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News Forum

Chambers hosts annual Christmas reception Thursday

The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas reception Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5-7 p.m., at Java Connection (located in the Historic Perry Station/Old Depot).

"We invite members to join us in celebrating the holiday season," Director Dawn Taylor said.

Holiday refreshments will be served and door prizes given away.

Food distribution set for Friday

A food distribution will be held at Jerkins Community Center this Friday, Dec. 20, starting at 8 a.m.

City offices will be closed for the holidays

The City of Perry has announced its garbage collection schedule for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays.

City offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, for Christmas. Everyone will receive garbage collection service Monday, Dec. 23, regularly scheduled service returning for Thursday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 27.

City offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's; there will be no changes to the garbage schedule that week.

Society holds drawing for historic throw

The Taylor County Historical Society is holding a drawing for a woven throw that features buildings located (or once located) in the historic downtown district.

Tickets, available Thursday at the Historical Society downtown location, are \$1 each or \$5 for seven. The drawing will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, at 4 p.m.

The group also has a selection of its "They Were Here" series available for purchase.

Turkey giveaway planned Saturday

Bridging the GAPP (Gaining A Positive Perspective) will give away 200 turkeys to local families in need at the Taylor Senior Citizens Center Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "The first 50 turkeys will be earmarked for seniors served at the center; the remaining turkeys will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis," GAPP President Garry McNealy said.

Weather

Wednesday 64°
34°

Thursday 71°
33°

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Porkalicious!



Despite Saturday's rain, 42 barbecue teams competed for more than \$10,000 in prizes while blues bands took the stage at the sixth annual Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival. During the height of the rain, even Mascots Muddy and Sizzle had to seek shelter.

(Photos by Mark Viola)

BluesBQ festival sets taste buds aflame with good eats

With scores of barbecue teams in town to compete, multiple bands taking the stage and hundreds of volunteers hours coming to fruition this past weekend for the sixth annual Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival (also known as the BluesBQ), organizers apparently forgot to issue a memo to Mother Nature, who sent several hours of heavy rainfall through the area Saturday afternoon.

Although the rain put a temporary stop to the music and sent many festival-goers home, it did not dampen

the spirits of the cooks or the musicians, and after an enthusiastic crowd cheered on their fellow barbecue teams during Saturday's awards ceremony, several bands took advantage of a break in the weather to retake the stage and perform for a small, but dedicated group of blues enthusiasts.

"There wasn't much we could do about the weather, but everyone we've talked to had a great time and are already looking forward to next year," Festival Board Member Dawn Taylor said.

"We had a great turnout

for the barbecue events and gave out more than \$10,000 in prizes after all of the cooking and judging was done. Over the past several weeks, we'd received quite a few calls from people in Tallahassee and Gainesville and elsewhere who were planning on coming, but the weather probably kept many of them away.

"Still, between the barbecue judges and teams, many of the local hotels were full or close to it, so we still feel the festival was

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Mother of three remains critical after rollover crash

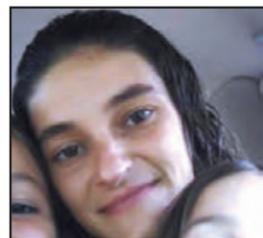
A Taylor County mother continues to fight for her life after a sustaining multiple critical injuries in a rollover crash Thursday night on Carlton Cemetery Road.

Melissa Robinson, 29, remains in ICU at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She has undergone two back-to-back emergency surgeries and is scheduled for two additional surgeries today (Wednesday).

Robinson's list of injuries is extensive and severe: a broken back (in two places), broken sacrum, broken pelvis/hip, broken ribs, broken sternum and broken right leg, her mother, Eva Whiddon Akins, said Tuesday.

"She has chest tubes because her lungs collapsed, she had a ruptured spleen and a ruptured diaphragm, she is on a ventilator and we are waiting to see if her left leg is broken as well. The doctors are trying to keep her sedated, but she has come to a few times and tried to ask questions about what happened," Akins said.

"They did surgery Thursday night for her spleen and then had to do another surgery Friday morning to repair her one



Melissa Robinson

lung that had collapsed. She is having surgery again Wednesday, which will really be two surgeries in one--the neurosurgeon is going to work on her back and then the orthopedic surgeon will go in and work on her hip."

The crash occurred at 7:48 p.m. as Robinson was returning home after taking her husband (Micah Archer) lunch at work.

"He works at Thule and she was going back home (they live in Spring Warrior)," Akins said.

"I haven't talked with any highway patrol officer or seen any reports, but my brother and sister-in-law were the ones who just happened to find her. They didn't know who it was until the EMTs/paramedics turned her over. I understand she was thrown

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Local author sees national & international book launch

By MARK VIOLA
Staff writer

Back in the late 1980s, Anthony White was working on a screenplay about two teen brothers and a shared love. Upon the advice of an agent, however, he aged the characters into adults and converted the screenplay into a novel.

Then in 2008, he self-published the novel, called

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Local residents, officials air concerns during Monday meeting with Beshears, Montford

Taylor County's legislative delegation--Rep. Halsey Beshears and Sen. Bill Montford--held a public hearing Monday evening during which they listened to questions and concerns from local officials and residents.

Montford began the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and pointing out that the 2014 legislative session will begin March 4.

"We're delighted to be here," Montford said. "It's always a pleasure to visit Perry."

Taylor County Commission Chairman Malcolm Page thanked the legislators for visiting and then asked County Administrator Jack Brown to address them on the commission's concerns for the upcoming session.

Brown presented a

proposal for additional flexibility for small rural counties to utilize bed tax revenue, noting that the Taylor County Tourism Development Council supports the plan.

He also thanked the legislators for their support

on the county's grant application to the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs and asked their continued help to ensure the program is funded next year.

