

Chiefland man killed in rollover

A Chiefland man died here Sunday afternoon, June 17, after being thrown from his vehicle during a rollover crash on Fish Creek Road.

Stephen Michael Davis, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Cpl. Michael Cross reported Davis was traveling southwest on Fish Creek Road when he failed to negotiate a right curve.

Davis lost control of his 2002 Volvo and the vehicle veered off the left shoulder of the road and overturned, Cross said. Davis, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected through the front driver's side window.

The crash happened at 1:53 p.m., just east of West Fork Road

4 qualify for city races

Qualifying for Perry City Council candidates ended Monday, with a total of four candidates in two races set to compete for votes this August.

Incumbent District 4 Councilman Alan C. Hall will be facing a challenge from Mary Williams. Meanwhile, Perry Mayor David Sullivan (District 5) announced he will not seek a second term, and Tonya B. Holton and Ward Eugene Ketring are running to fill his seat.

Although the city turned over the duties of receiving and reviewing candidates' documentation to Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland and her staff, the city charter still requires the current city council to vote on qualifying the filed candidates.

According to City Manager Bob Brown, that vote will occur at the council's Tuesday, June 26, meeting.

When asked, Brown said that there are no further steps for the candidates to take prior to the vote, unless the council requests additional information, but he said he did not foresee that being necessary.

According to Southerland, all four candidates completed their qualifying paperwork prior to Monday's deadline.

If approved next week, the candidates will appear on the Aug. 28 primary election ballot. Since there are no more than two candidates in either city race, the winner will be determined in the primary election -- with no need for candidates to move on to the November general election.

Early voting for the primary election will run Aug. 13-25.

Qualifying for county races began on Monday

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Under new Super-Pufft-Amrouch partnership

Perry is U.S. snack headquarters

Several dozen local business and governmental leaders gathered at the former Snyder's-Lance chip plant here Monday morning for what they believed would be a routine ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome Amrouch Snacks to the community.

However, many in the crowd were pleasantly surprised by Amrouch Snacks President Mahmoud Amrouch's announcement of a partnership that will make the Perry plant the new U.S. headquarters of Super-Pufft Snacks Corp. — one of North America's largest manufacturers of private label (store branded) snacks.

After opening with a spiritual hymn by Mary Jackson, prayer by City Mayor David Sullivan and Pledge of Allegiance by Perry Police Department Ptl. Jay Ricketson, Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) Board Member Alan Dodimead

welcomed company officials to the community. Amrouch took the podium to thank City Manager

Bob Brown, County Administrator Ted Lakey, TCDA Director Scott Frederick, the city council

and county commission, as well as Taylor County Tax Collector Mark Wiggins for their roles in bringing the

chip manufacturer to Perry. Amrouch then delivered

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City, county, chamber and TCDA officials were all smiles Monday morning, as Super-Pufft Snacks President/CEO Yousif Al-Ali, who flew in from Canada for the ceremony, and Amrouch Snacks President Mahmoud Amrouch announced a partnership that will increase employment at the local plant. Shown (left to right) are: Chamber Director Dawn Taylor, Vice-President of Operations Walid Amrouch, chamber member Randy Newman, TCDA Director Scott Frederick, CEO Yousif Al-Ali, Mahmoud Amrouch, Commissioner Thomas Demps, Commissioner Pam Feagle, City Councilman Alan Hall and Chamber Executive Assistant Kristina Walker.

3 'on ice' after 'Operation Summer Frost'

More than 11 grams of methamphetamine were seized during a four-day "Deputies Without Borders" operation led by the Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO).

Dubbed "Operation Summer Frost," deputies and officers from the Florida Highway Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and

Perry Police Department joined TCSO in late-night criminal interdiction patrols Tuesday, June 12, through Friday, June 15.

A total of 11 arrests were made, including four felony arrests and seven misdemeanors.

"Three suspects were arrested on drug-related charges, and one of the

drug seizures led to a search warrant at a residence on Foley Cut-Off Road," TCSO Capt. Jimmy Cash said.

An adult and a juvenile were also charged after they were caught stealing from two county roll-off sites, he said.

Those arrests followed a traffic stop on Keaton

Beach Road. Further investigation found that the pair was suspected in thefts from roll-off sites in both Shady Grove and Keaton Beach.

Also during the operation, two suspects were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) and nine criminal citations were issued for driving

offenses.

The three suspects facing drug-related charges included: Kimberly Matthews, 31; Roger Lee Slaughter, 32; and Lee Bern Hunter, 51.

"We feel this was a fairly successful first operation and we be conducting more operations like this in the future," Cash said.



Opening weekend

Early scalloping reports from this past opening weekend were mainly positive, with most folks limiting out in an hour or two. Congestion at the Keaton Beach Boat Ramp was not as heavy as expected, but it was a different story in Steinhatchee, where there were reports of long lines and heavy traffic. (Above) Returning scallopers filled the main canal at Keaton Beach.

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9 apply for city manager; special meeting planned

This Friday, June 22, is the deadline to submit applications for the City of Perry city manager position that will be vacated in September with the retirement of current manager Bob Brown.

Members of the Perry City Council will hold a special meeting Friday, June 29, at 6 p.m., to begin reviewing applications.

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New eye doctor, Papa John's locating here

City Manager Bob Brown shared encouraging economic development news at last week's Perry City Council meeting, announcing that an area ophthalmologist planned to open a new branch office here.

The Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) has been working with Dr. Shalesh Kaushal "for quite awhile," Brown said. "He will start out with a limited schedule, with plans to expand. He will initially be located at Premier Medical Clinic."

"He was the head of the eye department at the University of Florida and was then recruited by the University of Massachusetts to start their eye program," he said.

Dr. Kaushal is expected to begin seeing patients here July 18.

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Docks generate 900 bids and \$40,000

Taylor County should collect over \$40,000 after receiving more than 900 bids to purchase some of the nearly 60 aluminum "finger" docks that were auctioned off by sealed bid last month.

According to Assistant County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton, the

county looks to collect approximately \$43,000 if all of the successful bidders submit payment and collect their winning bids.

At the conclusion of the county's June 7 meeting, Commissioner Malcolm Page praised Pemberton for "handling everything so well while Ted (County

Administrator Ted Lakey) was gone."

"And she did it all without having a stroke," Page added. "I heard the dock sale went very well."

Commissioner Pemberton pointed out Pemberton had to open and read each of the 900 bids out loud after one bidder requested it.

"I doubt we collect the full \$43,000 because we are having to go to the second or third bidder on a few of the docks after the high bidder did not respond," Pemberton said.

"It went well, but I don't want to do it again next week," Pemberton added. "I would like to give a

special thanks to LaWanda for the work she did the past two weeks while our county administrator was out of the office," Commissioner Pam Feagle said.

"I do not know how you did all that you did, unless

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Commission agrees to obtain two credit cards

After hearing reports of staff being forced to reserve motel rooms and conferences using personal credit — and the county incurring additional fees for not having an official charge account — county commissioners voted 5-0 to obtain two county credit cards at its recent June 7 meeting.

