

Commissioners back off tax increase

Ask departments to slash budgets 2.5%, will also pull from reserves

In one of the most tumultuous budget cycles in recent memory, Taylor County Commissioners have reversed course once again this week, signaling they will not raise property taxes as previously discussed and instead will ask all departments and constitutional officers to cut their budgets by 2.5%.

held Tuesday morning, all three commissioners -- Thomas Demps, Jim Moody and Steve Spradley -- who voted to raise the county's proposed millage rate by almost 7% in August -- indicated they were no longer in favor of raising taxes.

The commission will hold two public hearings this month to finalize the budget.

At the first, set for Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:01 p.m., the board will vote on its tentative budget and millage rates. The second public hearing will be held Monday, Sept. 17, at 5:01 p.m., during which the commission will vote on the county's final 2018-19 budget and tax rates.

The commission ended a series of budget workshops

in July with a plan to hold taxes at current levels and ask for a 5% across-the-board cut from all departments.

However, at an Aug. 1 special meeting to set the county's proposed tax rates, the commission -- in a 3-2 vote -- opted instead to raise the millage rate 0.5 mill or 6.89%, generating an additional \$672,670 in

revenue.

Once the commission sets its proposed millage rates, they can later be lowered, but cannot be raised during the subsequent budget hearings. The change would have cost taxpayers \$50 per \$100,000 in taxable value of their property (not counting homestead or other exemptions).

Shortly after the Aug. 1

meeting, commissioners announced they would hold a special meeting prior to the scheduled budget hearings to finalize the budget, as it was never decided how the additional revenue would be spent. However, at the start of Tuesday's meeting, Commission Chair Pam Feagle polled

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Thomas Craft, 63, was arrested Friday on drug charges after a search warrant was executed at his home on U.S. Highway 19 South.

Man, 63, busted for meth

The Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) took part in a "Deputies Without Borders" operation here, serving a search warrant early Friday morning at a home on U.S. Highway 19 South.

The search yielded 14 grams of methamphetamine, more than 20 grams of cannabis, prescription medication and assorted drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Ernest Craft, 63, the occupant of the travel

trailer campsite at 5429 U.S. Highway 19 South, was arrested and charged with methamphetamine, delivery of methamphetamine, possession of more than

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On private property Flood 'emergency' allows county to do road repairs

County commissioners called a special meeting Saturday, Sept. 1, at 1 p.m. to declare a "state of emergency" and authorize county workers to perform work in various areas -- including private property -- to alleviate widespread flooding issues experienced by local homeowners.

According to County Administrator Ted Lakey, higher-than-normal and heavy rainfall over the past several weeks has raised the water table and resulted in "many areas of the county being flooded."

"It came to Commissioner Pam Feagle's attention that at the end of East Ellison Road there was the possibility of homes being

flooded. I checked it out with County Engineer Kenneth Dudley, saw that it was an issue, and we discussed our options," Lakey said.

According to Lakey, on Saturday "the flooding got worse, so Commissioner Feagle called a special meeting to address the issue."

Due to notice of the meeting being provided by email just two hours prior on Saturday, Perry Newspapers did not have a reporter in attendance.

According to Lakey, during the Saturday meeting commissioners voted "to declare a county-wide state of emergency."

"East Ellison Road was discussed and approval was

given to dig a drainage ditch on private property (with the owner's permission) to ease the flooding into affected homes," Lakey said Tuesday.

According to Assistant County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton, County Public Works Department Director Hank Evans reported county workers dug "a ditch at the end of East Ellison Road to relieve an issue with standing water on that road."

According to Lakey, other commissioners then brought up additional homes being impacted by widespread flooding in the county, including situations

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\$9,500 in city right-of-way paved at councilman's business:

City council questions extra paving

While it may be legal, the City of Perry's decision to pave beyond the normal boundaries of a city street may give "the appearance of something illegal and unethical" to the general public.

Those were the sentiments expressed by Perry City Council members Venita Woodfaulk and Shirlye Hampton following the

completion of a city paving project that appears to benefit outgoing Mayor David Sullivan.

At issue is some \$9,500 in asphalt work on city right-of-way at the corner lot created by the intersection of Maurice Linton Road and Center Street, where Sullivan's business offices are located.

Earlier this year, the city

awarded a \$486,518 bid to Pigott Asphalt and Sitework, LLC out of Crawfordville to mill and resurface Center Street and Church Street under a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) grant that will reimburse the city for up to \$552,243 in project costs.

The project included

milling and resurfacing of approximately 11,170 lineal feet of Center Street and Church Street, as well as cross drain replacement, signal loop replacements, signing and pavement markings, guardrail replacement and curb ramp replacements.

The city later "piggy-backed" on that bid to address drainage issues at

the intersection in question -- which serves as an alternative route to avoid traffic signals on Hwy. 27 East -- and a section of Pate Street off of Hwy. 98.

Hampton broached the subject at last Tuesday's council meeting, which also marked Sullivan's final meeting as a council member after he declined to seek re-election earlier this year. Ward Ketring was elected to replace Sullivan representing District 5 in the Primary Election held that same day.

"With all due respect to Mayor Sullivan and everyone else, I just cannot sit here and not say something about the project on Maurice Linton Road. There are a few complaints with people saying 'I want to know what's going on' and I didn't have an answer. I thank you, (Public Works Director) Mr. Chester (McAfee) for explaining it to me, but it gives the appearance of something illegal and unethical. Everything's on your property, but they say it's the city property. But the appearance looks bad. The demolition of the pavement, and I guess the pouring of the parking area. I feel like I did something wrong when I voted yes," Hampton said.

"I did not know all of this was going to happen. Had I known, it would have been a 'no' vote. I feel bad about it, and I just want to go on record stating that it would have been a 'no' vote had I

known that all of this paving would have been done at your place of business. That's it, and I will bring it up at the next council meeting," she said.

"I got a lot of phone calls about that too. When

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City council members Venita Woodfaulk and Shirlye Hampton said they would have voted against a paving project in front of fellow council member David Sullivan's business if they had realized how close the city right-of-way was to his property line. "I'm not accusing you of doing anything wrong. It's a matter of how it looks," Woodfaulk said.

Crash leads to drug arrest

Drugs were found in the possession of a motorcyclist who fled deputies and crashed his bike into a ditch on U.S. Highway 221 Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 28.

The chase began when Lamar Daniel Nix of Perry was observed by Deputy Jordan Thigpen traveling northbound on Johnson Stripling Road at speeds of approximately 61 miles per hour in a posted 45 mile per hour zone.

Thigpen initiated a traffic stop, but Nix failed to pull over. He continued northbound

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Commission will hold budget hearings Sept. 10 & 17

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commissioners on their current opinions of the proposed tax increase.

"Before we get into the nitty-gritty of the budget, are we going to be thinking that we're going to have a millage increase, or has anyone changed their mind, either way?" Feagle asked.

"I did not vote for a millage increase, so I'm not going to change my mind," said Commissioner Malcolm Page, who along with Feagle voted against the increase at the Aug. 1 meeting.

"I did not either, and I'm standing by my decision," Feagle said. "I'd just like to poll the board."

"I did not vote for that millage increase," Commissioner Thomas Demps said. "I voted for the possibility that if we needed to, there was a chance. Never was my mind made up."

"Since we had that meeting, my constituents have told me, and from the information that I have gathered, we shouldn't increase the millage. Through hard study and prayer, that's where I'm at," Demps said.

"When we were at that budget meeting, we found no solutions," Spradley said. "The auditors said you should keep your reserves at a certain level. There was no give or take. And, that was the last opportunity we had -- if we need to raise the millage rate -- that we could



County Finance Director Dannielle Welch (far left) answers questions from county commissioners during a special budget meeting held Tuesday morning. Also shown are: (from l to r) Assistant County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton, County Administrator Ted Lakey, Commissioner Steve Spradley, Commissioner Thomas Demps and Commission Chair Pam Feagle.

... knowing we could always back it off at the appropriate time.

"Nobody wants a tax increase," Spradley said. "I heard from my constituents as well. Both sides. Most were concerned about the sheriff, but many did not want any tax increases. I'm confident that whatever (the commission decides), the sheriff will make it work."

"But, my intent is not to vote for a millage increase at next week's meeting," Spradley said.

"If we didn't talk about raising the millage, you couldn't go back and do it again, and there was always room to come down," Moody said. "I was thinking about the sheriff and the children in the schools getting resource officers. The sheriff's office seems like they can do with what they've got without a millage rate increase."

