

**Serving the Tree Capital of the South Since 1963****At Deadman's Curve****78-year-old killed in fiery crash**

A 78-year-old Central Florida man was killed in a fiery crash on Deadman's Curve late Monday night.

Frank Riston, whose listed address is The Villages near

Ocala, was driving a 2015 Chevy Equinox.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported the single-vehicle crash happened at 10:45 p.m. at the intersection of Beach

Road and Adams Beach Road (known locally as Deadman's Curve).

The vehicle was traveling south on Beach Road and failed to negotiate the sharp left-hand curve.

The SUV traveled onto the south shoulder of the road into a wooded area and crashed head-on into a large tree.

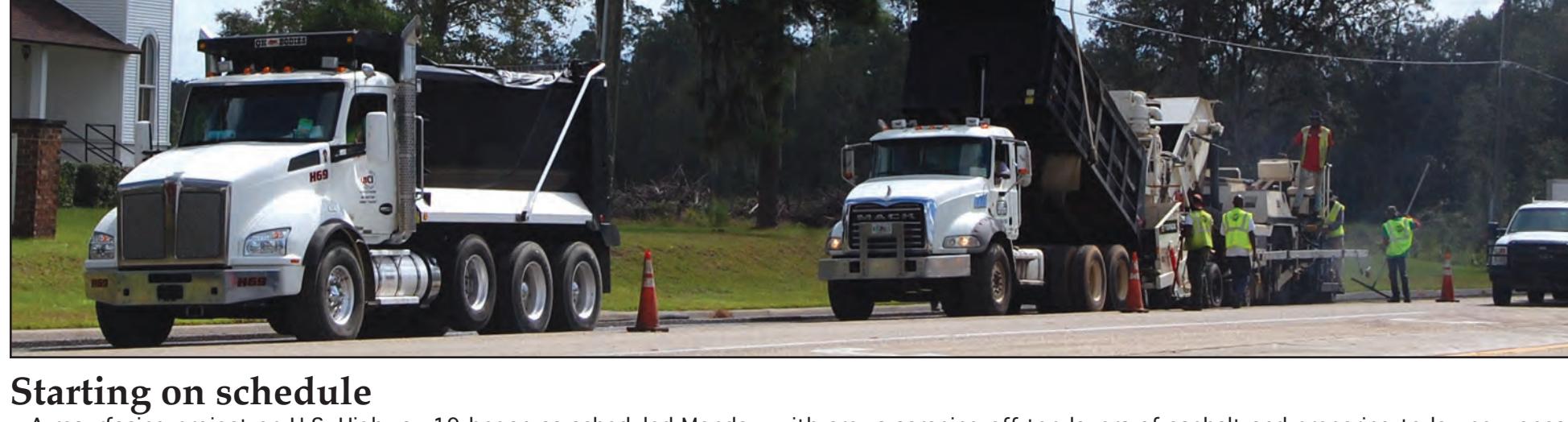
The impact caused the vehicle to rotate

counterclockwise as it overturned onto its right side and caught fire.

The vehicle was completely engulfed in flames, and Riston sustained fatal injuries as a result of

the crash and subsequent fire, FHP reported.

The Taylor County Sheriff's Office and Taylor County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assisted at the scene.

**Starting on schedule**

A resurfacing project on U.S. Highway 19 began as scheduled Monday, with crews scraping off top layers of asphalt and preparing to lay new ones. The 3.5-mile project will run from the Fenholloway River to the intersection at U.S. 221/Jefferson Street. Drivers are reminded to watch for reduced travel lanes during workday hours.

**Water readings prompt public notice from city**

The City of Perry issued a public notice Monday regarding above-average contaminant reports for its drinking water.

"No one should be concerned. The public notice is an extraordinary

cautionary measure," City Manager Taylor Brown said Tuesday.

"The sample was taken when one of our larger wells, Well #3, was off line. That well has the highest quality of water and is so

pure it requires very little treatment at all. The test was conducted at the end of one of the longest water lines the city has. The farther away from the water source, the more likely you are to find areas of the lines that need

to be disinfected," Brown said.

The levels found during random sampling were "nowhere near the high levels of major concern,"

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**No injuries in Jefferson St. crash Monday**

No serious injuries were reported in a two-vehicle crash that happened Monday afternoon at the intersection of Jefferson Street and U.S. 27 (in front of CVS/Ace Hardware).

Kyle O'Steen was cited for failing to stop at the red light as he was traveling north on Jefferson Street. He crossed under the traffic light and was hit by a vehicle traveling west on U.S. Highway 27/Hampton Springs Avenue.

The 2018 Rav 4 Toyota, driven by Gladys Sadler,

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**Over expense reimbursement****Teachers ask for more 'respect' from district**

A group of teachers recently went before the Taylor County School Board asking to be shown more respect by the district.

Taylor County Elementary School (TCES) teacher

Kreidler spoke on behalf of the group present at the meeting, which consisted of a few teachers and Taylor Education Association President Katie Fletcher.

"Respect is something that is appreciated, and

it sometimes feels like it is a little bit in the deficit column," Kreidler said. "Financial currency keeps us all going on some level. But the currency of respect also keeps your instructional personnel going."

The conversation stemmed from teachers being left out of the loop regarding reimbursement for funds spent on classroom supplies.

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**Suspect dashes through apartment during foot chase**

A man known to law enforcement fled on foot when officers spied him late last Thursday night, pushing his way into a nearby apartment and then running out the back door.

Arthur Dwight Nelson, 25, led officers on a brief foot chase before giving himself up. During a search of his person, officers found a white powder that field tested positive

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**Steady progress**

As construction work enters its seventh month, significant progress has been made on the replacement of the Donaldson Bridge on County Road 14A -- over the Econfina River near Shady Grove. Construction of the new bridge on the western part of County Road 14A -- just west of Loren Henderson Road -- began in February and has forced local residents to take a detour on County Road 14 (Alton Wentworth Road). Under a contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), GDB-US Constructors, Inc., is undertaking the \$1.8 million project, which is expected to be completed this fall.

**At Keaton Beach: Golf cart zone is moved again**

The Taylor County Commission has altered the boundaries within which golf carts can be driven on county roadways in Keaton Beach.

In a 3-1 vote last week, the commission approved an updated ordinance placing the new southern boundary at Sawgrass Estates and the northern border 100 yards north of the Keaton Beach Corner Store.

While neither the commission nor those attending the public hearing on the issue expressed a problem with the new southern border, the question of where golf carts

can legally drive north of Keaton Beach ultimately led to a split decision, with Commission Jim Moody voting against.

Prior to last week's vote, the northern boundary was located further north on Beach Road at J.L. Gibson Road, where it had been since March 2017, when the commission voted unanimously to extend it.

That change was made at the request of the late Commissioner Frank Russell after he received requests from residents on J.L. Gibson Road.

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# County foreclosure case over Cedar Island home is going to trial seven years after first judgement

The Taylor County Commission will have another day in court in its seven-year attempt to clean up an abandoned Cedar Island home which they and neighboring homeowners have called a hazard to the community due to cracks in its pilings as well as several derelict boats underneath the structure.

According to County Attorney Conrad Bishop, who provided an update to the commission Monday

evening, the case will be going to trial next week at the Taylor County Courthouse when Circuit Judge Greg Parker hears the county's case to foreclose on the property.

The trial is set to begin

Tuesday, Oct. 9, and is scheduled to run three days – although Bishop said he does not expect it to last that long.

The legal saga between the county and property owner Timothy Brooks

of Cheboygan, Mich., has dragged on for more than seven years, beginning when the county's code enforcement officer found the home was in violation of the county's land development code.

Two years ago, Judge Parker ruled in favor of the county in a summary judgement hearing regarding Brooks' counter-claims against the county.

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## Feagle passed the gavel to offer second to Spradley's motion

# Debate over golf cart change lasted 30 minutes

## GOLF CART

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After the change however, Russell reported receiving complaints regarding the associated drop in speed limit, along the stretch, which when combined with the buffer zones to bring

the speed limit down from 55 mph to 25 mph, forced drivers to begin slowing well away from Keaton Beach.

Russell discussed changing the ordinance back to its previous boundary, but no action was taken prior to his death earlier

this year. The ordinance approved last week was requested by Commissioner Steve Spradley, who was appointed to fill Russell's seat through the November general election.

When the ordinance was presented last week, Tommy Mauldin was the

only member of the public to address the issue, and he spoke in favor of extending the southern boundary.

When it was the commission's turn to discuss the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Malcolm Page declared he had a conflict due to relatives living on J.L. Gibson Road, adding that he would abstain from the vote and would not take part in the discussion.

