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Break-in turns deadly



Jonnetrich Jones died after cutting himself on a piece of broken glass after breaking a window to gain entry into his ex-girlfriend's home sometime early Wednesday morning. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A Perry man -- just released from jail Tuesday for a previous break-in three months ago — cut himself on a piece of broken glass and bled to death while attempting to break into his ex-girlfriend's home early Wednesday morning.

The body of Jonnetrich Price, 30, was found Wednesday morning, June 16, by officers who were responding to a call of "suspicious activity" at a home on West Richard Bell Avenue.

"The victim reported that she had returned home that morning to find items near her front door had been thrown around, and that her bathroom window was broken," Perry Police Department (PPD) Capt. Gene Franklin said.

"She did not mention the blood that was all over the outside of the house. She also had not entered the home. When Ptl. Jesse Young arrived, she gave him the key and permission to search the home.

"He requested back-up since he felt there might be a subject inside the residence. He and Ptl. John Rice began clearing the home room by room and located a body crumpled up underneath the window, laying in a large pool of blood. There were no signs of life," Franklin said.

Investigators were dispatched to the scene, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Crime Scene Unit was called to process the scene.

An autopsy conducted Thursday morning concluded that Price died as a result of exsanguination (major blood loss).

His brachial artery (located in his underarm) was completely transected (severed), "he would have bled out in less than 60 seconds," Franklin said.

"There was also evidence of glass in the wounds. He evidently cut himself while he was crawling through the broken window and collapsed on the floor inside the residence where he was found," he said.

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Glover challenges parents, warns school employees

It's time for parents to step up and get their kids to school.

That is the message Superintendent of Schools Dr. Danny Glover Jr. delivered to students and parents this week, in addition to warning school district employees against taking to social media to "talk about one another."

"We can't teach kids everything in the world they need to know. Parents need to get their kids up and get them to school. I know it's a struggle. I have kids – it's a struggle to get them up and to come in. It's a struggle for me some days. But we have to do what's best for our kids and get them here. When I tell you we're going to need our parents to step up, we are going to need them to step up," he told members of the school board during their regular meeting Tuesday.

"We're going to need a lot of love over the next year. We need the community to love on our teachers, our staff and, most importantly, our kids. Our kids have got to come to school," Glover said.

"Some people did a very good job going virtual last year, and some didn't. Some kept their kids at home and they did nothing. It's going to show in our test scores. We've got to set the bar high and hold people accountable – every church, every parent, every aunt and uncle. We are going to provide the best

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Superintendent of Schools Dr. Danny Glover Jr. said the district is "setting the bar high" for the coming school year.

Parents to pitch taking over baseball

Baseball is the only youth team sport league still run by county government, but that could soon change, as a group of parents is seeking to take over and oversee the sport through a new parent-run organization.

The Taylor County Commission is expected to hear a pitch from those parents during its upcoming Tuesday, June 22, meeting.

Commissioner Jamie English, who sits on the Taylor County Recreation Advisory Board (TCRAB), brought the proposal up during the commission's May 25 workshop.

Soccer has been run by the parent-run Perry Soccer Association for decades, while football was assumed by the Boys & Girls Club in recent years. Meanwhile, the youth girls softball league recently completed a five-year transition from county-run to parent run, operating its first season this year with no county or city funding.

Youth baseball (ages 4 to 15) is currently funded through an interlocal agreement between the commission and the Perry City Council, with each government paying a percentage based on a formula taking into account the number of city and county participants.

"We have been discussing potentially transitioning baseball from county-run to parent-run," English said at the workshop.

"Today, soccer and softball are already there," he said. "It's efficient.

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DMH offers wound care

Doctors Memorial Hospital (DMH) is opening a new wound care center at the local facility to help those suffering from diabetic ulcers or other wounds that have not healed within a reasonable amount of time.

In partnership with Healogics, a nationally-recognized and leading wound healing expert, and regional healthcare leader Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH), DMH is bringing the clinical practice of wound care conveniently close to home.

As part of DMH's ongoing relationship with Tallahassee Memorial, all of the providers and nurses in the DMH Wound Care Center have trained with the experienced team at TMH's well-established center, which is also a member of

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Scallop season now open!

The 2021 bay scallop season kicked off on Tuesday, June 15, with residents and visitors alike launching out of Keaton Beach and Steinhatchee to search for "nature's gold." Marty Wilson and his family found a sweet spot and hauled in their limit (above). For more photos, see page 7.

Man arrested following desecration of U.S. flags

A man believed to be suffering from mental health issues was arrested for desecrating U.S. flags on display near the Taylor County Courthouse in honor of Flag Day (June 14).

Michael Neal Jones, 42, of Perry, was charged with desecrating or mutilating the American flag, as well as criminal mischief, on June 15.

"We got the call about him pulling flags and throwing them on the ground at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15," Perry Police Department (PPD) Captain Gene Franklin said, noting that Jones is believed

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Perry man faces felonies after unsuccessful vehicle thefts

A Perry man is facing three felony charges for the unsuccessful theft of two vehicles, after he was reportedly caught in the act in the area of Ash Street and Calhoun Street on June 14.

Zha'Corbe Reaves, 20, was charged with two counts of unarmed burglary of an unoccupied conveyance and one count of grand theft of a motor vehicle after two vehicle owners observed Reaves getting into the driver's seat of their vehicles.

According to Perry Police Department Captain Gene Franklin, officers responded to a call regarding an attempted vehicle theft on West Ash Street at approximately 6:30 p.m.

"When the victim walked outside of his house, he actually saw Reaves backing the truck out of the driveway. He caught him in the act. Reaves tried to apologize, but then he took off on foot," Franklin said.

Reaves reportedly walked north to Calhoun Street.

While officers were searching for Reaves, they were flagged down by an individual who claimed he observed someone matching Reaves' description getting into his vehicle.

"When he was approached by the second victim, Reaves took off again," Franklin said.

Reaves was apprehended in the area of Calhoun Street a short time later.

"He claimed he was walking home," Franklin said.

As of press time, Reaves was being held at the Taylor County Jail on a $15,000 bond.

Price had been released from jail Tuesday morning

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"He died during the commission of a felony – breaking into the home," Franklin said.

Price's death came less than 24 hours after he was released from the Taylor County Jail Tuesday morning after signing a plea agreement with the State Attorneys' Office the day before.

He had spent three months in jail after being arrested on March 17 for breaking into the same residence and assaulting his girlfriend.

However, the plea agreement represented a "downward departure" in charges "in accordance with the victim's wishes."

The plea agreement stated, "The victim adamantly now denies that the defendant committed false imprisonment. The victim still admits that the defendant stole her items, trespassed into the home and battered her. The victim has signed a 'Petition to Dismiss,' but wants to see the defendant get drug treatment."

Price was placed on five years of probation with electronic monitoring under the terms of the agreement, which included the resolution of an earlier arrest in February for larceny and drug possession.

He was also ordered to "have no unlawful or harassing contact with the victim."

Price was fitted with an ankle monitor when he was released from jail Tuesday morning, "but he cut it off, and Probation & Parole was actively looking for him as of 9 p.m. Tuesday," Franklin said.

"The victim had been in some type of altercation with him earlier in the day (Tuesday) and decided not to stay at home. She was not at the residence when he attempted to break in," he said.

Court documents show that Price was a registered sexual predator following his release from prison in 2018 after serving nearly nine years for a 2008 sexual battery charge.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison followed by 10 years of probation in that case. However, he violated his probation less than a year after being released from prison in 2018 and returned to complete his initial 10-year sentence.

He completed that sentence in November 2020. Three months later, on Feb. 16, he was arrested for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and larceny.

One month later, on March 17, he was taken into custody on the assault and burglary charge related to the break-in at his girlfriend's home.



