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Sun sets at Sunrise Residents removed from home in Hampton



Bradford County building official Rod Crawford (right) speaks with the administrator outside Sunrise Home Care Services.

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Residents of Sunrise Home Care Services in Hampton were removed this week following revelations that the facility was unsafe.

The county revoked Sunrise's certificate of occupancy for fire safety violations, and it was also revealed that the state agency that licenses the facility has fined the operator for failing to adequately care for residents' needs.

The state confirmed a moratorium on new admissions has been issued.

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration found operations and maintenance violations that directly threatened the physical or emotional health, safety or security of the residents, according to an administrative order posted on Feb. 21.

Sunrise was fined \$1,500 for violations of resident care rights and facility procedures, \$2,000 for violations of food service standards and \$2,000 for failure to provide a safe living environment.

A complaint survey of the 28-bed facility was conducted in April 2013. According to the administrative order: "Based on interview, observation, and record review, facility failed to ensure every resident of the facility had the right to live in a safe and decent living environment; be treated with consideration and respect and with due recognition of personal dignity and individuality; and manage his or her financial affairs."

The administrator, Reynaldo Young, had an opportunity to request a hearing on the administrative complaint, which was delivered to the facility in January. He did not do so, and so the final order was completed last week.

At the same time, Fire Marshal Chip Ware inspected Sunrise this month and found reasons

to revoke the occupational license, so all 18 residents were relocated Monday.

During the state's review, surveyors found the administrator failed to be responsible for food services and the day-to-day supervision of food services staff, failed to ensure staff performed duties in a safe and sanitary manner, and failed to provide regular meals meeting nutritional standards.

The meal observed consisted of one baked chicken drumstick, one scoop of diced beets, one scoop of mixed vegetables, one scoop of applesauce and one slice of plain white bread. Residents also had a cup of "red liquid" to drink. They did not have condiments like butter, salt or pepper, or alternative drinks like juice, milk or water. The menu was set, and residents were not offered options. The residents were not allowed to eat with forks or knives, either, so they struggled to eat the chicken with a spoon or with their fingers.

Residents were also observed busing their

own tables, and the caregiver did not change gloves between handling clean or dirty trays.

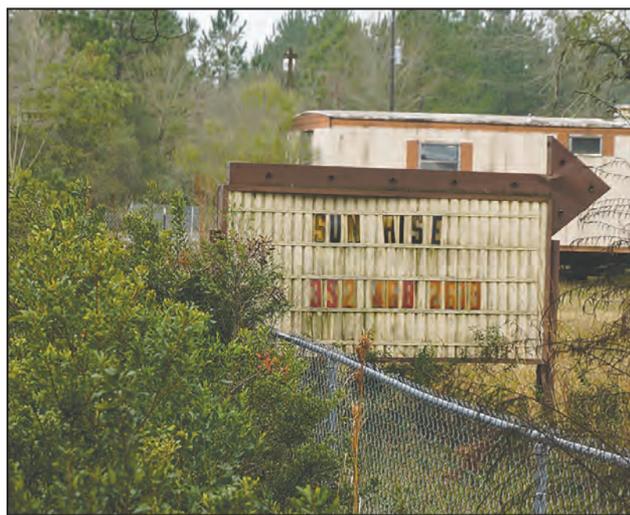
Several residents requested second helpings, but the kitchen was out of chicken and other sides. Those residents complained that they were still hungry and that the kitchen was always running out of food. One resident who stood up during lunch and repeatedly said they didn't want it was not offered an alternative. The resident was taken away to be changed after their incontinence issues were spoken about openly in front of the other residents.

During a snack time, residents were observed eating peanut butter on bread or a pop tart and a cup of 2 percent milk. Again, they were not given a choice.

One resident interviewed said she had lost 45 pounds in a little more than three month's time since coming to live at Sunrise. Multiple residents said they were never told they could have something other than what was on the menu. That menu was not even viewable by residents, who were not allowed in the kitchen where it was posted.