County Tax Collector Mark Wiggins asked for assistance with the former

Highway Patrol Station, which is owned by the state and leased by the county. Montford said it was unlikely the state would give the county the property, but added that he and Beshears had worked on a similar issue in which the state gave

the local officials a much longer lease option.

County Commissioner Jody DeVane asked for help in providing regulatory relief to allow for the creation of forestry education programs as well as any financial assistance the state could provide the county for canal dredging.

A number of residents also spoke during the meeting, raising a variety of issues including the ongoing U.S. 19 revitalization efforts, a new law affecting life insurance beneficiaries, the federal common core education standards and job growth.

"When we go to the districts, we hear common issues," Beshears said in closing the meeting, urging residents to contact his and Montford's offices with concerns throughout the year.



Rep. Halsey Beshears and Sen. Bill Montford met with local officials and residents for an hour Monday evening during a public hearing to listen to concerns and questions prior to next spring's legislative session.



Book available locally as well as national retail chains

BOOK LAUNCH

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"Our First Love," under his pen-name Anthony Lamarr. But a family tragedy only weeks after its release put the book back on the shelf.

Now, five years later, publisher Simon and Schuster has released "Our First Love," which arrived at bookstores and retailers across the country and international markets Tuesday.

"I'm just really excited," White said. "It's being released by Simon and Schuster and they're

releasing it into major markets."

"Our First Love" is available locally at The Book Mart, as well as national chains such as Barnes & Noble and Walmart. Additionally, the novel is available online and in e-book form.

"I'm still nervous about the reviews," White said. "I've received a few individual reviews and they've been good, but I'm excited and a little anxious waiting on the major reviews to come in."

The publisher has plans to further market the book

involving White after the start of the new year, but for now, he is looking forward to seeing his book on shelves.

The novel follows two brothers, Nigel and Caleb, who lost their parents in a terrible accident 13 years before. Now, Nigel is a 35-year-old college professor, while Caleb, a reclusive 29-year-old, doesn't know a life beyond the walls of the house they share. Caleb developed an extreme case of agoraphobia—the abnormal fear of public places—and psychogenic amnesia after

the accident that killed his parents.

But things are about to change. Unexpectedly, and for the first time, Nigel finds himself falling in love. He tries to keep Karen, his new love interest, a secret, but it doesn't take Caleb long to discover what's going on. So what does Caleb do when he finds out about Karen? He falls for her, too.

For White, this current experience is significantly different from the time he self-published the book in 2008.

"I only marketed it for about three weeks," White said. "Then my brother was killed in a car accident and I just wasn't emotionally able to do it."

It was also around that time that he first submitted the book to Simon and

Schuster for consideration, and although the company said they were interested in his work, nothing more came of it for some time.

"I did make some minor changes to the self-published novel," White said. "There is a slight story change based on a recommendation from a friend. I think that change is what got Simon and Schuster to publish the novel."

"They read it in 2008 and said they liked it and would consider it, but it kind of just sat there. Then a friend suggested a minor change and when they read it with the change, they jumped on it."

White, who is also a screenwriter and playwright, has found that having a book set for publication from a national publisher such as Simon and

Schuster is opening doors in those fields as well.

"I've had talks about some of my screenplays and plays," he said.

As for his future works, he said the publisher plans to release "The Pages We Forget," the first novel he ever wrote, in fall 2014. He is also currently writing a Christmas novel called "He Is," which has several characters in common with a feature film project he is also working on.

Fund established to benefit family

ROLLOVER CRASH

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out of the truck and I thank God that she was because if she hadn't, she wouldn't be here. It was her father-in-law's truck and he told me it was just destroyed, that if she had been in it, she wouldn't be here," Akins said.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper W. Ernst reported Robinson was westbound on Carlton Cemetery Road when she drove onto the south

shoulder of the highway. The 1994 Chevy S-10 Blazer began to rotate counterclockwise, overturned and collided with a power pole.

The SUV overturned again after striking the power pole before coming to a final rest facing southwest.

"At some point, the driver (Robinson)—who was not wearing a seatbelt—was ejected from the vehicle," Ernst said.

Robinson was treated at the scene by Doctors'

Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and airlifted to Tallahassee.

Taylor County Fire-Rescue and the Taylor County Sheriff's Office also assisted at the scene.

A fund has been established at Tree Capital Credit Union for Robinson's family, which includes three school-age children (two girls and a boy).

"All her children know is that 'Mama got in a wreck and she's in the hospital,'" Akins said.

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William Culyer Hall, author of "September's Fawn," returns with his second novel that is sure to please lovers of Florida history.

A book is a gift that you can open again and again!

Rain doused stage, performers pressed on with impromptu set

BLUESBQ
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a success.”
Serving as the final event in the Florida BBQ Association’s 2013 circuit, it was ultimately the deciding factor in the Team of the Year race, with Hot Wachula’s of Bartow taking home the title.

As for the festival’s open competition, which fielded 42 teams this year, Team Unknown BBQ was named grand champion after placing first ribs, third in pork and sixth in chicken. For their win, the team received \$2,000, a trophy and a smoker donated by Lang BBQ Smokers, plus the prizes for their category places.

A new event this year was the Battle at Barbecue Junction, with the festival serving as a semi-final location for the competition

as teams competed to cook meals using a series of secret ingredients. The food was then judged by local “celebrities,” including State Rep. Halsey Beshears.

“This was a new event for us, but everyone involved had a great time and we hope we can bring it back next year,” Taylor said.

In the John Boy & Billy Sauce Contest, 46 entrants competed for the top prize, which included \$200 and a guitar autographed by radio hosts, John Boy and Billy. Sweet Smoke Q placed first in the original and hot categories, with its original sauce being named the best overall winner. Local competition Kevin Kidd placed fourth in the mustard sauce category.

Festival-goers had a chance to judge the barbecue themselves in the People’s

Choice Competition, tasting 30 varieties. In the end, Dre’s Place BBQ and Forest’s Fine Food tied for first place, followed by Team Unknown BBQ in second and Awesome Q in third.

