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News Forum

Win a new Ford truck!

Tickets are available for a chance to win a new F-150 Ford truck, in a fund-raiser supporting Timberland Ford shooting survivors Mike Cook, Deputy Robert Lundy and John Mahoney. Donations of \$10 are being accepted at the dealership and at area businesses. The drawing will be held June 28.

Historical Society hosts banquet

The Taylor County Historical Society will host an Awards Banquet & Music Showcase Saturday, May 24, at 6 p.m., at the Perry Woman's Club. Tickets are \$10 each and include a chicken or pork dinner. Musical entertainment will be provided by Taylor Chaffin, the New Brooklyn Choir and duo Mike Denmark and Buddy Murphy. The W.T. Cash Scholarship will be awarded during the evening and this year's recipient of the Dr. Wilson T. Hendry-Dr. W.H. Peacock Award will be recognized. Tickets are available at the Historical Society (open Thursday from 1-5 p.m.) and at the offices of Perry Newspapers, Inc.

New trail club to meet May 8

Horse riding enthusiasts are invited to join the newly-established Taylor County Trail Club, which will meet the second Thursday of each month at Delta Land Survey (office located at 144 West Green Street). The first meeting will be held Thursday, May 8, with a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. Seniors (ages over 70) are free. For more information, please contact Lynn Odom at 223-3880 or Donna Rowell at 584-9011.

Cherry Lake sign-up is underway

Sign-up for 4-H Camp Cherry Lake is now underway. Taylor County 4-H'ers will be camping along with those from Gilchrist, Suwannee and Lafayette counties the week of June 9-13. Youth will travel by bus to Madison. Campers live in rustic cabins divided into boys' and girls' sections overlooking Cherry Lake. Other facilities include a large outdoor pavilion, and auditorium, dining hall, supervised swimming area, secure fire circle, athletic field and large natural areas. The cost is \$230 for the week. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be required at registration. For more information, please call 838-3508 or email at abbeytharpe@ufl.edu.

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Weather

Wednesday 85°
50% 70°

Thursday 81°
50% 68°

County braces for storms

Even with eight straight days of sunny weather, many areas of the county remain under water and officials are keeping a wary eye on a weather system expected to bring as much as two to three inches of additional rain to the area Tuesday and today (Wednesday).

"The water table is just holding so much water in places we typically count on the ground soaking it up, it's simply not doing that," said Taylor County Assistant County Administrator Dustin Hinkel, who is also director of Taylor County Emergency Management.

The respite from the rain did allow county crews to survey the affected areas and Hinkel said they feel that they have seen most of the impacts to date. "We're bracing ourselves for some weather coming our way unfortunately," he said Tuesday morning.

According to Hinkel, the National Weather Service (NWS) alerted them that the storms could arrive in "several rounds" beginning Tuesday and continuing this morning. He continued to urge residents who have homes damaged by the flooding

to contact the Emergency Operations Center at (850) 838-3575. The information will be forwarded to state officials as part of the county damage reports. "Those reports go a → Please see page 3



Take aim...

Organizers estimate some \$10,000 was raised at the first Swampwater Shootout benefit for the Doctors' Memorial Hospital Foundation. AMTEC Less-Lethal hosted the shooting competition and welcomed more than 200 families and guests. Participants were able to shoot a grenade launcher, aiming for a 600-yard target. Above, AMTEC's Ryan Hillaker (in red) walks shooters through safety procedures.

\$3.5 million bridge sparks outrage

Donaldson Bridge, a one-lane bridge on County Road 14A crossing the Econfina River, has sparked a significant amount of controversy in the community of Shady Grove over plans by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to replace it with a new two-lane bridge that could cost as much as \$3.5 million. Facing a recommendation from FDOT officials that repairing the bridge was not cost-effective on one side and a petition from residents calling for the bridge to be repaired or replaced with a cheaper one-lane bridge on the other, the Taylor County Commission voted last week 4-1 to endorse the FDOT plan. The current bridge was built in 1984, although a bridge has existed at the location for more than 100 years. FDOT Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer Jordan Green, along with → Please see page 6

Walker no longer resource officer for high school, starting 2014-15

Starting with the 2014-15 school year, Perry Police Department (PPD) Sgt. Nellie Walker will no longer be the resource officer assigned to Taylor County High School (TCHS). In a recent move, the school district cancelled its contract with the City of Perry for the resource

officer's position and will, instead, be negotiating with the sheriff's office to place a deputy at the site. With the contracts between the Perry City Council and the Taylor County School District to provide a school resource officer and crossing guards to the school system set

to expire at the end of the current school year, the school board is moving forward to provide for the positions next year. Under separate contracts, the city has provided three crossing guards to the district as well as Sgt. Walker's position as the school resource officer at

TCHS. The issue was first raised last October when the school district approached the city about subsidizing a portion of the Walker's salary, which has been paid fully by the district. (The Taylor County Sheriff's Office supplies the district's other two school resource

officers under a separate contract.) The city declined the request, with council members questioning its timing, which was two months into the school year and only weeks after the city's fiscal year began. → Please see page 6

Hagan: A news man to the end

Armed with his trusty microphone, there wasn't a news story Harry Hagan wouldn't chase. He may have started his career with big-time brands like NBC, but Hagan came to love most his days as the "Pop" in the Mom & Pop operation of Perry's WPRY radio. "It was a family affair. Dad did sales and news, Mom and I were deejays... it really was a family-run radio station," Hagan's daughter, Diane Hagan Scherff remembered. As the news of her father's April 19 death spread, Scherff said she was most surprised by the people who sent messages of sympathy,

messages that more often than not included stories of working for her dad at the radio station. "I was just so surprised to hear from all these people who talked about working for my dad when they were local high school students and how he changed their lives." Hagan was living in New York when he purchased the local radio station here in 1977. "He was managing WHEN in Syracuse when he found out that the person he had running the station in Perry had just left—with the cash, equipment... → Please see page 6



All for one

Fellow officers hit the links Tuesday in support of hometown hero Deputy Robert Lundy and the two other Timberland Ford shooting survivors. The fund-raising golf scramble was held at Madison Golf & Country Club. Lundy (seated, center) is shown above with, l to r, Brian Curry, Buddy Lee, Brian Lundy, Jay Ricketson and Kyle Johnson. Further details of the event will be featured in Friday's Perry News-Herald.

Donaldson Bridge should be repaired, not replaced

Dear Editor:

Remember where the single lane Donaldson Bridge in Shady Grove used to be? That's what the residents of Shady Grove and all the people of Taylor County will be asking if the County Board of Commissioners get their way, and at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million in grant money, paid by taxpayers.

