

**Man faces life for traffic death of Inverness woman**

By Brenda Locklear

It's been five years since 55-year-old Laura Price was killed in a traffic crash in Wildwood.

Last week, a Wildwood man was convicted in the case and faces the possibility of life in prison.

In August of 2017, it was just after 1:30 p.m. when Anthony Napoleon Brown, identified as the driver of 2007 BMW, and an unidentified passenger, were being pursued by law enforcement, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The pursuit took place on C.R. 219, approaching S.R. 44. Brown reportedly ran a stop sign at the intersection of S.R. 44, colliding with a Honda CRV driven by Price. Her vehicle began to rotate and overturned several times. Price was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

The BMW reportedly struck two other vehicles – a Chevrolet pickup truck and a Mack semi-trailer, before coming to rest underneath the semi. Both the driver and the passenger of the BMW fled through the driver's door.

The case was tried on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 30 and 31 of this year. The jury found 33-year-old Anthony Napoleon Brown guilty of third-degree murder, leaving a fatal crash scene, causing death by fleeing and eluding, possessing methamphetamine, driving with an invalid license and resisting law enforcement without violence.

Dan Geraghty, prosecuting attorney in the case, said because Brown is a habitual offender, it will impact his sentencing and he faces up to 30 years for the third degree

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**Sumter Prep student graduates into job at Better Life Academy**



Curtis Shaw is joined by those who have worked with him and supported him through the year. Shaw is shown center, with his mother, Leslie White on his right and his Better Life boss, Jennifer Haines on his left. Principal James Presley is shown far left. The gathering was hosted to celebrate his success in graduation and him signing a letter of intent for employment.

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Curtis Shaw was honored this year for his dedication in working through the Sumter Prep Academy Training and Trades Program and signing a letter of intent or a full-time job with Better Life Academy in Sumterville. Sumter Prep staff hosted a recognition and letter of intent ceremony for Shaw, as he moved from student to full-time employee.

Shaw came to Sumter Prep in October of last year – not a troublesome teen, but rather, someone who just wasn't interested in school.

His mom, Leslie White, let her son know that dropping out of high school wasn't an option for him. At the time, he was a senior at South Sumter High School.

With humor, he said he was disinterested for the first "two, two and a half, maybe three years' of high school.

"I didn't have that much interest and I didn't care as much," he said of his feelings toward school. Although he didn't do troublesome things, he said stayed in trouble because of his grades.

"Mr. Epperson, at South Sumter High School, pulled me into his office and made me realize," Shaw said.

"I would not have graduated if I had stayed."

All the while, his mom was pushing him – letting him know he had to graduate this year.

It was in the fall of last year that he met with Epperson. Shaw was given the option of attending Sumter Prep Academy and his mother had him transferred in October.

Through the Sumter Prep program, he started with Better Life on Jan. 27 of this year.

He said he was "Really nervous, last time I moved schools, I really did not

like it and I didn't want to have that feeling again."

But he ended up knowing a couple of the students at Sumter Prep, so the transition was easier.

As for Better Life, Shaw said he's good with kids, but he thought the job at the Sumterville school was going to be more challenging, so he wasn't really sure about working there.

He said it's definitely challenging and at first, he didn't think it would suit him because it was, "...not my field."

"But I was told that if you put in enough effort, anything can be your field," he added.

His feelings changed about the job, when he realized he might be able to make a difference for some of the students.

"In a way, I believed that I could help

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**Thousands move to the Sunshine State: Is Florida Prepared?**

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Is Florida on its way to being a paved peninsula?

Charles Bowen thinks so.

The north Florida resident sat for hours in an emergency room, awaiting a physician to tend him as he was struck with severe pain from a clogged catheter after having a prostate and bladder procedure.

Citing the thousands of people moving to Florida every day, Bowen said "I know that the snow frogs have

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In September 2019, there were approximately 6.6 million hospital employees in the United States, a national ratio of some 50 people per hospital employee. According to the Bureau's statistics, Florida falls somewhere in the 49-56 range.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**WW vs. SS**  
**at Wildwood**

Friday night's the night as the Wildcats and the Raiders face off in Wildwood. Game time, 7:30 p.m.



**Chicken tests positive for West Nile virus**



As summer continues, so does the importance of protecting yourself and your pets from mosquitoes.

Sumter County was notified that one of its sentinel chickens tested positive for West Nile Virus. The positive sample was collected from a sentinel chicken located at the Fairgrounds in Bushnell.

Sentinel Chickens are used as a way to survey for mosquito-transmitted diseases.

"Since chickens do not amplify the virus, they cannot infect other mosquitoes. We call this a dead end host," said Caroline Efstathion, PhD, Regional Director, VDCI.

"So chickens are not adversely affected by these mosquito arboviruses. People with backyard chickens do not need to worry about them getting sick. Using sentinel chickens gives us a warning that the disease is present in the local mosquito population and allows us to take enhanced efforts to reduce the adult mosquito numbers."

Mosquito control near the sampled area will have increased inspections, sampling and control efforts. Residents in the area will be notified that there is a heightened potential for infection in their neighborhood, that personal protec-

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**Summer is Over! Wahoo Church is the place to be!**

**How about a Fall Resolution, instead of the New Year's Resolution no one ever keeps!** We invite you to try Wahoo. You'll find we are unique and you'll love us. Wahoo is the church with a difference! No dress code – jeans, t-shirts, tattoos, no bathing suits please! No pressure and no legalism. Seriously, if you are perfect you won't fit in with the rest of us. We have parking just for visitors, so you are close to the door, and we want you to know you are special to us! Sundays: 8 a.m. Traditional Service. 10:15 Contemporary Rocking service.

**September 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.** – Wahoo is proudly celebrating our Sumter County first responders and we invite our community to join us in showing your support for the Sumter County's Sheriff's

Department, Fire Department and EMS workers. John Steed will be performing an outdoor concert. All three groups will set up exhibits. You can walk around, look at the exhibits and talk with these awesome people who protect and help you daily.

September 17 "Vessels of Honor" event at the Bear Tree Barn, more than sold out. 82 women signed up and 40 of them are from other churches! Be looking for future events.

**September 18, 2022**, we resume Sunday Night Bible Studies for Men and Women. 5:00 pm food/snacks, 5:30-6:30. More information coming on the studies.

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