Three-year transition proposed to convert to parent-run baseball

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No issues. For softball, actually this is their first year standing alone with no county funding. It was phased in over a five-year period. With baseball, we're looking to do this over a three-year period.

"Over the course of the three-year period, we would phase all county funding out, other than concessions," English said. "Obviously, we would be responsible for the facility and maintenance and repairs. Not that it's not run efficiently today. I think [Recreation Coordinator Gregory Mullins] does a great job. But, we've got a guy out there who's trying to deal with six ball fields. He's trying to line the fields. He's having to do registrations, uniforms, coaches, doing background checks. It's just a lot.

"So, the idea here today is to get the board's blessing for this group to move forward," he said. "Five of them (parents) have formed a board. I met with them during the first, initial meeting and kind of let them take it from there. They have a [memorandum of understanding]. They have a set of bylaws. They kind of mimic what the softball group does."

English said the group plans to return to the commission during its regular meeting on June 22 for a vote on the proposal.

"Today, I just don't want these guys to waste their time heading down this path if it's not this board's will for that to happen," English said. "I just want the board's blessing."

"This has been talked about for some time, and I know that soccer has been very successful being parent-run, and now softball," Commissioner Pam Feagle said. "I'm all for it. I'd like to hear more of the details about it, but if it's going to be like soccer, which has been very successful, then I'm all for it."

"It's going to be pretty much like soccer, like softball," English said.

"Concessions, we're over it now, but then we're back to [the upcoming increase in the state minimum wage]," he added, referring to a discussion held earlier in the workshop. "We can look at that, because you're going to be paying somebody $15 per hour to sell M&Ms and a Snickers bar. So, that might not be efficient, while these guys, and maybe even softball, if they take over concessions, it's an all-volunteer group."

English reiterated the group planned to return at the commission's June 22 meeting for an actual vote.

"I certainly support that," Commissioner Michael Newman said. "I don't see any kind of problems with that."

"I don't see a problem with it," Commissioner Jim Moody said.

"I want to echo what Commissioner English said about the recreation director we have here," stated Corey Johnson, one parent in attendance at the meeting. "Us taking this over and it being totally run and funded by a parent organization, we don't want to lose him. He is an asset to the youth of Taylor County."

"I think this would allow us the time to devote to the upkeep of the sports complex," County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton said. "I know we're looking at the possibility of more tournaments. It would not only free up Mr. Mullins' time, but also support staff. It would enable us to really concentrate on helping to make our sports complex what it is now and will continue to be in the future."

"I agree," Feagle said.

"We will have some more items coming down the pipe from the TCRAB to enhance the options to host tournaments and bigger tournaments, to bring in more folks to the community to fill up our hotels and our restaurants," English said.







Glover: 'Kids have got to come to school'

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we can provide to educate (our students), but we've got to have them come to school," Glover added.

"There's going to be a different focus from the district team. We have to be here as one. We all squabble and fight like cats and dogs, like brothers and sisters, but we will be united in public, and we will never go on social media and talk about one another," Glover said.

"There's things in professional practices (for accountability), and if we have to start turning those people in (to the Florida Department of Education/ DOE) we will, and they'll do their own investigation," Glover said.

"We have to step our game up, and we're going to expect everyone to do the same," he said.

The focus on attendance for the 2021-22 school year is "going to be huge," Glover said. "Kids have got to come to school."

Curriculum will also be another key focus of the district.

"Everybody has got to get on the boat with us, moving in one direction, and if some people don't want to get on the boat with us...I expect the best from them, I expect the best for our students. Every kid is important. We are going to raise the bar and hold people accountable. We're not going to go on social media and talk about each other. We are all going to be together as one, or we're going to show some people the door. If you don't want to be here and don't want to teach, other places are hiring every day," he said.

Glover's comments apparently were in reference to online posts regarding a leadership training administrators attended in Panama City Beach in late May. The training included sessions on mental health, as well as goal-setting – for the district, for schools and for individuals.

"Our leadership is young, willing and eager to learn and work hard. One of the things we talked about is that most principals burn out in three years. I feel we have a great team, and I do not want any of them to burn out in three years," Glover said.

The Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD) paid for the hotel accommodations, as well as contracted with a mental health provider to facilitate training.

"When we travel, we work very, very hard to get this paid for so there is no cost to the district. We reached out to some of our major vendors, and they covered the costs of our meals. I had a superintendent's meeting last week, and almost all districts do this (type of training) and they don't get donations. They are paying for it out of their general fund," Glover said.

Peterson's Landing will be closed June 21-July 2

Effective Monday, June 21, Foley Cellulose will temporarily close Peterson's Landing to perform routine pipeline maintenance.

The landing will be closed through July 2. The public is encouraged to use Hick's Landing to access the river and Gulf during the week.

"A barricade directing traffic to Hick's Landing will be in place at the intersection of Peterson Landing Road and Clubhouse Road. We regret the inconvenience," Foley Public Affairs Manager Scott Mixon said.

"Safety is one of our highest priorities. Please be alert and follow reduced speed limits. We will continue to work with local authorities and provide residents with information about maintenance activity in their area.

Wound care center will start seeing patients June 23

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the Healogics network.

"DMH identified wound care as a need for our community as part of our commitment to bring more advanced medical care to Taylor County," said DMH CEO Christopher Schmidt, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC.

"We intentionally asked Healogics to be our partner for wound care due to their advanced expertise in this specialty and impeccable reputation across the county. We want the best care possible for our community," Schmidt added.

The DMH Wound Care Center, located within the DMH facility at 333 N. Byron Butler Parkway, will begin seeing patients on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

The center will focus on an evidence-based, systematic approach to advanced wound care. A patient's individualized treatment plan may include specialized wound dressings, debridement, compression therapy, advanced cellular products and topical growth factors, edema management and/ or non-invasive vascular assessment. These treatments are the result of a team approach between the Center's physicians, nurses and the referring physician. A treatment plan is developed and scheduled based on the patient's needs. Once treatment is complete, the patient will return to their primary physician to continue routine care.

Additionally, the DMH Wound Care Center will be equipped with Healogics newest technologies: Clinical Optimization and Decision Support. These applications on Healogics' WoundSuite platform, enable the critical connection between people living with chronic wounds and their multi-disciplinary healthcare team for collaborative, evidence-based, patient-centered care.

Chronic wounds affect nearly seven million people in the United States and the incidence is rising, fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy contribute to the chronic wound epidemic.

"Timing is everything when it comes to healing wounds. Having a wound care center of this caliber at DMH makes care more accessible than ever for residents of Taylor County and surrounding communities, which will lead to quicker intervention and improved outcomes," shared Edward Forster, MD, Medical Director of the Tallahassee Memorial Wound Healing Center. "We're honored to have had the opportunity to work closely with DMH to train their wound care team and are excited to continue collaborating to deliver our communities the highest level of wound care close to home."

Likely candidates for treatment at the wound center are those suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections, compromised skin grafts and flaps, as well as wounds that haven't healed within a reasonable time frame.

People with wounds that have not improved with traditional methods of treatment may benefit from a visit to the DMH Wound Healing Center. To learn more or schedule an appointment, please call 850-838-2142.

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Bystander complained

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"mentally ill."

The complaint was filed by a bystander who witnessed Jones yanking the flags from their stands and throwing them on the ground.

According to Franklin, officers made contact with Jones around the 800 block of North Jefferson Street, at which point he was arrested.



4,000 families served

Taylor County School District partnered with Second Harvest and Farm Share to host more than 20 food giveaways during this past year. District employees and local community groups stepped up and have provided the volunteer labor to assist with this endeavor. Dan Anderson, Taylor County School District facilities and maintenance coordinator, coordinated most of these events with Farm Share and Second Harvest. He estimated that some 4,000 families were served this past year.