For the younger set of competitors, the Kids Q Grillmaster Competition returned as well despite the rain. Full results of the contest will be in Friday’s **Perry News-Herald**.

On the blues side of the festival, musicians Johnnie Marshall, Ben Prestage, France Robert and Betsy Badwater shared the stage Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Prestage was several songs into his second set of the festival when the rain began, however, and the festival paused as organizers tried to wait out Mother Nature.

Shortly after the award

ceremony began at 5 p.m., the heaviest rain arrived, leaving much of the park under deep puddles of water. Not to be deterred, however, many of the musicians spent the time under the protection of Heritage Pavilion, and when the rain let up around 6:30 p.m., uncovered their equipment and performed an impromptu set, playing separately and together for almost two hours before finally calling a close to the festival.

“Although we wish more people could have come out and enjoyed what the festival had to offer, everyone who did come out had a good time and once again, hundreds of people who may never have come to Perry if it wasn’t for the Southern Pines Blues & BBQ have left with good memories and plans to return next year,” Taylor said.



Franc Robert and the Boxcar Tourists were among this year’s entertainment line-up, which also included Johnnie Marshall, Betsy Badwater and Ben Prestage. For more scenes from the event, please see page A-9.

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Troop Leaders Kim Torres and Patsy Johnson accompanied Annika Hilgendorff, Naomi Gilbert and Hailey Torres, all Cadets, as well as Elena Torres, a Daisy

Scout.

The tour assisted Scouts in earning their Media Badge, as advertising, circulation and news gathering were explained. The next big event for this troop, and those all over the nation, is the Girl Scout Cookie sale for which pre-orders will be taken early in 2014.



18 registered for next Master Gardener class Green thumbs are multiplying here

Eighteen have registered for the next series of Master Gardener classes which will begin Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. and span 10 weeks.

"The community benefits greatly from these classes," noted Clay Olson, instructor, "since students are required to give back 75 hours in volunteer service during the first year following their training.

"If you love gardening and want to learn more about plants and landscapes, it's a great program," he said.



Need a new scarf? Well, sew one (or two)... these 4-H members did!

Members of the Taylor County 4-H Sewing Club recently made scarves as part of their 4-H sewing project for this year. Club members are shown (at right) modeling their creations.

Members pictured include: (left to right, front row) Mallory Paul, Cheyenne Woodall, Hannah Shiver, Jaydenn Williams, Sydney Walker and Willa Mathis. Pictured on back row are Priscilla Howie, Brookelynn Padgett, Elizabeth Blue, Briana Flowers and Javonna Green.

This club is taught by Extension Agent Lori Wiggins and 4-H volunteer Robin Walker.

For information on this, or any other 4-H Club, please contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 838-3508 or e-mail lwiggins@ufl.edu; <http://taylor.ifas.ufl.edu> or can "Like" the organization on Facebook at Taylor County Extension Service.



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Beshears: 2014 will bring challenges for Legislature & local governments

City of Live Oak Mayor Garth Nobles Jr., chair of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council,

welcomed Representative Halsey Beshears of Monticello as guest speaker for the Dec. 12 council

meeting. Beshears represents State House District 7, consisting of Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf,

Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties. Also in attendance

were council members Commissioner Patricia Patterson from Taylor County and Councilman Don Cook from the City of Perry.

Beshears' remarks provided council members a review of the past legislative session and included the challenges facing the Legislature and local governments during the upcoming year.

The council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 11 counties and 33 incorporated municipalities in the north central portion of Florida.

The council, whose members are local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, administers a variety of state and federal programs for north central Florida including Alachua, Bradford, Columbia,

Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties.

Programs include development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, technical assistance to local governments in development of comprehensive plans, land development regulations and grant management, and administration of regional impact, local mitigation strategies, hazardous materials, homeland security and economic development programs.

In addition, the council staffs the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.



(Left to right) City of Live Oak Mayor Garth Nobles Jr., chair of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council; Don Cook, City of Perry City councilman; Halsey Beshears, State House of Representatives District 7; Patricia Patterson, Taylor County commissioner; and Scott Koons, executive director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Wagner, Gorby recognized at state classic

Submitted by Taylor County Special Olympics

Some 22 Taylor County Special Olympics athletes, six coaches and seven chaperones traveled to The E.S.P.N. Wide World of Sports at Disney in November for the Fall Classic state competition in gymnastics and power lifting against other Special Olympics athletes from all over the state.

signify the beginning of the games. The athlete oath was recited and everyone cheered. Afterwards it was time to return to the hotel to rest and prepare for a full day of competition Saturday.

During breaks between competitions, athletes took part in the Healthy Athlete venue, a service provided by healthcare professionals who donate their time and

the need. Saturday competitions began at 8 a.m. and athletes cheered for each other as did the coaches and families. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Pictures were taken by families and athletes alike to be shared and cherished. The presentation of medals and ribbons was made with every athlete who competed receiving one or more.

It was then time to return to the hotel to change and return to the sports center for another catered meal and closing ceremonies. During this time, special awards were presented to inspirational athletes and coaches from across the state.

Taylor County's Rick Wagner received the inspirational athlete award and Audrey Gorby was presented the inspirational coach award.

As the ceremonies came to a close with a fireworks display, there was an invitation for all to attend

the victory dance that followed.

Sunday morning it was time to say good-bye to Disney and return to Perry with lots of photos,

memories and awards.

Athletes are now practicing weekly, preparing for the upcoming spring basketball competition.

If you are interested in

becoming an athlete, coach or chaperone, please contact Taylor County Special Olympics Director Leslee Sunderland at (850) 672-9921.



Special Olympics

Disney provided a great meal for everyone who was a part of the competition before all the fun of the opening ceremonies.

Opening ceremonies were exciting for all as the Olympics torch was lit to

services for athletes to have screenings for hearing, vision, nutrition, fit feet and dental.

