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**Little Miss Red,
White & Blue****Brannen crowned**

Lauralai Brannen (second from right) was crowned the first Little Miss Red, White & Blue (age division 9-12) during ceremonies held Friday, June 22, at Forest Capital Hall. Her court included (from left) Baileigh Montgomery, third place; Paityn Clark, first place; and (far right) Riley Lynn Sadler, second place. U.S. Army First Lt. Tyre Maddox (back) joined the contestants on stage during the evening gown competition to pose the question, "Why do you love America?"

**Meacham crowned**

Autumn Meacham (second from left) was crowned Little Miss Red, White & Blue in the 6-8-year-old age division. Her court included: (from left) Destiny Jackson, second place; Anna Grace Bembry, third place; and Lainey Lovett, first place.

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Commission reduces salary of Community Services post

At their June 19 meeting, county commissioners voted unanimously to reduce the salary for the recently-created Community Services Director position, after learning County Administrator Ted Lakey failed to follow board policy by not seeking board approval before establishing a salary range for the new position.

In addition to voting to lower the position's starting salary from

\$48,686 to the \$42,000 amount commissioners approved on May 7, several board members raised the possibility of no longer funding the position during upcoming budget discussions.

Based on Lakey's recommendation, county commissioners voted to create the new Community Services Director (CSD) position on March 5 to address a number of job duties previously being

handled by Lakey, Assistant County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton and several other department heads.

Lakey told commissioners he decided the vacant library director position could be eliminated and the duties consolidated into a new "Community Services Director" job description.

"I've been scratching my head trying to figure out how to address all of these needs," Lakey said.

"We need a person to be responsible for these things...we are handling them now, but we have many other responsibilities," Lakey told commissioners.

Two months later, at their May 7 meeting, commissioners voted 5-0 in favor of Lakey's recommendation to hire Deidra Newman to fill the post overseeing the public library, county boat ramps,

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County approves 'park host' plan for Hampton Springs

The Hampton Springs Advisory Committee reported "significant" progress in its quest to protect and promote the historic site, with the Taylor County Commission moving forward with its recommendation to establish a "park host" position for the park.

County commissioners voted last week to accept the proposed "park host" application and job description outlined by the committee.

"We have also presented the commission with a budget regarding the cost of putting in a concrete RV pad and related hook-ups for the park host, along with additional security lights, cameras and a monitor," said County Grants Coordinator Melody Cox, who is working with the park committee.

"The initial budget request is for \$25,500. After that, we estimate that the recurring annual expenses will be just \$2,500," Cox said. "The RV pad will be placed in a location where it will be very visible, but still will not interfere with

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Monday fire

Smoke billowed out of vents and windows of a Park Street home yesterday, as a fire of unknown origin wreaked havoc on the interior of the residence. According to City Firefighter R.B. Lee, four city firefighters, with the assistance of county and forestry firefighters, responded to the fire at 204 Park St., after a call came in at 1:02 p.m. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, however firefighters noted that the resident was in the process of remodeling. No one was injured.

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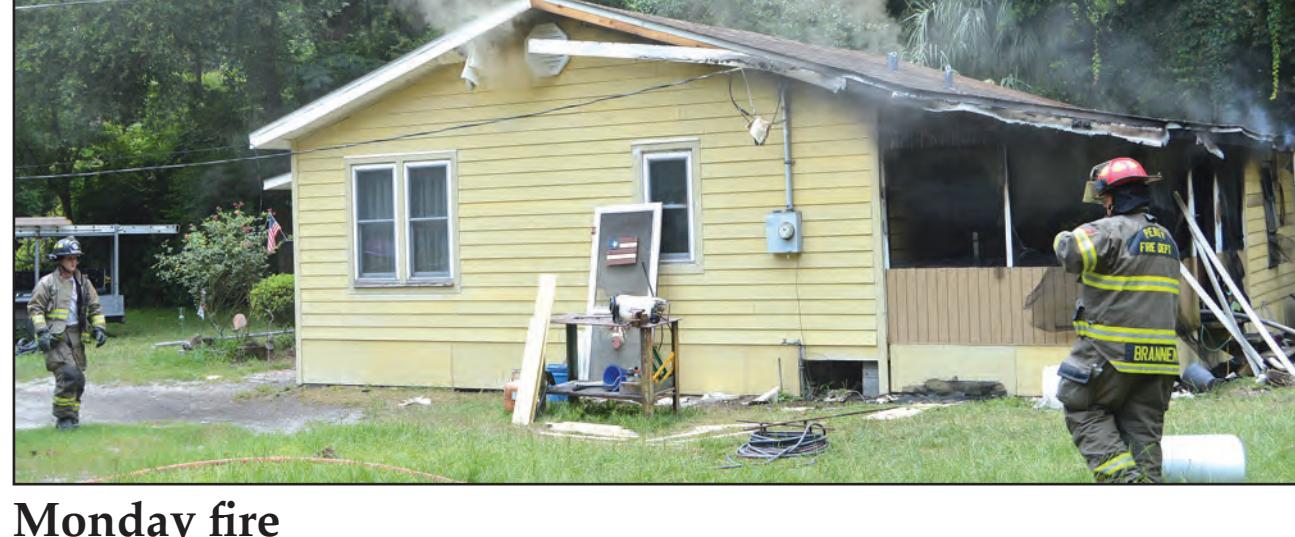
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Principals outline plans for improvement

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students are working hard. We also appreciate the support we have from the community.

"Administrators know they will be held accountable, and changes are being put in place and teachers know they will be held accountable because our children deserve a quality education," Glover said. "Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a year or two to see results."

The FSA has two tests, one for English Language Arts (ELA), which is given to students in grades 3 through 10, and the second for math, which is given to grades 3 through 8. Additionally, the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Science Assessment is administered in grades 5 and 8. Students taking certain classes also took state-mandated end-of-course (EOC) exams and those results were also released by the Florida Department of Education (DOE).

On most FSA tests and EOC exams, students are placed in one of five achievement levels based on their scores, with a three or above considered satisfactory (previously known as proficient) and at grade level (or passing in the case of EOC exams). This is also one of the many measures by which schools are graded by the state, in addition to learning gains. DOE will release school grades later this summer.

Taylor County was close to the state satisfactory average in five of the 21 district-wide categories, but it only exceeded the state average in third grade math as well as those taking the U.S. History EOC. Looking at the Algebra I EOC scores by grade, Taylor County eighth graders also exceeded the state average. (For a full breakdown of the scores by grade level, see chart above.)

When compared to its immediate neighbors, Taylor mostly fell in the middle of the pack -- behind Lafayette and Dixie counties and ahead of Jefferson and Madison counties. In some instances, such as the U.S. History EOC, Taylor led all of its neighbors.

Looking more broadly at the FSA scores, dividing students into age groups -- elementary (grades 3-5), middle school (6-8) and high school (9-10) -- Taylor County consistently ranked near the bottom of the state. Locally, among elementary-age students, 48 percent scored satisfactory on the ELA exam compared to the state average of 56 percent, while 54 percent scored satisfactory on the math exam (the state average was 62 percent).

Among middle-school-age students, 46 percent scored satisfactory on the ELA exam (state average: 53 percent) and 52 percent scored satisfactory on the math exam (state average: 58 percent). At the high-school level, only 31 percent of students scored satisfactory

on the ELA exam, compared to 53 percent at the state level.

However, the district did see year-to-year improvements in every age group except for high school ELA. Taylor's best finish was middle school math, where it ranked 45th out of Florida's 67 counties. It's worst was high school ELA, where it was 64th out of 67 counties.

Taylor County Elementary School

Taylor County Elementary School (TCES) officials are touting year-to-year improvements in students' scores, which also outperformed many neighboring and surrounding elementary schools and districts. Third-grade ELA scores came in at 54 percent satisfactory, just 3 points below the state average of 57 percent. Students scoring at Level 1 was five percentage points below the state average, 15 percent compared to the state's 20 percent.

Additionally, school officials said that out of 239 students tested, only 14 were required to attend summer reading camp. This is down from the 21 required to attend last year.

Third grade math scores rose four percentage points over last year, coming in at 68 percent satisfactory, four percentage points above the state average.

Fourth grade ELA scores rose seven percentage points to 52 percent, below the state average of 55 percent. Fourth grade math maintained its position at 52 percent satisfactory, again below the state average of 62 percent.

TCES fifth graders increased two percentage points in ELA to 44 percent (state average: 51 percent). Fifth-grade math scores, however, dropped 11 percentage points, coming in at 42 percent satisfactory, well below the state average of 60 percent.

"We are proud of our

teachers, staff, students, and families for all of their hard work. We have many areas to celebrate and some areas in which to improve," TCES Principal Sabrina Lytle said.