When the administrator was interviewed, he said there were meal alternatives like peanut butter sandwiches, canned soup or ravioli, but the residents were not told about them. Only canned soup or vegetables were available because fresh produce was said to be too expensive, and residents were only allowed dry bread without butter or margarine because they needed to "watch their cholesterol."

Asked about dish washing procedures, the administrator said water temperature was not verified and the ratio of bleach to water was merely estimated. Asked about the interviewed resident's weight loss, the administrator and supervisor said she needed to lose weight, but also had to admit there was no medical order for weight loss or a dietician approved weight loss plan.



Sunrise is located on C.R. 325 (Prospect Avenue) in Hampton. According to the city's recent state audit, it was one of the customers not charged for water service.

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Starke preparing for taxation battle

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The ongoing disagreement between Starke and Bradford County over the cost of services like animal control has only fueled city questions about what the county owes its citizens, and the city commission now has a recommendation from its attorney that it pursue a portion of the county's tax revenue.

Attorney Paul Sanders said it would take a lot of work to get the necessary financial data together, but once done, the city could seek to recoup the tax revenue collected by the county that currently benefits county residents but not the citizens of Starke.

An obvious example would be animal control. The county ceased providing animal control to the city when the city commission refused to pay a portion of the county's animal control budget. According to the city, Starke citizens already pay for that service through county taxation. Furthermore, the city commission hasn't authorized the county to collect any kind of special assessment or surcharge for animal control services from city residents (although city residents dropping off animals at the animal control facility are reportedly being asked to pay a \$25 fee).

But Sanders said the city should look at all services, including fire departments, law enforcement and streets. If citizens are paying taxes they are not receiving benefits from, in part because the city may already be providing those services, then he said the city could ask for that money.

Alternatively the county could be compelled to establish new taxes, special assessments or service charges that would be levied on unincorporated residents alone so that countywide revenue is not being used to fund services that benefit some but not others.

Sanders developed his legal opinion based on past litigation by cities in other counties.

The city commission will hold a workshop to discuss the matter at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, prior to its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Brooker may get EMS station

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The town of Brooker could be home to a new county emergency medical services station, according to EMS Director Allen Parrish.

Parrish told the county commission Feb. 20 that he is in the process of preparing a grant application that would cover most of the cost of setting up a station in the southwestern part of the county.

Parrish was still working on the grant application and didn't have firm numbers about response time and call load for the Brooker area. Brooker is around 17 miles from Starke, an approximately 21 minute drive.

Commissioner Eddie Lewis said he's been trying to get a station in the Brooker area ever since he's been on the board, and said he would appreciate the support of the rest of the commission.

Building an EMS station is one thing, staffing it another. Parrish said one of Starke's two trucks would move to Brooker. Most of the county's units are concentrated in the central or eastern part of the county, he said.

"We really need to do something for the southwest end, and I think that would be a tremendous help," Parrish said.

In addition to Starke, EMS units are housed in Lawtey and Theresa.

The commission granted permission to apply for the EMS grant. The county would be required to match the grant with 10 to 25 percent of the total project cost.

Projects could cause road maintenance delays

There's good news and bad news regarding some road projects the county is undertaking. The projects will address road improvement and drainage problems on Northwest 38th Avenue (between Northwest C.R. 125 and C.R. 225) and Southeast 81st Street in Theresa. Unfortunately, they could also negatively impact the county's normal road maintenance schedule.

According to County Manager Brad Carter, the county sought FEMA funding to pay for the projects, but the grants did not amount to enough to hire an outside contractor to perform the work. Road Superintendent Paul Funderburk said each project

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Worth Noting

Legislators call meeting on Hampton

Rep. Charles Van Zant (R-Keystone Heights) and Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island) have called a meeting to discuss the dissolution of the city of Hampton. The Bradford County Legislative Delegation meeting will be held in the county commission chamber at the Bradford County Courthouse on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

One or more members of the Bradford County Commission may also be in attendance. The

meeting is open to the public.

Education scholarship available to women

The Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering a \$500 scholarship for a Bradford-Union area female graduate and/or resident. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and enable them to obtain a degree in the field of education.

Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited college or university and near completion of two years (four semesters) of

undergraduate coursework. An official copy of an applicant's transcript and three letters of recommendation are required.

For more information and an application, please call 904-964-6186 or 352-468-6884.

Workshop for county candidates

Anyone who is considering running for local office in Bradford County this fall is invited to attend a candidate workshop scheduled for Monday, April 14, at 6 p.m. in the county commission room, located in the north wing of

the courthouse.

During the workshop, Bradford County Supervisor of Elections Terry Vaughan will cover all angles of becoming a candidate, from campaign finance to reporting contributions and expenditures. New laws governing campaigns will also be discussed.

Candidates are also encouraged to bring those who plan to play support roles in their campaign.

To reserve your seat, call the election's office at 904-966-6266.

Local contests up for election in 2014 include county commission seats in Districts 2 and 4 as well as school board seats in Districts 1, 2 and 5.

Bradford High teacher, synonymous with excellence, retires

Bradford High School teacher Ronney Harris has retired after more than 41 years as an educator.

Before teaching in Bradford, Harris held positions in Georgia, Alabama and elsewhere in Florida, teaching social studies, physical education and even driver's education. He was also a coach for football, tennis and basketball, and a Junior Beta Club sponsor. He made another indelible mark, though, bringing the junior-senior prom back to Apalachicola High after a more than 10-year absence.

His 35-year career at Bradford High began when he arrived in 1978, teaching social studies and serving as the assistant junior varsity football coach and wrestling coach. While that was his final year coaching football, Harris continued with the wrestling team for two more years, coaching nine district champions and three state finalists—second-, third- and fourth-placers. He hosted a top-quality wrestling clinic and the district tournament at BHS in the 1979-80 season.

From 1981-85, Harris turned his attention to the student council. During his sponsorship, the council was revamped completely, transforming it from a social club to a real student government with a voter registration program and a student-approved constitution.

For the first time, student government ran all homecoming



BHS teacher Ronney Harris (center) pictured with Superintendent Chad Farnsworth and Drew Andrews, director of exceptional education and student services.

activities (taking over from the administration), and it ran the schoolwide activities program, which included regular awards assemblies, fundraisers and season-end ice cream socials for all the interscholastic teams. They even set up an activity planning guidebook for future councils to follow. In its first year, the government's fundraising efforts earned more

than \$14,000, Harris said. The student council reached beyond the school as well to communicate with elected officials about the educational issues of concern to students. "I'm proud that by acting like a true student government, with awards assemblies run by the student council, we were developing real student leaders and leaders for the future,"

Harris said. Beginning in the mid 1980s and over the next decade or so, he worked with and then sponsored and coordinated an international exchange program between Bradford High and the Ville-Gymnasium, Erfstadt, Germany. There were three student trips to Germany, in 1988, 1990 and 1995, and Harris directed the last two. Then, while German

students stayed in the states, trips were planned to Disney World, Tallahassee, Cape Canaveral and other spots.

"Not only did students and teachers have the opportunity to see other countries, but many of us have developed lasting friendships and relationships with our German friends," he said.

Harris worked to expand student horizons in other ways, sponsoring and planning two senior class trips to Washington, D.C., in 1991 and 1992. In addition to the historic sites, students also met with the area's representative at the time, Congressman Cliff Stearns.

In the spring of 1992, he sponsored the Bradford County Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution, which brought together college professors of history, government and law from the University of Florida, University of North Florida, Santa Fe Community College, Jacksonville University and Florida State University with local social studies teachers, civic, political and business leaders, and senior student government and economics students for a two-day seminar to discuss significant issues surrounding the U.S. Constitution.

"I still believe that was the finest out-of-the-classroom educational program ever offered students in the 35 years I've been in Bradford County," Harris said. From 2001-2009, he coached

the BHS academic team. The school hosted several district and conference tournaments, with varsity and junior varsity teams winning several tournaments and trophies. In 2008-09, he said BHS made it to the finals of the Commissioner's Academic Challenge and the State Academic Challenge.