Moody stated he was in favor of the new southern border, but could not support changing the northern one, suggesting that the county simply increase the speed limit instead.

"We need to put the speed limit back to where it was to start with," Moody said.

"The speeding ain't got

nothing to do with the golf carts."

Spradley said he was confused about whether there was a 25-mph requirement, as it is not mentioned specifically in either the county's ordinance nor in state statutes.

Florida Statute 316.212, which authorizes counties and cities to allow golf carts on certain roadways, states,

"Prior to making such a designation (that a golf cart can be operated on a particular road), the responsible local governmental entity must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors

including the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street."

Commission Chair Pam Feagle suggested tabling the vote to give the county more time to research speed limit requirements, but Spradley objected.

"It's absolutely a safety issue," said David Beagle,

pastor of Blue Creek Baptist Church. "Purposefully this morning coming here, I made myself do 25 mph. It

felt like I was watching the grass grow as I drove all

that way, getting passed by vehicles. In the summertime, trucks will pass you."

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also a matter of time until somebody dies," Beagle said. "I think the best thing for the county is to change it back to the way it was."

Moody then said he would be in favor of leaving the speed limit as it is, along

with the existing golf cart boundary.

existing boundary. "In past meetings, if you remember, I spoke about how traffic is not slowing down."

Spradley then made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, and Feagle asked for a second to his motion.

"I'm totally confused," Commissioner Thomas Demps said. "If we have a golf cart on the road, I don't understand why we won't obey the speed limits. If we're going to do golf carts, what's the problem? One wants to move it 200 feet

this way, another wants to move it 1,500 feet this way. I don't understand it."

After Feagle explained the possible safety concerns, she once again called for a second. When Moody and Demps refused to offer a second, Feagle was forced to declare Spradley's motion dead for lack of a second.

Moody suggested getting additional public input, which resulted in several people addressing the commission who did not do so before – most of whom were in favor of changing the northern boundary.

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Gail Lundy, who lives on J.L. Gibson Road, argued in favor of leaving the ordinance as it is, noting that she estimated commuters would save only 40 seconds if the speed limit was increased.

"If that's more important to you than safety, that's fine," Lundy said.

"We pay a lot of taxes," Lundy added, before suggesting that a flashing light could be installed, along with cameras to catch speeders.

Later in the discussion, Page appeared to retreat from his declaration of a conflict, pointing out that

County Attorney Conrad Bishop said a vote on the matter would not financially benefit him (Page).

However, when Page said he would like to participate in the discussion, but still planned to abstain from the vote, Bishop told him he couldn't do one and not the other.

Page then said he would abstain from both.

Feagle stated that since the majority of those who spoke were in favor of changing the boundary, she would be willing to pass the gavel and offer a second to Spradley's motion if he made it again.

For the second time, Spradley made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, and Feagle offered a second. The measure passed 3-1, with Moody voting against and Page abstaining.

In all, the debate lasted about 30 minutes.

The golf cart zone will now be in place beginning near the Sawgrass Estates entrance on the south end

and approximately 100 yards north of the Keaton Beach

Corner Store (near the ice house) on the northern end of Beach Road. The speed limit will slow down prior to that in several phases.

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# 'Disbursement of information is a level of respect'

## RESPECT

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some felt the lack of communication translated into a lack of respect toward teachers.

"It feels to us in the trenches that we're lifting our heads up and looking around and saying 'what's going on?' and then we get pulled under by the next requirement," Kreidler said.

Through the Teacher Supply Assistance program, the State of Florida distributes money to school districts to help reimburse teachers for money they spend out-of-pocket on

classroom supplies. Over the summer, many teachers spent hundreds of dollars on school supplies to get their classrooms ready.

When appealing to children, especially elementary-aged children, "you want to see cheerful and bright colors and classrooms that are inviting to children," Fletcher added to Kreidler's statement. "When you're trying to do things to appeal to a young audience, you have to pull out a lot of bells and whistles and it costs a lot of money."

Many teachers rely on the state's reimbursement

for financial security. As an example, Kreidler explained how she was relying on the state's reimbursement after she spent hundreds of dollars on classroom supplies over the summer, and needed money for a roadway emergency during the beginning of September.

"Stuff happens in life, and you need dump trucks of limerock so you can get to work on Saturday, and you think, 'Gosh, I wish I hadn't bought all that stuff (school supplies) on Amazon' as you run to Tree Capital to take out a loan," she said.

According to Kreidler, the money should have been

disbursed to the district around mid-July. In the past, teachers would usually receive those funds around the beginning of September.

"Then the beginning of September came and there was no talk of it, and then the first weekend came and there was no talk of it, and then Sept. 15 came and there was no talk of it," She said. "Everyone was kind of like, 'Hey, what's going on?'"

"Not trying to be judge-y, but sometimes it feels like we can offer a little more respect to each other a little bit more often, and pair it with the financial

disbursement," Kreidler said.

Superintendent Dr. Danny Glover Jr. told Kreidler and the group of teachers she represented that the checks would be cut the following day, Sept. 19.

According to the school district's Financial Director, Ashley Valentine, the district has until Sept. 30 to distribute checks. "There's been some questions if there were others that were going to be added into the pot, and that's kind of been the hold up," Valentine explained. "We can disburse it as soon as we get it. The problem with that is if we

overestimate the number of teachers, then the teachers don't get as much money. If we estimate that there's going to be 100 teachers, but there's really only 75 teachers and we disburse the money early, then the teachers don't get the money they're due."

Kreidler told the board that if they couldn't distribute the checks at the beginning of September, they should have let teachers know what was going on, rather than leaving them in the dark. "The disbursement of information is a level of respect we would appreciate," she said.

## County began levying daily fines on home in 2011

### FORECLOSURE

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in which he alleged mental and physical damages, as well as the violation of his constitutional rights.

Should the county prevail, the property, located at 105 Cedar Island Dr., will be put up for sale on the courthouse steps. If the property does not sell, the county would assume ownership, allowing it to conduct the work Brooks was ordered to do five years ago.

The county's code enforcement officer was first notified by an area resident that "the property contained numerous abandoned boats in a state of disrepair and

that the structure was unsafe and constituted a hazard to nearby residents."

A hearing on the property was held on April 12, 2011, before then Taylor County Hearing Officer William Blue, who is now county judge.

The code enforcement officer "testified that Mr. Brook's property was in violation of [the county's land development code] pertaining to coastal high hazard areas because the pilings supporting the home were unsafe because

of cracks in the concrete pilings," Blue said in his order against Brooks.

"Both the home and the boats present a potentially unreasonable hazard to adjoining homes on Cedar Island in the event of a hurricane or storm surge," Blue said.

In his order, he gave Brooks 35 days to correct the issues before implementing a \$125 a day fine for the abandoned boats, as well as a \$125 per day fine for the pilings.

Brooks did not repair

the pilings or remove the boats, resulting in the fines accumulating to more than \$82,000 by the time the commission filed for foreclosure in April 2012.

After the foreclosure filing, Brooks, representing himself, filed a response to the county's suit with a counterclaim, eventually

suing the county and various local officials in Michigan court.

The Michigan case was eventually dismissed after the county hired an attorney in that state to represent their interests. Brooks subsequently filed similar charges in Florida, which were also dismissed.

## Neither driver was transported to DMH

### CRASH

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the right rear side of O'Steen's 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck, causing it to spin it around, Perry Police Department (PPD) Capt. Gene Franklin reported.

Both drivers were examined on scene by EMS but declined to be transported to the hospital.

The crash happened at 4 p.m.

## Suspect had active warrants at the time

### SUSPECT

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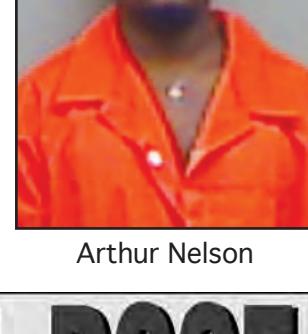
methamphetamine.

Perry Police Department (PPD) officers were on routine patrol when they first encountered Nelson.

"They were waiting on confirmation to see if he had any active warrants – which he did – when he took off running. He ran through someone's apartment and ignored the officers' commands to stop," Capt. Gene Franklin said.

Nelson faces charges of violation of probation,

obstruction without violence, possession of methamphetamine and burglary.



Arthur Nelson

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## Ribbon cutting for new beauty salon

Adrienne Persons, Linda Berry and Amy Riley cut the ribbon together during the grand opening ceremony for Belle Ame held Thursday afternoon. The new beauty salon is located at 219 S. Quincy St. in downtown Perry. The trio was joined by friends, family and representatives from the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce.

