

As well as at least 15 birds in '22 season

FWC: Hurst killed 30+ turkeys in '21 spring season

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work provided evidence that Hurst had far exceeded the season bag limit of two wild turkeys per person and had killed more than 30 birds during the spring 2021 season.

Evidence also showed Hurst killed several gobblers illegally during the closed season. The investigation in Spring 2021 provided evidence that he had also committed armed trespass on multiple occasions in four Florida counties.

Hurst didn't stop at wild turkeys, investigators

said. Evidence showed he harvested more than the season bag limit for deer (five deer per person) during the 2020-21 deer season.

In fact, Hurst likely harvested 20 bucks during the 2020-21 general gun season, investigators said.

Due to Hurst's poaching activities in 2020 and 2021, FWC investigations extended the investigation into the Spring 2022 season.

Additional evidence was collected that Hurst had far exceeded the season bag limit for turkeys, killing at least 15 birds in the 2022 season. Additional

evidence was collected to further solidify cases of armed trespass in multiple jurisdictions and several gobblers poached during the closed season.

"Over the course of the investigation, we were shocked by the egregious nature of both Hurst's illegal exploits and his social media posts," said FWC Deputy Director of North Operations Lt. Col. Gregg Eason. "He bragged about the number of wild turkeys he poached, often trespassing to do so, and his ability to elude law enforcement."

On Sept. 20, 2022, FWC

officers executed search warrants at Hurst's house in Taylor County and a hunting camp in Lafayette County.

Two shotguns, Hurst's iPhone, 156 pairs of turkey feet/spurs, 155 turkey beards and 21 sets of deer antlers were seized during the searches.

Investigators on the case were assisted by numerous FWC officers, along with law enforcement officers from partner agencies.

The FWC's pursuit of this wild turkey poacher over the span of a two-year investigation speaks to the dedication to the

resource and drive to ensure wild turkeys in Florida are plentiful for future generations to enjoy.

"If it hadn't been for members of the public and hunters who saw something wrong and reported it, there's a chance this individual could have continued abusing our state's natural resources well into the future," said FWC North Central Regional Commander

Maj. Scott Lee. "Our wildlife laws are in place to ensure resources exist for the enjoyment of future generations and Hurst has shown nothing but disrespect to the land, the resource and law-abiding hunters."

Charges were filed in Highlands County to be prosecuted by the Office of Statewide Prosecutor, and judicial proceedings are pending.

Budget amendment approved 4-1

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time served as acting city manager.

The budget amendment approved by the council during the Feb. 14 meeting transferred \$3,322 from the city's wastewater executive salary budget line item to cover one month of increased salary and benefits for Cruse.

"I come from a different time period in this world, so keep that in mind, but it is normal to ask an employee to perform additional duties outside of their normal job. What is not normal is to pick and choose which employees you are going to pay," Brynes said.

"For example, we have an employee out on disability in the wastewater department, and we have

another employee in the sewer department. You have to have a license from the state of Florida to operate the sewer department and a license to operate the water plant. We have an employee who has a license to operate both the water and the sewer plant," Brynes said.

"While the one is out on disability - I believe it has been for eight months - here is someone that is picking up both jobs - as you should when you work for an employer," Brynes added. "And, so we are going to increase these (PPD) salaries, but the decision was made not to increase that (the other employee's salary)."

"But, this employee wanted to do it for the city. He chose to do it to help the city and help this other employee out in case he

could come back to work," Brynes said.

"The city needed help. The employer needed help, and the employee was a good employee who stepped up at no additional cost to the city, which, in my opinion, is the way things should be. I cannot support this one bit. Treat people the same," Brynes stated.

"I can go along with you on that, Bill, except that the chief is not where he ought to be anyway," Councilwoman Diane Landry replied.

"Yes he is," Brynes shot back. "Now you are stepping into administration."

"Who is stepping into administration?" Landry asked.

