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Pizza Hut benefit is today for shooting survivors; yard sale slated Saturday

Anyone wishing to donate items for yard sale benefitting the shooting survivors of the Timberland Ford tragedy are asked to contact Kristy Anderson at 843-1794.

The yard sale will be held Saturday, April 12, at Buckeye Community Federal Credit Union (side parking lot) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A fund-raising event is also being held at Pizza Hut today (Wednesday), with the restaurant donating 20% of meal purchases to the Timberland Ford Cook/Mahoney Fund (must present coupon).

For online orders, enter promo code "TIMBERLAND."

Team Lundy hosts benefit BBQ

Team Lundy supporters will host at BBQ rib dinner benefit Saturday, April 12, at the old Movie Gallery parking lot.

Pre-sale tickets are available at the Taylor County Sheriff's Office (please see Renee Ferro or Terri Young) for \$10 each. Dinners will include ribs, baked beans and potato salad. Slabs of ribs are available for \$20 each.

There will be two pick-up times: 11 a.m. to noon and 4-5 p.m.

Tickets are also available for a chance to win a Husqvarna handheld blower donated by TaCo Equipment. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

'Movie in the Park' is this Friday night

Families are invited to the annual "Movie in the Park" event presented by the Florida Department of Health in Taylor County this Friday, at Forest Capital Park.

Admission is free along with complimentary popcorn and bottled water.

The movie "Frozen" will start at 8:15 p.m.

Baking for Babies cake auction is Wednesday, April 16

The second annual Baking for Babies auction will be held Wednesday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Facebook.

"Search 'Baking for Babies' and you'll find the event. Bidders will be competing for cakes donated by 15 different bakers. Rally co-workers and friends to pool your money to ensure you win your cake. All proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes," organizer Gena English said.

The annual March of Dimes Walk for Babies will be held in Tallahassee Saturday, April 26.

For more information, contact English at Genaenglish14@gmail.com.

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Weather

Wednesday 74°
50°

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45°

'Always trust in God'

Injured deputy says he's humbled by support

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Staff writer

His brave actions put him in the spotlight, but Taylor County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Lundy gives the greater glory to a higher power.

"I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for his mercy on me. I don't deserve any of it. It is so humbling and so awesome to see so many people in my corner. I am very thankful for their generosity. I don't know what else to say."

Lundy was speaking from the Gainesville rehabilitation center where he has spent the last several weeks undergoing intensive



Deputy Robert Lundy donned a shirt and tie for the first time in weeks Monday to receive a special recognition (via a live internet feed) from area law enforcement. "It will be a real eye-opener when I am released and get to see and hear firsthand how all my law enforcement brothers and the community have come together for us. I don't think it has really sunk in," he said.

therapy in preparation for returning to the Steinhatchee home he shares with his wife, Kelly, and their two young daughters. "They mean the world

to me and I'm ready to go home to them," he said.

"My discharge date was originally set for mid-April...hopefully sooner rather than later.

"I am blessed, given the circumstances of (being) shot and where. The doctors are pleased with how my body is responding. I'm just taking it day-by-day. Baby steps. Doing one thing at a time and it's been working out."

Lundy said his faith has always been a "very, very important part" of his life and, in the past eight weeks, that faith has given him

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'Project Freedom' could mean \$220 million investment here

The Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) is working with the Taylor County Commission, Perry City Council and Taylor County School Board to develop an incentive package to entice a company to locate within the county, bringing with it as much as \$220 million in capital investments.

The identity of the company, currently being referred to by its code name, Project Freedom, is unknown as the TCDA and other local officials have signed confidentiality agreements.

According to Taylor County Economic Developer Scott Frederick, this is not uncommon and is

allowed by Florida Statutes. AMTEC Less Lethal, which relocated its operations here last year, was initially known as Project Phoenix before its identity was revealed after it chose Taylor County for its new location.

Frederick said the TCDA has been in talks with

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Now you see it, now you don't:

Giant MoonPie gone in 30 minutes!

By MARK VIOLA
Staff writer

The official specs for the World's Largest MoonPie, which made a short-

lived appearance at the 12th annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival this past weekend, were massive indeed. Measuring 40

inches across and weighing 50 pounds, the super-sized treat contained 14 pounds of marshmallow, six pounds of chocolate...and 45,000

calories. The 2014 MoonPie Princess, Morgan A'nnia Whetsel, cut the first slice during a ceremony Friday

evening and the entire dessert was gone less than 30 minutes later, 45,000 calories and all. The event was also the official unveiling of MoonPie's newest flavor: salted caramel.

"We were thrilled that MoonPie, Inc., chose us to unveil their new flavor of MoonPie," Festival Coordinator Dawn Taylor said. "We had a great turnout of people at the ceremony for the World's Largest MoonPie. Our MoonPie Princess was excited to cut the first slice and everyone seemed to enjoy the new flavor."

Although for the second year in a row the weekend's weather forecast was somewhat discouraging, the rain held off again, and aside from a light shower that lasted about 10 minutes Saturday evening, the festival remained dry from start to finish.

"We were really happy with the support from local businesses and people," Taylor said. "We had a record number of local

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With some assistance from volunteers, 2014 Bluegrass Princess Morgan Whetsel and the rest of the Bluegrass Sweethearts served slices of the World's Largest MoonPie Friday evening, reducing the 50-pound treat to crumbs within 30 minutes at the 12th annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival.

New school site eyed by district

The Taylor County School District has begun negotiations for property to site a new Perry Primary School (PPS) should its request for state funding assistance be approved later this year.

"We are looking in the vicinity of where Taylor County Elementary School is," Superintendent Paul Dyal.

Using Florida Department of Education cost estimates based on the number

of students the school will house, a new PPS is projected to cost \$17.1 million.

The district is also soliciting qualifications from firms for architectural consultant professional services for the new school (according to a legal notice published in the March 28 edition of the **Perry News-Herald**). Packets must be submitted to the district by April 30.

Dyal has previously

stated that for the district to move forward with the next step in the process, hiring an architect to develop plans, the district must either own the intended property or have a binder on a prospective property for the new school site.

Last month, the district received word that the Florida Department of Education (DOE) site review team sent to PPS had certified the district as having a school in need.

That certification allows the district to go before the DOE's special facilities committee in August to request the funding for 2015.

The district has twice before received funding through the program to assist with building new schools for Taylor County Elementary School (TCES) and Taylor County High School (TCHS).

For TCES, the district received \$8.5 million from

the state in 2001-02 and contributed \$4.4 million of its own funds. According to Dyal, the program requires districts to allocate revenues from their 1.5 mill capital improvement property tax for three years to a funded project.

The district also received \$10.2 million in state funding in 1991-92 through this program for the construction of TCHS, providing \$3.9 million in local funds.



Some areas of county see 7 inches of rain

A large swath of central and southern Taylor County was under a flood warning Tuesday after a band of storms dropped more than seven inches of rain late Monday into the overnight hours.

