Blessed ‘B’ the season
District heralds the news of improved school grade

After missing out on a ‘B’ by less than 10 points for the past two years, Taylor County High School (TCHS) finally earned its ‘B’ for the 2012-13 school year.

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) released the state’s high school grades last week, noting a record number of “A” schools this year.

TCHS’s grade gives it the best score in the district, with Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) earning a “C,” Taylor County Elementary School (TCE) earning a “D” and Standish School earning an “F” when those grades were announced this past summer.

“We’re very excited to see our high school grade jump up to a ‘B,’” Superintendent Paul Dyal said.

He added that he has already extended his congratulations to Michael Thompson, who was named principal for the first three-quarters of the 2012-13 school year before taking a district position, as well as Assistant Principal Alicia Beshear and Principal Audre Ash.

There was a lot of work by the students and the teachers, especially with the transition to industry certifications,” Dyal said. “The most exciting part is even with the state increasing the standards for grades, the high school was only 26 points from an ‘A.’

“So as long as the state maintains the standards, that’s our goal for next year. But there is already word coming down that since more than 75 percent of high school scores were either an ‘A’ or a ‘B,’ they’re going to raise the standards again. That’s an injustice to the kids, making them try to raise a new target.

“It’s like telling your football team that since they won the 4-A championship, they’re going to have to play in the 4-A next year.”

According to DOE’s preliminary scores before district appeals, 240 high schools in the state earned an “A” (up from 212 in 2012), 132 earned a “B” (down from 151), 87 earned a “C” (down from 119), 15 earned a “D” (up from 14) and eight earned an “F” (up from three). The number of “A” schools this year was based on the 4-A next year.

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The massive dirt hills, which allowed drivers to back up to the large dumpsters, and piles or pull off heavy trash loads, have been smoothed nearly flat, leaving a sizeable concrete barrier to overcome.

The move was taken as a preventive measure so that accidents at the site may be less likely to occur. County Administrator Jack Brown said.

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Responding to complaints about recent modifications at local county roll-off sites, officials are looking into offering an alternative for those who may be physically unable to lift heavy items above the concrete barrier.
Dear Santa,

I hope this is a letter that finds you well and in good spirits. I am sending you my letter today, as I know that you are very busy preparing for Christmas and the holidays. I hope you have not forgotten me and that you will remember to bring me my favorite toys this year.

I am very excited about Christmas and the joy it brings to everyone. I love the decorations, the lights, and the family gatherings. I am looking forward to opening my gifts and spending time with my loved ones.

I have been a good boy this year, and I hope that you will reward me with my favorite toy, a new Lego set. I have been saving up for it all year, and I am sure that you will see how much I have grown since last year. I promise to be even more good this year, so please be sure to bring me my Lego set.

I would also like to request a new tablet for Christmas. I have been using the old one for a while, and it is beginning to show its age. I would love to have a new one that is more current and has all the latest features.

Thank you for all that you do, Santa. I wish you and your helpers a happy and safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing you on Christmas Day.

Love,
[Your Name]

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

Have you used all your allotted 2013 Dental Insurance Benefits?
THE NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE!
Now Accepting New Patients

Morgan Family Dentistry
A. Lamar Morgan, D.M.D.
Daniel L. Morgan, D.M.D.
Benjamin L. Morgan, D.M.D.

Most Insurance Accepted - Financing Available

Advent Christian Village
10820 Marvin Jones Blvd.
Dowling Park, FL 32064
(386) 658-5870

313 N. Jefferson St.
Perry, FL 32347
(850) 584-2674

HOLIDAY CHEER

Members of the Perry Masonic Lodge took part in the Downtown Christmas Open House, inviting the community to come inside and enjoy free holiday treats during the event.
Dear Santa,

I have been good girl this year, I have a 10 days older brother who wants new shoes and some clothes and a bigger toy car.

Love, Hannah Shiver
Dear Santa,

I want to buy a music player and a laptop. I also want a new pair of shoes and a new pair of jeans. I want a new bike and a new scooter.

Love, Promise

Hi my name is promise what I

want is an phone and an tablet. I

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Mary L. Howdeshell, of Frostproof; three sisters, Perry and Homer DeVane, brothers, Wesley DeVane of one daughter, Hannah son, Garrett DeVane, and his parents. was preceded in death by most of his life. Mr. DeVane was employed with Coastal Trucking in Tallahassee. He was born June 8, 20, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home. There are survivors, including three daughters, Susan Edwards Miceo of Palm Harbor, Jeanne Edwards Shiras of Tallahassee and Rosemary Edwards Windom of Tallahassee; six grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Four funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 25, at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Neal officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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Gary Earl DeVane, 58, of Perry, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at his residence. He was born June 8, 1955, in Perry, to Roy J. and Emma Roberta (Grantham) DeVane. A Baptist, he worked as a welder in construction for most of his life. Mr. DeVane was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by one son, Garrett DeVane, and one daughter, Hannah DeVane, both of Perry; two brothers, Wesley DeVane of Perry and Homer DeVane of Athens; two sisters, Carolyn Potts, Donna Hunter, Sharon Staples, Bonnie McKeithan, Mindy Crum and Lacieita Feil; and six grandchildren. Services were held Monday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 p.m. at Carlton Cemetery in Perry.

Tom Pearson Jr.
Tom Pearson Jr., 90, of Perry, died Dec. 19, 2013, in Savannah, Ga. He was born March 30, 1923, in Sumter South, Ala., to Tom Sr., and Patie (Rayborn) Pearson, and moved to Tallahassee in 1934. He entered the U.S. Navy in January of 1943 where he served as a Boatswain’s Mate on the USS Wayne in the South Pacific until December of 1945.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Crosspoint Baptist Church. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

Tommy Ferrell
Tommy Ferrell, 75, of Stuart, Fla., died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, at his residence. Mr. Ferrell was born March 3, 1926, in Sunny Hills, Conn., to William Abner and Maude Carolyn (Outler) Ferrell. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Perry. He is survived by: his parents; six children, James Eldon Parker Sr. and Carolyn Potts, Donna Hunter, Sharon Staples, Bonnie McKeithan, Mindy Crum and Lacieita Feil; and six grandchildren. Services were held Monday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 p.m. at Carlton Cemetery in Perry.

High school earned points for industry certification courses, dual enrollment

Window Décor Contest
Winners of the contest (top photo) and Debbie’s Jewels (bottom) photo received awards for “Most Festive” and “Most Creative” in Main Street Perry’s Christmas Window Décor Contest. Joyce’s Main Street Café won for “Best Decorated Business,” which was in charge of all downtown business displays. The contest ended at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at Burns Woodlawn Cemetery. Interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery. Rev. Larry Neal officiating.

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Midweek Muddle

By Susan H. LINCOLN

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Family to celebrate holidays when Robinson is home

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Reconveyance of 07-17-13, an order of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit of Taylor County, Florida entered in the cause, Case No. 62-2011-CA-000485, Plaintiff, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC vs. WILLIAM HENDRY, et al., Defendant(s)

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the holder of a Mortgage Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Taylor County, Florida, as of the date of the Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

The administration of the estate on whom a copy of this notice is served. Any person claiming an interest other than the property owner as in the surplus from the sale, if any, must file a claim within 60 days after the date of the Clerk of the Court. By: John Meitland, et al.

TO REGISTER, A PERSON MUST FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE COURTROOM; A CONTESTANT MUST CONTENT TO FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SUMRIA FINAL JUDGMENT, TO A "POINT OF BEGINNING."

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