friend like this? The friend was very capable of parking anywhere. Why was the officer's power under the law being used this way? This was not right. Later on I asked a waitress the officer's name, and was told Officer Lindsey Shaw.

I would like for the sheriffs office to question this officer of the importance of saving this spot for her friend, which clearly is an abuse of her powers. Had the female been handicapped I could understand, but she was not. Abuse of Power.

Tonya Swartz
Lake City

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Jubal's Kin



High Cotton



the Acoustic Messengers



Tallahassee Fiddlers

Delta Reign



FL State Bluegrass Band



Win cash prizes for your best pie, cake or pickles

Cash prizes will be awarded in the first Country Kitchen Competition to be held in conjunction with this weekend's Pickin' in the Pines Music Festival.

Taylor County's best cooks are invited to enter jams, jellies, pickles, pies and cakes for judging. Free festival tickets will be given to all competition participants.

Entry forms are available at the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please call (850) 584-5366.

Musical line-up has something for everyone

Music lovers, this is your weekend.

The newly revamped Pickin' in the Pines Music Festival will feature a variety of music, ranging from folk to jazz, as well as a new sound bluegrass

organizers guarantee will satisfy your music craving.

A limited number of free tickets for the event, courtesy of Timberland Ford and the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce, are available.

General admission tickets for the two-day event are \$15 (for both days).

Grammy-nominated Jubal's Kin will headline the music festival, bringing their "Appalachia-infused Cosmic Americana" sound

to Forest Capital Park.

The line-up also includes Delta Reign, High Cotton, Ernie Evans & the Florida State Bluegrass Band, the Tallahassee Fiddlers and Mickey Abraham & the Acoustic Messengers.

The music will begin Friday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. and continue through Saturday night, Sept. 28.

The festival will also feature arts and craft vendors as well as concessions. On-site camping is

available for \$25 per site per night (water and electricity only). Dry camping is available for \$10 per night. Space is limited.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 584-5366.



PICKIN' IN THE PINES MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday, Sept. 27 & Saturday, Sept. 28 • Forest Capital Park

Friday
 2 p.m. Mickey Abraham & the Acoustic Messengers
 3 p.m. Delta Reign
 4 p.m. Jubal's Kin
 5 p.m. Dinner break
 6 p.m. High Cotton
 7 p.m. Mickey Abraham & the Acoustic Messenger

8 p.m. Ernie Evans & the Florida State Bluegrass Band
Saturday
 12 p.m. High Cotton
 1 p.m. Tallahassee Fiddlers
 2 p.m. Mickey Abraham & the Acoustic Messengers
 3 p.m. Delta Reign

4 p.m. Jubal's Kin
 5 p.m. Dinner break
 6 p.m. High Cotton
 7 p.m. Ernie Evans & the Florida State Bluegrass Band
 8 p.m. Delta Reign
 9 p.m. Jubal's Kin

Arts & Crafts • Concessions • Country Kitchen Competition



Willz McClamma, Vonda Kay Whiddon

Whiddon, McClamma to exchange vows in January of New Year

Mr. and Mrs. Von Whiddon announce the engagement of their daughter, Vonda Kay, to Willz McClamma, the son of Wilber and Linda McClamma.

The couple will be married on Jan. 11, 2014, at 4 p.m. in CrossPoint Baptist Fellowship. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Demps & Anderson to marry

The Demps and Anderson Families announce the engagement of Felisa S. Demps and John E. Anderson.

A private wedding ceremony for the couple is planned.

Formal invitations will be issued.

FOR OCT. 5 Levingston-Ross-Lashley reunion set

The annual Levingston-Ross-Lashley Family Reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at Forest Capital Park.

Family members and friends, too, are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Paper plates and cups will be provided.

If you require additional information about the reunion, please contact Hettie Carter at 850-584-7832.



Saturday wedding

Brittney Browning and Shannon Wirick Jr. announce their forthcoming marriage on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. at 6345 NW Little Cat Road in Madison (Madison 429). The bride-to-be is the daughter of Brenda Pickles Browning, and Michael and Brandi Browning of Madison. The prospective groom is the son of Leann and Shannon Wirick Sr. of Lee. All friends and family members are cordially invited to attend.

Morgan graduates from Columbia Southern University on August 15

Columbia Southern University recently awarded Jesscia Lynn Morgan a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with the academic honor of cum laude.

The degree was conferred Aug. 15. She is the daughter of Jamie Cooper Williams (Jeff) of Lawtey and Joseph Morgan of Perry.

Grandparents are Wayne and Doris

Putnal, and Norma Kinsey of Perry.

The new graduate, who now resides in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated from Union County High School in 2009.

She earned an Associate of Arts degree from Lake City Community College.

Morgan plans to continue her education by seeking a Master's degree from Arizona State University.