"I polled hundreds of people in the last two weeks, and 90% were against any kind of tax increase," Moody

said. "Ten percent of them said, whatever it takes to make the county safe, they were fine with that. But the ones who didn't want a tax increase really outweighed the ones who did want one. That's where I'm at."

With the commission seemingly in agreement to forgo a tax increase, the next question facing the board was how to balance its budget without the additional revenue.

According to County Finance Director Dannielle Welch, if the county were to keep tax rates level with the current year and implement the 5% cuts previously discussed, the county would be facing a \$129,000 deficit in the general fund after considering recent expenditures approved since the workshops, including start-up funds for the Taylor County Sheriff's Office's takeover of Emergency Management duties.

Feagle then asked what the deficit would be if the

commission requested 2.5% cuts from all departments, rather than 5%.

According to Welch, that would bring the deficit in the general fund to \$349,000, a difference of \$220,000.

Spradley then asked about the deficit if the commission asked for no cuts. Based on the earlier figures, that would bring the deficit to \$569,000. Feagle followed up by asking how much the county's reserve for capital projects would have remaining should the commission call for the 2.5% cuts and take the resulting in the \$349,000 deficit from reserves.

Welch said there would be approximately \$1.1 million left in the account.

Feagle's next question was addressed to the board, asking if any board members was interested in going with the 5% cuts.

"I can't -- unless I do some more hard praying -- go with taking the \$350,000 out of contingency at this time,"

Page said. "Because you're faced with the same \$350,000 (recurring deficit) next year and then the following year and the following year. In four years, you've used up a million dollars of your contingency."

"You've got to stop the bleeding somewhere," Page said. "We could get by for one year and kick the can down the road. I talked with a lot of citizens. I had one person say, 'Don't raise my taxes.' I had a number of people -- more than one -- who said, 'Don't spend your contingency money. I'd rather you keep that and raise my taxes.' So, either way you go, whether you raise taxes or spend your contingency, some people are not going to like it."

Spradley said he was in favor of the 2.5% cut, noting that the county will eventually receive around \$650,000 from FEMA in reimbursement for work replacing the pier at Hodges Park.

Feagle suggested the commission look to the city to help with a percentage of the expenses for several areas in which the county currently covers all of the cost, including the Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) and Doctors' Memorial Hospital (DMH).

Moody said he agreed with Feagle on asking for assistance from the city. He also stated he did not feel the sheriff's office could take a 5% cut, adding that 2.5% was "all I can do."

Demps added his mild support to requesting the 2.5% cuts, stating, "I can probably go along with that."

Only two members of the public spoke. Don Curtis thanked both the commission and the sheriff for the work they have done.

"I'm liking what I'm hearing today," said Curtis, referring to the apparent decision to avoid a tax increase.

A second person asked about the possibility of double taxation issues with asking the city to help cover some of the TCDA and DMH expenses.

At the end of the discussion, Feagle asked for a motion on the commission's desired course of action so Welch could properly prepare the budget in time for the first public hearing next Monday.

Demps made a motion to move forward with the 2.5% cuts, and Spradley seconded. The measure passed 4-0 with Page voting against.

Commissioners submitting road projects to staff for evaluation

FLOOD EMERGENCY

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in which emergency crews would not be able to reach certain residents.

"The board approved work on such areas on a case-by-case basis," Lakey said. "The County Road Department was going to work with Emergency Management to determine the need," Lakey added.

According to Taylor County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Chuck Mincy, while the Taylor County Emergency Management Department did not request the special meeting due to any specific weather event(s), staff is helping relay problem areas to county staff and documenting work done.

"While there has been some ongoing flooding issues that have been impacting the residents throughout the county, we do not currently anticipate any weather event that constitutes a state of emergency," Mincy said.

"Emergency Management Deputy Director Kristy Bethea Anderson is simply documenting any work that was done in case the county should be eligible to submit expenses for state or federal reimbursement in the future," Mincy added. "We are fielding calls and requests from the public who are concerned about flooding, and we are forwarding those messages to the county for consideration while documenting the work being done."

According to county

staff, a contractor (Boyer Construction) was hired to perform work on the following roads and adjacent areas over the weekend: Freeman Road, Ma Dixon Road, Courtney Grade Road, James Carlton Road, Richloam Road and Louzette Lane.

Anderson reported that as of Tuesday afternoon a total of 16 forms had been submitted for evaluation of various addresses in the areas of Courtney Grade, Ma Dixon, Beach Road and Ellison Road.

Additional information on each project was requested by Perry Newspapers to determine if work was performed on public or private property, but was not available as of press time.

"From what I understand, Taylor County Fire Rescue

is performing assessments on additional homes to determine if they are accessible by emergency responders," Pemberton reported Tuesday.

At the county's Tuesday morning budget meeting, Lakey gave an update on the weekend's events, stating that houses on East Ellison Road were near flooding on Friday afternoon, leading to the county calling a special meeting and declaring a state of emergency after getting advice from County Attorney Conrad Bishop.

Lakey reported "several areas were addressed over the weekend" after county staff determined emergency vehicles would reportedly be unable to travel through certain areas of the county.

Evans told commissioners that county workers were

85% done with the East Ellison Road drainage ditch project when the backhoe blew a hydraulic hose, but added the area was monitored over the weekend and "the problem had not gotten any worse...in fact the water may have gone down some."

"There is nowhere to put the water," Evans told commissioners, adding that "everywhere you try to drain it to is full of water."

At Tuesday's meeting Commissioners Feagle and Malcolm Page provided several other areas and names of roads for county staff to assess and determine if work is warranted.

Feagle stressed that the repairs were "on an emergency basis only," adding that she "appreciates what staff has done."

Commissioner Steve

Spradley stated TCFR Chief Dan Cassel assisted county staff in evaluating some of the areas, adding that the county had to hire a contractor to perform some of the work because the county did not have access to the specific grade of limerock needed to make the repairs.

"We are not rebuilding these roads...we are making them passable," Spradley said.

Feagle pointed out that funding to make the repairs would be pulled from each individual commissioners' road paving accounts.

According to Spradley, when the next tropical storm passes, the county will be working with FWC to do an aerial fly-over to "look at flood patterns and see why water is not flowing away as quickly as it should."

Florida Statutes generally prohibit spending public funds on private property

Numerous times over the years, the county commission has repeatedly declined to perform work on private property or roads not owned or maintained by the county, due to state law prohibiting taxpayers funds being spent on private property.

In order for public funds to be used for the construction, maintenance or repair of a road, the road (or property) must be a public road open to

and set apart for the public.

Multiple Florida Attorney General Opinions (AGOs) have stated that a governmental entity (such as a city or county) may not lawfully spend public funds to repair or maintain privately-owned roads, stating: "In order for public funds to be expended for the construction and

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Road condition blamed on standing water

EXTRA PAVING
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we were talking about it, that the right-of-way was going to be paved, I didn't understand it was the whole entire parking lot. We have got to think about the way it looks. Me, personally, I would not have paved my personal (property) at the same time. We have to think as a city council, as a whole, how it looks to the public," Woodfaulk said.

"What the city did, the city did. What any private property owner did, they can do. The city made sure where the lines were and we didn't pave anything that wasn't already paved before. We didn't pave any areas where there was grass. You had all the pictures and looked at it," City Manager Bob Brown said.

"Had I known that David was going to be doing his part at the same time, I would have voted no," Woodfaulk said.

"There wasn't anything coordinated between the city and David, or any private property owner," Brown said.

"How it looks – that's what we are saying," Woodfaulk said.

"Every bit of the property paved is the city right-of-way. Every bit," Sullivan said.

"Now there is a strip that is 12 feet by 36 feet that is beside my building that is millings, not paved. I had not even planned on doing the milling until after they got in there and started preparing...there is a big difference between what is paved and what is milling. It was in disrepair. Water was not draining properly. It was something that needed to be fixed. It is the city's property and their right-of-way," Sullivan said.

Sullivan: 'No paving on private property'

When asked for comment, Sullivan provided the following statement to Perry Newspapers: "All paving portions at 401 E. Maurice Linton Road are work that was approved by the council in a public meeting.

"I disclosed my conflict of interest in a public meeting and did not

Brown: FDOT approved specifications

City Manager Bob Brown provided the following comment:

"The paving on Church and Center Streets are being done with a FDOT competitive grant program for paving/resurfacing major local streets. The grant requirements are that they be designed/engineered to FDOT specifications by professional, licensed engineers," Brown said.