## Officials: 'no immediate risk'

### WATER READINGS

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concern," he added.

In a letter mailed to city water customers, the municipality reported, "We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received from samples taken Feb. 19, 2018, and Aug. 15, 2018, when averaged with quarterly results from the past year, show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum

contaminant levels (MCL), for Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs), which includes Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids [Five] (HAA5s). The standard for TTHMs is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and the average level of TTHMs over the last year was  $82.4 \mu\text{g/L}$  at 700 Charles Hendry Rd. The standard for HAA5s is  $60 \mu\text{g/L}$ , the average level of HAA5s over the last year was  $63.45 \mu\text{g/L}$  at Taylor Correctional Institute (TCI)."

Officials stated that the readings did not present an immediate risk and that the chlorine injection system at the Water Treatment Plant has been adjusted in conjunction with the public demand flow.

"We have set up flushing points to improve circulation of water in areas that may have lower volume flows. The water

system will continue to be monitored and adjusted to reduce the formation of trihalomethanes. We will continue to monitor and report to you by public notice on our results of sampling for total trihalomethanes as long as the running annual average exceeds 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) at one of our sampling sites," city officials stated.

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# Editorial

A-4 Taco Times October 3, 2018

## 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; Amendment 5, Aug. 29; Amendment 6, Sept. 5; Amendment 7, Sept. 12; Amendment 9, Sept. 19, and Amendment 10, Sept. 26. (Amendment 8 will not appear on November's ballot after being struck down by the Florida Supreme Court.)

### Amendment 11

**Ballot Summary:** Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

**Sponsor:** Florida Constitutional Revision Commission

**Ballot Status:** Amendment 11 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 7 and 9 -- that were struck down and removed from November's ballot on Sept. 7 by Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers. That decision was appealed by the state to the First District Court

of Appeals, which passed the case onto the Florida Supreme Court.

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 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.

On Aug. 14, retired Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead filed a lawsuit to remove all six CRC-sponsored amendments that involved bundling issues: Amendments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Florida Supreme Court returned the case to district court, resulting in Gievers' decision on Sept. 7 to strike Amendments 7, 9 and 11 from the ballot (the Supreme Court had already upheld Amendments 6, 8 and 10 in a separate case, so Gievers did not include them in her ruling). The state's appeal automatically put a stay on the judge's decision, so the ballot measures remain on the ballot pending a decision by the Supreme Court.

**Background:** In April, the CRC voted to approve Proposal 6006 -- which would become Amendment 11 -- by a margin of 36-1. The measure includes three separate proposals bundled together: Proposal 3, which would eliminate a provision

allowing laws prohibiting foreign-born residents ineligible for citizenship to own, inherit and possess real property; Proposal 11, which would delete obsolete language in the constitution referring to a high-speed ground transportation system; and Proposal 20, which would make several changes to an existing provision about retroactive prosecution and punishments committed prior to changes in the law.

There are currently no committees registered with the state advocating support or opposition to Amendment 11.

**Analysis:** If Florida voters approve Amendment 11, three separate changes will be made to the Florida Constitution.

**Alien Land Law:** Article I, Section 2, of the Florida Constitution includes the state's "equal protection" provision, which states that all "natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability."

At issue in Amendment 11 is the phrase "except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law," which would be eliminated if the

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## County Clerk speaks out on Cone case

Dear Editor:

As Clerk of Court for Taylor County, I feel compelled to share information and facts concerning some of the issues surrounding former County Probation Officer Calvin Cone's arrest and the charges filed by FDLE.

I am very disgusted and agitated with how State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister and his Assistant State Attorney John Durrett handled Calvin Cone's failure to correctly submit court costs, restitution and other court fees to the Clerk's office after collecting it from probationers.

Calvin Cone resigned as county probation officer for Taylor County on Oct. 31, 2015.

When he closed his office, he left a note on the door for defendants to "see the Clerk

### Siegmeister declined to pursue Cone case

**Publisher's Note:** Under the conditions of an Aug. 15 deferred prosecution agreement, Jeffrey Siegmeister, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit, declined to pursue charges of grand theft and official misconduct against former longtime Taylor County probation officer Calvin Cone Jr.

Rather than moving forward with prosecution of the case, Siegmeister's office opted to file a "No Information" document.

Siegmeister agreed to dismiss the charges if Cone fully met the conditions spelled out in an attached

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closing his office doors -- for a total of \$1,000 in October, 2015.

These monies were never submitted to the Clerk's Office for payment on the case.

During my next update with the Sheriff's Office, I met with investigators, who contacted FDLE on my behalf.

The FDLE issued the arrest warrant approximately 15 months after their investigation began. It was then turned over to State

Attorney Jeff Siegmeister. That is when this case went south.

Siegmeister appointed John Durrett, Assistant State Attorney, to take over the case. I first met with Mr. Durrett on June 8, 2018, for approximately two hours.

When he left the meeting, he requested I copy all the documents from the audited cases, stating he would get back with me in two weeks to pick them up for review.

After I did not hear from Mr. Durrett for four weeks,



I called him. He advised that he had received a call from his boss (Siegmeister), who wanted to discuss the Cone case.

Mr. Durrett also advised he had received a call from Cone's attorney advising that he (Cone) had now produced some of his County Probation files (after being served with a subpoena by FDLE).

This means Cone apparently lied when he stated through his previous attorney that he had destroyed all his files.

Durrett stated that Cone's

new attorney did not want Cone's files inspected until he knew what kind of audits the Clerk's Office had completed. Durrett again advised me that he would call and pick up the audited documents later -- but that never happened.

I attempted to call Durrett two or three times on Aug. 15, 2018, and received no answer. I again called him on Aug. 16, 2018, at least two times, leaving a message for

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## Afterthoughts

By DELORES LEGGETT WALKER

## Important landmarks in our lives

A friend posted some photos of her grandchildren playing in the Gulf waters of a Taylor County beach this past week, which triggered a memory for me, while also making me think about the importance of landmarks in our lives.

The dictionary defines landmarks as "a prominent feature that serves as a guide, such as a boundary or a building."

I believe the landmarks that define our lives are stored in the memory banks of our minds forever. Such was the case of the photo of the familiar beach that zoomed me backwards in time to my days spent at Ezell Beach.

As I studied the photos of the yellowish water at low tide, with the ever-present water reeds bordering the swimming hole, the memory of me sitting in a similar location during my childhood and teenage years was so vivid I could feel the pull of the water shifting the beach sand against my bare legs.

I closed my eyes and imagined the call of the gulls and the salty smell of the water rushing into my nose as I lay back in the waist-deep water to let the sun glisten on my face.

I counted the seconds I could hold my breath underwater, but most of the time I came up sputtering after one or two seconds, feeling like I'd swallowed half the Gulf while I was underwater.

I have seriously given thought to driving to the beach to find the landmarks of those years past to see if I could experience the same sensations by repeating the ritual.

According to what I have read from experts on aging, they say it is perfectly acceptable to want to relive things that brought great joy and satisfaction. So, if you happen to drive by and see a almost 75-year-old having a one-person baptismal at a local beach, you are more than welcome to ignore the spectacle -- or stop and join me in the fun.

Another recent and ongoing debacle brought another landmark into my mind, but this time the feeling was far less pleasurable.

Most of you will agree that we are seeing a decline in the rule of law as we watched the

U.S. Senate turn into a name-calling mockery of American justice. For those who may disagree with my opinion, I hope we still can maintain some degree of dignity by agreeing to disagree without rancor or pettiness.

This is the America I grew up in, but sadly there seems to be little to none of the right to speak your mind these days without the threat of your character being decimated or destroyed.

There are several reasons I relate to Judge Brett Kavanaugh, but one is his use of his daily calendar during the recent hearing. I too am a calendar keeper as a landmark of my life.

One hangs yearly on my pantry door. Important events are chronicled from January to December. The birthdates of family and friends, along with anniversaries, school activities, the dates of those who now live in heaven and the names of folks that I interact with, all fill the monthly pages.

And, of course, I pencil in the book-signing dates that help me promote my books. Allow me to mention Pioneer Day in Mayo on Oct. 13 and the two Perry events -- the Florida Forest Festival on Oct. 27 and the Friends of the Library meeting on Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The best part of this open part of my life is the easy access provided to anyone that has a need to critique my activities. My life is literally an open book displayed on a yearly calendar.

When I preview my calendar, memories from past events flood my mind. They are true landmarks in my life's journey.