Come to a LuaHowl...for PAWS

Get out your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts because PAWS (Pets Are Worth Spaying) will host its annual fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 5, at Steinhatchee Landing, beginning at 5 p.m.

"Last year's tropical 'LuaHowl' theme was such a success we are going back to the islands again for this year's fund-raiser," organizers said. "There will be a luscious Polynesian luau dinner served, catered by Chef J.R. of Mama's Italian Restaurant

in Perry. Afterwards there will be a live auction." A raffle and silent auction are also planned.

Seating is limited to 120 guests; the cost is \$20 a person or \$30 a couple. There will be a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased from any PAWS member or by calling Nancy Conrad at (352) 498-7895.

PAWS is a non-profit organization that helps owners spay and neuter their pets preventing strays and unwanted animals.

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'Taylor really knows how to take care of its own'

UNITED WAY

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you don't have a campaign, I would ask you to create a campaign."

He also stressed that the money raised in Taylor County, stays in Taylor County and is disbursed to agencies providing services to the community here.

"We have a tough but achievable goal and we look forward to it," Wiggins said.

He then thanked the senior center for hosting the event again, Commissioner Malcolm Page for underwriting the cost of the breakfast and Hardee's for

providing condiments.

"You all are great partners," said United Way of the Big Bend Vice President for Resource Development Sarah Deeb.

"Taylor County really knows how to take care of its own. You all do so much in this community to really embrace those who are less fortunate and make sure that everybody has an equal start and a leg to stand on."

"I want to say thank you," Deeb said. "I, through Glenda, have really found a love for Taylor County."

"You chose last year to support not only United Way but all the different

agencies that are in Taylor County and the programs they support that really change lives. That's a big deal.

"You stood tall and that's our theme this year, 'Stand Tall for United Way.' Our chairman in Leon County said a great quote that has stuck with me."

"He said, 'You never stand as tall as when you stoop to help someone in need.' We all stand tall by helping others. It's about helping those in need."

"I really want to say thank you again for all that you do," Deeb said. "I am overwhelmed by the

graciousness in this room."

It was then time for Wiggins to announce the winner of the breakfast's

drawing, which consisted of the proceeds from the breakfast being donated to one of United Way's

participating agencies.

Taylor County Special Olympics was chosen and was presented \$220.

Property tax rates stay the same

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The final millage rates approved Monday are the same as the current rates, which are 7.0113 mills in the general fund and 1.1215 mills in the MSTU fund (which is funded through a tax on property in the unincorporated area of the county for

services duplicated by the City of Perry such as fire protection).

Overall, the county's final

budget, including all funds, totals \$41,389,169.

The 2013-14 fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

County to use state SHIP funds as match

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State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds and Cox said they could use \$125,000 of that money as a match for a CDBG housing grant to receive additional points and make their application more competitive.

In 2011, the county was awarded a \$750,000 CDBG housing rehabilitation grant, which funded 13 projects, 10 of which were demolition

and reconstruction. The county also used SHIP funds as a match for that grant.

At last week's hearing, the commission voted unanimously to move forward with applying for a housing rehabilitation grant, with a final decision on the application to be made at the second hearing.

According to Cox, a date for the second hearing has not been set because they are waiting for the CDBG rules for this year's grant cycle to be finalized.

Letters to the Editor

Close Washington St. for a short time to gauge true traffic impact?

DISAGREEMENTS

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estimates. There was a traffic count conducted for a week using the speed trailer. The speed trailer is one directional and only counted the northbound traffic. If you add in the southbound traffic the number of cars using Washington Street would be a little higher. However it's still just numbers and no one knows how this would affect the traffic. If Washington was closed for a short period of time before making it final, one could get a real sense of how it might affect them. It may or may not be as bad as people thought. People might say this is something I can live with or they might say it's

too much of a problem and changes could be made. But once the bridge is torn down you can't go back and make changes if needed.

I've learned by teaching DDC all of those years that people drive by habits they have learned over the years, being either good or bad. Habits are learned by doing something a certain way over time and can be changed for the good. Over the years people have developed the habit of using Washington Street. By closing Washington on a trial period people can make changes and see how it really affects them instead of how they think it will affect them.

I don't know if there is a strict time frame involved in the park construction

or not but I don't think waiting 30 days and closing Washington on a trial period and then voting again would be too much of a problem. Like I said before I'm okay with it either way and hope the community can come together as a whole on this.

I would like to thank the gentleman who donated the ten dollars. He did not know it at the time but his donation allowed us to stay the entire time giving out free water. I asked my brother how much the water had cost and he told me \$10.82 This amount was almost to the penny. God knew exactly how much to provide as we only had one bottle of water left at the end. Also by staying until the end I received a blessing by hearing some

great music and heard the comment about closing Washington Street on a trial. I hope the community will support the decision of the city council no matter how they feel personally.