"FDOT has to approve the specifications and design before work can begin. FDOT requires that the ongoing work be inspected by an inspector that meets their requirements. These are essentially FDOT projects that are managed by the local governments that are awarded the grants. The local government has to pay the contractors using its own funds, using FDOT mandated forms, and then apply for



A short portion of Pate Street, near the intersection of Hwy. 98 next to the Speed Queen Coin Laundry, was also resurfaced as part of the extra paving approved by the city council, which "piggy-backed" on a larger paving project that included Church and Center Street and was funded by an FDOT grant.

"That's not how it appears," Hampton said.

"It's our job to explain to our constituents not just what it appears, but what the facts are. In this case, the facts are no paving has been done on my property," Sullivan said.

"I have no problem with what you did, but I have a problem with what the city did," Hampton said.

"What we did was legal. All that extra paving was per council member requests. We brought it to you, gave you pictures. You had the same amount of time to go look at it as you have on anything else on the agenda. The pictures we sent you show the property lines and stuff. I don't know what else we would have done," Brown said.

"Also at that meeting (where the council voted to approve the paving) I declared to all you guys that I had a conflict of interest in this matter, therefore I could not contribute to the discussion for the project or against it. I declined to

comment and also declined to vote on the matter. You were given all the information. I also filled out a conflict of interest form that goes to the ethics commission, and I also got an (legal) opinion on it. I don't know how I could have been any more forthright," Sullivan said.

"It's not like you can hide it – it's on one of the busiest corners in the entire city," Sullivan added.

"It gives the appearance..." Woodfaulk said.

"Our job is to make sure it was legal, and it was fine. When people come to you with concerns, if anyone has a question about it, they can come to me. I have nothing to hide. I have been working with you guys for four years. I have never done anything outside of the books," Sullivan said.

"You didn't do this paving. We did," Hampton said.

"We're not saying David did anything wrong. But when you vote on this and then see what actually gets done, citizens are looking at

it. I'm not accusing David of anything. I'm not saying anything was illegal," Woodfaulk said.

"Let's look at the building – it was grandfathered in. It's too close to the highway. I have not had a single call about it," Councilman Mike Deming said.

"After you've heard what I've showed you and explained the situation, do you still believe I did something wrong?" Sullivan asked.

"You only gave us certain pieces. The whole pie was

not given to us. Only certain pieces of it. I know what I saw, I know what was told to me, and I know what I voted on. Did you know all of this was going to happen before you pulled yourself away from the vote? The milling?" Woodfaulk said.

"No," Sullivan said.

"We were asked about both of those things (the Maurice Linton and a similar project on Pate Street) by council member requests," Brown said. "He (Sullivan) said water stands there when it rains. There was no sloping, and it was not draining. He asked if we could see if something could be done while the paving was being done.

"They took a look at it and said that part of the reason the road was so bad was because water stands on the asphalt and where the concrete was in the right-of-way. We had it designed in a way to cause the water to flow to

keep water off that street, to fix the problem of standing water. We brought it to you, and when it was brought up, I said both projects were council member requests, which they were." Brown added

"That is why we brought it to you all. Each (project) was requested by council members. The staff didn't make the decision. Everything we did was presented to you. If you didn't understand it, I'm sorry. We went out of our way to make sure you saw what was going on. We didn't just pave this area and try to slink by with anything," Brown said.

"And once again, I didn't accuse you of anything. It was the way we paved everything else. I thought it was just the road. It's been bothering me ever since," Hampton said.

"Well, it surely needed to be done," Sullivan said.

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Constitutional Amendments

What will you see on the ballot in November?

Editor's Note: Florida voters will be asked to decide whether to approve up to 13 proposed amendments to the state's constitution during the Nov. 6 election. Through November, Perry Newspapers, Inc., will provide information about each proposed amendment to help educate our readers. Information on earlier amendments can be found in previous editions of the **Taco Times** as follows: Amendment 1, Aug. 1; Amendment 2, Aug. 8; Amendment 3, Aug. 15; Amendment 4, Aug. 22; and Amendment 5, Aug. 29.

Amendment 6

Ballot Status: Amendment 6 is one of eight proposed amendments placed on the November election ballot for consideration by the Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC), and one of three -- along with Amendments 8 and 13 -- that has since been struck down by judges, removing them from consideration.

The status of these three amendments remains in question as the cases have been appealed to the Florida Supreme Court, which has yet to decide whether to uphold the lower decisions or return the measures back to the ballot.

The CRC meets every 20 years to consider changes to the state's highest set of laws. In 1998, the commission proposed nine amendments, and Florida voters passed eight of them.

Beginning with 109 proposals, the CRC narrowed the field to 25, sending them to the commission's Styling & Drafting Committee to craft the language the full commission would later consider. The CRC bundled a variety of proposals together, and the eight approved ballot measures actually included 20 of the 25 proposals under consideration.

While the act of bundling amendments has been used before by the CRC, it has drawn criticism from some around the state. In response, Brecht Heuchan, chairman of the CRC's Style & Drafting Committee, defended the practice.

"According to election officials, long ballots create a disincentive to voting in the first place," Heuchan said. "Grouping some ideas together keeps the ballot from becoming too lengthy to complete. If all of the CRC proposals were left as single amendments, there would be 25 questions on the ballot instead of 13; and in some areas of our state, each of those measures would be translated into multiple languages.

"Further, not grouping ideas would have abandoned every precedent we have. Both previous Constitution Revision Commissions, in 1978 and in 1998, grouped ideas and did so with more regularity than we did. Indeed, in 1968 the voters of Florida ratified an entirely new constitution which was 'bundled,' aka grouped into three, yes only three, ballot amendments. Grouping is not new and not controversial."

However, on Aug. 27, Leon County Judge Karen Gievers ruled Amendment 6 must be removed from the ballot, stating that the ballot title and summary "do not meet the requirements of Florida laws ... in fully, fairly and accurately telling voters the chief purpose of the proposed amendment." In order for the measure to be included on November's ballot, the Florida Supreme Court will need to rule soon to allow time for printing.

A separate lawsuit has also been filed challenging the validity of all six amendments (No. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) that include bundled measures. No ruling has been made yet in that case.

Background: In April, the CRC voted to approve Proposal 6001 -- which would become Amendment 6 -- by a margin of 34-3. The measure included three separate proposals bundled together, including: Proposal 6, which would forbid state courts from deferring to government agencies' interpretation of laws; Proposal 41, which would raise the judicial retirement age from 70 to 75; and Proposal 96, which would add what is known as a "Marsy's Law" to the constitution, providing for enumerated rights for crime victims.

Judicial Deference: In administrative law, when courts are deciding the validity of an action taken by a government agency, judges tend to defer to an agency's interpretation of a statute that it has been tasked with implementing or any rules developed by the agency itself. In federal courts, when dealing with federal agencies and rules, this is often referred to as the "Chevron defense" or doctrine, which was defined in the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*.

Judicial Retirement Age: Currently, the judicial retirement age in Florida is 70. Across the country, mandatory retirement ages range from 70 to 75. Nineteen states currently do not have a mandatory retirement age for judges.

Crime Victim Rights: Victim rights laws, commonly referred to as "Marsy's Laws," have been added to state constitutions in California, Illinois, Ohio, South Dakota and North Dakota. It was also approved in Montana, but the measure was later ruled unconstitutional because it dealt with multiple issues. Along with Florida, voters will consider "Marsy's Laws" in

Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina and Oklahoma this year.

The measures in the various states are supported by the Marsy's Law for All, a national organization which advocates for such laws. The campaigns were started by Henry Nicholas and named after his sister, Marsy Nicholas, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend.

The Marsy's Law for Florida committee has registered with the Florida Division of Elections supporting the passage of Amendment 6. To date, it has received \$24.6 million in contributions, \$24.3 million from Marsy's Law for All Foundation and \$325,000 from Henry Nicholas.

Analysis: If Florida voters approve Amendment 6, three separate changes will be made to the Florida Constitution.

Judicial Deference: A new Section 21 would be added to Article V (Judiciary) of the constitution, stating: "In interpreting a state statute or rule, a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action pursuant to general law may not defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of 216 such statute or rule, and must instead interpret such statute or rule de novo." ("De novo" means to decide a case without reference to any previous conclusion or decision.)