According to Taylor County Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Spradley, the warning was sparked primarily after the Fenholloway River began rising as fast as a foot an hour, jumping five feet total overnight.

"It's unbelievable how much water fell overnight," Spradley said. "There is nowhere for it to go."

According to the National Weather Service (NWS) in Tallahassee, runoff from the excessive rainfall overnight resulted in several areas of slow rising water across Lafayette and Taylor counties.

Doppler radar estimates that more than five to seven inches of rainfall fell across central Taylor and Lafayette counties, the NWS said in its advisory.

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) rain gauge in Perry recorded 5.3 inches of rain, while the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) gauge at

Foley Tower recorded 5.73 inches.

Spradley said a resident on Beach Road called his office to report 6.25 inches.

By midday Tuesday, the Fenholloway was still rising but was beginning to taper off, Spradley said. The Steinhatchee River, which had risen three feet since the rain, is forecast to crest right at minor flood stage.

"Several homes are affected by flood waters west of Mayo in Lafayette County," the NWS said Tuesday. "Additionally several smaller creeks and streams are also rising rapidly in Taylor County."

Spradley said several residents along Beach Road and Puckett Road have reported water in their yards. Also several county roads, including Potts Still Road, had water over them.

Personnel with the FFS were dispatched to monitor levees in San Pedro Bay as well.

Three trees were reported down across county roads overnight and county road crews were sent to remove them, Spradley said.

"Be especially cautious when driving," NWS officials said. "Most flood deaths occur in automobiles. Do not attempt to drive through flooded roads. Remember: turn around, don't drown."

This past winter, which ended March 22, was the region's wettest in the past 16 years, with the SRWMD's 15-county area seeing an average of 17 inches from Dec. 20 to March 20.

In that region, Taylor County received the most, with the entire county receiving 150 to 200 percent of the average rainfall for the three-month period.

Headliners 'a huge hit'

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attendees." "We had a couple new bands this year and they went over really well," she added. "Our headliners were a huge hit. We were glad there wasn't any rain."

This year's headliners included Blue Highway and Mountain Heart, along with the Little Roy and Lizzie Show and the brother-sister duo, The Roys.

Regional acts including the Florida State Bluegrass Band, High Cotton, Acoustic Messengers and Delta Reign also performed, as well as two youth bands, the Tallahassee Fiddlers and the Acoustic Ensemble.

"We were glad to have the Tallahassee Fiddlers back this year," Taylor said. "They and the Acoustic Ensemble show that the younger generation is keeping up the bluegrass tradition."

Republicans meet April 10

The regular Taylor County Republican meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Rigoni Cookhouse.

For additional information, please call Vice Chairman Richard O'Neill at 223-2648.



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DMH's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is Wednesday, April 9th in honor of our 36 active Auxiliary members.

This is the 41st annual National Volunteer Week. President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week with an executive order in 1974, as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers. Every sitting U.S. president since Nixon has issued a proclamation during National Volunteer Week (as have many U.S. mayors and governors). Since then, the original emphasis on celebration has widened; the week has become a nationwide effort to urge people to get out and volunteer in their communities.

Department managers will be serving lunch to the volunteers and Ms. Amy McDaniel, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare's Director of Volunteer Services, is the guest speaker.

Since DMH Auxiliary Organization was reorganized 15 years ago in 1999, members have volunteered almost 100,000 hours and donated thousands of dollars towards the purchase of equipment and donations to the DMH Foundation. Members hold a variety of volunteer positions throughout the hospital, are a dependable presence in daily operations and most definitely show that they care and their gift of giving back is priceless. They are great advocates of DMH ICARE Values (Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence) and proudly wear ICARE pins to inspire confidence in those around them.

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Hefty incentive package is in the works

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Project Freedom representatives for the past 10 to 11 weeks.

There are only around 200 projects of this size each year with more than 6,000 economic development agencies competing for them, he added.

The company is looking at potential sites in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana, Frederick said.

"They've already eliminated three communities, and we're still in the running," he said.

Project Freedom is looking to be in production within 12 to 18 months from the point the agreements are signed, Frederick continued. The company is projected to create 52-55 manufacturing jobs with a starting salary around \$38,000 plus benefits.

Frederick called the proposal "capital intensive" and said the total investment here could be between \$100 million and \$220 million. By comparison, AMTEC Less-Lethal invested around \$10 million here when it relocated.

The construction phase could create as many as 300 construction jobs as well, officials said.

According to County Administrator Jack Brown, the company is seeking ad valorem property tax abatements totaling 95 percent for 10 years from the county. This would be for the increased tax revenue from the company's investments.

Last Thursday, Brown and Frederick approached the school board about entering into an interlocal agreement with the county to contribute 25 percent of its increased tax revenue from the project to the county should the commission approve the proposed 95 percent abatement. The school board does not have a mechanism to offer property tax abatements, but Brown said the TCDA had consulted attorneys who said such an interlocal agreement was possible.

Based on an example of \$100 million in investments from Project Freedom, the school board would still see around \$500,000 in increased tax revenues after the 25 percent contribution to the county, Frederick said.

The school board took no action on the proposal

at Thursday's meeting but indicated it would be open to holding a special meeting to consider the agreement should the county commission approve its incentive package.

At their meeting Monday, the county commission discussed the proposed ad valorem property tax abatements (95 percent for 10 years).

"Half of nothing is nothing," Brown said. "Half of something is something."

Using the same example presented to the school board with \$100 million in capital investments, the county would be in line to see about \$40,000 in additional tax revenue after the abatements, plus around \$180,000 from the school board if it approved the interlocal agreement to provide 25 percent.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Pam Feagle made a motion to approve the proposed abatements contingent on the school board and city approving their own incentives. Commissioner Jim Moody seconded and the measure passed 4-0. (Commissioner Jody DeVane was not present at the meeting.)

At that same meeting, City Manager Bob Brown addressed the commission, outlining a series of proposals the city was considering as part of the combined incentive package for Project Freedom. When asked Tuesday, he said he may ask the city council to hold a special meeting next week to consider the proposed incentives. He added that the council would need to pass several ordinances for some of the proposals.

Although the project is not expected to be sited within the city limits and therefore would not pay city property taxes, the city is considering utility rate concessions totaling \$8 million over 10 years with the company becoming a city natural gas and water customer.

According to Bob Brown, to serve the company, the city would need to make between \$3 million and \$3.5 million in utility infrastructure upgrades.

Additionally, Bob Brown said the city would consider co-signing a short-term (12-month) loan taken out by the TCDA on behalf of Project Freedom to provide a line of credit. Conceptually, the company would have the

ability to draw upon the line of credit as needed, but only for site work conducted in Taylor County, he said.

The company will have access to permanent funding sources once equipment

is on site and work on buildings is underway, at which time it could repay the short term loan, Bob Brown said.

According to Frederick, Project Freedom has been

pre-approved for state transportation funds and is eligible for a new federal tax credit.

"I'm thrilled and happy we have our government bodies on board," Feagle

said during Monday's meeting.