Glasses and protective eye ware, as well as hearing devices, are provided free of charge to athletes who have



People's Choice

Parrotheads in Perry-dise were joined by local JROTC cadets and Florida Forestry queens in manning the People's Choice Competition at the 6th annual Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival held Saturday, Dec. 14. Participants were able to sample some 30 offerings from the top BBQ teams in Florida before voting for their favorite. The winner was a tie between Dre's Place and Forest's Fine Foods.

Community Calendar



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CIVIC GROUPS

AARP: last Wed., 10 a.m. at Perry Shrine Club.
Kiwanis Club: Wednesdays, noon, Perry Elks Lodge on Puckett Road.
MainStreet Perry: fourth Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Perry Historic Station.
NAACP: first Sunday, 5 p.m., at Jerkins Community Center.
Optimist Club: Thursday, noon at Rosehead, downtown Perry.
Perry Garden Club: third Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Perry Elks Club: second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Perry Lodge #187: first and third Tues., 6 p.m., Masonic Hall.
Perry Masonic Lodge 123: meets first and third Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Perry Shrine Club: fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. (club house located on Courtney Road).
Perry Woman's Club: second Wed., noon (September to May).
Rotary Club: Tues., noon at Holiday Inn Express.
Taylor County Leadership Council: second and fourth Friday, 7 p.m., Jerkins Community Center.
Vogue XIII: first Mon., 7:30 p.m. Call 584-2404.

GOVERNMENT

Airport Advisory Committee: fourth Wednesday, 12 noon, Perry-Foley Airport.
City Council: second and fourth Tues., at 5:30 p.m.
County Commission: first Mon. and third Tues. at 5:30 p.m., courthouse annex; workshop, fourth Tues., 5 p.m.
Planning Board: first Thurs., 6 p.m. Courthouse annex (old post office).
Taylor County Construction License Board Meeting: third Fri., 2 p.m., courthouse annex.
Taylor County School Board: first and third Tues., 6 p.m.
Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer: fourth Tuesday at 18820 Beach Road, 3 p.m.
Taylor Soil & Water Conservation District Board: fourth Monday, 7 p.m., Foley Airport terminal conference room.

INTERESTS

Diabetes classes: every Tuesday, 3 p.m., Doctors' Memorial Hospital.
FAMU Alumni Chapter: second Monday, 7 p.m., Jerkins Community Center.
Friends of the Taylor County Public Library: last Monday

of the month, 5:30 p.m., public library.
Girl Scouts Service Unit: first Tuesday, 7 p.m., Scout Hut.
Habitat for Humanity: second Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Capital City Bank, Rm. #208.
Helping Hands of the Shelter: second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce.
Home Educators League of Perry: Forest Capital Hall. Call 584-6866 or visit on-line <http://taylor.ifas.ufl.edu>.
Muskogee Creek Indian Nation: second and fourth Sat., 7 p.m. Tribal grounds, Lyman Hendry Road.
Muskogee Creek Indian Tribe: second Saturday, 3 p.m., Oak Hill Village on Woods Creek Road.
National Wild Turkey Federation (Yellow Pine Drummers): holds open monthly meeting on first Thursday, Golden Corral, 7 p.m. Call 584-9185.
Parrot Heads in Perry-"dise" Club: meets the first and third Wednesday, 7 p.m. Call 843-1469 for location.
Perry Alliance of Ministers & Pastors (P.A.M.P.): meets second Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Little St. John P.B. Church.
Pet adoptions: Taylor County Animal Shelter, open Monday through Friday. Call 838-3525.
Republican Party of Taylor

County: second Thursday, 6 p.m., at Rignon's Cookhouse on Highway 19 North. Call 223-2648.
Search & Rescue Riders #1135 of Christian Motorcyclists Assoc.: 4th Saturday, 9 a.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant.
Taylor Adult Program (TAP): Thursdays, 10 a.m., 502 N. Center Street. 223-0393.
Taylor Coastal Communities Association: second Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the district building on Beach Road.
Taylor County Brotherhood: meets on Mondays, 7 p.m., at New Brooklyn; every third Saturday, 9 a.m., at Stewart Memorial.
Taylor County Brotherhood Choir: meets every Thursday, 6 p.m., at Stewart Memorial.
Chamber of Commerce: second Thurs., 8 a.m., chamber board room.
Taylor County Development Authority: second Mon., noon, at Historic Perry Station.
Taylor County Historical Society: third Mon., 7 p.m. Historical Society building. Society's museum is open every Thursday, 1-5 p.m.
Taylor County Horseman's Association Horse Show: practice roping every Friday, 7 p.m.; second Saturday, registration, 3 p.m.; ride, 4 p.m. Arena is located on Bishop Blvd.

Free admission.
Taylor County Quilters: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, public library.
Taylor County Reef Research Team: second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Forest Capital Hall.
Taylor County Senior Center: Executive Board of Directors meeting, last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.
Taylor County United: second Mon., 7 p.m., Evangel Christian Fellowship.
Tourism Development Council: second Thurs., noon, Chamber of Commerce.
Whole Child Taylor-Shared Service Network: fourth Mon., 9 a.m., Alton H. Wentworth Administrative Complex.
Yarn Lovers Circle: first and third Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Taylor County Public Library.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AL-ANON: meets every Thursday at noon, St. James Episcopal Church.
Alzheimer's Support Group: meets every fourth Thursday, 10:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church.
Big Bend Hospice Advisory Council: fourth Tuesday at 1 p.m., Big Bend Hospice office.
Friends and Family of Sexual Assault Survivors Support

Group: fourth Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., Glorious Rain Church. For information, call 843-0158.
Narcotics Anonymous: Sun., Tues., Wed., Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 12 noon Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception (Parish Center), 2750 S. Byron Butler Pkwy. Call: (877) 340-5096.
AMVETS Post 20: third Saturday, 10 a.m., at 107 East Green Street.
American Legion Post #291 (Steinhatchee): second Thursday, 7 p.m.