Now I hope that Bob Brown and Frazier can come to terms on the placement of his signs. He has made his point that he does not approve of Bob Brown, the city council and apparently now the PPD but I for one say enough is enough and hope others in the community will speak out against this as it a disgrace to the community and makes us look bad to people passing thru and ask yourselves who would want to relocate here seeing all of the discontent?

Dodd Franklin

'Be thankful no matter what time it is'

RIGHT TIME

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I taken my usual route I would not have seen him, so I was able to give a little something to someone who

really appreciated it.

I feel like I received more than he did that day and it was an awesome feeling and it still feels awesome to me now. The timing was "right" for all of us that

day. The timing is right for me to share my little story with you. Thank you for taking your "time" to read my story. I hope that you enjoyed it.

Remember, to look around

when you are feeling down. God continues to bless us each and every day it is our choice, to appreciate it and be thankful for it no matter what time it is.

Sharon Cook-Gentry

Obituaries

Gladys Faye Mathis

Gladys "Tina" Faye Mathis, 76, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, in Tallahassee.

She was born in Taylor County on April 4, 1937, to the late James Soloman Jackson and Lantie Hunter. She was a lifelong resident of Taylor County and attended the Center Street Church of God. She retired from working at the local Recycling Center.

Mrs. Mathis is survived by two sons, Charles Jackson Jr. and James Jackson Sr., both of Perry; one daughter, Denise Mosley of Perry; one brother, Curtis Jackson of Punta Gorda; one sister, Daphne Carlisle of Perry; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Barney Mathis, and one son, Buddy Mathis.

Graveside services will be held today (Sept. 25) at 4 p.m. at Salem Cemetery in Salem.

Family members received friends Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home Perry Chapel, which is in charge of arrangements.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting our website www.beggsfuneral.com.

Myrtice Wynell Jennings

Myrtice Wynell Jennings, 70, of Perry, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at Shands in Gainesville. She was born July 8, 1943, in Forsyth, Ga., to Clarence and Verdie (Grubbs) Williams, now deceased.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Ruby Reed; and three brothers, Hershel, Wesley and Johnny Williams.

Ms. Jennings was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her twin sister, Bernice Williamson of Perry; her sister, Dorothy Dorsey and a brother, Curtis Williams, both of Forsyth; and a host of nieces and nephews.

No services planned at this time. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

Nancy Mae Singletary

Nancy Mae Singletary, 99, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 at home in Perry.

She was born June 18,

1914, in Elizaj, Ga., to Milford and Mary Jane (Weaver) Parker. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Juney and Bunyon Parker.

Ms. Singletary was a member of The Church of God of Perry.

She is survived by: one daughter, Lillie Mae (Newton) Massey of Perry; two sons, James Newton of Perry and Zenard (Versie) Newton of Michigan; one sister, Rebie Stover of Elizaj; a host grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home with Pastor Syble Palmer officiating. Interment followed at

Carlton Cemetery.

The family received friends from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at Burns which was in charge of arrangements.

Erma Dorman McKenzie

Erma Dorman McKenzie died Sept. 20, 2013.

She was born in Perry on May 17, 1938, and moved to Tallahassee in 1956 where she lived until her death. Mrs. McKenzie retired from state government after 31 years of service. She attended Hayden Road Assembly of God until her health declined.

She was preceeded in death by her husband of 49 years, Samuel McKenzie; and her parents, Emily and BJ Dorman.

Mrs. McKenzie is survived by: her daughters, Teresa Laverne McKenzie and Tammy Lorraine McKenzie, both of

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Lose to unbeaten Wakulla 20-14

Dogs' 4th-quarter comeback falls short

By AARON PORTWOOD

A furious fourth-quarter comeback attempt by Taylor County came up just one play short, as undefeated Class 5A Wakulla escaped with a 20-14 victory over the Bulldogs Friday night in Perry.

Wakulla scored a single touchdown in each of the first, second and third quarters to build a 20-0 lead, but the Bulldog defense shut down the War Eagles in the second half – holding Wakulla's vaunted offense to just 44 total yards in the final two quarters and forcing three second-half turnovers.

Taylor County did not commit a turnover, while forcing three Wakulla fumbles and one interception.

The Bulldog defense nearly had one more fumble recovery in the third quarter, as two different Bulldogs had a chance at recovering the loose ball, but Wakulla fell on the fumble and on the very next play converted a 3rd and 24 play with a 27-yard TD pass.

After managing just two first downs and being shut

was proud of the Bulldogs' defense for meeting each of their pre-game goals (yards and points allowed, turnovers, rushing yards, etc.).

"I was impressed with our defensive play, and proud of the way we fought. We just have to keep plugging and getting better," Moore said.