"I'm glad the county and city are coming together, and I hope the school board does as well," Commissioner Pat Patterson said.

Card of Thanks

Scott

We, the Scott Family, would like to acknowledge the outpouring of love, compassion and concern following the sudden death of our loved one, William Scott. Words cannot express the strength you have given us during these most difficult times.

It was particularly comforting to know that he touched so many lives in his own special way. We enjoyed hearing all the funny stories and fond memories. Thank you for helping us to remember, even in the midst of our grief, to celebrate the life of this special man. We appreciate your continued support and prayers. May the Lord richly bless you all.

Briggett Morton and the Scott Family

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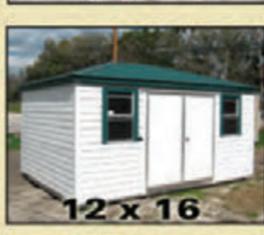
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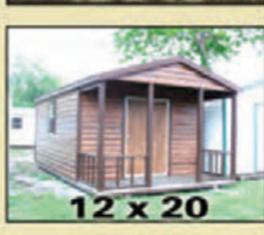
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On March 29, Troop 600 of the Boy Scouts of America presented Eric Morgan with the Eagle award, the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting. For the Eagle Court of Honor, Morgan was surrounded by family, friends and church members in a ceremony at First Presbyterian Church. It was followed by a celebratory reception in the fellowship hall, hosted by his parents, Karl and Ellie Morgan, and his sister, Anna.

Considered one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based, youth-development organizations, the Boy Scouts of America has emphasized the importance



of citizenship, character, personal responsibility and fitness for more than a century.

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In that journey, the awarding of an Eagle badge is the climax and the goal. "It is the culmination of efforts by the scout and his various leaders through the years," Scout Leader Paul Wiggins said.

Less than two percent of all Scouts in the U.S. reach the Eagle rank.



Susan Millinor Lynn, exalted ruler of the Perry Elks Lodge, presented a certificate, flag and \$100 check to Morgan during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Elks Lodge sponsors Troop 600.

Christmas, Mock to marry on April 19th

Nicole Christmas and Ashley Mock remind all friends and family members of their wedding planned for Saturday, April 19, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary of Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in honor of the couple in the fellowship hall of the church.

TTI wants to beautify your yard!

The SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program) class at Taylor Technical Institute is beginning its spring plant sale.

In addition to being open Saturday morning, April 12, the class invites you to "shop" at your convenience; please call 838-2545, ext. 265 or 266, to confirm that someone is available to assist you. Hours for Saturday are 8:30 until 12 noon.

The class is located in the portables across from the Perry Garden Club.

And this is a sampling of what you will find:

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- Angel Trumpet hedges (purple and white) for \$1

- per pot;
- English Dogwood, \$3 to \$5;
- Daylilies, \$3 to \$4;
- Lace Bark elm trees, \$2;

- Nandina, \$3;
- Boxwood, \$2 to \$3;
- Grape vines, \$2 to \$4;
- Peace lilies, \$4 to \$8;
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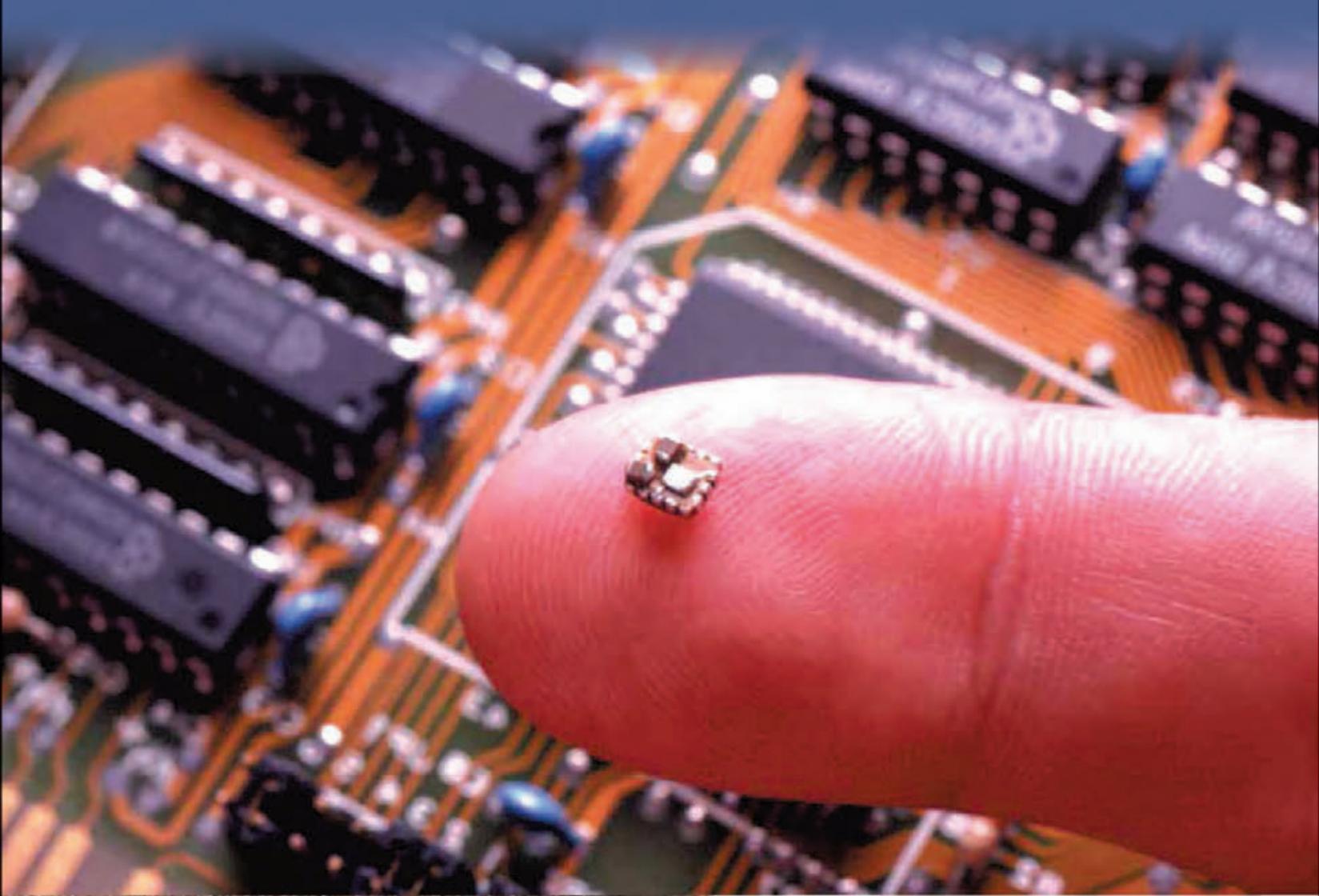
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'It's time to talk about it' Community urged to help support teens

Dear Editor:
The children and teens of today are our hope for tomorrow. It's important for us as parents, caring adults and communities to help set young people on the path for a healthy future and support them as they work to create positive change.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and this year's campaign is focused on youth. This April, "It's time...to talk about it! Your voice. Our future. Prevent Sexual Violence." And this campaign encourages individuals and communities to support healthy sexual development.