Currently the existing Donaldson Bridge is in need of major repairs, according to the Florida Department of Transportation's last inspection report, but is still in a repairable condition using FDOT's own Bridge Evaluation Scale. According to Commissioner Feagle, the FDOT won't use any of the \$3.5 million for repairs, only new bridge construction.

At this time the Donaldson Bridge, built in the mid 1980's, is serving the area well, with an estimated 30 to 40 vehicle crossings daily. Most crossings are local

area residents going to the county roll-off site, church, or local convenience store. To date there have been no recorded accidents or evidence of upcoming bridge failure, and it has become a landmark in this rural area of the county.

As of now, we have approximately 165 signatures of local residents on a petition to repair and save Donaldson Bridge, but the county has turned a blind eye to all the efforts of community members to repair and save the bridge and millions in tax dollars.

If the county continues moving forward with this project it will involve the disruption of residents in the surrounding area for approximately 18 months, acquiring of additional land taken by eminent domain for wider right-of-ways/ approaches, and a host of other problems. All of this to replace the Donaldson Bridge, which could be repaired to F.D.O.T standards, be as good as

new, and still be in keeping with the country setting. But the county, with all its wisdom and disregard for community opinion wants to replace it with a new bridge that will be approximately 16 feet wider than all the bridges on Hwy. 221 between Perry and Shady Grove.

I know that Taylor County has limited dollars in the coffer for projects like bridge repairs. Our commissioners are all too busy to look for other options that will get the job done, save the county money and please everyone; but with one phone call to the FDOT and a short conversation with the right person, I was informed of a state funded program called Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), that will repair the existing Donaldson Bridge to FDOT specifications with no cost to the county.

The SCOP program
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Letters to the Editor

'Stop printing letters that are misleading or downright false'

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter to the editor printed April 23, 2014, I re-quote the opening line, "enough outrageousness."

It's time to exercise a little editorial discernment and stop printing letters that are completely misleading or downright false. At the very least, add a disclaimer that the information has not been researched or verified.

Most informed people know that there is no nexus between school taxes and Rosehead Park's Spring Creek clean-out and improvement. To claim that money spent on the creek is taking paper and pencils from Taylor County students

thus causing teachers to spend their grocery money on school supplies is, indeed, outrageous. What concerns me is that you, the editor, knew this when you printed the letter.

Truthfully, the Taylor County School Board is being asked to participate in an incentive package to lure a new industry to Taylor County which will, in turn, not only bring in good jobs, but also fill the coffers of the school district with new money that can and will be spent on Taylor County school children. I hope that all Taylor County School Board members will understand the significance of this and vote yes. We

need that money.

I understand the concept and the importance of freedom of speech and public dialogue. Everyone should be able to voice an opinion, but that opinion is destructive when it's based on something that is made up. If I were to write a letter opining that we should stop spending tax revenues on alien spaceship landing strips, would you print that too?

To print something that you know is false with no disclaimer makes it very hard to determine whether this is a newspaper or a tabloid. And I don't read tabloids.

Margaret Dunn

Letter carriers work to 'Stamp Out Hunger' Saturday, May 10

Dear Editor:

Saturday, May 10, marks the 22nd anniversary of one of America's great days of giving--the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Letter carriers walk through the community every day, often face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-

perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Perry who need our help.

Last year, we collected more than 74 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 30 million people. Over the course of its 21-year history, the drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the

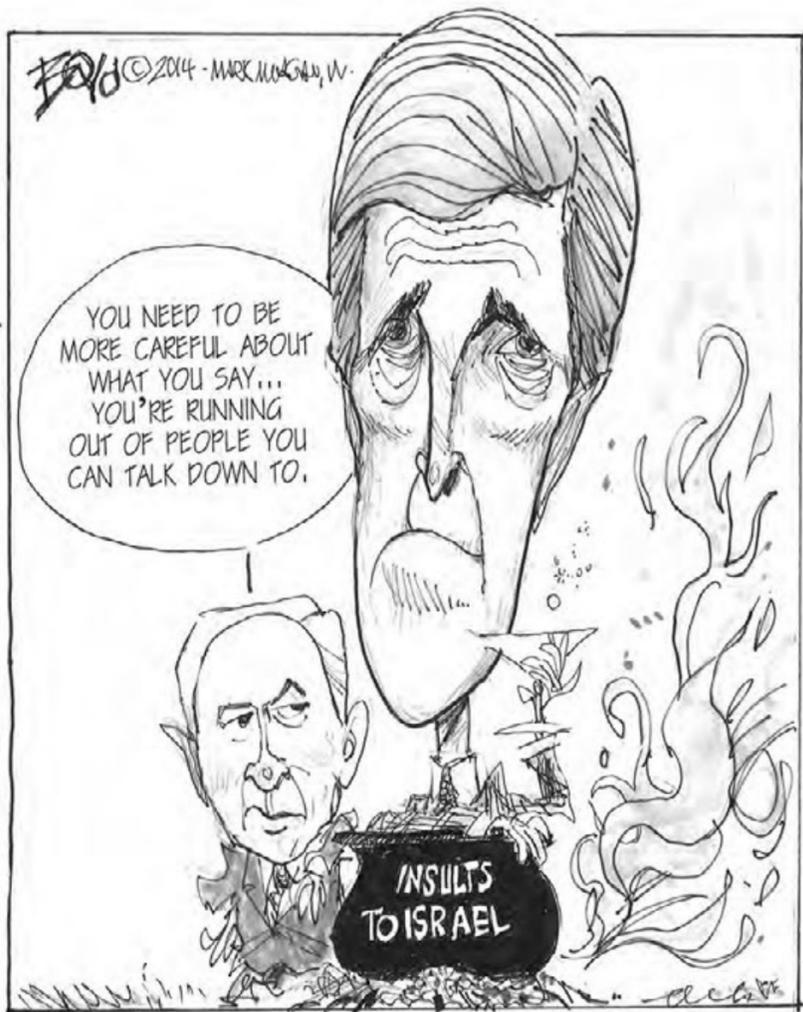
entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans (that's 1 in 6) are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 10, and your letter carrier will do the rest. I invite you to join in America's great day of giving and help our fight to end hunger.

Sincerely,
Valisha Chitwood
Letter Carrier
Perry, Florida



Midweek Muddle

"Let there be..." lightning bugs

By SUSAN H. LINCOLN

During my childhood, the lengthening days of spring which gave way to summer, were thick with humidity and with opportunity. Lightning bugs affirmed the approach of June, July and August when the school doors would close, and the refrigerator doors would open wide with lemonade and Jell-O.

It was a magical time. That is why it is so gratifying--some 50 years later--to be visited by the descendants of those same lightning bugs.

Even as I sit over the hill, I marvel at their off-and-on illumination and their internal clock which brings them to the landscape every year about this time, just when the rest of us want to be outside too. I know they're on time because I marked my calendar last year and their visits correspond, year by year.

