



Jessy Earl Arnold crossed the center line on Highway 98 and collided with a dump truck head-on Monday afternoon. He then fled into the woods before being caught after a three-hour search.

Man crashes head-on with dump truck, flees into woods

A Brandenton man who survived a head-on collision with a loaded dump truck fled into the woods off Highway 98 Monday afternoon and eluded law enforcement officers for three hours before capture. Jessy Earl Arnold, 43,

complained of leg and arm injuries when he was taken into custody nearly two miles away from the crash site around 4:30 p.m. He was treated at the scene by Doctors' Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

before being transported to the Taylor County Jail, where he was booked for driving under the influence (DUI). Arnold remains at the jail on an \$8,000 bond. He also faces charges of hit and run, resisting officers and a

traffic violation. The crash happened at 1:30 p.m. approximately 18 miles west of Perry on Highway 98 near the Econfina River Bridge. The driver of the dump truck was not identified. Please see page 3

TCI officers attacked by 15 inmates

Several officers were injured Thursday at Taylor Correctional Institution (TCI) after being assaulted by more than a dozen inmates at the Main Unit during the evening meal service.

The incident, described as a "mini-riot," was "quickly brought under control due to the swift response of institutional staff and special response teams," Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) Press Secretary Patrick Manderfield said.

Officers who sustained non-life-threatening injuries during the attack received medical treatment.

Some 15 inmates were reportedly involved in the assault. A thorough investigation into this event will be conducted, Manderfield said.

Additional reports indicate several inmates involved in the attack were also treated and that one was sent to an outside facility for medical attention.

Want to help storm victims?

Want to help with hurricane relief?

The devastation from Hurricane Michael in the Florida Panhandle is heartbreaking, and our neighbors in the area continue to need help and assistance. Many individuals, churches and other groups in Taylor County are gathering and sending basic necessities over to residents who live in the area.

Big Bend Technical College (BBTC) staff and students are traveling to

Marianna each day to work a triage tent and shelter.

As BBTC students and staff travel back and forth to Marianna over the next several days, they will also shuttle hurricane relief supplies to the Panhandle area using a school bus donated by the Taylor County School Board.

Anyone wishing to donate supplies may drop them off at the BBTC campus. The following items are needed: underwear, black tube socks, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, first aid supplies, Benadryl, (there have been reports of issues with bee stings, according to BBTC Director Jodi Tillman), pet

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Festival royalty crowned

Lewis, Lago are Little King, Queen

By ANGELA M. CASTELUCCI
Managing Editor

With bright blue eyes sparkling and blonde curls shining in the spotlight, Elynn Lago clutched a bouquet of red roses and waited calmly while a blur of activity swirled around her.

"I like your crown," a well-wisher said to the newly-named 2018 Florida Forest Festival Little Queen.

Lago was quick to offer a correction: "Actually, it's a tiara."

It was that quick wit and confident air that no doubt impressed the judges – and the audience – at the 63rd annual Florida Forest Festival Little King & Queen Pageant

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Abbyanna Stewart (center) was crowned as 2018's Miss Florida Forest Festival during ceremonies held Saturday, Oct. 13, in conjunction with the Little King & Queen Pageant. She is the daughter of Gil and Tammy Stewart. (Left) Landon Lewis, the son of Jesse Lewis and Tamara Cobb, was crowned Little King, and Elynn Lago, the daughter of Ryan and Keely Lago, was crowned Little Queen.

Airport is no longer buzzing

For approximately five days after Hurricane Michael left a trail of destruction in northwest Florida, the Perry-Foley Airport became a city within a city – serving as a staging area for nearly 3,000 Duke

Energy employees and subcontractors working to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of customers in Florida's storm-battered Panhandle.

After serving its purpose for just shy of a week,

the local staging site was decommissioned on Monday, according to County Airport Manager Ward Ketring.

"The road and runways have been cleared. The crews are relocating to

staging sites closer to where the heart of the storm hit to help our neighbors to the west start rebuilding their lives," Ketring said.

Friday morning, the normally-sleepy small town airport was bustling with

activity as linemen gassed up and loaded work trucks deployed in large teams to the Panhandle towns hit the hardest.

A long line of trucks, trailers, support vehicles and private contractors

snaked their way down one runway and out a gate leading to Carlton Cemetery Road before continuing on to Highway 98 West.

Later that evening, Please see page 9



Taylor receives public and individual FEMA assistance declarations for storm damages

While local emergency management officials are still conducting damage assessments in the wake of Hurricane Michael, Taylor County has received federal declarations for both public and individual assistance.

Michael produced five to seven feet of storm surge

along the Taylor County coastline, and preliminary reports from Taylor County Emergency Management (TCEM) included several flooded homes in both the Steinhatchee and Aucilla areas, as well as flooded RVs at Keaton Beach.

According to the National

Weather Service, peak winds in the county were 53 mph at Keaton Beach and 43 mph in Perry.

Those with damage from the storm are asked to contact TCEM at (850) 838-3575.

TCEM Deputy Director Kristy Anderson said teams -- including personnel

from the Taylor County Property Appraiser's office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) -- have been in the field making assessments in the areas of Steinhatchee, Econfina, Aucilla/Nuttall Rise and the beaches. As of presstime Tuesday, the

results of those assessments were unavailable.

On Saturday, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) announced that, in the interest of bringing assistance to families impacted by Hurricane Michael as quickly as possible, it was

proceeding with Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) immediately. "In disasters prior to Hurricane Irma, local communities completed Initial Damage Assessments

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Businesses, churches join in Michael relief effort

STORM VICTIMS

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food, ready-to-eat foods, water and Gatorade.

According to BBTC Nursing Instructor Sarah Cayson, Tylenol, Motrin (adult and pediatric), Tums and cough and cold medication are also needed.

"We will also be bringing back laundry to be done for anyone in need," Tillman said. "If you'd like to donate items or could do some laundry, please contact Liddie Davis at the school at (850) 838-2545."

According to Tillman, Laurie Rice will be taking donations to the National Guard station in Panama City today (Wednesday), where there is currently no running water.

Both 3 Nelson's and Johnson's Bakery are providing food and drink for those traveling to Marianna each day.

BBTC will continue to collect and transport items up until at least the Saturday of the Florida Forest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 27.

"If you plan to join us for the 63rd annual Florida Forest Festival at Forest Capital Park on Saturday, Oct. 27, please bring a donation of non-perishable food, basic hygiene products, cleaning supplies and/or pet food," suggests Forest Festival Chairman Scott Mixon.

"We are so honored to be able to provide a little relief to our neighbors," Tillman said.



A group of Big Bend Technical College nursing students and instructors left early Tuesday morning with a bus loaded of supplies and a willingness to help out in Marianna. "Please continue to bring in donations," organizers said. "They will be traveling back and forth all this week." For more information, contact Liddie Davis at the school at (850) 838-2545

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New Age

One recent afternoon I was sitting at a local bar when a gentleman came and sat a few seats away from me. To no one in particular he said with a smile, "This is nice weather, not too cool, not too hot". He then glanced over in my direction, as if seeking my agreement. I'm an old man and don't hesitate to play with peoples' minds, just for fun, so I said with a bit of Irish accent, "Tis a bit of autumn in the air". He gave me a startled look and quickly turned away, without comment. I just let him go his way and he immediately began a conversation with some one on his other side and turned his back on me. I thought to myself, if I had said, "Shore is nahss," like Gomer Pyle, he would have felt comfortable to talk to me. He didn't realize it but we might have had a wonderful conversation if he hadn't been so judgmental. Isn't that a universal problem? A failure to communicate because we can't get past our pettiness and rise into a level that honestly faces our differences.

Desegregation sounded like a great idea to the liberals who pushed its acceptance in all our schools. Let's face the truth; Black people have a culture of their own, their own special way of speaking, cooking, singing, dancing, and their own ideas about how the country should be run. Now, just as important; the Mexican Americans have just as strong a cultural background, with their share of likes and dislikes, as the Black people, or the Italian Americans, or the Greek Americans, and on and on.

My background is Scottish American with a little Cherokee added, thanks to my wonderful grandmother. I grew up in a small Ohio town where any Italian or Greek families were pretty much outsiders and in a definite minority. They were ridiculed and called names by some people. I went to school with a few of the kids and liked them just fine. In fact one of my most important girl friends was a beautiful Greek girl. I still remember some of the Greek words she taught me.

I feel very fortunate myself; I joined the Navy and met some young men from every imaginable American background. We had our differences, of course, but they soon faded away as we learned a new way of life together. Later in foreign countries I had no problem learning their customs and ways of doing things.

Often I have heard from veterans like me and my buddies, "If every young American served a couple years in the military, this country's problems would be solved. I don't necessarily mean a deployment to Afghanistan, but the basic self-discipline and strength of character that develops through beneficial training and experience.

