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Steinhatchee Early Checkout Kidnapping suspect takes his own life



Taylor County Sheriff Wayne Padgett received a call from Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith shortly after 10 a.m. Monday morning that sent him and a team of officers rushing to a motel in Steinhatchee in a bid to save a woman's life. Investigators said the victim (seated, left) was kidnapped by her former boyfriend early Saturday morning and held hostage until her rescue Monday. The man had allegedly told a family member he was "checking all the way out" at checkout time -- which, according to the motel's policy, was at 11 a.m. Monday.

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Managing Editor

Tucked at the far end of an outdoor hallway, the ground-floor motel room had a view of the pool and the Steinhatchee River just across Riverside Drive.

Checkout time was 11 a.m., and the clock was ticking.

No one was more conscious of the passing minutes than the heavily-

armed law enforcement officers attempting to approach the room without detection Monday morning.

But the front window that afforded guests the expansive view also allowed kidnapping suspect James Busbee to catch a glimpse of the officers as they neared his front door.

A heartbeat later, Taylor
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Investigators said James Busbee (right) kidnapped his former girlfriend, Melissa Infinger, at gunpoint.

Sheriff yanks door open, pulls victim to safety

Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Capt. Jimmy Cash makes it no secret he is a man of faith, but on Monday morning, he said a prayer he doesn't know if he'll ever repeat.

"I was just supposed to be going in and handling paperwork all day. So I prayed to appreciate the mundane, and to seize whatever opportunity came my way," Cash said.

But instead of wading through reports, Cash found himself tasked with assembling an entry team to confront a likely armed suspect that Bradford County Sheriff's Office investigators believed kidnapped a former girlfriend at gunpoint.

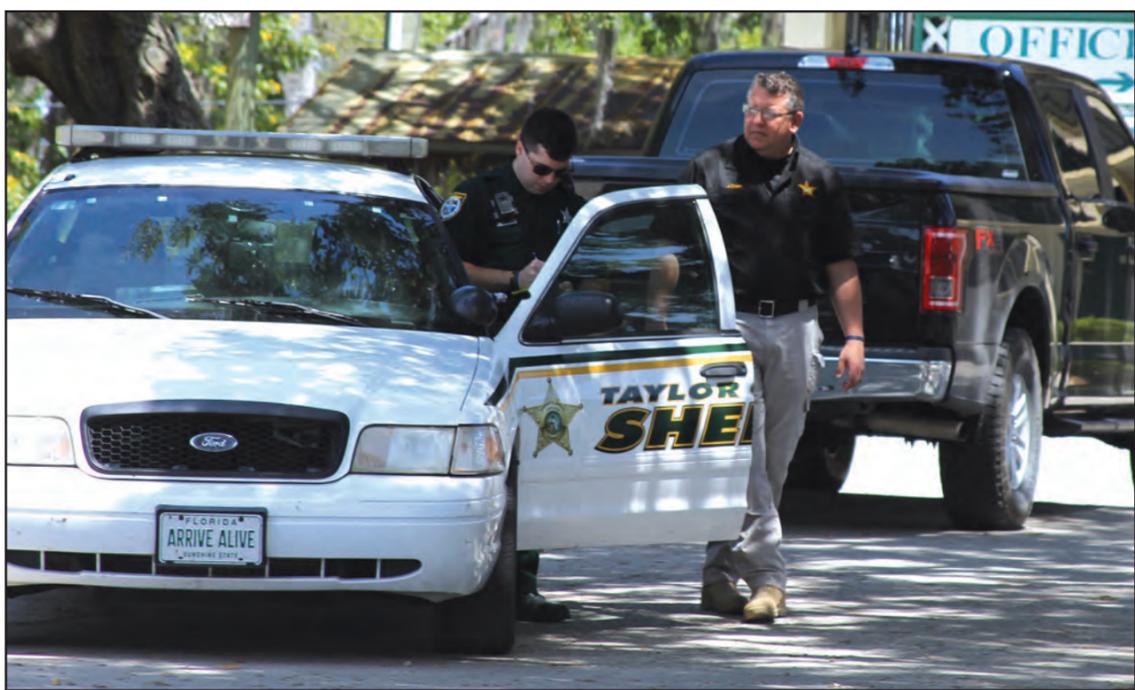
By midmorning Monday, he was alongside Sheriff Wayne Padgett and fellow deputies Thomas Gunter, Bryan Hayden and Joey Franklin when they

breached the suspect's motel room. (Please see related story above.)

"The Sheriff pretty much yanked the door off the hinges and pulled the victim out of harm's way. The suspect (James Busbee of Bradford County) was armed and refused to put down the gun. Thomas was in the lead with the shield and was in the front in the narrow hallway that led to the bedroom. The way the room was designed, there's a little sitting area with a couch and then a small hallway that takes you to the bedroom. He was up there and didn't take one step back. Not one," Cash said.

"Check out time was at 11 a.m. and it was after 10. We felt that something was going to happen when it was time to check out. We had received word that he

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Capt. Jimmy Cash (right) and Deputy Joey Franklin were part of a five-man entry team (which included Sheriff Wayne Padgett, Inv. Thomas Gunter and Inv. Bryan Hayden) that rescued a Bradford County woman who was allegedly being held against her will by a former boyfriend.



Relay For Life Honorary Chair Dianne Stephens-Miller (top) and Junior Chair Noah Amador invite the community to join them Friday at Rosehead Park.

Taylor County hosts 12-county economic roundtable Thursday

Taylor County will host a 12-county economic development roundtable at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 3 at Forest Capital Hall, focusing on what steps local and state officials can take to strengthen the economy and grow the workforce.

Since 2010, Florida's pro-business climate has resulted in a low unemployment rate, 1.3 million new job opportunities for Floridians, improved consumer confidence and healthy communities across the state.

The number of businesses in Florida increased by 20,000 over the past year, and Florida's private sector employment continues to grow faster than California, Texas and New York.

The state's job growth rate, labor force growth rate

and GDP growth rate all continue to beat the national average.

However, Taylor County is among the 12 Florida counties that have been identified by the Florida

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Relay For Life Honorary Chair: 'I'm not dying. I just have cancer.'

"I'm not dying. I just have cancer."

The simple, matter-of-fact statement sums up Relay For Life Honorary Chair Dianne Stephens-Miller's attitude regarding her cancer diagnosis.

"The rest of my family has cried. But I haven't. I'm

going to make it. I don't allow people around me who are going to get me down. I'm going to beat this."

Strong words in the face of a formidable diagnose: stage 4 breast cancer that has metastasized to her spine, both hips, ribs and

skull.

"No surgery. The doctors told me I'm not a candidate for surgery. There's no cure. But they can control it. They said my life expectancy is five years and they've seen some patients live as long as 14 years. I'm shooting for 30," Miller said.

Her cancer story began three years ago when had a biopsy done on a spot her doctor found during a routine mammogram.

"They said it was nothing. In fact, she said that most women get lumps from

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Thank you from the TCMS baseball team

The Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) baseball team received tickets to the Florida State University vs. University of Florida baseball game on April 10. "The tickets were donated by Dale Young of Young Striping and Sealing. He has been donating tickets to TCMS for 10 years," said TCMS Principal Kiki Puhl. "Thank you!"

Agriculture commissioner plays a vital role

Dear Editor:

When people think of Florida they often think of sunshine, beaches, Mickey Mouse and our iconic oranges.