Judicial Retirement Age: The mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from 70 to 75. The measure would also delete language currently in the constitution allowing judges to serve beyond the retirement age in order to complete a term as long as they had already served one half of it.

Crime Victim Rights: A series of "rights" would be added to the Florida Constitution, including:

(1) The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.

(2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.

(3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused.

(4) The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that protect the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family.

(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.

(6) A victim shall have the following specific rights upon request:

a. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. A victim shall also be provided reasonable, accurate,

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By DELORES LEGGETT WALKER

When New York meets small town Florida



Mayo resident Delores Leggett Walker and the crew with Vayner Media and Production (above) wrap up the commercial shoot with a group photo. The town water tower (left) tells the story of Mayo/Miracle Whip, Florida.

My community of Mayo experienced a first-time ever venture into the world of New York advertising during the final week of August, and it caused a bit of a stir with folks deciding which side of the issue they fell on.

Since I wouldn't dream of putting words into anyone's mouth, I'll leave their opinions alone and instead use this space to share my own.

As most of you know, I am hopelessly hopeful about life, so I approached this out-of-the-ordinary few days with the same hopefulness, never dreaming I'd have the opportunity to actually participate in this unusual adventure to benefit Mayo.

A week or so before this all came about, I received a call from Dani Hiravy at Vayner Media and Production. She asked if I'd like to help them explore the history of small town living. Since I absolutely love my life in Mayo, I didn't hesitate to agree and said I'd love to help with the project.

Let me pause and tell you why I said yes. Over the years I've been privileged to travel the world and interact with folks from the most populated cities to smaller communities. While I don't fault anyone for choosing the "big-city life," my heart remains true to small-town living.

It's a lifestyle that allows you to know folks so well that you refer to them on a first-name basis (along with their family pet's name).

So, with that in mind, let me continue. Over the next several days I put my former newspaper reporter's nose to work and attempted to get the entire scoop.

My gut kept telling me there was more to the story than a proposed documentary, and sure enough, the clues started to add up.

By the time the folks arrived at my house on Friday afternoon, and the phrase, "Do you ever use Miracle Whip?" continued to pop up during the interview, I knew this had to be some sort of major advertisement project in the making.

Of course, by Saturday morning, Aug. 25 the Mayo water tower was sporting its new name of "Miracle Whip," and the "cat was out of the bag" so to speak!

By the time the celebration kicked off, with Mayor Ann Murphy's declaration at Veteran's Park in Mayo (aka Miracle Whip), locals were choosing sides -- both pro and con.

My reporter's instincts were buzzing, so I

quietly took a seat to see just how folks would react. True to form, they reacted much like I'd seen others during my years of reporting the news -- when you could get as many as a dozen different accounts of the same story if a dozen people saw the same thing happen.

Some expressed their dismay at the thought of changing history (I was with this crowd!), while others thought it was about time little old Mayo had a facelift and moved from the ordinary into the miraculous.

Overall, the day ended well, when it finally sank into local's minds that this was not a permanent change, but merely the filming of an ad for the Kraft Company that would monetarily benefit the downtown beautification of Main Street.

As for me, the excitement didn't end on Saturday. The folks from Vayner Media and Production in New York -- Dani Hiravy, Juan Zuleta, Juan Reanos, Andrew Veiter, Jessica Schramm, plus Kraft rep Mike Tangalo and Emilie Gibbs from Orlando -- along with a caravan of cameramen and staff, came to my house on Monday to film a commercial for Kraft.

It was a blast! I loved the good folks from New York, Los Angeles and Orlando who made themselves right at home in my little spot in Mayo, and I loved that I had the opportunity to promote our unique community in such an interesting endeavor.

As most of you who have read my *Promise* trilogy know, part of the mystery is highlighted when someone drops a certain something in the water tower that changes the destiny of the town I call Monroe (but is really Mayo).

There is also a mayonnaise cake recipe from Mayo resident Pam Tyre included in *Gathering Promises* (Book Two). I can't help but wonder if the good Lord gave me a heads up in my fictional story and decided to use Mayo/Miracle Whip to send a little blessing that gave our community a whole lot of attention on social media in August, but could also very well have lasting results into the future.

My Afterthought is this: "Some say potato, some say patata, but that doesn't make one correct and another wrong.

It simply means we look at life through the lens of personal choice, and that keeps life exciting!

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New cancer support group

'Draw strength from one another'

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Managing Editor

Sitting in the chemotherapy treatment room, Dianna "Mama"

Sandonato, 76, looked around and came to a startling realization – every chair was full. "There are about 40

chairs in the room. It just broke my heart. So many people hurting. I thought, how are they going through this? How are they dealing with it? Then I thought – what can I do?"

Despite being in the midst of her own cancer battle, Sandonato is living up to her nickname...showing care and compassion as only "Mamas" can do by establishing a new Christian fellowship and support group for cancer patients and their loved ones.

"Courage and Fellowship Through Cancer" will meet the second week of each month beginning next week.

Meetings will be held at First Presbyterian Church Monday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 13, from 9-10:30 a.m.

"The encouragement I got through those early days (of my diagnosis) was just incredible. Even people I didn't really know would see me in the store and come up and tell me they were praying for me and just offer their support. It meant so much," Sandonato said.



Courage and Fellowship Through Cancer

A Christian Fellowship Group for All Cancers

Monday, Sept. 10 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13 9 to 10:30 a.m.



Dianna 'Mama' Sandonato invites fellow cancer patients to join her Sept. 11 and Sept. 13.

"But one of the things that helped me the most was encouragement I received from a cancer survivor who shared her story with me. I realized how important fellowship with others who are going through the same trials of this disease is -- just knowing you are not alone.

"Cancer is something a lot of people do not want to talk about. I was the same way at first -- it was too private. But that is absolutely the wrong thing. People care about you and love you -- the more open you are, the more relief you find in it."

The non-denominational group will also provide chemo care bags and radiation care bags for patients. "The care bags have things in them like heart-shaped pillows and

just everyday items to help them," Sandonato said.

Sandonato, who opened Mama's Italian Restaurant here in 2004, is funding the initial launch of the program using benefits she receives from a cancer insurance policy.

"Some years back I bought an AFLAC cancer policy. Everything we have done has been paid through that policy. It blessed me so I can bless others."

Sandonato's cancer journey began in November 2017 when she felt a lump in her left breast.

"My doctor had told me women after the age of 65 didn't need to get regular mammograms. But when I felt the lump, I called the doctor immediately and they did a biopsy right

away. Then I got the phone call -- 'It's malignant. You have breast cancer.'

It was Sandonato's worst nightmare come true.

"My aunt who raised me had cancer and I watched her battle it for 24 years."

Sandonato's treatment included undergoing a partial mastectomy, chemo and radiation.

"They have prescribed three types of chemo and therapy that I'll be doing through December 2020. But I'm still leading a very active life. I go into the restaurant every day. It doesn't pay to sit around and feel sorry for yourself."

She encourages everyone who can to attend next week's meetings. "We can draw hope and strength from one another."

Steinhatchee Garden Club kicks off new year Sept. 11

The Steinhatchee Garden Club opens its new program year Tuesday, Sept. 11, with a meeting at the Steinhatchee Community Center, starting at 9:30 a.m.

"At this first meeting -- on the anniversary of 9/11 -- we will honor our country," Treasurer Sue Guilbeau said.

Incoming officers for the year include: Alexis Dorsi, president; Rita Moody, first vice president; Susan Curtis, second vice president; Martha Wright, recording secretary; Sue Guilbeau, treasurer; and Marla Carroll, corresponding secretary.



The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and "goodies" are served and the meeting begins at 10 a.m.

"We have an exciting

year of programs planned, with presentations from Clay Olson on Master Gardening; Ken Jones on Satsuma oranges; Ann Livingston will help us

for the nursing home; Terry Zinn with the Florida Wildflower Federation; and Carolyn Sapp will teach us to 'eat from the yard.' There will also be activities such as field trips and our annual

spaghetti dinner in January. We will be raising money to send school children to Camp Wekiva and SEEK, which we do each summer," Guilbeau said.

"We are pleased that the efforts put forth by the club last year planting flowers and shrubs at the community center have paid off, with many beautiful plants coming along nicely. Watch for more work to be done at the center this year."

New members are welcome. For more information, please contact the club president at (352) 562-2793.