The only answer that I can see to our country's problems is for everyone to seek to achieve a new level of consciousness. A level of awareness that allows us to rise above limited selfish thinking. If it sounds like I am referring to some "New Age" solution, you're right.

This is a New Age, like it or not. The door to the age of Aquarius is wide open. The turmoil the World is experiencing at present is necessary to gradually overcome the destructive forces and leave them behind. A new world shall arise for those who can adjust to the changes to come. Be aware of the exciting findings of Physicists today and the way they make Jesus' teachings so real. The existence of sub-atomic particles that are the building blocks of everything we know shows that we are one with our neighbor; one with Mother Earth, and the moon, the Sun and our entire Galaxy. If everyone knew this do you think we would have squabbling political parties?

I am here to tell you that the day will come when there is only one party, the party of "Love and Light"! I am here also to tell you that you have a light within you that is yearning to be expressed, the same light that Jesus referred to when he said to his followers, "I shall cause the Spirit of the Son of Man to rise up within you and you shall know peace."

May the Divine Spirit rise up within you all, and we will delight in our New World.

Peace, Love and Harmony,
John D. Alexander

Perry First Assembly of God will be taking a team of volunteers to Jackson County, Fla. on Friday, Oct. 19. The team will focus on supply and meal distribution, tree removal and clean-up in the Sneads/Greenwood areas.

Volunteers will leave Perry at 8 a.m. with an

estimated return time around 6 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothes, shoes, sunscreen, hats and bring outdoor chairs, etc. The church will provide water/Gatorade and a hot lunch.

Those wishing to help with debris removal will need to bring your own equipment (chainsaws, gas/oil, gloves, safety goggles, etc.).

The team hopes to have at least two Bobcats and an operator.

If you can make donations of the following items, you can deliver them to the church anytime before 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Diapers (sizes 1-6), baby wipes, juice drinks, Capri Suns, Kool Aid Jammers, fruit/applesauce cups, cereal/protein/granola bars,

canned chicken/tuna and canned fruit.

If you want to take donations into Jackson County for further distribution into all affected areas, you can deliver them to Evangel Church on Hwy 90 in Marianna.

You can also donate to the West Florida District Assemblies of God <https://wfdag.generush.org/> or to Convoy of Hope.

Sea Hag Marina in Steinhatchee is collecting supplies for the family of local FWC Officer Chase Wilder, whose hometowns of Port St. Joe/Mexico Beach were hit hard by Hurricane Michael.

Donations can be dropped off at the Sea Hag Marina in Steinhatchee. Basic necessities, gas, pet food and any donations are

needed.

St. John's Christian Fellowship in Perry will make a delivery of goods to the Eastpoint-Blountstown area on Wednesday and plans to make another delivery this coming weekend.

If you would like to donate any supplies, you can drop off at the church (6050 Puckett Road) or at Gulf Coast Electrical and Plumbing Supply (812 J. Tom Moore Ave).

Suggested items include: non-perishable items - canned goods, Gatorade, baby diapers, baby wipes, ice chests, bleach, bleach wipes, coffee, sugar, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, flashlights, batteries, gas cans, cots, tarps, etc.

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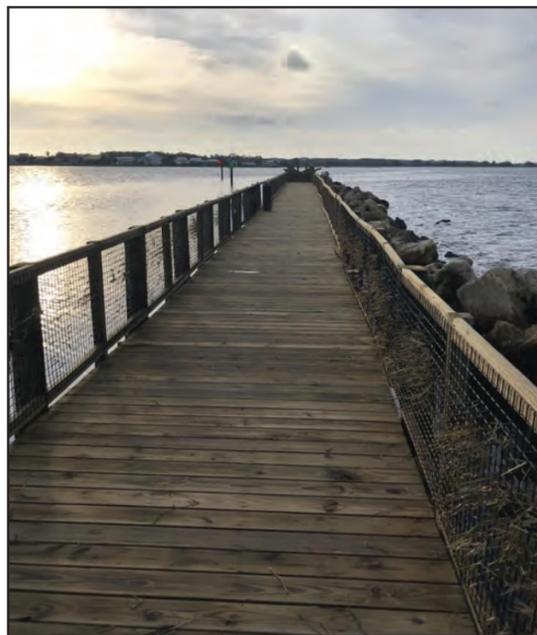
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New pier survives first test



The Hodges Park Pier survived its first test with the arrival of Hurricane Michael, which produced 5 to 7 feet of storm surge along the county's coastline last week.

Although it is not yet complete, the Hodges Park pier survived its first test administered by Hurricane Michael, which produced 5 to 7 feet of storm surge along the county's coastline

last week. Work is already back underway and nearing completion, with crews working on the construction of the pavilion at the end of the pier on Monday.

The Hodges Park pier reconstruction project was about 80 percent complete when forecasters announced the soon-to-be hurricane was making its way toward the Florida Panhandle early last week.

At an emergency meeting of the Taylor County Commission on Monday, Oct. 8, county officials said the contractor, D&L Contracting out of Suwannee, was working to move its construction materials away from the coast prior to the storm's arrival.

The popular tourist and fishing spot was almost totally destroyed when Hurricane Hermine made landfall here in September 2016.

Little remained of the pier after the storm except for a length of walkway at the beginning and the pavilion at the end.

D&L Contracting submitted the low bid (\$860,000) on May 1 last year to demolish and remove the remaining structure as well as construct a new well as construct a new pier and pavilion under the supervision of the Taylor County Engineering Department.

The county's portion (12.5%) of the final bill is expected to be around \$107,000, after receiving reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

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K-9s tracked suspect for nearly three hours

DUMP TRUCK

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truck -- which was loaded with rock -- said he saw Arnold's dual-axle truck cross the centerline, headed straight toward him.

The man said he was "already pulling off the road when the truck crossed the lane and the white line, and hit me head-on."

The initial impact began at the front bumper of the driver's side of the dump truck and continued down its entire side -- with all four tires blowing out and the gas tank sustaining serious damage.

The front of Arnold's truck was crushed, and his driver's side door was torn off. The crumpled remains of the door were barely recognizable. The truck's airbags deployed and the windshield was smashed.

Arnold continued to travel west on Highway 98 for about a quarter of a mile before veering into a ditch and crashing into a stand of palmettos and scrub oaks.

The dump truck driver said Arnold exited the truck, spoke briefly to him, grabbed something from the back seat of his vehicle and then fled into the woods.

When Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) deputies arrived on the scene, they began an immediate search of the area, but were unable to locate Arnold, TCSO Chief Chuck Mincy said.

Deputies requested assistance from local K-9 teams, prompting officers from Taylor Correctional Institution, Dixie County Correctional Institution and the Perry Police Department to respond to the crash scene.

They tracked the suspect for nearly three hours before he was apprehended as he made his way back to the highway.

"These K-9 teams are an invaluable resource for the sheriff's office. We appreciate their support and always being there when we call," Mincy 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); Amendment 5 (Aug. 29); Amendment 6 (Sept. 5); Amendment 7 (Sept. 12); Amendment 9 (Sept. 19); Amendment 10 (Sept. 26); Amendment 11 (Oct. 3); and Amendment 12 (Oct. 10). (Amendment 8 will not appear on November's ballot after being struck down by the Florida Supreme Court.)

Letters to the Editor

Williston mayor's vehicle keyed at football game

Dear Editor: the Taylor County football team. First, let me preface my comments by saying that they are not intended for all of the good people of Perry — but only a select few (or perhaps one). This past Friday night I came up to watch the football game. Congratulations to

I parked in the area with all of the locals.

It was dark when I got to my vehicle after the game and late when I got home that night, so I didn't notice

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Writer speaks out on 'financial exploitation'

Dear Editor: When I wasn't in Tie game. Bottom of the 9th. My turn to bat. Financial exploitation is what this story is about. Most people are too embarrassed to admit that they were vulnerable and were swindled out of money. It started out innocently enough, with a smile and a friendly wave each time he went to the mailbox. Soon there were friendly chats at the gate, which led to the porch. Then she asked if she could mow the yard. She told him that mowing and painting is what she did for a living. So, now she was mowing his yard every two weeks.

Tallahassee with my sister receiving chemo treatments, the four of us would sit on the porch and converse.

We learned about her children, family and her significant other. We heard tales of her material prosperity — a cabin in Robbinsville, N.C., a home on Beach Road and another on Osteen Road — all the while she was bumming my brother's cigarettes because she forgot and left her's at home.