VETERANS

American Legion Post #96: first Tues., 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, Center St.
Sons of Confederate Veterans: fourth Thursday at North Orange Street. Call 584-5725 or 838-2045.
VFW Post #9225: second Tuesday, 7 p.m. (American Legion building).

Please call 584-5513 to update your current calendar listing or e-mail newsdesk@perrynewspapers.com

Counterproductive building regulations hurt our economy

By RICHARD SCHWAB
Southeastern Wood Producers Association

A healthy debate is ongoing regarding policies designed to stimulate “green building” and “sustainable growth.” Lawmakers and government agencies best promote sustainability by encouraging competitive markets for durable, responsibly-made building materials. Policymakers should ensure that any measures they enact do not hurt the forest products industry and wood-based businesses.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Green Building Council’s (USGBC) “LEED” standards do just that, by distorting commerce in the timber marketplace.

A growing number of local, state and federal legislators—not to mention many small businesses, unions and conservation groups—have called on and petitioned the USGBC to change their standards, which discriminate against Florida and American timber. Only wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) program receives LEED’s “sourcing of raw materials credit.”

This framework excludes lumber recognized by the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), competing programs that also promote sustainable practices. By leaving out ATFS and SFI, cities enforcing LEED standards prevent domestic wood from entering building projects across the U.S. By minimizing economic activity, jobs and revenues are lost.

In Florida, ATFS certifies 1.3 million acres

of forestland, while SFI recognizes more than 1 million. FSC only certifies 5,000 acres in state. Since LEED favors FSC timber, this means the USGBC’s preferences benefit a select minority at the expense of most state landowners and businesses who certify their property and chains of custody to SFI and ATFS standards. This process does not benefit the economy or the environment, and it decreases the incentive for businesses to seek certification.

LEED also deserves scrutiny because it increases the chances that foreign timber will be imported into domestic, taxpayer-funded construction projects. FSC certifies 90 percent of its property in foreign countries such as Brazil, Russia and China, where landowners are held to lower standards than in Florida and America. Why should we blindly support a building code that declares lumber procured in these countries is of better quality compared to that harvested under several layers of oversight here in the U.S.? Many of these foreign nations allow unlimited clear-cuts of forests. Furthermore, the transportation costs of importing wood adds to the environmental footprint of a FSC-favorable framework.

Thankfully, pushback has occurred at the state and national levels. The recently enacted House Bill 269 requires that Florida use state wood when building schools and parks, and renovating government buildings, as long as the lumber is equal in price and quality to alternative sources of timber. This effectively rebukes LEED

by leveling the playing field instead of picking winners and losers in the market.

Recently, the General Services Administration (GSA) recommended that in addition to LEED, federal agencies can utilize the Green Globes rating system, which treats ATFS, FSC and SFI timber equally. Hopefully, this will spur a more competitive procurement process.

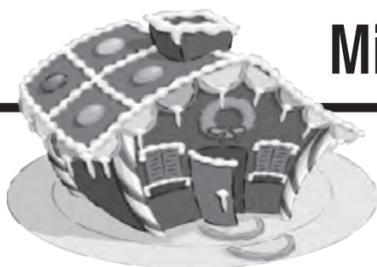
Increased media scrutiny on LEED has also changed the conversation. A USA Today report noted that “across the United States, the [U.S.] Green Building Council has helped thousands of developers win tax breaks and grants, charge higher rents, exceed local building restrictions and get expedited permitting by certifying them as ‘green’ under a system that often rewards minor, low-cost steps that have little or no proven environmental benefit.”

Our economy faces a number of hurdles; and misguided policies, such as LEED, are another example of crony capitalism. We should let competition and free-market principles work instead of needlessly obstructing growth with counterproductive regulations that only make life more difficult for tree farmers, millworkers, loggers, truckers and suppliers who rely on a healthy forest products sector for their livelihood. Embracing a rating system that includes larger amounts of Florida and American timber will better promote stability in these markets.

Richard Schwab is vice president of the Southeastern Wood Producers Association.



Which One Is The Phony?



Midweek Muddle

Welcome to my house

By SUSAN H. LINCOLN

‘Twas a cold December night when all through the house, not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse.

The day had been a long one, with many details to complete, so I considered instead a diversion, a decorative feat.

I pulled out a gingerbread house kit I had bought two years ago and jumped into the project with visions of sugarplums dancing in my head. Directions, don’t you agree, just make for laborious reading, so I glanced through them with abstraction and noted that they were making the construction of a gingerbread house more of an architectural project than a holiday treat.

Dash away, instructions! Dash away, all!

Thus I ignored these instructions, identifying side panels of pre-baked gingerbread and roofing panels too. I whipped up royal icing and lined up the included candies for easy access.

Anyone who has read “The Three Little Pigs” knows that a good foundation is critical to any construction project, and with that story as my premise for building, I began plastering my gingerbread walls with icing to hold them in place.

The directions said to wait an hour between the completion of the walls and the initiation of the roof project, but who has an hour? It’s December.

So I, in my kerchief, jumped right in, adding two roof panels to my four walls, and thinking how my mother never did this sort of activity with me because: (a.) she hated the kitchen (b.) it would make such a mess and (c.) why don’t we just have a Coke and talk?

So I applauded myself for launching at middle age something which is often relegated to children under 12. In fact, I checked the box to see if there was a recommended age and the marketing geniuses had expertly avoided such a characterization.

That’s when the walls started to bend, and I realized that I could have been nestled in my bed, but instead I had icing up to my elbows which meant that

my mother was actually right.

“Don’t look at this,” I shouted to the husband as he walked by the kitchen and he was happy to oblige but it was clear my holiday cottage was beginning to look like a FEMA demise.

