



JUNE ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Dustin and Carrie Bailey asked wedding guests not to bring gifts, but to give to two local charities, Habitat for Humanity and the Pregnancy Care Center of Lake City.

GIVING

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wanted to go further than that, they could go donate to either organization.” Twenty-two people donated to either or both groups, raising \$889 for Habitat for Humanity and

\$780 for the Pregnancy Care Center, which focuses on faith-based counseling over women’s health services. “The outpouring of support was amazing,” Carrie said. “For us to turn around and be able to write those checks to those charities really

meant a lot to both of us.” Carrie also contributed \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity, her usual annual donation. The couple was adamant about not taking credit for the donations. Dusty originally asked for their names to be left out, but grudgingly changed his mind.

Carrie shared a similar thought. “I kind of cringe when people say we did this amazing thing,” Carrie said. “Really, we just put the word out and friends and family did all the work.”

SUSPECT

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physical features.” The shooting occurred around 11 p.m. Friday on Southwest Ziegler Terrace, a roughly 1.5-mile section of unpaved road just off State Road 47 behind Columbia City Elementary School, near several churches and convenience stores. The two victims, shot with a semi-automatic handgun, were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Smith said one of the shooting victims has since been released, but the other remains in the hospital. Smith did not elaborate on the victims’ injuries. “My understanding was that when he went into the house, the two victims were there together and the gunman demanded money and shot them,” Smith said. “It’s a scary, heinous crime and we don’t have a lot of those ... This guy is a really, really bad guy. He’s a guy you don’t want to interact with if you don’t have to.” The Columbia County Sheriff’s Office has issued an advisory asking the public for information about Murphy and his whereabouts. However, the CCSO

also warns that the suspect is dangerous. “The fact that he went in this house — against the will of the people who own it — shot two people and left, indicates to me he’s pretty dangerous,” Smith said. Murphy had two stints in state prison — from April 3, 2011 - Sept. 9, 2013 and from March 5, 2014 - Aug.

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4, 2018 — for burglary and theft. Murphy is familiar with the area, and Smith said he has had Columbia as well as Suwannee County addresses before. “He’s known in the area,” he said. “We just ask that people not approach him, but if they know where he’s

at call us and let us know. There’s a possibility he’s armed. We know he’s dangerous and doesn’t mind using a gun, so we don’t want to put anybody in jeopardy.” While authorities are looking at Murphy as the prime suspect in the shooting, there is a possibility there could be another suspect. “There was a car outside, and we are under the impression there may have been someone with him, but we’re not sure,” Smith said. “At this point we’re just going with he left in a 2007 silver Hyundai Sonata.” CCSO initially learned of the incident after receiving a 911 call that two people had been shot. “Apparently there was more than just the two victims at the home,” Smith said, although he did not elaborate on the number of people at the dwelling at the time of the shooting. Authorities have not been able to determine the motive behind the incident. “The detectives have been working hard on this case,” Smith said. “They’re working with state, local and federal partners to corral this guy.”

ReadingPals volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for United Way of Suwannee Valley’s ReadingPals initiative. ReadingPals is an early literacy initiative focused on enlisting, training, and engaging volunteer “reading coaches” to increase the number of students who read at grade level

by the end of third grade. Volunteers commit to one hour a week for 25 weeks in a local kindergarten setting. School districts that participate in ReadingPals are Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties. Interested individuals may choose to volunteer at any

of these locales. Contact Schara Wilson, ReadingPals Coordinator, United Way of Suwannee Valley, 386-752-5604 x 105 or via email schara@unit-edwsv.org, for more information.

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QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

“Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.” — Psalm 33:22 (KJV)

Thought for Today

I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work. — Thomas A. Edison, 1847-1931, U.S. inventor

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Pick 3: (Tuesday p.m.) **7-6-3**
Pick 4: (Tuesday p.m.) **4-0-4-0**
Fantasy 5: (Tuesday) **6-9-19-21-30**

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