NFCC Artist Series

The North Florida Community College Artist Series has announced its line-up of live performances and entertainment planned for the 2018-19 season.

Kicking off with a Sunday matinee Sept. 16, the season opens with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and continues with music legend and local favorite Chuck Roberson, tributes to Johnny Cash, John Denver, The Beach Boys and the Eagles, the Troy University Gospel Singers, and a very special ice-skating performance -- Peter Pan & Friends on Ice.

Season passes and individual tickets are on sale now at the NFCC College Advancement office in Madison, by phone at 850-973-1653 or online at www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

A season pass includes admission to NFCC Artist Series performances and NFCC Community Theatre productions held at Van H. Priest Auditorium, as well as performances of the Live! at Dowling Park artist series held at Advent Christian Village. Season pass holders also receive discounted tickets to two bonus performances scheduled for October and May. Sponsorships to further support the arts and arts education are available through the NFCC Artist Series Angels program.

"NFCC and the community have long worked together to ensure that there is a place for the performing arts and arts education to flourish," said Kim Scarboro, director of college advancement at NFCC.

For more information, visit www.nfcc.edu/artist-series or connect with the NFCC College Advancement staff at 850-973-1653 or artistseries@nfcc.edu.

TCHS to cheer at UF game

Taylor County High School (TCHS) Varsity Cheerleaders have been invited to perform with other varsity and junior varsity squads during pregame festivities at the University of Florida versus Kentucky game Saturday, Sept. 8, as part of Varsity Spirit Day in Gainesville.

"This is truly an amazing experience for these young ladies. The girls have to learn a motion sequence/dance that is provided by Varsity Spirit. They have been working on this dance for a couple of weeks," Sponsor Janet Johnston said.

"The day of the event, each team will meet and have a clinic with instructors from Varsity (National Cheerleaders Association) and a "meet and greet" with the coach and cheerleaders from the University of Florida," she said.

"Each girl will receive a t-shirt that they will wear during their performance. I am extremely proud of the hard work these girls have shown in learning the dance. I am sure this will be a memorable experience for each of these girls."



The 2018-19 Taylor County High School varsity cheerleading squad includes: (from left to right), front row, Kasey Parker, De'Asia Oliver, Ny'kasha Britt, Erica Taylor, Mattea Chaffin, Abbyanna Stewart and Mahogany Smith; middle row, Kara Dixon, Hannah Lytle, Josie Louk, NiaMaya Richardson, Alyssa Broome, Caroline Middleton and Mackenzie Nowlin; and back row, Jer'Keara Clayton, Abby Fike, Ayana Fitchett, Maicie Clark and Allison Towles. The mascot is Rodney Moore.

NFCC nursing program gains new accreditation

North Florida Community College's (NFCC) Nursing and Allied Health department has announced that its associate and baccalaureate level nursing programs are now nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission

for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

"National nursing accreditation assures the public that NFCC's nursing programs adhere to the highest quality educational standards," said Dr. Julie Townsend,

director of Nursing and Allied Health at NFCC. "This accreditation provides a gateway for NFCC's graduates to continue their education at an accredited upper-level university of their choice. It also gives graduates a competitive

edge in the workforce since most healthcare employers prefer to hire accredited nurses."

The healthcare industry recognizes the ACEN accreditation as a nationally-established badge for training excellence.

GLAD TIDINGS

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

Be careful for nothing

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

--Philippians 4:6-7

By CODY MCNEESE

It is amazing how God's Word can teach a truth that is lasting and never changing.

But even after a passage reveals truth to the heart of a believer, it's not finished. As the believer grows in grace, that passage can be revisited and, though that same truth will still be present, an even deeper truth will be revealed. As we grow, God reveals the deeper truths, or the "meat" of the Word, as we are able to bear it.

Take this passage for example. Through the years it has helped me understand that the cares of this world steal away our peace and leave us empty inside. The pursuit of money, possessions, material things, all lead to the same dead end... literally.

But there is even more there in that passage. My pastor would say, "That's because it's a living Word." The deeper you go into a scripture's truth, the deeper that truth will plow in the soil of the heart. As Andrew Murry wrote, "God's Word is like the surgeon's knife that wounds in order to heal."

God's Word sometimes has to hurt in order to help root out the sin buried deep inside our lives. As my favorite Pastor Arian Rogers said, "I had rather be told a truth that hurts and then heals, rather than a lie that comforts and then kills."

So here it is. The sin this passage reveals is the sin of insecurity. Now it's common to confuse insecurity with humility. You humbly admit that you are not able to step into something God is calling you to do, and so you hide disobedience beneath humility, when its really not humility at all, it is insecurity.

Think about what insecurity really is. When a person is insecure about something, they feel inadequate to perform that task and so they don't even try. Well why not try? What have you got to lose? There is the key. What you have to lose is your dignity, your reputation. You stand to make a fool of yourself if you step out and try something, or say something or take a stand on something. What if you fail and everyone sees you fail? What if you make a huge blunder and fall flat in the effort...So? What if you do? God would be pleased simply by your efforts to please him and you know that he would! So what is stopping you from trying even if you thought you would fail, knowing it would please God? What stops us is our fear of man! We are too proud to let any man see us fail, see us make a mistake, too afraid of being judged by people and that is one of, if not the worst, form of pride.

Be careful, for nothing means more than stopping our relentless pursuit of worldly pleasure, it also means being a "God pleaser" instead of a "man pleaser." It means putting God up on that high and lifted pedestal in your mind instead of man, and it means doing anything you can to please God instead of man.

If it means trying and failing, then try and fail. If it means making a fool of yourself before men, then so be it, because whatever you do for the glory of God will be pleasing in his sight from the greatest achievement to the biggest blunder. To him it's all about his children doing their best to make him proud. What parent wouldn't reward their child for doing their best? If we who are earthly fathers do so for our children, how much more would a heavenly Father full of grace and truth do for us?

Don't allow the enemy to give you an out by mixing humility and insecurity up in your mind and making you think it's a noble thing to hide from failure.

Remember, humility is not thinking less of yourself. Humility is thinking of yourself less. And it is thinking of God more. When you do that peace that passeth all understanding will keep your heart...but don't take my word for it, try it yourself and see.

Cody McNeese serves as pastor of St. Johns Christian Fellowship Church, located at 6050 Puckett Road in Perry.

Church celebrates two-year anniversary this Saturday

Life Changing Ministries Church will celebrate its two-year church anniversary with special services Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m.

The church is located at 4095 Hampton Springs Ave. Lorenzo Lee is pastor. Everyone is welcome.

Greater Grace announces two-day revival

Greater Grace Church of God in Christ will hold a two-day revival Thursday, Sept. 13, and Friday, Sept. 14, starting at 7 p.m. nightly.

The church is located at 1308 South Jefferson Street. Senior pastor Dr. Willie J. Anderson Jr. invites the community to attend.

'NOT BY BREAD ALONE' Midway launches new ministry for families in need on Sept. 24

Midway Baptist Church has started a community outreach program/ministry to help families who may be going through a difficult time financially.

Plans are to offer this ministry bi-monthly on the last Monday of the following months: September, November, January, March, May and July.

The "Not by Bread Alone" ministry is focused on helping families who may receive federal assistance and other financially disadvantaged families get household and personal hygiene items they need free at Midway Baptist Church.

This ministry will begin Monday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be a devotion and refreshments will be served.

The church is located at 187 E. Roberts Aman Road.



Used Bibles, books needed

The Taylor County Baptist Association invites area churches to donate used literature for redistribution.

"The company we work with will send it all over the world to pastors, missionaries and churches for their use. They accept Bibles, Christian books, tracts and paperbacks as well as Flannelgraph Supplies, Christian magazines (except Guidepost), daily devotionals, reference books, commentaries, CDs and DVDs," Director of Missions Harold Reams said.

The association office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am. to noon.

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Deanna Williams "Mixon"

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Thank you to everyone who helped with our mother's care, especially Dr. Villarido and the doctors, nurses and emergency room staff at Doctors' Memorial Hospital, all the staff at Big Bend Hospice, special nurses Kiwanis and Shamico, Dr. Nelson and his staff and a very special thanks to Dr. Nina Barnes for all of her help. There are so many more that we wish to thank. We hope you know our heartfelt appreciation.