When darkness envelopes our house, they come to the glass windows and doors, begging me to play. They intertwine themselves in the front door wreath, and slide up and down the larger windows.

Green frogs leap in curiosity if not hot pursuit, hoping to corner these flashy visitors, but lightning bugs--even with their blinking lights--cannot be easily contained. I've yet to witness a successful attack and, trust me, I've been watching.

As a child, I remember those nights when we longed for the sun to go down so we could use our mothers' Ball jars to corral these illuminating insects. Since air conditioning wasn't yet a permanent part of our living, playing outside was a matter of survival. By the time the lightning bugs showed up, we smelled of grape Koolaid and sandbox sweat, with dried-up peanut butter underneath our fingernails and roly-polies in our shorts' pockets.

With a few punched holes in the lids, our jars would become the lightning bugs' new homes, and we had no idea they wouldn't be thrilled.

The bugs also became our own personal flashlights which didn't require batteries.

Plus they were mesmerizing. Cave man first stared at fire and thousands of years later, we're just as mesmerized.

Lightning bugs--while not a conflagration--have an almost hypnotic effect, quieting the

conversation as their admirers stare intently at their blinking lights.

A lightning bug, without his light, would be a pretty ordinary bug in the world of ladybugs and grasshoppers. But when the sun goes down, and the pink clouds come out, the curtain goes up on the Lightning Bug Revue, and it's a good time to live in the country. It's as if Someone says again, "Let there be light."

You can see them far in the distance, weaving in and out of pine trees, soaring above roofs and zooming around corners like little airplanes with green warning lights marking their path in the sky.

Or like pen lights at a Bon Jovi concert.

Or like the tiny, lighted radar blips which signaled submarine traffic in World War II movies.

"Yeah, we used to squish lightning bugs to get that fluorescent stuff out, and then we'd smear it on us," said someone who sits at my dinner table.

Imagine my face; imagine my horror.

"It worked and that stuff would last a couple of hours too," he added. "We glowed."

On behalf of all humans to all members of the Animal Kingdom, I am very sorry. Boys will be boys.

And lightning bugs surely know that well.

Plus, I have to look back on my own humane treatment of the bugs: capturing them in a jar to be my personal beacon?!

Maybe lightning bugs are glad that today's children are staring at computer screens and smart phones. That inaction enables them to roam free through the landscape, humming 12 verses of, "This little light of mine... I'm going to let it shine...this little light of mine...I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

It's either that humming or the candlelight glow that these fireflies provide which lights the path back to simpler times when, if your name was in lights, it wasn't on a marquee, but a carpet of green grass in a thickly forested backyard, courtesy of lightning bugs who, for years, have been ushering in spring and summer.

Welcome back.

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Shooter ready!

Nearly 5,000 rounds of ammo were fired at the Swampwater Shootout hosted by AMTEC Less-Lethal Saturday, April 26. Participants were able to shoot a MP5 sub-machine gun, which is primarily used by SWAT teams and military teams for inside situations, as well as a M4 carbine, reportedly most often used by military counter-terrorism units. One of the largest attractions was the opportunity to fire a 40 mm grenade launcher that lobbed signal shells toward a 600-yard target. Winners were recognized during an awards dinner. All proceeds from the event benefitted the Doctors' Memorial Hospital Foundation.



Sinkhole opens at TCHS track

STORMS
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long way in getting those state and federal assistance programs up and off the ground," Hinkel said. "We need people to call so we can put the best case together to urge them to begin individual assistance programs."

The Taylor County Commission was expected to meet Tuesday evening in a special meeting to renew its local state of emergency declaration for another week.

Meanwhile, a sinkhole has forced Taylor County High School to close its track.

According to Superintendent Paul Dyal, the sinkhole, which measured around eight feet across and five feet deep, was first reported Sunday.

The district was working to fill the hole with a combination of dirt and concrete Tuesday, he said.



Falls closed

The Suwannee River Water Management District (SWRMD) has closed 18 of its public land parcels due to rising water levels along the Suwannee, Alapaha, Santa Fe and Steinhatchee rivers.

This includes Steinhatchee Falls in Taylor County.

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Nicole Gibson & Billy Ernst May 10, 2014	Mara S. Padgett & Joseph L. Chason August 2014
Kathryn Brock & Bob Putney June 8, 2014	Jessica Lyles & Ryan Baumgardner September 2014

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Amanda & Allen McGinniss Twin girls due May 25, 2014	Shanna & Alan Dodimead Boy due June 4, 2014
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HONOREES HAVE BEEN TEACHERS, NURSES, AGRICULTURE ADVOCATES AND LOCAL POLITICIANS:

Who will be the Lady of the Year?

By **SUSAN H. LINCOLN**
Managing Editor

How many teachers have earned the honor of Lady of the Year? Three teachers, as well as one superintendent of schools.

In this 43-year tradition, honorees have included a supervisor of elections, a couple of Florida Forest Festival chairpersons, women interested in downtown revitalization and beautification, as well as a nurse, counselor, social worker, jail minister and statewide agricultural advocate.

On Sunday, the 2014 Lady of the Year will be named at the First Assembly of God, 828 W. Julia St., at 2 p.m. What category will she represent?

President Diane Ching invites everyone to attend, "to honor—and probably surprise—a lady who has worked to improve the place that we call home."

The local, Mu Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, has provided recognition to women since 1972 when **Mary Carter** was named the first honoree and saluted for her career as a "great, great first grade teacher."

Through the years, women such as Carter have left their mark, working through schools, government, the medical field and in areas of "lifestyle enrichment." The following listing (which would begin with Carter) pays tribute, again, to each one:

Molly Morgan was honored in 1973, having invested 31 years at Taylor County High School as a school nurse.

The following year, **Connie Moore** was spotlighted for "countless hours beyond the call of duty as a school social worker and juvenile court counselor."

It was in 1976 that the honor was bestowed to **Margaret Hamby** who had two careers: first as secretary at Taylor County High School and then as supervisor of elections for Taylor County.