Next came the begging for \$300. Her truck was in the shop for repairs, and she needed the money to get it out so she could haul her

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Bring relief items to Forest Festival

Dear Editor: and driving them to our neighbors in the Panhandle area. On Oct. 27, we will gather for the 63rd annual Florida Forest Festival at Forest Capital Park in Perry. BBTC will be driving a bus of donated items over to the devastated area daily. If you plan to join us at the Florida Forest Festival on Oct. 27, please bring a donation of nonperishable food, basic hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and/or pet food. If you have any questions, please contact Liddie Davis at 850-838-2545. Our friends at Big Bend Technical College (BBTC), across the street from Forest Capital Park, will be collecting the items

On behalf of the Florida Forest Festival Board of Directors, we want to thank all of those who are helping with this effort.

Robert S. Mixon
Florida Forest Festival
Chairman

Amendment 13
Ballot Summary: Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.

Sponsor: Florida Constitutional Revision Commission
Ballot Status: Amendment 13 is one of eight proposed amendments placed on the November election ballot for consideration by the Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC).

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.

Unlike most of the CRC-sponsored amendments, Amendment 13 contains only one proposal.

A lawsuit was filed by the Florida Greyhound Association to strike the amendment proposal from the November election, arguing the ballot title, "ENDS DOG RACING," was misleading because the amendment would only prohibit racing dogs in connection with wagers. Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and

removed the amendment from the ballot. The state, along with supporters of the amendment, appealed, and the Florida Supreme Court reversed Judge Gievers' decision, returning the proposal to the ballot.

Background: In April, the CRC voted to approve Proposal 6012 -- which would become Amendment 13 -- by a margin of 27-10. The measure includes a modified version of Proposal 67, which would phase out dog racing in the state in conjunction with wagering by Dec. 31, 2020.

There are currently two committees registered in support of the amendment, Protect Dogs (Yes on 13) and the Committee to Protect Greyhounds. To date, the committees have reported a combined \$2.5 million in contributions and \$2.37 million in expenditures.

Numerous animal rights groups, non-profit organizations and elected officials have also come out in support of the amendment.

The Committee to Support Greyhounds has registered in opposition to Amendment 13, with \$81,000 in contributions and \$67,000 in expenditures.

Those opposed to the amendment also include the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Greyhound Association and 61 greyhound adoption groups. In recent weeks, National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer also came out against the amendment, arguing that the sentence, "The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida," included in the new

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By DELORES LEGGETT WALKER

Things can all be replaced

I wanted to give you an up-close and personal look into some of our family members who survived Hurricane Michael, but are now trying to piece together enough to start a new chapter of their lives.

My sister Leta and her husband, Doug Turner, have lived in Mexico Beach for many years in a beautiful two-story townhouse next door to the half-dozen rentals they manage for another family member who lives in California.

They've seen numerous threatening weather conditions associated with coastal living, but Category 4 Hurricane Michael that hit on Oct. 10 managed to do what no other had achieved when it totally crushed their home and car as if they were made of tissue paper.

The nightmare began for them (as it did for us) in the Big Bend area when news channels began to track the approach of Michael across the Gulf as it made its way toward the Panhandle.

Like most Floridians, our family wasn't too concerned with a Cat. 2 storm that could just as

easily turn in another direction or blow itself out entirely. In fact, Leta said she and Doug went to bed Tuesday night planning to ride out the hurricane.

Those plans quickly changed when a deputy rode into their front yard early Wednesday morning with a bullhorn and awakened them with the words, "Evacuate now!"

They heeded the urgency in his voice and quickly dressed, grabbed a few changes of clothing and headed out the door to their truck. They had no idea it would be the last time they would walk out the front door and down the stairway of their home.

Now all that's left is the skeletal remains of the first floor that rests on the top of their crushed car. As I type these words they are en-route to Mexico Beach with my grandchildren Nicole and Larry Thompson to see if there remains a single scrap of evidence to testify to their 20-plus years of residency there.

Our son Edward and

Lily, Colton and Ellie -- are also picking up the pieces of their life from their home in Panacea.

The entire ground floor of their residence in Mashes Sands flooded, and damage to the roof makes it impossible to live there. Thankfully, they have a home in Mayo, but Edward, who owns Walker Distributors, must travel daily to Carrabelle to deliver bread using broken and damaged roads to get to as many stores as he can reach.

He said the devastation is widespread.

I struggled to find an positive "Afterthought" amidst all the turmoil brought by Hurricane Michael. As you know, I may hit rock bottom occasionally, but heretofore have managed to bounce back to a reasonable normal no matter what enters my life.

So, here is my "Afterthought" for this week; "At least we're not planning a funeral, and, unlike people, things can all be replaced."

It's not very original, but it's the truth, and that is what counts!



Leta and Doug Turner's Mexico Beach house was no match for Hurricane Michael's fury.

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Stewart crowned Miss Florida Forest Festival

Abbyanna Stewart was crowned 2018 Miss Florida Forest Festival during ceremonies held in conjunction with the Little King & Queen Pageant Saturday at Forest Capital Hall.

Haley Armstrong was named first runner-up and Jenna Lee was second runner-up.

Co-Chairs Amy Bowden and Marcy Freeman seamlessly incorporated the Miss Florida Forest

Festival competition into the Little King & Queen program, with the three candidates being put through their paces with a talent competition and a presence and composure segment.

Armstrong's vocal performance harkened to a gentler time with a sweet folk sound, while Stewart treated the audience to a classic, with a keyboard performance of "Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel.

Lee wowed with a flawless twirling routine that featured not one, not two, but three batons.

During the formal wear presentation, each candidate had to answer a question drawn at random on topics that included "What does forestry mean to you?" and "What is the most pressing issue facing young people today?"

In addition to the crown and a \$3,000 scholarship, Stewart also won the Interview Award, Scholastic Award and Presence and Poise Award. Lee took home the Spirit Award and Talent Award.

2017 Miss Florida Forest Festival Rylee Hudson took one final walk on stage before helping crown the new queen.

During videotaped interviews shared with the audience, Stewart said that taking part in the Miss Florida Forest Festival pageant was a striking departure for her.

"I have always been

active in sports, where you are working as a team. This is something where you step out on your own."

Judging from the results, Stewart can more than hold her own.

Look for Stewart at all upcoming festival events, starting with the fireworks show Thursday, Oct. 25, downtown activities Friday, Oct. 26, and the "Big Day" Saturday, Oct. 27.



Haley Armstrong (left), the daughter of Thomas and Marlene Harrison, was named first runner-up in the Miss Florida Forest Festival program. Abbyanna Stewart (center) was crowned queen and Jenna Lee (right), the daughter of Page and Erica Lee, was second runner-up.



2017 Miss Florida Forest Festival Rylee Hudson (left) and Program Coordinator Magan Bowden crown Abbyanna Stewart.

Johnson, Holmes are first runners-up; Woods, Kinsey are second runners-up

FESTIVAL ROYALTY

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Landon Lewis projected that same cool confidence when he strolled on stage during the evening wear presentation with one hand tucked in his pant's pocket and waving the other like a seasoned politician.

He also charmed during the "What I Want to Be When I Grow Up" segment, stating enthusiastically that he wanted to be "mud truck driver...because my dad has a mud truck."

Lewis' personality filled the stage and snared him the title of Florida Forest Festival Little King.

Lynten Johnson, who wants to be an astronaut, "because they're cool," snagged first runner-up along with Cameron Holmes, a future pilot who wants to "drive fast in the clouds."

Second runners-up were David "Owen" Woods and Kiley Kinsey. Woods wants to be a Marine "because my brother's one" and Kinsey wants to be a butterfly keeper.

The 19 competing junior contestants did not give the judges an easy task -- each little girl and little boy shined as bright as a new penny from the moment they danced on stage dressed in a colorful array of costumes depicting their favorite Dr.



The 2018 Florida Forest Festival Little King and Queen court includes: (left to right) second runners-up David "Owen" Woods, the son of Shannen Combass and Zachary Woods, and Kiley Kinsey, the daughter of Devin Kinsey and Brooke Walker; Little King Landon Lewis, the son of Jesse Lewis and Tamara Cobb; Little Queen Elynn Lago, the daughter of Ryan and Keely Lago; and first runners-up Lynten Johnson, the son of Cori and Kristian Johnson, and Cameron Holmes, the daughter of Todd and Stephanie Holmes.

Seuss characters. There was a scowling Grinch, several "Cats in Hats" and even a Horton or two.

Former Miss Jefferson County and Watermelon Queen Stephanie English of Shady Grove served as emcee for the evening, stepping in at the last minute when WCTV's Amy Robinson was called

away on assignment due to Hurricane Michael.

2018 Florida Forest Festival Chair Scott Mixon welcomed everyone to the ceremony and invited everyone to take part in all upcoming festival activities.

As the program progressed to the "What I Want to Be..." segment, the contestants dazzled with a broad range of careers.

There was a future professional wake boarder (Lorelai Gibson), a mermaid (Madilyn Cruse), a dentist (Zyla Brooks), a cop "so I can take people to jail" (Braylin Murphy), a baby doctor (Sadie Reid) and a cosmetologist (Holland

Gunter) to name just a few.

