



Students who earned perfect scores on subjects on the state assessments last spring were recognized at the Levy County School Board meeting Oct. 10.

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"You don't realize how hard it is to get a perfect score on one of these tests," Edison added. "The students are to be commended, and their teachers and schools – it's an outstanding job."

Bronson Elementary School saw five of its students presented perfect-score certificates by BES principal Cheryl Beauchamp, including: Coltan Bridges, Kristopher Lowe; Justice

Phillips; Mina Zino and Douglas Tatham.

Reagan Hudson represented Chiefland Middle High School among the group for her perfect mark on the End-of-Course Assessment in tenth-grade Biology.

"It's an honor to present to you Reagan Hudson," CMHS principal Dennis Webber said. "We're excited for the accomplishments that have been made in her life."

Cedar Key principal

Joshua Slemph presented to Lane Forney for his accomplishment on the Florida Standards Assessment in sixth-grade Mathematics.

"This is a great thing for this young man, our only perfect score," Slemph said.

Angela Porras scored perfect on her eighth-grade science assessment at Nature Coast Middle School in Chiefland.

"I believe this was our first perfect score," NCMS principal Charles Bowe said.

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we don't need to wait until we get the "why" of dying before we can choose correctly.

I think the "Why" of living and the "Why" of purpose can work as

well.

For a Christian the "Why" of taking care of our bodies is because it is called the temple of God and it is the instrument that God uses to carry his message.

It is God-designed with a Godly purpose,

and it is the only one we will ever have.

Don't wait until the doctor gives you the "Die Why" before you do what God wants you to do anyway.

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► Carolyn

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It's almost always about the power the abuser has over his victim.

It becomes a mind game with that person wielding the power and the victim feeling shame and weakness.

Ten years later, in the work environment, I took a stand against a male customer and refused to let him have power over me.

In the years that have followed, I've managed

to derail conversations or actions that have put me in uncomfortable situations.

But I don't talk about it. With anyone.

My life is an open book – except this chapter.

Maybe that's the problem.

Embarrassed that we find ourselves in these scenarios, we brush them under the rug and into the recesses of our minds to avoid the feelings they conjure. Those same feelings of fear, shame, humiliation and

that someone we knew valued us as less than a human being.

Just writing these last few vague paragraphs have taken a toll on me and they say nothing really.

It's past time we talk. Past time we confront the demons that haunt us that we dare not speak about. Past time to stop feeling guilt, embarrassment, humiliation about someone lording power over us.

I never want my granddaughters to have to say #metoo.

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