Helen Scales was chosen in 1977 for her "remarkable



*Though the years
1972-2014
Ladies of the Year*

<u>Hospitality</u> Inez Cone Ida Williams Shuge Mangum Frances Gilmore	<u>United Way</u> Diane Ching Deidra Newman
<u>Educators</u> Mary Carter Clarice Hart Catharin Norman Superintendent of Schools Elouise Gardiner	<u>Christian Counselor</u> Melody Greene
<u>Downtown Beautification</u> Helen Scales Vivian Sheffield Ernestine Wells	<u>Nurses</u> Molly Morgan Georgia Strickland
<u>Forest Festival Chairpersons</u> Evelyn Day Kathy Faircloth Opal Braswell	<u>Social Worker</u> Connie Moore
<u>Historical Society</u> Mary Lou Whitfield Wanda Cash June McLeod	<u>Supervisor of Elections</u> Margaret Hamby
<u>Community Friends</u> Jewell McCall Ruby Nell Collins	<u>Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)</u> Diane Rigoni
<u>American Cancer Society</u> Susan Nelson Elaine Bartges	<u>Charter member of Boys & Girls Club</u> Gale Dickert
	<u>American Red Cross</u> Alma Walker
	<u>Our Father's Storehouse</u> Janie Massey
	<u>Agriculture</u> Helen Houck
	<u>DMH Auxiliary</u> Patricia Lindsey
	<u>Taylor County United</u> Michele McLeod
	<u>Jail Ministry</u> Annie Howell
	<u>Musician</u> Lynne Fraser
	<u>Needy Children</u> Linda Strickland Jane Blackwood

efforts" in downtown beautification.

Opal Sayers Braswell was the 1978 honoree, having earned accolades as Chamber of Commerce president and Florida Forest Festival chairperson.

In 1979, the Lady of the Year was **Lynne Fraser** whose musical abilities were recognized throughout the community and whose

organizational skills made the Singing Tree (a community choir) a hit at the 1977 Forest Festival.

Catharin Norman was honored in 1980 for "artfully combining discipline and friendship"

in her role as physical education instructor for

Taylor County High School.

Kathy Faircloth won in 1981 for her work with Taylor Association of Retarded Citizens and for her term as Forest Festival chairperson.

In 1982, the honoree was **Mary Lou Whitfield** whose volunteer work

extended through the local Taylor County Historical Society and her own First Baptist Church, to include Meals On Wheels, the Perry Woman's Club and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The following year, all praise went to **Clarice Hart** who was applauded for her longtime service to the First United Methodist Church and her dedication as a teacher in local schools.

Jane Blackwood was 1984's recipient, lauded for her emphasis on independent living opportunities for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped.

In 1985, the honor went to **Georgia Strickland** for 20 years of service through the public health department.

Annie Howell was selected in 1986 for her full-time commitment to the jail ministry.

Inez Cone won in 1987 for her "grace and charm" in leadership roles through the First Baptist Church, the Perry Woman's Club and the Perry Garden Club.

The next year brought the spotlight to **Ida Williams** for "day-to-day kindnesses and generosity" as well as her tireless work through First Presbyterian Church.

Melody Greene, the recipient in 1989, was appreciated for her work with the Taylor Adult Meals Program, Girl Scouts and Community Friends, as well as her work as a Christian counselor in the community.

Gale Dickert was chosen as Lady of the Year for 1990, and saluted for her grant-writing abilities which brought the Boys and Girls Club to Perry.

In 1991, the honor went to **Linda Hartsfield** for her around-the-clock service to Taylor County schools, needy children and hurricane victims.

In 1993, **Vivian Sheffield** was selected for her leadership role in downtown restoration and revitalization.

Jewell McCall was honored in 1994 for her charter membership and "untiring devotion" to Community Friends.

Shuge Mangum won in 1995, touted as Taylor County's "one-word synonym for hospitality." Her work extended throughout St. James Episcopal Church to also include the American Cancer Society, the Perry Garden Club and Doctors' Memorial Hospital.

Ernestine Wells was the next honoree. In 1996, she was applauded for her work with Main Street, Big Bend Hospice and the Perry Woman's Club.

In 1997, **Diane Rigoni** was chosen for her commitment to Love, INC. (In The Name of Christ), and the First United Methodist Church.

Frances Gilmore was lavished with praise in 1998, for neighborliness throughout the years, displayed in acts of kindness which included baking, sharing and caring.

In 1999, the Lady of the Year title went to **Alma Walker** for her extensive work with the American Red Cross, for which she won the Clara Barton Award and was recognized as Volunteer of the Year.

In the year 2000, **Ruby Nell Collins** took the honor, surrounded by family members and friends. Mrs. Collins, a longtime educator and founding member of the Taylor County Historical Society, was recognized "for her compassion for the hungry and homeless" which prompted her to assist in the formation of Community Friends.

When the spring of 2001 → Please see page 6

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Baily Crane & Justin All December 13, 2014	Annabelle Edwards & Jason Roberts May 10, 2015	

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The 147th annual Robert M. Hendry Family will be held at the Robert M. Hendry Memorial Methodist Church in Shady Grove this Sunday, May 4, starting at 11 a.m.

Gayward Hendry will bring the message and, afterward, attendees will gather for food and fellowship on the grounds.

Robert M. and Martha Carlton Hendry had 12 children and each year, the descendants of those children host this long-standing tradition. This year's host family is Eli McFail Hendry's descendants.

Eli Hendry was born in Taylor County, and he and his wife had nine children. "They raised their family up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and the legacy of their faith and love of God, family and the community still resonates today," family members said.

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Commission endorses FDOT plan for new bridge

BRIDGE
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other agency staff, made a presentation to the commission about the proposed bridge project during their meeting Tuesday, April 22.

According to Green, the project would be funded through FDOT's off-system bridge program, with projects from around the state competing for the same pool money. The bridge is county property, but through the program,

FDOT can work on local bridges.

He added that the Donaldson Bridge project is currently in the fourth year of the district's five-year work plan (Fiscal Year 2018), and the funding could be pulled if needs

arise elsewhere in the state. He noted that when bridge projects reach the third year, the funding is more secure.

He also noted that they were early in the process and were at the meeting to receive some guidance from the commission before they completed their design work on the project.

FDOT Consultant Tanya Kristoff explained that the bridge had been labeled "structurally deficient" and maintenance over time was providing diminishing returns, adding that its guard rails do not meet FDOT standards and signs mandating a maximum load of three tons had been posted.

She added that the cost of repairing just the substructure was estimated at \$450,000.

Kristoff said that although they were still early in the design process they were recommending two 12-foot lanes with eight-foot shoulders. She also presented four construction options, which varied on location and construction duration, with a \$177,000 difference between the cheapest and most expensive options.

If the project moves forward, construction is estimated to begin sometime

between July 2017 and June 2018.

When asked by Commission Chairman Malcolm Page, FDOT Project Engineer Nelson Bedenbaugh said FDOT's recommendation was not to repair the bridge but to replace it with a two-lane bridge.

Commissioner Pat Patterson questioned the safety of a one-lane bridge, to which Bedenbaugh responded that a two-lane bridge would be safer, adding that it "also sets you up for the future over the next 30-40 years."

Commissioner Pam Feagle, whose district includes the bridge, asked whether a one-lane bridge would be half the cost.