During the evening wear presentation the young ladies and junior gentlemen graced the stage in shimmering gowns and classic tuxedos.

The evening drew to a close with a farewell walk

by 2017 Little King Davis Read and Little Queen Madison O'Neal.

Cheers shook the rafters as the winners were announced and crowned.

The new Florida Forest Festival royalty will be special guests at all upcoming festival events, including the Kids' Parade planned Friday, Oct. 26, in downtown Perry.

Then, look for them and all of the contestants Saturday, Oct. 27, in the King Tree Parade and at Forest Capital Park afterward.

"The Miss Florida Forest Festival and Little King and Queen pageants are time-honored traditions in our community," Mixon said Tuesday. "On behalf of the Festival Board, I want to thank Amy Bowden, Marcy Freeman, Magan Bowden and all of the other volunteers for their efforts in making this pageant a special event," Mixon said Tuesday. "We are proud of each of our contestants and their performance. A special thank you to all of our parents and families who supported them. We would like to congratulate our 2018 Miss Florida Forest Festival Queen Abbyanna Stewart and our Little King and Queen, Landon Lewis and Elynn Lago."



Next Wednesday, Oct. 24, is the final day to purchase pre-sale tickets for the annual Florida Forest Festival Carnival, which opens later that same evening. Tickets are \$15 each for unlimited rides

and are available at the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce.

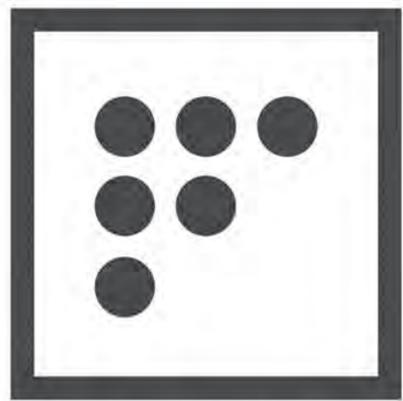
For a preview of rides that will be featured at the carnival, visit online at <http://www.familyfunfestinc.com/photos-videos.html>.

Pumpkin Patch!
Come pick the perfect pumpkin
Friday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 21
Open from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We have small, medium, and large pumpkins for sale

- Photo Booth for kids! •
- Enter your name for a chance to win a blanket ladder (from The Wood Shed)

Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship
920 Courtney Road in Perry



FIELDS OF FAITH

Originally set for Thursday, Fields of Faith is postponed until Nov. 7

The local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) ministry team has decided to postpone its Fields of Faith event that was originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17.

The event has been re-scheduled for

Wednesday, Nov. 7.

"We are making this change due to the recent landfall of Hurricane Michael in the Panhandle," FCA Representative Rick Patrick said.

"Multiple ministry opportunities have already

taken place and others are in the process of being implemented. We feel that these ministries are absolutely vital in helping our friends from the Panhandle begin to sort through this devastation. We encourage everyone to

get involved in this effort. May the Body of Christ work together to impact this area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

Additional details regarding the Fields of Faith event will be announced as they are available.



The church is located at 435 South Warner Avenue.

Christian Tabernacle celebrates 30 years with services tonight

Christian Tabernacle will host its 30th Pastoral and Church Anniversary with three days of services beginning tonight (Wednesday) with a "fire and consecration" service at 7 p.m.

A musical extravaganza is planned Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Anniversary services will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Breakfast and dinner will be served.

Pastor and Co-Pastor Chester and Carolyn Demps extend a special Homecoming invitation to former members and ministry participants impacted by the church's 30-year ministry.

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.

Are you dreading another candle on your birthday cake?

"Happy birthday, Ms. Rose," I called out to one of the ladies I cared for when I was a private caregiver.

"What's so happy about it? I'm an old lady, getting older."

I responded quickly (maybe too quickly) with my positive spin. "But, Rose, aren't you glad to have lived this long?"

At the time, I couldn't empathize with Rose's sentiments. I was a spring chicken in my 40s. Now, years later, I understand better where she was coming from.

My mirror, in its not so subtle way, reveals another birthday is fast approaching. I'm sure it means well every time it nags me about applying increasing amounts of anti-wrinkle creams and making another appointment to cover my graying roots.

If I allowed myself, I could easily feel less excited about another birthday. Not only because of the physical aspects, but also because of the dreams I fear may no longer be possible. Do you ever feel this way?



Sheryl Boldt

Remember when you were a child? How excited you felt about every birthday? You couldn't wait to celebrate your special day with family and friends.

What if we returned to that same celebratory attitude -- no matter how many candles we have on our birthday cake?

"Yeah, sure, Sheryl," you say. "Wait until you're looking at 90 candles."

But what would your friend who's dying of cancer say about another birthday? I'm sure he or she would gladly celebrate getting older and older -- and older.

I'm not trying to force a Pollyanna attitude on you. (Believe me, I'm also writing this column for myself.) Maybe Psalm 25:1 (AMPC) can help us refocus: "Unto You, O Lord, do I bring my life." When we pause to remember Who we're living for -- Who gives us our very life -- we're able to look at ourselves and every day God gives us differently.

When I remember to bring my life to the Lord, I live that day differently. Each time I pray for His direction on how to use the time He gives me, I'm able to celebrate that day.

So rather than mourning lost youthfulness, let's rejoice in each day as we look forward to what God has planned for us. If you think about it, no matter how old we are, since we're going to live forever in eternity, we're actually quite young. We're spring chickens just beginning our lives.

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

Worshipfest
at Rosehead Park
Sunday October 21st, 2018
2:00pm to 10:00pm

Gather at Rosehead Sunday

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.



Local coordinator June Byers invites the community to join her in supporting this year's "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox drive. Last year, 1,732 shoeboxes were collected locally. This year's goal is 1,836 shoeboxes.

Operation Christmas Child

Time to pack shoeboxes!

Local coordinator June Byers has announced that the collection site for this year's "Operation Christmas Child" will be First Baptist Church.

"Thank you for helping to pack 1,732 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in 2017. Together we can reach our goal of collecting 1,836 shoeboxes to reach children, families and communities for Christ around the globe," she said.

"If you or a group from your church would like to volunteer to help collect shoeboxes, let me know by email, junebyers@gmail.com, or text me at (850) 843-8800. Also, there are some shoebox materials at the Tri County Cellular store on Jefferson Street," Byers said.

Shoeboxes will be collected on the following dates:

- Monday, Nov. 12: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 13: 9-11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: 3-5 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 16: 9 a.m.

- to noon.
- Saturday, Nov. 17: 10 a.m. to noon.
- Sunday, Nov. 18: 2-4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 19: 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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First Baptist Church
www.fbcperryfl.org
First Kidz: K-5th
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6:00-7:15 P.M. Program
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Members of Girl Scouts of Taylor County Troop 4006 waited for hours at Perry-Foley Airport on Friday to wave signs and welcome Duke Energy crews returning after a long 12-hour work day in the Panhandle restoring power. The following day, on Saturday, the local Girl Scouts raised more than \$500 for hurricane victims from motorists while waving signs outside of Ragans Ace Hardware. "We are going to be buying items that people need and sending them over to Panama City," stated Troop Leader Casey Cassel. The Girl Scouts and fellow well-wishers delivered boxes of desserts to the airport for the workers. (Clockwise) Troop leaders (back row) Casey Cassel and Christin Powers are shown with Girl Scouts (front row) Courtlyn Thomas, Dallas Nash, Hailey Cassel, Annabelle Cassel and VyrDani Powers; Maddox Wiles and little brother Lennox made a special delivery to the airport on behalf of their church; troop leaders Casey Cassel and Christin Powers with Duke representative Tony Doby and Troop Mom Joni Thomas; Susan Cote Houck (left) presented a box of sweets to Tony Doby; Girl Scouts (left to right) Courtlyn Thomas, Dallas Nash, Hailey Cassel, Annabelle Cassel and VyrDani Powers thanked linemen as they returned to their temporary home at the airport.

TCHS Homecoming kicks off Monday

Taylor County High School (TCHS) will host a weeklong series of Homecoming events next week, culminating with the Bulldogs taking on

the Lighthouse Christian Academy Stingrays at Dorsett Stadium Friday.

This year's theme is "Beyond the Lights" and dress up days are:

- Throwback Monday (Oct. 22).
- Tourist Tuesday (Oct. 23).
- Future Career Wednesday (Oct. 24).

- Dynamic Duo Thursday (Oct. 25).
- Spirit Day Friday (Oct. 26).

The Pep Rally is planned Thursday, Oct. 25, at the

TCHS gym, starting at 6 p.m.

The Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, Oct. 26, stepping off at the teacher's parking lot at 1 p.m.

Pre-game festivities will begin at Dorsett Stadium at 6:30 p.m. and kick off is at 7. Doors open at the Homecoming Dance at 9 p.m.