It was interesting to watch Judge Kavanaugh present his "landmarks" via a calendar at the recent Senate confirmation session. I felt the emotion it evoked for him as he read the notations because it is the same type of emotion I experience when scanning the calendar that reflect my daily routines.

These memories come fully-loaded with smells, sounds and emotions and can whisk you away from the present to relive that time in all its fullness, putting you squarely at that particular landmark as if you never left.

My Afterthought is this; "Personal landmarks are the building blocks of our lives. Make them worthy to be relived time and time again."

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## Courage and Fellowship Through Cancer

A Christian Fellowship Group for All Cancers

Now meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday

## New cancer support group announces meeting change

Courage and Fellowship Through Cancer (CFTC), a support group for cancer patients and caregivers, has announced a change in its meeting schedule.

"In order to accommodate our friends who either have jobs, or who need to attend treatments during the week, our meeting will be held every second and fourth Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m.," Founder Dianna "Mama" Sandonato said.

The October meetings will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 28.

"We encourage all cancer patients and their caregivers to attend these informative and uplifting times of fellowship."

The meetings will be held at First Presbyterian Church, located at 310 Plantation Rd.

Patients and caregivers are also invited to call the CFTC helpline at (850) 371-5152.



## Stock up on books Oct. 13

Friends of the Taylor County Public Library will hold their Fall Book Sale Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the library.

There will be a huge selection of books and most will be just 25¢ each or five for \$1. All magazines will be 5¢ each or six for a quarter.

Come early for the best selection.

As a reminder, while the sale will begin at 8 a.m., the library will not open until 10 a.m.



Perry VFW Post Commander Bill Crowder (center) was presented a banner and gold star from VFW Department of Florida Surgeon Danette Hernandez (left) and Dist. #2 Commander Eric King. The post was recognized for achieving a 100 percent membership goal for 2017-18.

## Local VFW Post #9225 is honored at district meeting

Perry's VFW Post #9225 continues to move forward with its mission to assist area veterans and representatives, by attending the recent district meeting for the Florida Veterans of Foreign Wars held at VFW Post #3308 in Tallahassee.

"Our Perry post was represented by Commander Bill Crowder, Senior Vice Commander James Lynch, Quartermaster Gary DuBose and Adjutant/Post Chaplin Martin Kisamore. District #2 Commander Eric King presided over the meeting," Adjutant/Chaplin Martin Kisamore reported.

"During this meeting,

a lot of district business was conducted, along with sharing of information about the National Cemetery and veteran benefits by District Veterans Service Officer Gordon Lightfoot.

"Debra Mann, VFW Post #3308, spoke on volunteerism and the 'Because We Care' program, which she chairs.

"Student Veterans of America (SVA) Coordinator Chris Meinhart provided information on the SVA and VeteransFlorida.org.

"Each VFW post in attendance also reported on their post's achievements and projects this year,"

Kisamore said.

"Perry VFW Post #9225 was recognized with a banner and a gold star for our post flag streamer for achieving a 100-percent membership goal for the 2017-18 year. The award was presented by District #2 Commander Eric King and VFW Department of Florida Surgeon Danette Hernandez.

"This was only achieved by the hard work from our previous Commander Al Grubbs and all the officers and members of Post #9225, as well as the patriotic support from the veterans in our community. Great job!"

## Register now for free ethics course

All local elected and appointed officials, as well as members of the general public, are invited to attend a free "Ethics of Public Service" course on Oct. 10 at the Taylor County Supervisor of Elections office.

Sponsored by the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce and Perry Newspapers, Inc., the four-hour course will be presented by Ben Green, director of the Florida Center for Public Management (FCPM) at Florida State University. The "Ethics of Public Service" course will cover the ethical and legal challenges facing Florida's public officials, including the Florida Commission on Ethics' Standards of Conduct and the Public Records Act.

This course will meet requirements mandated by Florida Statutes for public officials who are subject to Florida open government and ethics rules, but will also be open to anyone who wishes to attend. The course, scheduled from 8 a.m. - 12 noon, will take the place of similar training sessions held around the state each year, eliminating the cost of the course, travel and related expenses for local elected and appointed officials.

Pursuant to Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, public officials (including state attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, tax collectors, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, clerks of the circuit court, county commissioners, city council members, district

school board members and superintendents of schools) are required to "complete four hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State

Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and the public records and public meetings laws (Sunshine Law)."

To register for the course,

contact the Supervisor of Elections office at (850) 838-3515 or email [taylorelections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylorelections@gtcom.net).

The course is limited to the first 25 individuals who sign up.

## GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2018

Sample ballots are scheduled to be mailed to every household within the next 10 days, however we already have them posted on our website and are available for download. Just visit our elections website at [www.taylorelections.com](http://www.taylorelections.com) and choose the link for Sample Ballots. Enter your information and then choose sample ballot immediately listed under 2018 General Election.

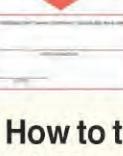


### VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT REQUEST

If you are voting by mail, be sure to place the proper postage on your returned envelope.

\$ .50 is the required postage

Please call your Supervisor of Elections office at 850-838-3515 to request a mail ballot. The elections office is in the process of mailing those voters who have already made a request for the November 6, 2018 General Election. We will continue to process daily any request that are made, the last day to request a mail ballot is Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

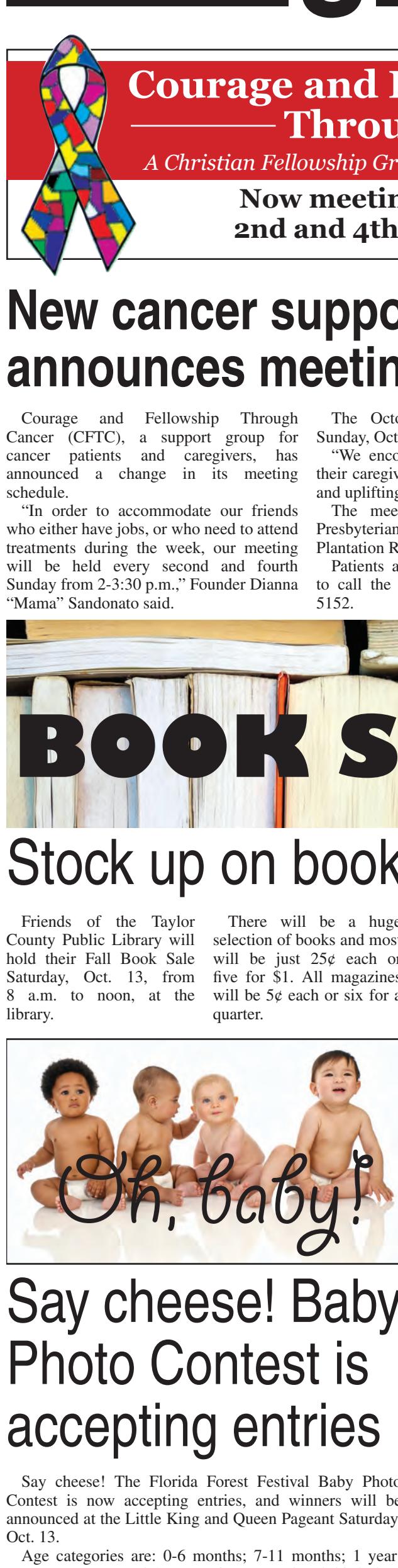


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How to track your vote by mail ballot - Visit the Supervisor of Elections website at [www.taylorelections.com](http://www.taylorelections.com), click on the My Registration/Vote by Mail Status button on the homepage and follow the prompts to track your mail ballot. If you do not have access to a computer you can call the elections office at 850-838-3515, we will be glad to assist you with any of your election needs.



## Say cheese! Baby Photo Contest is accepting entries



## Girl Scouts 'Take Action,' collect for local food pantry

Say cheese! The Florida Forest Festival Baby Photo Contest is now accepting entries, and winners will be announced at the Little King and Queen Pageant Saturday, Oct. 13.

Age categories are: 0-6 months; 7-11 months; 1 year;

2 years; 3 years; and 4 years. First, second and third place will be awarded in each category.

The judging criteria includes: uniqueness of photo; capturing the moment; baby showing personality; and photogenic quality.

All photos must be amateur photography (no studio or professional portraits); must be enlarged to a 5x7 with a matted border (not framed); only one photo per child can be entered; the photo cannot have other people in the image; and photo must have been taken after April 1, 2018.

Entries should be turned in at Photos & Frames (102 East Main Street); the deadline is Friday, Oct. 12.

All entries will be displayed at Photos & Frames during the month of October.

Girl Scouts Troop 4006 Brownies are earning their "Take Action" badges by collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for a local food bank.