"The small number of students required to attend summer reading camp is a testament to the hard work of our teachers and support staff. Our leadership team is analyzing data and preparing for the 18-19 school year to (improve) in the areas of need and maintain the areas where we are seeing success. Our faculty and staff are committed to increasing student achievement in all areas," Lytle said.

Steinhatchee School

"This year the FSA scores for ELA and math were not what we had projected or planned for," Steinhatchee School Principal Marion McCray said. "When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. That is what we are doing at Steinhatchee."

According to McCray, the school's turnaround plan includes: "make no excuses; plan for the future; hire a full-time ESE teacher; extra reading/

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2017-18 FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SCORES

Grade Level	STATE	TAYLOR	DIXIE	JEFFERSON	LAFAYETTE	MADISON
	% of Students (Level 3 and Above)					
03-Third	56.9%	54.6%	64.6%	36.0%	64.1%	54.6%
04-Fourth	55.6%	46.8%	47.6%	47.3%	52.4%	48.4%
05-Fifth	54.8%	42.9%	49.0%	30.9%	43.0%	38.1%
06-Sixth	51.6%	49.7%	40.0%	28.9%	48.8%	34.4%
07-Seventh	51.0%	42.3%	44.4%	30.3%	53.3%	38.5%
08-Eighth	57.6%	44.0%	52.8%	28.3%	73.3%	51.2%
09-Ninth	53.3%	24.3%	47.4%	27.0%	51.8%	35.5%
10-Tenth	53.2%	39.0%	50.5%	47.4%	64.0%	43.1%

2017-18 FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT MATH SCORES

Grade Level	STATE	TAYLOR	DIXIE	JEFFERSON	LAFAYETTE	MADISON
	% of Students (Level 3 and Above)					
03-Third	61.7%	68.3%	63.8%	46.7%	69.2%	59.6%
04-Fourth	62.1%	50.7%	61.5%	53.6%	83.3%	56.4%
05-Fifth	60.7%	40.8%	48.8%	32.7%	79.1%	43.7%
06-Sixth	51.5%	47.7%	16.1%	26.1%	65.9%	33.8%
07-Seventh	54.0%	48.2%	39.9%	36.8%	83.7%	45.2%
08-Eighth	44.7%	40.6%	28.1%	40.9%	62.2%	37.8%

2017-18 NEXT GENERATION SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS SCIENCE SCORES

Grade Level	STATE	TAYLOR	DIXIE	JEFFERSON	LAFAYETTE	MADISON
	% of Students (Level 3 and Above)					
05-Fifth	54.9%	51.0%	70.2%	29.6%	65.1%	38.2%
08-Eighth	50.1%	39.3%	43.7%	25.0%	68.9%	32.1%

2017-18 END-OF-COURSE EXAM SCORES

Grade Level	STATE	TAYLOR	DIXIE	JEFFERSON	LAFAYETTE	MADISON
	% of Students (Level 3 and Above)					
Algebra 1	60.9%	46.1%	50.6%	29.7%	65.2%	39.2%
Geometry	56.3%	36.8%	48.8%	12.9%	76.2%	37.8%
Biology 1	64.9%	47.9%	57.3%	45.5%	84.6%	60.0%
Civics	70.6%	57.1%	70.0%	54.8%	73.3%	69.0%
U.S. History	67.5%	71.9%	47.7%	47.1%	65.8%	56.5%

intervention time; make schedule changes; modify curriculum; make relevant instructor changes; provide professional development in best practices; and focus on growth mindset, goal setting, motivation and discipline."

"We worked really hard last year with the Florida Legislature to get extra funding for Steinhatchee School," Glover said, noting that school is now financially self-satisfactory. "In previous years, we had the scores, but we were worried about how to pay for the school. This year we have the funding in place, but the scores dropped. Now we need to pick up the scores."

Taylor County Middle School

With the release of FSA scores for Taylor County Middle School (TCMS), Principal Kiki Puhl is predicting the school will return to a grade of a "B" after several years at a "C."

"After looking over all of our data, we definitely have had time to reflect on both our strengths and areas which we need to improve in," Puhl said. "We made increases in seven out of our nine graded areas, which is outstanding."

"We are extremely pleased with our increase in our seventh grade Civics EOC scores and would like to congratulate our eighth grade Algebra classes, which had a passing rate of 90 percent this year," she said.

According to McCray, the school's turnaround plan includes: "make no excuses; plan for the future; hire a full-time ESE teacher; extra reading/

and 1B.

"The two areas that we need to concentrate on for the 2018-19 school year is science and our lowest quartile in ELA. This year we will be returning to seven periods, which will allow us to have intervention classes that will focus on these lower scores."

Taylor County High School

Taylor County High School's (TCHS) bright spot was the results from the U.S. History EOC exam, where 73 percent of students scored at or above satisfactory, higher than the state average of 68 percent.

"Our kids have done an outstanding job of responding to the high expectations we have set for them on our campus," Principal Charles Finley said. "We have partnered with some surrounding successful schools and feel strongly that we have a plan moving forward to give us a chance to improve in all deficient areas."

Finley outlined a widespread package of changes TCHS plans to implement next year, including "adjusting our course progressions to give our students the best opportunity to be successful both on the test and in the classroom, mirroring Lafayette County."

TCHS will no longer offer Algebra 1. Instead, students will be placed in Algebra 1A

reading to all Level 1 and 2 students until they achieve satisfactory on FSA ELA or get the required score. The school will also be moving to a seven-period day to "assure all TCHS students are provided an opportunity to earn an industry certification or dual enrollment," he said.

"We are looking at individual teacher scores to assist us with building our master schedule, putting our strongest teachers in all state-assessed areas," he said.

High-achieving FSA students will also be rewarded with a field trip lined up in the fall.

TCHS will offer intensive

"These students will take Liberal Arts Math their sophomore year in hopes they are much more prepared to be successful in Geometry their junior year," Finley said. This also mirrors Lafayette's approach.

Honors Biology will still be offered to the school's ninth grade honors students.

Regular Biology will be offered to juniors after

they have successfully completed Ag Foundations

and Environmental Science,

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said.

On most FSA tests, students are ranked in one of five achievement levels based on their test scores, with a score of three and above considered satisfactory. Taylor County and many surrounding school districts showed improvement in many subjects, but were still below state average.

According to figures recently released from the Florida Department of Education (DOE), Taylor County students across the district, grades three through 10, showed improvement in the FSA English-Language Arts (ELA) exam -- going from 42 percent in 2017 to 44 percent this year -- but are still below the state average of 54 percent.

For mathematics (FSA and EOC exams), third through eighth graders across the district scored 53 percent -- a jump of 4 percent from 2017 -- but still below the state average of 60 percent, according to DOE figures.

Fifth-grade science students scored 51 percent for the statewide assessment, increasing their score 2 percentage points from 2017, while eighth-grade science students dropped 7 percentage points from 2017, scoring 39 percent (including statewide assessment and Biology 1 EOC). Sixth through 12th grade students who took the Biology 1 EOC stayed at their 2017 score of 48 percent.

"I feel like we could do a lot better. The students deserve better, and the teachers deserve better. I know as a board there's not a lot we can do. That's Mr. Glover's decision ultimately," Mathis said. "When we perform poorly, that's a representation to people that our expectations are low, especially when we continue to re-hire people that are accountable for those scores."

"Our superintendent and our administrators are the ones that put those people there," Mathis continued.

"Seeing where we are now, are there any concerns as far as reassessments of staff or administrators? Are you looking at moving anyone around? Have you factored in the needs that we're showing, as well as the experience and knowledge of staff to create an effective plan moving forward?" Board Member Deidra Dunnell asked Glover.

Glover did not address each of Dunnell's questions, but rather stated, "Yes. One thing that all the schools will have next year -- and the

teachers have asked for this -- is full-time instructional coaches. So each of our schools will go back to a full-time instructional coach. We were able to restructure in the schools to have that. We'll have to talk about Steinhatchee School, but the primary, elementary, middle and high schools will have full-time instructional coaches."

Dunnell brought up the subject of absenteeism in the district, stating, "We can no longer coast. I want to be on the team that if we sit down and look at this stuff, let's really sit down and really look at this stuff. It's not going to look good, but if we're not going to change anything as far as our people, our administrators or our teachers, we've got to come up with an effective solution. We can't just keep getting by."

Glover touched on a few specific improvement points, such as asking teachers to set up appointments with schools in similar districts to see what they're doing differently.

"It's good that people are fired up and upset," Glover said. "It's a good thing people are caring. The other thing we have to do is give a chance for our plan to work, we don't want them (staff) feeling like we're not supporting them in our plan to move forward."

Dunnell explained that she wants to support the district's plan, but used the analogy of a football game to illustrate her concerns, "If a team is not doing well, they lose the coach. They're going to change their offensive and defensive strategies."