While agriculture is a significant part of our state's identity, it is often overlooked in our politics.

The fact is agriculture is the second largest industry in Florida, generating nearly 2 million jobs and \$120 billion annual economic impact. We grow dozens of crops and raise more than one million head of cattle on nine million acres of farmland.

Today our agriculture community is vibrant, but it also faces significant challenges, such as the protection of water resources, unfair foreign product dumping, citrus greening and preserving farmland in the midst of population growth. It is an industry that requires strong leadership to move forward and prosper.

That is why I am running for Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. With my friend and current Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam term-limited, and as a proud daughter of Florida agriculture, I want

to be the voice fighting for Florida farmers, ranchers and consumers.

I am a fifth-generation Floridian, a mom of a schoolteacher and a proud grandmother.

My family has cattle and citrus operations in Hardee County, and, like most in agriculture, we have seen our share of ups and downs; but, through it all, we have remained optimistic that our best days are still ahead.

I also currently serve as a state senator representing eight counties. I have a background in nursing and hospital administration, and once led my family's chain of convenience stores when my father took ill.

All of these life experiences have made me the person I am today and give me the agricultural and business experience needed to run the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services responsibly and effectively.

Florida agriculture has an awesome story to tell, and I am excited to not only tell it, but spur it along.

I am especially passionate about children knowing that food doesn't magically appear in grocery stores, because our safe, affordable

food supply is the work of dedicated men and women who make the most of what the Lord has given them.

I have also been a strong advocate for state funding to support Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H. To me, there is nothing more heart warming than to see FFA students in their blue jackets or 4-H students showing a calf at the fair. The future of our country rests with the work ethic those students bring to the table. For that and other work on agriculture priorities, I was proud to be named Florida Farm Bureau's 2017 Legislator of the Year in the Florida Senate. This session I championed the Farmers and Ranchers Matter Act to deliver agricultural disaster relief, another challenge facing Florida farmers following Hurricane Irma.

In addition to supporting our farmers, the

department's consumer services divisions support Florida families by overseeing a variety of activities that touch our lives everyday - from inspecting fair rides and regulating telemarketers, to overseeing concealed weapon permitting.

The Commissioner also has an equal vote with the Governor on the Florida Cabinet, making decisions on matters such as land purchases, veterans' affairs and clemency.

As Commissioner, I will be an advocate for our farmers because agriculture is our heritage and way of life. I will be an advocate for Florida families and fight against scam artists. And I will be an advocate for our Second Amendment rights enshrined in the Constitution.

I am a proud Republican with a passion for agriculture

and for serving others - that's how I've grown up and it's how I live today. In the coming months, I'll be visiting every Florida County and I hope to meet you and personally ask you for your vote.

I look forward to the campaign ahead because a stronger agriculture community means a stronger future for Florida.

Denise Grimsley
Editor's Note: Denise Grimsley is a Republican candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 2018. She currently works as a hospital administrator and is a Republican member of the Florida State Senate.

She has represented the 26th district, which includes Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, DeSoto, Hardee, southern Polk, eastern Charlotte and northern Lee Counties, since 2016,

after being redistricted from the 21st district. She previously served four terms in the Florida House of Representatives, representing the Highlands County-based 77th district from 2004 to 2012.

Other declared candidates for the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture post include: Republicans Matt Caldwell (State Representative), retired U.S. Army Colonel Mike McCalister (Republican candidate for Governor in 2010 and Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in 2012) and former State Representative (District 66) Baxter Troutman, as well as Democratic candidates Jeff Porter (Mayor of Homestead, Florida), South Florida Audubon Society President R. David Walker and FAMU Chemistry Professor Thomas Clayton White, Jr.



By DELORES LEGGETT WALKER

The purest form of communication is silence

I am fascinated with communication in any form, but I must say, to me, the purest form of communication is silence.

I suppose this statement sounds a little contradictory since we are so accustomed to the spoken word, but I ask you to hang with me for a moment and let's explore the value of silence versus the everyday noise that pervades our society.

I have friends who are hearing impaired, and though I am far from proficient in sign language, they graciously allow me to participate in their conversation whenever we are together.

They recognize my lack of signing skill, but with years of living in silence they are so attuned to my body language that our conversations flow with ease - even when I fail to use the appropriate words. It's truly a pleasure to communicate with them, and it always leaves me with a sense of well-being.

As I've tried to hone my sign-language skills, I was led to look further into the world of silence and have come up with some fascinating facts. Perhaps you will find them useful as well.

I've discovered silence is a good thing. A practical and wise thing. But, it takes practice and effort to acquire this almost forgotten language.

But, first let's look at the modern world. It is blanketed in noise - loud, harsh noise. We are deluged daily with noise, distractions, technology and the clamor of our culture.

Wherever we go - be it doctor's offices or the shopping mall -- television monitors blare the news or some game show. It's the same while driving, as we are bombarded with car horns and sirens. At home, our televisions, laptops, tablets and smart phones are constantly playing, chirping, beeping, screaming, blaring and ping-pong. All of that noise increases tension.

And, the noise doesn't just affect humans. A Washington Post story recently found that nature is showing a definite reaction to the unbelievable noise level in our world.

The study cited in the story involved a bluebird that built her nest 75 yards from a natural gas compressor. As the weeks passed, her stress hormone levels became skewed, and her health deteriorated. Her body simply broke down, and her hatchlings didn't survive.

When scientists later sampled her blood, they found the same physiological symptoms of humans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. One of the scientists, Rob Guralnick of the Florida Museum of Natural History, said, "Noise is causing birds to be in a situation where they are chronically stressed."

"Dear Lord, what is a person to do, and how can we find silence in a world that is so loud?"

While my answer may seem lame, I find that creating "silent sectors" in my life give me a break from the daily stress of noise. When I've had my fill of electronics, I unplug myself by physically moving to a "silent sector."

When walks at the beach are not possible, I settle for my front porch -- preferably early in the morning or during late afternoon when folks are not zooming to and from work. I take a minute to close my eyes and concentrate on inhaling and exhaling deeply as I let the cool, outside air close me in while I gently set the rocker in motion with my bare feet.

The more I practice silence, the easier it is to speak.

Today, my "Afterthought" is this: "Few of us can devote a weekend to a retreat of silence, but we can retreat a few minutes each day from the noise that deafens our souls."

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Meeting Thursday on Econfina River State Park

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Florida Park Service is in the process of updating its "unit management plan" for Econfina River State Park.

Taylor County citizens are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, May 3 to learn more about the proposed plans for the state park and to provide their comments on the proposed management plan.

The public meeting will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Econfina River State Park (4741 Econfina River Road).

There will be a brief presentation at 6 p.m. Following the presentation,

Florida Park Service staff will be available for the duration of the meeting to answer questions and take public comments.

The following improvements are proposed for the updated Econfina River State Park management plan:

- Improve boat launch area by enhancing signage and traffic flow at park entrance.
- Remove vacant buildings at the main day use area and convert existing buildings into park office facilities.
- Replace dock, repair seawall, and add trailhead and equestrian camping to the main day use area.
- Install two observation

platforms to provide views of the salt marsh environment.

• Develop a more formal primitive hike-in campground, consisting of four sites and a small shelter at Marsh Island Primitive Camping Area.