In the classroom, Harris taught a variety of social studies courses, but primarily government, economics and American history. The excellence he demanded of students, he also demanded of himself, and he participated in seminars and workshops locally and around the country, including Atlanta, Boston, San Francisco, Charleston and Washington, D.C. Superintendent of Schools Chad Farnsworth had this to say about Harris and his years with the district: "I would like to congratulate Mr. Harris on his recent retirement. Through the years he served the district in a variety of ways. He made a true impact on the lives of his students inside and outside of the classroom. Whether it was challenging his students in his government class or leading the academic team to success, he never accepted anything other than the best from Bradford students."

"On behalf of the Bradford County School District we wish Mr. Harris an enjoyable retirement and success in all of his future endeavors."

Brittney Hall advances toward River Jam

Crewsn Myles wins band competition

Three winners were chosen Feb. 15 at the Fiddler Crab Festival in Steinhatchee in the annual Suwannee River Jam Auditions. Starke's Brittney Hall, Greenville's Maddie Norris and Steinhatchee's Josh Hage walked away with the honors.

These three will move on to the SRJ final audition April 18 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak where more than a dozen finalists will audition one last time hoping to be chosen to perform at the Suwannee River Jam April 30-May 3.

Crewsn Myles Band of Lake Butler won the band contest



Brittney Hall

at Steinhatchee and will move straight to the River Jam to perform without further competition.

Hall, a newcomer to competitions, was among the auditioners Feb. 8. Brittney didn't move forward then, but she had the crowd on its feet, cheering her on in her last song that night. Now, she's made it to the finals with this win and is dreaming of



Bradley Norcross, James Crews, Myles Sapp and Austin Harden of Crewsn Myles.

being among the chosen April 18.

For more information about The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park or to find out more about the many exciting upcoming events at the park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

Soil and water board meeting

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office. There will be a report on the status of projects and activities. Agenda items include the Suwannee River Water Management District's draft minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the level of Lake Sampson. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District is currently planning a workshop dealing with Bradford County lakes for early 2014. The board is seeking input from lake residents

and users about all aspects of lake and stream management, including controlling lake levels and flooding. Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or 904-368-0291 for more information.

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Meet your Strawberry contestants—Pageant is this weekend

The 52nd Annual Miss Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant will be held this Saturday, March 1, in the Bradford High School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

There are 10 amazing contestants between the ages of 13 and 24 this

year, according to Executive Director Laruen VanDuzer, and contestants will take home more than \$4,000 in prizes.

Six contestants are vying for Strawberry Princess, and four are in the running for Strawberry Queen.



Shannon Rosier, daughter of Donald and Linda Rosier of Raiford. She is sponsored by Nicaragua Missions & Outreach Foundation, and Geraldine Griffis Hair Salon.



Shelby McDowell, daughter of Cordellia McDowell of Lake Butler and Tearle McDowell of Tampa. She is sponsored by North Florida Cheer Camps.



Bobbie Grace Barber, daughter of Robert and Rhonda Barber of Lake Butler. She is sponsored by Decker & Pomeranz Dentistry, and Stan and Bobbie Lehman.



Ciarra Hopkins, daughter of Chris and Angie Hopkins of Starke. She is sponsored by Knuckle Draggers and Bradford Preschool.



Madison Gibson, daughter of Bobby and Narie Gibson of Lake Butler. She is sponsored by Gene and Shary Gordon, and GatorForce Technologies.



Mykayla McLeod, daughter of Nick and Kellie McLeod of Keystone Heights. She is sponsored by Allstars Twirling Academy and Alyssa Chappell Photography.



Farrah Duhart, daughter of Anthony and Ireta Duhart of Lawtey. She is sponsored by Brenda Thornton and Lisa Tatum.



Hannah Tucker, daughter of Jay and Marcie Tucker of Lake Butler. She is sponsored by Emerson Nursery and Rental Plants, and Hair Biz.



Allayna Norris, daughter of Michael Smith and Tori Norris-Smith of Starke. She is sponsored by Charnelle Whittemore Realty.