“I came to visit (Assistant County Administrator) LaWanda (Pemberton) last week and she was in a panic because she was having trouble with having to use her personal credit card to reserve something,” Commissioner Malcolm Page told his fellow

commissioners.

“This county needs at least one credit card staff can use for official purchases. It is not right to ask county employees to use their personal credit to conduct county business,” Page added.

“Companies have company credit cards. They have a limit on them, and if you need to make a purchase for more than \$100, someone else has to authorize it,” Page said.

“We need to have at least one. No employee should be forced to put up their personal credit to conduct county business,” Page stated.

“This came up when (former county administrator) Jack Brown was here and we approved one card for him to use during his time here, but at some point in time that went away,” Chairwoman Pam Feagle commented.

“That is because (former county finance director) Tammy Taylor had to put up her personal information in order to get a credit card,” Clerk of Court Annie Mae Murphy said. “So, when she left that account had to be canceled.”

“I believe at one time we had two cards, because (former assistant county administrator) Dustin Hinkle had the other one,” Commissioner Steve Spradley added.

“It was canceled because the bank wanted someone else to put up their personal information and credit in order to keep the card. We lost it because they wanted me to put up my personal information when I was interim county administrator and I declined,” Spradley said.

“I can’t believe that none of the local banks would open an account on behalf of the county,” Page said.

“In Jackson County, where I worked before, the clerk of court had five credit cards that we had to check

out in order to use and then had to turn them back in,” County Administrator Ted Lakey said.

“I will not be putting my personal information up in order to get credit cards,” Clerk of Court Annie Mae Murphy stated.

“It is not fair for any employee to have to do that,” Feagle said.

“There are a lot of issues that come along with having a county-issued credit card,” Murphy warned. “You can’t pay sales tax when you use it. And, in the past, we could not find any bank that would give us one without someone providing their personal financial information on the application to back the

card.”

“My preference would be for the clerk to keep the cards and only LaWanda and I to be able to check them out so we establish some internal controls over their use,” Lakey said.

“It is getting to the point where you have to have

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Qualifying for county, school board will end Friday at noon

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and will continue through Friday, June 22, at noon. Those candidates can likewise file to run through the end of qualifying as long

as they also complete the necessary paperwork prior to the deadline.

To file, a candidate must also pay the qualifying fee, which is based on the salary of the position they are seeking.

For partisan races, such as county commission, it is six percent of the annual salary (\$1,849.50), while for non-partisan races, such as the school board, it is four percent of the annual salary (\$1,083.16).

Applications still arriving

CITY MANAGER

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“We have received five or six applications so far, but I anticipate that number

will increase as we get closer to the deadline,” Brown told the council last week.

He said he would forward council members copies

of the applications that had been submitted to date.

As of presstime Tuesday, the number of applicants had risen to nine.

Commission praises Pemberton

DOCKS

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you stayed up night and day, but coming from at least this one county commissioner, I want you to know I really appreciate what you do.”

“I believe LaWanda deserves a lot of credit for what she did,” Feagle added.

The county commission

declared the docks—acquired when the county purchased the property that now houses the Steinhatchee Public Boat Ramp — “obsolete” and “surplus property” at its May 7 meeting.

The list included including 24 “very nice” aluminum docks measuring three feet wide by 20 feet long, in addition to 28 docks measuring four feet wide by

20 feet in length and six docks measuring six feet wide by 30 feet long.

At the same recent meeting, Feagle and Commissioner Steve Spradley also both thanked Taylor County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Brenda Blue for the work she did in coordinating the recent Memorial Day event at Veteran’s Park.

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A Little Caesars as well?

EYE DOCTOR


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In other business news, Brown said the city had been in talks with Little Caesars and Papa John’s about locating new restaurants here.


“Papa John’s officials told me they have narrowed it down to two prospective locations,” Brown said.



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County one step closer to dredging canals

The Taylor County Commission is one step closer to securing funding to dredge the Keaton Beach and other coastal canals after approving a contract with Langston Associates in Jacksonville to write and administer the federal grants necessary to cover the cost of the project.

The county received two proposals in April after soliciting for interested firms. Then in May, the commission selected Langston Associates over Government Services Group in Tallahassee based on the recommendation of its bid committee, which consisted of Grants Director Melody Cox, County Administrator Ted Lakey and Assistant County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton.

Under the contract approved by the commission at its May 22 meeting, Langston will write and administer grants funded by \$4.75 million in administrative fines and civil penalties levied after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which are held by the U.S. Department of Treasury in Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (created by the federal RESTORE Act).

Langston will be paid solely with RESTORE Act funds, amounting to 10 percent of the RESTORE Act grants they secure for the county. This includes three percent for writing the grants and seven percent for administration.

During discussion of the contract at the May 22 commission meeting, County Attorney Conrad Bishop questioned the cost breakdown.

"Now I'm just a country lawyer -- that why I'm asking this question -- but why is it three percent on one and seven percent on the other?" Bishop asked.

"Because there is a lot more that goes into the administration," Cox said. "That's pretty standard with firms that it is a higher rate for the

administration because that involves the reporting, the bidding process. It entails a lot more work. The grant writing itself is the easy part. (The administration) may encompass several years."

"Now I'm just a country boy like Conrad says he's just a country lawyer," Commissioner Malcolm Page said. "I can reasonably infer that the result is 10 percent."

"They're going to get 10 percent," Cox said. "However they break it out, they're going to get 10 percent."

"What you could do is just have them write the grant, but I wouldn't recommend that the first go around," she said. "Let's see what all is involved, because I'm not sure what all types of reporting is going to be required. I know there will be environmental reporting required because of dredging."

Referring to the fee schedule included in the contract, Cox said, "I actually expected it to be more. Fifteen percent is pretty average for federal grants, so I was really pleased it was 10 percent."

She also added that if they secure other grants for the dredging projects, those fees will be negotiated separately because different grant programs provide different percentages for administration.

Last year, Langston assisted the county in submitting its "Multi-Year Implementation Plan" (MYIP) to the Department of Treasury, which subsequently approved the plan, enabling the county to apply for RESTORE Act grants.

According to the scope of work included in the contract approved Tuesday, the grant administration will include ensuring compliance with county procedures and policies; financial controls; reporting (including financial,

performance, federal compliance and closeout reporting); assisting with record keeping; assisting with procurement (including pre-award and post-award); preparing amendments/modifications to the grant award; and project closeout and final reporting.

At the May 22 meeting, Commissioner Steve Spradley made a motion to approve the contract, stating simply, "Let's get on with it."

Commissioner Jim Moody seconded the motion, adding, "This has been a long time coming."

The measure passed 4-0. Commission Chair Pam Feagle arrived at Tuesday's meeting late due to a conflicting school event and was not present for the vote.

"I think Langston is a good selection and the right folks," Page said. "If we knew anybody better, we would have gotten them."

"I have been extremely happy working with them, how they moved along the MYIP," Cox said. "We worked together as a team. They did everything as we directed them to do within the timelines I wanted. As you know, the Department of Treasury said of all the counties in the states they're working with, ours was the fastest MYIP approved. They were very congratulatory. We were highly praised on our plan and how well it was written."

At the commission's most recent meeting Tuesday morning, Lakey said he was meeting with officials with Langston this week to move forward with the grant process.