"I feel like if we're going to look at teachers and say, 'is that teacher working?' That's no different than looking at our administrators and saying, 'is that administrator working?'" Dunnell continued, "But you (Glover) supported it, so I'm going to support your reappointments (of staff)."

Board members also highlighted concerns over the district's lack of action regarding several of Steinhatchee School's FSA scores.

Glover explained that although fifth grade students at Steinhatchee School scored "very low" on ELA and Math FSA, they did well in science. This would be great news, except those science scores don't count, as "you have to have at least 10 students, and they didn't have enough in each grade to make that."

"That would have really helped them, but they only had nine fifth graders. If

they would have had one more student, this would have really bumped them up heavily," Glover said.

Board Member Danny Lundy asked Glover whether enrollment had changed throughout the year, "We didn't have a dozen (students) and then all of the sudden we could only get nine to test?"

"We knew all along we weren't going to test (be able to count the scores)?" Board Chairwoman Brenda Carlton asked.

"Yes, that's true," Glover replied.

Mathis stated that she was "very upset" over the news about Steinhatchee School.

Although board members expressed frustration over the scores, they felt there were "high points" and "things to

celebrate."

"Just like with any team, you've got to practice and practice," Board Member Bonnie Sue Agner said. "Sometimes it takes a little longer to get people to function the way a team should function, but I think he (Glover) has a great team put together. Like he said, we need to give it time. Give it one more year with these teams and we should see improvement. If we don't, then we don't need to sit here and just think it's going to happen."

According to Agner, the district also needs to trust in the Lord, "Sometimes you just have to be still -- that's a hard thing for people to do -- and let the Lord work. I know some people would

balk at me saying that, but I honestly believe prayer is powerful and 'In God We Trust' is about to be put back in our schools everywhere."

If you go back in time, there was a time when we prayed in school. What I'm saying is this, if we let God work and put Him first, I believe we will have a good school system. And I'm not saying everyone's going to be a Christian, that's probably not going to be the case, but what you do apart from love is empty."

"Can I add, love is an action," Dunnell chimed in, "I truly believe if we demonstrate it more, our students will feel the nurture and the support, and I definitely think the absenteeism will improve."

They'll start showing up, they'll feel like they matter. Research does show if students are constantly feeling low and pressured, it affects their performance."

"There are some areas we're going to have to concentrate on and it's going to take some extra help. We need to look at it," Carlton said.

"I'm still trying to figure out how if you know you've got nine students and you know you're not going to get counted..." She continued. "We need to look at something earlier in the year."

Glover and school board members will meet with principals to hear plans for improvement at the June 28 workshop.

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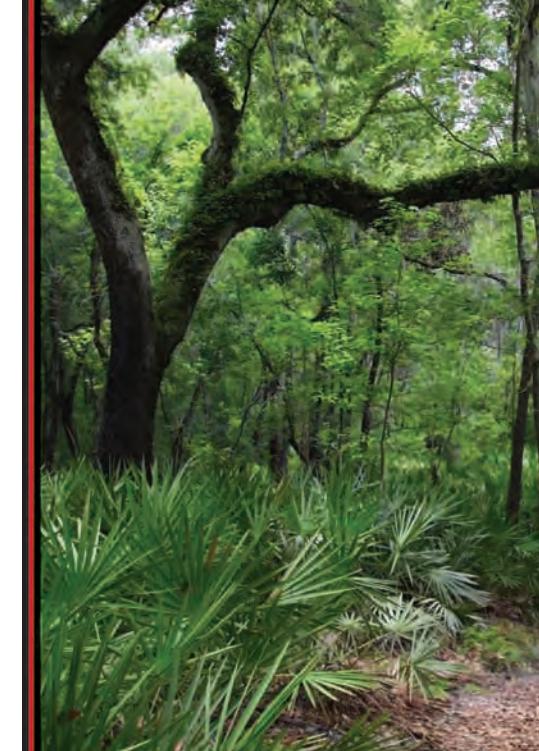
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parks and recreation and managing community centers and facility rentals.

At the county's June 19 meeting -- less than four months after the position was created and just six weeks after it was filled -- commissioners voted to correct the position's salary and discussed the possibility of eliminating the position entirely, in addition to hearing Newman was on administrative leave for an undisclosed reason and discussing a report that an estimated 5,000 books have been removed from library shelves.

Clerk of Court Annie Mae Murphy initiated discussion, stating she had provided a packet of information for each board member showing the board had approved the new CSD job description and a salary of \$42,000 at their March 5 meeting.

"And, if you look on your compensation plan of your personnel policy, it says the pay grade at the time of appointment shall be the minimum of the pay scale," Murphy said. "The board needs to keep in mind that this was a new job description and was not plugged into the classification salary schedule that you adopted."

"Under Florida Statutes 125, Mr. Lakey is supposed to recommend to the board a current position grade classification and pay plan for all positions, and that has not been done. The schedule that you actually approved was \$42,000, and unless the board corrects it otherwise, it is my intention to cut that salary back to the \$42,000 the board approved," Murphy said.

"Is this a matter that we need to discuss publicly as a board? Or, would these matters need to be handled with the county administrator?" Commissioner Malcolm Page asked County Attorney Conrad Bishop.

"I have discussed this with the county administrator, the chairperson and Mrs. Murphy. The statute cited is the county administrator section of 125 - 125.74 -- and two subsections," Bishop said.

"The long and short of it is this: The salary of this particular position should be approved by the board and should be \$42,000. Pursuant to that, I talked to Mr. Lakey and advised him that it is my opinion the employee should be told and that the salary should be \$42,000."

"The employee has been paid once or twice at the higher rate, but there is not a whole lot we can do about that, but to be fair to everyone, including the employee and other employees, it should be cut back to \$42,000 going forward."

"Keep in mind that at some point the board needs to establish a pay range for that position," Murphy said. "Because you approved \$42,000 and the range that was actually set by the county administrator was \$43,763 to \$63,457. You did not make any decision on that range. You are going to have to establish that because you approved a job classification schedule for all county positions several years back."

"The job description and the position you approved back in March is not keyed into that classification schedule or the compensation plan adopted under board policy back on Sept. 15, 2014," Murphy said. "At some time the board will have to do it because he (Lakey) can't do it. His contract and Florida Statutes say he must recommend a range to the board for approval," Murphy said.

"The range was not established arbitrarily," Lakey interjected. "It is the same range that is used for most departmental directors now. It was not established arbitrarily by me."

"Actually -- excuse me -- the job was advertised under pay grade 250, but pay

grade 250 is not a director's position," Commissioner Steve Spradley stated. "Pay grade 250 is for a library manager and that ranges from \$32-47,000. So, I was shocked when I saw that (range) this morning. This pay range I would assume was a 300 or 305 pay grade.

Lakey stated the position was filled with a 310 pay grade range.

"She was hired under 310, but the advertisement was for 250," Spradley said.

"The 310 pay range starts right at \$43,763, which is pretty close to the pay you approved," Lakey explained.

"What? How did we approve that?" Spradley asked.

"You approved the \$42,000," Lakey answered.

"Well, we need to adjust it back to \$42,000," Commissioner Thomas Demps said.

"Actually, the board did not approve a pay range. All you approved is \$42,000 period," Murphy pointed out.

"So, at some time the board will have to decide what you want that range to be. If you want it to be back at the library manager level, you are going to have to cut back that pay range to the 250 level," Murphy said.

"You know, we have a budget coming up, and by all accounts it will be a tight year. I don't know if at budget time we can continue to fund this position. Do you hear what I am saying, board?" Page said.

"Yes, I do," Feagle replied.

"My feeling is today is that we follow the attorney's advice and move the salary back to \$42,000, which is what it should be, but then later on down the road we may not be able to afford this position anymore," Page said.

"I know the library is short-handed, and we can't expect LaWanda to do 10 jobs. She needed some help over there at the library," Page said. "This was a good place to start a beginning employee with the intent of filling in over there so those folks can take vacation, because they are entitled to do that. But, if this thing is not working out...somewhere along the line I feel a lawsuit coming Mr. Bishop."

"If I start working and you promise me \$49,300 and you cut me to \$42,000, I may get a little disgruntled. I might work for that or I might quit or I might sue you," Page said.

"I would like to say that when we advertised it internally, it was at \$42,000, and when it was advertised externally we realized we needed a range and that is where mistake came," County Human Resources Director Marsha Durden said. "For that we are sincerely sorry, and we want to figure out how to fix it."

"This is a very, extremely awkward situation, and there may still be legal repercussions from this. It is embarrassing," Feagle stated. "I am of the opinion now that ever since we started with this position -- I don't know about y'all -- but I have gotten a lot of calls and comments about this position. I have decided I wish we had not approved this position -- now I am talking about the position, not the person. I wish we could just have the librarian (manager) position that we had, which was paid \$33,000."