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Proud of your chili?

Can you make a mean bowl of chili? Enter it in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office chili contest and help raise money for the Relay for Life.

Bring your entry to the sheriff's office on Friday, Feb. 28, by 10:30 a.m. and pay the \$10 registration fee. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the winner will receive a \$50 prize.

The sheriff's office will also be selling bowls of chili for \$5, or \$7 with dessert and a drink, so come by and grab lunch, and support a good cause.

Celebration for Rev. Greene

The community is cordially invited to fellowship at the communitywide appreciation celebration for the Rev. Alvin L. Greene on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 720 Edwards Road in Starke.

For more information, please contact Zahriah Collins at 850-274-7778.

Class of '64 meeting

The Bradford High School Class of 1964 Reunion Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 3, at the Bradford County Public Library on Pratt Street in Starke. All members of the Class of '64 are encouraged to come and help with the plans for the reunion. For additional information, call Eugenia Ekard Whitehead at 904-964-2024.

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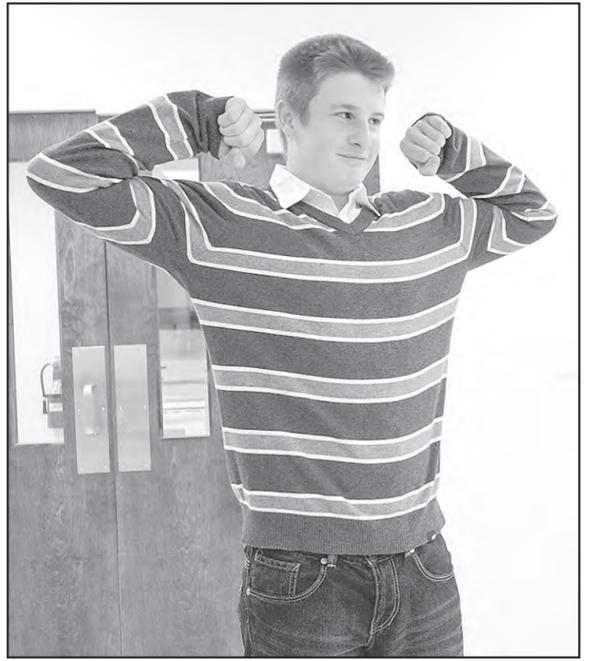
County Events



4-H agent Debbie Nistler shows off the poster contest entries at the annual 4-H County Events. 4-H members entered multiple categories, demonstrating their skills and their self-confidence, and adding a number of ribbons to their collections.



It's flowers. It's fruit. It's a centerpiece. It's a present. Madison Bennett and Bailee Sheppard answer questions during their food demonstration.



The fashion show is not about fashion or flexing as much as it is about self-presentation, which Connor Coleman does here with a sense of humor.



During the speech competition, Ella Dinkins enthusiastically spoke about laughter being the best medicine and how much laughter is a part of the 4-H experience.



4-H member and law enforcement Explorer Kashon McCallum struts his stuff.



Lauren Cromwell leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Saige Whitaker lowers her shades and makes her cool look even cooler.



Randa Wilkins in royal blue and rhinestones.



Natalie Whitaker, still wearing a smile and beret from the fashion show, also shows off her rosette.



Kayla Moss performs a song.



Krislynn Faulkner made this pillow to match her bedtime look.



Katie Caren talks about what she learns from raising animals and showing them at the fair.



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Love Grows Pentecostal Temple will be holding its annual Mixed Conference from Feb. 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers include Starke Mayor Carolyn Spooner, deaconess at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Elder Lowell James of Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ in High Springs and the Rev. Levi White of Greater New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Everyone is invited.

preaching Monday-Wednesday. Evangelist Brent Carr will be preaching Thursday and Friday. The Rochester Family with Evangelist Brady Rochester will preach Saturday night and Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Dinner will follow the morning service. Nursery will be provided for children to 3 years of age.