Young people face many challenges during adolescence. Stereotypes and negative messages in

the media don't make this process easy. By learning and talking about healthy adolescent sexuality, adults are able to support the teens in their lives. It's time for adults and communities to be a resource to teens so they learn and grow.

How can we support teens during this time of change discovery? Young people need age-appropriate information about healthy sexuality and relationships from trusted adults.

The first step is to start an open and honest dialogue. Ask questions and, most importantly, listen. We can all play a role in modeling healthy behaviors, promoting positive skills and creating safe environments. It's

important to empower the vices of youth and challenge negative, unhealthy messages.

It's OK if you don't have all the answers. It's more important to welcome questions and learn together. To create a vision for a future without sexual violence, every voice can play a role in a healthier, safer tomorrow for all.

You can use your voice to start the conversation. You can support the voices of young people, and together we can amplify our voices for a healthy future.

It's time...to talk about it!
Ernestine Mitchell
Refuge House
Sexual Trauma
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Coordinator



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Letters to the Editor

Resident upset at city over Helen St.

Dear Editor:
As a resident affected by the city and county, I cannot let our city manager's disingenuous statements stand without rebuttal. Mr. Brown will do or say anything to keep his cushy job to which in my opinion he remains eminently unqualified.

You see, I am one of the poor folks that live on Helen Street. I pay nearly \$7,000 a year in taxes, to which the city helps themselves to \$1500 of it. All to live on the race track, landfill, mud hole, animal carcass dumping spot, swamp known as Helen Street.

Fact: When I bought the house, the same attorney represented me that also was the city attorney at the time. He showed us this pretty map of the "Helen Street Paving Project" and assured me that it was in the works and that we'd soon be living on a paved road. Due to whatever, the city abandoned the project.

Fact: Several years ago, my neighbors and I all went before the council to ask that at least the portion in front of our homes be paved and that we would deed whatever property necessary to make this happen. The council

voted unanimously to put it "on the list" for paving. Some six months later, I contacted our city manager Mr. Brown and he stated to me, "The city does not do partial paving." I have the email and this is in the minutes recorded for the city council meeting.

Fact: Let's say about a year ago we all appeared again before the council to again breach the subject of paving the road. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Brown blurted out, "OK, we need the owners along Helen to deed a portion of their property to the city, how about if the city sends a letter to all the owners along Helen Street and a quit claim deed." What do you know...that never happened. This is also in the legally recorded minutes of the city council meeting.

Finally, frustrated we all signed a petition to vacate the street and asked for help and guidance from the county and the city. Warning signs, etc. Fell on deaf ears. We went before the county board which promptly voted to stop maintaining it and to quit claim their interest in the road to the city--"if the city will take it." Fact: The county has maintained the road since 1990--clearly

within the parameters of what is known as a prescriptive easement (nine years or longer), they own it. We could force the issue but I give up.

As a sidelight I must agree with the writer about wasting money downtown in a recent editorial. As long as the same good ol boys--that have been on the city council for decades that get together every other Tuesday, slap each other on the back and agree that everything in Perry is hunkey dorey--sit on the council, nothing will happen. This town with its burned-out street lights, unmowed grass and thousands of piles of trash lining the streets 365 days a year is doomed to remain a ghost town.

Further be assured with no booze on Sunday; there will never be a Roadhouse, Longhorn or Teds in this town as no chain will give up 1/7th of their profitable liquor revenue.

I will be moving from Perry shortly. My only regret is that I won't be here when everyone finally realizes that the city needs another manager at about half Mr. Brown's salary. Can I hear an amen?

Rick Ter Maat

Children's Week observed in Florida

More than 5,000 students, teachers and families are expected to gather in Tallahassee from April 6 to 11 for the 19th annual Children's Week.

This effort provides more than 80 organizations the platform needed to advocate for children and family issues to Florida legislators.

The Children's Week platform is pivotal this year because of important child and family bills being addressed in the upcoming legislative session, but also

because both the governor and most legislators will be up for election this year.

"Advocating for children's issues is like a puzzle," said Ted Granger, United Way of Florida president. "Every organization plays an important role in this effort, and Children's Week is just one piece of that puzzle."

Children's Week is not only about the week in Tallahassee in April, but also about the dozens of local events across the state leading up to Children's

Week. Passionate volunteers coordinate the events locally to bring communities together, raise awareness and encourage action.

Cara Meeks, community facilitator for Devereux Kids, is one of the local Children's Week coordinators in Citrus County. She has been an advocate against child abuse and neglect for years, but didn't have the resources needed to coordinate a large community-wide effort.

"I wanted to make sure that abused children had a voice in the Capitol," Meeks said, "and Children's Week provided the information and tool kit that rocketed us to where we are now."

This grassroots effort is being duplicated in counties across the state, and advocacy for child and family issues is continually growing.

For more information about the specific events during Children's Week in Tallahassee, or for a complete list of local events taking place in your area, visit www.childrensweek.org.

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Midweek Muddle

Rabbit tale

By SUSAN H. LINCOLN

Every year, about this time, I recall with great anxiety the one time I owned a reeeaaal Easter rabbit.

I was a single newspaper reporter with a single boyfriend. Since I had been culturally deprived from having an aquarium as a child, that's what the boyfriend gave me for Easter. I then wrote a column about the unique appearance of that year's Easter bunny--with fins, tail and a watery home.

Days later, I was the guest speaker for a small civic club. At the conclusion of the program, I was presented with a gift I'll never forget, nor understand. A rabbit in a cage.

A reeeaaal rabbit. You cannot imagine my surprise. Nor my horror. Nor my dilemma.

These well-meaning people were thoroughly convinced they had fulfilled a lifelong dream. "We read your column and since your boyfriend wouldn't give you a bunny rabbit for Easter, we decided we would." They also presented me a cage topped with a huge ribbon and a bag of feed.

My mother had urged me to "always be gracious" and I tried as hard as I could although I neither understood nor wanted this gift. Further, it was not something I could stick on the top shelf of the closet and forget about.

The club members ya-hooed over refreshments, noting my surprise, and celebrating my joy (!) over the gift of a reeeaaal Easter rabbit. They helped me to my car with the cage, the feed, the rabbit. And from there, I drove away in a stupor, wondering aloud, "What am I going to do with a rabbit? I live in an upstairs apartment where pets are not allowed, and I have no porch." Headlights zoomed past me; I was in a fog of desperation. I rode circles through the town for 15 minutes--pacing if you will, on wheels. Then I pulled into the driveway of the boyfriend's rented home.

"I've got a problem," I told him, and boyfriends love sentences that begin like that. I showed him the rabbit in the back seat and tried to explain the situation.

His roommate came out of the house. "You've got a rabbit in your car," he said, stating the obvious. "At least the rabbit didn't die," he added, attempting to be clever.