"You are, when you are talking about doing that. That is the city manager's job. In his (Cruse's) opinion,

he is not where he ought to be (in salary)," Brynes said.

"And, we said we would handle that at budget time," Landry responded.

"You are still stepping over the city manager," Brynes stated.

"No, we said we would do it with the city manager's input at budget time," Landry replied.

"You have no idea what that input will be, so you can't make a promise, in my mind, that you should not be making," Brynes added.

"You may have people working in the water plant today who may be picking up trash tomorrow. They all float and move," Brynes stated. "We never hear 'I've got to have more money' when asked to step up."

On a motion by Ketring and a second by Woodfaulk, the council voted 4-1 in favor of the budget transfer to cover a temporary one-month bonus for Cruse.

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about it."

It turned out she was too soft-hearted for that job.

She also worked for Attorney Don Dansby in Perry before taking the big jump to City Hall in Gainesville.

At that time she was still nervous around crowds and had not driven in traffic before, so her husband would take her to work and pick her up.

Her job was to be administrative assistant to the mayor and four city commissioners.

Here she used her shorthand and typing skills while fielding calls from nice to irate members of the community.

She worked there for four years, and during that time she was featured in a human interest story printed

in the **Gainesville Sun** on Sept. 1, 1989, written by Mary Fran Johnson. In her article titled, "In Confusion, She Keeps Calm" she stated the following:

"The 34-year-old Florida native is the mainstay of the city commission office, the person who fields and directs the endless stream of phone calls flowing into the office each day."

It was also stated: "She has a sweet disposition, but she's no pushover."

Florrie noted that calling if you are in favor of something or against it can sway the minds of the commissioners.

She said one time a small child drew a picture of the bookmobile and wrote "Don't stop the bus, I just learned how to read."

Other comments made by commissioners included: "She's one of the most efficient human beings I've

ever known."

And, another said, "She has a terrific ability to communicate with the public."

I looked up shorthand on the internet and found that with all the modern technology available, it is no longer used. However, there are thousands of documents in the Library of Congress and other archives dictated to stenographers that have not been read in years.

There could be many secrets that only the code writers could decipher.

Florrie is no longer shy, and when she retired she returned back to her roots.

Although she has had some very serious health issues in recent years, you will still see her out and about in the community doing whatever she can to help anyone in need.



Keaton Ratliff, Kingston Williams and Talan Aibejeris were the boys 850 All-Star picks.

Ely: 'It's a major step forward for program'

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County, Chiles, St. John Paul II and Maclay on the Teal Squad against Grey Team players from Lincoln, Leon, Florida High and Rickards in an event that showcased the depth of high school soccer talent in the Big Bend.

The Gray Team won the game by a final score of 2-0.

"Our girls competed very well and went toe-to-toe with the absolute best talent in the Big Bend area,"

TCBS Head Coach Stuart Ely said. "I was so proud of their effort, attitude and performance, and it's a major step forward for the program."

"The future is very bright, and I look forward to seeing everyone working hard to take the program to new heights," he added.

"Our Lady Bulldogs collectively agreed that it was an amazing experience and it's inspired and challenged them to work even harder for the upcoming season."

HVAC-R Advisory Committee Members Needed

North Florida College is developing an HVAC-R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration) training program for its Perry Location and is looking for community and industry partners who can offer valuable insight as we develop curriculum and prepare students for the local workforce.



If you own an HVAC-R business or hire technicians, we want to train the employees you need with the skills you need.

Please consider serving on NFC's HVAC-R Advisory Committee to help guide curriculum and training in this new program. You are essential to the success of NFC Career and Workforce Education programs.

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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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is February 24, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE #23-16CP

IN RE: The Estate of
REX LOHMAN
Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of REX LOHMAN, deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2021, File #23-16CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office 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 WITHIN 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.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of LAZY ISLAND CHARTERS : Located at 912 Dove Ln : Taylor County in the City of Steinhatchee : Florida, 32359-0345 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Steinhatchee Florida, this March day of 01, 2023.