Smyrna Baptist Church will be celebrating 50 years at its Homecoming Jubilee through Sunday, March 2. Nightly services will begin at 7 p.m. Pastor Jonathan McNeese of Greater Life Baptist Church in Cataula, Ga., will be

New Covenant Baptist Ministries will be celebrating its 12th anniversary on Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Speakers include Eldress Mary Palmer.

Victory Baptist Church of

Hampton will have homecoming on Sunday, March 2, at 11 a.m. with dinner to follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Church St. in Starke, invites you to attend the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Donations of \$7 per adult and \$3 per child (3 to 7 years old) go toward outreach and programs. Children under 3 eat free.

First Presbyterian Church of Starke, 921 E. Call St. in Starke, will host the World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 7, at 11 a.m. Following the service, a pot luck lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. All denominations are encouraged to attend this special service. Nursery provided. Handicap accessible.

Email the details of your congregation's upcoming special events to editor@bctelegraph.com. DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 5 P.M.

SCHOOL



KIWANIS TERRIFIC KIDS AT HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: (front to back, left to right) Natalie Davis, Cheyenne Estep, Paityn Stokes, Nicole Crawford, Kristene Williams, Gene Dickey, Set Hall, Carson Halsey, Erin Warren, Ashlyn Simmons and Christopher Truman. They are pictured with Principal Brenda Donaldson and Terrific Teacher Tamala Delashmet.



STARKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STRAIGHT STUDENTS FOR THE SECOND NINE WEEKS: (front to back, left to right) Laila Hill, Jamiee Lin, Baylee Bracewell, Lorelai Walker, Ta'Kyriah Mungin, Ricky Walker, Stephanie Tison, Caterina Walker and Ella Dinkins.



NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHARACTER TRAIT AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY: (front to back, left to right) Jake Markham, Darsyn Brooks, Kinlyn Jenkins, Will Ross, Kaelynn Lawrence, Karissa Lawrence, Breann Ponce, Shane Worten, Donovin Norman, Brooklyn Gowens, Jadin Simmons, Alize' Murwin and Brandy Temes. Not pictured: Jadin Paul.

ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

Across the Garden Fence is sponsored by the Bradford County Extension Service. Readers who wish to pose gardening questions should forward them to Master Gardener Laurie Compton at lcompton@ufl.edu.

Laurie's planting suggestions for March

Although dianthus and other cool-season annuals will continue to flourish, start planting warm season annuals such as angelonia, wax begonia and zinnia at the end of the month.

Plant dahlia, canna and gloriosa bulbs in beds that have been amended with organic matter. Provide stakes as needed to support growth.

Herbs: When temperatures warm, consider growing edible ginger. Plant a rhizome in well-drained soil in full to part sun.

Plant warm season vegetables such as bean, tomato, squash and corn early in the month for a late spring harvest. You will have to protect from frost!

Palms requires specially formulated fertilizers, too. Irrigation: Now is the time to check sprinkler systems for issues such as broken heads or inefficient spray patterns.

Wildlife activity in March

Summer tanagers and great-crested flycatchers arrive to breed. Listen for newly returned chuck-will's-widows calling after sunset.

Plant columbine, coral bean and other wildflowers to attract hummingbirds.

Wild turkey and quail begin breeding in central and north Florida.

Snakes become active and move to favorite feeding areas.

Largemouth bass spawning throughout central and north Florida.

Spring turkey hunters take to the field. Chickasaw plum and crab apples bloom

in north Florida.



Laurie Compton



Things to do

If azaleas need hard pruning to shape or produce a fuller plant, do it just after plants finish blooming. Pruning after the last flowers fade but before new buds set protects the next season's bloom. Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins and the end of the dormant season.

Identify and conserve beneficial insects: Some insects should be encouraged in your yard!

Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias and other ornamental shrubs if needed. Choose a fertilizer that has at least 30 percent of its nitrogen as slow release. There are specialty fertilizers available for acid loving plants like blueberry and azalea.

Did you know?