I ignored him. "Can the rabbit sleep on your porch until I think of something?" I asked with sweetness and light.

Weeks passed. "Have you thought of anything?" his roommate asked.

Actually, I had thought of many things. But it's hard to give a

rabbit away when 25 people in the community have presented it to you. You cannot advertise it. So I asked around, and guess what: nobody wanted the rabbit.

We had named it "Bun" and the guys were doing a really good job of feeding and caring for it. I went over every few days and cleaned the porch, which was no small job, for rabbits were never meant to live on porches.

Little "Bun" soon grew to be the size of a small dog, and ate more lettuce than the two grown men she lived with.

"Have you thought of anything yet?" his roommate asked again, weeks later. This time his roommate delivered another bit of bad news: "Our landlord says the rabbit's gotta go."

"Hey, we'll just let the rabbit go," he said. "Don't you worry about it. Those people should have never given you a rabbit anyway."

"But he'll be killed instantly," I countered.

"Well," he said. After a long strategy session, the roommate agreed to ask his mother (who lived in the same small Alabama town), if she'd take the rabbit.

"They gave it to you for speaking to their club?" his mother asked me, shaking her head in amazement. "What were they thinking?"

She reluctantly agreed. "We have an old beagle dog-- she doesn't have much life left in her. If the rabbit can get along with her, she can stay...but I don't know..."

From that day forward, Bun and the beagle lounged around in the fenced-in back yard. Bun hopped from one tuft of green grass to another, and the beagle just watched in boredom.

"I don't believe it," we all said as we observed this animal behavior from the deck.

"Daddy would kill that dog if he was alive--sharing the yard with a rabbit," said the roommate, shaking his head and commenting on the disgrace.

This living arrangement went on for months until the day Bun disappeared. The mother called me. The boyfriend, his roommate and I searched the neighborhood, but we never found a bloody carcass or fur in flight. We asked, but no one had seen a bunny-at-large. I prefer to believe that Bun went to live with the wild bunnies and told them about life in the city.

First, with two single men in a little white house.

Then, with a beagle in a huge fenced-in yard.

What a story that rabbit could tell.

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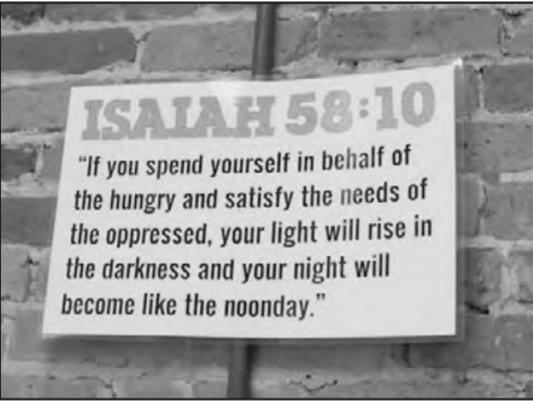
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Good Friday, Hodges Park

'Walk With The Cross' on April 18

Blue Creek Baptist Church at the Beaches invites everyone to join in the annual Walk With the Cross on Good Friday, April 18.

Walkers are asked to meet at the church, 21070 Beach Road, at 8:45 a.m. to begin walking at 9 a.m. to Hodges

Park. Transportation back to the church will be provided for those who are unable to complete the walk.

Blue Creek has also scheduled sunrise services on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 7 a.m. at Hodges Park. The public is cordially invited.

Project Backyard

The kick-off for Project Backyard was "a tremendous success" this weekend, according to those who worked and those who were on the receiving end of that work. Citing Isaiah 58:10, the laborers were credited with "shedding light in the community." A full report on the weekend's projects, and workers, will be featured in this Friday's Perry News-Herald.

Resurrection program Sunday

Elder Floyd Miles and the New Jerusalem P. B. Church invite everyone in the community to gather this Sunday at 3 p.m. for "Celebrating the Blood and Its Purpose." The Rev. Hollis and Trinity House of Praise will lead. Although it's not required, the committee urges everyone to wear red.

Need encouragement? Learn to give, receive during this Wed. class

Dianna Sandonata will lead a women's Bible study on Wednesday mornings, beginning April 23, at the First Presbyterian Church.

"Women from the church, and friends from our community, are encouraged to attend," said Sandonata who will use Nicole Johnson's book, "Encouraging One Another," as a guide for the class.

Classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. in room 9.

She quotes Johnson as saying, "Encouragement is to a friendship what confetti is to a party. It's light, refreshing and fun, and you always end up finding little pieces of it stuck to you later."

Please contact the church office at 584-3826 to register.



First Baptist Church will present the Easter musical

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Obituaries

Lafayette Durham Alvey

Former Friendship Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Lafayette Durham "L.D." Alvey, died March 31, 2014. He was 88.

Born in Kissimmee on April 22, 1925, he moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1949 and married Frances Hilburn Oct. 6, 1951.

The Rev. Alvey attended Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas, and was ordained a Baptist pastor in 1955. Over the next 42 years, he pastored churches in Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Tennessee and Texas, including Friendship Baptist Church in Perry. He also continued to mentor young pastors and accomplish evangelical work across the United States until 2012.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Frances Hilburn Alvey; children,

Mary Alvey Whitbeck and husband Richard, Fort Worth; David Alvey and wife Carolyn, Murphy; Gary Alvey and wife Allyson, Lake Worth; Anita Thompson Alvey, Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, George Alvey, Florida; sisters, Betty Alvey Mayo, Okla., Nancy Alvey Meyer and June Alvey Hubbard, both of Fort Worth.

He was buried April 3 at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

Memorials contributions may be made to to Exaltate a El Ministries, a Christian Children's Home in Honduras, c/o 4200 Ridgecrest Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76135.

Clarence Graham Jr.

Clarence Graham Jr., 68, died Thursday, April 3,

2014.

Mr. Graham was a member of Mount Zion Church No. 2 in Madison, and a graduate of Madison Training School.

He was a drum major graduate of Suwannee River Junior College in Madison and served in the Vietnam war as a United States Marine.

Mr. Graham was also employed with the Taylor County Sheriff's Office.

Survivors include: his wife, Lillie Graham; two sons, Clarence M. (Takeema) Graham III of Madison and Camron (Keisha) Graham, of Clemont; one daughter, Belinda Graham of Perry; three brothers, George McGriff Sr. of Havana, Wayne J. Hendley Sr. of Midway and Stevie J. (Eva) Hendley of Annandale, Va.; four sisters; Shirl E. Hendley of Chesapeake Beach, Md., Janelle

M. Thompson, of Ft. Lauderdale, Dorothea (Fredrick) Wester of Panama City and Diane E. (Charles) Germany of Quincy; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday April 12, at 11 a.m. in Antioch M.B. Church in Perry.

Interment will follow at Springhill Cemetery.

Family members will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Friday, April 11, at Trinity Funeral Home in Perry which is in charge of arrangements.