2 food giveaways set this Saturday

Farm Share at TCES

Farm Share will be distributing food this Saturday, June 19, at Taylor County Elementary School starting at 7:30 a.m.

Items will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The event is being coordinated by the Temple of God International Church of God in Christ, The Less Fortunate Still Matters Foundation and the school district.

Free food boxes at First Assembly

First Assembly of God will be giving away food boxes this Saturday, June 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Distribution is limited to one box per family while supplies last. The church is located at 828 West Julia Street.

Lakeside announces Vacation Bible School for June 27-July 2

Lakeside Baptist Church has announced plans for Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sunday, June 27, through Friday, July 2.

Dinner will be served each night at 5 p.m., and VBS classes will begin at 6 p.m.

Children ages four through fifth grade are invited to attend, and registration is required.

Obituary

Lucy B. Liles

Lucy B. Liles, 91, of Cross City passed away on June 6, 2021.

Mrs. Liles was born on March 31, 1930, to the late Bergen and Agnes Rose in Cross City.

She had lived most of her life in the Cross City area except for a short time spent in Tampa, Fla.,

Mrs. Liles was a member of the First Assembly of God in Cross City.

She enjoyed tending to her flowers in her spare time.

Mrs. Liles was preceded in death by: her husband, Wilford Sr.; son, Wilford Liles Jr.; and a grandson, Michael Pinner.

Mrs. Liles is survived by: sons, Bobby Liles (Linda), James Liles, Wayne Liles and Jody Liles (Charlene); daughters, Rosemary Pinner (Cecil), Martha Anderson (Keith), Lucille Sheets, Ethel Hicks (David), Barbara O'Steen (Stacey) and Christina Brown (Gordon); 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two great-great granddaughters; other extended family; and her beloved puppy, ChiChi.

Funeral services for Mrs. Liles were held at First Assembly of God in Cross City Thursday, June 10 with the Rev. Cecil Pinner officiating.

Interment followed in the Cross City Cemetery.

The family received friends at the church one hour prior to service.

Arrangements were under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home and Cross City Chapel.

Tidbits

By Sarah Hall



Happy Father's Day

Dads are special

It's a God-given and granted gift to be a father – a seed for generations to come.

Cherish them with all of your heart. Let them know how important they are and that, above all, they are loved.

Happy Father's Day

God of our fathers and creator of us all, we treasure our Christian fathers who are guardians of your creation.

They have endeavored to be models of faith, freedom and strength for our families. Abba Father, Great Teacher, instruct our fathers in the ways of perfect love.

Teach us how to mend the family ties that have been severed. Teach us how to instruct our fathers in the ways of your love.

In the name of the fathers who have kept your ways close to them – loved us – and raised us – we give thanks.

We continue to pray for those blessed fathers today – fathers, warriors, kings, leaders of nations and pillars of faith at home, church and in society all over the world.

May God continue to bless all fathers, everywhere.

Saluting Black Music Month

The legendary Ella Fitzgerald, a great music icon and the first lady of jazz, "It's not where you come from that matters, but it's where you're going."

Wise words

God is a phenomenal God who does phenomenal things...with and for his phenomenal people.

Famous words

The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dream is you. (Tom Bradley)

If you want to be happy – be. (Lee Tolstoy)

The most important act is still to think for yourself. Aloud. (Coco Chanel)

Each person must live their lives as role models for others. (Rosa Parks)

There are people who have something to say, and people who have just got to say something. (Anonymous)

Prayer focus

Please keep these friends in your thoughts and prayers: D.L. Williams, Pat Fudge, Maggie Fudge, Tangia Fudge, Pam Fudge, Jackie Burney, Chris Norman and Richard Zeigler.

Birthday shout-outs

Happy birthday wishes to: Rhamall Hughes and Kayla Crowley, June 22, and Jackie Johnson, June 23.

Congratulations and salutations

Juneteenth 2021!

Dreamers & Doers

The annual Taylor County Dreamers and Doers graduation/special recognition celebration was held Monday, June 14.

The New Brooklyn Church's corner was alive with accolades and laughter.

A soul-stirring message was delivered by attorney Charita Hope Demps.

It takes a village to raise a child, and a village was there.

Our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Flora Woodfaulk and staff for their work.

Dreamers and Doers, you are special to all of us!

I love thy church, O God,
I love they Kingdom, Lord...

The fabric of our churches has changed tremendously, as well as the fabric of our lives and the world we live in.

We are no longer secluded within our environment, our neighborhood, ourselves.

The world is opting to control our churches! The Bible states thusly, "Get thee hence, Satan: For it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:10)

"And Jesus answered and said unto Him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:17-18)

The churches are established for the upbuilding of God's kingdom, for giving praises, worship and thanksgiving to Jesus, the son of God, and Jesus alone. A sanctuary dedicated for those who believe in the one true God, Jesus the Christ. Lest we forget!

Reflect

Holy Father God, Holy Jesus, Holy Spirit of God, teach me to honor your name with my mouth and with a manner of living that demonstrates your nature to unbelievers. (Sarah Hornsby)

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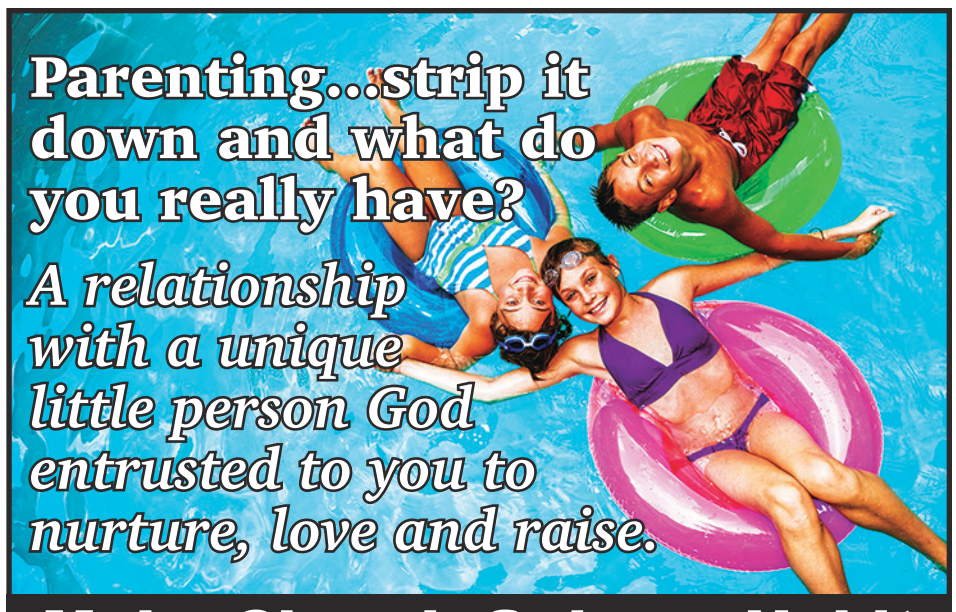
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Rebecca Shoaff



Trista Knowles

Three Lady Bulldogs named to All-Big Bend softball team

The Taylor County High School (TCHS) Lady Bulldogs' softball squad had three players selected to the 2021 All-Big Bend Softball team, including a pair of TCHS seniors (Trista Knowles and Rebecca Shoaff) and freshman Hannah Shiver.

Shoaff wrapped up her senior season leading the Lady Bulldogs with the highest batting average (.463) and earned the team's "Offensive Player of the Year" award.

Shoaff racked up 38 hits throughout the season, as well as scoring 32 times and leading TCHS in stolen bases with 41.

"She made the varsity softball team in the 10th grade, which was my first year as head coach," Head Coach Gary Knowles stated.

"Due to her speed, I told her on the first day to no longer bat right-handed, but to change to a left-handed slap hitter. She never once complained and went straight to work, as it took her about a year to get comfortable," Knowles said.