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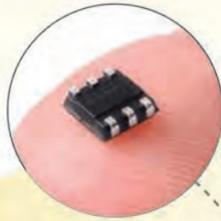
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Knights hand 'Dogs their first loss, 35-14

By JONATHAN LINCOLN

Taylor County suffered its first loss of the season Friday night at the hands of a talented Clearwater Academy team that featured several Division 1-A college prospects from all over the world.

The private school with a roster full of foreign-born players had an obvious size and speed advantage that helped the Knights jump on top of the Bulldogs early — as Clearwater led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Despite trailing by three touchdowns early, the Bulldogs continued to fight and managed to match the Knights over the course of the final three quarters, as both teams scored 14 points the rest of the way.

Clearwater's highly-recruited players and huge size advantage on both the offensive and defensive lines held the Bulldog offense to just 78 total yards of offense, while the Knights racked up 427 yards of offense against a usually-stingy Bulldog defense.

The Knights' road-grader offensive line and hard-nosed rushing attack accounted for 238 yards and four touchdowns on 46 carries.

Taylor's defense did play well with their backs against the wall after the first quarter, but the Bulldog offense was unable to get things going, which led to the Knights having good field position most of the game.

The Bulldogs' defense did force the Knights' offense to turn the ball over four times, but Taylor County's offense could not convert any of the turnovers into points.

The Bulldogs scored once in the second quarter when quarterback Dacorian Bellamy connected with Zoe Roberts for a 21-yard passing touchdown that put Taylor on the board right before halftime.

The Bulldogs' other touchdown came from an onside kick attempt by the Knights that Max Kallschmidt scooped up and returned 46 yards for a touchdown that was

followed up by a successful two-point conversion run by Bellamy.

Taylor's defense began to get dialed in during the second half, but the Bulldog offense continued to struggle, as Taylor County failed to complete a pass during the entire second half. Bulldog runningback John "Buddy" McGrew was held to just one carry in the entire second half and finished with 14 yards on eight carries.

The Bulldogs elected to receive the opening kickoff, and Joseph Morgan recovered the ball on the 49-yard line after the Knights' attempt an onside was unsuccessful.

Bellamy was thrown for a three-yard loss on a keeper, followed by a two-yard gain by McGrew. On third down, Bellamy attempted to hook up with Demari Stephens, but the ball was knocked loose by the ground, bringing out the punt team.

Bellamy served as the Bulldogs' punter against Clearwater and had a pretty good game, punting the ball five times for an average of 34 yards.

Clearwater began its first offensive drive from their own 45-yard line. On the third play of the drive, the Knights benefitted from a controversial "targeting" personal foul call that turned a three-yard completion into a 15-yard penalty.

A nine-yard run and a 29-yard pass down to the Bulldogs' five-yard line allowed the Knights to punch the ball into the endzone two plays later and take an 8-0 lead after a two-point conversion run with nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Taylor's offense had another quick "three-and-out" series, bringing the Bulldogs' defense back on to the field at the Knights' 21-yard line.

Clearwater quickly moved into Bulldog territory with a 17-yard pass and a 17-yard run followed by another costly personal foul penalty against the Bulldogs that moved the ball down to the Bulldogs' 21-yard line.

Yet another personal foul



Kavan Thomas (#5), Kaelob Duffell (#74), Max Kallschmidt (#23) and Joseph Morgan (#22) combine to help tackle a Clearwater Academy International ballcarrier during first-half action Friday night in Perry.

penalty on the heels of a 12-yard run by the Knights advanced Clearwater to the five-yard line again, and the Knights handed the ball off to their bruising tailback for another short TD run two plays later to take a 14-0 lead after a bad snap on the point-after try.

Cade Johnson recovered the onside kick near midfield, but the Bulldogs could not take advantage of the good field position, as a miscommunication resulted in a fumble on first down when the ball was snapped while Bellamy was not looking and bounced right to a Knight defender at the Bulldogs' 41-yard line.

The Bulldog defense managed to stop the Knights on three consecutive plays, but Clearwater converted the fourth-down attempt into a 37-yard touchdown reception to take a 21-0 lead with three minutes left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs were held on three plays in a row again, forcing Bellamy to boot another punt.

The Taylor County

defense bowed up to stop Clearwater, but another personal foul penalty on 3rd down gave the Knights a first down.

Clearwater picked up 41 yards over the next four plays to set up 1st and goal from the 4-yard line.

A host of Bulldog defenders stopped a Knight ballcarrier two yards behind the line of scrimmage to bring up 2nd and goal from the 6.

Max Kallschmidt intercepted a pass over the middle in the endzone to save a touchdown and get the Bulldog defense off the field with no damage done after an 11-play, 58-yard drive by Clearwater.

The Bulldogs offense began their drive from their own six-yard line, and McGrew busted up the middle for a gain of seven yards.

The Knights committed a personal foul on the following play to help Taylor County pick up its initial first down of the game.

The Bulldog drive stalled following the penalty, with McGrew being thrown for a 1-yard loss on first down and an incomplete pass from Bellamy on second down before Bellamy found Robert Glanton on third down for a gain of just three yards to bring the punt team back on the field.

Taylor's defense stuffed Clearwater on first down and Kaelob Duffell made a great QB sack for a 13-yard loss on second down, leading to the Knights being hit with a 15-yard personal foul penalty for some extracurricular activity after the play.

Faced with a 3rd and 35, Clearwater attempted a screen pass that was blown up by Devante Glover for a minimal gain, forcing the Knights to punt for their first time in the game with five minutes remaining in the half.

A nine-yard completion from Bellamy to Stephens moved the Bulldogs to the Knights' 47-yard line, where Bellamy found Stephens again for a 10-yard completion a few plays later.

The Knights were then hit with a personal foul flag that moved the Bulldogs to just outside the red zone. On second down, Bellamy hooked up with Zoe Roberts for a 21-yard touchdown pass to put the Bulldogs on the punt with just over a minute left in the first half.

An unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt kept the score 21-6 at the half.

Taylor forced a quick three-and-out on defense and burned a timeout in order to get their offense

YARDSTICK		
Taylor Co.	Stats	Clearwater
19/23/0 TD	Rushes/Yards/TD	46/238/4 TD
7/25/1TD	Comp./Att./TD	14/24/1 TD
55	Pass Yards	189
0	Interceptions	1
78	Total Offense	427
17	First Downs	27
9	Return Yards	16
5/33.5	Punts/Avg.	2/41.5
0/0	Field Goals	0/0
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	6/4
9/-105	Penalties/Yds	16/-150

back on the field with 18 seconds left in the second quarter.

Bellamy found Na'jeh Glanton for a completion on first down, but was unable to pick up any more yards, before hooking up with Robert Glanton for 13 yards to midfield where Bellamy slung an incomplete pass toward the endzone as the clock expired, taking the Bulldogs into half time trailing the Knights 21-6.

Clearwater received the ball to start the second half, which began with the Bulldogs being penalized for a questionable personal foul penalty that gave the Knights spectacular field position at the Bulldogs' 30-yard line.

The Knights strung together three consecutive runs that covered 30 yards and ended in a touchdown that extended their lead to 28-6.

Clearwater's fourth onside kick of the game failed miserably and resulted in a Bulldog touchdown, as Kallschmidt made his second big play of the game, scooping the ball on the run and racing 48 yards untouched for a touchdown.

Bellamy punched in the two-point conversion to cut the Knight's lead to 28-14.

The Bulldogs appeared poised to climb back into the game when Joseph Morgan sacked the Clearwater quarterback and forced a fumble that was recovered by the Bulldogs on the Knights' 32-yard line.

However, the Knights' defense shut down the Bulldogs on three straight plays before Taylor attempted to convert a fourth down conversion that ended up with Bellamy being sacked in the backfield for an eight-yard loss.

The Bulldogs had yet another chance to threaten Clearwater when Kallschmidt shut down the

Knights' rushing attempt on first down, and the Knights muffed a snap that Devante Glover pounced on to recover for the Bulldogs.

However, the Bulldogs gave the ball right back on the very next play, as McGrew and Bellamy fumbled the handoff exchange on first down and the Knights recovered the loose ball.

Clearwater made their way across midfield before Travis Day came up with a huge sack on fourth down that brought the Taylor offense back onto the field at their own 41-yard line.

The Bulldogs were shut down on three straight plays and were forced to punt again.

The Knights' offense returned to the field and strung together a 12-play, 76-yard drive that ran well into the fourth quarter and ended in a touchdown.

After a successful PAT, the Knights effectively put the game away with a 35-14 lead.