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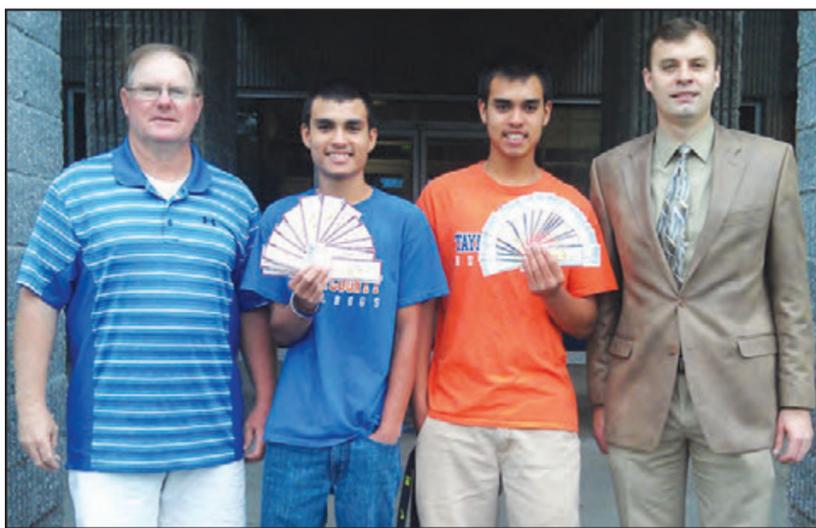
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'Dogs to attend FSU/UF baseball game

Young's Striping and Seal Coating recently donated tickets to the Taylor County High varsity and junior varsity baseball teams to attend the FSU-Florida baseball game to be played April 9 in Tallahassee. Shown at the presentation are (left to right) TCHS Coach Reggie Wentworth, Kevin and John Young and TCHS Principal Audie Ash. In addition to attending the game, the players are expected to meet Heisman Trophy winner, Jameis Winston, who pitches for the Seminoles.

Outdoor Experience will be held Saturday at Beau Turner Center

Folks looking to get outside on a nice spring day are invited to attend the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center's (BTYCC) seventh annual Outdoor Experience Saturday, April 12. The BTYCC is in Jefferson County on U.S. 19 just north of U.S. 27.

The Saturday event is free and open to all ages.

It begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 3 p.m. Advance registration is not necessary. Food will be available for purchase, or attendees can bring their own sack lunch.

Activities include fishing, archery, shooting sport stations, a K-9 demonstration, wild animal displays, hayrides and more. The Florida Fish

and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and its partners will have activities and educational programs that highlight the conservation of Florida's fish and wildlife resources.

Also, outdoor television personalities Master of the Longbow Byron Ferguson and Xtreme Sport Shooter Patrick Flanigan will be there, giving demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information on Beau Turner's Outdoor Experience, or to obtain more detailed driving directions to the center, call Kelly Langston at 850-717-8702, or go to BTYCC.org.

Hunter safety course offered in Taylor Co.

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

The class is Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete this classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

The locations for this

class will be given to those who register in advance.

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.

Those interested in attending can register online at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

'Dogs score 18 in win against East Gadsden

The Taylor County High baseball team pounded out 15 hits to win its sixth straight game by an 18-1 total over district foe East Gadsden last Thursday in Quincy.

Eleven Bulldog players got in on the hit-fest in the game shortened to five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Daniel Wentworth's grand slam was the highlight of the offensive onslaught as the 'Dogs scored 3 runs in

the first inning, 10 in the second, one in the third inning and 4 in the fifth.

Leadoff hitter Chance Rodgers drove in two runs with a single and a triple. Tristan Barfield was 3-4 on the night while scoring 3 runs and Ross Brenner was 2-2 with an RBI and 2 runs scored. Caleb Wentworth drove in a run with a double.

Others with one hit each included Wyatt Russell (2

RBI, 2 R), Cameron Collins (2 RBI, R), Noah Blanco (RBI, R), Daniel Dudley (RBI, 2 R) and Grant Parker (2 RBI).

Parker got the win on the mound pitching all 5 innings and striking out 4 batters while giving up 3 hits and 3 walks.

Taylor County, now 12-6 overall and 4-1 in district play, is slated to travel to Godby on Wednesday then play East Gadsden here on Friday.

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FRIDAY	FEB. 14	DIXIE	HOME	4:00;7:00
TUESDAY	FEB. 18	MAYO	HOME	4:00;7:00
SATURDAY	FEB. 22	THOMASVILLE	AWAY	12:00;2:30
MONDAY	FEB. 24	MUNROE(JV)	HOME	4:00
TUESDAY	FEB. 25	MACLAY	HOME	5:30
THURSDAY	FEB. 27	JOHN PAUL	HOME	6:00
FRIDAY	FEB. 28	FLORIDA HIGH	AWAY	4:30;7:00
SATURDAY	MAR. 1	P.K. YONGE	HOME	12:00
TUESDAY	MAR. 4	GODBY	HOME	4:00;7:00
THURSDAY	MAR. 6	DIXIE	AWAY	4:00;7:00
FRIDAY	MAR. 7	AUCILLA	AWAY	4:00
TUESDAY	MAR. 11	WAKULLA	HOME	4:00;7:00
THURSDAY	MAR. 13	MAYO	AWAY	4:00;7:00
FRIDAY	MAR. 14	MADISON	HOME	4:30;7:00
TUESDAY	MAR. 25	WAKULLA(JV)	AWAY	4:00
THURSDAY	MAR. 27	THOMASVILLE	HOME	4:30;7:00
TUESDAY	APR. 1	FLORIDA HIGH	HOME	4:30;7:00
THURSDAY	APR. 3	E. GADSDEN	AWAY	6:00
FRIDAY	APR. 4	AUCILLA	HOME	6:00
MONDAY	APR. 7	JOHN PAUL	AWAY	6:30
WEDNESDAY	APR. 9	GODBY	AWAY	4:00;7:00
THURSDAY	APR. 10	MUNROE(JV)	AWAY	3:30
FRIDAY	APR. 11	E. GADSDEN	HOME	6:00
MONDAY	APR. 14	BROOKWOOD	AWAY	6:00
TUESDAY	APR. 15	WAKULLA	AWAY	6:00
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HELP WANTED

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Staff Assistant position available at North Florida Community College.. See www.nfcc.edu for details. Nfcc, 4/9-4/25

Hampton Inn Now Hiring Front Desk Staff: Must be available for all shifts (including nights), weekends and holidays. High School Diploma required. Must pass drug test and background check. Applications are available at the front desk. Hospitality experience preferred. Please do not make any phone calls to the property about employment. 3/28-4/9 HI