Community Calendar

CIVIC GROUPS

AARP: last Wednesday, 10 a.m. at Perry Shrine Club.
Kiwanis Club: Wednesdays, noon, Perry Elks Lodge.
NAACP: first Sunday, 5 p.m., at Jerkins Community Center.
Optimist Club: Thursday, noon at Mama's Italian.
Perry Garden Club: third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; club building is located in Forest Capital Park.
Perry Elks Lodge: second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Perry Lodge #187: first and third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Masonic Hall.
Perry Masonic Lodge #123: meets first and third Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Perry Shrine Club: fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. (club house located on Courtney Road off Highway 19 North).
Perry Women's Club: second Wednesday, noon; club building is located on North Jefferson Street.
Rotary Club: Tuesday, noon at Holiday Inn Express.
Taylor County Leadership Council: second and fourth Friday, 7 p.m., Jerkins Community Center.
Vogue XIII: first Monday, 7:30 p.m. Call 584-2404.

GOVERNMENT

Airport Advisory Committee: fourth Wednesday of every other month, noon, Perry-Foley Airport.
Perry City Council: second and fourth Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.
Taylor County Board of County Commissioners: first Monday at 6 p.m. and third Tuesday at 9 a.m.; workshop, fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m.; courthouse annex.
County Planning Board: first Thursday, 6 p.m. Courthouse annex (old post office).
Taylor County Construction Licensing Board Meeting: third Friday, 2 p.m., courthouse annex.
Taylor County School Board: first and third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer: fourth Tuesday each month at 3 p.m., 18820 Beach Road.
Taylor Soil & Water Conservation District Board: fourth Monday of every other month, 7 p.m., Foley Airport.

INTERESTS

CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association): third Saturday, Heritage House, 10 a.m.

FAMU Alumni Chapter: second Monday, 7 p.m., Jerkins Community Center.
Forest Capital Quilting Guild: first and third Thursday at Forest Capital Hall from 6-8 p.m. Call (850) 295-2963.
Friends of the Taylor County Public Library: last Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Taylor County Public Library.
Girl Scouts Service Unit: first Tuesday, 7 p.m., Scout Hut.
Habitat for Humanity: second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 203 East Drew Street.
Helping Hands of the Shelter: second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce.
Home Educators League of Perry: Forest Capital Hall. Call 584-6866 or visit on-line <http://taylor.ifas.ufl.edu>.
Muskogee Creek Indian Nation: second and fourth Saturday, 7 p.m. Tribal grounds, Lyman Hendry Road.
Muskogee Creek Indian Tribe: second Saturday, 1 p.m., Oak Hill Village on Woods Creek Road.
Parrot Heads in Perry-"dise" Club: meets the first Saturday, 4 p.m., and third Wednesday, 7 p.m. Call (850) 295-2222 for location.
Perry Alliance of Ministers & Pastors (P.A.M.P.): meets the first and second Sunday, 2:30 p.m.,

Little St. John P.B. Church.
Pet adoptions: Taylor County Animal Shelter, open Monday through Friday. Call 838-3525.
Republican Party of Taylor County: third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at The Venue (located inside Backdoor Bistro). Free meal served. Call 223-2648.
Taylor County Beekeepers: second Monday, 6:30 p.m., Forest Capital Hall.
Taylor County Brotherhood: meets on Mondays, 7 p.m., at New Brooklyn; every third Saturday, 9 a.m., at Stewart Memorial.
Taylor County Chamber of Commerce: second Thursday, 8 a.m., chamber board room.
Taylor County Development Authority: second Monday, noon, at Historic Perry Station/Old Train Depot.
Taylor County Historical Society: Society's museum is open every Thursday, 1-5 p.m.
Taylor County Horseman's Association Horse Show: practice roping every Friday, 7 p.m.; second Saturday, registration, 3 p.m.; ride, 4 p.m. Arena is located on Bishop Blvd. Free admission.
Taylor County Men's Choir: meets every Thursday, 6 p.m., at Stewart Memorial.

Taylor County Quilters: every Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m., library.
Taylor County Reef Research Team: second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Forest Capital Hall.
Taylor Senior Citizens Center Inc.: Executive Board of Directors meeting, last Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Senior Center.
Taylor County Trail Club: dinner meeting, second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. Call Donna at 584-9011.
Taylor County United: second Monday, 7 p.m., Evangel Christian Fellowship.
Tourism Development Council: second Thursday, noon, Chamber of Commerce.
Whole Child Taylor-Shared Service Network: fourth Monday, 9 a.m., Alton H. Wentworth Administrative Complex.
Yarn Lovers Circle: first and third Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Taylor County Public Library.

(Steinhatchee): second Thursday, 7 p.m.
American Legion Post #96: first Tuesday, 7 p.m., 312 Veterans Drive.
Sons of Confederate Veterans: fourth Thursday at North Orange Street. Call 584-5725.
VFW Post #9225: second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Supervisor of Elections office (located on Highway 19 North).

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA: every Monday, 7 p.m., Heritage House (located behind First United Methodist Church).
Alzheimer's Support Group: meets every fourth Thursday, 10:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church.

VETERANS

AMVETS Post 20 & AMVETS Riders: AMVETS, last Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.; Riders, second Friday, at 10 a.m.
American Legion Post #291

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Florida had 19 greyhound racing permit holders

AMENDMENTS

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constitutional language, would provide a "new standard" for future attempts to ban hunting and fishing.

Analysis: If Florida voters approve Amendment 13, a new section would be added to Article X of the Florida Constitution, which would read, in part:

"The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. After December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any member of the Canis Familiaris subspecies in connection with any wager for money or any other thing of value in this state, and persons in this state may not wager money or any other

thing of value on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in this state."

The new section would also state that the failure to conduct greyhound racing or wagering on greyhound racing after Dec. 31, 2018, would not constitute grounds to revoke or deny renewal of other related gaming licenses held by a person who is a licensed greyhound permitholder on Jan. 1, 2018.

Under Florida law, pari-mutuel wagering is allowed at licensed greyhound and horse track and jail alai frontons. Cardrooms (poker) are only allowed at certain pari-mutuel facilities. Currently, a pari-mutuel permitholder must conduct a full schedule of live racing or games to keep his or her permit.

Florida is one of 10 states which allows dog racing in

conjunction with wagers, although four of those states do not have active tracks. In addition to Florida, Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Texas and West Virginia also have active tracks. It is legal in Connecticut, Kansas, Oregon and Wisconsin, but there are no active tracks in those states.

According to an analysis conducted by the CRC, there are currently 19 operating greyhound pari-mutuel permit holders.

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation projects the elimination of dog racing would result in a loss of \$1.1 million in state revenue in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$1.3 million in 2020-21. This would be partially offset by a projected reduction of \$325,000 to \$400,000 in state expenses for licensing and sample collection at greyhound facilities.

Mayor Robinson: 'I hope this will not happen to others in the future'

VEHICLE KEYED

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anything wrong with my vehicle.

But, the next morning my wife went out to the garage

and came back in and asked who hit my vehicle.

Obviously, I told her no one. But, when I went outside, I found that someone had keyed the side of my vehicle.

These were not superficial marks, but deep gouges on the passenger side of my vehicle. Whoever did this knew that my vehicle was from Williston because I have a front license plate

with "Williston" on it.

It is truly a shame that one or more people in your fair city would cast a black eye on the city and the people of Perry by committing such a despicable act as this.

I don't know if this has occurred in the past, but I felt it was my duty to inform the good people of Perry what some or one of their residents did and hope that this has not happened

before and will not happen to others in the future when they come to support their football team in your fair city.

Jerry Robinson,
Mayor, Williston

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Moving on Down the Line:



Duke Energy linemen head west, leaving Perry-Foley Airport behind

Airport housed 2,900 Duke Energy workers

AIRPORT
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Later that evening, members of Taylor County's Girl Scouts Troop 4006 waved homemade signs of encouragement as linemen returned to their temporary home base at the local airport for a hot shower, meal and some rest inside sleeper semi-tractor trailers that held up to 40 men each. Duke Energy's on-site supervisor Tony Doby became choked up as members of a local church and a Winn Dixie employee dropped off cookies, brownies and other desserts, while several other individuals offered to open their homes to provide food, showers, beds and laundry services.

Doby was overcome with emotion as he thanked local residents on behalf of the linemen working feverishly to restore power.

"We really have everything we need, but what you can do is pray," he said quietly.

As one shift ended, another began. The number of workers staging in Perry grew to an estimated 2,900

on Friday --- making it the largest such staging area in the region, complete with hundreds of lineman crew work trucks, trailers and supply vehicles bustling around a suddenly busy Perry-Foley Airport.

Newspaper staff toured the airport staging area on Friday and found it much larger than what was seen in aerial photographs less than 24 hours before, when approximately 2,000 workers were housed there.