Bedenbaugh answered that it would not because engineering and mobilization costs would remain the same.

The commission then turned the discussion over to public comment.

Bob Root spoke first, urging the commission to reject the idea of replacing the bridge in order to save taxpayers money, and presented a petition against the replacement with more than 160 signatures. He noted that when the current bridge was built in 1984, it

cost around \$33,750, adding that he had spoken with the original contractor, who told him that the bridge could be repaired for around \$350,000.

Angela Wilson spoke next, stating that the bridge was "vital" to the community and she was afraid the bridge would be closed if nothing was done to repair or replace it.

"Let's prepare for the future," she said. "I don't see any reason to turn these funds away if they've been allotted for us."

The final speaker was Mike Tomlinson, who said he was "100 percent against" replacing the bridge, asking that it be repaired instead.

The commission then returned to discussing the issue, with questions being posed to the public as well as the FDOT representatives.

"This is a great opportunity for the state to come in and help us," Patterson said before making a motion to allow FDOT to replace Donaldson Bridge with a new, two-lane bridge.

Commissioner Jody DeVane seconded and the measure passed 4-1, with the "no" vote coming from Feagle, who stated she "tries to follow the will of the majority of my constituents."



Lightning damage

Glen and JoAnn Knowles are keeping a close eye on weather systems moving through the area—especially in light of their recent brush with lightning. A few weeks ago, a lightning strike hit the chimney at the couple's home on Glenway Drive. The chimney was blown apart and the impact caused extensive damage inside the home as well. The strike also triggered an electrical fire, which prompted a response from Taylor County Fire-Rescue.

'He could take a cat stuck in a tree and make it a news story'

HAGAN
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everything. So he came home and told us we were leaving New York and moving to Florida. I was just starting my junior year in high school and was excited because we were just picturing palm trees and beaches. Of course, we didn't realize how different Perry was from that image, but we just loved it. We had the absolute best time living in Perry. Dad quit the big time and he and my mother got so involved in the Perry community, and running the station. They really ended up loving it," Scherff said.

The family operated the station for a decade. In that time, Hagan could be found in front of the microphone three times a day to report the news.

"People said he could take a cat stuck in a tree and make it a news story. He was still interviewing right up until the end. Just a week before he died, he had a

congressman come visit him for an interview at the rehabilitation center where he was staying.

"I remember broadcasting the Florida Forest Festival parade with my dad from the rooftop at the courthouse, but my favorite story happened the year I was festival queen. We had gone up to Tallahassee for a state fair.

"There were a lot of dignitaries and politicians attending, including President (Jimmy) Carter. They were having a big fish fry under this large tent and everybody just went crazy as soon as President Carter walked in.

"So there I am in my crown, getting ready to serve at the fish fry, when my dad said he was going to use me to get up there and speak with president. I told him he was crazy, that we'd never get that close with such a big crowd around him. So here is my dad and his microphone pushing up toward the front and he starts yelling 'Make way

for the queen, make way for the queen!' And the crowd parted just like the seas. The whole time my dad is telling me to say something about the forestry industry and the trees so he can get his interview.

"When I got up there my mind went blank and all I said was, 'I'm Diane Hagan and I represent trees.'

"President Carter was so nice. He laughed and said he was from Georgia and represented peanuts.

"My dad couldn't believe it. I heard about it all the way home (to Perry)...how I messed up his interview!"

Harry Hagan and wife Cathy, left Perry in 1989, to operate radio stations in Blountstown.

However, Hagan's enduring legacy can be heard every time the "Swap Shop" dances across the radio waves.

"Dad created the Swap Shop and even used it here in Blountstown."



From the rooftop of the Taylor County Courthouse entrance, WPRY's broadcast team for a Florida Forest Festival parade included, from left: Cathy, Diane and Harry Hagan.

District plans to negotiate with sheriff's office to expand contract to three resource officers

WALKER
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In a letter sent back to the district, the city asked that the issue be brought back up at the end of the school year so both agencies could plan their budgets.

The city council subsequently returned to the issue in February, voting unanimously to not renew the school resource contract or its crossing guard contract with the school district.

In a letter to Superintendent Paul Dyal dated Feb. 26, City Manager Bob Brown said, "Your memo to the city on Oct. 1, 2013, stated that 'for the 2014-15 school year, we (the school board) will not renew our SRO contract with the City of Perry without re-negotiating the contract.'

"The memo also indicated that the matter needed to be resolved prior to July 1, 2014, so the schools could

properly plan and budget. The council wishes to express its appreciation to the TCSB for giving the city plenty of notice to reflect and deliberate a decision.

"You had indicated that you can contract for the services at a reduced cost to the schools and the city does not want to hinder the schools from reducing their costs.

"Council voted unanimously that it was in the best interests of

the schools and the city taxpayers to discontinue offering school resource officer and school crossing guard services at the end of the current contracts."

When asked Tuesday, Brown said the Perry Police Department has an officer set to retire in August, so there will be a slot available for Walker once the city's contract with the school system expires.

According to Dyal, the district plans to discuss with

the Taylor County Sheriff's Office expanding its current contract with them to provide a third school resource officer to replace Walker at TCHS.

Asked when those discussions would take place, Dyal said it would be this summer.

Additionally, at its April 15 meeting, the school board approved creating new job positions and descriptions for the district to hire its own crossing guards for

next school year. Dyal said they are looking to expand the crossing guard crew from three to four next year.

Earlier this month, Dyal told the board that he would approach the current crossing guards about applying for the new positions. When asked Tuesday, he said he had not yet talked to the crossing guards because the new positions' salaries must first be negotiated with the non-instructional union.

2014 honoree will be announced Sunday at 2

LADY OF THE YEAR
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rolled around, Beta Sigma Phi members honored Susan Nelson for her "magnificent volunteer work benefitting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Taylor County."

Before **Diane Ching** assumed the presidency of this sorority chapter, she was the **2002** recipient of the Lady of the Year award. Ching thought she was appearing at the tea to issue a call for volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club. Instead, she ended up with a corsage, a plaque and a host

of well-wishers. She was recognized for her volunteer work through United Way, the Rotary Club, Taylor County Senior Service and St. James Episcopal Church.

In **2003**, **June McLeod** was the humble recipient, disavowing her worthiness. McLeod, a native of the Boyd community, was remembered as a 35-year teacher at Gladys Morse Elementary School who volunteered endlessly and gave of herself selflessly. Her retirement years brought forth genealogy pursuits and work toward a comprehensive history of Taylor County.

Elaine Bartges, the **2004** recipient, was described as a telecommuting pioneer and modern mother. Bartges' greatest battle was with breast cancer, and her recovery led to a "cottage ministry" of support and encouragement for other women.