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 17, 2014 AT 3:00 P.M. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE LOAN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE LOAN FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. COMMENT WILL RECEIVED FOR ITEMS CONCERNING THE PROJECT SUCH AS ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, SERVICE AREA, AND ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT. A COPY OF THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (SF424) AND THE BUDGET FOR THE PROPOSED EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING. IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO REQUIRES ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE SHOULD CONTACT THE ADMISTRATIVE OFFICE AT DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT 850-584-0885 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF THIS NOTICE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105, THAT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS DECIDING TO APPEAL ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE MEETING AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. IN THE CAFÉ LOCATED AT 333 N. BYRON BUTLER PARKWAY, PERRY, FLORIDA 32347. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AT 850-584-0885. 4/9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 22, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE POSSIBLE FUNDING REQUEST SUBMISSION FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY FUNDING PROGRAM. THIS IS THE SECOND OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH THE FIRST BEING HELD APRIL 7, 2014 AT 6:10 P.M. THE COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK WITHIN THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AND FLORIDA STATUTE 288.1175 IF SELECTED FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105, THAT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS DECIDING TO APPEAL ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE HEARING AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM 201 E. GREEN STREET, PERRY, FLORIDA 32347. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: Melody Cox, Grants Director (858) 838-3553 or at melody.cox@taylorcountygov.com DATED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2014 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA 4/9

LEGAL NOTICE The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Executive Committee Members on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 10:00 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW Live Oak, Florida. 4/9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employees. 4/9

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2014-CA-00051 JUDGE: PARKER IN RE: Forfeiture of: One (1) 1999 GMC Sierra 1500 XLT VIN: 1GTEK19TX0E543526

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS ALL PERSONS who claim an interest in the following property, 1999 GMC Sierra 1500 XLT, VIN: 1GTEK19TX0E543526, which was seized because said property is alleged to be contraband as defined by Sections 932.701 (2)(a)(1-6), Florida Statutes (2013), by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Division of Florida Highway Patrol, on or about January 17, 2014, in Taylor County, Florida: Any owner, entity, bona fide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right within fifteen (15) days of initial receipt of notice, to contact Sandra R. Coulter, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-432, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399,

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Princess, sweethearts serve World's Largest MoonPie to festival crowds



2014 MoonPie Princess Morgan Whetsel, surrounded by her court and the rest of the Bluegrass Sweethearts, prepares to cut the first slice of the World's Largest MoonPie to serve to hungry festival-goers. The giant treat disappeared in less than 30 minutes.



Blue Highway welcomed the MoonPie Princess and Bluegrass Sweethearts on stage to introduce themselves to the crowd.



Georgia Miller and Kamaren Ajonii Futch (left photo) and Hannah Shiver (right photo) were among those who passed out free MoonPies to the crowd Saturday afternoon at the festival.



Lundy motivated by his 'desire to go home to my family'

TRUST IN GOD
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immeasurable strength. "I don't believe I would be here today without it. "I just keep turning to Jesus. It would be easy to look at how things are now and be discouraged, but having Him on my side is everything to me. The prayers that are coming from so many people in the community are just a blessing." Lundy also gave his wife, Kelly, her due: "She has just been great. Handling all the phone calls, keeping everyone updated, taking

care of our girls...she has been so strong. In addition to my faith, my other motivation for getting through this was to go home to my family."

The shooting incident at Timberland Ford came just four weeks after Lundy took part in a multi-agency training exercise dealing specifically with responding to an active shooter scenario.

"It was very helpful and I am proud to be part of an agency--and to have a sheriff--that participates in exercises like this. It really helped me out on Feb. 5."

While Lundy could not

talk specifically about the events of that fateful day (it remains an open investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement), he did say, "Training is such a big part of responding (to a situation)...it all happened so fast. All (you've got) is your training."

For his brothers and sisters in law enforcement who remain on patrol day in and day out, Lundy said: "Always trust in God. I couldn't imagine going through this without Him. I know I survived with Him being by my side. "Be alert and stay safe."

Friends of the Taylor County Public Library book sale to be held April 12

The Friends of the Taylor County Public Library book sale will be held Saturday, April 12.

The sale will run from 8

a.m. to 12 noon inside the library, which is located at 403 N. Washington St.

Most books and other articles will be 25¢ or five

books for \$1. Magazines will be 5¢ each or six for 25¢. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Taylor County Public Library.

Forestry officials urge caution during Wildfire Awareness Week

Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam and the Florida Forest Service are sharing tips and urging Floridians to be extremely careful with fires outdoors.

This week is Wildfire Awareness Week, which recognizes wildfires that raged across Florida in 1998, burning more than 500,000 acres and damaging or destroying 337 homes and structures.

"This year, we have been very fortunate with increased rainfall in some parts of the state, but other areas are still very dry," said Commissioner Putnam. "Our firefighters are working to minimize risk of wildfire and

help keep homes, businesses and residents of Florida safe, but there are also simple steps Floridians can take to help prevent wildfire."

Wildfires generally occur in the spring and early summer months due to a lack of rainfall, low humidity and strong winds combined with increased springtime yard burns. Since Jan. 1, the Florida Forest Service's firefighters have responded to more than 500 wildfires on 9,183 acres, most from human carelessness.

"We all have the responsibility to help prevent wildfires," said James Karels, Florida Forest Service state forester.

"By preventing just one wildfire, we can reduce the risk to life, homes and property, while also reducing the cost to Florida taxpayers."

According to officials, the following tips can help prevent wildfires:

- Check with your local city or county officials to see if there are any burn restrictions in the area.
- Keep fires contained to an eight-foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel. Fires must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from homes, 50 feet from paved public roads and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.
- Obtain a burning



The Bellamy Brothers will perform Saturday during the Mel Tillis & Friends Fishing Tournament award program, which begins at 6 p.m.

Mel Tillis & Friends Fishing Tourney casts off Saturday

The 8th annual Mel Tillis & Friends Fishing Tournament is set to go this Saturday, April 12, out of Good Times Motel and Marina in Steinhatchee.

Tournament registration will be held Friday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. with the Captain's Meeting set for

7:30 p.m.

The tournament begins at safe light (7:05 a.m.) Saturday and ends at 4 p.m. The scales will be open from 2-5 p.m.

An awards ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. followed by a live auction and a concert by country

music greats, the Bellamy Brothers.

Net proceeds from the tourney will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information contact Tournament Director Capt. Mark Brady at (352) 354-0067 or email at slotreds@gmail.com.

TCMS recognizes students on third 9-weeks honor roll

Taylor County Middle School has announced its honor roll for the third nine weeks grading period of the 2013-14 school year:

6th grade, All A's

Sierra Beatrice Anderson, Nicole Stephanie Davis, Robert Henry Glanton, Bradley Jameson LaValle, Gabriel Lee McMullen, Katelyn Mae Ricketson and Adam Lawson Sellers.

6th grade, A/B

Elizabeth Lorena Blue, Ethan Chadwick Buckhalter, Jackson Roscoe Cash, Tailor Suzanne Gillyard, Alexis Christine Gorby, Russell Dillon Gregory, Caroline Elizabeth Hornsby, Josie Wei Louk, Ladona Aurora Mingus, Jayla Nicole Moseley, Megan

Annie Murphy, Janki Kirit Patel, Julian Isaiah Phillips, Theresa Jerrell Rogers, Melody Brooke Spradley, Destiny Ann Sullivan, Victoria Gayle Taylor, Bony Villagomez, Franklin Adam Webber and Zachary Evan Young.