"That change gave her a challenge, and she developed into a very successful lead-off hitter and base stealer that really benefited our team. It was a great accomplishment for her to go from completely changing her hitting style to first team All-Big Bend in only three seasons. We will definitely miss her ability to get on base and score runs," Knowles stated.

Shoaff has also been highly successful in soccer, earning her some interest from a variety of college coaches. She is currently considering attending Tallahassee Community College (TCC).

The other Lady Bulldog senior selected to the All-Big Bend first team was Trista Knowles, who finished her senior season with a .456 batting average and team "Most Valuable Player" honors, as she led the Lady Bulldogs in many statistical categories.

Trista recorded 41 hits throughout the season, including six home runs, 11 doubles and four triples.

Trista scored 41 times, as well as driving in 32 runs (RBIs).

"It is a great honor for her to receive the first-team selection to the All-Big Bend softball team. She has played on many travel softball teams since the age of 10, and has started every Taylor County middle and high school game since the sixth grade," Coach Gary Knowles said.

Trista played travel softball with or against most of the players selected from the Big Bend area, and she considers them a part of her softball family, her father added.

Trista has been a member of the 18U, Class-A, Pro Impact travel team from Jacksonville since 2019.

The team will play a few showcases this summer, culminating with the USFA World Series in Panama City Beach this July.

"While we will miss Trista playing high school sports, Amy and I are proud of the commitment and hard work she has put into earning a college scholarship, and we are excited to continue watching her play the game," Knowles said.

Trista has committed to play softball at the collegiate level for TCC.

The future is bright for Taylor County freshman Hannah Shiver, who was selected to the first team All-Big Bend softball squad.

"I am so proud of Hannah for making the first team All-Big Bend team as a freshman. She is one of those players that doesn't have to be told to work. She is always practicing to get better," Knowles said.

"I am excited about Hannah and her returning teammates' potential to accomplish much more during their high school career," added Knowles.



Hannah Shiver

Shiver pitched 85 innings for Taylor County this season, during which she recorded 84 strikeouts while maintaining a 2.78 earned run average.

Shiver was 5-5 on the mound, allowing 71 runs, only 34 of which were earned.

Shiver had a .387 batting average at the plate, while hitting three home runs in her first year of high school softball.

She also knocked in 22 runs, while scoring 33 times herself.

Hannah is currently playing travel softball for the Panhandle Heat organization and has an extremely bright future ahead of her, Knowles added.

Fitness 'boot camps' planned

Taylor County Track & Field Coach Sherman Rhines will hold a fitness "boot camp" broken into two different sessions.

The first session will run June 21 through July 2, while the second session will run July 19-30.

Sessions are open to both boys and girls and are limited to only 20 participants. Each session will cost $100 per athlete, who will meet on Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Rhines at (941) 685-4461 or via email sherman.rhines@gmail.com

Keaton Beach Fishing Report

Trout remain scattered

By PAT MCGRIFF
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Speckled trout remain scattered, and you will catch one -- maybe, if you are lucky, even two on a drift -- then it is time to move on and look for another spot.

The rain wasn't really enough to dirty the water up much, but there was a little cloudiness earlier in the week.

Gulf water temps running in the mid 80s aren't helping the fact that the scarcity of white bait already had the trout moving deeper to feed at night.

On my last few charters, we managed 10, 12 and then 14 keepers, but we covered a whole lot of water to do it.

Live pinfish have contributed the most trout to the box recently, however Assassin's Pink Ghost has been the best color to bounce on the bottom, followed by Stinky Pink and Electric Chicken.

Sea shads seem to be working the best in 7-10 feet of water, while 5-inch shads took a few nice trout in 4-6 feet earlier in the mornings.

Most of the fish caught on grubs in the mornings have spit up shrimp when landed, which tends to support my "they-are-feeding-on-shrimp–at-night" theory etc.

So bounce a grub early, and float a live pinfish under a Back Bay Thunder later in the day.

Work the draws of the thunderstorms up on the hill for added breeze when it is too calm, and be careful out there.

This weekend, the tides are flipped, with late-morning high tides falling to mid-afternoon lows — which is perfect for scalloping, but not so much for fishing.

As for you scallopers, FLY YOUR DIVE FLAGS!

It's the law!

TIDE TABLES

F 18	Low	2:30 AM	0.5	22	Low	6:31 AM	1.4
18	High	8:50 AM	3.2	22	High	12:04 PM	3.9
18	Low	3:31 PM	1.1	22	Low	7:52 PM	-0.6
18	High	8:47 PM	2.9	W 23	High	1:58 AM	3.3
Sa19	Low	3:30 AM	0.8	23	Low	7:23 AM	1.5
19	High	9:41 AM	3.3	23	High	12:50 PM	4.0
19	Low	4:49 PM	0.7	23	Low	8:43 PM	-0.8
19	High	10:27 PM	2.9	Th24	High	2:50 AM	3.4
Su20	Low	4:33 AM	1.0	24	Low	8:11 AM	1.6
20	High	10:30 AM	3.5	24	High	1:35 PM	4.2
20	Low	5:57 PM	0.3	24	Low	9:33 PM	-0.8
20	High	11:51 PM	3.0	F 25	High	3:38 AM	3.4
M 21	Low	5:35 AM	1.3	25	Low	8:55 AM	1.6
21	High	11:18 AM	3.7	25	High	2:21 PM	4.2
21	Low	6:57 PM	-0.2	25	Low	10:20 PM	-0.8
Tu22	High	12:59 AM	3.2				

FEED TIMES

	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
18	1:16 AM	6:46 AM	1:23 PM	7:10 PM
19	1:49 AM	7:34 AM	2:26 PM	7:58 PM
20	2:23 AM	8:24 AM	3:32 PM	8:50 PM
21	3:01 AM	9:17 AM	4:41 PM	9:45 PM
22	3:42 AM	10:14 AM	5:53 PM	10:44 PM
23	4:31 AM	11:15 AM	7:05 PM	----
24	5:27 AM	11:47 PM	8:14 PM	12:19 PM
25	6:30 AM	12:52 AM	9:16 PM	1:24 PM

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Milestone birthdays



108th birthday

Dora Smith, Taylor County's oldest resident -- and one of the oldest people in the state of Florida -- celebrated her 108th birthday on Tuesday, June 15.

Smith was born on June 15, 1913, in Live Oak. She was the oldest of six brothers and sisters and has outlived them all.

She and her husband moved to Perry from their home in Greenville in the late 1970s to be closer to their daughter and her family.

"I was curious about her age when she was turning 100, so I looked into the old Bible records and they confirmed her date of birth – 1913," her grandson Eddie Williams said.

Smith and her husband married when she was 17, and they had eight children.

The couple was married for 60 years before his death in 1991.

Smith has always been strong in her faith, and she was an active member New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.



95th birthday



Longtime Perry resident Brother Glenn Baker celebrated his 95th birthday by capping off his year-long "marathon" with a three-quarter mile stroll with his wife, Ella Mae, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in tow. The family gathered at Steinhatchee Landing for a family reunion/birthday celebration the weekend of June 11-12. The Rev. Baker served as minister of education/senior adults at First Baptist Church in Perry until his retirement in 2014.



Commemorating Memorial Day

Taylor County High School JROTC cadets set out U.S. flags around the GP-Foley Cellulose mill to commemorate Memorial Day this year. Shown are (left to right): Trish Buhler, Alex Inherst, Matthew Hodges, Austin Sweet, Trenton Delacruz, Katie Smalls, Becky Buhler, Emma Campbell, David Porter, Austin Murray, Abby Buhler, Tranecia Moore, Taylor Farrill, Colin Wilson, Dalton Polec, Emily Gentry and 1st Sgt. Kenneth Rosier. "We honor those who have sacrificed their lives so that America may live free and set an example for others to follow," Rosier said.