If you have items you'd like to donate, please message the group on their Facebook page (Girl Scouts of Taylor County Troop 4006).

Taylor County Middle School kicks off "Spirit Week" Thursday with a "Throwback Thursday" dress-up theme.

Students will be "Huntin' for the Weekend" with a Camo Day on Friday and

"Mellow Monday" will bring a Pajama Day theme.

Game day will be all about the "Orange & Blue."

Tickets are \$15 each for unlimited rides.

For a preview of rides

that will be featured at the carnival, visit online at <http://www.familyfunfestinc.com/photos-videos.html>.

Carnival, which opens Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Tickets are \$15 each for unlimited rides.

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Pre-sale tickets are now on sale at the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Florida Forest Festival

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# Religion

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## 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.

### Is hoarding haunting your Sunday school?

I was raised in an environment where we did not believe in throwing anything away. In other words, I was raised to be a hoarder.

Well, maybe not that severe, but we might have been more accurately described as being very conservative. That mindset still is a part of my life now. We have a special storage shed behind my house where we keep our "junk."

It is difficult to surrender stuff you have accumulated during a lifetime. Many of you can identify with this mentality. If we aren't careful this hoarder type of thinking sneaks into the church. We do it with old literature, hymnals, furniture, carpet, etc.

Hoarding can haunt your Sunday school. Here are some things a hoarding leader might think or say:

1. I know they need preschool teachers, but we really need some good members in our class.

2. I'm not sure why he is teaching. He's only been a member here for five years.

3. Everything keeps changing. I wish we could just leave things alone so people know what to expect.

4. I wish we could go back to the time when we knew everybody in our church.

5. We have not had a new member in 10 years, but that's okay. We really love each other.

It is important to consider where the new Sunday School teachers must come from - the adult classes. Remember your class is designed to be a sending unit, not a hoarder of talent. Where are the leaders going to come from? We grow them up so we can give them up for greater service in the Kingdom of God.

It is God's class, not yours.

Oh, by the way, my storage shed has become a place where my family comes and "shops" for stuff they may need. I gladly give up the stuff I have stored so my family can put it to use. It is my hope that you will find plenty of workers in your church in the coming days.

Harold Reams serves a director of missions for the Taylor County Baptist Association.

### Church reunion planned Oct. 13

The upcoming reunion of former Grace United Methodist Church members is planned Saturday, Oct. 13.

The reunion, the first collective fellowship since the church closed, will be held at Boyd New Life Methodist Church Social Hall, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Former members, family and friends are invited to bring their favorite covered dish to share.

## Community Prayer Meeting set for this Sunday at First Baptist

First Baptist Church will host the fourth community prayer meeting Sunday, starting at 6 p.m.

"The purpose for this prayer gathering is to summon the churches of God throughout Perry and Taylor County to join as one people for a time of worship and intensive intercession for the people of our community and the people of the world," Calvary Baptist Church Pastor Ben

Kimmell, PhD, said.

"We hope this gathering will serve to break down the barriers that have divided not only this community, but also its churches for generations.

"This Sunday we will begin with adoration and confession of God's unparalleled glory. We will pray for the holiness of God's people and the spiritual vitality of our local churches.

"We will then pray for God's global persecuted people, praying for their strength, their endurance, and their witness.

"We will pray for the local and global unreached, that God's Spirit will stir His people to radical and sacrificial service and witness for the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth.

"We will plead with God for a renewed vision for the

churches of Taylor County to minister to and seek for the welfare of our own community.

"And we will offer our prayer for the fatherless, pleading with God to help His people raise up a new generation of men who will respond to the biblical mandate of leadership and responsibility in their homes, churches and communities," Kimmell said.

## News from the Taylor Baptist Association

### Annual Session slated Monday, Oct. 15

First Baptist Church will host the Taylor County Baptist Association's Annual Session Monday, Oct. 15.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and Dr. Tommy Green, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker.

### Welcome, new pastors!

The Taylor County Baptist Association has welcomed

the following new pastors at local churches:

- The Rev. Chris Arnold and his wife, Janell, have accepted a call to Lakeside Baptist.
- The Rev. Steve Fox and his wife, Carolyn, have accepted a call to Salem Baptist.
- The Rev. Mark Prevatt and his wife, Rachel, are serving at San Pedro.

"We are delighted to have them all in Taylor County," Association members said.

## Obituaries



Charles Kenneth Bush

### Charles Kenneth Bush

Charles Kenneth Bush, 90, died Sept. 30, in Mayo surrounded by his family. Ken was born March 2, 1928, in Branford to George Clayton Bush and Mary Lucille McCallister Bush.

Ken honorably served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church. Ken retired from Procter & Gamble in 1990 after 32 years.

Ken was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish; he enjoyed farming and gardening, and grew many an acre of hay, peas, corn and peanuts.

Ken was preceded in death by: his parents, George Clayton Bush and Mary

Lucille Bush; two brothers, Wilbur C. Bush and James Bush; and a sister, Mildred L. Fletcher.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Shirley Bush; three daughters, Sharron L. (Craig) Browning, Deborah J. (Carl) Hill and Kim R. (Kelly) Walker; his son, Richard K. (Dixie) Bush; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

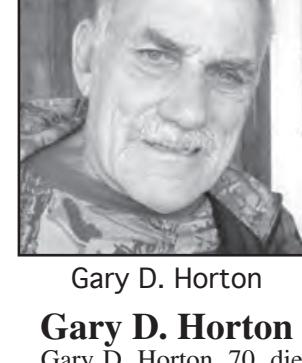
Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Southside Baptist Church with Pastor Jack Anderson and Pastor Gary French officiating. Interment services will follow immediately afterward in Rock Sink Baptist Cemetery in Dixie County.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Burns Funeral Home of Perry.

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

Friends may sign the online guest book at [www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com).

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Gary D. Horton

### Gary D. Horton

Gary D. Horton, 70, died Sept. 29, 2018, in Perry. Gary was born Aug. 12, 1948, in Perry to James B. Horton and Jewel Hendry Horton.

Gary honorably served his country in the United States Army. He was of the Methodist faith and attended Lake Bird United Methodist Church.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Burns Funeral Home of Perry.

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Gary was preceded in death by: his wife, Mary Lee Horton; his father, James B.

Horton; his brother, Larry; and his nephew, Brett Carlton.

He is survived by: his mother, Jewel Horton; his son, Nick (Casey) Anderson; his sisters, Faye (Jack) Jackson and Brenda (Leland) Carlton; five grandchildren, Derek, Troy and Brianna Anderson and Garrett and Blake Clark; and his nieces, Lisa (Tim) Noles and family, and LeNan (C.J.) Mendez and family.

Gary leaves behind his beloved dog that was his friend and companion.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. at Lake Bird Methodist Church with Pastor Wallace Holmes and Pastor Billy Gipson officiating. Interment services followed in Lake Bird Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Burns Funeral Home.

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## Worshipfest

at Rosehead Park

Sunday October 21st, 2018

2:00pm to 10:00pm

### Worshiping for a change

Worship teams from local churches in Taylor County and North Florida will gather at Rosehead Park Sunday, Oct. 21, for "Worshipfest" from 2-10 p.m. "This is a gathering of love-sick warriors,

extravagant lovers of Jesus, radical, passionate worshipers and intentional intense intercessors from every denomination, culture, creed and walk of life. We will come together as one, with one purpose in mind -- to change the spiritual climate and atmosphere over Taylor County, North Florida and the nation," representative Marshall Combs said. Everyone is invited attend. "Bring a friend and your favorite lawn chairs." For more information, please call (904) 451-7952.

Faith Church news?  
Please e-mail [newsdesk@perrynewspapers.com](mailto:newsdesk@perrynewspapers.com) to place FREE church announcements.

## Lake Bird Methodist Church

### Homecoming

October 7, 2018

11 A.M.

The Purvis Brothers  
& the Encore Band

from Monticello, FL

2960 Lake Bird Church Rd, Perry, FL 32347

Call for info: (850) 843-2307

## Church Directory

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UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
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"Where friends become family"  
Sunday @ 6 p.m. • Wednesday @ 7 p.m.  
Apostolic Light UPC [@apostoliclightupe@gmail.com  
1012 S. Washington Street, Perry, FL  
<http://www.apostoliclightupe.com/>](mailto:@apostoliclightupe@gmail.com)



**First Baptist Church**  
[www.fbcperryfl.org](http://www.fbcperryfl.org)  
First Kidz: K-5th  
5:25 P.M. supper (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00-7:15 P.M. Program  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study 5:00 p.m.  
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# Sports

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Fall to Dixie County, 34-26

## 'Dogs unable to hold onto 20-0 lead

The Taylor County Bulldogs appeared to be on their way to an easy win over neighboring rival Dixie County, Friday night at Dorsett Stadium, dominating the Bears early by jumping out to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter.