- Add a group campground in park area known as Clark Island. Formalize the use area and address the need for group camping opportunities.
- Develop a support area for the placement of a staff residence, a two-bay shop and a volunteer host site on the eastern side of County Road 14.

Additionally, the public is

invited to review and submit comments to the Division of Recreation and Parks at FLStateParkPlanning@

dep.state.fl.us until May 18, 2018. The public notice, agenda and draft plan are available

online. Copies also may be obtained by emailing Rob. Lacy@dep.state.fl.us or calling 850-487-7989.



A GPS locator device on this SUV helped lead investigators to the Steinhatchee River Inn, where they confronted James Busbee, who was holding his ex-girlfriend hostage at gunpoint.

Busbee airlifted to hospital, declared dead after arrival

EARLY CHECK OUT

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County Sheriff Wayne Padgett yanked open the door and snatched Busbee's ex-girlfriend -- who he had reportedly held prisoner since kidnapping her at gunpoint early Saturday morning -- out of the line of fire before confronting the armed Bradford County man.

"(Inv.) Thomas (Gunter) was in the lead behind the shield and kept telling him (Busbee) to put the gun down. We were all telling him to put down the gun. But he didn't listen. He put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger," Padgett said, recalling the harrowing seconds inside room #107 at Steinhatchee's River Inn. "He hollered, 'I'm going to kill myself.' We tried to talk him out of it, but he just didn't listen.

"I am so proud of Thomas. He didn't take one step back. I'm proud of the whole team," Padgett said.

However Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, who was on the scene just a short time after the confrontation, did not let Padgett sidestep the spotlight in regard to the role he played in the rescue.

"Your sheriff saved a life today," Smith said bluntly.

The victim, a 35-year-old mother, sat on top of a picnic table and wrapped her arms around herself as she recounted to investigators the series of events that led the couple to Steinhatchee.

She repeated her account to investigators from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (special agents Logan Wilcox and former TCSO investigator Robbie Hooker) when they arrived on scene later that afternoon.

"She said they were originally headed to Tampa, but then he (Busbee) just started driving in circles and they ended up in Steinhatchee," Smith said.

His department had been on the hunt for Busbee since Saturday.

According to reports, they were concerned because Busbee's ex-girlfriend, Melissa "Missy" Infinger, had been reported missing by her family Saturday morning.

"We knew she had had past issues with Busbee, and that Busbee had a history of mental illness," Smith said.

"Everything we discovered matches up with her story -- she said she woke up around 5-5:30 Saturday morning with Busbee standing over

her with a gun. When she told him she didn't think the gun was real, he racked the slide and handed her a bullet.

"We found a bullet in her bed. Her coffee pot was on the front door was locked, but the back door was open. We knew things just weren't adding up. She said she told him that she was supposed to meet a friend later that Saturday, so he allowed her to send that friend a text. The friend received the text, but knew something wasn't right because they didn't have plans to get together," Smith said.

"While we were following his trail, we found out he had visited his brother, who he had not had much contact with, to tell him good-bye. His ex-wife said that when she picked up their children (from him) Thursday, he told them something like, 'Remember your Daddy was a good guy.' She told us he had threatened to kill himself in the past, but that she never took it seriously.

"Everything we found out indicated something was very wrong," Smith said.

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office released a description of Busbee's vehicle -- a 2012 Chevrolet Captiva -- to the media, and it was that information that ultimately led investigators to Steinhatchee.

"A car dealer in Jacksonville recognized the vehicle and called to tell us he had sold him (Busbee) the SUV. He told us they had a locator on the vehicle and that he could find out where the vehicle was. It pinged as being parked at River Inn in Steinhatchee," Smith said.

Smith called Sheriff Padgett, who quickly assembled an entry team.

"We knew he had threatened to kill her, and then we were told that his brother had contacted officers with the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and told them he had received a text from Busbee saying, 'It's done. It's over with.' So we knew we didn't have much time," Padgett said.

"We knew we had a missing woman, a possible kidnapping and a possible murder-suicide. I believe if we hadn't gotten here when we did, it would have been a much different outcome," he said.

Busbee was airlifted to an Gainesville-area hospital, where he was pronounced dead soon after arrival. Infinger was reunited with her family Monday afternoon.

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Saturday, May 5

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Anglers will be competing for more than \$15,000 in cash and prizes in Optimist Club tournament

The 27th annual Perry Optimist Club fishing tournament is getting close, as anglers will begin fishing this Saturday, May 5, competing for over \$15,000

in cash and prizes. The entry fee for the tournament will be \$50 per person. Anglers will fish from 7 a.m. until weigh-in at 4 p.m.

There will be three official weigh-in sites, including Sea Hag Marina in Steinhatchee, Keaton Beach (parking lot across from boat ramp) and the Econfina River Resort.

The biggest trout will pay out \$3,000, followed by \$1,000 and \$250 for second and third place.

The largest legal redfish will pay out \$1,000, followed by a \$500 prize for second place.

There is also a \$500 prize for the largest cobia, as well, and all winners are subject

to a polygraph test.

You can also enter the raffle drawing for a chance to win a 17' Alweld aluminum boat and trailer powered by a 25hp 4-stroke Yamaha outboard engine.

Raffle tickets for the boat are \$5 each.



Angler Ross Brenner caught the largest trout (5.1 pounds) in the 2017 Perry Optimist Club Saltwater Fishing Tournament. Hopefuls from around the region will be fishing this Saturday in search of this year's winning \$3,000 fish.



The father-daughter fishing team of Michael Aman (first place redfish, 7.45 pounds) and Makayla Aman (first place youth trout and second place youth redfish) hold their winning fish from last year's Optimist Club tournament.

'Thankful we were in time to save a life'

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had told one of his family members that he had to check out at 11 a.m. and that he was 'Checking out all the way.' We didn't have time to clear the other guests. There was just no time. We knew we had to act quickly," Cash said.

The officers' quick response, he said, was the result of continuous and ongoing training.

"Thomas just got back a few weeks ago from a FBI training held here AMTEC Less-Lethal that we were invited to be a part of...how do we train for situations like this? Diligently."

TCSO requested assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to process the scene and help with the investigation.

"Because the incident

spanned multiple counties, we wanted to make sure they were involved," Chief Chuck Mincy said.

"The victim was very, very distraught. A victim's advocate was on scene to assist her and a critical incident debriefing was conducted with all of the officers involved," he said. "The only weapon recovered at the scene was the suspect's 9mm handgun. No shots were fired by our officers. The suspect never pointed the gun at our officers or threatened law enforcement. He was ordered to drop his gun, but instead he put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger."

"I am thankful we were there in time to save a life. I never ask my people to do anything I won't do. That's why I'm here. To lead from the front, and that's what I did today," Padgett said.

Assistance available for local businesses

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Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as lagging behind other parts of the state when it comes to advancing Florida's economy.

The DEO plans to meet with each of the 12 counties this year to discuss challenges and opportunities to increase economic development.

According to County Administrator Ted Lakey, the DEO has launched an innovative new economic development initiative focused on reducing unemployment rates in 12 specific Florida counties by fueling job creation and job opportunities.

"We know that every county across Florida has its own unique set of opportunities and challenges. And we know that each county in Florida has seen dramatic improvement in unemployment rates, job

openings and economic opportunity since Gov. Scott's focus on creating jobs began in 2011," Florida DEO Executive Director Cissy Proctor wrote in a letter to Lakey.