Volunteers sought for Big Bend Hospice Advisory Council

Big Bend Hospice is seeking volunteers to serve as members on its Taylor County Advisory Council.

"Our focus is to ensure the diversity of the council through its members and continually expand its reach and impact throughout Taylor County from personal and professional expertise, diverse knowledge of constituent perspectives, and personal connections to local resources that each council member brings," said Lisa Baggett, Community Engagement Coordinator for Franklin, Taylor and Wakulla counties.

Advisory Council members help educate the community on Big Bend Hospice programs, assist in creating partnerships with others who can assist in the continued success of its mission, and have the added option of participating on Council committees that spearhead educational, community appreciation and fund-raising events.

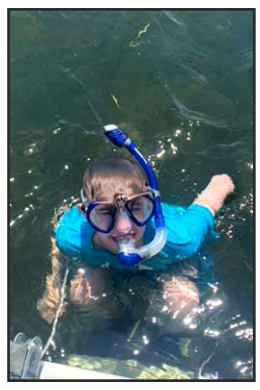
If you are interested in becoming a member of the Taylor County Advisory Council, please contact Michael Eurich at maeurich@bigbendhospice.org or (850) 408-0797. Available seats are limited. Responses of interest are encouraged by Aug. 15.

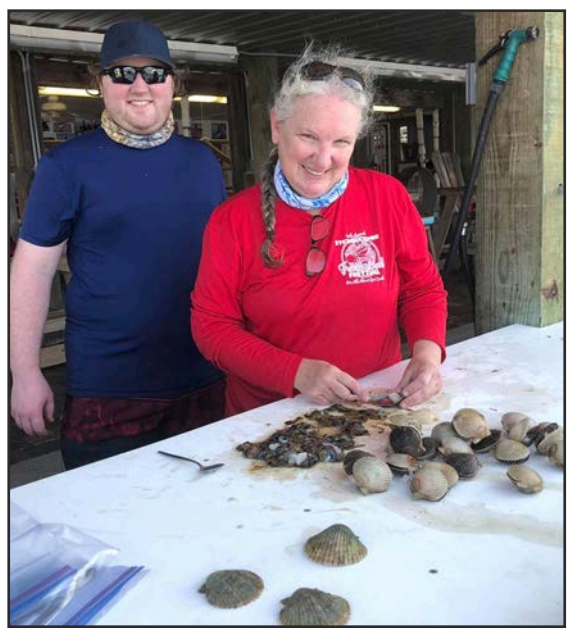


SCALLOP SEASON OPENS
FIRST LIMIT IN BY 10 A.M.









Recreational bay scallop season is now open in Taylor County! The first scallopers of the season began limiting out at 10 a.m. on June 15. As thousands of residents and visitors flock to the shallow coastal areas of Taylor County, boaters are reminded to prepare for congestion at boat ramps, as well as to display a "divers down" flag when scallopers are in the water. (Photos courtesy of Marker One Flats Charters, Lucky Chuck Charters and the Taylor County Sheriff's Office.)

Boat Ramp Etiquette:

Don't be 'THAT GUY'

We've all got a great ramp story to share.

Just as in life, proper etiquette plays a big role in boating. Perhaps nowhere is etiquette more essential—and appreciated—than at the local boat launch ramp.

It's here that discourteous boaters create havoc (and cause tempers to flare) by not adhering to standard practices or showing up ill prepared to handle the task at hand.

It is also here that those breaches of etiquette quickly have a ripple effect. Launch lines rapidly grow, frazzled boaters make more mistakes under pressure and emotions can run hot.

To take the stress out of the equation, showcase good manners to your fellow boaters and get your boat and crew on and off the water as fast as possible, simply follow these boat ramp tips to keep from being the "star" of the next funny boat ramp story.

• BE PREPARED! Never approach the ramp unprepared.

• Novice and discourteous boaters often make the same mistake of pulling up to the ramp before they are actually ready to launch, hogging that precious real estate while they load the day's gear, install the drain plug or (worse) discover a dead battery or a finicky engine.

• Proper ramp etiquette dictates that you do all of your pre-launch preparation BEFORE approaching the ramp to launch.

Larger facilities often have designated "make-ready" areas for boaters to prepare their boats and crew.

At smaller ramps, find a spot out of the way of traffic flow. It's in these prep areas that you'll load gear, ready lines and remove those tie-downs, but also put a driver in the boat and to be sure the engine starts.

(Tip: Briefly start the engine on a flush hose at home before you leave to avoid last-minute surprises.)

• Load everything you need for your trip into the boat before you pull up to the launch.

Doing this on the side of the parking lot will give more space for others to move in and out without delay.

• If a bathroom break or a snack is needed, do it BEFORE you get the boat to the bottom of the boat ramp.

• Make sure both drivers—boat and tow vehicle—know their roles. The smoothest launches happen when both tow vehicle and boat driver know and have practiced their roles.

• As tow vehicle driver, make sure you know how the trailer will respond in reverse so that you don't back in the wrong direction or jackknife the trailer. An empty parking lot is a good spot to practice.

Use the marked lanes (maybe even set up cones) to simulate backing your trailer onto and down the ramp, noting how the trailer responds to your input at the steering wheel and how the increased length of vehicle and trailer affect turning radiuses.

Getting things down pat before you ever hit the ramp will lead to a stress-free launch later.

• Only when you're ready to actually launch should you approach the ramp or queue up in line.

• As the boat driver, be in position at the helm before you head to the ramp, ready to start the craft once you're in the water. Once backed into position, trim down enough to ensure cooling and adequate handling response, check to make sure the path behind is

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DON'T SHUCK AND DUMP

Scallopers are discourageed from shucking and dumping shells near shore, in channels or along the road side.

Property owners (or their renters) with solid waste cards or stickers should instead utilize the county roll-off sites during regular hours.

Nine roll-off sites are located in the areas listed below.

Scallop Season Roll-Off Site Hours

SITE	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
SHADY GROVE	2PM-7PM	2PM-7PM	2PM-7PM	2PM-7PM	2PM-7PM	10AM-7PM	2PM-7PM
HARRISON BLUE	9AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	9AM-7PM	10AM-7PM
BERNARD JOHNSON	12PM-7PM	12PM-7PM	12PM-7PM	12PM-7PM	12PM-7PM	10AM-7PM	12PM-7PM
HWY 98/14	9AM-7PM	9AM-7PM	9AM-7PM	9AM-7PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	9AM-7PM
CARLTON	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	10AM-7PM
SALEM	2PM-7PM	CLOSED	2PM-7PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	8AM-7PM	CLOSED
BLUE SPRINGS	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM
STEINHATCHEE	9AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	9AM-7PM	10AM-7PM	10AM-7PM
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9/11 Remembered bus visits Perry

The 9/11 Remembered "Let's Roll" podcast tour bus made a pit stop in Perry this week, as Erick Robertson travels from Nashville, Tenn. to Jacksonville, Fla.

Robertson, who is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, temporarily set up shop at the Perry Elks Lodge.

The bus is a traveling podcast studio that records people's anecdotal memories from Sept. 11, 2001, and sends them to the National Museum.

Robertson said his goal is to ensure everyone understands the lasting impact of the attack on the World Trade Center, even 20 years later.

"There are over 100,000 people under treatment for toxic exposure. One of the first visible things after the attack was the massive death cloud from the collapsed towers," Robertson said.

On 9/11, Robertson served as a cadaver K-9 handler at "ground zero" of the National Trade Center. His Australian shepherd "Porkchop" worked for four days straight to sniff out people trapped under the rubble.

"My lungs are in bad shape. We did not wear respirators because we had to speak to our dogs," Robertson said.