Taylor County's plan includes five canal restoration and enhancement projects along the local coast totaling an estimated \$4,750,900. The plan calls for the county to provide \$674,764 in matching funds.

According to Cox, as of

April, Taylor County had enough to RESTORE Act funds to begin phase one of the project -- which is the work at Keaton Beach. The county must submit a grant to secure the funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Under the implementation plan, the county agreed to contribute \$11,145 in its current budget as a match to the Keaton Beach canal dredging overall project cost of \$1,061,550. This

county match represents about 1% of the total project cost.

A 2016 engineering estimate projected the canal dredging projects would cost an estimated \$5.9 million. Cox said the county expects to receive \$4,076,136 in RESTORE Act funds spread out over 15 years (approximately \$271,742 per year), while the county will provide \$674,764 in matching funds for a total of \$4,750,900.

Cox said the county would secure a spoil site, perform hauling of the dredge material and contribute some engineering and other in-kind services to help offset the \$1.1 million difference between the RESTORE Act funding and the projected total cost.

After Keaton, the commission-approved priority list includes Steinhatchee, Dark Island, Cedar Island and Dekle Beach.

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a county card in order to be able to purchase some things or to hold a room for a meeting," Lakey said.

"We had to pay an extra \$45 fee last meeting for not having a county-backed credit card," Page said.

Page then made a motion to allow the county's

administrative team to identify a credit card company that would issue the county two credit cards to be overseen by the Clerk of Court's office and signed out for use only to the county administrator and assistant county administrator.

After seconding the motion, Commissioner Thomas Demps stated, "I went to an appliance store in

Tallahassee and they would not take my cash at all. They said they only use credit or debit cards because they do not go to the bank at all anymore."

Story contest winners will be honored

The winners of the Friends of the Taylor County Public Library Short Story Contest will be recognized at the library on Monday, June 25, at 5:15 p.m.

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Remembering the best Father's Day

Dear Editor:
When was your best or most memorable Father's Day?

The birth of your first child? Third child?

Well, for me, it would normally be the day my daughter and son were born. On those days you could not have found a more grateful and happy dad alive. The thought any other Father's Day would be able to rise to that level ever again was not even a possibility.

But, Father's Day in June

2013 did.

Of course, I was at the mill working making paper on another day shift weekend. It was a long, hot day, and I was just ordained as a new team coordinator in my department.

I had selfish reasons for wanting to get off on time that day. I struggled all day with my thoughts on what to do. My beautiful only daughter Kiley June was moving away soon to attend nursing school. My dilemma was a selfish one,

but I pondered it all day, as it weighed heavy on me.

I cared about my co-workers getting to be with their kids, but for me it was very important to spend some time with my first-born baby girl who was moving away and on with her life and career as she headed into adulthood. We raised her to do just that, but it was still crushing this mean, old dad.

At shift change, I told my team to go home and to be with their families because it was Father's Day.

The reply was, "But, we have broke on the floor," which normally meant at least two hours of overtime. The "broke" is the paper waste that falls to the floor when we have an upset condition on the paper machine.

It was under the steam drums #54-64. The oncoming team wasn't happy, because it meant it would be left for them, but I told them we would get it tomorrow, adding that if department management had any issues about my decision, I would deal with it in the morning.

So at 4 p.m. the seven of us went home, while two stayed for normal overtime -- but no one rolled broke.

I was happy! Fathers Day with Kiley June -- the last one under our roof at home.

I went home, changed into flip flops, gathered up the family and headed to my parent's house for a joint mini celebration.

That is when I got the phone call. I thought it would be the next team complaining or just giving me the blues about not "rolling broke."

So when Mike said, "I'm glad you sent everyone home, because a steam drum blew up on #2 and destroyed the machine!" I honestly thought it was a joke.

My reply was not PG enough to be printed here.

Then he said, "I'm not kidding..." followed by silence.

My first thought was to ask if anyone was hurt? Where were my two teammates? How was C Team? How was the mill? As the union executive vice-president, it also hit me to ask what this meant for all of our jobs.

I hurried home, changed back into work clothes and was back at the mill by around 7 p.m. I rushed in and walked upstairs into any paper maker's or industrial employee's version of hell.

The first person I saw

was Clay Bethea, weekend duty manager. He saw me, walked over and shook my hand and hugged my neck. He was talking, but I was hardly listening as I was trying to look around him at the devastation.

The drum exploded and took out three more, sending one eight feet off the floor through a 20-inch ceiling support I-beam across the main aisle with enough force to knock five or six drums out of alignment and cause the #1 mill to break and become inoperable.

The I-beam pulled the ceiling down, which dropped an overhead crane on top of the devastated #2 machine. One drum went three quarters of the way through the floor and was only held up by rebar.

It looked like a war zone. The overpressure was felt 50 yards away west and 60 yards east. It lifted part of the roof off the building. Stunned faces were everywhere.

Questions coming from every direction. Was everyone accounted for on my team and C Team?

Then I saw the damaged area. Drums #54-68. Yeah, those drums. Right where seven of us would have been

rolling broke. No one could have survived that. No one.

I wrote this after five years have gone by because I was reminded of it today by a friend who was the mill manager at the time. He thanked me. But, it wasn't me.

I believe to this day the Lord knew what was coming and gave me the notion of going home at the end of our shift. He allowed me to have those selfish thoughts as a way for me to reason out and make peace with my decision, because normally I would have kept everyone there to do our job.

He gave me the hints and the little push that was needed. It wasn't me, it was Him. Divine intervention saved at least seven lives that day.

Sometimes I think about it and remember the very first thought that hit me that day. I was talking to myself as I was walking around checking out the department.

I told myself, "We aren't rolling broke today." That was the Big Guy up yonder giving me that nudge. The rest is history.

Happy Father's Day D Team!

Danny Faircloth

Farm Bureau says 'thank you' for the pop-tabs donation

Dear Editor:
We would like to thank Chris Parker and the local Perry Woman's Club for the donation of aluminum pop-tabs that were collected.



Taylor County Farm Bureau thanks Chris Parker and the Perry Woman's Club for donating aluminum pop-tabs.

We here at Taylor County Farm Bureau, along with other members of the community, collect the pop-tabs to donate to the local Ronald McDonald House in Tallahassee, where they use them to help pay the electric bill at the house.

All of us here at Taylor County Farm Bureau would like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone that has helped us in the past and to those who plan to in the future.

We will be accepting donations for our annual pop-top tab collection at the beginning of February, but you are welcome to come by our office at 813 S. Washington St. at any time and drop off what you have.

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We look forward to see you come by the office.

Charlene Russell
Taylor County Farm Bureau



By DELORES LEGGETT WALKER

It takes time to become a butterfly

Nature has a way of showing us that none of us started out perfect, but we can find that place of completion when we are doing what we were created to do.

I was reminded of this truth as I sat in the rocker on my front porch enjoying the fruit of my labor from earlier that morning.

I had risen early to mow, and the aroma of freshly-mowed grass glistening in the noon-day sun brought a sense of peace to my tired body. As I rested, I ate a bowl of the potato soup I had cooked the previous night with a glass of sweet iced tea.