However, the Bulldogs

went ice cold from that point on, as Dixie County held Taylor County scoreless the rest of the way until just one minute remained in the game, while the Bears scored 34 unanswered points to notch a come-from-behind, 34-26 victory.

The Bulldogs scored on

their first two offensive possessions of the game – sandwiched in between a special teams touchdown on a blocked punt – to take a commanding 20-0 lead, before coming up empty on their next six straight offensive possessions.

During that span, the Bulldogs threw two interceptions – including one that was returned for a touchdown – and were held to zero points despite driving inside the Bears' red zone (20-yard line) on four consecutive series before turning the ball over on downs each time.

Taylor County elected to go for it on fourth down four times – all inside the Dixie County 20-yard line – but came up short every time.

Those four trips into the Dixie County red zone ended with an interception to end the first half with the Bulldogs threatening from the 13-yard line, a drive that fizzled at the Bears' 15-yard line, another series that saw Taylor drive down to the 6-yard line before losing 10 yards and turning the ball over on downs and another drive that reached the 18 before going backwards and ending at the Dixie 22-yard line.

That finish was in stark contrast to how the Bulldogs started, as they received the opening kickoff and only needed three plays to advance the ball 52 yards for a touchdown – highlighted by a 41-yard touchdown reception by Zoe Roberts from quarterback Robert Glanton.

Dacorian Bellamy would punch in the two-point conversion to give Taylor County an 8-0 lead over Dixie County just over a minute into the game.

The Bears attempted only four passes all night (completing one pass for 10 yards), and instead leaned heavily on their running game, which chewed up the Bulldog defense by rushing 42 times for 318 yards and four touchdowns.

The TCHS defense held Dixie's offense in check on their first possession of the



Joseph Morgan celebrates with Devante Glover after Glover blocked a punt that Morgan recovered and returned for a touchdown in the first quarter to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead over Dixie County.

night, forcing a punt.

Devante Glover managed to break through the punt protection scheme and get a hand on the ball for a punt block, which led to a 35-

yard blocked kick return for a touchdown by Joseph Morgan, which increased the Bulldogs lead to 14-0 after a failed two-point conversion try.

Taylor's offense would return to the field after a quick break, as the Bulldog defense forced another punt after shutting down the Bears in three straight plays.

The Bulldogs' offense then strung together an impressive 12-play, 96-yard touchdown drive that was capped off by a 32-yard pass from Glanton to Demari Stephens for six points, giving the Bulldogs a three-possession (20-0) lead as the first quarter ended.

Dixie County would finally get on the scoreboard with a touchdown of their own after running the ball on 11 consecutive plays while covering 62 yards and eating up half of the time on the clock in the second quarter.

After pulling within 20-8, the Bears attempted a pooch kick that was fielded and returned for a touchdown by Kavan Thomas to put Taylor County up 26-8. However, the touchdown was called back due to a holding penalty against the Bulldogs.

Two plays later, Glanton threw an interception that was returned 55 yards for a Dixie County touchdown – marking a dramatic shift in

the ballgame. Just seconds after seemingly taking a 26-8 lead, the Bulldogs found themselves suddenly leading only 20-16 heading into halftime.

The third quarter was

scoreless, as both teams traded the ball back and forth before Dixie County opened the fourth quarter with a 60-yard scamper for a touchdown to take their first lead of the game, 22-20.

Taylor County's offense was unable to get anything going, with another quick four-and-out series, which set up six consecutive runs by the Bears that went for a total of 75 yards and a touchdown that put the Bears up 28-20.

The Bulldog offense took over deep in their own territory after a Dixie County punt and was once again unable to pick up a first down in four plays, as Taylor County opted to go for a first down instead of punting from their own 30.

An incomplete pass on 4th down gave Dixie County great field position with under five minutes remaining in the game, allowing the Bears to take a two-touchdown lead after Dixie County's offense needed to drive just 30 yards before scoring to take a 34-20 lead.

With just under 30 seconds left in the game, Glanton hooked up again with Roberts, who snatched the ball out of the defender's hands for a 31-yard completion and a touchdown.

However, it was too little,

too late for the Bulldogs, as Dixie simply ran out the remaining time on the clock to secure their 34-26 victory.

Taylor managed to finish with a whopping 356 yards of total offense – compared to 328 by Dixie County – as the Bears used their dominating running game to control the ball and the clock for the majority of the game, wearing down the Bulldog defense late.

The Bulldogs troubles in the red zone continued yet again, as they were unable to come away with any points despite driving inside the 20 yard line four times during the game.

Bulldog QB Robert Glanton completed 14 out of 20 of his passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns, while he was picked off twice – one of which the Bears returned for a touchdown.

Dacorian Bellamy carried the ball 23 times for 119 yards, averaging over five yards per carry.

Bellamy also caught four passes – all in the second half – for a total of 19 yards.

Roberts led the Bulldogs receiving corps with six receptions for 101 yards, while managing to score two touchdowns.

Demari Stephens had a big game at receiver as well, gathering 65 yards and a touchdown off of just three receptions.

The Bulldogs are now 1-4

on the season and will travel to Jefferson County this Friday night to take on the Tigers at 7:30 p.m.



Moral Stephens' second-ever trip to the end zone was the only touchdown pass in Florida's victory over Mississippi State.

## Stephens catches 2nd collegiate touchdown

Moral Stephens scored his second career collegiate touchdown this past Saturday, helping the University of Florida Gators defeat the Mississippi State Bulldogs, 13-6.

Stephens' second-ever trip to the end zone (both coming this year in his senior season in Gainesville) was the only touchdown pass in Florida's victory over Gator Head

Coach Dan Mullen's former team.

Florida's offense struggled for two and a half quarters against Mississippi State before Mullen opted to turn to some trickery to give the Gators their first touchdown of the night midway through the third quarter.

Quarterback Feleipe Franks threw a lateral to receiver Kadarius Toney,

who then lobbed a 20-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Moral Stephens streaking down the left side.

Stephens now has four catches on the year for 65 yards to go along with two touchdowns.

The former Taylor County Bulldog wide receiver and the Gators will host LSU this upcoming Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in "The Swamp."

## TCMS Bulldogs beat Fla. High for 15th straight win

The Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) Bulldogs defeated Florida High, 28-15 Thursday night in Tallahassee to run their winning streak to an incredible 15 straight games dating back to 2016.

The TCMS Bulldogs are now 4-0 on the season, with victories over Dixie County (46-6), Madison County (44-20), Wakulla County (44-18) and Florida High (28-15).

TCMS picked up 420 yards offensively, while holding Florida High's offense to just 102 yards.

However, turnovers put a damper on the Bulldogs' ability to score against the Seminoles.

TCMS scored the first two touchdowns of the game, but failed on one of their two two-point conversions to

settle for a 14-0 lead.

The Bulldogs turned the ball over inside their own 10-yard line, allowing Florida High to take advantage of the mistake and score a quick touchdown to trim the lead to 14-8.

Kevis Thomas capped off the first half with a 67-yard touchdown run that put the Bulldogs on top 20-8 at the half.

Thomas had touchdown runs of 67 and 55 yards, while DJ Oliver's touchdown was a 23-yard run in which he had to fight through tons of enemy traffic.

The Bulldogs had three turnovers, which allowed Florida High to remain in the game, before TCMS managed to come away with the 13-point victory.

Thomas carried the ball 13 times for 237 yards to go along with two touchdowns, while Oliver finished with 120 yards to go along with one touchdown while also leading the team in tackles on defense.

Terel Abercrombie also secured a 23-yard touchdown reception from Thomas, while A'jari Harris caught two passes for 15 yards and Kigel Williams caught one for seven yards.

"I think we were fortunate to get out of Tallahassee with a win this past Thursday. We did not play well, and most of the night we couldn't get out of our own way, with untimely penalties and turnovers that we normally don't have," said TCMS Head Coach Dave Gray.

"We have a bye this week, and I feel like it's hitting us at a very good time," Gray added. "In practice, our focus will be to zero back in on the things that are most important, like the basics (blocking and tackling), as well as taking care of the football. The Suwannee game is the following Tuesday, so we have to get re-focused and re-energized before then if we want to win," stated Gray.

TCMS will host Suwannee County next Tuesday at 6 p.m. as they look to extend their winning streak to 16 games.