Allow me to say that if your child has completed such a kit (for the reasonable cost of \$8.99), go ahead now and sign him or her up for five years of higher learning at an architectural college of note, and anticipate your own retirement.

This was no cruise in a sleigh. Not to be daunted, I carried on, using cans and canisters as supports for my walls.

That’s when the roof couldn’t take the pressure and decided to buckle, but I fixed that temporarily, too—casually glancing at the instructions which recommended another two to three hours before decorating.

Who are these people with six hours to decorate a gingerbread house?

I can report that my gingerbread house is now complete. I have slammed it against a window so no one will see how crudely it is constructed or the fact that it’s missing a back wall, which I swear I didn’t eat but I cannot find. Instead of a pitched roof, it has a flat Florida roof that will eventually succumb to an avalanche of frosting but, hopefully, that will not be before Dec 25, even though all insurance agents can tell you that catastrophic events can not be accurately predicted.

However, despite its shabby construction, the decorative, multi-colored gum drops and sugar balls are delightful (and I ate a few too)...which just proves that you can pile a bunch of icing on an old shoe, add candy and the whole thing looks festive, which is possibly what I should have done in the first place.

‘I laughed when I saw it, in spite of myself; this gingerbread house was not fit for any elf.

‘But it served an old woman well, finding her inner child again.

‘And that leftover icing may very well fix the leak in the den.’

Letters to the Editor

Make improving your child’s school attendance a New Year’s resolution

Dear Editor:

As I wish all the students and families of the Taylor County School District a “Happy Holiday,” I remind parents to enjoy the holidays with their children—but to start the next year by stressing how important

good attendance is.

Encouraging good attendance is one of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success—research has proven it.

So please make sure your children are in school every

day in 2014 and plan any medical appointments after school.

Happy Holidays,
Michael Thompson
Director of
Support Services
Taylor County
School District

Historical Society gives thanks

Dear Editor:

The Taylor County Historical Society would like to thank the following for helping make the Downtown

Open House a success.

Thank you to: Perry Newspapers for all the publicity; Joyce at Joyce’s Main Street Café, Brenda

and Robbin at O’Quinn’s, Rodney and Sherry at Java Connection for displaying the Historical throw and selling raffle tickets; Walmart for a \$25 gift card for tree lights; Bob Brown for buying the ornaments for the tree; John Perkins, county maintenance and crew for hanging the wreaths and setting up and helping decorate the tree; Adrienne and Brian Tish, Susie Jolley, Jason Bass and Don Turner for set up and decorating inside.

Thanks to those that baked for the bake sale: Lydia Andrews, Susie Jolley, Judy Steen, Peggy Parker and Mary Jo Stanaland. Also to Wanda Cash, Tommie Stanaland and Morris Steen for manning tables.

Last but not least a great big thank you to Earline Neeley for being Mrs. Santa and giving out candy to the children.

Thanks to all who helped. We could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Bettie A. Page, president
Taylor County Historical Society

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'The Heart of Christmas' Choir repeats cantata this Sunday at 4 p.m.

"We want to sing it again," said the chancel choir to the director. And the director said, "So be it."

On Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church Choir will repeat its cantata, "The Heart of Christmas," under the direction of Rayma Ball. Fanette Chesser will provide piano/organ accompaniment.

The cantata was first rendered in the 11 a.m. worship service on Dec. 14.

The community is cordially invited.

What an ADVENT-ure!

First Presbyterian Church played host to 26 children from the community who gathered for an Advent ADVENT-ure. "It was a great success," said Kim Torres who coordinated events for the Saturday afternoon. "We baked and made crafts, sang Christmas songs and learned about the season of Advent (which marks the coming of Christ, historically, and also symbolically in the lives of those who worship Him). "We will do this again next year," Torres added. Above, Juanita Ratliff helps a group of youngsters with holiday baking. "Cookies were baked for eating and sharing," she said.

Obituaries

Harold E. MacCue

Harold E. "Mac" MacCue, 75, of Perry, originally from Troy, N.Y., died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at Doctors' Memorial Hospital.

Mr. MacCue was born Jan. 20, 1938, in Watertown, N.Y., to Francis and Marguerite (King) MacCue. He was preceded in death by his brother, Francis MacCue. He was a veteran of the National Guard.

Survivors include: his wife of 54 years,

Ann M. MacCue of Perry; four children, Robert (Kathleen) MacCue, Robin MacCue, Cathy (Tony) Atanasio and Chris (Bill) Bradway; seven grandchildren, Carrie Ann, Robbie, Amy, Chelsea, Christina, Alex, Austin; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Timothy (Sandra) MacCue and Thomas (Michelle) MacCue.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

Perry Church of God issues 'LAST CALL' for fruitcakes

The ladies at Perry Church of God have been in the kitchen for two months, baking around the clock. As Christmas nears, they are issuing one last call for fruitcakes and pies, offering to rescue you from the holiday rush.

Fruitcakes, baked by these community experts, are available in one-pound, two-pound, three-pound and five-pound sizes.

They sell, respectively, for \$6, \$12, \$18 and \$30.

Deep-dish pecan pies are available for your holiday meals, as are chocolate pecan pies. Both sell for \$10 each.

The church urges, "Do not delay!"

Please call 584-2010 now to place your order and also to schedule a time for pick-

up. This fundraiser has been a longstanding tradition in Taylor County.



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Glenda Sue Slaughter

Glenda Sue Slaughter, 58, of Perry, passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at her home in Perry. Glenda was born January 28, 1955, in Port St. Joe to Hubert and Opal (Gay) Floyd.

Mrs. Slaughter was of the Baptist Faith and was a member of First Baptist Church of Perry, and in recent years attended Crosspoint Fellowship Baptist Church.