"However, we believe there is further assistance available to Taylor County to help job seekers, businesses and families thrive," Proctor added.

The DEO has been evaluating counties across the state to determine those that still face challenges in employment and that could benefit from additional state resources.

"We would like to partner with Taylor County to determine what challenges we can tackle together to ensure families are flourishing in Taylor County and all across the state," Proctor wrote to Lakey.

Lakey has been asked to invite community stakeholders to the roundtable discussion as the DEO bring ideas and resources from the DEO and other state agencies to the table.

Those invited to attend include: local elected and governmental officials, leaders in education, workforce and economic development, large and small business owners, representatives of historical societies, water management districts, extension agents, chamber of commerce, community development organizations, utility companies, aviation, real estate, non-profit, tourism development and other leaders.

"Growth in Taylor County ensures more opportunities for Florida families to achieve their dreams. We greatly look forward to working with you, so that together, we can continue to strengthen Florida's economy, grow our talented workforce and provide a competitive environment that enables Florida businesses to grow and expand," Proctor told Lakey.

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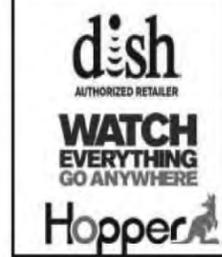
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The annual Optimist Club Fishing Tournament is set for this Saturday, May 5, and you only have a few days left to purchase a chance to win one of the many items that will be raffled off - including this 17-foot Alweld boat and trailer and four-stroke 25-horsepower Yamaha outboard motor (above). Kayleen Hill (right) helped her aunt Feebee Houck and Wendy Cruce sell \$5 chances at winning the boat leading up to this weekend's tournament.

Weigh-in sites will be at Sea Hag Marina in Steinhatchee, Econfina River Resort and the Keaton Beach Public Boat Ramp. The drawing for the raffle and awards will be at the final weigh-in Saturday at Keaton. The boat raffle also includes drawings for a fish cooker, handheld GPS, depth finder, marine ship-to-shore radio, rod-and-reel combo, 80-quart ice chest and a tool set. Tickets can be purchased at Ace Hardware and other locations. For more information, call Houck at 843-0578.

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National Day of Prayer service is this Thursday

Taylor County residents are invited to gather at the courthouse Thursday, May 3, at noon, to take part in the National Day of Prayer. "Unity is the theme of this year's prayer effort, based on Ephesians 4:3. It tells us to make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace," said Dan Schapper, who is helping organize the event. The prayer service will be held on the back portico of the courthouse, which faces Washington Street. "Please plan to join us.

A free lunch, courtesy of the Crosspoint Fellowship Baptist Church cook team, will be provided for all participants," Schapper said. A noon prayer gathering is also planned Thursday at Shady Grove Park in Shady Grove.

Midway hosts Homecoming Sunday

Homecoming services for Midway Baptist Church will be held this Sunday, May 6, at 11 a.m. The gospel group "Day Break" will provide special music for the service. For more information, please call Midway Baptist Church at (850) 584-8173.

GLAD TIDINGS

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word...It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees"

The irony of afflictions

When I was growing up in the church, I was a member of the youth choir, and one of my favorite songs back then was, "I'm So Glad That Trouble Don't Last Always."

I really did not know the true meaning of the lyrics of the song, but as I get older I understand them more and more.

One of my favorite people in the Bible is King David. In the Book of Psalms, King David expresses different emotions he was going through at different times in his life. In Psalms 119:71, he wrote about afflictions in a way that I did not understand until now -- "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I can learn your statutes." [CSV version]

Now one could debate with David on this particular issue. Some of us have been taught that afflictions come from the devil. I must submit to you, my brothers and sisters that not ALL afflictions are of the devil. Some of them help push us to our destiny.

I know that a lot of you will not agree with me on this particular issue, but let me set the stage for my argument that everything I went through in my life, I believe was calculated by God.

Nothing just happens. The Lord God knows what it takes to push you to the point of surrender. If we just take a moment and look at Psalms 119:67, "Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I have kept your word," everything that he went through brought him closer to God. He realized that he could not do anything without God.

Some of us may be going through something right now, and do not understand why it is happening to us. What you're going through is designed for you to be more connected to God, to lean not unto your own understanding, but to trust Him in all of your ways.

Trusting God in the midst of our troubles increases our faith walk with Him!

If we journey on down to verse 71,

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I could learn your statutes." As you connect back to God through your afflictions, now you are more committed to God because you realize it was Him, and only Him, that brought you through and kept you thus far.

A lot of people are connected, but not committed. They are connected to a body of believers, but are not committed with working the work of the Kingdom.

If we move on down to verse 75: "I know, Lord, that your judgments are just and that you have afflicted me fairly." David said that his afflictions showed him the compassion and the power of the Lord God. A lot of times we do not like to admit that we get ourselves in trouble. It is a hard pill to swallow when we cannot pass the buck and blame someone else. When we have to stand flat-footed and say everything that is happening to me is because I did it to myself.

David says, "That everything I went through, I saw the Lord's compassion because it could have consumed me, but the Lord's power kept me" and Psalms 34:19 says "Many adversities come to the one who is righteous, but the Lord delivers him from all."

So, now I can be like David -- I am glad I have been afflicted because what the devil meant for evil, God turned it around for my good!

Trust God. He has not failed you yet. Get ready, you have not seen anything yet! Your greater days are in front of you. Your future is brighter than ever before. You are right there at the cusp of your next level. The Lord God is setting the stage for the curtains in your life to pull back, so get ready and stay ready. Today is the day of purpose with destiny.

Dr. Willie Anderson is the senior pastor and founder of Greater Grace Church of God in Christ Perry. He is known as the "Faith Doctor" and his motto for life is, "You can never out sin God's Grace."

Disaster training offered Saturday at New Home

Local residents who would like to "pay it forward" for assistance they may have received in the past from the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry are asked to attend a regional training event here Saturday, May 5.

New Home Baptist Church is hosting the sessions with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. classes continuing to 3 p.m. The cost for first-time volunteers is \$25 and includes lunch, training materials, an ID badge, t-shirt and hat.

"Anyone who wants to become a new volunteer with the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry or anyone whose credentials have expired should attend," local volunteer Dan Schapper said.

The Taylor County Baptist Association has purchased an enclosed trailer and outfitted it with tools and supplies.

"This is the final piece -- getting training volunteers," Schapper said.

First-time volunteers will be able to choose training classes from a variety of ministry areas, including: mass feeding, cleanup and recovery, administration, temporary child care services, emergency response team, logistics and spiritual care.

Leadership class continues Thursday

The Barbara Tillman/Juanita D. Scott Christian Leadership Class of the Taylor County Union is studying lesson #9004 "Writing Techniques I" this week. The class started Tuesday, May 1, and will conclude this Thursday.

"We pray that you will come and be taught by the Word of God. May God bless you and keep you," said Sister Juanita D. Scott, dean.

Sister Barbara Tucker is the instructor.

Obituaries



Lloyd Warren Spradley

Lloyd Warren Spradley

Lloyd Warren Spradley, 88 years young, passed on to Heaven April 20, 2018. He resided at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park for the last two years of his life. Lloyd was born Oct. 14, 1929, in Scanlon, to Sumpter Cleveland and Mattie Spradley.

Lloyd honorably served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Lloyd was a member of both Southside Baptist Church and, later, New Home Baptist Church in Perry for many years.