Taylor's offense returned to the field trailing by 21 with just under 11 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Four straight incomplete passes quickly turned the ball over to the Knights on their own 44.

Three plays later, Clearwater muffed the snap, and the Bulldogs recovered just 26 yards away from the endzone.

Robert Glanton came in at quarterback for one series, but was sacked on first down for a nine-yard loss before throwing three consecutive incomplete passes.

Both defenses dominated the remainder of the fourth quarter to run out the clock on Clearwater's 35-14 victory.

Taylor County (1-1) will travel to Wakulla County (1-1) this Friday night to take on the War Eagles at 7:30 p.m.



Joseph Morgan (#22) avoids a blocker and draws a bead on the Knight quarterback during the Bulldogs' 35-14 loss to (2-0) Clearwater Academy International Friday night at Dorsett Stadium.



After hauling in a short pass completion from QB Dacorian Bellamy, Bulldog receiver Robert Glanton (#14) attempts to juke his way past a Clearwater defensive back.

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Brown: Issue was discussed July 24; Sullivan abstained from vote

BROWN
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from the same vendor, if the vendor approves, without bidding for footballs.

"There are databases for these, which include, but aren't limited to State of Florida purchasing contracts, Florida Sheriff's Association contracts and NASPO.

"Sometimes a vendor makes us aware of excellent pricing on an existing contract that they will allow us to 'piggy-back' upon. Nonetheless, we are price checking to make sure we are getting the best price and quality available under the circumstances. We 'piggybacked' our own contract that was bid for the city paving done on multiple streets throughout the city earlier this year for the work

on Maurice Linton and on Pate Street. As stated before, this is perfectly legal per Florida law.

"The city became aware of concerns related to the intersections of Pate Street/US 98 and Maurice Linton/Center Streets. We investigate all concerns brought to our attention and do not require the parties to identify themselves, whether code enforcement, streets, utilities, etc.," Brown stated.

"City staff members visited both locations and agreed there were issues that should be addressed before the next general city paving project - probably in two years.

"Pate Street/US 98 intersection is heavily used by commercial and other vehicles entering and exiting a private business off of Pate.

In addition, during heavy rains water would stand on Pate, which is detrimental to the surface and causes it to deteriorate more quickly than if water does not stand. It was likely that most of the asphalt would be gone and much of the road base destroyed if it wasn't addressed for another two years," Brown added.

"Maurice Linton is a heavily-trafficked shortcut from Hwy. 27 to avoid two traffic signals at Center Street and at Jefferson Street. The intersection of Maurice Linton/Center was also prone to hold water and the pavement surface was in poor shape. The roadway there has been paved all the way to the property line for decades, but wasn't allowing water to drain to the storm drain properly in the right of way at the corner of Maurice

Linton/Center Streets," Brown stated.

"It was determined the only way to get the correct slope to eliminate the drainage issue was to overlay sloped asphalt over the entire area that had been paved for decades on city property only, at that intersection.

"The additional work at these intersections would require council approval, as they were not part of any existing projects. The paving contractor was asked to prepare a price quote for each intersection, piggy-backing on our existing contract," Brown said.

"That quote, as well as pictures detailing the issues at both Pate St/US 98 and Maurice Linton/Center Streets, were provided to all council members in a meeting packet several days

prior to their meeting.

"The item was placed on the public agenda for discussion for the July 24, 2018 public council meeting. Prior to discussion of the agenda item, Mayor Sullivan declared that since the intersection of Maurice Linton/Center Streets was adjacent to property he owned, that he was publicly declaring a conflict, and that he would not participate in discussion or vote on the matter," Brown said.

"The council voted 4-0 to approve the additional work at both Pate/US 98 and Maurice Linton/Center Streets, with the mayor abstaining due to his declared conflict. The mayor also filed the required conflict paperwork with the city. All of the work approved was only on city property. None

of it was on private or state-owned property," Brown stated.

"Mr. Sullivan apparently independently contracted with the contractor to place rolled asphalt millings on his property. The city was not involved in any part of those discussions. It is my understanding that Mr. Sullivan has voluntarily provided the newspaper with the private documents relating to his private transaction with the contractor.

"The city has painstakingly followed all laws and rules relating to all areas within this discussion, as we do on all of our activities each and every day. The city has made sure that this has been done in the Sunshine, and has been transparent," Brown concluded.

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Victims rights would include notifications

AMENDMENT 6

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and timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or delinquent, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.

b. The right to be heard

in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.

c. The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney

concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other disposition of the case.

d. The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any presentence investigation or compiling any presentence investigation report, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.

e. The right to receive a copy of any presentence report, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.

f. The right to be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from

custody.

g. The right to be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender.

h. The right to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board, and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made; and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.

(7) The rights of the victim, as provided in subparagraph (6)a., subparagraph (6)b., or subparagraph (6)c., that apply to any first appearance proceeding are satisfied by

a reasonable attempt by the appropriate agency to notify the victim and convey the victim's views to the court.

(8) The right to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.

(9) The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses suffered, both directly and indirectly, by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.

(10) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings.

(11) The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that victims can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to their rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims in the form of a card, or other means that is intended to effectively advise the victim of their rights under this section.



Meth and cannabis were seized.

Vehicle sped down Johnson Stripling going 60 to 70 mph

CRASH

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on Johnson Stripling Road at speeds of approximately 61 miles per hour in a posted 45 mile per hour zone.

Thipgen initiated a traffic stop, but Nix failed to pull over. He continued northbound on Johnson Stripling Road at speeds of 60 to 70 miles per hour, Taylor County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Chuck Mincy said. Nix failed to negotiate a turn at Johnson

Stripling Road and Roberts Aman Road and came to a stop in the ditch; he regained control and continued on Roberts Aman Road to U.S. 221 where he again lost control and crashed in the ditch.

"Upon a search of driver, Thipgen discovered several individual Ziploc baggies as well as two glass pipes, five individual baggies of marijuana and one small bag of what appeared to be methamphetamine," Mincy said. Charges are pending.



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TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: September 5, 2018. SMITH & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.A. MICHAEL S. SMITH Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 169621 P.O. Drawer 579 Perry, Florida 32348 Telephone: (850) 584-3812 Fax: (850) 584-7148 CHRISTINE DROMERY JENKINS Co-Personal Representative for the Estate of JOE CALVIN JENKINS, deceased and CYNTHIA JENKINS DEHNER Co-Personal Representative for the Estate of JOE CALVIN JENKINS, deceased 9/5, 9/12



in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on August 24, 2018. Clerk of Court Marti Lee As Deputy of Court MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. Attorney for the Plaintiff 100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD, STE 1045 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 Telephone: (954)644-8704; Fax: (954) 772-9601 ServiceFL@mlg-defaultlaw.com ServiceFL2@mlg-defaultlaw.com BLAINE HULEN BRENNER 107 BRIARWOOD DRIVE PERRY, FL 32347 TAYLOR B. PITTS 107 BRIARWOOD DRIVE PERRY, FL 32347 UNKNOWN TENANTS 107 BRIARWOOD DRIVE PERRY, FL 32347 8/29, 9/5



Homehaven Subdivision, Lot 14 Block 4 Containing .19 acres, more or less. Recorded in Taylor County official record 683, page 204. Section 25 Township 04 Range 07. Assessed with mobile home. Name in which assessed Michael Jerrells Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of September, 2018 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 15th day of August, 2018 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5

TDA 18-026 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that TLGFY, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 652 Year of Issuance: 2016 Description of Property: Parcel Number R05438-000 Jerkins Heights Subdivision, Lots 16 & 17 Block 7 Containing .40 acres, more or less. Recorded in Taylor County official record 222, page 881. Section 26 Township 04 Range 07. Name in which assessed Leonard Florence Estate Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 15th day of October, 2018 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 5th day of September, 2018 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

TDA 18-025 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Pearl Hawkins the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 750 Year of Issuance: 2012 Description of Property: Parcel Number R05720-200 Belair Heights Unrecorded Subdivision, Lot 508 Described as Commence at the North West Corner of the section then run South 25 feet then run East 546 feet then run South 100 feet for a point of beginning then run East 76 feet then run South 100 feet then run West 76 feet then run North 100 feet to point of beginning Containing .17 acres, more or less. Recorded in Taylor County official record 545, page 868. Section 35 Township 04 Range 07. Name in which assessed Louis E. Blaske Sr. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 15th day of October, 2018 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 5th day of September, 2018 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