Mitch Stephens picked off a Wakulla pass near midfield halfway through the third quarter to give the Bulldogs a chance to cut into the 20-0 deficit.

Runs by Jermaine Watkins and QB Daniel Wentworth picked up a first down. Moral Stephens hauled in back-to-back passes of 15 and 9 yards to move the Bulldogs all the way down to the War Eagle 2-yard line.

An illegal procedure penalty pushed Taylor back, but Darrell Cook followed blocks by Jake Barr, Dylan Strickland, Garrett Massey and Joseph Trujillo to get down to the 1.

However, after a time out, the Bulldogs were hit with a 15-yard illegal chop block penalty that pushed the ball

Wakulla fumbled and lost a snap on the very next play to give the Bulldogs another chance.

This time the Taylor offense converted, as Art Nelson ran for 3 yards, and Jalen Oliver made a great 10-yard catch for a first down at the 2-yard line.

Nelson was stuffed for no gain on 1st and goal, but Wentworth showed tremendous guts by following the left side of his offensive line and punching the ball into the endzone on a QB keeper the next play.

Grant Parker made both of his PATs to pull the Bulldogs within 20-14 with 5:26 to play in the game.

Ward tried another pooch kickoff, but this one was returned 34 yards to midfield and the Bulldog defense could not stop the War Eagles from running the ball and running out the clock by picking up three straight first downs.

Wentworth threw for one touchdown and ran for another, but struggled passing the ball, completing 13 of 29 passes for just 85 yards and 1 TD.

Wentworth (10 carries, 33 yards, 1 TD) was the Bulldogs' second leading rusher (with most of his yards coming on scrambles when he was chased out of the pocket), behind Darrell Cook, who had 9 carries for 38 yards.

Art Nelson finished with 6 carries for 25 yards, while Jermaine Watkins had 2 carries for 12 yards.

Moral Stephens finished with 7 catches for 45 yards and 1 TD, while Watkins had 3 catches for 18 yards. Grant Parker made an 11-yard reception for a key first down, Oliver made a key 10-yard catch and Chance Rodgers was held to just 1 catch for 1 yard and only 1 carry for 2 yards.

Penalties hurt the Bulldogs on both offense and defense. Taylor was flagged 13 times for 95 yards, with four of those helping Wakulla keep drives alive by giving the War Eagles a first down. Offensive penalties also pushed the Bulldogs back on key drives down near the goal line.

The game started off great for Taylor, just three plays into the first quarter, as Jordan White made back-to-back run stops and Justin Cruse forced a fumble that was recovered by Watkins at the Wakulla 33-yard line.

A procedure penalty on the Bulldogs pushed Taylor back to the 38, and Watkins picked up 7 yards on a screen pass. Oliver dropped a 2nd down pass and M. Stephens managed to gain 3 yards before Wentworth's 4th down pass bounced off Chance Rodgers' hands on what appeared to be a sure touchdown on a seam pass down the middle.

Wakulla completed a long 53-yard pass down the middle, but Davonta Fudge and Luke Kallschmidt made big tackles before Johnny Anderson punished a War Eagle ball carrier on 3rd down and forced a punt.

The Bulldogs started from their own 2-yard line and managed a first down on Cook's 12-yard run behind the left side of his line, but after Watkins picked up 8 yards on a jet sweep the drive stalled due to a penalty, run for no gain and a short pass.

Wentworth boomed a 48-yard punt, but Wakulla's speedy returner made several Bulldogs miss on a 58-yard punt return that led to a 1-yard TD run four plays later.

Wakulla's 2-point try failed to keep the score 6-0 with 37 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs managed



Taylor County High quarterback Daniel Wentworth (16) moves upfield as Jermaine Watkins (2) looks for someone to block.

one more first down (on a 12-yard pass to M. Stephens) in the second quarter, before being forced to punt on the following two possessions.

Wakulla scored on another short run midway through the second quarter on a drive kept alive by a roughing the passer penalty and an offside penalty against the Bulldogs.

Big hits and great tackles by Luke Kallschmidt, Jordan White and Anderson, along with pass break-ups by Watkins and Anderson helped hold Wakulla scoreless for the rest of the half.

Kallschmidt led the Bulldogs with a season-high 14 solo tackles to go with 2 assists, 3 big hits and 1 forced fumble.

White had his best game of the season with 6 solo tackles, 1 assist, 1 tackle for loss, a QB hurry and a fumble recovery.

Javolis McNeal (3 solo, 3 assists, 1 tackle for loss, QB hurry and fumble recovery) also had his best game of the season.

Other top defenders were: Anderson (4 solo, 2 pass break-ups, 1 big hit), Justin Cruse (3 solo, 2 assists, 1 tackle for loss, forced

fumble), Moral Stephens (2 solo, 5 assists), Watkins (2 solo, 1 pass break-up, and a forced fumble

Evan Grambling had 1 solo tackle, Jermarcus Robertson had 2 assists and Tanner Hammock had 1 assist.