Lloyd worked in causticizing at Buckeye for 32 years.

After retiring from Buckeye, he traveled the United States and several other countries working as a consultant on new mill startups.

Many may remember him from his days working at Tom's/Lance after retiring or as "Mr. Skamper" in his early years. He truly loved camping. He said recently, "I've always been in the woods." He adored the

outdoors and raised a large family in Taylor County. He was an avid Gator fan and followed them to the end. He loved his Gators!

He was a great man, strong in honor, faith and family. He taught his family well and will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Velma Spradley; his parents Sumpter and Mattie Spradley; his son, Chuck Spradley; his step granddaughter, Amber Louque; a brother; and five sisters.

He is survived by: his brother, Wayne Spradley; three children, Christi Pierce, Michael Spradley and Teresa Wideman; two other daughters, Kim and Debbie Morgan; and a special granddaughter Brandy Feagle; as well as many others whose lives he touched.

Memorial services will be held in Burns Funeral Home Chapel Thursday, May 10, at 4 p.m., with Brother Eddie Pridgeon officiating. Visitation with family will start at 3 p.m.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Perry.

The family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park. Friends may sign the online guest registry book at www.joeburnsfuneralhomes.com.



William Franklin Stewart

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William Franklin Stewart, also affectionately known as "Bill," "Papa Smurf" or "Leprechaun," died April 23, 2018. William was born Nov. 12, 1943.

He is survived by: his wife, Shirley Stewart; his four children, Kenneth Stewart, Edna Stewart-McCormack, Kelly Stewart and Sheryl Stewart-Porter; and his sister, Martha Cochran.

William honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy. He retired from Tampa Electric Company after 30 years and moved to Perry in 2001. He was a member of First Methodist Church and belonged to Perry Masonic Lodge #123 and the Steinhatchee American Legion.

Funeral services will be private at Bill's request.

William Dean Paul

William Dean Paul, 70, died Sunday, April 29, 2018. Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Perry is in charge of all arrangements.



St. Johns celebrates Homecoming

St. Johns Christian Fellowship will celebrate "Homecoming" this Sunday, May 6, with fellowship and dinner on the grounds following Sunday morning services.

If you have ever attended St. Johns (or Covenant Christian Fellowship), come visit this Sunday.

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TCES 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contest Winners



Taylor County Elementary School (TCES) recently held its annual 4-H Tropicana Public Speech Contest. Fourth grade winners were: (left to right) third place, Aubrey Sadler, "Snake Bite;" second place, Colson Patrick, "Johnson's Bakery;" first place, Marielvi Blanco, "1,000 Trips to Disney World;" and honorable mention, Lydia Robinson, "Being Nine Ain't So Fine."



Fifth grade public speaking contest winners were: (left to right) honorable mention, Kaylee Whiddon, "My Worst Hunting Trip Ever;" third place, Landen Patrick, "Crocodiles;" first place, Tristan Flowers, "Autumn, No;" and second place, Slade Kallschmidt, "The Caribbean Cruise Vacation." Both the fourth and fifth grade winners will compete in the county wide contest Thursday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m., at the Taylor County Middle School Auditorium.

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Support survivors this Friday



CANCER

Continued from page 1

caffeine. The lump kept getting bigger and bigger, but I just told myself it was caffeine," she said.

However, one day about three months ago, Miller's back hurt so much that she could not get out bed.

"So I went to the doctor and they sent me to the hospital, and that's when I discovered my back was broken. The cancer had metastasized in my spine and fractured my T-12 vertebrae. It was all downhill from there," she said.

"Don't tell yourself it's nothing. Get checked when you are supposed to. Even if you don't have insurance. The health department has programs that can help you, especially with mammograms. Get it done! I regret not following up. But, I didn't have the money, I didn't have insurance. I didn't know help was available," Miller said.

Since her diagnosis,

Miller has undergone several rounds of radiation and is now taking chemo daily.

"It's in pill form. It came with two pages filled with possible side effects, but so far I haven't had any."

Miller encourages the community to join her Friday night at Rosehead Park for the annual Relay For Life.

"Truthfully, there were not a lot of people at the recent Survivors Banquet. There were other cancer patients and survivors, but not a lot of people there to back them up. I felt bad for them, not me. That's why everyone needs to come out and support these people. What if it was you or a member of your family?" she said.

The Survivors Lap starts at 6 p.m. followed by six hours of entertainment and activities.

Look for more information on Taylor County's American Cancer Society event in Friday's **Perry News-Herald**.

Cancer Awareness Ribbon Colors



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Brain Cancer
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Breast Cancer
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Cervical Cancer
Teal/White



Childhood Cancer
Gold



Colon Cancer
Dark Blue



Esophageal Cancer
Periwinkle



Head & Neck Cancer
Burgundy/Ivory



Kidney Cancer
Orange



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Purple



Leukemia
Orange



Liver Cancer
Emerald



Lung Cancers
White



Lymphoma
Lime



Melanoma
Black



Multiple Myeloma
Burgundy



Ovarian Cancer
Teal



Pancreatic Cancer
Purple



Prostate Cancer
Light Blue



Sarcoma/Bone Cancer
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Periwinkle



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The theme for this year's Relay For Life is the "Colors of Cancer." Using the guide above, teams will be decorating their campsites in the designated color of the cancer they select to represent. The event begins with the Survivors Lap at 6 p.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early for pre-registration. All survivors will receive free t-shirts (first come, first serve). Entertainment will include performances from Deuces Wild and Just The Tip.

Need to boost your resume?

This summer, North Florida Community College (NFCC) is offering a variety of online courses designed to boost a resume or enhance current job skills and knowledge in business principles and practices.

These courses begin May 14 and offer area businesses, small business owners, employees and students the opportunity to obtain or strengthen career-based skills in business, accounting and human resources:

- Microcomputers in Accounting (ACG 2450) is a three-credit-hour course that familiarizes students with the latest cloud-based version of QuickBooks. Students learn how to utilize various functions in the program most commonly used by small businesses, such as generating and formatting various reports (common financial statements, vendor and customer reports, etc.); creating and maintaining vendor records, customer records, and inventory; paying vendors

and accepting customer payments; generating receipts and invoices; and bank reconciliations.

- Human Resource Management (MNA 2100) is a three-credit-hour course focusing on managing human resources in a small business. The course focuses on the human resource environment, including trends; hiring, training and developing human resources; assessing job performance and appropriate compensation.

Other summer business and computer classes available online this summer are: Introduction to Business, Principles of Marketing, Macroeconomics, Computer Applications I and Spreadsheet Applications for Business. All courses are being taught online during NFCC's summer term and begin May 14.

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"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." ~ Anonymous



Taylor County High School's Jordan Niles prepares to pitch during recent action. He held Suwannee to just one run through five innings last week.

Baseball team starts district tournament against Florida High

The Taylor County High School (TCHS) baseball team has wrapped up its regular season and now looks forward to taking on Florida High in the first round of the district tournament.

After battling Suwannee County to a 1-1 tie through five innings of play last week, the TCHS Bulldogs fell by a final score of 11-1 due to some critical mistakes late in the game.

Suwannee featured a pitcher who consistently threw 90 mph or higher, which limited the Bulldogs to only two hits through seven innings.