Slowly moving the rocker with my bare feet, my eyes caught the flight of a yellow swallowtail butterfly. I watched the way she dipped into the blooms of some of my favorite flowers.

She appeared to be selective in her choices, and I couldn't help but agree that she was selecting the most fragrant and colorful blossoms with as much aplomb as a connoisseur at a table spread with the richest foods possible.

I watched as the butterfly meandered through the flower garden and then took flight into the sky. She rose effortlessly, her delicate wings slightly moving as she gained height through the limbs of the massive oak trees and into the blue beyond.

When I could no longer see her, a thought raced across my mind. "The butterfly knows who she is and what her purpose is in life."

This thought, which I believe was God-given, played around the edges of my mind as I began to analyze how we humans have a lot in common with butterflies. As you know, the butterfly's journey from the lowly caterpillar to the exquisite beauty they are destined to become is a process that requires time and struggle.

Please allow me a teaching moment. The butterfly begins its life with a single egg. The female butterfly lays her eggs on a plant, and the process continues with the larvae taking substance until it becomes a caterpillar. During this stage something miraculous happens, as the caterpillar transitions into a butterfly.

Let's compare these stages to our own

lives. If you have ever been privileged to follow the progress of a tiny human being from conception to delivery you can see the similarities. We too start our lives as a single egg that becomes precious little children and grandchildren.

During the nine months of gestation the little egg develops into a fully functioning human being, as mama provides the sustenance needed to prepare them for birth.



I am blessed to have two children and 21 grandchildren, including a set of identical twin girls, with the 22nd one due in October. I have attended their births, even cut the umbilical cord, and been the first face they see when they enter the world. From the moment of their birth, they are all transitioning in preparation for their

adulthood.

Any self-respecting grandparent will tell you that all of their children and grandchildren are the most beautiful in the world -- even when they are in the caterpillar stage. This period of time is filled with growing pains, tantrums, lost teeth and all sort of changes to get them to the butterfly stage. But, oh my, it is worth everything that happens when you see them become the butterflies God destined them to be.

We are blessed to have several adult butterflies in our family who are leading productive and full lives. Some are in law enforcement, some own their own businesses, some are in the medical field and some are in college -- but all are following their destinies, doing what God created them to do.

As for the younger ones, still in the transition stage of their lives, we have another emerging writer who is also a gifted artist, several talented musicians and a number of potential athletes. All in all, we are a blessed family.

My Afterthought is this: It takes time to become a butterfly, so be careful you don't hinder the process by trying to hurry the stages necessary to follow your destiny.

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PAWS-ITIVELY AMAZING!



(Clockwise) Hearts for Hometown Dogs co-founder Kendra Murphy helped shelter staff and rescue volunteers load animals headed for rescue; vans arrived crammed with empty crates that didn't remain empty for long; among the 80 animals rescued were two nursing mothers and their litters of puppies, shown being carried out of the shelter by a Gainesville volunteer and Animal Control Coordinator Heather Jensen. However, the shelter's kennel vacancies were short-lived -- as reports show seven dogs and six cats were taken in during just the three-day period preceding presstime.

80 animals transported to no-kill rescues

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Managing Editor

The dog days of summer took on a whole new meaning at the Taylor County Animal Shelter last week, with officials reporting an intake of 110 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens -- all since the beginning of June.

But, just when it looked like the shelter was going to be overrun in a tsunami of owner surrenders and strays, three no-kill pet rescue groups from Gainesville came to the rescue.

On Thursday, June 14, volunteers from Haile's Angels Pet Rescue, Alachua County Human Society and Gainesville Pet Rescue swept in and rescued 53 dogs, 17 cats and three rabbits.

They arrived in vans stuffed with empty crates there were soon filled with dogs of nearly every shape, size and breed.

Taylor County's own Hearts for Hometown Dogs (HFHD) helped coordinate the rescue and assisted shelter staff in loading the animals.

"We are speechless, and no words can ever express how grateful we are to these wonderful organizations for helping us save so many precious lives," HFHD's Kendra Murphy said.

"We are sure that most of you know what a shelter like ours faces on a day-to-day basis. This is a very hard time of year for rural shelters like ours. Due to the limited space that we and other rural shelters

have, every day we face trying to figure out where we can place one more puppy or what can we move to have room for that one last kitty of the day. Our trucks come in full while strays, surrenders, injured and neglected pets haunt our gates all day long," Animal Control Coordinator Heather Jensen said.

"The mental wear and tear, as well as the physical rigors, can be all-consuming. All over America, when a facility has nothing left to give and the seams are stretched to bursting, unwanted decisions must be made. Many beautiful animals must lose their lives for simply just existing. Our animal control shelter intakes are somewhere around 110 animals just this

month so far -- with half of the month left to go. The daily struggle is real," she said.

"But, not this past Thursday -- Gainesville Pet Rescue, Haile's Angels Pet Rescue and Alachua County Humane Society came rolling through our gates like Aladdin on his magic carpet! They saved almost 80 animal lives. They whizzed around the shelter creating the magic of empty kennels. That, our dear friends, is something awesome. We can only say thank you for providing us with much-needed relief. While we know that this relief will only last a minute, and that our kennels will be full again in just a few days or so, for those 73 animals it meant their

very lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you," Jensen said.

"And remember, please, please spay and neuter.

Before you adopt, rescue, purchase or procure any kind of animal be aware of the responsibility and choose wisely."

Bidder, bidder, bidder!

Hearts for Hometown Dogs (HFHD) will hold an online auction Saturday, June 30, with all proceeds benefitting the local animal rescue organization.

Bidding will open when items are posted on the organization's Facebook page and will close at 4 p.m.

Featured items and services have been donated from local hometown businesses.

Food drive for animal shelter

"Parrotheads in Perry-dise" is continuing its "Four-Legged Food Drive" for their furry friends at the Taylor County Animal Shelter.

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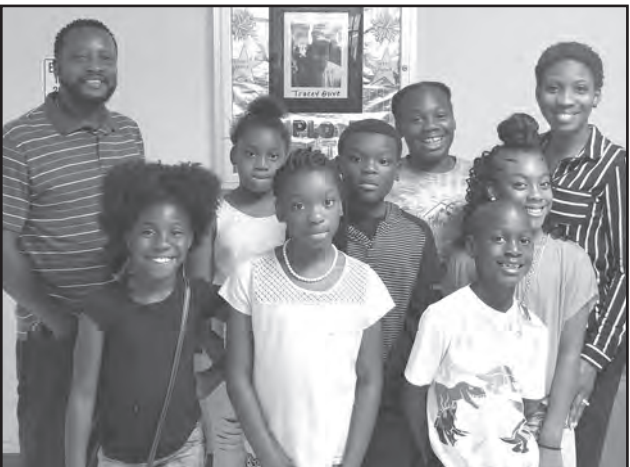
On Wednesday, May 30, the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church youth department participated in community outreach with a visit to the Consulate

Healthcare Facility. Youth of all ages assisted handing out 160 pairs of fuzzy socks they had collected from church members for the residents

of the facility. "These young people and the youth leaders are serving beyond the walls and it's greatly appreciated," said Pastor DeMarrio Bryant.