"Everything in that building that was cancer causing was made into a micro-particulate that covered the entire Manhattan area. When we kicked up the dirt, we breathed it in. When it rained, the mud coated our boots. All of those things were part of our daily exposure," Robertson said.

For more information on the 9/11 Remembered "Let's Roll" tour bus, visit https://911rememberedthetravelingmemorial.org/.



"Porkchop" and Erick Robertson

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Work as a team

RAMP ETIQUETTE
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clear, then start the engine, shift into reverse and back away from the launch lane.

• BEFORE you park your vehicle and trailer after launching, move your boat to the side of the dock and out of the middle of the ramp.

• Communicate your launching plan with your guests so they know where to stand (or where not to stand) while you get everything ready to go. People aimlessly walking around the parking lot or dock can create a traffic nightmare.

• As in launching, good etiquette demands you be equally quick and efficient when it's time to load.

• The first approach to the ramp area should simply be to drop off the tow vehicle driver and passengers at the dock, idling back out into clear waters to await the arrival of your trailer. Unless the ramp is quiet, don't be tempted to unload gear; you'll just slow others from getting into position.

• As in launching, boat and tow-vehicle drivers should work as a team. If you're the tow vehicle driver, wait your turn and when ready, back the trailer into the water. If you're the boat driver, get your craft into position once you see your tow vehicle approaching and, when the trailer is properly submerged, idle the boat forward onto the trailer, giving just a nudge of power to push the craft the last few feet up the bunks to the winch post.

• Once the boat is held on the trailer by friction, shut the engine off, make certain the drive or engine is fully trimmed, then move forward to the bow and attach the winch strap and safety chain. When finished, signal the driver and take a seat. The vehicle driver should then pull forward and clear the ramp.

• When you return to the ramp, always unload items out of the boat AFTER you have pulled away from the launch area.

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June 13:

I got a quarter of an inch of rain yesterday, and my old cows sure were glad to see it.

They are holding up good on slim pickings, which makes life easy.

I got those citrus trees planted and the okra hoed.

My loofah gourd has grown, so I gave it some more wire to run on.

The squash are on the decline, but I have cucumbers out the gum stump.

I drove by Mr Straka's shop, and he had my old blue tractor in his work area with the lift over it.

He's working on it, which is good, because I see uses for it everywhere.

That's about all -- that and may your life be sweet and clear like moonlight through the pines.

June 16:

We woke up to the sound of rain on the old tin roof.

I am feeling so blessed and excited to see the improvements it brings.

I went to pick up my tractor yesterday, and I am anxious to get some work done with it.

I need to fill in bull holes in the hay field so when the man brings the fertilizer he won't fall in one.

I need to swap the spear for the bucket, and I'm going to put on the nine-foot harrow. She is a cadillac, which I haven't been able to use in years because it loads the other tractor too much.

Then, I can put the mower back on the other one and be ready for anything by golly.

Remember what old Massey said: "If you are gonna be a bear, be a grizzly!"

Wait, I think he actually said: "If you are gonna be a frog, be a bullfrog," but it don't matter.

David Carlton grew up in Taylor County, where he worked on a Woods Creek Road farm in his youth.

Decades later, he now owns that farm and spends his days tending to his cows and enjoying the country life.

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David Carlton took his boat "Elsie Mae" to the Suwannee River last week. "Elsie Mae" is 15 years old.

Looking Back



Special delivery

At-home ice deliveries were still a necessity in the mid-1940s, and for the residents of the mill town of Foley, Mr. R.H. McNeese was the go-to guy. He was the owner/operator of McNeese Ice Delivery. McNeese is shown here in 1946. (Photo courtesy Melba Denmark/colorization by William Wright)

A glance at the past

High-speed chase hits 100+ mph

THE 80s

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BIKER LEADS LAW ON HIGH-SPEED CHASE

A Tallahassee motorcyclist led state troopers and a city policeman on a high-speed chase that started in Dixie County, continued through downtown Perry and ended in Madison County when the biker ran out of gas, according to reports from the Perry Police Department (PPD) and the Taylor County Sheriff's Department.

The motorcycle was fleeing at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour.

(PPD) ***Sgt. Don Gutshall*** reported that when the biker slid out in front of him, he turned and looked over his shoulder at the officer.

Gutshall turned on his lights and sirens, however, the biker "just waved at me and put it in the wind," the officer said.

STEINHATCHEE ART FESTIVAL WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The month of May 1986 culminated in an Art Festival at Steinhatchee School.

Students created a variety of art projects ranging from 3-D dream houses, water and acrylic paintings and chalk drawings.



The Class of 1936 reunion was planned for June 21, 1986, in the banquet room at the Chaparral Restaurant. Members of the class included: (first row, l to r) Eldred Westberry, Charles Turner, Garland Nixon, J.C. Lipscomb, W.H. Bethea, James Bloodworth and Files Cullifer; (second row, l to r) Mable Lewis, Sadie Grubbs, Mildred Woods, Hortense Wilson, Maggie Dee Parker, Mae Varnadoe, Annie Pearl Williamson, Mildred Young, and Marion Boyd (teacher); (third row, l to r) Helen Rice, Evelyn Swearingen, Eleanor Raulerson, Bertie Lee Spradley, Elizabeth Davis, Ruby Brannen, Doris Faulkner and Ima Lipscomb; and (fourth row, l to r) Jose Stephens, Mary Gunn, Marguerite Hefline, Ruby Cox, Louvenia Goodman, Maude McLeod, Katherine Pridgeon and Winifred Gridley.

The first, second and third place winners were:

- Kindergarten: ***Arin DeYoung***, first place; ***Jennifer James***, second place; and ***Blaine Rhodes***, third place.
- First grade: ***Amanda Valentine***, first place; ***Spence Lamb***, second place; and ***Charles Grambling***, third place.
- Second grade: ***Jolene Ellison***, first place; ***Susie Valentine***, second place; and ***Ronnie Valentine***, third place.
- Third grade: ***Chris Davis***, first place; ***Ami Craig***, second place; and ***Troy Corbin***, third place.
- Fourth grade: ***Natalie Lane***, first place; ***Wendy Markham***, second place; and ***Brian Burns***, third place.
- Fifth grade: ***Curtis Lashley***, first place; ***Camilla Corbin***, second place; and ***Christy Davis***, third place.

BURNING BY BOB

Approximately 720 marijuana plants confiscated in Taylor County in 1986 by local law enforcement agencies were put to the torch in a hole behind the Taylor County Jail June 18, 1986, by ***Lt. Bob Lilliott***.

SCALING THE HEIGHTS

Library Director Ken Hollingsworth hung Mexican blankets high on the walls of the library, with the aid of bookmobile librarian ***Suzette Peace***, as part of their "Read around the World" summer program for children.

NEW ARRIVAL

Sarah Elizabeth Whitfield

Richard Abe and Diane Whitfield announced the birth of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on June 13, 1986, at the Tallahassee Birth Center. Sister Callie and paternal grandmother Mary Lou Whitfield welcomed Sarah home.

DEAN'S LIST

Jerry Brown of Perry was among students named to the Dean's List at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College.

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Remember when...

My first job



By Anthony White

The difference was a paycheck.

My grandmother was more worried than I was when I landed my first job.

While I was celebrating being hired as a summer school teacher at Perry Primary, my grandmother was worried I would not make it through the first week.

I was 15 and going into the eleventh grade, but I'd been playing teacher to my brothers and cousins since I learned to read and write. So, my grandmother wasn't concerned about whether or not I could do the job.

"He'll do great with the students," my grandmother told my mother. "When he gets there."

My mother nodded her head in agreement. "When it's time to wake up and get dressed for school, we have to fight him every morning," my mother said. "It's not going to be any different."

"Especially since he's riding his bicycle to work instead of catching the school bus," my grandmother added.