Feagle continued to state, "Part of the responsibilities that was put with this position was something that was taken away from somebody who got a pay increase to assume those responsibilities. So, I think it was a mistake to approve this position. And I certainly think it was a mistake for anybody to come up with a salary range with the board not being privy to any of that, and then we hear about it out there...and here we are today. I hope this never happens again."

Durden told commissioners if the decision was to change the pay, the county's employment law attorney

recommended the employee keep what had already been paid out and then be notified of the change going forward.

"What if we decide we don't want that position anymore?" Feagle asked.

"That is always your choice," Durden responded.

"That is our option," Page said.

"That is always your option," Durden said.

"But what are the repercussions of that?" Feagle asked.

"Commissioner Page asked about inviting a suit," Bishop said. "Cutting the pay back is an invitation, which I think you have to do, but eliminating the position at the same time is another if you follow what I am saying. Especially with the timing of it, too."

Feagle then addressed Durden, asking who set the position's salary.

"Now, as the HR director, are you the one that set the range, or did Mr. Lakey set the range? Who actually set the range of \$43,000 to \$60,000?" Feagle asked.

"I will take responsibility for that, because it was very close to the amount you approved," Lakey said. "Every job on that pay plan has a range, so I thought it would be very close to that range."

Lakey then made a recommendation that if the board no longer wanted the position, to wait until budget time to no longer fund it.

"Wasn't this job more than just a librarian? What I remember was this person was going to have their hands full of a bunch of things," Commissioner Jim Moody asked.

"Yes, it was going to handle rental of Forest Capital Hall, the community centers, both boat ramps and manage our local parks and coastal parks," Lakey replied. "There is also an opportunity of having an unfunded position at the library because of this. In the ultimate scheme of things, we may save money. She has done some really good things at the library already."

"Sounds like she is doing a lot more than she was getting paid to do to start with," Moody said. "When you put all those things...if she is doing a good job with all those things."

"It was not just a library director position," Lakey said.

Spradley said he opposed to cutting any of the library services currently in place, mentioning the bookmobile that travels to Steinhatchee.

"We are not cutting services to people in Steinhatchee, Lakey said.

"Could you explain to this board what happened to the 5,000 library books?" Page asked.

"They are in storage. They are behind a curtain in the library," Lakey replied. "What she did is remove every book that had not been checked out in five years. She wanted to free up a section

of library for enhanced programs. They are in boxes and they are going to be inventoried by the Friends of Library, who will go through every book to make sure we are not going to surplus any historical or military books."

"So, we still have possession of the books?" Page asked.

"Yes, we do," Lakey said.

"You hear a lot of rumors and things. It is almost like we need to back up and punt, and do this thing over again," Page said.

"You certainly have that opportunity during budget time," Lakey said.

Page then made a motion the county set the position's salary at \$42,000 and Moody offered a second.

"I just have a question," Feagle said. "If this board were to not fund the position next year. Is he (Lakey) correct in saying (not funding it next year) is a good way to do it?"

"I would have to research that, but I will tell you that in my opinion that might be something we may end up in some type of litigation over," Bishop said. "I am going to sound like a lawyer, and I am sorry, but you can be a defendant in a case that is frivolous. We don't know if it is frivolous or not at this particular point in time because we have not had this situation before. But, this is something you need to seriously consider either way. I haven't really answered your question, but you follow what I am talking about."

When Murphy pointed out that all employees are on probation for the first six months, Commissioner Thomas Demps asked,

"When you hire a person you put them on probation and can get rid of them for any reason? So you can hire someone when you think that is what you want to do and then two months later you change your mind and you

just chop them off. Is that what you do? What are we talking about? It seems we are doing something here that is not right."

"It has to be a fair reason," Durden answered, pointing out the employer must have documented unsatisfactory behavior and adding that the first six months allows employers more protection from frivolous lawsuits.

"Is it true or not true that this person is on administrative leave right now?" Feagle asked.

"It is true that this person is on administrative leave," Lakey replied.

"I think we are getting ahead of ourselves," Spradley interjected. "We are correcting the salary issue now. Whether or not we maintain this position in the future, we still need a library director, I am assuming. When this first came out, I think everyone was taken aback as far as the broad range of all of the responsibilities."

"I think it is premature to talk about probation and all that. We need to be aware of what the responsibilities are, and perhaps the county administrator should come back with a re-evaluation on that position," Spradley added.

"The person seems to be doing a fine job. My recommendation would be to wait until we get into the budget and discover if we have the money."

"We have to work within the Sunshine Law, so the only time we can discuss anything is up here. We had a motion and second on salary range, but at some point and time if this board needs to discuss something, we need to be able to discuss it," Feagle responded.

"But how long are we going to..." Spradley asked.

"As long as we want to," Feagle replied.

"I am done discussing that," Spradley replied.

"You mentioned administrative leave," Page said.

asked Lakey. "Do you have any feel for how long this will be? Because we are still short-handed down there at the library."

"I think it will end today," Lakey replied.

"Going back to what Steve said, we have a motion to deal with the salary. But, this other discussion probably needs to take place at a different meeting a little later on. We have some time, except we don't have anyone down there helping with the library right now," Page said just before calling for a "question" (end of discussion) and triggering a vote on the motion.

The board voted 5-0 in favor of Page's motion to set the CSD salary at \$42,000 per year.

"We still are going to have to talk about this at budget time," Page added.

County officials confirmed this week Newman had returned to work following a temporary paid administrative leave (June 12-22) and had been cleared following an investigation into an unrelated personnel matter involving a co-worker.

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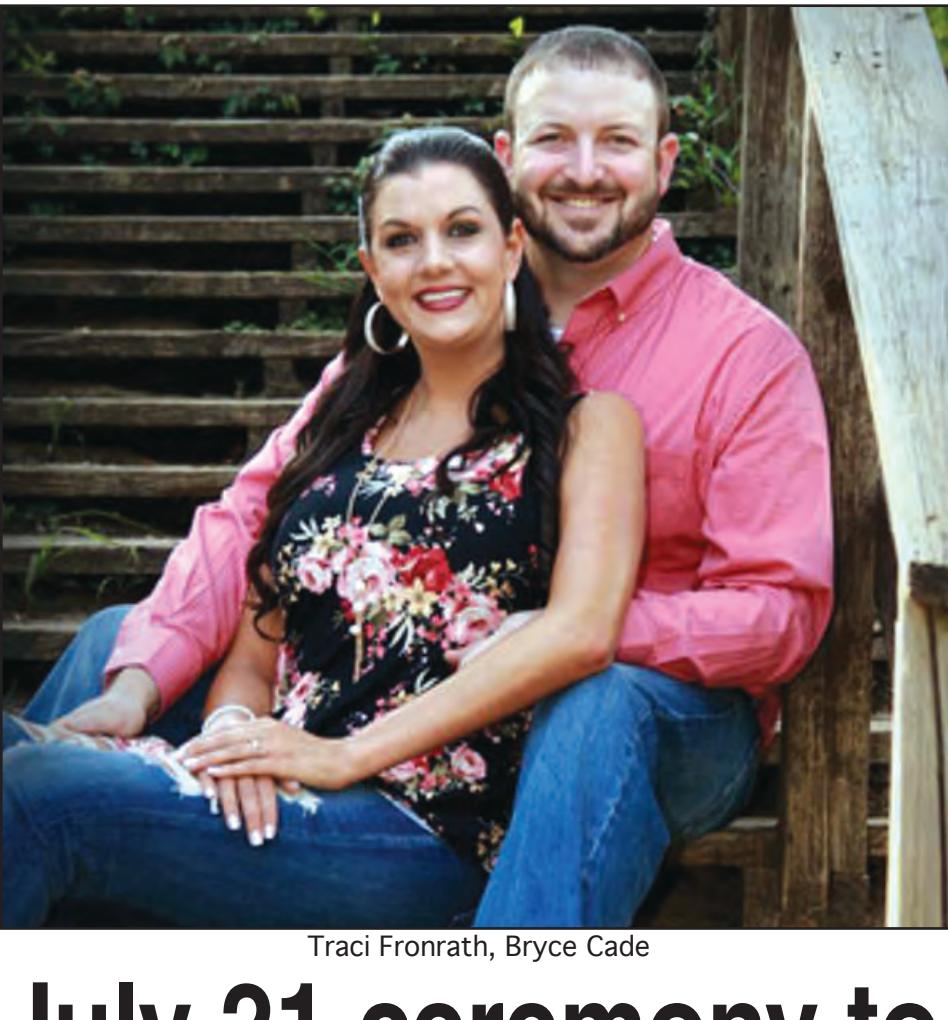
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Traci Fronrath, Bryce Cade

July 21 ceremony to unite Fronrath, Cade

Robert Fronrath of West Palm Beach and Joy Fronrath of Perry announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Traci, to Bryce Cade, the son of Brad Cade and Angie Blair, all of Perry.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Perry

Elks Lodge.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Cindy Agerton. The prospective groom is the grandson of Shirley Blair and Gwen Cade.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Sandy Toes club hits the ground running in 2018

Submitted by the SANDY TOES RED HAT SOCIETY

The Sandy Toes Red Hat Society is happy to look back at the wonderful events we have enjoyed while kicking off the new year.