Life is all about choices. Glenda humbly chose kindness and never said an unkind word about anyone. She chose to be gracious and loving. She had a green thumb which was evident in her flower and vegetable gardens and in her competitions with Pete to see who could grow the most and best vegetables. Glenda loved to read, loved preparing and cooking for big holiday meals and being with her family. Throughout her life, she applied herself to being a caring mother, loving wife and good friend. She loved her family with all of her heart and was a blessing to all that knew her.

She chose to live her life to help others and selflessly gave to those that she loved. Glenda owned and operated Spring Place Hair Salon and used her business to increase her client's confidence and self-esteem while improving their appearance. She came to show the world that true beauty comes from within, and it's about simple kindness and strength of character, loving yourself and others with an open heart, which is pure love. Her light, love, and laughter are a true witness to Jesus Christ. Glenda's sweet spirit and sense of humor will be missed. Her beauty and grace will never be forgotten. She is and always will be a beautiful lady, inside and out.

Mrs. Slaughter was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Floyd; two brothers, Jimmy and Terry; great niece, Kayla; grandparents, Price, Pauline and Noah; uncles, JD, AD, Ray, and Junior. She is survived by her husband of 9 years Charles "Pete" Slaughter; mother, Opal Floyd; son Andrew Byrd; grandson Houston Byrd; sister, Imogene Morgan (Benjamin Mann); sister-in-law, Diane (wife of Terry). She is also survived by her extended family; Charles Slaughter (wife Pennie, children; Jennifer and Eric and granddaughters, Victoria and Mahala), Dana Slaughter (children; Nikki, Dwayne and Ashley), Laura Singletary (children; Andrew and Dana), Michelle Carrara, and many in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home in Perry with Pastor Danny Lundy and Pastor Eddie Pridgeon officiating. Interment followed in Pisgah Cemetery. The family received friends from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to Big Bend Hospice. All arrangements were under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

You may send condolences to the family at www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com.

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Bulldog sophomore Ty'Keiss Dixon (44) goes up high for two points in recent action at the TCHS gym. (Photo by Wayne Dunwoody)

Woods selected to All-Mid-South Conference team for 2013 season

University of Pikeville (Ky.) senior defensive lineman Taylor Woods of Perry has been selected to the All-Mid-South Conference team for 2013.

Woods (6-3, 220 pounds) was third on the team with 60 tackles, including 21 solo stops. He had a team-best 15.5 tackles for loss, which ranked 26th nationally. Woods also tied for the team lead in sacks with five.

In 2011, he made the All-Mid-South Conference team after recording 33 tackles including 6.5 tackles for loss.

He was also selected to the USA College Football pre-season NAIA All-American team for the 2012 season.

Members of the all-conference teams are voted on by the league's coaches.

Woods, a business administration major, helped lead the Bears to a 7-4 record (3-3 conference) this season.



Taylor Woods (48) is shown with (left to right) Taylor County Coach David Gray, Pikeville Head Coach Dudley Hilton and Taylor County Coach Sammy Agner.

Basketball team narrowly falls to Madison 51-50

The Taylor County High boys basketball team battled back from a five-point deficit at the half before

narrowly falling to Madison here Friday night, 51-50.

The Bulldogs, 2-3 on the season, converted only one

of six free throws in the game while Madison made 10 of 24 shots from the charity stripe.

Taylor County jumped on top 10-9 after the first quarter but Madison outscored the 'Dogs 16-10 in the second quarter to take a 25-20 halftime lead.

Taylor County came back in the third stanza, outscoring the Cowboys 18-17 but came up one point

short in the final quarter.

Leading the Bulldogs in scoring were Ty'Keiss Dixon with 16 points (including 10 in the final quarter), Jalen Oliver with 12 and Moral Stephens with 8 points.

Others scoring for Taylor County included Austin

Roberts with 7 points, Jermaine Watkins with 3 and Tremont Sellers and Kenneth Smith with 2 points each.

The Bulldogs were slated to host East Gadsden on Tuesday night before traveling to Dixie County this Thursday.

Jayvee team wins 65-62

The Taylor County High boys junior varsity basketball team upended Madison here Friday by a score of 65-62.

Jamal Hankerson led the Bulldogs with 27 points

while Rayshon Hamilton scored 16 and Kyrese Jones added 11 points.

Rounding out the scoring for TCHS were Damarius August and LiWillie Elder with 4 points each, Tristian

Eastman with 3 points and Malik Huggar with 2 points.

Lopez wins division at first power lifting meet

Tyler Lopez of Perry placed first in his very first meet in the 198-pound open raw division of the American Power Lifter Association held this past weekend.

Lopez lifted 1,190 pounds in three lifts--squat 405 pounds, bench 335 pounds and dead lift 450 pounds.

"This was outstanding considering it was his first meet. He is capable of doing much more," his trainer Sam Agner said.

Agner also competed in the event, winning his division. Lopez, 25, is employed by the county and is married with one son.

He trains locally at Agner's Barn Yard Gym.

"Anyone interested in getting in the sport is welcome to come and train at the Barn Yard," Agner said.

2013-2014 TCHS Boys Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENTS	LOCATION	TIME	TEAM
Dec. 3	Bell High	HOME	5:30/7 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 5	Hamilton Co. High	AWAY	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 7	Wakulla High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 9	Melody Christian Academy	HOME	7 pm	VB
Dec. 13	** Madison Co. High	HOME	*4:30/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 17	** East Gadsden High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 19	Dixie Co. High	AWAY	*4:30/7 pm	JVB/VB
Dec. 20-21	Godby High Christmas Tournament	TALLAHASSEE	TBA	JVB
Dec. 21	Godby High	TALLAHASSEE	6/7:30 PM	JVB/VB
Dec. 26-28	Bronson Christmas Tournament	BRONSON	TBA	VB
Jan. 6	Chieftand High	AWAY	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 9	** Florida State High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 11	Godby High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 14	Jefferson County High	AWAY	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 16	Bell High	AWAY	5:30/7 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 17	** Madison Co. High	AWAY	*4:30/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 21	** East Gadsden High	AWAY	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 23	Dixie Co. High	HOME	*4:30/7 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 25	** Florida State High	AWAY	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 28	Chieftand High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 30	Jefferson County High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB
Jan. 31	Hamilton County High	HOME	6/7:30 pm	JVB/VB

** Note all district 2-3A games
* Note all 3 or 4 teams are scheduled to play

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Team Unknown BBQ was named grand champion of the festival's open competition.