I assured them things would be different, but neither was convinced.

The Sunday night before my first day of work, my grandmother made me pick out what I was going to wear and iron it ahead of time.

"If you wait until the morning to do it, you'll definitely be late for work," she said.

So, I listened to my grandmother. I chose a pair of pants and a shirt to wear, ironed them both, then placed them neatly on a hanger.

My mother suggested I go ahead and prepare my lunch so I wouldn't have to do it the next morning.

"If you wait until the morning to do it, you'll be late," she said. "If you do it now, you won't have that to worry about in the morning.

So, I listened to my mother. I made a small Tupperware bowl of tuna. I wrapped four slices of bread in foil. Then I put the bowl of tuna, the slices of bread and two tangerines in a brown paper bag and put the bag in the refrigerator.

"Now," my grandmother said. "You need to go to bed so you can get some rest. That way you won't be sleepy when it's time for you to get up."

I did as I was told and went to bed around 10 p.m.

The next morning, my grandmother and mother were surprised when they woke up to wake me up and found I was already up, dressed and eating breakfast.

"You're up and already dressed," my grandmother said. "I don't believe it."

"Me neither," my mother said.

I was sitting on the porch with my lunch bag in my hand when my cousin Teresa Mickens, who had also been hired as a teacher's aide at Perry Primary, rode up on her bicycle.

We waved bye to our grandmother and my mother, then we rode up the street, where we met our friends Jackie Jackson and Donald Taylor, who were both starting their first day as teacher aides at Perry Primary.

That evening when my grandmother and mother asked what the difference had been, I told them what they should have known.

It was the paycheck coming in two weeks.



Foley Community Choir

Gathered in front of the Foley Baptist Church are members of its Community Choir. Shown are (top row, l to r) Mrs. Claude Hall and Mrs. Ray Guess; (second row, l to r) Annie Lou Guess, Marie Brinson, Pat Evans, Jackie Baxter, Iris Simons, Gloria Cothran, Shirley Westberry, Billie Brown, Jimmy Guess, Harry Hall, Owen Raulerson, Warren Ferrell and Reggie Hall; (front row, l to r) Bobby Deaver, Richard "Bo" Westberry, Imogene Simons, (unknown), Barbara Westberry, Nita Brown, "Taddy" Gornto, Jean Keller, Mary Carey, Tommy Evans and Ed Cothran.

Join in an Irish tradition this month in Tallahassee

The Tallahassee Irish Repertory Theater presents the Bloomsday Festival featuring the play "Bloomsday" by Steve Dietz to be performed outdoors over the next two weekends at Goodwood Museum & Gardens in Tallahassee.

Showtimes are June 18-20 and June 24-27 with the festival beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the show starting at 8 p.m.

It was June 16, 1954, in Dublin, when John Ryan organized a celebration of James Joyce's "Ulysses," the most important novel of the 20th century -- according to the Irish.

Ryan and his cohorts created a route through the city of the sites visited by Leopold Bloom, one of the main characters in the story, including several pubs. As it happened, the planned journey only made it halfway, as the Joyce fans drank too much and conflict between them ended the trek.

Repeated annually for years around the world, the event now comes to Tallahassee. Starting at 6:30, those in attendance will be able to hear Nora Joyce, Joyce's wife (performed by Jessica Lowe-Minor), talk about her life with the expats in Paris and Zurich -- taken from "Mrs. Joyce Has Her Say" by Jack Gilhooley. Listen to Stanley Gontarski or Camille Gonçalves Vilela dos Santos from FSU impart details of Joyce's career. Sing Irish songs with John Camacho. Enjoy the rousing energy of the Tallahassee Irish Step Dancers.

At 8 p.m., experience the production of "Bloomsday" by Steven Dietz. It is a time-warped love story between a young Irish guide and an American lad who joins her Bloomsday tour. Will they get together? Or will it end in heartbreak?

Tickets are $25 for the festival or $15 for the show only. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.tallahasseeirishrep.com/current-shows.

Watermelon Festival is this weekend

Monticello's Watermelon Festival will be held this weekend.

On Friday, June 18, the festivities begin with a "vendor village" open from 4-9 p.m., a family circus show at 6 p.m, kids show at 7 p.m., street dance from 7-9 p.m. and beer garden from 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, brings the Kiwanis 5K Run & Walk at 8:15 a.m., Watermelon Parade at 10 a.m., antique car show at 11 a.m., family circus show at 11:30 am., kids show at 11:30 a.m., beer garden from 12-4 p.m., watermelon games at 1:30 p.m., family circus show at 2 p.m. and kids show at 2 p.m.

"On behalf of the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and Watermelon Festival Committee, welcome to the 70th anniversary of the Monticello Watermelon Festival," co-chairs Katrina Richardson and Tami Lester said.

"A summertime tradition in Monticello since 1950, the Watermelon Festival brings out the local community, visitors and the South in everyone."

For more information about the event, visit www.monticellowatermelonfestival.com or call the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at (850) 997-5552.



'In the Heights' is a wonderful musical journey from Miranda

By MARK VIOLA

Thanks to the Broadway smash hit, "Hamilton," actor and composer Lin-Manuel Miranda is a household name. Although tickets to the show were notoriously hard to get, Disney+ premiered a filmed-production of "Hamilton" last summer, giving everyone a chance to see it. I was among those who saw it for the first time on television at home.



Sadly, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, live theatre has been on hold, although we're beginning to see a revival of late, and several regional theatre companies have announced full 2021-22 seasons to debut this fall.

As for Miranda, one of his earliest works was the musical "In The Heights," which had an off-Broadway run in 2007 before opening on Broadway in 2008, earning 13 Tony nominations and winning four, including Best Musical.

Debuting in movie theaters and on the HBO Max streaming service last weekend was a film adaptation of "In The Heights," directed by Jon M. Chu ("Crazy Rich Asians").

Unlike the filmed-version of "Hamilton," this is a true adaptation, and as such, it suffers a bit from the same issues just about every stage musical film adaptation does, mostly a result of trimming down a full stage production to fit into a standard film's runtime. However, it does better than most, and the movie is joyful, thought-provoking and beautifully acted and produced.

Although the songs might not have the lyrical and rhythmic complexity Miranda would later show off in "Hamilton," the songs are catchy in their own way, helping deliver a story about a neighborhood and a people.

The story is set in the New York City neighborhood of Washington Heights on the northern tip of Manhattan. It is a predominantly Latin community, but it is also one that is suffering, with businesses either moving out or closing.

Usnavi (Anthony Ramos, "Honest Thief") owns the neighborhood bodega and dreams of making enough money to move back to his native Dominican Republic and re-open his late father's bar. He not-so-secretly pines for Vanessa (Melissa Barrera, "Vida"), who works at the beauty salon and wants more than anything to move out of the neighborhood and pursue her dream of becoming a fashion designer.

Meanwhile, Nina (musician Leslie Grace) has returned home after her first year at Stanford, and while the neighborhood sees her as the one who got out, she is back now with a secret. Benny (Corey Hawkins, "Straight Outta Compton") works for Nina's father (Jimmy Smits, "NYPD Blue") and is happy to see she's back home, because he hopes they can rekindle their own relationship.

With the heat rising in the city and tensions boiling over in the neighborhood, things will soon hit a crescendo in the form of a blackout, throwing everything into chaos.

Most stage musicals run around three hours, and even at two hours, 23 minutes, the film adaptation of "In The Heights" had to cut and trim in places. I have never seen the original stage production, and considering original co-writer Quiara Alegría Hudes wrote the screenplay, I will trust she knew what she was doing. Even so, there are times as the story is reaching its third act that I felt the pacing was off a bit, slowing down a little too much as it tries to move all the pieces into place for the ending.

However, that really is my only complaint. The cast is amazing, delivering song after song in a powerful manner.