In **2005**, **Janie Massey** received the award, recognized for her tireless efforts in founding Our Father's Storehouse through the First Baptist Church.

Deidra McRory Newman was the **2006** recipient, recognized as an enthusiastic teacher, United Way co-chair, supporter of

both the local and state Jr. Miss programs and former chairman of the Florida Forest Festival.

Helen Houck won in **2007**, touted as a longtime advocate for agriculture locally and throughout the state of Florida.

In **2008**, **Patricia Lindsey** was named Lady of the Year at an informal luncheon. She was commended for her work with AARP, the ladies auxiliary of Doctors' Memorial Hospital, Eastern Star and Relay For Life.

The next year, **Wanda Cash** was applauded by members of Beta Sigma Phi and community friends for

her tireless work as president of the Taylor County Historical Society.

Evelyn Day, manager of Kmart, was the "blue light special" for **2010** when she was named Lady of the Year for her work with the Florida Forest Festival, the March of Dimes Walk for Babies, the Boys and Girls Club, and Relay For Life.

In **2011**, the sorority celebrated 40 years of naming a Lady of the Year and hosted a landmark dinner celebration at Mama's Italian Restaurant.

On April 30 of **2012**, **Elouise Gardiner** was named the Lady of the

Year, remembered for her influence on education within the community.

When you honor educator in this community, you need extra chairs...and plenty were available when friends and colleagues gathered.

Last year, the honor went to **Michele McLeod** for her work through Taylor County United and its emphasis on the community's children as well as its veterans.

Who will be this year's Lady of the Year? Find out this Sunday, May 4, at First Assembly of God. "Come be a part of the surprise," Ching said. "The announcement will be made at 2 p.m."

Religion



Can you pick up macaroni with spaghetti? Ella Caruso can...

Pajama Party

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Few people wear their pajamas to church, but it was the suggested attire when First Presbyterian Church held Pajama and Movie Night for its youth, kindergarten through fifth grade. Ella Caruso and Emma Wright (above), along with Jalen Albritton and Millie Howard (at right) participated in the event, which featured the movie, "Frozen," as well as pizza and games. Participants decorated pillowcases and, as the mission component, brought additional, new t-shirts and pajamas for children who are displaced from their homes and end up at Refuge House. Cathy Wiggins and Janice Musgrove coordinated the night's events.



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Obituaries

Harry S. Hagan

Harry S. Hagan, former owner of WPRY radio station in Perry, died April 19, 2014, in Marianna.

Born on June 6, 1936, in Young Harris, Ga., he had lived in Blountstown since leaving Perry in 1989.

Mr. Hagan served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany. He studied journalism and broadcasting at the University of Georgia and graduated from Loyola University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

With his wife Cathy, he also owned and operated WYBT and WPHK in Blountstown, as well as radio and television stations in South Carolina, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and New York.

Mr. Hagan attended Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blountstown.

Survivors include: his wife, Cathy Hagan of Blountstown; children, Harry Hagan III, Diane Hagan Scherff and Christine Hagan of Florida, as well as Lee Ann Hagan of South Carolina; and four grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Father Chuck Collins officiating. Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown was in charge of all arrangements.

Betty Jane Woodhull

Betty Jane Woodhull, age 86, died Saturday, April 26, 2014.

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Aug. 2, 1927, to Theodore Reed and Pearl Ryan Reed.

Mrs. Woodhull moved to Perry in 1975 from Wisconsin. She was a

homemaker and a Christian.



Betty Jane Woodhull

Survivors include: two sons, Robert Wesley Woodhull Jr. of Peachtree City, Ga., and Michael Wayne Woodhull of Poplar, Wis.; six daughters, Patty Moreland, Lucy Pooler and Yvonne Pooler, all of Lake Nebagamon, Wis., Janice Woodhull of Duluth, Minn., Jacky Sheridan of St. Petersburg and Wendy Hunt of Perry; 34 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Robert Woodhull; her parents; and a brother, Clayton Eugene Woodhull.

Visitation was held from 1-2 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Beggs Funeral Home, which was in charge of arrangements.

Graveside services were followed at Waters Cemetery in Steinhatchee at 3 p.m.

Clifford Neel Jr.

Clifford "Bob" Neel Jr., age 70, died Sunday, April 27, 2014, at his residence.

Mr. Neel was born in Blytheville, Ark., to Clifford Lee Neel Sr. and Jewell Ganus.

He was a carpenter working with Robertson Builders for 27 years.

Coming from Kentucky, Mr. Neel lived in Perry for

the past 51 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife of 50 years, Doris Neel of Perry; four sons, Richard Neel of Live Oak, Mason Browning and Dalton Browning, both of Perry, and Chuck Ganus of Constantine, Mich.; five daughters, Susan Neel, Rebecca Lundy, Jessica Browning, Virginia Lundy and Margaret Rogers, all of Perry; one brother, Jerry Neel of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sisters, Patricia Killough of Nebraska and Bonnie Williams of Perry; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Beggs Funeral Home which was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Taylor County Special Olympics, 1915 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont, FL 34711.

Donald W. Bowden

Donald W. Bowden, 63, of Perry, died Sunday, April 27, 2014, at his home.

He was born Jan. 26, 1951, in Valdosta, Ga., to Melvin and Edith (Taylor) Bowden Sr. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Sims.

Mr. Bowden was a member of New Home Baptist Church in Perry.

He is survived by: his parents, Edith L. and Melvin M. Bowden Sr.; two daughters, Jennifer Davis her husband David of Perry, and Cindy Hough and her husband Kevin of Crawfordville; two brothers, Gary Bowden of Gainesville and Melvin Bowden Jr. of Perry; three grandchildren: Tyler and

Haley Horner, and Kinsey Hough.

No services are planned at this time.

All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

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Start regionals Thursday

'Dogs out-hit Godby but fall 4-2 in district championship

The Taylor County High baseball team scored 2 runs in the first inning and out-hit Godby 6 to 4 but still came up on the short end of a 4-2 contest for the Class 4A, District 2 championship Thursday night at Godby.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs still qualified for the state regionals and will travel to District 1 champs West Florida High this Thursday at 6 p.m. (central time).

West Florida (14-12) upset perennial powerhouse Pensacola Catholic 4-2 for

Sturgeon warning issued

Gulf sturgeon have begun their annual migration back into the Suwannee River, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials.

Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey recently reported that the fish have started to return to the North Florida river. However, with the higher water levels this spring, the fish don't seem to be jumping as frequently as in previous years. As the river levels drop, the jumping frequency could increase.

People have been injured in accidental collisions with the large, armored jumping sturgeon. However, for the 2013 boating season, there were no reports of boaters suffering injuries.

"But, even one person getting hurt this year is one too many," said Maj. Andy Krause, FWC regional commander. "We want people to be aware the sturgeon are back in the Suwannee and that the risk of injury to boaters does exist."