Perry native Betsy Badwater was among the performers at this year's festival.



Teams' creativity doesn't always stop with their names, such as Wooley Bully BBQ Mafia and Smokin' Your Butt, but also their cookers, including this one shaped like a submarine.



A member of the Lang BBQ Smokers team visited the face painter for a bit of self-promotion and fun.



With 42 teams entering this year's open competition, a large number of Florida BBQ Association certified judges were on hand to taste the entries in chicken, ribs, pork and brisket. "It's a hard job, but somebody has to do it," Festival Board Member Dawn Taylor said.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that TC Tampa 1. LLC. the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 815 Year of Issuance 2011
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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. 1:
Vernie Eleanor Adkins, 63, 1752 Dulin Lane, VOP, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.
Aruthur Nelson, 21, 311 Second Street, no valid drivers license, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.
Sherry Ellison, 39, 2275

Kinsey Road, battery on law enforcement officer, resisting with violence, Sgt. Campbell, PPD.
Nov. 2:
Sadie Ann Davis, 35, 14789 Radcliff Road, grand theft III, Ptl. Ricketson, PPD.
Brenda Coxwell, 53, 1578 Courtney Road, disorderly conduct, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.
Nov. 3:
Ashley Jean Hopkins, 24, 1065 Langford Lane, out-of-county warrant, Dep. Owens, TCSO.
Samuel Hamilton, 60, 322

2nd Street, battery, Ptl. Murphy, PPD.
Nov. 4:
Martin Dennis Nobles II, 37, 808 Granger Dr., warrant/VOP, Dep. Gilbreath, TCSO.
Nov. 5:
Zachary Russell Nelms, 18, 2560 Johnson Striping Road, retail theft, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, Ptl. Ricketson, PPD.
Nov. 6:
William Lee Lanson, 29, 107 Marshall Dr., writ of attachment, Dep. Shaw, TCSO.
Ira Lee Watkins, 40, 101

Folsom Street, writ of bodily attachment, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.
Todd C. Britt, 39, 106 El Matador, sexual activity with a minor, Dep. Burford, TCSO.
Nov. 8:
Samria Victoria Williams, 30, 1102 E. Julia Street, grand theft, Det. Franklin, PPD.
Ashley Marina Knight, 19, 139 Lewis Drive, possession of controlled substance without prescription, DUI, Officer Young, TCSO.
Nov. 10:
Alex Martinez Cruz, 23, Live

Oak, retail theft, Ptl. Griffin, PPD.
Nov. 11:
Jennifer L. Williams, 45, Beverly Hills, sentenced to 90 days county jail, Judge Blue.
Nov. 12:
Manden Whiddon, 19, 2711 Lake Bird Church Road, VOP, Officer Holmes, TCSO.
Garrett Arrowood, 2170 Franks Fair Lane, VOP (dealing in stolen property), Dep. Shaw, TCSO.
William Whorton, 23, 200 Pace Drive, Officer Holmes, TCSO.

Marguerite Louise Ellison, 51, 2080 Bernard Johnson Road, VOP (credit card fraud), Ptl. Cephus, PPD.
Nov. 13:
Sherry Lin Russell, Greenville, weekends revoked, fleeing and eluding, DWLS knowingly, reckless driving, attaching tag unassigned, Officer Wilcox, TCSO.
Christopher Lee Gianino, 20, 40454 Preston Sheffield, introduction of contraband, battery, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, Ptl. Bass, PPD.

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G. Ferguson
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 13th day of January, 2014 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 5th day of December, 2013
Signature: Annie Mae Murphy
Annie Mae Murphy
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida
12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 01/01

HELP WANTED 
Case No. 09-000802-CA
HSBC Bank USA, National Association as trustee for the Ellington Trust Series 2007-2 Plaintiff
Vs.
ALEJANDRO SUAREZ; ET AL Defendants
/ RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 2, 2013 and entered in Case No. 09-000802-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida. HSBC Bank USA, National Association as trustee for the Ellington Trust Series 2007-2, Plaintiff and

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ALEJANDRO SUAREZ; ET AL are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at 108, N. Jefferson Street Perry, FL 32347 at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment entered on April, 22, 2010.
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jurisdiction of this court are required to file their objections with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedents estate must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 11, 2013 The date of the second publication of this Notice is December 18, 2013
Richard Fletcher
Personal Representative
1313 South Robin Street
Perry Florida 32348
John R. Weed
Attorney for Personal Representative
605 South Jefferson Street
Perry Florida 32348
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against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 11, 2013.

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
Cathi C. Wilkinson
Attorney for Estate of Doris D. Carrin
Florida Bar Number: 282693
2940 Kerry Forest Parkway, Suite 103
Tallahassee, FL 32309
Telephone: (850) 668-4130
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Personal Representative:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS D. CARRIN Deceased. File No. 13 783 CP Division Probate NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Doris D. Carrin, deceased, whose date of death was October 4, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO: 2013-875-CP IN RE: The Estate of ROYAL BYRUM WHITFIELD a/k/a BYRUM WHITFIELD, Deceased.
/ NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
The Petition for Administration of the estate of ROYAL BYRUM WHITFIELD a/k/a BYRUM WHITFIELD, deceased. File Number 2013-875-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division. The address of the decedent 1313 South Robins Street, Perry, Florida 32348. The name and address of the Personal Representative is set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections and/or challenge the qualifications of the Personal Representatives, venue or

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