To be completely honest, I can't relate directly with many of the plights facing the characters. But, that's okay, perhaps even good. These are stories that not too long ago wouldn't have been told, and it's a wonderful thing that they are here now to experience, first on Broadway and now in movie theaters nationwide (as well as at home if you want to watch the film on HBO Max). Regardless, these are stories told in a way that allowed me to emphasize with and root for the characters. And, by doing so, I learned things.

What more can you ask for?

Well, it helps if the movie is also entertaining. Fortunately, I found "In the Heights" to be incredibly entertaining. Of course, your own enjoyment of it will depend on your fondness for stage musicals in the first place. If you're not a fan, I'm not convinced "In The Heights" will convert you, but "Hamilton" drew a lot of new people into the musical world, so it might be worth giving a try after all.

The film is rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive references.

THIS WEEKEND IN THEATERS, ON STREAMING AND VOD







By MARK VIOLA

Last weekend's theatrical releases didn't meet industry expectations, but the newcomers still combined with several strong holdovers to deliver the fifth-best domestic weekend of 2021.

The musical "In the Heights" debuted to a soft $11.4 million, settling for second place and allowing "A Quiet Place Part II" to retake the box office crown with $11.6 million in its third weekend of release.

The horror sequel also became the first film of the COVID-19 era to cross $100 million at the domestic box office. I don't think it's a coincidence that it is also one of the few major releases thus far that is not also available on a streaming service. (It will debut on Paramount+ later this summer.)

Last weekend's other nationwide newcomer was "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway," which opened in third place with $10 million. This is less than half of the $25 million earned by the original film back in 2018, but again, these are different times. Helping matters is the fact that there isn't another kids' film hitting theaters until "The Boss Baby: Family Business" on July 2.

Although there have been sputters here and there, we have officially reached the point in the theatrical release schedule where there is at least one major nationwide debut set for every weekend from now until the end of the summer movie season.

Theaters are back open. People are going to see movies. Those who have been vaccinated are allowed to go maskless. Have we truly made it to the other side? I'm not quite ready to celebrate, but we've come a long way, and the more people get vaccinated, the safer we'll all be.

In Theaters

This weekend delivers a single new film in nationwide release: "**The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard**," a sequel to the action comedy from 2017 starring Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson and Salma Hayek. This new film finds bodyguard Michael Bryce (Reynolds) taking a long-overdue vacation, only to be interrupted by Sonia Kincaid (Hayek), the unstable wife of equally-unstable assassin Darius Kincaid (Jackson), who is once again in danger and needs help, even if he won't admit it. Director Patrick Hughes is back, and joining the cast are Gary Oldman ("The Dark Knight") and Morgan Freeman ("Batman Begins").

The film is rated R for strong bloody violence throughout, pervasive language and some sexual content.

We also have a handful of smaller releases debuting in Tallahassee theaters this weekend as well.

"**12 Mighty Orphans**" is a historical sports drama following a devoted high school football coach haunted by his past who leads a scrawny team of orphans to the state championship during the Great Depression, inspiring a broken nature along the way. The cast includes Luke Wilson ("Zombieland: Double Tap"), Robert Duvall ("The Judge") and Martin Sheen ("Grace and Frankie"). "12 Mighty Orphans" will be available at the AMC 20 in Tallahassee.

The movie is rated PG-13 for violence, language, some suggestive references, smoking and brief teen drinking.

"**Gaia**" is a horror film about an injured forest ranger on a routine mission who is saved by two off-the-grid survivalists. What is initially a welcome rescue grows more suspicious as the son and his renegade father reveal a cultish devotion to the forest. "Gaia" will be playing at the CMX Fallschase in Tallahassee.

The movie is rated R for some violence and bloody images, sexual content, nudity and language.

"**Queen Bees**" is a romantic comedy about a woman (Ellen Burstyn, "The Exorcist") who reluctantly moves into a retirement community, only to confront a clique of mean-spirited women and an amorous widower. "Queen Bees" is available at the CMX Fallschase in Tallahassee.

The film is rated PG-13 for drug use, suggestive material and some language.

"**The Sparks Brothers**" is a documentary from Edgar Wright ("Baby Driver," "Scott Pilgrim vs the World") following the five-decade musical odyssey of Ron and Russell Mael and celebrating the inspiring journey of the Sparks, who produced 25 studio albums. Combining animation and interviews, Wright digs deep into the band's rich, career-spanning legacy. The film can be seen at the AMC 20 in Tallahassee.

The documentary is rated R for language.

Disney+

"**Luca**" is the latest film from Pixar and the second consecutive film from that studio to be released directly to Disney+, forgoing movie theaters altogether. The story is set on the Italian Riviera and follows an unlikely friendship that develops between a human and a sea monster disguised as a human. The film is directed by Enrico Casarosa, whose 2012 short film, "La Luna," which debuted in front of "Brave" in theaters, earning him an Oscar nomination. I don't know why Disney's brass have decided to relegate Pixar's movies to Disney+ exclusives (for no extra charge for subscribers). "Raya and the Last Dragon," a product of Disney Animation Studio, got a dual release in theaters and on Disney+ (with a $30 premium price tag attached). Whatever the reason, it's a shame that audiences won't get the chance to see "Luca" in theaters.

The film is rated PG for rude humor, language, some thematic elements and brief violence.

Netflix

"**A Family**" is a Japanese crime drama about a young man who grew up in the criminal underworld, all the while looking up to his gang's leader as a father figure. Now, however, he has a family of his own.

The movie is not yet rated.

"**Fatherhood**" is a dramedy starring Kevin Hart ("Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle") as Matt, a man whose wife tragically dies a day after their daughter is born, forcing him to find a way to raise her as a single parent. The movie is written and directed by Paul Weitz ("About a Boy") and is based on the nonfiction book by Matt Logelin: "Two Kisses for Maddy: A Memoir of Love & Loss."

The film is rated PG-13 for some strong language and suggestive material.

"**Jagame Thandhiram**" is an action thriller from India about a nomadic gangster who finds himself in a battle over a place to call home. Based on the trailer, this movie will deliver lots of violence and some occasional dancing.

The movie is rated TV-MA.

"**Silver Skates**" ("Serebryanye Konki") is a holiday romance film from Russia set in the late 1800s in St. Petersburg. Eighteen-year-old Matvey is unjustly fired and joins a gang of pickpockets. Meanwhile, Alisa, the daughter of a high-ranking official, feels like a prisoner in her father's mansion. One day, their paths cross.

The film is not yet rated.

Video on Demand

"**The Misfits**" is an action thriller following Richard Pace (Pierce Brosnan, "Goldeneye"), an international thief who escapes from a federal maximum security prison only to be scooped up by the Misfits, a group of modern-day Robin Hoods. They try to convince him to join them in a daring robbery, stealing millions in gold hidden beneath one of the most secure prisons on Earth. The cast also includes Nick Cannon ("Wild 'N Out"), Jamie Chung ("Lovecraft Country") and Tim Roth ("The Incredible Hulk").

The movie is rated R for some language/sexual references and brief drug use.

"**Night Walk**" is a thriller starring Mickey Rourke ("The Wrestler") as Frank, whose girlfriend is killed during a visit to the Middle East. When he is framed for the crime and sent to prison, he sets out to find out who is behind the conspiracy and get revenge. However, Frank will first have to break out of prison if he wants to seek bloody justice.

The movie is rated R for language throughout, including derogatory slurs, violence and sexual references.

"**The Space Between**" stars Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") as Micky Adams, an eccentric, has-been rock musician who has lost his grip on reality. His record label wants to drop him and sends young Charlie Porter (Jackson White, "Mrs. Fletcher") to get it done. However, Micky realizes Charlie could be the key to an artistic breakthrough, and the pair's unlikely friendship grows.

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