Youth volunteers and leaders: (front row, l to r) Jhalin Collier, Kaden Molden, Kison Simmons, Quentin Nash, Larsyen McLawery and Kelvin Molden Jr.; (middle row, l to r) Rhiley McIntyre, Daniel Patterson, Haliah Jay, Mariah Woullard, Kaden Whetsel and Lisa Jay; and (back row, l to r) Diann Johnson, Jasmine Collier, Theresa Britt, Jhy'Mon Burney, Ja'Kason James, Mashyia Britt and Kenna Simmons.



Volunteers also included: (front row, l to r) Malia Roberson, Chryshila Glover and Ja'Veyenne Roberson; and (back row, l to r) Cletis Reaves, Jhe'Ziyah Freeman, Devante Glover, Morgan Whetsel, Lamarya Roberson and Tammy Roberson.



Jaskya' Upshaw



Shown are "Warm their Hearts" volunteers (front row, l to r) Ja'Kobe Faulk, Vernon Faulk, Larry McLawery and Janiyah Allen; (middle row, l to r) McKenzie Collier, Dekylin Brooks, Amirrah Britt, Karilyn Colson, Caden Collier and Geraldine Sparrow; and (back row, l to r) Monique Whetsel, Cha'Kia Bailey, Jershila Glover, Tradelvan Whetsel Jr. and Jamarion Robinson.

Athena plans work day this Saturday

Athena Baptist Church invites members to a work day this Saturday, June 23, starting at 9 a.m.

The work agenda includes painting classrooms, installing new white boards and pressure washing the outside of the sanctuary building.

Johnson's Bakery donuts will be provided for volunteers in the morning, and lunch will be served in the afternoon.

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Activities will include music, Bible drills and Bible skills.

Classes are available for every age group: Pre-K to third grade; fourth-sixth grade; and sixth-twelfth grade.

Bible Jeopardy is back at VBS!

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) starting Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29.

Dinner will be served nightly at 5 p.m., followed by the Opening Assembly at 6 p.m. This year's theme is "God Squad - Special Agents in Action."

There will be Bible lessons, outside games and the return of the highly-popular "Bible Jeopardy Contest."



Have spaghetti for lunch this Sunday

First Kidz youth at First Baptist Church will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Sunday, June 24, starting at noon.

Meals will be served in the fellowship hall. Suggested donations begin at \$5.

Obituaries



Wayne H. Strickland

Wayne H. Strickland

Wayne H. Strickland died June 15, 2018, at Doctors' Memorial Hospital in Perry. Wayne was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Cabbage Grove.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Eston W. Strickland and Ida Mae Strickland; and his sister, Claudia Strickland Sadler.

He is survived by: his wife of 59 years, Beatrice Courtney Strickland; his children, Rhonda Porter (Bobby), Eston Wayne "Buddy Wayne" Strickland (Suzanne) and Sherry Strickland; his sisters, Mary Etta Dunn (Frank) and Ann Coleman (Ralph); his brother-in-law, Rudolph Sadler; seven grandchildren, Courtney, Daniel, Claudia, Felisa, Robert (Gator Buddy), Donald and Michael; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of much loved nieces and nephews.

Wayne retired from Procter and Gamble after

35 years in 1994. He had a lifelong passion for hunting and fishing in local woods and waters, as well as spending time with all his family.

A private family remembrance and fish fry will be held at a later date per Wayne's wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

All arrangements are with Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Perry.



Susan S. Waters

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Susan Sagar Waters, 68, died Saturday, June 16, 2018, in Shady Grove.

Susan was born July 2, 1949, in Evanston, Ill., to Lester R. Sagar and Virginia S. Sagar. She was a graduate of Leon County High School, Class of 1967. Susan obtained both a bachelor's and master's degree in education from

Florida State University. She was a math and reading specialist, and taught in schools in Monticello and Tallahassee for more than 40 years. Susan loved camping, hiking, music festivals, the beach and the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Garden Club in Monticello.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 23, at the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello.

Susan is survived by: her daughters, Leslie Anderson and her husband, Mike Anderson, and Mary Kate Reader and her husband, Jeff Reader; her sister, Leslie Sagar; her sister-in-law, Adele Sagar; her nieces, Jennifer Smith and Jessica Sagar; and her grandchildren, Kendall Kate Perdue and Ari Reader.

Patricia Ann Wimberley

Patricia Ann Wimberley, 73, of Live Oak died Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Graveside services will be held today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m., at Tiger Road Cemetery in Mayo. Arrangements have been placed in the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home.

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GLAD TIDINGS

Is it possible to go from anger to trust?

By SHERYL H. BOLDT

How often during our day do we find ourselves angry or bitter? As often as we find ourselves happy or thankful?

If we kept track of every time we had a negative thought, then recorded how long we allowed ourselves to dwell on that thought, what would we discover about ourselves? What if we did the same thing with our positive thoughts? Would our log reveal that we give more time to depressing thoughts or cheerful ones?

So then...what kind of mood have you been in today? This week? Is this week reflective of the emotional climate of most of your weeks?

I hate being angry and bitter. It sours my day and my relationships, not to mention my witness. I find that I often become angry whenever I feel cheated. The longer I allow anger and bitterness to eat at me, the more depressed I become.

If we find ourselves having more negative than positive days, what would it take for us to feel better...about life?

I believe the answer to this question is faith - especially the kind of faith Paul commended the Colossians for in Colossians 1:4 (AMPC): "For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]."

I read that scripture, and my entire being yearns to comply. Think how it would change our thought life if we were to lean our entire personality on God - everything that makes us, us: the way we think, the way we set goals, everything.

Imagine how it would change our mood if we were to trust completely in His power (knowing He's capable of handling anything we throw at Him); have total confidence in His wisdom (knowing He knows what to do and when to do it); and have absolute assurance in His goodness (knowing He's for us - not against us). Wouldn't this kind of faith transform our lives?

So then...how often will we allow ourselves to be angry or bitter for the rest of the day? What kind of mood do we want to be in for this next hour?

Let's make this day - this hour - better than the previous one by boldly trusting in God's power, wisdom and goodness.

Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. You can reach her at SherylHBoldt@gmail.com.

In the Bible, "glad tidings" is frequently translated to mean "to tell good news" and "to preach the gospel." This space is dedicated to messages of good news to fill readers with uplifting thoughts to carry with them throughout the week.



SALE

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Forest Capital Humane Society will hold a \$5 bag sale Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30, at the Second Chance Thrift Store (1409 S. Jefferson St.).

Proceeds will go toward vet bills for animal that have been helped through the rescue.

'Pursuit of Perfection'

Taylor County High School (TCHS) closed out the 2017-18 school year with its inaugural "Pursuit of Perfection" party. Students who met the following expectations for the fourth nine weeks grading period were given the opportunity to win cash prizes: perfect attendance, no discipline referrals and straight A's. Students that achieved all three of those high standards of excellence were entered into the drawing three times. Students meeting two out of three had their names entered once. TCHS had 57 students achieve two out of three and eight students achieve all three.