While Perry-Foley Airport never closed to aircraft -- in fact several helicopters landed for fuel on Friday morning -- two of the three runways were assigned to the self-contained "city."

The set-up included semi-tractor trailers designed to be sleeping quarters with up to 1,600 cots, multiple shower trailers with hot water, an on-site food catering service with two mobile kitchens, multiple refrigerated trucks and snack trailers, fueling tankers, supplies and much more.

The logistics resembled a well-organized military operation.



Linemen and subcontractors complimented both the food and accommodations provided by Duke Energy, smiling when they relayed that brisket was on the menu Friday night.

"The Duke Energy crews were great neighbors. I've made some new lifelong friends. We wish them well," Ketring said Monday after the last of the work crews headed west into the sunset.



'Dogs exorcise Red Devils, 35-6

The Taylor County High School (TCHS) varsity football team won their second straight game and improved to 3-4 after they beat the devil out of the Williston Red Devils, 35-6 this past Friday night in Dorsett Stadium.

The Bulldogs have now won two games in a row after snapping a four-game losing streak and have jumped into the play-off race in their Class 3A, Region 1 standings.

Taylor County's defense blew a coverage and gave up a touchdown on Williston's opening drive of the game, but would go on to hold Williston scoreless for the remaining 43 minutes of the game.

The Bulldog defense only gave up 100 yards rushing on 38 attempts, holding the Red Devils to under three yards per carry.

Williston completed four out of their 12 passes for 68 yards and zero points through the air, while Taylor County quarterbacks combined to complete 14 out of 20 passes for 172 yards to go along with two touchdowns.

"We maintained a very balanced offense that managed the clock while setting up some big plays. Each offensive series we tried something different

that ultimately paid off in the end," said Bulldogs' Head Coach Tanner Jones.

Special teams is what really helped the Bulldogs secure the win, as Taylor's punt return defense managed to score twice to go along with some fine execution on point-after-tries (PATs).

In the second quarter, Williston punted the ball to De'Mari Stephens, who fielded the kick and scampered 49 yards untouched for a touchdown.

The Bulldogs second touchdown on special teams came from a blocked punt in the beginning of the fourth quarter that Devonte Glover fell on in the endzone to put the game out of reach for the Red Devils.

In addition to special teams scoring touchdowns, the Bulldogs converted 4 out of 5 of their extra point conversions.

"All aspects of special teams really had a great game, which is something we have been waiting for," Jones said.

Taylor converted one out of two attempts at a two-point conversion before kicker Irvine Azerte went three for three kicking extra points - one area that Taylor County previously struggled with previously this season.

John "Buddy" McGrew



John "Buddy" McGrew (#9) rushed for 120 yards on 14 carries Friday night in a big win over Williston at Dorsett Stadium. McGrew averaged over 9 yards per carry and punched in a short touchdown run while out gaining Williston's entire team on the ground.

led the Bulldogs' rushing attack with 120 yards on 14 carries - single-handedly outgaining Williston's entire team rushing total.

McGrew punched in one touchdown while also averaging nearly nine yards per carry.

Dacorian Bellamy had a

nice game at quarterback, completing 11 of 16 passes for 166 yards as well as throwing two touchdowns.

Six Bulldog receivers made catches during the game, including: Robert Glanton with four catches for 76 yards and a touchdown, Zoycoydrick Roberts with three receptions for 56 yards, Devonte Glover caught two passes for 13 yards to go along with a touchdown, while De'Mari Stephens and Sante' Harris both caught two passes for around 10 yards.

The Bulldog defense was led by Devonte Glover, who had 19 total tackles (solo and assists).

Other Bulldog defenders reaching double digits in tackles were: Kavon Thomas, Cade Johnson, Max Kallschmidt, Joseph Morgan and Jordan Tyler.

"A lot of young guys got some playing time on defense and really stepped up to the plate," said Jones.

"We made a few mistakes early in the game, but then settled in and played extremely well as a unit," added Defensive Coordinator Doug Cain.

Williston received the ball to start the game and moved 67 yards down the field in eight plays for what would be their only touchdown, giving them an early lead 6-0.

Taylor's offense hit the ground running and managed to string together a 66-yard touchdown drive of their own in 12 plays.

McGrew carried the ball on the Bulldogs' opening four plays for a total of 25 yards, which moved Taylor across midfield.

Robert Glanton -- who started at QB and completed 3 of 4 passes, including a 2-point conversion -- then broke loose for a 38-yard scamper for a touchdown -- only for it to be called back by a phantom holding penalty against Taylor County.

Five plays later, McGrew crossed the goal line from one yard out, followed

by a successful two-point conversion when Glanton threw to Glover in the corner of the endzone, giving the Bulldogs an 8-6 lead with a little over two minutes left in the first quarter.

Taylor would shut down Williston in three plays on their next offensive series and force a punt, but would turn the ball over themselves early in the second quarter.

Following the fumble

by the Bulldogs, Williston would run 11 plays, but gained very little yardage each snap before having to punt.

De'Mari Stephens electrified the crowd with his 49-yard punt return for a touchdown to stretch Taylor's lead over Williston to 14-6.

The Bulldog defense

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Devonte Glover catches a wide-open two-point conversion pass from QB Robert Glanton in the first quarter. Glover also recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown in the 35-6 win over the Red Devils.



Bulldog kicker Irvine Azerte, holder Sante' Harris and long snapper Max Kallschmidt combined to go a perfect three for three on extra point kicks in the win over Williston. (Photo by Amy Sadler)

YARDSTICK		
Taylor Co.	Stats	Williston
23/170/1 TD	Rushes/Yards/TD	38/100/0 TD
14/20/2 TD	Comp./Att./TD	4/12/1 TD
172	Pass Yards	67
1	Interceptions	0
342	Total Offense	167
22	First Downs	19
34	Return Yards	39
0/0	Punts/Avg.	4/31
0/0	Field Goals	0/0
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
7/70	Penalties/Yds	7/40

GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2018

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The last date to request a mail ballot to be mailed for the General Election is Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Please call your Supervisor of Elections office at 850-838-3515 to request a mail ballot.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will commence Monday, October 22, 2018 at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 433 U S 19 N and will continue through Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00pm each day. Any voter in the county may vote early in lieu of going to their precinct on Election Day.

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TCMS looks for 17th straight win Thursday against Hamilton Co.

The Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) Bulldogs will look to win their 17th straight game this Thursday night against Hamilton County.

Continuing a winning streak that dates back to 2016, the Bulldogs are 5-0 this season with victories against: Dixie County (46-6), Madison County (44-20), Wakulla County (44-18), Florida High (28-15) and Suwannee County (32-6).

Taylor has already clinched their spot at the top of the Big Bend Middle School Conference's Eastern Division, which means they will host the Conference Championship here on Oct. 25.

The Bulldogs have clinched the conference title the past two years and hopes to stretch that streak to a third straight championship this year.

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Taylor County Request For Proposals (RFP)
Professional Services for Planning Technical Assistance
Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Master Plan
Taylor County requests proposals from individuals or firms to provide planning technical assistance for the development of a pedestrian and bicycle mobility Master Plan. The County anticipates receiving a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to fund the Master Plan Project. The Master Plan will focus on multimodal mobility facilities including pedestrian and bicycle trails in Taylor County which can stand alone on their own merits but also offer connections to the Florida National Scenic Trail, the Florida Sun Trail, and other significant trails and mobility systems region and nationwide. The Master Plan will also include specific planning to ensure the coastal community of Steinhatchee reaches the goal of being a Florida designated "Trail Town". The Master Plan will be incorporated into the County's Comprehensive Plan for the future planning of land-use, recreation, conservation, and transportation planning. An important element of the Master Plan will be addressing physical logistics of the pedestrian and bicycle mobility facilities including

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the impact on any environmentally sensitive areas, potential landscape management issues, the types of surfaces of the mobility systems (hard or soft surface), maintenance of the systems-both short terms and long term, and any potential liability issues.
In compliance with the Florida Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics, Taylor County enforces open and fair competition in its RFP's. Taylor County strictly enforces following procurement procedures as per federal and state procurement guidelines, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the Community Planning Act guidelines, Professional services procurement, Rule 73C-23.0051 (3) (6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 287.055 Florida Statutes (Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act), and local procurement and employee and elected officials ethics policies as approved by Taylor County Board of Commissioners. The County also enforces open and fair competition. The selection process shall be open to the public and records maintained in compliance with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) grant requirements and the Florida Sunshine Amendment. In accordance with Section 287.133, FS, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following conviction for a public entity. A public entity crimes statement is required. The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all RFP's, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time and waive any irregularities if the RFP process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service; therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the lowest quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the County's best interest. A contract will only be awarded if the County is awarded a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO). One (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals, marked "PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" must be received by 4:00 P.M. local time on Friday, November 16, 2018. All RFP's must be sealed and clearly marked with the respondent's name and address on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Unmarked envelopes will be rejected and will not be opened. No faxed RFP's will be accepted. Hand delivery and all other forms of delivery services will only be received at:
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Masters of the FSA

52 Taylor County High School (TCHS) students proved to be masters of the Florida Standard Assessments (FSA) after each received a Level 5 during the spring testing cycle.