Jordan Niles pitched for the Bulldogs and recorded his longest outing of the season, lasting five innings and holding Suwannee to only one run.

The Bulldogs' final game of the regular season was against Maclay in Tallahassee last Thursday. TCHS battled hard once

again in another close game, but were unable to pull out the victory, as Maclay managed to win 9-7.

Josh Mixon, Bryer Lee and James Parker led the Bulldogs at the plate with two hits each.

There was several controversial calls during the game, some that went in favor of Taylor County and others that benefitted Maclay, but both made it very hard for the Bulldogs to get into a rhythm.

A badly missed call at first base led to Maclay scoring five crucial runs in the sixth inning, which put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs – even though Taylor County mounted a rally and scored three runs in the final inning to lose by just two runs (9-7).

The Bulldogs (2-17 overall on the season) faced off with Florida High in Tallahassee last night (Tuesday) in the first round of the district tournament.

The winner will face the winner of the Pensacola Catholic-North Bay Haven game this Friday in Pensacola for the district championship.

TCHS played Florida High in a close game at home several weeks ago, losing 7-4 due to some defensive errors.

"If we throw strikes and play solid defense I am sure we have a good chance against them," said TCHS Head Coach Reggie Wentworth.

"I am proud of the way these guys have battled all year," Wentworth added.

"The playoffs are a new season and anything can happen if you go out and play solid baseball," Wentworth added.

Results from the Bulldogs' first-round game of the district tournament against Florida High will be included in Friday's edition of the Perry News-Herald.

Rec. League Baseball Standings

Rookie League (8-Under)		Minor League (10-Under)	
Flower's Braves	7-0	Johnson's Bakery Yankees	4-2-1
Fletcher's Dodgers	4-2-1	Bailey's Rangers	3-2-2
Farm Bureau Twins	2-4-1	RDS Blue Jays	3-4
Haney's Red Sox	0-6-1	Jay's Bail Bonds Braves	2-4-1
Major League (12-Under)			
Campbell's Auto (Orange) 4-4		Yarbrough Tire (Blue) 4-4	

Four Rookie League teams competing for title

Taylor County's recreational baseball league kicked off its 2018 season on March 19 with over 160 athletes from age four to 15 competing in six different age brackets.

The Cal Ripken Rookie League consists of seven- and eight-year-old players, and there are four Rookie League teams competing for the title this season.

Games are scheduled

for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. and extending to the last game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Taylor County Sports Complex will host at least four games on each of those nights.

Cal Ripken Rookie League teams, coaches and players include:

Farm Bureau Twins

• Coaches: Dan Anderson and Jeremy Gray

• Christian Anderson, Willie Calhoun, Joseph Chitwood, Christopher Gray, Eustus Gunter III, Cody Jones, Ralph McCracken, Leeland McNeese, Kelvin Molden, Ayden Parga, Toney Powell III, Landen Tomlinson and Brett Vann

Fletcher's Dodgers

• Coaches: Brandon

Fletcher and Josh Sands

• Damian Arellono, Wyatt Brooks, Khaisen Bryant, Bailey Fletcher, Hunter Fletcher, Ryder Fronek, Brent Hodges, Cayden Howard, Jack Johnson, Jordan Mathis, Brady Parker, Liam Rayburn, Tuf Sands and Sawyer Wiles.

Haney's Red Sox

• Coaches: Bry Freeman and Phillip Haney

• Liam Blanton, Nikolas

Latham, Landyn Clayton, Holden Ellison, Matthew Faulkner, Torrey Fitchett, Bradley Freeman, Leevi Galbraith, Phillip Haney, Ja'Kyrin Harris, Jaton Morris, Jonathan Portwood, Brandon Shaw and Ryliegh Willis.

Flower's Braves

• Coaches: Timmy Carter and Marti Flowers

• Keatyn Carter, Tyler Clark, Camden Copen,

Landen Durham, Drayden Flowers, Cadon Herring, Bentley Hudson, Mason Campbell, Bryce Nix, Cason Oneal, Gage Oneal, William Padgett, Grayson Poore and James Slaughter.

Minor League includes players ages 9-10

Taylor County's recreational baseball league kicked off its 2018 season on March 19 with over 160 athletes from age four to 15 competing in six different age brackets.

Wee-ball is for four-year-olds only, while T-Ball is for players ages five to six.

Rookie League consists of seven- and eight-year-old kids, while Cal Ripken Minor League is for nine- and 10-year-olds.

Major League is for 11- and 12-year-old players, and the oldest classification is Prep League, which is for

13- to 15-year-old players.

Games are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. and extending to the last game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Taylor County Sports Complex will host at least four games on each of those nights.

There are a total of four teams competing in the Cal Ripken Minor League, which consists of players ages 9-10.

Teams, coaches and players include:

Jay's Bail Bonds' Braves

Cal Ripken Minor

• Coaches: Joey Dunnell and Cori Johnson

• Tegan Cayson, Joey Dunnell, Vern Faulk, William Hathcock, Jadon Herring, Zaid Howard, Matthew Hughes, Grayer Johnson, Maurterrius Johnson, Hinton Mauldin, Trey Roca, Na'Khi Thomas, Gavin Thompson and Kingston Williams.

Johnson Bakery Yankees

Cal Ripken Minor

• Coaches: Jonathan Murphy and David Roberts

• Carson Camps, Keyon Coke, Shaw Lundy, Jaylin

Manning, Tristen Murphy, Ashton Padgett, Colson Patrick, David Roberts, Haheim Ross, Bo Rutledge, Zakary Tomlinson, Grant Turner and Rylan Walker.

Baileys' Rangers

Cal Ripken Minor

• Coaches: Joey Bailey and Leonard Bailey

• Kamdyn Bailey, Garin Blanton, Kaleb Freeman, Terry Griffin, Colby Gunter, Kelby Kuehn, William Mcleod, Kolton Parker, Hunter Simmons, Jack

Summerlin, Wyatt Towles, Kameron White and Parker Young.

RDS Blue Jays

Cal Ripken Minor

• Coaches: Wade

Goodman and Drew Taylor

• Evan Blanton, Kyler Campbell, Ja'Dorrian Freeman, Christian

Goodman, Quantreus Jones, Landon Kennamore,

Landyn Lopez, Brant Neal, Tylen Ponder, Dustin Porter,

Jackson Taylor, Andrew Webb and Colby Welch.

At April 25-26 meeting

FWC approves changes to red snapper, tripletail, sheepshead

The FWC Commission listened to public testimony on and discussed several marine fisheries management items at the April 25-26 meeting in Fort Lauderdale.

Regulation changes:

(final decisions on these topics were made at this meeting):

• **Gulf reef fish/red snapper:** Creation of a program requiring for-hire operations who fish for reef fish in Gulf state waters and do not have a federal reef fish permit to report their intention to harvest certain species of reef fish. This presentation also included an update on recent federal discussions about red snapper, Florida's fishery management pilot program, and the 2018 recreational harvest season.

• **Tripletail and sheepshead:** Starting July 1, 2018, FWC's regulations for both species will be extended into federal waters; the minimum size limit for tripletail will be increased from 15 to 18 inches total length; the daily recreational bag limit for sheepshead will be reduced from 15 to 8 per person; and a vessel limit of 50 sheepshead per trip will be created for recreational harvesters during the peak spawning months of March and April.