We started the new year with three new members. Welcome to: Debbie Hover, Debra McGrew and Faye Hubbard.

We also have a new "Vice Queen." Cherie Rowell will assist and help Marcia Parker this year. Thank you Cherie!

A special "Thank You" to Betty Mauldin and the Red Hat volunteers who visit Marshall Health Rehab Center once a month. This love ministry delights many of our shut-in friends.

The first time we visited, we made all our new friends a red hat of their own -- with purple and red flowers, feathers, ribbons, bows and hat decorations. We always serve them snacks, cookies and refreshments as they sing along with the piano.

Another Red Hatter is Marion Rhodes, who makes that piano dance. Thank you Marion, we love you.

Each month, residents enjoy different arts and crafts projects. Our Valentine's Day Party was held at The Venue



downtown. We shared the love, hearts, friendship and fun of being sisters. Our hostesses were Vickie Collins, Faye Hubbard and Elaine Richardson. Our birthday girls recently were: Alice Lengle, Peggy Parker, Faye Hubbard and Selma Le Page.

In March we had our annual auction and met at Fiddler's Restaurant in Steinhatchee. Yes, we all brought our "treasures" so we could buy our friends' "unwanted treasures." The hostesses were: Anna Basch, Alice Lengl, Toni Hall and Debbie Hoover. Our Red Hats gave a donation to the Taylor County Historical Society from our auction.

We moved into spring with a class on cake decorating. The class instructors were: Elaine Fenstermacher, Mary Carter and Sandy Coleman.

All the girls decorated their cupcakes and joined together making a Mickey Mouse and a Donald Duck cake for the Marshall Rehabilitation Center.

Each member brought a sack lunch, and we ate and chatted together. Then they listened to the instructions on using basic star tips and a leaf tip. There were 39 ladies in the class, held at the Faith Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

A huge "thank you" to Elaine and Mary for baking cupcakes, as well as the Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck cakes. Plus, they also baked a friendship cake for each person attending the class. Everyone received a friendship cake as a door prize. Birthday girls were Mona Forbes and Debra McGrew. We were proud of their beautiful decorating skills.

In April we lost another beloved Red Hatter. On April 18, 2018, Mae Jean Holton became a precious Red Hat in Glory! Her memorial we wrote was simple: "She was an angel here on earth, as well as GOD'S perfect angel up in Heaven. May the loving memories comfort the pain in our hearts."



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Reunions

TCHS Class of 1959

Save the date! The Taylor County High School Class of 1959 will hold its class reunion Saturday, July 21, at noon at Fiddler's Restaurant in Steinhatchee.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling (850) 584-3159 by July 13.

Bird Island Reunion

The annual Bird Island Reunion will be held Saturday, July 7.

Family and friends are invited to bring a dish and tea to share.

Lunch will be served at noon; there will not be a fireworks display this year due to liability concerns, organizers said.

Ezell Family Reunion

The annual Ezell Family Reunion will be held the second Sunday in July (Sunday, July 8) at the Day Community Center, starting at 11 a.m.

All family and friends are invited to bring a basket lunch to share.

For more information, please contact Zelda Ezell Dietrick at (386) 294-2080 or Libby Ezell Singletary at (386) 294-1168.

It pays to be 'Tobacco Free'

Foley Cellulose Mill has announced a "Tobacco Free" policy, making the entire facility free of all tobacco products. This policy was developed in partnership with Tobacco Free Florida and the Florida Department of Health after many months of planning, preparation and education.

"I believe our partnership with Tobacco Free Florida made a tremendous impact on our success in becoming a tobacco free facility," said Scott Mixon, Public Affairs Manager for Foley Cellulose. "We are fortunate to have Tobacco Free Florida in this community."

Prior to implementation of the new policy, which went into effect earlier this year, Foley Cellulose staff worked with Tobacco Free Florida, the Florida Department of Health and Big Bend AHEC (a local tobacco cessation organization) to ensure mill employees were provided with tobacco cessation education and resources.

"We began our communication efforts well in advance to achieve a successful transition," Mixon added. "Our employees were provided phone, group, and web options to help them quit smoking and improve their health."

Tobacco free worksites protect employees from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, and can also encourage current tobacco users to reduce their use and help those who are trying to quit, said Martine Young, tobacco prevention specialist in Taylor County.

"Adopting a tobacco free worksite is an easy and cost-effective way to improve employee health, and your bottom line. Each year, cigarette smoking costs the United States more than \$298 billion in workplace

productivity, as well as about \$2,000 more per smoker on an employer's insurance costs compared to that of a nonsmoker," she said. "Our staff is trained to assist businesses of all sizes and industries take the next step towards helping their employees."

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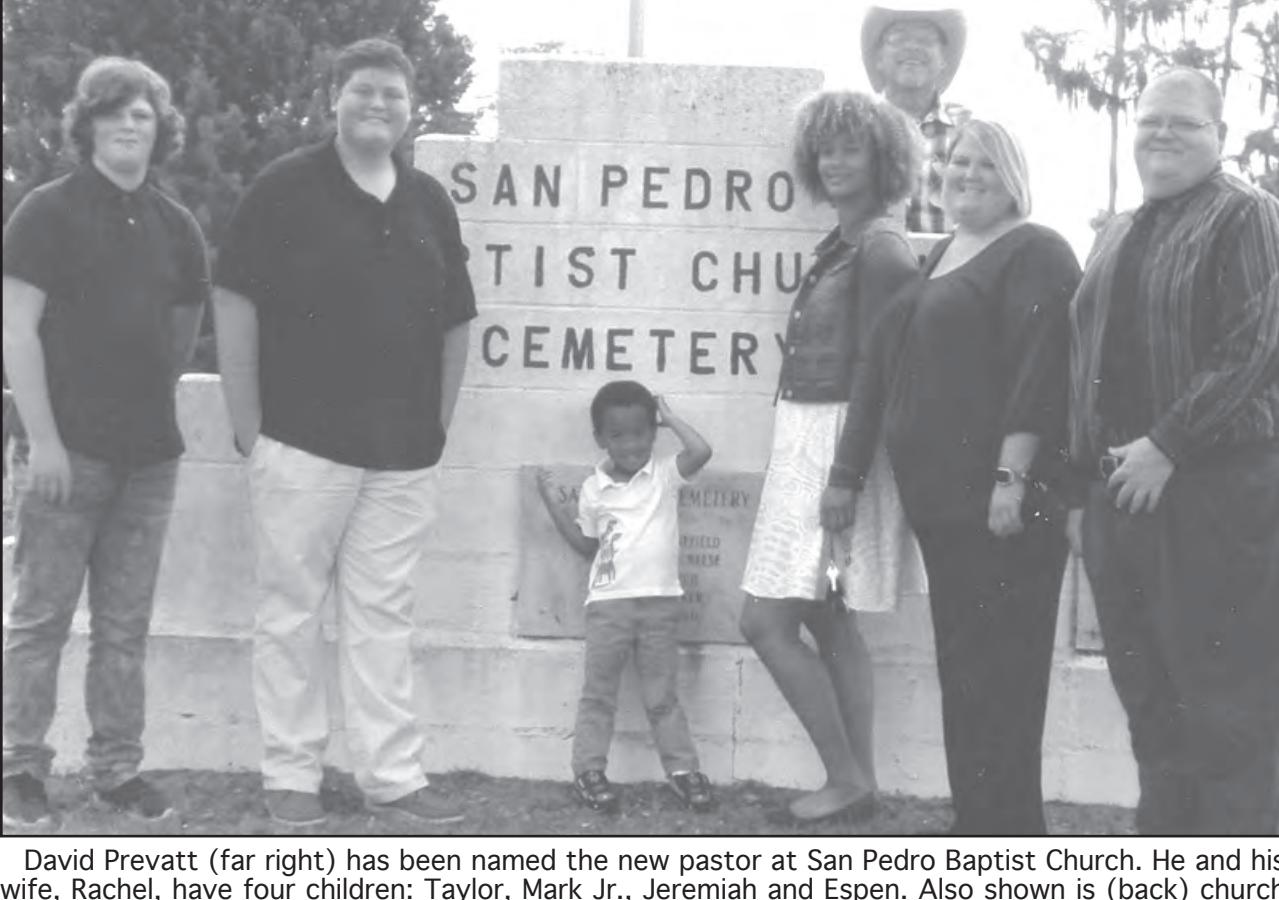
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David Prevatt (far right) has been named the new pastor at San Pedro Baptist Church. He and his wife, Rachel, have four children: Taylor, Mark Jr., Jeremiah and Espen. Also shown is (back) church member Robert Hair.