To receive a Level 5 on the FSA is equivalent to mastering one or more of the subjects tested, according to the Florida Department of Education (DOE), and students who receive such scores are "highly likely to excel in the next course/grade."

The students who received Level 5 scores include: Noved Ahmed, Hannah Albritton, Gabriel Amerson, Sierra Anderson, Haley Armstrong, Nicolas Bennett, Kaitlyn Boyington, Alyssa Broome, Madison Buzbee, Matt Casselman, Jacob Croft, Nicole Davis, James Drawdy, Aiden Dunaway, Cole English, Caleb Fall, Karla Ferrer, Evelyn Gillis, Caroline Gray, Dakota Hodges, Leslie Knowles, Trista Knowles, Joshua Langley, Taylor Langley, Bradley LaValle, Ryne Linton, Nathan Lundy, Kiwanis Mango, Kaden Marshall, Abigail Martinez, Ty Massey, Cain McCray, Jason McHargue, Carley Ondash, Matthew



52 Taylor County High School students received Level 5 scores on the Florida Standards Assessments during the spring testing cycle. According to the Florida Department of Education, this means the students have a mastery of the subject being tested and are "highly likely to excel in the next course/grade." Students received signs (shown above) to place in their yard recognizing their FSA accomplishments.

Page, Dharni Patel, Kaleb Poppell, David Reischl, Noah Sadler, Joseph Shoaff, Haven Skinner, Colby Sparkman, Hannah Stading, Jordan Tyler, Dennis Vanderhulst, Gregory Warf, Ellie Webb, Hannah Webb, Tristin Willetts, Jacob Wilson, Josiah Windom and Zachary Young.

As a reward for their accomplishment, the students were offered free admission to the Tallahassee Museum and enjoyed access to Tree to Tree Adventures, the museum's zip line course, free of charge.

The trip was made possible by a partnership

between the Tallahassee Museum and Georgia-Pacific's Foley Cellulose mill.

On September 14, 34 students took the trip to the museum.

"Georgia-Pacific's Foley Cellulose mill is pleased to provide the opportunity for these student," said

Georgia-Pacific's Foley Cellulose Public Affairs Manager Scott

Mixon. "They deserve an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishment.

We are also grateful for the efforts of our Taylor County teachers and the parents who have been a

very positive influence on these students," Mixon continued.

In addition to their field trip to the zip line adventure in Tallahassee, students were given a sign recognizing their Level 5 scores from Superintendent Dr. Glover to put in their yards at home.



As a reward for earning a Level 5 on their Florida Standards Assessments, students were offered free admission to the Tallahassee Museum and enjoyed access to the museum's zip line course (shown above). The trip was made possible by the Tallahassee Museum and Georgia-Pacific's Foley Cellulose mill.

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SBA opens Business Recovery Center in Perry

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has opened a Business Recovery Center (BRC) in Taylor County to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael.

The BRC is located at Super Pufft Snacks (700 W. Lance Drive) in Perry, and is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The center will operate until further notice.

The SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans for physical damage and working capital. SBA representatives at the BRC will provide information about disaster loans, answer questions and assist businesses with applying for a SBA disaster loan.

"The SBA is committed to facilitating economic recovery in this disaster. We want area businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA

representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover," said Kem Fleming, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.



U.S. Small Business Administration

"We are honored to play a role in supporting Taylor County businesses during the aftermath of Hurricane Michael by establishing a Business Recovery Center here at the Super Pufft food manufacturing plant," said Super Pufft Snacks American President

Mahmoud Amrouch.

"Last Friday, Scott Frederick with the Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) contacted me to discuss a call he received from the SBA Disaster Assistance Office in Atlanta and asked if I could help with their request to house a business recovery center here. I didn't hesitate and honestly wanted to do anything I could to help the local business community. Plans to establish the center were finalized over the weekend in preparation for Monday's opening. Taylor County is our new home and I am pleased to be a new resource for the community," Amrouch added.

Businesses and private nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged

or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. Applicants may be eligible for a loan increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes.

Eligible mitigation improvements may include a safe room or storm shelter, sump pump, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available

regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate.

Homeowners and renters are eligible up to \$40,000 to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as 3.675 percent for businesses, 2.5 percent for nonprofit organizations and 2 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Additional details on the locations of Disaster Recovery Centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling

the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

SBA offers disaster loan assistance to businesses with the help of SBA's resource partners: the Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), SCORE, and the Women Business Centers (WBCs).

For more information on these services, please go to www.sba.gov to locate the nearest SBA district office and/or SBA's resource partners.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Dec. 10, 2018.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is July 11, 2019.

County had to appeal to receive declaration for Hermine

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(IDA) following the completion of their response efforts," state officials said. "Following that, local communities, the state and FEMA would conduct joint PDAs. The federal disaster declaration would follow PDA completion.

"Due to the unprecedented impact of Hurricane Michael, Governor Scott requested and obtained a disaster declaration immediately following

landfall. In addition and in his direction, state personnel have already begun the PDA process.

"Typically, federal representatives join state and local officials to form PDA teams," state officials continued. "They are responsible for surveying damages in designated counties until impacted areas identified by state and local officials have been thoroughly assessed. In the interest of expediency, state personnel are proceeding with PDAs immediately

and without first conducting IDAs, substantially decreasing timeframes when compared to past similar disasters."

The following counties have been declared for FEMA Public and Individual Assistance: Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden,

Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla and Taylor.

Following Hurricane Hermine in 2016, which inflicted significantly more

damage to Taylor County, local officials had to file an appeal with the state to obtain an individual assistance declaration.



Taylor County is eligible for both public and individual assistance from FEMA.

'Dogs will face Newberry Friday

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was dialed in by this point in the game and forced a quick punt bringing Taylor's offense back on to the field with under four minutes left in the second quarter.

Bellamy found Glanton for a 12-yard completion, followed by another pass hauled in by Glanton from Bellamy for 42 yards just three plays later to move them inside Williston's 10-yard line.

After two incomplete passes, Bellamy found Glover in the endzone for a 10-yard touchdown reception with under 25 seconds left in the first half.

Bulldog kicker Irvine Azerte then stepped on to make the first of his three extra points on the night, taking the Bulldogs into

halftime with a 21-6 lead.

The Bulldogs opened the third quarter with a four-play, 67-yard touchdown drive that really put the Red Devil's backs against the wall.

McGrew broke loose for 28 yards, followed by a nine-yard completion from Bellamy to Zoe Roberts.

McGrew then ran for five yards to set up a 20-yard touchdown pass completion from Bellamy to Glanton.

Azerte added on the PAT to give Taylor a comfortable lead of 28-6.

The remainder of the third

quarter was scoreless, with both Taylor County and Williston shutting down the other team's offense.

It was early in the fourth quarter when the Bulldogs blocked Williston's punt due to a lazy snap.

Glover jumped on the loose ball in the endzone for a touchdown.

Azerte came on to split the uprights for his third extra point of the night to give the Bulldogs a 35-6 lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the game.

The final eight minutes of the game flew by, as

both teams ran the ball into the teeth of the opposing defense, which kept the clock rolling.

In the end, Taylor County celebrated a convincing 35-6 victory.

The Bulldogs are now 3-4 on the season and riding a two-game winning streak.

Taylor only has three games remaining, as they try to hold onto or improve their play-off position headed into the postseason. TCHS will travel to Newberry this Friday night to take on the Panthers at 7 p.m with hopes of extending their winning streak to three games.

Letters to the Editor

Have similar issues? Call Adult Protective Services

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mower uptown to mow.

Her customers would be paying her Friday for painting and mowing. She had just finished painting a building on Jefferson Street, she said.

Of course, we believed her. I am in my 70's, and my brother is in his 80's, but we had never met a true con artist.

We told her about my brother's beloved nine-year-old dog named Lucy. We had just taken her to the vet for lab work because she had a large cancerous tumor on her stomach that had to be removed.

Her surgery was scheduled a month away, and we were saving up for the surgery.

He loaned her the money on Aug. 22, 2018.

She assured us she would pay us back the money in a couple of days.

Three weeks went by, and

no money was paid back.

The vet called to let us know Lucy's surgery was going to be a week away. I started begging her to please pay back the money. It was excuse after excuse, lie after lie.

Begging for your own money is so humiliating.

Lucy did get her surgery, but then we had electric, gas and cable bills. The \$300 would have taken care of these bills.

I continued to beg daily, and all the while she thumbed her nose at us.