• **Gulf Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ):** Federal consistency action will allow the FWC to enforce federal commercial IFQ regulations for red snapper and grouper/tilefish under state rules

• **West Bay oyster harvesting restrictions:** The current prohibition on

harvest and possession of oysters within the West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project boundaries in West Bay, Bay County, will be extended. This closure is part of a restoration project to create oyster reef habitat along an area of shoreline that historically has not had oysters. This project is expected to increase oyster recruitment to nearby harvestable reefs, reduce shoreline erosion, improve water quality, promote seagrass growth, and expand nursery habitat for both recreationally and commercially important fish. This was a draft rule with no further public hearing unless requested.

Discussions:

Sharks: Commissioners discussed various shark-related topics, including the shore-based shark fishery. Commissioners directed staff to continue to stay engaged on all shark-related issues and pursue development of draft regulations for shore-based shark fishing. Staff will workshop and bring draft regulations to a future Commission meeting.

Goliath grouper: Commissioners discussed biology, available data, and stakeholder views. Commissioners directed staff to continue current goliath grouper research and management, and develop a road map to direct future conservation efforts. They did not pursue a limited harvest.

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HELP WANTED

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT. The job description and our 2-step application process can be found on our website at www.taylorcountygov.com or in the lobby of the County Annex. Applicants must apply through Career Source. **Roll Off Site Attendant** - call in - oversees activities at County Solid Waste Collection Sites to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

Engineer - professional-level position involving application of engineering principles associated with public works type projects throughout the County.

Boat Ramp Attendant - Seasonal - part-time - oversees activities at County Boat Ramp and County Park to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

Mosquito Control Driver - seasonal - part-time - call in position during times when active mosquito spraying is necessary.

Sports Complex Part Time Concessions Worker - seasonal - this position is responsible for concessions work on a seasonal/part-time/as-needed basis to provide concessions during events at the Taylor County Sports Complex. 4/20-5/2 TCBC

SERVICE TECH-INSTALLER-HELPER

Valid DL and Drug Screening. Applications accepted at 520 W. Hampton Springs Ave. ARA

HELP WANTED

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING. Looking for hard working, self-motivated person to be trained as a petroleum service technician with opportunity to become fully certified. Must have high school diploma or equivalent, valid drivers license with clean driving record and must be able to pass drug screening. Please email resume or request for employment application to amberr@jandjequip.com or fax resume to (850) 584-7566. Please do not call. JJ

ECOAST TIMBER INC Truck Drivers - Hauling Timber Must have: clean CDL, Experienced log hauler. Drug test required. Offering: competitive wages, health Insurance, paid vacation. Must live in Perry/Madison area. Contact: Jay Asbel at (727) 457-6001. 3/28-5/30

BADCOCK FURNITURE warehouse delivery person. Must be 21, have license, clean background, drug tested. No phone calls. BF

PROGRAM AIDE

The Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida is currently accepting applications for program aides. This position is responsible for planning, implementing, supervising and evaluating activities provided within a specific program area, such as: Education, Special Education, Social Recreation, Arts and Crafts and Physical Education. Eligible candidates must have a High School Diploma or GED, at least 1 year of experience working with children and be able to pass a Level II background screen. Candidates must also have the ability to motivate youth and provide guidance and positive role modeling to members both on and off-site. If interested in applying please submit a resume to Julie@bgcperry.com. 4/20-5/2 BGC

NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Madison, FL: Positions available - Testing Center Manager; Career and Technical Education Specialist; English Instructor; Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Program Data Manager; Director of Advance Manufacturing and Engineering Technology; See www.nfcc.edu for details. 4/20-5/9 NFCC

HELP WANTED

BIG TOP MFG. - MIG WELDERS NEEDED

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If you meet the requirements, please apply in person at Big Top Mfg. 3255 N US 19, Perry, FL. Applications will be accepted Monday thru Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm ONLY.

Big Top Mfg. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status. 5/2-5/30 BT

BIG TOP MFG. - FIELD TECHNICIAN NEEDED

Position requirements: extensive travel including weekends, some holidays and at times overseas - a valid driver license, we prefer you have a passport - pass a background check and drug screen test - basic computer skills - professional communication skills to interact with customers - ability to lift 50 lbs. - Preference will be given to applicants with stable job history. Experience/Background: knowledge of tools & equipment - construction experience.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 2018-19-DR BRIAN STEPHEN BOOKER, Petitioner/husband, and AMY ELIZABETH (TURNER) BOOKER, Respondent/wife.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Amy Elizabeth (Turner) Booker 20 Kendrick Lane Seminary, Mississippi 39479 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your answer or other pleadings to the Petitioner's attorney, CONRAD C. BISHOP, JR., Post Office Box 167, Perry, Florida 32348, and file the original answer or pleading in the office of the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the 16th day of May, 2018. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. WITNESS my hand and official seal this 9 day of April, 2018. ANNIE MAY MURPHY Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Terri Young Deputy Clerk 4/13, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2

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

PROBATE DIVISION CASE #18-124-CP IN RE: The Estate of JOHN AIRON BUTLER Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of JOHN AIRON BUTLER, deceased, whose date of death was January 3, 2018, File #18-124-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or

LEGALS

demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. /s/ Kathryn Jo Foulger Kathryn Jo Foulger 2723 Cypress St. Napa, CA 94558 /s/ Angela M. Ball ANGELA M. BALL, Attorney for Petitioner FL BAR NO.: 0796557 Post Office Box 734 Perry, Florida 32348 (850) 584-8960 4/25, 5/2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

Division: Probate File No. 2018-131-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF EARL RANDALL CANNON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of EARL RANDALL CANNON, deceased, whose date of death was October 21, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for TAYLOR County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or

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 - Repair & Maintenance
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Welcome voters!

Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland welcomed a standing-room-only crowd Friday afternoon, April 27, to Open House festivities at the new Elections Office located on U.S. 19 North. County Commission Chair Pam Feagle and Commissioner Thomas Demps both spoke during the event, expressing how pleased they were with the new facility. Former Supervisor of Elections Molly Lilliott was among the special guests. "I would like to thank everyone who attended our Open House. We heard some really nice comments about our new location and how accessible we now are to the voters of Taylor County. As we begin preparing for another successful election cycle, please remember that our doors are always open. Stop by at any time so that we may assist you with any of your election needs," Southerland said.

Lunch On Us

Quarterly luncheon planned Thursday, May 17, at BBTC

The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce will host its quarterly luncheon Thursday, May 17, at Big Bend Technical College (BBTC), starting at noon. "Learn more about the

operations at BBTC, what they do at their facility and how they can help your business," Chamber Director Dawn Taylor said. Superintendent of Schools

Danny Glover Jr. will also deliver a brief "State of the District" report. Seating is limited; chamber members are asked to RSVP the chamber office at (850) 584-5366.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline is this Friday

The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce reminds seniors that the deadline to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to Big Bend Technical College (BBTC/formerly Taylor Technical Institute) is Friday, May 4.

Applications are available at the high school and the technical college. High school seniors who are already enrolled at BBTC are also eligible to apply. For more information, please contact the Chamber

of Commerce at (850) 584-5366.



The library is a popular stop with Pre-K students -- and incoming kindergartners -- touring Perry Primary School.