San Pedro welcomes new pastor

San Pedro Baptist Church invites the community to join its members in welcoming their new pastor, David Prevatt.

Prevatt and his wife, Rachel, have four children: a daughter, Taylor Clemens; and sons Mark Prevatt Jr., Jeremiah Prevatt and Espen Hugh.

VBS now underway at 4 churches

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is underway at four local churches this week, and children have the opportunity to experience the free programs tonight (Wednesday) and through the end of the week:

• Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church: "God Squad," continues through Friday, June 29, with dinner at 5 p.m. nightly followed by an opening assembly at 5:45 p.m.

Church services are held on Sundays, beginning with Sunday School at 10:10:45 a.m.; worship services, 11 a.m. to noon; discipleship training, 5-6 p.m.; and evening worship services, 6-7 p.m.

Choir practice is held every Wednesday from 6:6:30 p.m. followed by Bible study from 6:30-7 p.m.

• New Home Baptist Church: "Game On!" continues through Thursday, June 28, 6 p.m. nightly.

• First Baptist Church: "Game On!" continues through Thursday, June 28, dinner at 5:15 p.m. nightly followed by classes at 6 p.m.

• Calvary Baptist Church: "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus," continues through Thursday, June 28, from 5:15-8:15 nightly.

Early worship is planned for summer Sundays at First Presbyterian Church

For the next six weeks, morning worship services will begin at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, effective this Sunday, July 1.

The Rev. John Helgeson, interim pastor of the church, invites everyone in the community to join the congregation for worship at this early time.

Although Sunday School classes will be held this Sunday

at 9 a.m., they will be in recess for the remaining Sundays of July until the school year gets underway again in August.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 584-3826.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 310 Plantation Road.

Obituaries



Annie Josephine Brannen

Annie Josephine Brannen

Annie Josephine Brannen, 91, died June 21, 2018, in Perry, after a long courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Annie Jo was born March 20, 1927, in Boyd to Jefferson William Walker and Bessie Duncan Walker. She was united in marriage to George Yancie Brannen on Jan. 1, 1947, after his return from active service duty during World War II. He preceded her in death Sept. 24, 2017. They were happily married and devoted to each other for 70 years.

Annie was of the Baptist faith and a dedicated member of Lakeside Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary for many years. She loved her family and is remembered by them as a selfless, loving and Godly Christian woman.

Annie was an expert seamstress who sewed for her family, as well as for others, including original

wedding dresses and bridal party attire. After her husband's retirement in 1989, they both became very involved in Red Cross disaster relief work, traveling to many states during times of crisis.

Annie was preceded in death by: her husband, George Yancie Brannen; her parents, Jefferson William Walker and Bessie Duncan Walker; and her brothers, Luther Walker, C. D. Walker and Charlie Walker.

She is survived by: her son, James M. Brannen (Mitzi McBride), and her daughter, Elizabeth Anne Morgan (Fred E. Morgan Jr.); her beloved brother and sister-in-law, Zara Arthur Brannen – affectionately known as Uncle Moe – and Imogene Brannen; her three grandsons, James Yancie Brannen (Kelli), Henry Blake Morgan (Elizabeth) and David Yancie Morgan; and six great-grandchildren, Bain, Charlie, Kylie, Logan, Henry and Eric; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 25, at 5 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church with Pastor Steven Ruff officiating. Interment services followed immediately afterward in Pisgah Cemetery. The family received friends from 4-5 p.m. Monday, June 25, at Lakeside Baptist Church.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Perry. Donations in Annie Jo's memory may be made to the

Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 301 East Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

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Peggy Sue Blondheim

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Fort Myers woman airlifted after Sunday crash

A Miami Beach man was cited for careless driving after falling asleep at the wheel and crashing into a motorcyclist Sunday afternoon on U.S. Highway 27.

The motorcyclist, Linda Ratliff, 56, of Fort Myers, was airlifted from the

scene and flown to Shands Hospital in Gainesville with serious injuries.

The crash happened at 3:45 p.m., just east of Connell Cemetery Road. Benjamin Perry, 47, of Miami Beach, told the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) he fell asleep and that

was why he ran his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado truck into the back of Ratliff's 2006 Harley Davidson.

The resulting impact caused the motorcycle to overturn and skid across the highway, FHP Trooper James Parker Jr. reported. Ratliff was ejected from

the bike during the crash.

Both vehicles were westbound on U.S.

Highway 27 when the wreck happened, with Ratliff traveling ahead of Perry.

The Taylor County

Sheriff's Office, Taylor County EMS and Taylor County Fire-Rescue all assisted at the scene.



A Fort Myers motorcyclist was airlifted to Shands Hospital in Gainesville with serious injuries following a Sunday afternoon crash on U.S. 27. Skid marks can be seen on the roadway where the helicopter landed.

Hospital staff praised for care

EEE VICTIM

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around, but it is going to be a long hard road," he said.

"The folks at Shands have been outstanding. They really care and are truly professionals. Doctors' Memorial Hospital (DMH)

Emergency Medical Services personnel were the first in a long line of heroes, as they recognized she needed to get somewhere quick and made sure LifeFlight flew her out from the beach immediately," he said.

Casey was admitted to Shands nearly four weeks

ago; it took doctors eight days to confirm a diagnosis of EEE, a potentially fatal mosquito-borne virus.

A GoFundMe account has been established to assist with medical expenses. Updates regarding Casey's condition can be found at CaringBridge.org.

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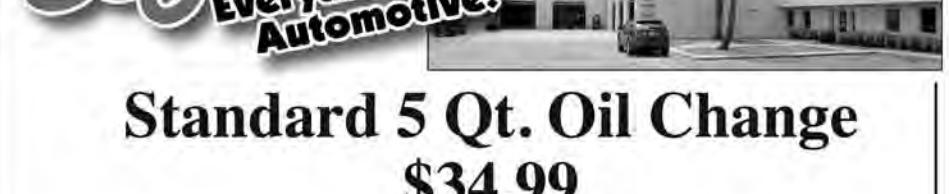
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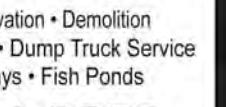
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12 Bulldogs attend 'Down 'N Dirty' Camp

Taylor County High School (TCHS) sent 12 players to the annual "Down 'N Dirty" Lineman Camp at Webber International University in Lake Wales this past weekend, and Bulldogs' Offensive Line Coach Eli Biddy reported that the camp was a tremendous success.

"The physical and mental demands this camp required

are the hardest things these young men will face during their high school playing careers. The practices consisted of four stations -- which included: offensive

run block, offensive pass protection, defensive run stop and defensive pass rush," Biddy stated.

Those attending included: Travis Day, Brent Williams, Cason Heartsfield, Nathon Heartsfield, Michael Sparrow, Tony Hinkle, Gregory Warf, Nathan Hendry, Caleb Hugger, Drew McElveen, Adam Sellers and Max Kallschmidt.

All 12 of the TCHS players that attended the camp made it through every practice session successfully and competed exceptionally well during the final competition session, which tested their endurance.

Many times throughout the camp Coach Biddy and new Bulldogs' Assistant Offensive Line Coach Bronson Sweatt noticed the Bulldog players were at the front of every line, being put in the spotlight and used as examples of how drills should be carried out and for giving the type of effort college coaches are looking for.

Individually, all of the boys

representing Taylor County competed with intensity and toughness despite the extreme temperatures and fatigue.

"Senior Travis Day regularly dominated opponents and wasn't afraid of any challengers who wanted a shot at him," Biddy said. "The undersized Max Kallschmidt is a high-energy, lead-by-example kind of guy. His energy and effort rubs off on others around him, which is refreshing to see."

Kallschmidt won first place in the pass rush competition for his group, as well as coming in third place in the board drill segment.

The Bulldogs' two freshman linemen -- Drew McElveen and Cason Heartsfield -- were runners up in the "Escape from Baghdad" competition.

The Bulldogs had eight of their 12 camp participants competing in the "Big Boy" group, which consisted of juniors and seniors weighing 240 pounds or more.

"Our five starting offensive linemen -- Adam Sellers, Travis Day, Nathan Hendry, Tony Hinkle and Greg Warf -- along with the three starters on the defensive line -- Kaileb Duffell, Michael Sparrow and Nathon Heartsfield -- were our eight in the 'Big Boy' group. Those eight guys dominated that group while winning multiple events and at least placing in every event that was held," Biddy said.

"The boys from Taylor County left a major impression on the camp

organizers and coaches," Biddy stated.

