

# FFS battles blaze on Beach Road

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) is "urging extreme caution" when utilizing fire, as the Big Bend region is currently under "high risk" fire conditions. (Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Burchett from a FFS controlled burn in February of this year.)

A wildfire blazed across both sides of Beach Road during the early evening of May 7 after it was discovered by a Florida Forest Service (FFS) pilot during a routine aerial patrol.

Wildland firefighting crews from the Taylor, Dixie and Lafayette county offices of the Florida Forest Service responded to quickly contain the fire. "The rapidly-moving

fire and challenging terrain created the type of unpredictable situation Florida Forest Service wildland firefighters excel in," mitigation specialist Travis Pike said in a press release.

The firefighting crews battled the blaze late into the night and were able to contain the fire while minimizing its spread.

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extreme caution" when utilizing fire, as the Big Bend region maintains "high risk" fire conditions.

Since the beginning of April there have been 16 wildfires throughout the district, which includes the counties of Dixie, Lafayette, Madison and Taylor.

The current weather conditions in northwest Florida have created an environment where

wildfires can easily start and spread rapidly. These weather conditions include low humidity and a high dispersion and the occasional sustained winds of more than 10 miles per hour.

The National Weather Service has declared "Red Flag" fire danger on multiple occasions for portions of the Florida Panhandle, including the Big Bend region.

"With these conditions

in mind, the FFS is urging extreme caution when utilizing fire for burning yard debris, recreational use and grilling," Pike said.

For the latest in fire weather and burning conditions, contact the local Perry District Florida Forest Service office at (850) 223-0751.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more

than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests.

The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres.

Learn more at [FDACS.gov/FLForestService](http://FDACS.gov/FLForestService).

## Heroes work here: Marshall Rehabilitation celebrates nurses

The local Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center in Perry recently celebrated National Nurses Week (May 6-12, 2020) by hosting a "wacky tacky Wednesday" (shown to the far right). "We salute our nurses during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2020. This year is very special because 2020 has been designated as

"The Year of the Nurse," Consulate Health Care, which owns Marshall, said in a press release. As visitation to long-term health care facilities have been suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, Marshall staff, residents and community members have tried to make the best of a difficult situation by posting motivational signs outside (below right), mailing encouraging cards (below left) and dropping off sweet treats.



## 50th Courtney Reunion canceled

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The talents that prevail throughout the family are many. We can take great pleasure in knowing that within our number we can find: doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, politicians, preachers, deacons/elders, skilled tradesmen, nurses, government employees, farmers, ranchers, military/

veterans, musicians, poets, mothers, hunters, fishermen, merchants, authors, realtors, builders and many postal employees.

Our mothers, also known as domestic engineers, faithfully chose to stay in the home performing a multitude of things for their family 24/7 and loving every minute of it. Your salary is non-existent, but your rewards are beyond measure. Regardless of the name you now carry, 'Your cup runneth over...Your children rise up and call you blessed.'

So on this, our 50th Courtney Reunion, let us continue on, making every effort to contribute all that we can for the furtherance of a day we can call "Our Day" in the years that lie ahead.

P.S. Something I often said to my beloved husband, W.D. (since I married him at age 16), "I've been a Courtney longer than I've been anyone else." As a co-producer of Courtney children, I can truly say I made the right choice - that of being grafted into the Courtney clan.



## Remember when...

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### 2 Live Crew knocking at the door

"Knock. Knock."  
"Who is it?"  
"It's Uncle Luke."  
"Uncle Luke?"  
"Yeah...Uncle Luke. Open the door. I got something new for you."

I was one of the music lovers who rushed to open the door in the late 80s when Luther Campbell and 2 Live Crew knocked.

My grandmother tripped me before I could open the door.

"I better not catch you listening to that filth in my house," she said.

My mother agreed.

I tried to explain that Campbell's obscenity-laced music was "happening" and that it was a new form of musical and artistic expression.

My grandmother wasn't sold. My mother wasn't either. And neither was willing to listen to my arguments supporting this new blatantly obscene music.

To be truthful, to say I disliked Campbell's music would be an understatement. I despised it. But, to be all-the-way truthful, I did dance to some of it when I went out. Like I said, his music was "happening."

The reason I argued with my grandmother, mother and anyone else who was against Campbell's music was because I considered myself an artist who fully supported artistic freedom.

By that time, I had written and directed a couple of short plays. I'd written several short stories, and although it wasn't published, my first novel. What I've come

to realize over the years that I didn't realize then, was none of those plays, short stories or novels were written with complete artistic freedom.

Every word, every sentence, every character and every plot were all thought of and written while I was handcuffed to the knowledge that my grandmother and mother would read, see or hear them.

They never said a word, but I knew if they didn't allow something in their homes, it better not show up in my work. I still follow this unspoken guideline even in today's anything-goes artistic culture.

I thought about how my mother's and grandmother's influence has censored my work and life when I learned about the death of one of my mother's and my favorite "old-school" R&B singers, Betty Wright, this past weekend.

In an interview about one of Wright's best-selling songs, "Tonight is the Night," she describes the apprehension she felt when she had her mother listen to the song about becoming a woman before she released it.

"Uh, I like the music... You know, baby, the melody, it's really nice. But I know you're not gonna sing that song," she recalled her mother's response.

"But we eased it right on by, yes, we did," Wright continues. "And it became one of my biggest records too."

I wish I could have asked Wright, "But, were you able to go home after that?"

## LEGALS

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THOMAS FOWLER, JR., Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of THOMAS FOWLER, JR., deceased, whose date of death was September 21, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 102, P.O. Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 15, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative Personal Representative: S. Noel White Florida Bar Number: 0823041 1108 S. Highland Avenue Clearwater, FL 33756 Telephone: (727) 735-0645 Fax: (727) 735-9375 E-Mail: noel@clearwaterprobateattorney.com TIFFANY MARIE FOWLER 1613 East Moyamensing Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19148

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