FWC officers will be on water patrol during the summer months in a continued effort to educate boaters about these jumping fish. The FWC recommends going slow to reduce the risk of impact and to have more reaction time if a jumping sturgeon is encountered. All boaters are encouraged to wear their life jackets at all times while on the water.

Biologists estimate the annual population of sturgeon in the Suwannee River to be between 10,000-14,000 fish, averaging 40 pounds. However, a few exceed 170 pounds. They can leap more than 7 feet out of the water.

To report sturgeon collisions, call 888-404-FWCC (3922).

For more information, visit MyFWC.com/Research and click on "Saltwater" then "Sturgeon."

the District 1 title last week. Catholic (21-4) will now hit the road for a regional quarter-final contest at Godby (7-18) this Thursday.

If Taylor County (16-9) wins, it will host the winner of the Godby-Pensacola game on Tuesday, May 6, at Perry's Pace Field.

In Thursday's district championship game, Bulldog pitcher Zack Fike pitched 7 strong innings but gave up 4 runs in the second which proved to be enough for Godby. Fike struck out 6 and walked 4 while facing 28 batters in the contest.

Top hitters for Taylor County included Daniel Wentworth 3-3 (R), Cole Wentworth 1-3 (double), Cameron Collins 1-3 (2 RBI) and Tristan Barfield 1-3.



State bound

Taylor County High senior Luke Kallschmidt placed first in the 300 meter hurdles in the Class 2A, Region 1 track meet held recently at Jacksonville-Bowles High School. Kallschmidt's time of 38.84 seconds was his best of the season and qualified him for the state finals to be held this Friday at Jacksonville University.

(Photo by Paul Buchanan of SuwanneeSports.com)

Optimist fishing tourney is Saturday

The 23rd Annual Perry Optimist Saltwater Fishing Tournament is coming up Saturday, May 3.

Three weigh-in sites include SeaHag in Steinatchee, SeaHag in

Keaton Beach and Econfina River Resort.

The fishing begins at 7 a.m. with a 4 p.m. weigh-in. The entry fee is \$50 per person.

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FWC will score antlers May 3 in Lake City

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is scoring deer antlers May 3 in Lake City.

People should bring their bucks to the Deep Creek Community Center at 11934 N. U.S. Highway 441, near

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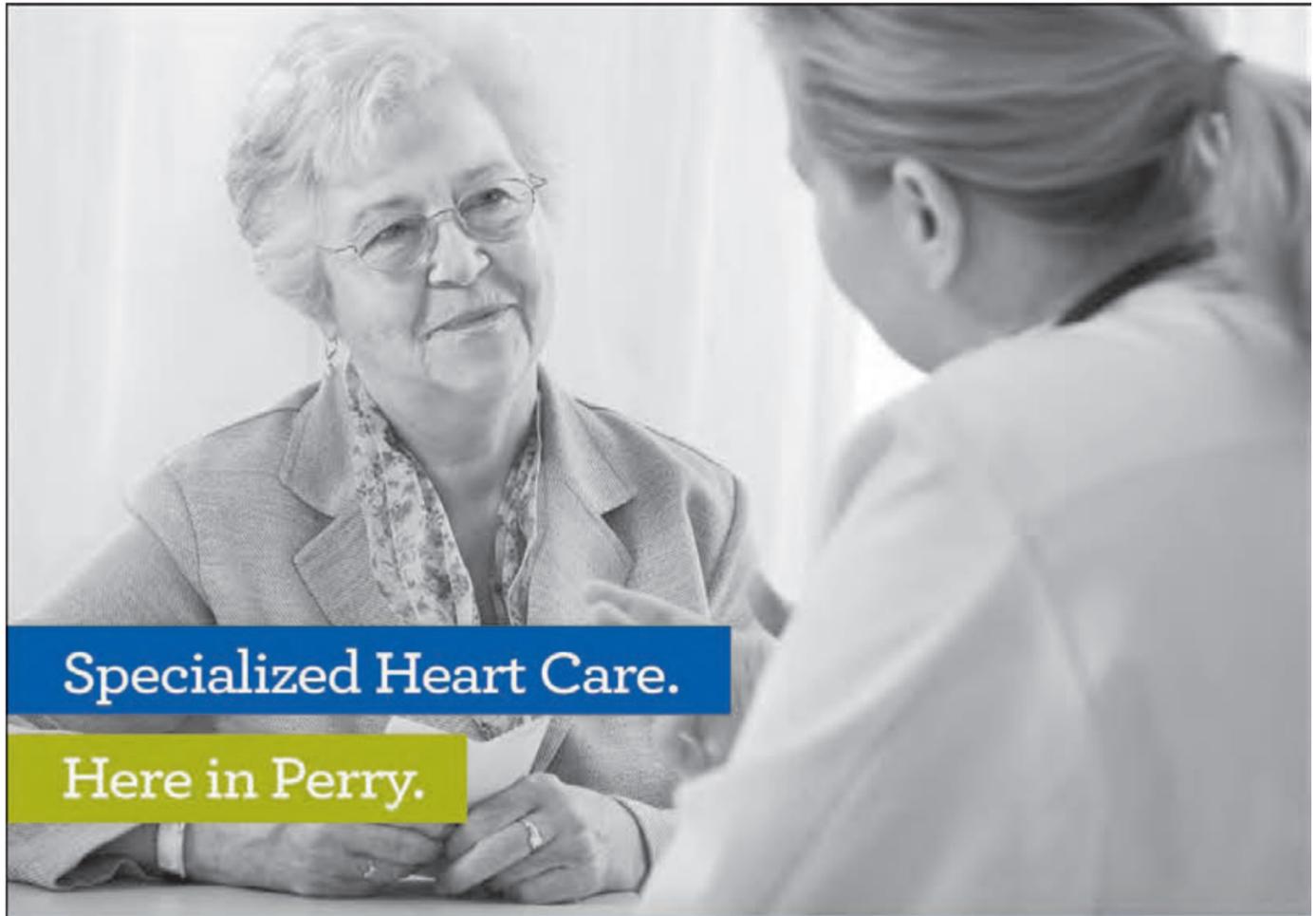
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Letters to the Editor

'Urge your commissioners to reverse their vote'

DONALDSON BRIDGE Continued from page 2

works as follows: With most Florida counties the state pays 75 percent and the county pays 25 percent of the repair cost; however Taylor County qualifies for a waiver of the 25 percent of repair cost. This boils down to the county's cost is zero

dollars for a FDOT certified bridge that will serve the county for years to come. All the county has to do is agree to request repairs on Donaldson Bridge from FDOT

For some reason the SCOP program was not mentioned at the last county commission meeting or at the prior Shady Grove

community meeting, where representatives from FDOT, Commissioner Pam Feagle and County Administrator Jack Brown were present to discuss all available options to repair and save Donaldson Bridge.