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Ayonna Carter



Jessica Knowles



Ann Marie McAfee

Knowles named to All-Big Bend Softball second team, Carter and McAfee are honorable mentions

Jessica Knowles continues to reach new milestones in her softball career – even after graduating from Taylor County High School (TCHS) this past year.

Knowles was one of 15 area softball players named to the Tallahassee Democrat's All-Big Bend Softball second team.

Knowles had quite the

senior season at the plate, ending the year with a .383 batting average, while crossing home plate 24 times and knocking in 12 runs.

She signed a dual-sport athletic scholarship for softball and volleyball to Judson College in Marion Alabama.

Knowles also received

the "Coaches Award" from TCHS Softball Coach Rachel Poppell during her final season with the Lady Bulldogs.

Taylor County also had two other players listed as honorable mentions on the All-Big Bend team, including Ayonna Carter and Ann Marie McAfee.

Carter was a freshman

this past season, but had no problem putting the bat on the ball, with a .464 batting average, while knocking in 11 runs.

Carter managed to cross

home plate 24 times while stealing 10 bases throughout the season.

McAfee, a sophomore, was hot at the plate as well, with a .393 batting average

and a whopping 23 runs batted in.

McAfee and Carter were both named "Offensive Player of the Year" for TCHS this past season.

6U Softball All-Stars will play in state tournament

With the state tournament just over a week away, the Taylor County 6-and-Under All-Star softball team is preparing to compete in the state tournament in Lake City beginning next Thursday.

Taylor County's 6U All-Stars were declared

champions of District 4 without playing a game due to none of the other teams in the district being able to fill a 6U All-Star softball team.

The 6U All-Star team is coached by Bryan Howard, Brandi Crowley, Trey Nash and Shane Crowley, who selected a 13-player roster

to represent Taylor County, including: Izabella Archer, Ella Blanton, Adrienne Crowley, Avery Dunnell, Dariyah Gaddy, Tori Howard, Lydia McElwain, Dallas Nash, Layla Padgett, Caydance Slayton, Eva Slayton, Kimora Woullard and Mariyah Woullard.



The Taylor County 6U All-Star softball team will compete in Lake City next week. Shown above are: (from l to r) bottom row, Tori Howard, Caydance Slayton, Ella Blanton, Mariyah Woullard, Kimora Woullard and Eva Slayton; middle row, Adrienne Crowley, Izabella Archer, Dallas Nash, Dariyah Gaddy, Layla Padgett and Lydia McElwain; and back row Coach Trey Nash, Manager Bryan Howard, Coach Brandi Crowley and Coach Shane Crowley.



The Grayson Hick's All-Stars team took first place in the scramble. The team consisted of: Keith Brooks, Grayson Hicks, Joseph Proenza and Jim Morris (not pictured).



The Perry Newspapers' "Weapons of Grass Destruction" team -- (from l to r) Bart Denmark, Jonathan Lincoln, Aaron Portwood and Kez McCorvey -- edged out two other teams for second place.



The NAPA Auto team -- Billy Grant, Clara Lilliot, Richard Carr, John Hart and Hayden Lilliot -- finished the scramble in third place.

40 golfers participate in scramble benefiting FCA

More than 40 golfers turned out at the Perry Golf and Country Club last Friday morning to compete in a friendly golf scramble while supporting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

The annual golf scramble is sponsored by the Perry Kiwanis Club to help raise funds to support FCA programs in our local schools – which has the largest turnout of students for "FCA huddles" in the state of Florida under the direction of FCA Huddle Leader Rick Patrick.

Ten four-man scramble teams battled it out for the top three spots, and at the end of the morning it was Grayson Hick's All-Stars team that walked away with first place by firing a 62 gross score that turned into a 48-stroke net after handicaps.

Grayson Hick's All-Stars consisted of: Keith Brooks, Joseph Proenza, Jim Morris and Grayson Hicks.

Three other teams tied with a net score of 49 that had to be settled by hole regression to decide who would finish in second and third place.

The Perry Newspapers' "Weapons of Grass

Destruction" team -- Kez McCorvey, Bart Denmark, Aaron Portwood and Jonathan Lincoln -- edged out the NAPA Auto and Buckeye Federal Credit Union (BFCU) teams for second place after turning in a 64 gross score (net 49 after handicaps).

Hole regression was also used to decide third place, with the NAPA Auto team -- Hayden Lilliot, John Hart, Richard Carr and Billy Grant -- coming out on top with a gross score of 58 (net 49 after handicaps).

The BFCU team -- David Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Rob Hilley and Mitch Stephens -- shot a 63 gross score (49 net) to place in fourth by hole regression.

Tommy Allen, Scott Welch, Lester Padgett and Dick Jarvis teamed up to represent Bassett's Dairy, shooting a 61 gross score (net 50).

The AFLAC team was a Wentworth affair that included Cole Wentworth, Reggie Wentworth, William Wentworth and Jake Springer, who shot the lowest gross score in the tournament with a 53, but due to an abundance of talent had to settle for a 51

net score and fifth place.

Scott's Mobile Equipment Repair was represented by Jim Baxter, Tommy Ratliff, Bill Buchtmann, Ken Johnson and Johnny Mac Brown who managed to shoot a gross score of 63 and a net score of 51.

Marvin Brooks, Michael Albritton, Nick Albritton and Ben Sadler represented Citizens Bank, shooting a 61 gross score for a net score of 52.

Perry Repo Outlet's team of Bobby Glass, Greg Enfield, Ted Colson and Danny Everett managed to fire a 62 gross and turned in a net score of 54.

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YARD SALES

BIG SALE. All proceeds go to Angel's surgery fund. June 21-24. 9 a.m. - ? 1305 N. Jefferson St. Low prices! Veggie plants, household, handmade soaps and gift items. 6/20-6/22

LARGE 3-FAMILY YARD SALE. Saturday, June 23. 8 a.m. - ? Beach Rd., next to Walter B's. Household, antiques, outboard motor and much more. 6/20-6/22

HUGE YARD SALE!!! Friday - Saturday (June 22-23), 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days. 2212 Courtney Rd. Corner of Courtney Rd. and Wright Rd. Tools, furniture, jewelry, kitchen/garden, woodwork/craft items/supplies; lots more. No early birds please. 6/20-6/22

YARD SALE. Next weekend, June 22-23-24. 8 a.m. - until. 16832 Beach Rd. Breast cancer fundraiser. All money will go to fund gas and chemo treatment every week for the next 12 weeks. I have many items that have been donated and will go cheap. Fishing gear, boat gear, tools, windows, furniture, electrical items, plumbing items and much more. If you have any items you would like to donate, you can drop off anytime or you can call me and I will pick them up. (850) 295-3018. Thank you and God bless. 6/20-6/22

YARD SALE. Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hunting, fishing, tools, Sago Palms, canning jars and canners, big men's clothes and shoes, girl's brand-name clothes, toys and misc. From 221, make right on Robert Aman Rd., then 2 miles make right on Joe L. Aman Rd. 4th house on right. 6/20-6/22

MISCELLANEOUS

WE BUY Scrap Metal and Junk Cars. (850) 838-5865. RC

FOR SALE: TWO (2) PALLETS OF USED RED BRICKS (mostly clean). Two galvanized (square tubing) clothesline T-topped poles. Call 584-3976. 6/15-6/27