7th grade, All A's

Noved Ahmed, Davis Lee Cruce, Isabella Nicole Flores, Abigail Elaine Langford, Abigail Ann Martinez, Jason Henry McHargue, Carley Diana Ondash and Dharni C Patel.

7th grade, A/B

Hannah Elizabeth Albritton, Ny'kasha Chy'nez Bitt, Alyssa Faith Broome, Ja'dakist Ja'naye Campbell, Mattea Claire Chaffin, Titeanna Nashily Collier, Hadley Aniease

Coulter, Jamie Nicole Cowart, Caysee M Cruce, Travis Eli Day, Hayden Chase Dice, Aiden Joshua Dunaway, Ajayah Sayonna Ellis, Auh'voince A'shunte N Fitchett, Harmony Alexis Glanton, Devante Jermaine Glover, Javonna Nicole Green, Breanna Blaire Griffin, Cheyenne Ta'lissa Haywood, Nathan Adam Hendry, Nhizayia Zhane Hill, Freddriuna Monay Johnson, Max Mark Kallschmidt, Emily Rose Knudsen, Ryne Galen Linton, Kiwanis Ny'yalé Mango, Kaitlyn Nicole McGuffie, Jonathon William McIntosh, Robert Owen Moon, Cameron Ryan Mosley, Michael J Padgett, Matthew Thomas Page, Rhea Ujjaival Patel,

McKenzi Kimberlynn Revels, Noah Christopher Sadler, Brooke Kaylee Sharpe, Joseph Emmanuel Shoaff, Kimberely Kate Smith, Abby Anna Stewart, Tyler Adron Stokes, Erica Denise Taylor, Andrew Klay Thompson, Hailey Edene Torres, Karman Elise Walker, Matthew Thomas Wallat, Austin Alexander Waters, Alyza Daishanell Watson and Sarah Elizabeth Webber.

8th grade, All A's

Sarah Breanna Buzbee, Katharine Renee Crawford, John Lawton Deming, Robert Marshall Kelly, Jessica Brooke Knowles, Philip Austin Lago, Delanie Faith Louk, Shawna Lauren Montgomery, Anna Marie Morgan, Jordan

Michael Niles, Sharon Nicole Norberg, Drayton Noah Pegg, Katelyn Kale Schmigel, Joel Connor Stengel and Silvia Roxanna Villagomez.

8th grade, A/B

Nazil Ahmed, Hunter La'chase Bell, Henry Joshua Blue, Kendal Brooke Blue, Nita Nicole Carter, Clayton Dilan Clark, Chloe Suzanne Cruce, Tyler James Cruce, Spencer Moon Diaz, Naldrec Antonio Dixon, Katelyn Elizabeth Gant, Donald William Gene Hall, Ja'kari Levon Hankerson, Chase McKenzie Haydu, Rylee Susanne Hudson, Keon Rhamad Irvin, Austin Skip Kidd, Thomas Joseph Lee, Clara Jane Lilliott, Ceanna Blake Markle, Ashton Marie Massey,

Lillie Karoline McNutt, Joshua Scott Mixon, Eli Daniel Morgan, Sheridan Carol Morgan, Victoria Renee Morgan, Jeremy Glenn Padgett, Sahil K Patel, Brianna Nicole Quisenberry, Abigail Nicole Ratliff, Kylee Faith Roberts, Markayvia La'niya Robinson, Javon Lee Ross, Kayla Dawn Schmigel, Cassie Nicole Stewart, Brandin Chadwick Thurman, Jarrett Ben Touchton, Victoria Diana Valentine, Hunter Diane Vann, Isabella Christine Waldhaus, Dylan Sampson Webb, Lillie Mae Welch, Nicheal Lametris Wilkes, Brailyn Elizabeth Willey, Clinton Chanse Wood and Brandon Jacob Young.



by certified mail return receipt requested to obtain a copy of the Complaint and Order Finding Probable Cause filed in the above styled court. 4/2-4/9

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Corey Hoover 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 1156 Year of Issuance 2009 Description of Property: Parcel Number R08877-090 One (1) acre in Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 8 East. Recorded in official records 230, page 499. Name in which assess Jessie E. & Nancy L. Richburg 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 21st day of April, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 13th day of March, 2013



Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

INVITATION TO BID
The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals for construction of the Taylor County Administrative Complex Parking Project. Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the required products or services must submit five (5) packages in a sealed envelope or similar package marked "Sealed Proposal for Taylor County Administrative Complex Parking Project" to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida, to arrive no later than 4:00 P.M., local time, on May 2, 2014. All proposals MUST have the respondent's name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened and respondents announced at 6:05 P.M. local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on May 5, 2014, in the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347. RFP information MUST be obtained from the Clerk of Court, 1st. Floor Courthouse, 108 North



Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347, (850) 838-3506, for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee. RFP information may be reviewed on-line at www.taylorcountygov.com/bids/index.htm. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the Administrative Complex located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347. The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all Proposals, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time and waive any irregularities in the RFP process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service; therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the lowest quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the County's best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in an amount of five (5) percent of the proposal price pursuant to Taylor County ordinance No. 2003-12. No faxed Proposals will be accepted. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Taylor County, Florida 4/9, 4/16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2014-48-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANKIE LEE HOLMES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of FRANKIE LEE HOLMES, deceased, File Number 2014-48-CP, by the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32347; that the decedent's date of death was July 31, 2013; that the total value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: JANET HOLMES, 1419 East Green Street, Perry, FL 32347 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having



claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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: April 9, 2014. SMITH & SMITH ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.A. MICHAEL S. SMITH Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 169621 P.O. Drawer 579 Perry, Florida 32348 Telephone: (850) 584-3812 Fax: (850)584-7148 JANET HOLMES 1419 East Green Street Perry, FL 32347 4/9, 4/16

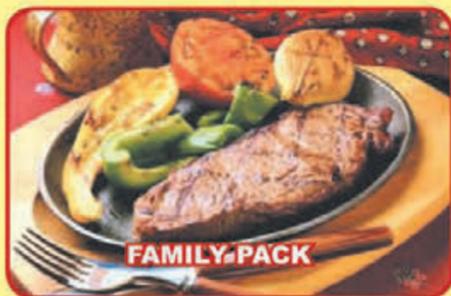
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Henry Jay Jr. the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate



number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 618 Year of Issuance 2008 Description of Property: Parcel Number R05712-400 Lots 509 and 510 of the Belair Heights Subdivision described as: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 7 East, thence run East 622 feet, thence run South 125 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence run East 152 feet, thence run South 100 feet; thence run West 152 feet; thence run North 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Recorded in official records 198, page 489. This property is being assessed with a Single Wide mobile home; VIN# F148S142FK4845GA, Title # 40933035. Name in which assessed C.A. Williams. 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 28th day of April, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 24th day of March, 2014 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County Florida 3/26, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16

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Heavy Western Boneless Beef Shoulder Steak **\$4.29** LB.



40 oz.
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16 oz.
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