YARDSTICK		
Taylor Co.	Stats	Wakulla
10	First Downs	13
28/110	Rushes/Yards	28/82
13/29/0	Comp./Passes/Int.	11/22/1
85	Pass Yards	145
195	Total Offense	227
6/47.8	Punts/Avg.	3/33
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
13/95	Penalties/Yds.	13/82

out in the first half, the Taylor County offense rallied to score 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter and had several chances to pull out the victory.

However, the Bulldog offense couldn't punch the ball into the endzone, despite two possessions inside the Wakulla 10-yard line in the second half.

"Our defense played very well. We had our chances at knocking off a very good, undefeated Class 5A team," Head Coach Ryan Smith said. "I am proud of our guys for fighting until the end. We played hard and showed improvement in several areas.

"We just have to keep getting better. Our pre-season is over. We have an off week this week, and the real season starts next Friday night when we open district play (against Madison)," Smith added.

Defensive Coordinator Antwaun Moore said he

all the way back to the 16. Wentworth completed a pass to Watkins, who managed just a two-yard gain, and on 4th and goal, the Bulldogs attempted a fade pass to Stephens, who couldn't hang on while being tightly covered in the corner of the endzone.

After a great 3-and-out defensive stop that forced a Wakulla punt, the Bulldogs scored on a 4-yard slant pass to Moral Stephens to start the 4th quarter.

A perfect sky-high pooch kickoff by Evan Ward and excellent hustle by Javolis McNeal resulted in the Bulldogs recovering the kick and giving the Taylor offense another excellent scoring opportunity at the Wakulla 10-yard line.

Cook was stuffed on a first down run, Moral Stephens dropped a slant pass on 2nd down and Wentworth was sacked on back-to-back pass attempts on 3rd and 4th down to end the scoring threat.



Bulldog senior wide receiver Chance Rodgers (21) breaks into the open.



2013-14 VARSITY BULLDOG FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/23	Leon (Kick-off Classic)	Away	TBA
8/30	Dixie County	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/6	Williston	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/13	Potter's House	Home	7:30 p.m.
9/20	Wakulla County	Home	7:30 p.m.
9/27	Open Week		
10/4	Madison County*	Home	7:30 p.m.
10/11	Jefferson County	Home	7:30 p.m.
10/18	Fernandina Beach*	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/25	Lincoln	Home	7:30 p.m.
11/1	Fort White*	Home	7:30 p.m.
11/8	Hamilton County**	Home	7:30 p.m.

*District Game ** Homecoming

Blount leads Patriots in rushing against former team on Sunday

Former Taylor County High running back LeGarrette Blount was the leading rusher for New England Sunday in its 23-3

victory over Tampa Bay, Blount's previous team.

The big runner rushed 14 times for 65 yards including a long run of 23 yards.

Blount also returned one kickoff for 24 yards.

It was Blount's best game for the Patriots since joining the team earlier this year.

Hunter safety course planned

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety course in Taylor County.

The course is Oct. 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Perry. Students must attend both sessions to receive their certificate.

The location for this class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional

office at 386-758-0525 or going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting

license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states.

Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

Red snapper season to open Oct. 1, in state, federal waters

The recreational harvest of red snapper will open Oct. 1 in state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

In state waters, which are from shore to nine nautical miles in the Gulf, the season will remain open through Oct. 21, closing on Oct. 22. In federal waters, which are from nine nautical miles out to 200 nautical miles, the season will remain open through Oct. 14, closing on Oct. 15.

These supplemental recreational red snapper

seasons are for 2013 only. The minimum size limit in state and federal waters is 16 inches, and the daily bag limit is two per harvester, per day. There is a zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.

Anglers are required to use circle hooks and dehooking devices when fishing for any reef species, including red snapper, in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters. The requirement to use venting tools in federal

waters was removed on Sept. 3. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will consider adopting similar changes at a future meeting. The intent of these rules is to help conserve fishery resources by increasing the chances for a fish to survive after being caught and released, officials said.

Learn more about red snapper by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater" and "Recreational Regulations."

'Singspiration' service planned Sunday at Lakeside

'Popcorn Gang' spotlighted

The youth puppet ministry, "The Popcorn Gang," will make a special appearance Sunday during the "Singspiration" service at Lakeside Baptist Church. The event begins at 7 p.m., featuring "a variety of upbeat songs of praise and worship." The community is cordially invited.

Hendry speaks to women

Karen Hendry will be the keynote speaker for a Women's Conference planned at the Perry Woman's Club on Saturday, Sept. 28, sponsored by the Women's Ministry of Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship. "Prayer, Praise, Promises and Power" will be discussed during the event

which includes a continental breakfast as well as lunch. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; the conference begins at 9. "There is no charge for this event," said June Byers. "We urge all women in the community to gather for great fellowship and inspirational worship."