The Bulldogs' freshman trio consisted of Cason Heartsfield, Brent Williams and McElveen, who coaches moved up to the Jr/Sr 230 lb. and lighter group, along with Kallschmidt.

McElveen -- a 6-2, 230 lb. 14-year-old freshman -- was the talk of the camp after he flattened a junior lineman from a 7A school in South Florida.

"All of the freshmen performed beyond expectations. They are a tough and talented trio. These next four years are going to be fun watching them grow and progress," Biddy said.

"I could say so much about every single young man that went, but at the end of the day it's a team sport. They all worked hard and supported each other throughout the entire camp," Biddy said.

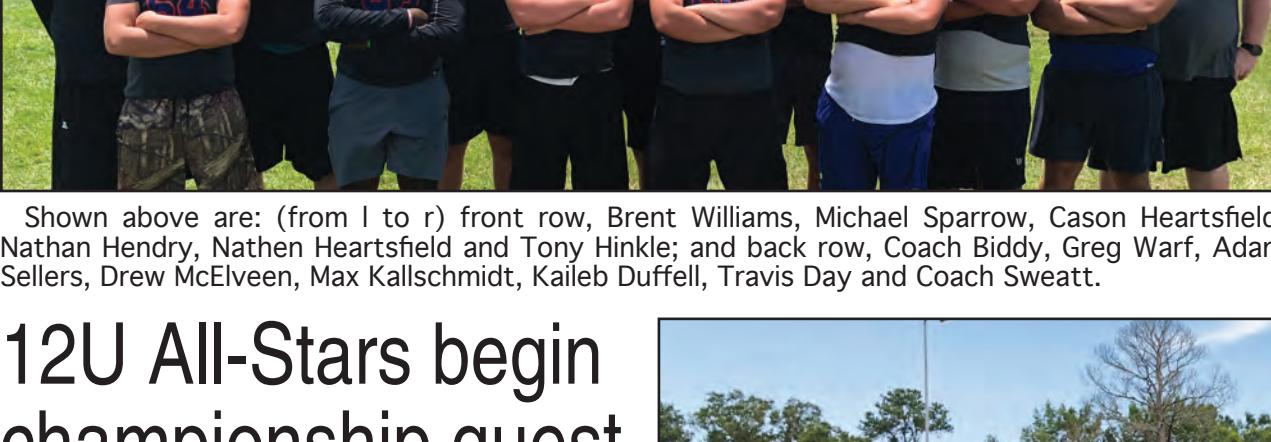
There was a meeting every night that covered everything from football drills, character building and even a faith-based Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting where coaches shared their testimonies.

"The camp doesn't just make you a better player, it makes you a better man and builds mental toughness -- especially once you complete the full seven sessions," Biddy said.

Coach Biddy's wife, Ashley, is a registered nurse and traveled with the group again this year to monitor hydration levels, while making sure all of the linemen were safe and ready for practice.



Drew McElveen pancakes an opponent during a board drill" at the Down-N-Dirty football camp.



Shown above are: (from l to r) front row, Brent Williams, Michael Sparrow, Cason Heartsfield, Nathan Hendry, Nathon Heartsfield and Tony Hinkle; and back row, Coach Biddy, Greg Warf, Adam Sellers, Drew McElveen, Max Kallschmidt, Kaileb Duffell, Travis Day and Coach Sweatt.

12U All-Stars begin championship quest Thursday afternoon

The Taylor County 12-and-under (12U) All-Star softball team is set to begin their state championship quest this Thursday in Lake City.

Taylor County's All-Stars will be one of seven teams competing for a state championship in the 12U division this weekend, competing against teams from Fort White, East Orange, East Bay, Oviedo, Santa Fe and Gainesville.

Due to there being an odd number of teams, Gainesville will receive a bye in the first round.

Taylor County is slated to take on Santa Fe Thursday at 2 p.m. for the chance to advance to play the winner

of the Oviedo and East Bay game on Friday at 10 a.m.

If Taylor County were to lose to Santa Fe in the first round, they would be bumped to the loser's bracket to face the loser of the Oviedo and East Bay contest in an elimination game Saturday at 6 p.m.

Players for Taylor's 12U All-Star team traveling to Lake City include: Macy Dean, Kolby Newton, Morgan Lundy, Laura Brannen, Kaitee Roberts, Tanner Nix, Courtney Dyer, Autumn O'Quinn, Morgan Whetsel, Rhianna Hamilton, Destin Brown, Hayden Durham and Lilee McCall.

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The Taylor County 12U All-Star team will play in the state championship tournament starting Thursday in Lake City. Shown above are: (from l to r) back row, Coach Sally Roberts, Coach Annie Nance, Autumn O'Quinn, Rhianna Hamilton, Hayden Durham, Morgan Lundy, Morgan Whetsel, Courtney Dyer and Head Coach James Burkett; and bottom row, Laura Brannen, Lilee McCall, Macy Dean, Tanner Nix and Kaitee Roberts. Not pictured are: Coach Ray Baker and players Destin Brown and Kolby Newton.

6U All-Stars will face South Orlando Friday

The Taylor County 6-and-under (6U) All-Star softball team will take on South Orlando Friday morning at 10 a.m. in the first round of the state tournament in Lake City.

If Taylor County's 6U All-Star team defeats South Orlando, they will play the winner of the Oviedo-Keystone game on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

If the Taylor County girls

lose the first round game on Friday morning, it would send the local All-Stars into the loser's bracket to face the loser of the Oviedo-Keystone game on Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

six brackets with four teams in each bracket (24 total teams).

On Sunday, once the leaders of each bracket are determined, the tournament transitions to a single-elimination format until a champion is crowned -- with games stretching into Monday if necessary.

Each team is guaranteed

The Taylor County 6U All-Stars were declared champions of District 4 without having to play a game after none of the other teams in the district fielded a 6U all-star softball team.

The local 6U All-Star team is led by Coach Bryan Howard and Coach Brandi Crowley, who selected a 12-player roster to represent Taylor County, including: Izabella Archer, Ella

Blanton, Adrienne Crowley, Dariyah Gaddy, Tori Howard, Lydia McElwain, Dallas Nash, Layla Padgett, Caydance Slayton, Eva Slayton, Kimora Woullard and Mariyah Woullard.

8U Baseball All-Stars to compete in state tourney

Taylor County's 8U All-Star baseball team is ready to face off against some of the best teams in the state of Florida this weekend in Palm Beach Gardens after winning their district tournament to earn a spot in the state tournament.

In the district tournament,

Flagler, Manatee and Chiefland), while outscoring their opponents 19-11.

The first three games of

the state tournament will be

"pool play" against other

teams in the same bracket,

before the top teams in each

"pool" (or bracket) advance

to play on Sunday. There are

bracket (which included

Shands Hospital in

Gainesville, friends, family

and community supporters

are rallying together to raise

Phipps Park (Martin County), Sarasota and JCB Thunder (Julington Creek Baseball in St. Johns County) will be the three other teams in Taylor County's bracket.

Taylor County will begin

play Thursday morning,

with their first game against

the JCB Thunder at 10:30

a.m.

The 8U All-Stars will then have a break until Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. when they will face off against Sarasota.

Taylor's final match-up in

the bracket is against Phipps

Park scheduled for Saturday

at noon.

The 8U All-Star team

traveling to Palm Beach Gardens to compete in the state tournament consists of: Willie Calhoun, Mason Campbell, Keatyn Carter, Tyler Clark, Bailey Fletcher, Drayden Flowers, Bentley Hudson, Ralph McCracken, William Padgett, Brady Parker, Toney Powell III and Tuf Sands.

Baseball tournament will benefit Knowles family

Local youth baseball coaches, players and teams are invited to take part in a June 30 baseball tournament at the Taylor County Sports Complex to raise money for the family of Zack Knowles, a local six-year-old boy who

was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

While Zack continues to

undergo tests and treatments

at Shands Hospital in

Gainesville, friends, family

and community supporters

are rallying together to raise

funds to help the family cover medical and travel expenses, as well as lost wages.

The tournament will

include players ages 8-12

with an entry fee of \$250 per

team.

Each team is guaranteed

to play at least three games -- with the first two games in a "pool play" style tournament, followed by a single elimination game as teams compete for the championship.

There will also be a

"fastest pitch" contest and a "home run derby" with individual awards for each age group.

General admission will be \$1 at the gate, with all proceeds from the tournament being donated to

Knowles and his family.

For more information,

contact: Chandler Tuten (850) 843-5560, Garret

Murphy (850) 838-6461,

John Reams (850) 295-4956

or Drew Taylor at (850) 673-

9206.

At the Booking Desk

Editor's Note: It is the policy of this newspaper to run the names of all those arrested and booked at the Taylor County Jail. All those listed below have been charged with a crime, but are considered innocent until proven guilty.

June 1:

Isidro Felix Jimenez, 41, Texas, DUI, Ptl. Chaffin, PPD.