I went to the Sheriff's office and was told that because it was a loan, we would have to go to small claims court. The filing fee was nearly \$100, and I was told that even if we won, the judge would not grant us the money. He would put a mark against her credit.

I begged the last time on Oct. 3. She said she had the money in her wallet, but had locked the keys in the trunk.

When I looked out my door a little while later, she had driven off.

Then I remembered all the negativity she spewed about her family, significant other and some "fat" man she did work for, as well as some local townspeople.

I called her and told her of my plans to expose her.

Then, and only then, did she decide to give back the money, leaving it at the gate after telling me she didn't like being threatened.

She had no sympathy for my me, my brother or poor Lucy.

I will not be beat. I am too damn old and cracky and have experienced all that life can throw at me. Home run!

In case anyone else runs into similar issues, call Adult Protective Services at: (800) 962-2873 or (800) 453-5145 (for hearing impaired).

Sincerely,
Grace Warner

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(FEMA), which will cover 75% of the cost, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, which will pick up the remaining 12.5% of the total.

County Engineer

Kenneth Dudley said several improvements have been made to the design to strengthen the structure against future storms.

"First, we've widened the footprint of the pilings," he said.

"Originally it was four feet and now it's eight feet. By doing this, we can

extend the pilings to be part of the handrail system, which will strengthen that entire portion of the structure.

"Second, we originally allowed the pilings to be driven to refusal or 10 feet of embedment. Now all will be driven to a minimum of 10 feet."

At the Booking Desk

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

Sept. 25:
Sundee Leeanna Parker, 27, no address given, VOP, Dep. Schram, TCSO.

Sept. 26:
Klayton Daniel Rowell, 44, Greenville, Fla., VOP, Sgt. Young, TCSO.

Laura Lee Smith, 36, Perry, Fla., VOP, Dep. Wimberley, TCSO.

Reginald King, 28, Perry, Fla., VOP, Officer Ahern, Probation & Parole.

Patricia Dice, 35, Greenville, Fla., VOP, Sgt. Melvin, TCSO.

Elizabeth Fay White, 55, Steinhatchee, Fla., possession of drug equipment, VOP, Dep. O'Connor, TCSO.

Sept. 27:

Arthur Dwight Nelson, 25, no address given, VOP, Dep. Anderson, TCSO.

Sept. 28:
Dustin Charles Wimberly, 32, Greenville, Fla., battery, Dep. Anderson, TCSO.

Jamar Lanard McNeal, 23, Perry, Fla., burglary, aggravated battery, Sgt. Melvin, TCSO.

Uziel Romero Marquez, 32, Perry, Fla., DUI, Ptl. Smith, PPD.

Kellie Ann Young, 25, Perry, Fla., VOP, Dep. Fenton, TCSO.

Selena Marie Mcvey, 33, Perry, Fla., out of county warrant, Dep. Schram, TCSO.

Christin Joan Morgan, 34, no address given, out of county warrant, Ptl. Geyer, PPD.

Stuart Kash Hill, 43, Perry, Fla., contempt of court, Sgt. Dorman, TCSO.

Sept. 29:
Mary Katherine Lee, 29, Perry, Fla., out of county warrant, Ptl. Smith, PPD.

Oct. 1:
Jimmy Levoid Lee, 65, Perry, Fla., DUI, Lt. Cash, TCSO.

Tyrone Miller, 28, Perry, Fla., VOP, Capt. Franklin, PPD.

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LEGALS

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19, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. local time or as soon as feasible thereafter at 201 E. Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347. The RFP's will be opened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting at the discretion of the Board. The Board may require presentations by those submitting RFP's at a later date at a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting. Presenters will be given a minimum of ten (10) working days for notice of the presentation date. It is the responsibility of each responder to examine this RFP carefully and to judge all of the

LEGALS

circumstances and conditions which may affect its response to ensure that their response clearly and directly responds to each of the requirements listed. Any data furnished by the County is for informational purposes only. Responses submitted early by responders may be withdrawn or modified prior to the response deadline. Such requests must be in writing. Modifications received after the response deadline may or may not be considered. Taylor County supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Fair Housing, Drug Free Workplace and Providing Handicapped Accessibility. 10/17

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American Legion members from across the state are stockpiling hurricane relief supplies in Perry

By **CAITLYN BURCHETT**
Contributing writer

American Legion members from across Florida have joined together to collect and distribute Hurricane Michael relief supplies, which are being stockpiled at the American Legion Post 96 in Perry.

Boxes of supplies began piling up against the walls of Post 96 on Veterans Drive last Friday as Commander James Day, his wife, Jennifer, and members of three American Legion posts emptied the contents of cargo trailers into the local post's large main room.

Post 96 has been set up as a staging area for Hurricane Michael relief, serving as a halfway point between affected areas in the Panhandle and where supplies are being donated in central and southern Florida.

"A lot of this stuff came from south of Ft. Pierce, Fla. — about five hours away. These guys will re-load at another reserve center we have and come back," Day said, motioning to some of the veterans unloading the trailer.

The supplies delivered to Post 96 are being transported to American Legion posts in the Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Jackson and other affected counties in need as soon as contact

with those posts can be made.

Downed cell towers, power lines and blocked or hazardous roads has made communication between Post 96 and other American Legion posts in the affected counties practically impossible, delaying supply distribution.

"This is the closest place that is not broken right now. We have some posts further west that are completely smashed. There are many posts that we have not even been able to talk to, to know if they are okay, because everything is down -- phone, internet, trees blocking the roads," Day said.

The hurricane relief supplies include toilet paper, soap, sanitation wipes, bug spray, bottled water, plastics tarps, over-the-counter medicine, work boots and meals ready-to-eat (MRE). The MREs are prepackaged individual meals consisting of peanuts, crackers, pasta and plastic utensils that require no food preparation.

"Those are the kinds of things we have found in years past that are the most consumed. Those are the things that people wear out the most and need the most of," Day said.

Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach last Wednesday as a

Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of 155 mph, making it the most powerful hurricane to strike the Florida Panhandle in recorded history. With a storm surge peaking at 14 feet and wind gusts topping 172 mph, the hurricane devastated much of the Panhandle and Emerald Coast -- including Mexico

Beach and Panama City -- as well as small inland cities like Marianna, Bristol, Altha and Blountstown.

"It is very humbling. Sometimes you take the things you have for granted. All of sudden, things like this happens. All your stuff can be replaced, but you can't replace a life. That is why when we get phone

calls about helping, we do everything we can," Day said of the American Legion and its members' volunteer hurricane relief team.

Prior to the hurricane, Day said the American Legion posts began communicating about organizing state-wide relief efforts in order to more efficiently and effectively

coordinate delivery of the supplies from American Legion reserves around Florida to the affected areas.

"Right now, you see the best come out in people. People are reaching out from all over the state to help people that they do not even know. That is what we do. We are here to help," Day said.



Shown above: American Legion Post 96 Commander James Day, his wife, Jennifer, and members of three American Legion posts emptied hurricane supplies from cargo trailers into the local American Legion post's main room last Friday.



Boxes of hurricane relief supplies (shown above) are piling up at the headquarters for American Legion Post 96 in Perry. From Perry, the supplies will be delivered to American Legion posts in the Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Jackson and other impacted counties in need as soon as contact with those posts can be made.



Scholarship dinner will be held Oct. 19

On Friday, Oct. 19, Big Bend Technical College (BBTC) will host its second annual "Dinner Under the Pines" scholarship dinner and auction. The event, held at the BBTC campus, will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

Dinner tickets cost \$25 and include a one-pound ribeye steak, potato, salad, dessert and drink.

Items up for auction

include a custom-made BBQ grill, cowboy grills, fire pit rings and much more. There will also be a raffle for a cowboy grill and door prizes.

"Bring a non-perishable food item and get extra door prize tickets!" organizers said.

All proceeds go to BBTC's Career and Technical Education (CTE) scholarship fund.

Rescheduled

Due to Hurricane Michael the

2018 United Way Kick-off Breakfast

has been rescheduled to

Tuesday, Oct. 23 • 7:30 a.m.

Memorial Hall at First United Methodist Church

302 North Jefferson St.

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



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.



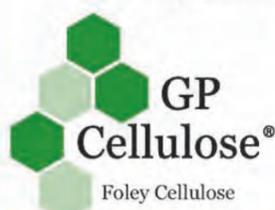
Read United is just one way United Way supports Taylor County students. Volunteers taking part in the community-wide reading event read books to a first grade classroom. During this event, United Way provides a free book to every first grade student in the school.

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Come to the Kickoff!

Georgia Pacific/Foley Cellulose is proud to support United Way of the Big Bend, and we encourage everyone to join in this effort to help our community.



For Questions or to RSVP, please contact Laura Wigglesworth at Laura@uwbb.org or call (352) 356-1092

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