TDA 18-022 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 513 Year of Issuance: 2015 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R04646-050



certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 854 Year of Issuance: 2015 Description of Property: Parcel Number R06313-425 Kinsey Woodland Subdivision, Lot 85 Containing 1.00 acres, more or less. Recorded in Taylor County official record 305, page 289. Section 16 Township 06 Range 07 Name in which assessed: Diane Clifford Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of September, 2018 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 15th day of August, 2018 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5

TDA 18-023 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 5538 Year of Issuance: 2015 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R04854-000



Milldale Subdivision, Lots 4, 5, 6 & East 1/2 of lot 7 Block 2 Containing .60 acres, more or less. Recorded in Taylor County official record 328, page 684, 685, 686 & 751. Section 25 Township 04 Range 07 Name in which assessed Jerry Gruver Cruise Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of September, 2018 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Dated this 15th day of August, 2018 Signature: Annie Mae Murphy Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE No. 17000622CAC VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DAVIS, WILLIAM, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in Case No. 17000622CAC of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for TAYLOR County, Florida, wherein, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, Plaintiff, and, DAVIS, WILLIAM, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, THE EAST DOOR of the Courthouse, 108 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, PERRY, FL 32347 at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 25 day



of September, 2018, the following described property: LOT 2, BLOCK "B" OF GULF HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 144, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1998 OAKWOOD MANUFACTURED HOME; BEARING SERIAL#: 0W61519A AND 0W61519B; TITLE#: 79032589 AND 79032603 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 24 day of August, 2018. Annie Mae Murphy Clerk Circuit Court By: Marti Lee Deputy Clerk Publish in: THE PERRY NEWS HERALD Submitted by: GREENSPOON MARDER, LLP 100 West Cypress Creek Road Trade Centre South, Suite 700 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-491-1120 IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055; Phone: 386.758.163. Contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 11. 9/5, 9/12

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 18000060CAC HOME POINT FINANCIAL CORPORATION; Plaintiff, vs. TAYLOR B. PITTS; BLAINE HULEN BRENNER, ET AL; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE (THE PERRY NEWS HERALD) NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2018., in the above-styled cause, The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at at the East Door, Taylor County Courthouse 108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, FL 32347, beginning at 11:00 AM , on September 25, 2018 the following described property: COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 13, T4S, R7E AND RUN NORTH ALONG THE FORTY LINE, 755.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POB CONTINUE NORTH, ALONG THE FORTY LINE, 178.0 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 111.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 30 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 47.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH, 148.0 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 140.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 4 BLOCK "B" OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF FRANK ROBERTSON IN THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 13, T4S, R7E, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 107 BRIARWOOD DRIVE, PERRY, FL 32347 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations

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Policy allows 'one-time' repairs during emergency

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maintenance of a road, the road must be a 'public' one." "Article VII of the State Constitution limits the imposition of taxes and the expenditure of tax revenues to public purposes....A private road is, by its very nature, not available to the public, and the public has no right to travel by motor vehicle thereon. This being the case, the repair or maintenance of such a road cannot serve a public or county purpose."

However, under its Emergency Management ordinance and "standard operating procedures" (SOP), the county is authorized to expend public funds on private property in specific limited cases during times of natural or man-made emergencies to "safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

The county's Emergency Operations SOP for Flooded Road Repair Procedures provides guidance to staff on processing requests for emergency road repairs during a declared "state of local emergency."

"Should the Board of County Commissioners declare a State of Local Emergency because of

extreme weather conditions causing flooding; the County is authorized to expend funds to ensure that required emergency vehicles can access all roads in unincorporated Taylor County. The program can also address floodwater drainage problems and certain floodwater protective measures such as sandbags and sand. Taylor County Emergency Management and Taylor County Public Works are responsible for implementing this program in conjunction with Taylor County Fire and Rescue and the Suwannee River Water Management District, and the Department of Army, Corps of Engineers may also provide assistance with floodwater drainage problems."

"The Emergency Management Director is responsible for forming a team of individuals designated to receive and process all requests for assistance. The Fire-Rescue Department will inspect the road to make a judgment on the accessibility of the road for emergency vehicles and/or significant increase in response time due to current road conditions," the county policy states.

"If the evaluated road is inaccessible or poses an

extremely slow response time for emergency vehicles, Public Works will be asked to evaluate the road. If the roadway in question requires emergency repairs and falls within an issued BOCC seclaration, Public Works will manage the emergency repairs needed to allow access by emergency vehicles," the policy states.

The county's Emergency Management ordinance describes an emergency as "any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological or manmade, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property."

The ordinance cites F.S. ch. 252, which authorizes "the waiver of procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of a community in the event of an emergency."

The ordinance allows the county to declare a state of emergency if it determines "that a natural, technological or manmade disaster or emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of one is imminent

and requires immediate and expeditious action."

The intent of the ordinance is to "protect and safeguard

the safety, health and welfare of the people of the county."

ATTENTION TAYLOR COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

Taylor County is seeking applicants to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation program to assist homeowners with repairs on their homes or the possible replacement of their existing home. This program is designed to perform general code related repairs and improvements or replacement if the current house cannot be repaired for low and low to moderate-income homeowners. Items eligible for repair include roofs, heating systems; plumbing, electrical, and other code related housing systems. Currently, Taylor County has funds available to assist a limited number of homeowners. Mobile homes are eligible for assistance. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements for this program:

IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

- IF YOU OWN OR HAVE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR HOME
- IF THIS IS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE
- IF YOUR HOME IS LOCATED IN THE **UNINCORPORATED AREA** OF TAYLOR COUNTY. THIS MEANS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF PERRY.
- IF YOUR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS **BELOW** THE GUIDE LINES LISTED BELOW:

Household size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Annual Household Income	\$27,100	\$31,000	\$34,850	\$38,700	\$41,800	\$44,900	\$48,000	\$51,100

If you would like to be considered for possible assistance, you may pick up an application package at the **Taylor County Grants Office**, located at **401 Industrial Park Drive, Perry, Florida 32348, 850-838-3553**. You may also call (352) 381-1975 and request that an application package be mailed to you.

Please mail your completed application to:

Government Services Group, Inc.
Processing Department
PO Box 357995
Gainesville, FL 32635-7995

All applications are subject to review, ranking, and approval by Taylor County. Maintaining the grant application score takes precedence over the scoring and ranking criteria as specified in the Housing Assistance Plan. Applicants are assisted on a first come - first qualified basis **subject to the availability of funds**.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



Fishing for Zack

Benefit Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018
\$30 per angler
7 A.M start / 3 P.M. Weigh in at Rocky's in Perry

Cash & Prizes for reeling in the heaviest legal fish in 2 categories:
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All proceeds will go to benefit 6-year-old Zack Knowles and family. Zack was diagnosed with Leukemia on Mother's Day this year and continues to undergo treatment at Shands.
For more info: call Ashley Mock 843-0566, Shane Knowles 843-1269 or Rocky's 98 (850) 584-6600

Stop by Hardee's the day of the tournament for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 10% of all Sept. 8 sales go to support Zack Knowles.

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<p>U.S.D.A. INSPECTED FRESH PORK COUNTRY RIBS or PORK STEAKS</p>  <p>5 POUNDER</p> <p>\$1⁴⁹ LB.</p>	<p>LARRY THE CABLE GUY RIBS ASST. VARIETIES</p>  <p>24 OZ PACK</p> <p>\$6⁹⁹ EA.</p>	<p>GWALTNEY HARDWOOD SMOKED BACON</p>  <p>12 OZ PACK</p> <p>\$2⁹⁹ EA.</p>
<p>NATHAN'S BEEF FRANKS BUN LENGTH or JUMBO</p>  <p>12 OZ PACK</p> <p>\$2⁹⁹ EA.</p>	<p>SUNSET FARMS PREMIUM SMOKED SAUSAGE</p>  <p>3 LBS</p> <p>\$8⁹⁹</p>	

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Portman's SALAD DRESSING Asst. Varieties, 16 oz..... 99¢	Coburn Farms SOUR CREAM 16 oz..... 99¢	Mini Carrots 16 oz. bag..... 69¢/ea.
Bubba or Save A Lot 2 LT SODA Asst. Varieties..... 59¢	J Higgs CHIPS Asst. Varieties, 9.5 oz. bag..... 99¢	All Loose Onions 69¢/lb.
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