Gabriel Finn, 39, 1019 W. Malone St., domestic battery, criminal mischief, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.

Valerie C. Cruce, 31, 3298 Vera Ln., VOP, Officer Rowe.

Anita Holyfield, 34, 2821 Glover Carlton Rd., VOP, Officer Rowe.

Edward Porter, 27, 121 Crit Jones Rd., VOP, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

Zachary David Booker, 21, 215 N. Alston St., Apt. B, FTA-- disorderly conduct, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

Melinda Buckhalter, 51, 214 Buckhalter Way, VOP - petit theft, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

Darius R. Robinson, 29, 1155 E. Pinecrest St., possession of cocaine with intent, possession of controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, Det. Norris, PPD.

Tiffany D. Murray, 35, 2080 Bernard Johnson Rd., out of state warrant, Det. Norris, PPD.

Eugene Bubba Foster, 58, 209 W. Alice St., possession of ammunition by convicted felon, operating a drug house, Det. Norris, PPD.

Johnnie Simmons, 55, Lamont, possession of ammunition by convicted felon, sale of cocaine within 1000 ft. of church, possession of cocaine within 1000 ft. of church, Det. Norris, PPD.

June 2:

Trenton Allen Jones, 20, 1702 N. Johnson Stripling Rd., grand theft of firearm, obstruction without violence, Trp. Clement, FHP.

Jina Kristen Baumgardner,

24, 4949 Jones Baumgardner Ln., criminal mischief, Sgt. Young, TCSO.

Shaquille Smith, 23, 902 W. Homer J. Smith Ave., aggravated assault with deadly weapon, Ptl. Chaffin, PPD.

June 3:

Amberley Raquel Smith, 39, 2151 US N. 221, trespassing on occupied structure or conveyance, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

Efrain Pacheco, 44, Alabama, no valid drivers license, Sgt. Curry, PPD.

Jameson Tyler Dubose, 28, 2450 Andrew Morgan Dr., violation of injunction for domestic protection, Ptl. Phelps, PPD.

Bridget Nicole Davis, 19, 2348 Golf Course Rd., dating violence (battery by strangulation), trespassing occupied structure or conveyance, disorderly intoxication, resisting officer without violence, Capt. Franklin, PPD.

June 4:

Ivan Carpio, 46, 2080 Bernard Johnson Rd., VOP, Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.

Kurtis Morris Sr., 37, Tallahassee, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, Ptl. Chaffin, PPD.

James Taylor, 38, 44 Mack Cruse Rd., VOP, Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.

Shay Smith, 21, 2151 US Hwy. 221 N., sexual battery on person 12 or older, tampering with victim, sexual battery (rape) female victim, lewd or lascivious battery, lewd and lascivious molestation, false imprisonment of child, false imprisonment, Sgt. Hayden, TCSO.

June 5:

Dustin Charles Wimberly, 32, Greenville, domestic violence battery, Dep. Thigpen, TCSO.

Andre D. Thomas, 36, 308 W. Willow St., VOP - petit theft.

Marguerite Ellison, 55, 2080 Benard Johnson Rd., possession of controlled substance with intent, Det. Norris, PPD.

Michael Lorenzo Barnes, 33, 507 E. Bacon St., corruption by threatening public servant, child abuse, reckless driving, battery on law enforcement officer, resisting officer without violence, Ptl. Smith, PPD.

June 6:

Norma Jean Lampp, 77, 2765 Byron Butler Pkwy, hold for state hospital, Officer Parker.

Michael L. James, 31, 3132 Ma Dixon Rd., possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, Sgt. Hayden, TCSO.

June 7:

Marcus Glover, 30, Cross City, VOP, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

June 8:

Jeremy Brown, 27, 133 Jenkins Rd., VOP, Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.

Chanda Yvette Manning, 44, 711 W. Bacon St., simple domestic battery, Ptl. Smith, PPD.

Frederick Dean Sellers, 46, 711 W. Bacon St., simple domestic battery, Ptl. Geyer, PPD.

June 9:

Melonie Thomas, 45, 165 Oakland Dr., VOP, Officer Maiullo.

June 10:

Robert Ryan Knight, 34, 6580 Hwy. 19 S., VOP, Dep. Ericson, TCSO.

Justin Williams, 32, 1670 Hwy. 221 N., possession of methamphetamine, habitually driving with license suspended, Dep. Thigpen, TCSO.

Douglas Christopher Collins, 50, Greenville, burglary to structure/conveyance, theft from vehicle, criminal mischief less than \$200, Ptl. Bass, PPD.

Robin A. Hilson, 36, 4888 Oxford st., retail theft, Ptl. Geyer, PPD.

June 11:

Committee compiling list of repairs, improvements

HAMPTON SPRINGS

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the integrity of the site."

Rampant vandalism at the historic site, located some five miles west of

Robert Cade Chester, 28, Salem, VOP, Sgt. Young, TCSO.

June 12:

Jeffery Roberson, 21, 888 E. Roberts Aman Rd., FTA - petit theft, Sgt. Gulbrandsen, TCSO.

Billy Jack Gilliland, 44, 3720 Charles Sadler Ln., VOP - child abuse, Dep. Sumrall, TCSO.

Rodney Scott Davis, 56, 207 Marshall Dr., battery on emergency personnel, battery on law enforcement officer, Ptl. Cephus, PPD.

June 13:

Donald Wright, 29, 1502 N. Cherry St., possession of firearm by convicted felon, knowingly driving with license suspended, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, Ptl. Mitchell, PPD.

Joshua Keen, 30, 1862 Pine Bluff Rd., DUI, possession of less than 20 grams cannabis, Ptl. Mitchell, PPD.

Phyllis Ramirez, 44, Mayo, hold for Lafayette County.

Dale Evans, 21, 4686 Woods Creek Rd., VOP, Officer Holmes.

Eric Peterson, 44, 508 5th St., Steinhatchee, VOP, Dep. Ericson, TCSO.

June 14:

Sarah Epperson Butts, 62, Live Oak, DUI, Trp. Young, FHP.

Dee Ann Danford, 37, Crawfordville, resist/obstruct/oppose officer, false name to law enforcement officer, out of county warrant, Dep. Thigpen, TCSO.

Tom Edwards Williams Jr., 31, 8610 Potts Still Rd., trespassing property other than structure, theft, delinquency of

Perry off U.S. Highway 98, prompted the county to establish the advisory committee. Members were

"We are currently working on compiling a list of repairs and improvements for the park, as well as a set of rules for the site," Cox said.

paraphernalia, Ptl. Cannon, PPD.

James Joseph Leyden, 21, Spring Hill, controlled substance without prescription, reckless driving, Trp. Clement, FHP.

Gerri Leigh Wilson, 35, St. Petersburg, possession of methamphetamine, Ptl. Mitchell, PPD.

June 17:

Tacerra Karsha Fitchett, 19, Ga., no motor vehicle registration, operating vehicle with suspended license, possession of less than 20 grams cannabis, Dep. Wimberley, TCSO.

June 18:

Robert Brown, 42, 8198 Beach Rd., battery on law enforcement officer, Dep. James, TCSO.

June 19:

Kayla Holton, 31, 1883 Johnson Stripling Rd., VOP - possession of methamphetamine, Dep. Thigpen, TCSO.

Sandy Griffis, 39, no address given, warrant arrest - contempt of court, writ of attachment, Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.

Cody Williams, 30, 110 McNeese Rd., lewd battery upon child, transmission of harmful material to a minor.

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(Left to right) Little Miss Firecrackers (ages 6-8): Shaila Martinez, Ryver Arnold and Carlie Haworth.



(Left to right) Little Miss Firecrackers (ages 6-8): Kinley Wright, Da'Khiya Anderson and Abby Weaver.



(Left to right) Little Miss Firecrackers (ages 6-8): Kiley Tamme, Makayla Roberts, Alissa Russ and Chrissy Irvin.



(Left to right) Little Miss Firecrackers (ages 9-12): Macy Lundy, Honesty Green, Kayleen Hill and Bailey Shiver.

Fireworks, music & more July 4!

The newly-crowned Little Miss Red, White & Blue queens, along with their court and "Little Miss Firecrackers" will take center stage at the upcoming Fourth of July celebration at

Rosehead Park.

The young ladies will hand out free American flags during the patriotic event, slated Wednesday, July 4, in downtown Perry. Sponsored by the Perry-

Taylor County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Perry, activities will include live music, fireworks, a beer and wine tent (hosted by the Perry Rotary Club), arts and crafts, food vendors and

much more.

The entertainment line-up includes River Dan and the Tobacco Rd Band.

"It all starts at 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun," Chamber

Director Dawn Taylor said.

Admission is free.

Drive underway for fire victims

The Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) is coordinating a collection drive of household goods and clothing for fire victims in Franklin County.

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