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# Murphy: Over 100 cases had money issues

## COUNTY CLERK

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him to call me.

Durrett returned my call at approximately 11:30 p.m. that day, at which time he advised me, that upon instruction from his boss (Siegmeister), an agreement had been signed by Cone. The content of that agreement was published in this newspaper on Aug. 22.

During my conversation with Durrett on Aug. 16, 2018, he relayed to me that he was just doing what his boss wanted him to do.

Durrett never told me that an agreement was being anticipated. In fact, he never advised me or my office that we should stop copying the audits, as they would not be looked at to determine what Cone had done.

Essentially, Siegmeister never allowed Mr. Durrett to do anything with the Cone case.

The agreement that was signed did not include any restitution to be paid by Cone for the two cases that were included in the FDLE arrest warrant – despite the fact paid receipts were included and furnished to the FDLE and State Attorney Siegmeister.

The agreement, signed

by Cone, states that \$1,500 would be paid to the Clerk. On behalf of the Clerk of Court's Office, I have allocated these fees to be applied to the two cases mentioned in the arrest affidavit (\$1,000 to the McClellan case, and \$310 to the Hendry case).

There are still many other cases included in the audit that should have been reviewed by the State Attorney.

For those who have inquired about audit requirements, you should be made aware that Calvin Cone was required under his contract with the County to perform an audit of County Probation every year.

Cone never conducted a single audit during the years 1991 through Oct. 31, 2015 -- the date he resigned as Taylor County's Probation Officer.

The Clerk's Office is audited every year by at least four state agencies, as well as the county's private auditing firm. You are encouraged to view these audits at any time.

Through a Public Records Request, Perry Newspapers was furnished copies of 15 probation cases that were audited by my office.

There have been questions regarding the cost to Taylor County taxpayers for the

Clerk's office conducting this audit of probation cases. There was no cost to anyone. I personally performed the audit myself at night, putting in many hours to accomplish this audit on behalf of the victims involved.

I have kept in contact with some of the victims whose funds were never submitted to the Clerk's Office by Cone, and I have pledged to work with them regarding their court fees.

I appreciate the support and input I have received from many of the victims in this case. Some defendants don't even know their case was involved.

State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister, by his actions, has demonstrated to the people of Taylor County why there is distrust in the judicial system.

The public may not realize how many defendants in the court system (who Cone supervised as County Probation Officer) were charged with "petit theft" for taking less than \$10.00, but yet this type of charge ("grand theft") gets dismissed.

Yes, for the public's information, if Mr. Cone adheres to the conditions in his agreement with the State Attorney's Office, the

charges against him will be dismissed.

I know there are some folks that feel Calvin Cone did nothing wrong.

But, before you throw stones at me, you should know the audit identified more than 40 cases in which the court ordered probation, but Cone never even contacted the defendant.

In each of these cases, the probation time period came and went without any action being taken by Cone.

The total fees and costs lost due to his failure to do his job as County Probation Officer is approximately \$20,554.47 in just these 40 cases.

My office audited five years of cases in which county probation was ordered – over 1,000 files -- and over 100 of these cases contain issues with money. The audit reveals what is in the Clerk's Office files.

I would recommend you ask Mr. Cone how many times the Clerk's Office staff had to call him to bring a check for defendants whose probation had termed, but he had failed to pay their fines to the Clerk's Office.

Please ask Mr. Cone how much interest he had to pay on court fees of \$626.00 -- under a court order -- for

holding onto one defendant's money for 14 years. (The total interest paid on that case was \$730.64).

The public needs to know that the Clerk updates public criminal records to a statewide database – known as CJIS -- that includes all criminal and civil records.

The audits completed by my office will be scanned into CJIS for all registered users to see.

Mr. Cone knows what CJIS is because he had access to the system. If I were him, I would want the findings contained in this audit to be corrected.

These audit reports will be on CJIS forever for his children, grandchildren and everyone else to see what kind of county probation officer Calvin Cone really was for Taylor County.

This is not just a case of poor bookkeeping.

This is a true case of grand theft. I can only imagine the issues that would be discovered in Madison and Hamilton counties if an audit were to be performed of probation cases handled by Cone in those counties.

To Mr. Cone: You know what you did is wrong, and one day you will have to face the consequences for your actions.

In the meantime, since your employment is limited under the agreement, you will have time to fly your airplane, which, by the way, you failed to acknowledge as an asset on your financial statement, signed under oath, and filed with the Supervisor of Elections.

Mr. Cone, be thankful that Jeff Siegmeister decided not to pursue charges in these cases. Justice for the defendants in these cases may be gone, but I sincerely hope that some of these victims will speak up.

For everyone's information, to be very clear, the local State Attorney's office in Perry and those employees working here had no involvement in this case.

If anyone would like to see what was involved in this audit, please contact me at 850-838-3506, ext. 112, and I will be happy to both share and prove my audit.

Thanks to all my staff for your support during all these stressful hours. And, thanks to all the residents and friends who have supported me during my years as the Clerk of Court for our great county.

Sincerely,  
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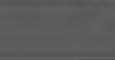


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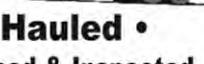


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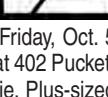
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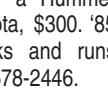
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Dedge's circuit, which includes Taylor, has 384 children in out-of-home care. Of these, 311 – or two-thirds – are represented by a volunteer GAL.

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Dedge started with the Third Circuit more than 20 years ago and worked her way up from victim advocate to case coordinator to assistant director to director.

To volunteer as a Guardian ad Litem in the Third Judicial Circuit, please contact Leslie Nestic at [leslie.nestic@gal.fl.gov](mailto:leslie.nestic@gal.fl.gov) or call (386) 688-0589.



The Bryan James Band rocked the park and lit up the stage with a dazzling multi-media video background at the first "Back the Blue" music benefit Saturday at Rosehead Park. Supporters dined on seafood dinners and enjoyed "outlaw" country classics played by the band.



Taylor County dads were out in full force last week, taking part in "Take Your Dad to School" days at both the middle school and high school. Shown here are scenes from each event, which featured a breakfast of donuts or biscuits. High school students and their dads gathered in the media center, while middle school students and their dads filled the school's front hall and walkway.

# Amendment 11 could lead to reduced sentences

## AMENDMENTS

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amendment is approved by voters in November.

Unlike the English feudal system, under which many early American colonies operated, Florida's early constitutions protected the rights of foreigners to own property, including the 1868 and 1885 documents. Early in the 1900s, however, a movement began in California to restrict the ability of those "ineligible for citizenship" to own property, targeted mostly against the influx of Japanese immigrants to the United States at the time.

Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1926 adding a section giving the legislature the authority to limit, regulate or prohibit property ownership by those ineligible to become U.S. citizens. That provision was carried forward when Florida's new constitution was approved in 1968 in the section quoted above.

According to a review

**LEGALS**



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Taylor County, Florida

By: Terri Young  
Deputy Clerk  
10/3, 10/10

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

CASE NO. 2018-413-CA

RUSSELL BELCHER,  
Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH WAYNE STARLING,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: KENNETH WAYNE STARLING and all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against Defendant(s) KENNETH WAYNE STARLING and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to quiet title on real property, lying and being and situated in Taylor County, Florida, which is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE FORTY LINE A DISTANCE OF 840.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 479.81 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PRESTON SHEFFIELD ROAD (40 R/W); THENCE RUN NORTH 27 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 935.10 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE A DISTANCE OF 48.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 5.09 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND IS LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Ray Curtis, The Curtis Law Firm, P.A., 103 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347, within thirty days after the first publication of this notice, September 12, 2018, and to file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 10 day of September, 2018.

Annie Mae Murphy  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Marti Lee  
As Deputy Clerk  
9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3

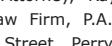
conducted by the Florida Legislature, no law has ever been passed to restrict such ownership as authorized by the constitution. (It is unlikely that any such law would be deemed constitutional under the U.S. Constitution.) If approved, Amendment 11 would remove the legislature's ability to do so in the future.

A similar effort was mounted by the Florida Legislature in 2007 when they put what was then known as "Amendment 1" on the 2008 ballot to eliminate the provision. That ballot measure failed with only 47.9% voting in favor.

**High Speed Rail:** In 2000, Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1926 adding a section giving the legislature the authority to limit, regulate or prohibit property ownership by those ineligible to become U.S. citizens. That provision was carried forward when Florida's new constitution was approved in 1968 in the section quoted above.