'We Are Blessed' begins Thursday

Radical Nation Temple of Deliverance Church will hold a women's conference, "We Are Blessed," Sept. 26-28. The church hopes the conference will become an annual event. Apostle Corey L. Neal is host pastor; speakers will include M. Dupree (Thursday-Friday) and Apostle B. McIver (Saturday).

Morning Manna will be offered Thursday through Saturday at 6 a.m.

Union Street welcomes 3 speakers

Rodney McKinley, pastor of Northside Church of God, will lead off three nights of revival at Union Street Church of God where the Rev. Connie Mote is pastor. McKinley will speak tonight, Sept. 25.

Isaiah E. Johnson Sr. of Eighth Street Church of God in Ocala will be the Thursday speaker, with Umah Miller of Port Salerna speaking on Friday. All services begin at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 701 W. Union Street. The community is invited to attend.

Obituaries

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Tallahassee; her brother and sister-in-law, Handin and Ava Jean Dorman of Perry; and her sister, Thelma Slaughter of Perry.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 12 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Homes, Apalachee Parkway Chapel.

Interment followed at Roselawn Cemetery. Family members received friends an hour prior to service from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

entered the U.S. Navy and returned to Perry. He later moved to Defuniak Springs.

Mr. Durden was preceded in death by: his parents; his sister, Elizabeth Durden Gunter and her husband Luther E. Gunter; his brother, Charles (Mac) Durden and his sons, Jimmy and Donald Ivey.

Mr. Durden is survived by his wife of 42 years, Louise Nobles Durden; daughters, Desiree (Chris) Brynes, Sondra (Gary) Sims and

Beth (Larry) Sloan; sons, Henry (Leritha) Burgess and Ricky Ivey; brothers, James "Buster" (Frances) Durden and James "Dub" (Virginia) Cruce; a sister, Carolyn J. Durden Williams; and a host of grandchildren, great-grand children, nieces and nephews.

Doyle R. Padgett

Doyle R. "Randy" Padgett, 62, of Perry, died Sept. 21, 2013, at his residence in Perry.

He was born Dec. 19, 1950, in Perry, to Doyle and Janie (Ward) Padgett.

Mr. Padgett, a member of Charity Baptist Church, was a private pilot and enjoyed flying his own airplane.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Dianne (Lipscomb) Padgett, Perry;

his parents, Doyle Padgett and Janie Padgett; a son Josh (Kenya) Padgett of Perry; three grandchildren, Jordan, Brenton and Noah Padgett; and one sister, Ruth Ann Whitfield.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. at Joe P. Burns

Funeral Home with Pastor Jason Holden officiating. Interment followed in Pineview Memorial Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral on Monday, September 23, 2013 at Burns which was in charge of all arrangements.



Kelly Laverne Durden

Kelly Laverne Durden, a native of Perry, died Sept. 14, 2013, at the age of 82 in Destin after extended health problems.

He was born June 10, 1931, to Jesse James Durden and Annie Bell Hood Durden. He was a retired body and fender specialist. When he was young, he worked at the Ed Linton Car dealership. Then

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ones, whom Jesus said suffer them to come unto me, and Sister Deanna for all the fun songs. Brother Chris and Sister Lindsey for making the best Kidz Club ever! And of course brother Chris's singing. Brother Gator and Sister Sherry for always taking time to play with us outside. Sister Gayle, Maggie says thank you for keeping her entertained during the service with your gentle and loving spirit. Sister Brenda, all the kids say thank you for loving them with your smiles and hugs. Sister Ashlie for teaching us music with joy! Sister Dianne, for all the long hours of learning songs. We enjoyed singing with you. Sister Kenya, for always encouraging the kids with gifts. Sister Vicky, the kids say thanks for the encouragement. When no one else noticed, you did. And Preacher Jason, for the labour of bringing the word of God to our hearts. You will always be dear to our hearts. We now attend Faith Baptist Church and love Jesus more than ever before and look forward to what God has in store for us and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
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IN RE: ESTATE OF
File No. 13-660-CP
BASAVARAJ MUTNAL,

LEGALS 

Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate
of BASAVARAJ MUTNAL,
deceased, whose date of death
was June 30, 2013, is pending in
the Circuit Court for Taylor
County, Florida, Probate Division,
File Number 13-660-CP, the
address of which is 108 N.
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The names and addresses of the
personal representative and the
personal representative's
attorney are set forth below.