I am just a simple man that loves my family, my country and my little piece of heaven called Shady Grove. I ask

you to please call your county commissioner and urge them to reverse their vote to use the multimillion dollar grant to build the

proposed white elephant super bridge, and instead agree to request for repairs on Donaldson Bridge. We will save millions in tax

dollars, have a bridge which is FDOT certified and with no cost to the county. It's the perfect solution for all.

Mike Tomlinson

Patient announces Dr. Payne to begin practicing in Madison

Dear Editor:
Found Dr. Blaine Payne. She will be in Madison starting June 1.

The doctors in Madison, who have known her for

many years, wonder why our hospital board let her go. My oncologist, Dr. Scott Tetreault in Tallahassee, thinks very highly of Dr. Payne. It is hard to find a

physician who does chronic pain care.

Now we have our caring, loving doctor back. Thank you God.

Vickie Collins

Obituaries

(Continued from page 7)

Martha Sadler

Martha Sadler, 83, died Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in Perry.

She was born in Fulda, Germany, on Feb. 4, 1931, but lived most of her life in

Perry. Mrs. Sadler was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Maria Bielewski, and her husband, Herman Sadler.

She is survived by: one son, Bill Sadler of Perry; one daughter, Rosemarie

Huff of Hollywood; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

Beggs Funeral Home Perry Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Torch Run 2014

Representatives from area law enforcement agencies came out to show their support for local Special Olympics athletes during the annual Torch Run. Athletes and runners traveled from Walmart to the courthouse parking lot (photo above). (Left) Taylor Correctional Institution Officer Jay Swindle served as torchbearer. Following the run, athletes were treated to lunch, compliments of Burger King.

Health department officials remind:

Immunizations protect infants, children

The Florida Department of Health in Taylor County joins its fellow affiliates across the state in recognizing the 20th anniversary of National Infant Immunization Week April 26 - May 3.

Department officials remind parents about the benefits of immunizing children against vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Immunizations are one of the most effective ways to protect infants and children from potentially serious

diseases. Parents should discuss immunization choices with their child's healthcare provider. Ensuring that our children are vaccinated at an early age is essential to the health and wellbeing of Florida's kids," said Dr. Celeste Philip, deputy secretary for health and deputy state health officer for children's medical services.

"We encourage parents to follow the recommended immunization schedule, providing immunity early



in life, before infants and children may be exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases."

Provisional 2013 data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate more than 24,000

cases of whooping cough (pertussis) occurred in the U.S., including nine deaths. All of the deaths were in infants younger than three months old. Pertussis is a vaccine-preventable disease. Although there has

been a decrease in incidence since 2012, case numbers of pertussis in the US remain high. The provisional data for 2013 indicate Florida had 729 cases of pertussis, including one death. This represents an increase in the number of pertussis cases in Florida over 2012.

Along with immunizations for infants, adults who care for infants should receive a Tdap booster to ensure that illness is not transferred from caregiver to baby.

"Through collaboration with health care professionals around our state, we can combat and decrease the unnecessary harm caused by this disease each year by continuing to immunize children and adults," officials said.

For information, please visit contact the Taylor County Health Department at (850) 584-5087. Health care providers may sign up to access the statewide registry at www.flshots.com/.

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 Lodge: 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 ttaylor.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 the first and 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, 7 p.m., at Rigoni's Cookhouse on Highway 19 North. Call 223-2648. (No February meeting)
Search & Rescue Riders #1135 of Christian Motorcyclists Assoc.: 4th Saturday, 9 a.m. at Barclay's 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 Beekeepers: second Monday, 6:30 p.m., Forest Capital Hall.
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.

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.

VETERANS

AMVETS Post 20: third Saturday, 10 a.m., at 107 East Green Street.
American Legion Post #291 (Steinhatchee): second Thursday, 7 p.m.
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).
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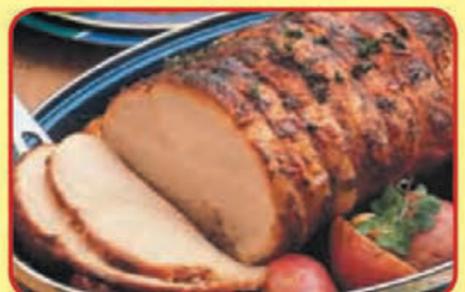
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 Fresh
**Pork Country
 Style Ribs** **\$2.49** LB.



Heavy Western
 "Lean & Tender"
Beef Stir Fry **\$4.29** LB.



Curly's "Heat & Eat"
**BBQ Beef, Pork
 or Chicken** **\$3.99**
 16 oz.



Portside Premium
Flounder Fillets **\$3.69**
 12 oz.



Farmington
 Asst. Vart.
Brats **2/\$4**
 14 oz.



Oscar Mayer
Hot Dogs **2/\$3**
 16 oz.



Fairgrounds
Corn Dogs **\$5.49**
 40 oz.

<p>YELLOW or ZUCCHINI SQUASH \$1.29 LB.</p>	<p>CUCUMBERS 69¢</p>
<p>TOMATOES 4PACK \$2.29</p>	<p>WATERMELON \$2.99</p>

<p>COBURN FARMS Large Eggs 99¢ 1 dozen</p>	<p>HELLMAN'S Mayonnaise \$2.99 30 oz. btl.</p>	<p>HEINZ Tomato Ketchup \$1.99 38 oz. btl.</p>	<p>PORTMANN'S Ranch, French or Thousand Island Dressing \$1.29 16 fl. oz. btl.</p>
<p>KURTZ Yellow Mustard 69¢ 14 oz. btl.</p>	<p>GRISSOM'S Hamburger & Hotdog Buns 99¢ 8 pack</p>	<p>NABISCO Oreo Cookies Asst. Vart. \$2.79 14.3-15.35 oz.</p>	<p>BUGLES Original \$2.99 14.5 oz. bag</p>
<p>LITTLE HUG Fruit Barrels Originals or Berry Blend \$2.99 20 pack</p>	<p>CRYSTAL 20 Purified Drinking Water \$2.29 24 pack</p>	<p>COBURN FARMS Sour Cream \$1.59 16 oz. pkg.</p>	<p>STOUFFER'S Lasagna Party Size \$10.99 90 oz. pkg.</p>
<p>WYLWOOD Crinkle Cut French Fries \$1.79 32 oz. bag</p>	<p>JUNGLE JAMMERS Freezer Pops \$1.99 24 pack</p>	<p>CROWN CREAMERY Premium Ice Cream All Flavors \$2.99</p>	