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10/3, 10/10

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

CASE NO.: 18000265CAC

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERTO SANCHEZ A/K/A ROBERTO RIOS SANCHEZ, DECEASED, et al  
Defendant(s)

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTO SANCHEZ A/K/A ROBERTO RIOS SANCHEZ, DECEASED

RESIDENT: Unknown

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 101 PINE ROAD, PERRY, FL 32348-6120

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in TAYLOR County, Florida:

LOT 1 OF BLOCK 4 OF UNIT 2 OF COLONIAL HOMES INC, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID UNIT 2 OF COLONIAL HOMES INC ON RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 76 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2001 NW 64th Street, Suite 100, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, November 1, 2018 otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Perry Newspapers, Inc..

DATED: September 26, 2018

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Marti Lee

Deputy Clerk of the Court

Copies furnished to:

Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC

2001 NW 64th Street

Suite 100

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** 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. 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, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800)

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mandated to begin by Nov. 1, 2003. To implement the constitutional amendment, the Florida Legislature enacted the Florida High-Speed Rail Authority Act and created the Florida High Speed Rail Authority in 2002. In November 2004, however, the high-speed rail constitutional amendment was repealed.

In approved, Amendment 11 would delete the now obsolete language regarding a high-speed ground transportation system left in the Florida Constitution when the project was repealed in 2004.

**Savings Clause:**

Currently, the Florida Constitution contains what is known as a "savings clause," which states: "Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed." This essentially means that if someone breaks a law that is later amended or appealed, he or she will be prosecuted and sentenced based on how the

law was in place at the time of the criminal act.

According to an analysis conducted by the CRC, the savings clause was added to the Florida Constitution in 1885 in response to a high-profile criminal case in which a defendant charged with assault could not be prosecuted because the legislature repealed the assault statute and failed to "save" prosecutions for offenses committed before the repeal.

While many states have statutory language providing "saving clauses," Florida is one of only three states to include such a clause in its constitution.

Even taking into account Florida's savings clause, the U.S. Constitution prohibits both the U.S. Congress and states from passing "ex post facto" laws, which generally punish people for acts that were legal when they were taken or increase punishments for criminal acts beyond what they were at the time the act was committed.

The 1798 U.S. Supreme

Court case of Calder v. Bull outlined how the "ex post facto" prohibition applies to criminal laws.

Florida's "savings clause" typically comes into play when a law is repealed or punishments are lessened some time after a criminal act was committed.

If passed, Amendment 11 would make several changes to Florida's savings clause, namely to delete the phrases "or amendment" and "or punishment". The new clause would read: "Repeal of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution for any crime committed before such repeat."

The two deletions could -- depending on the circumstance -- have very different effects. By eliminating "or amendment" from the savings clause, changes made to laws that do not actually repeal them would become retroactive, within the bounds of the "ex post facto" prohibition in the U.S. Constitution.

Meanwhile, eliminating "or punishment," would

allow defendants to be sentenced under less stringent (but not more stringent) requirements regardless of the laws at the time of their criminal acts.

In their own analysis of the proposal, CRC officials stated, "The removal of 'or amendment' and 'or punishment' from the clause would only prevent the repeal of a criminal statute from affecting the prosecution of a crime. However, the removal of the punishment provision could allow courts to consider altering punishment in light of a statute being repealed or amended. For example, in 2014, the legislature

amended drug sentencing laws. A defendant who committed certain drug offenses on June 30, 2014, would serve five times longer in prison as a defendant who committed that same offense one day later. A

repeal of the savings clause will allow to the legislature to retroactively apply lesser sentencing to prisoners currently in prison."

**LEGALS**



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10/3, 10/10

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# Lighting, potholes are a 'dangerous liability' at Forest Capital Hall

Citing safety concerns, commissioners have asked county staff to look into the cost of installing additional outdoor lighting and resurfacing the main entrance road at Forest Capital Hall.

Chairwoman Pam Feagle brought both issues up for discussion at a workshop on Sept. 13, calling the lack of lighting and potholes "a dangerous liability."

Feagle said she and fellow Commissioner

Malcolm Page attended an event at Forest Capital Hall (FCH) recently and she had trouble seeing and walking to her vehicle afterward in the "pitch black dark."

"We have looked at this previously, and (County Engineer) Kenneth Dudley has asked Duke Energy for a quote on the lighting," County Administrator Ted Lakey replied.

Lakey presented a quote — ranging from

\$14,000 to \$15,000 for the purchase and installation of 20 proposed light/pole locations with a variety of decorative lighting options, including 70 to 150 watt LED fixtures mounted on 12- to 17-foot poles, similar to ones installed for the City of Perry downtown (70 watt Sanibel lights on 16-foot poles).

According to Lakey, the lighting would require an additional \$1,100 monthly expense that he proposed be paid for by Tourism

Development Council (bed tax) revenues.

"We could save some money by only turning them on during special events," Feagle suggested.

"We need them on all the time for security," Commissioner Jim Moody said.

"One lawsuit would more than pay for this," Feagle said.

"Let's buy the light fixtures ourselves and tie into our existing electrical panel box instead of

paying \$1,100 per month to save some money," Commissioner Steve Spradley suggested.

Feagle asked county staff to look into resurfacing the road or patching the potholes with millings.

"They have been patching it, but it needs to be completely re-done," Moody said.

"Maybe we can all pitch in with some of our road paving funds if there is any left," Feagle added.



Downtown Perry, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m.

On Halloween night, downtown Perry will open its streets to all little ghouls, goblins and ghosts for "Trunk or Treat," a Halloween extravaganza with a twist on traditional trick-or-treating.

The festival will be held from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31, and downtown stores and restaurants will stay open late.

During "Trunk or Treat," Jefferson Street in downtown Perry will be closed off, and community members will decorate their car trunks with a Halloween theme and fill them with candy. Children and families are invited to walk from trunk to trunk to get treats.

In addition to "trunk-or-treating," the event will host a costume contest, pumpkin carving and painting contest, games and food. There will also be a window dressing contest and trunk decorating contest.

The costume contest will be held at the Chamber of Commerce. Awards will be given out for Best Overall, Most Scariest, Best Group and Best Recycled. Pumpkins for the pumpkin carving and painting contest can be dropped off at the chamber during business hours Tuesday, Oct. 30, or Wednesday, Oct. 31, or during the event.

The schedule of festivities is as follows:

5:30 p.m.: Roads closed. Vehicles start setting up.

6 p.m.: Events kick off with trunks full of candy, food, give-aways, and the costume and pumpkin carving contests.

7:30 p.m.: Costume contest and pumpkin carving contest end and judging begins. Winners are announced later that evening on Facebook, then in the newspaper.

To enter a trunk, donate bags of candy, or find out more information, contact the chamber at (850) 584-5366.

Steinhatchee, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m.

On Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m., the Steinhatchee Community Center will host "Trunk or Treat."

Children are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes and walk from trunk to trunk to collect candy and treats.

The festival also boasts a costume parade, where

community members are invited to show off their costumes and strut their stuff. There will also be a "People's Choice" award for the best decorated trunk.

For more information, or to register a trunk, contact Anna King at (352) 356-7026.

## All charges dismissed

### AGREEMENT

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immunity. Should you fail to meet the conditions of the agreement, the agreement shall be void, and prosecution may then be instituted," the document states.

Cone's attorney, Sean Crisafulli of Lake City, issued the following statement last month: "Calvin Cone served the Third Judicial Circuit as a probation officer for 26 years in Hamilton, Madison and Taylor counties. During that time Mr. Cone supervised thousands of probationers, and personally handled over \$16,000,000 in probation funds without issue."

"The allegations in this case arose shortly after it became known that Mr. Cone intended to run for an elected position. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Office of the State Attorney conducted lengthy investigations into the facts and circumstances of this case, and at the conclusion of that investigation, all charges against Mr. Cone were dismissed," Cone's lawyer states.

Perry Newspapers placed two phone calls to Siegmeister's office seeking comment. Despite leaving messages both times, neither call was returned.

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## Taylor County

You are cordially invited to attend our  
**2018 United Way Kick-off Breakfast**

**Southern breakfast of biscuits, eggs,  
sausage & more... only \$5**

**Tuesday, Oct. 9 • 7:30 a.m.**

**Memorial Hall at First United Methodist Church  
302 North Jefferson St.**



**Keynote Speaker, Katrina Rolle, President of  
United Way of the Big Bend**

**Special thanks to Malcolm Page, County Commissioner, District 1, for sponsoring the breakfast.**



Read United is just one way United Way supports Taylor County students. Volunteers taking part in the community-wide reading event read books to a first grade classroom. During this event, United Way provides a free book to every first grade student in the school.

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