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demands against decedent's
estate on whom a copy of this
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(3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF
THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS
NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS
AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A
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who have claims or demands
against the decedent's estate
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PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY
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THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
TAYLOR COUNTY,
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CASE NO.
622010CA00055XXXXX
U.S.BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, A
NATIONAL BANKING
ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT
SOLELY IN ITS
CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
TERWIN
MORTGAGE TRUST, SERIES TMTS
2005-6HE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CAY COMMANDER; et al,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to an Order or Summary
Final Judgment of foreclosure
dated 01/15/2013 and an Order
resetting Sale dated September
9, 2013 and entered in Case No.
622010CA00055XXXXX of the
Circuit Court of the Third Judicial
Circuit in and for Taylor County,
Florida, wherein U.S. BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A
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ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT
SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE TERWIN
MORTGAGE TRUST SERIES TMTS
2005-6HE is Plaintiff and CAY
COMMANDER; UNKNOWN
TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN
TENANT NO. 2; and ALL

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UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING
INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER
OR AGAINST A NAMED
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ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN
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Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson
Street, Perry, FL 32347 County,
Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th
day of October, 2013 the
following described property as
set forth in said Order or Final
Judgment, to-wit,
LOT 9, BLOCK "E", OF PARVIEW
SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO
THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT
PAGE 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY,
FLORIDA
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN
INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM
THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE
PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE
DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST
FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS
AFTER THE SALE.
DATED at Perry, Florida, on Sept.
11, 2013
ANNIE MAE MURPHY
as Clerk, Circuit Court
By: Marti Lee
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT
THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WILL HOLD THE FIRST OF TWO
PUBLIC
HEARINGS MONDAY OCTOBER 7,
2013 AT 5:30 P.M. TO RECEIVE
PUBLIC INPUT AND NOTIFY THE
PUBLIC OF THE POSSIBLE GRANT
SUBMISSION BY THE TAYLOR
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SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL
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HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22,
2013 AT 5:30PM.
ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE
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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA
STATUTE 286.0105, THAT ANY
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APPEAL ANY MATTER
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PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH
RECORD
INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND
EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE
APPEAL
IS TO BE BASED
THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE
HELD AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY
BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ROOM, 201 E. GREEN STREET
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Attorney: 'McNutt was afraid for himself, for his wife'

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"The defendant (McNutt) took the life of Lee Spees Jr., shooting him in the stomach with a shotgun... he also took the life of Lee Spees Sr. While Lee Spees Sr. was trying to get away, the defendant shot him in the back with a shotgun. He must have been aiming high, because one of the pellets struck Lee Spees Sr. in the back of his head, ricocheted around, cutting his brain, ultimately killing him. He shot David Spees with the shotgun, hitting him in the shoulder. He (David) ran into woods and ultimately survived. While Lee Spees Jr. was lying on the ground, begging for his life, the defendant stood over him and shot at him again. This is murder, plain and simple."

However, the picture McNutt's defense attorney Cliff Davis sought to paint for the jury was not as simple, casting the defendant's late wife, Diane McNutt, as a diminutive woman "whose mouth was 10 times bigger than her body. She was a contentious person."

Davis indicated that Diane McNutt's argumentative nature contributed to the verbal dispute that day which ended in bloodshed.

"Diane was being bullied by five individuals... surrounded by them. Mr. McNutt was afraid for himself, for his dog and for his wife. He was afraid something was going to happen. She started screaming, 'Help me, Paul' and 'Aren't you going to do something?' He felt his life was in danger. He felt her life was in danger," Davis related in his opening statement.

He continued by stating that McNutt was not familiar with guns and, in fact, did not own any himself. The guns he used in the shooting had belonged to his wife's former husband, Davis said.

"Mr. McNutt has a history of seizures and when he

heard what he constituted as threats, he could feel an illness coming on him. He has no recollection of what happened. He remembers he needed to put the dog up (in the house) and get his medication. When he came back to himself, he was slumped down (outside) by a tree," Davis said.

"Once you hear the evidence, you will find him not guilty," Davis concluded.

It was left to eyewitnesses to fill in the blanks left from the time McNutt walked out of his home armed with a shotgun and a 9 mm handgun, to when police arrived and took him into custody.

The state's first three witnesses — whose testimony filled much of Tuesday's calendar — colored in the stark lines painted during the opening statements.

First to take the stand was Connie Spees, who lost her husband and oldest son to the carnage. She also faces daily the wounds born by her younger son, David.

It was the sound of raised voices that first caught her attention that late December afternoon.

"I couldn't distinguish what they were saying, so I went out closer. Our lawyer had told us if we could tape the confrontations it would be better in court, so I was taping as I was walking that way."

Spees classified the argument as "very verbal," a fact verified by the playing of the rough video footage.

Grainy and shot from a distance, nevertheless the tone and focus of the argument was captured loud and clear in the video — ownership of a 30-foot strip of easement running down the McNutt's property and leading to the Spees home.