SHOP-BUILT WOODEN THREE-STEP ENTRANCE STAIRS with grab rails. 70"L x 48"W x 30"H. Weather has put cracks in some of the wood. Not rot. \$125. Perry. (850) 371-1432. 6/20-6/22

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LOST & FOUND

KEYS LOST AT JOHNSON'S BAKERY LAST WEEK. Several keys on keyring. Keyring has small, retractable measuring tape. (352) 463-7616. 6/15-6/22

OUTDOORS

FOR SALE: 2011 18FT. OYSTER BAY CENTER CONSOLE BOAT with a low-hours 90 HP 4 stroke Mercury motor and a Magic Tilt trailer. New battery. The trailer has just been re-wired. 843-0068. 6/15-6/20

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MOBILE HOMES

2010 40'x 26' DBL WIDE MH. 3BR 2BA. Washer/Dryer/Fridge, all appliances incl. 2 1/2 ton heat pump. Must move. \$25,000. Call 584-7075. 6/6-6/29

FOR SALE: 1991 Fleetwood single-wide. 14 x 70 ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Delivered and set up. \$15,900. Interested parties call Perry Repo Outlet. 584-7094. EMHP

HOMES & REAL ESTATE

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER. 3 buildings on property. Fenced-in yard. Call (850) 843-1028 or (904) 568-4567. 6/20-6/29

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NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Madison, FL: Welding Instructor; PT Truck Driving Instructor; Chemistry Instructor; English Instructor; Program/Data Retrieval Manager, Coordinator of Recruitment Services. See www.nfcc.edu for details. 6/13-6/29 NFCC

HELP WANTED

INTERNAL SALES REPRESENTATIVE AMTEC Less-Lethal Systems, Inc. (ALS) has an open position for Internal Sales Representative. The successful candidate will join our sales team whose primary focus is providing outstanding customer service before, during, and after the sale. The position requires excellent communication skills, primarily via telephone and email with a variety of law enforcement and corrections personnel nationwide. Typical duties include: preparing quotes, processing customer orders, responding to customer inquiries and complaints, interfacing with production and warehouse personnel to follow up on exceptions, and processing returns.

This position is responsible to the Internal Sales Supervisor and requires an individual that can excel in a team environment. The ideal candidate should be able to multi-task, while paying strong attention to detail. An Associate's degree and one years' experience working in sales/customer service is preferred, but not required. The successful candidate will have a proven ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with customers, peers and management. Applicants should be comfortable being behind a computer for hours at a time, and have experience working in Microsoft Office Suite, specifically Excel. If interested, send your resume to careers@lesslethal.com no later than June 28th, 2018. ALS is an Equal Opportunity Employer of Minorities, Females, Protected Veterans and Individuals. This position is subject to a background check and drug test. AMTEC 6/20-6/27

TECHNICIAN NEEDED

Tire/Lube technician with knowledge and experience in automotive repair. Apply in person at Ryan's Everything Automotive. Pay based on experience and work ethic. 6/8-6/22

HELP WANTED

THE HEALTHY START COALITION OF JEFFERSON, MADISON AND TAYLOR COUNTIES IS SEEKING A PROGRAM SUPERVISOR. Position requires supervisory experience, knowledge of parenting education, child development and maternal & child health, experience working with infants, young children, or pregnant women, ability to work independently among a diverse population, general computer proficiency, excellent written and oral communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, knowledge of community resources, ability to elicit information and maintain confidentiality, strong organizational skills, and supervisory experience. Requires reliable transportation, valid driver's license, good driving record and automobile insurance. Bachelor's degree with knowledge of community relations, Public Health issues, maternal and child health, social services, child welfare or related field required. Must reside in Jefferson, Madison or Taylor Counties. Salary commensurate with experience. Submit Resume to: Healthy Start, PO Box 568, Greenville, FL 32331 by June 22, 2018. 6/8-6/20 HSC

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. Taylor County is an EEO employer. **Engineer - Full-Time.** **Boat Ramp Attendant - Seasonal - Part-Time.** **Mosquito Control Driver - Seasonal - Part-Time.** TCBC

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HELP WANTED

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LEGALS

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 17 000524 CA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, vs. TAMMY DEMPS, Defendant. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 6, 2018, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of her duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in Taylor County, Florida, described as: Lot 8 and the North 21.07 feet of Lot 9 of Block "G" of the Spring Lake Heights Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 79, of the Public Records of Taylor County, Florida, at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on July 5, 2018, at the front steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above. 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to no cost to you, to

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Little Miss Red, White & Blue

The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce will host the first "Little Miss Red, White & Blue" pageant Friday, June 22, at Forest Capital Hall.

Ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Some 23 young ladies will compete in two age categories (6-8 years old and 9-12 years old). Contestants who are not named to the respective courts will be recognized as "Little Miss Firecrackers" and will join the title winners at the downtown 4th of July

celebration planned at Rosehead Park. (Please see related article below.)

Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland will serve as emcee for the pageant.

Local veterans are invited to be special guests for the event.

"Admission will be free for all veterans and there will have special reserved seating for them," said Dawn Taylor, who is co-chairing the event with Kristina Walker.

Contestants will introduce themselves during

a patriotic opening number.

Army First Lt. Tyre Maddox will greet contestants when they return to the stage for the evening gown competition, and will ask, "Why do I love America?"

Heather Dice will sing the national anthem, and Taylor County High School JROTC will provide concessions.

The pageant is being sponsored by the chamber, Zeigler's Florist and the Taylor County Tourism Development Council.



Contestant #1
Kiley Tamme
Parents:
Kasey & John Tamme



Contestant #2
Deshyla Franklin
Parents: Brittney Pigford
& Derek Franklin



Contestant #3
Destiny Jackson
Grandparent:
Gloria Mosley



Contestant #4
Makayla Roberts
Parents: Elizabeth Cooper & Hardy Guice, Todd Roberts & Angie Blair



Contestant #5
Alissa Russ
Parents:
Joni & Heath Russ



Contestant #6
Chrissy Irvin
Parents: Brittney Pigford
& Christopher Irvin



Contestant #7
Kinley Wright
Parent:
Heather Wright



Contestant #8
Da'Khiya Anderson
Parent:
Kiwanis Hightower



Contestant #9
Abby Lee Weaver
Parent:
Chris Weaver



Contestant #10
Anna Grace Bemby
Parents:
Scott & Angie Bemby



Contestant #11
Autumn Carlee Meacham
Parents: Benjamin
& Alexandria Meacham



Contestant #12
Lainey Lovett
Parents:
Red & Amy Lovett



Contestant #13
Carlie Haworth
Parents: Jessie Williams, Ben Mangum & Brad Haworth



Contestant #14
Honesty Green
Parents:
Antonio & Deborah Green



Contestant #15
Shaila Martinez
Parents:
Christopher & Stacy Floyd



Contestant #16
Ryver Marissa Arnold
Parents:
Jennifer & Mark Arnold



Contestant #17
Kayleen Nichole Hill
Parents:
Jeffery & Nikki Hill



Contestant #18
Bailey Shiver
Parents:
Pam & Jay Shiver



Contestant #19
Macy Lundy
Parents:
Racheal O'Neal & Dale Padgett



Contestant #20
Riley Lynn Sadler
Parents:
Brittany & Destin Murphy



Contestant #21
Paityn Clark
Parents:
Wil & Janet Clark



Contestant #22
Lauralai Blair Brannen
Parents:
Charles & Breanna Brannen



Contestant #23
Baileigh Montgomery
Parents:
Amanda & Mark Montgomery



Let freedom ring!

Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July with music, fireworks and much more in downtown Perry.

The City of Perry has joined forces with the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce and American Aluminum to present a "spectacular" red, white and blue salute to America Wednesday, July 4.

Tobacco Rd Band will headline the musical line-up will be joined by River Dan.

The Rotary Club of Perry will host a beer tent, and food vendors will be set up around the park.

Activities will start at 6 p.m., capped by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

4th of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4 • 6 p.m. at Rosehead Park
in Historic Downtown Perry

Amrouch: partnership with Super-Pufft means 'a lot' more employment

AMROUCH
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his big announcement, revealing his company had entered into a new partnership with Canada's largest manufacturer of salty snacks throughout North American and overseas.

"The local personal interaction we received was crucial in making our decision," Amrouch said. "And now, with this partnership, we will be one of the major employers in Perry."

Super-Pufft – based in Mississauga, Canada, just outside of Toronto – has been in business for more than 60 years and produces and markets snack foods and beverages to food retailers in over 30 countries around the world, according to President/CEO Yousif Al-Ali, who flew in from Canada for the ceremony.

Super-Pufft is the preferred store brand manufacturer for a wide range of North America's largest retailers, including Wal-Mart, Dollar General and Winn-Dixie, and the Super-Pufft snack food line includes potato chips, potato crisps, popcorn, extruded snacks and pellets. The company's beverage line includes juices, teas, sauces and purees.

"Our plan is to add more production lines to this facility and become a major employer here," Al-Ali said.

City Council Vice-Mayor Alan Hall pointed out the city and county's unemployment rate has fallen below the state average for the first time in years, and County Commission Chair Pam Feagle welcomed officials from both companies and called it a "great, exciting day for Perry" before presenting both Amrouch and Al-Ali with plaques.

Amrouch Snacks is a family-owned company that manufactures, produces and distributes quality extruded and puffed corn snacks (cheese balls, cheese puffs, veggie straws, jalapeno straws, multi-grain chips and onion rings) for private label store brands like Family Dollar, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Food Lion and Save-a-Lot.

Amrouch recently relocated its operations from Miami and is in the process of ramping up production at its plant located on Highway 19 in Perry. Amrouch also has a factory in Istanbul, Turkey, with 300 employees.

Mahmoud Amrouch will remain as president of the local plant, which will now be known as Super-Pufft



Super-Pufft President/CEO Yousif Al-Ali (right) and Amrouch President Mahmoud Amrouch (left) marked the partnership of the two companies with a commemorative banner. The local chip manufacturer will now be known as Super-Pufft USA.

Snacks USA. He will be joined by his brother, Vice-President of Operations Walid Amrouch.

The partnership will allow Super-Pufft to expand into more of the United States, while also allowing Amrouch to increase its volume and workforce by an estimated 30%. "This will definitely mean more volume for us, which means a lot more employment," Amrouch said Tuesday. "This partnership makes us stronger and gives Super-Pufft the ability to expand into the United States faster because of the logistics of our location."

"This partnership gives both of us the strength we need to capture a bigger share of the market," Amrouch added. "Super-Pufft has a large part of the (private label) business in Canada, and this will help both of us grow our base in the U.S.," Amrouch added.

According to Amrouch, his company has been looking throughout the Southeast for a new facility. "The challenge at our Miami facility was space, and that is why the plant here is such a good fit. It allows us to go after the bigger contracts," Amrouch said months ago when he announced the purchase of the Perry plant.

It appears those plans are already coming to fruition with the announcement of Amrouch's partnership with Super-Pufft President/CEO Yousif Al-Ali.

The Al-Ali family immigrated here from Iraq more than 20 years ago and purchased Super-Pufft -- an outdated popcorn plant. In just a few years, the family accomplished their vision of converting the company

into a state-of-the-art snack food facility, exporting snack foods to more than 30 countries, including Belgium, Mongolia and Israel.

In the last several years Super-Pufft has completed a \$6 million plant expansion project to double its kettle chip production, and – with the aid of a \$1 million investment from the Ontario government's Jobs and Prosperity Food and Beverage Growth Fund -- Super-Pufft recently invested nearly \$9 million to purchase and install a new canister crisp line at its 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility located just west of Toronto.

These investments helped the Canadian snack manufacturer double its production capacity and capitalize on new export opportunities, leading to Super-Pufft hiring more than 35 additional full-time employees.

Super-Pufft USA President Mahmoud Amrouch is hoping to oversee the same type of growth and expansion here in Perry and credits local officials with making it all possible.

"I was very impressed with the teamwork between the TCDA, city and county. They made it all happen in a very short period of time," Amrouch said. "When we looked at sites in other states they took a while to get back to you, but here they had us on the agenda at the very next meeting."

"It all happened very quickly. Scott Frederick helped facilitate everything with the broker, myself, city and county," Amrouch said. "City council members, county commissioners and Tax Collector Mark Wiggins

were all instrumental in making this happen. I was shocked after seeing how it would take months when we looked at other sites, and within a matter of just a few days or weeks Perry and Taylor County made it happen."

"With their new location in Perry, Super-Pufft can

now reach 20% of the nation's population with an overnight truck shipment," Frederick said. "This will expand the market share of both companies immediately."

"They will use the Jacksonville port for overseas shipments, and there are a lot of 'dead head' trucks leaving Florida empty that we can

use to transport product out in a cost-effective manner," Frederick added.

Amrouch said that there is still a very real possibility that the local plant will be expanded to include packaging in the future, adding that the recent merger with Super-Pufft "makes it more likely."

REWARD



Help us find our King Pnut

He has been missing since Saturday June 16th from the Polhill/Pisgah/Franks Fair Lane roads around the gas plant.

- Less than 5 lbs.
- Stands on his hands to pee.

Please call (850) 843-1008 or (850) 843-7240 if you have any information or sightings of our missing family member.

NOTICE

The City of Perry

2017 Consumer Confidence Report

will not be mailed to each customer this year, but will be published in the

Friday, June 22, 2018

edition of the **Perry News-Herald.**

Copies are available at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The dog-lover event of the summer:

Dog Wash this Saturday, June 23



In an effort to reduce high vet bills, the Forest Capital Humane Society will host a dog wash Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The wash will be held at the Second Chance Thrift Store (1409 S. Jefferson St.).

All proceeds go to the Forest Capital Humane Society. This event is

especially great for elderly dog lovers, or anyone who has a hard time washing their furry friend at home.



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Mr. Willie Hugger

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We'll always cherish the times we had and smile just at the thought. The magnitude of joy your life brought to us in your almost ninety two years words can't express.

We thank God for the blessings he bestowed upon us, you were and will always be the greatest dad, grandfather and mentor to each of us.

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