Kindergarten registration will begin Thursday, May 3, at PPS

Registration for incoming kindergartners (2018-19) will begin this Thursday, May 3, at Perry Primary School and then continue each Friday for the remainder of the month. The May 3 evening

registration hours are 5:30-7 p.m. and the Friday sessions will be 8:30-11 a.m. and 12-2 p.m. Parents/guardians are asked to bring copies of current physical and immunization records, as

well as the child's birth certificate and Social Security card. For additional information, please contact the school at (850) 838-2506 or email angle.roberts@taylor.k12.fl.us.

ROOMS-TO-GROW

Registration
Mon.-Wed., May 7-9
noon-12:30 p.m.



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Mosquito season has arrived!

Fight back against Florida's most annoying bug

Due to the warm weather and recent rains around the county, Taylor County Environmental Services urges all local residents to check their yards for

standing water to help reduce the mosquito population.

Containers such as tires, pails, bird baths, pet bowls and wading pools can all

be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Even planters can hold enough water to allow mosquitoes to multiply.

“Dumping the water

and disposing of tires will go a long way in helping eliminate the mosquito problem in your neighborhood,” Mosquito Control Coordinator

Cheryl White said.

Mosquito-killing products (bits and dunks) are now available at Taylor County Mosquito Control to treat standing water

found to have mosquito larvae (wigglers) in it.

If you have any questions, please call Mosquito Control at (850) 838-3539.



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demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 2, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Leenette W. McMillan-Fredriksson Attorney

Florida Bar Number: 0075779

PO BOX 1388 MAYO, FL 32066

Telephone: (386) 294-1688

Fax: (386) 294-1689

E-Mail: mcmillanlaw@windstream.net

Personal Representative: Earl Randall Cannon, Jr.

109 SW Zinnia Glen Ft. White, Florida 32038

5/2, 5/9

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

PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO. 2018-090-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLORIA ANNETTE FIFFIA

Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Gloria Annette Fiffia, deceased, File Number 2018-090-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson Street Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347. The names of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims against this estate who are served with a copy of this notice are required to file with this court such claim within the later of three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or 30 days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on that person.

Persons having claims against the estate who are not known to the personal representative and whose names or addresses are not reasonably ascertainable, must file all claims against the estate within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is May 2, 2018.

Personal Representative: George Clayton

1003 East Green Street Perry FL 32347.

Vernita C. Williams, Esq.

Attorney for Personal Representative 6625 Miami Lakes Drive, Ste. 227

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

Phone: 305-967-6741

FBN 884324 Email: vcfwofsb@aol.com

5/2, 5/9

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

Division: Probate

File No. 2018-150-CP

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MACK J. RUFF

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Mack J. Ruff, deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida.

The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 2, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representatives:

Leenette W. McMillan-Fredriksson Attorney

Florida Bar Number: 0075779

PO BOX 1388 MAYO, FL 32066

Telephone: (386) 294-1688

Fax: (386) 294-1689



E-Mail: mcmillanlaw@windstream.net

Secondary E-Mail: none

Personal Representative: Sherilyn Mangum

362 Mangum Close Road Perry, Florida 32347

5/2, 5/9

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO. 18000204CPC

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY L. FOSTER, a/k/a MARY LINDSAY FOSTER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the Estate of Mary L. Foster, a/k/a Mary Lindsay Foster, deceased, whose date of death was March 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, FL 32348.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 25, 2018.

JAMES ANTHONY FOSTER Personal Representative

144 Plantation Shores Drive Tavernier, FL 33070

JORDAN FIELDS, ESQUIRE Attorney for Personal Representative

Florida Bar No. 205745

416 Cortez Avenue Stuart, FL 34994

Phone: (772) 286-0890

Fax: (772) 288-1728

Primary e-mail: jordan@jfpalaw.com

Secondary e-mail: chris@jfpalaw.com

4/25, 5/2

Notice of Intention to Register Fictitious Name

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the fictitious name statute, chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, 1941, will register, with the Secretary of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publication of this notice the fictitious name, to wit:

Hick's Feed and Garden Center under which we will engage in business. We expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is:

1114 S. Jefferson St. Perry, Florida 32348

The extent of ownership is: Silas Turner LLC 100%

4/25, 5/2

Notice is hereby given to RAINBOW STAR BRUBAKER-GASS unless payment is made on 1990 OLDSMOBIE CIERA VIN:1G3AJ54R76342859 for tow and storage charges on 04/25/2018. Vehicle will be auctioned on the 5th day of JUNE 2018 at 10 a.m. at Thomas Chevrolet 2128 S. Byron Butler Pkwy, Perry, FL (850) 584-6221 per F.S. 713.78.

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pursuant to the fictitious name statute, chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, 1941, will register, with the Secretary of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publication of this notice the fictitious name, to wit:

Neptunes Bounty under which we will engage in business. We expect to engage in business in Steinhatchee, Florida and our address is:

1417 Palm St. NE Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

The extent of ownership is: Kevin Boswell 100%

4/25, 5/2



120.573, F.S. is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida during the District's regular business hours.

The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)

If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386-362-1001.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 17000506CAC

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Plaintiff,

vs. ALECIA M. RIVERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Publish in the The Perry Newspaper Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 4/25/2018, and entered in Case No. 17000506CAC of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit, in and for TAYLOR County, Florida, where in BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, is the Plaintiff and ALECIA M. RIVERS, are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court shall offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash on JUNE 5, 2018, beginning at 11:00 AM, at 108 North Jefferson St. East Steps, Perry Fl. 32347, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment lying and being situated in TAYLOR County, Florida, to wit:

Lot 6, Block "E", of EL RANCHO, a subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 122, of the Public Records of Taylor County, Florida.

NOTICE: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THE CLERK SHALL RECEIVE A SERVICE CHARGE OF UP TO \$70 FOR SERVICES IN MAKING, RECORDING, AND CERTIFYING THE SALE AND TITLE THAT SHALL BE ASSESSED AS COSTS. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

DATED this 26 day of April, 2018.

Annie Mae Murphy CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Marti Lee Deputy Clerk

STRAUS & EISLER, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff

10081 Pines Blvd, Suite C Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

954-431-2000

Service.pines@strauseisler.com

5/2, 5/9



Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on 4-27-18:

(Name and address of applicant) Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, 1109 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, Florida 32025

Permit # ERP-123-230927-1. The project is located in Taylor County, Section 36, 31, 16, 7 Township 4, 5 South, Range 7, 8 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on N/A acres for US -19 Milling and Resurfacing and the addition of new storm sewer pipe located in the median of US-19 and the restoration of the FDOT

outfall ditch to original grade known as US 19. The receiving water body is Fenholloway River.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB.1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060 or by e-mail to tjm@srwmd.org, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. And 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S. is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida

Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)

If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386-362-1001.

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on 8-7-17:

(Name and address of applicant) Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, 1109 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, Florida 32025

Permit #_ERP-123-229817-1. The project is located in Taylor County, Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 8 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on N/A acres for CR-361 Bridge Replacement over Fish Creek known as CR-361. The receiving water body is Fish Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB.1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060 or by e-mail to tjm@srwmd.org, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. And 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S. is not available.

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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on 4-27-18:

(Name and address of applicant) Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, 1109 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, Florida 32025

Permit # ERP-123-230927-1. The project is located in Taylor County, Section 36, 31, 16, 7 Township 4, 5 South, Range 7, 8 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on N/A acres for US -19 Milling and Resurfacing and the addition of new storm sewer pipe located in the median of US-19 and the restoration of the FDOT

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