"Give me \$10,000 and you can own it," Diane McNutt is clearly heard shouting to Lee Spees Sr., Lee Spees Jr., David Spees and his fiancée, Dana Ellison.

While Paul McNutt

was not clearly seen on the video, Connie Spees testified he was standing on his side of the easement/road and did not enter into the argument.

"He never said a word," she said.

At one point in the argument, Ellison's mother (Hazel Pridgeon) arrived on the scene.

The verbal argument continued as Lee Spees and his sons began pulling up PVC posts Paul McNutt had placed along the easement (on the Spees side of the

hurry. I stopped to talk with my son (Lee Jr.) and then went through the woods to David. The EMTs would not let me near my husband. I got close enough to see blood all over Johnson-Stripling Road. I kept trying to tell them he was a bleeder because he took a lot of coumadin. I went back to Dave and told him he was going to be okay. He just wanted a drink of water to get the dirt out of his mouth."

Under cross-examination, Davis asked Spees to



"I lost the use of my left arm. I have three bullets under my shoulder. The pain in my left hand is amplified by 10," testified David Spees Tuesday during the double-murder trial of Paul McNutt, who is accused of killing Spees' brother and father.

road).

"Diane was hollering all sorts of stuff. Paul left with the dog. Then Paul came out from the front (of their residence) and he had already raised the long gun (to shoot) when I saw him. I don't know how long it was between when he walked off and came back out," (Connie) Spees said.

"He aimed and he shot. I saw the flashes. I saw my husband stumble and fall. My son was right there in the ditch. I saw him run. My other son was down and I saw (Paul) pull a handgun and shoot him again. I called 911 and told them we

needed an ambulance and to

compare physical size of her husband and sons against McNutt. He then asked where Diane McNutt was standing when the shooting started.

"When I saw my husband fall, she was the least of my worries," Spees replied.

Davis then walked Spees through a timeline of the easement dispute, which went back a few years when the McNutts purchased the property.

"That was the first of July. By October we were having the police called on us," she related.

The nature of the complaints (coming from the McNutts) ranged from

driving too fast down the dirt driveway to driving up and down the driveway too many times.

"We called the police to make reports and they told us this was a civil matter and to take it to court, so we did. We had a ruling from a judge that they could not hinder us from using the southwest boundary of the easement. We had the right to use it. We had a backhoe and kept it up," Spees said.

David Spees' fiancée Dana Ellison next testified she was present when the argument began and saw it escalate.

"I went out to get them to come in for supper. She (Diane) was arguing with them, but then turned her attention to me. She was threatening to have my children taken away from me, so I called my mother to come over for support," Ellison said.

She also testified that Paul McNutt never said "one word" during the encounter but that she saw him shoot the three men.

"My first instinct was to go to them to help, but my mother knocked me on the ground and would not let me go down there (where the injured men were)," she said.

David Spees took the stand shortly after lunch, expressing his extreme nervousness in speaking in front of a crowd.

In a halting voice that grew stronger as his testimony continued, Spees identified McNutt as the man who shot him, his brother and his father. He shared how the injuries he sustained that day will remain with him for life.

"I lost the use of my left arm. I have three bullets under my shoulder. The pain in my left hand is amplified by 10. The only way I can explain it is if you hit your hand with a hammer, that pain, that pain is what I have and it never goes away," he said.

Under cross-examination, Spees said the McNutts had called the police on

his family in the months proceeding the shooting "so many times I lost count. I was tired of being harassed by the bullies. When he (Paul McNutt) bought he property, he said we were all Christians and should be able to get along. He said there was no problem with me grading the driveway and maintaining it."

"So there was nothing that tipped you off that something like this might happen?" Davis asked.

"No. The few dealings we had with them before then were alright," he responded.

"Did he appear deliberate when he came out of the house with the gun and shot you and your father and your brother?" Davis asked.

"I would say he did it in threat order — my brother was bigger than me. My dad was closest to him and my brother the farthest and I was in the middle. He looked blank or p---d off. But when he stood over my brother he didn't look that blank anymore. He was out to kill us.

"It shouldn't have happened. The court order said a deputy would be called to come out and witness him (Paul) removing the posts... but when I called the sheriff, they said there was nothing they could do. So Dad made the decision to enforce the court order. It was not the wisest decision," Spees said.

"And you got the result of that," Davis said.

"We got the result of it? I don't see pulling up PVC posts should result in leaving me maimed for life and my dad and my brother dead," Spees said.

"You would agree the whole argument was senseless?" Davis said.

"Yes, sir," Spees replied. "The straw that stirred the whole situation was Diane McNutt?" Davis said.

"Yes, sir. As always," Spees said.

Testimony was continuing as of presstime Tuesday and was expected to stretch through Thursday afternoon.

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