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2013-0026
Certificate Number: 1004
Parcel Number: 04283-0-00000
Year of Issuance: 2010
Description of Property: 04283-0-00000

A parcel of real property lying situate in Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commence 210 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 to the point of beginning. Thence run North 210 feet; thence run West 210 feet; thence run South 210 feet; thence run East 210 feet back to the point of beginning.

Assessed To:
NED BROOKS/HOMES FAMILY RE-UNION, INC. COLUMBUS BROOKS, BERNICE MORRIS, JANIE WHEELER, ROSA WILLIAMS, VENNIE WASHINGTON, HAYWOOD BROOKS

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL, on the 19th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT
BY LISA BRANNON,
DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That PNC %TC TAMPA 1 LLC

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2013-0024
Certificate Number: 693
Parcel Number: 02443-0-00000
Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 02443-0-0000

Commencing at the SW corner of the 12 acre tract of land owned by P.C. Goodwin, and running East along South line of said Goodwin land to SE corner of Sarah Scott land, thence South with a variation West of about 105 yards to a post, thence NWly to the Point of Beginning, in the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East.

Assessed To:
LEARANTINE CUFFEE, CARLOS FORD, SYLVIA JEFFERSON, ANCIL FORD, ZURNY M FORD

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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File Number: 2013-0021
Certificate Number: 1325
Parcel Number: 06044-0-00400
Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 1.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

Assessed To:
LOUISE WILLIAMS, LOUISE WILLIAMS (DECEASED)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That PARTNERRE CAPITAL INV. CORP

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2013-0027
Certificate Number: 398
Parcel Number: 01401-0-00200
Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 01401-0-00200

The South 121 feet of the following described property: All of Block 14 and all of Half Block 6 of the Original Town of Lawtey, Bradford County, Florida, West of the railroad, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Book C at Page 3 thereof of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.

Assessed To:
FRANCIS EUGENE CONVERSE, FRANCIS E CONVERSE (DEC), ST. CLAIR GRIFFIS

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The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2013-0031
Certificate Number: 649
Parcel Number: 02297-0-00300
Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 02297-0-00300

Commence at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and run North 0 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West for 459.69 feet to Point of Beginning; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds West for 208.72 feet thence South 0 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds East for 208.72 feet, thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East for 208.72 feet, thence North 0 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West for 208.72 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.0 acre more or less.

Assessed To:
TARPON IV LLC, USA-RA LLC, MARK LEDBETTER, LEAH LEDBETTER, MAGNOLIA LEDBETTER

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 04-2010-CA-000836

US BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
RICKY LODIVERO; MICHELLE KAHAKUA-LODIVERO; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND, ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FLORIDA CREDIT UNION
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 20, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on Feb 10, 2014 in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida, described as: LOT 6 OF THERESA OAKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY,

FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 CHAMP DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # FLA146C5273A; TITLE #80333725 AND VIN # FLA146C5273B; TITLE #80333814, WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED. RPNos. R0824061 and R0824062

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the east front door of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, at eleven o'clock a.m., on May 8, 2014.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Starke, Florida, this 11 day of Feb., 2014.

Ray Norman
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That US BANK, AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV. LLC

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2013-0029
Certificate Number: 1072
Parcel Number: 04648-0-00000
Year of Issuance: 2010
Description of Property: 04648-0-00000

Schedule A

The South 169 feet of that portion of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 22 East which lies East of State Road 28 (now known as #100) and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Southwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 22 East and run North 169 feet, thence run West a distance of 382 feet to the right of way of State Road #28, thence run Southerly along the East side of said State

Road #28 to the South line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, thence run Easterly 346 feet to the Point of Beginning, EXCEPT that parcel described in Deed Book 84, page 219, public records of Bradford County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
A triangular parcel of land lying in the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, and run South 0 degrees, 22 minutes and 27 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 1151.78 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 88 degrees, 59 minutes and 15 seconds West, 150 feet to an iron pipe for point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described, continue North 88 degrees, 59 minutes and 15 seconds West, 244.86 feet to an iron pipe located on the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of State Road 100; thence in a Southeasterly direction, along said Easterly boundary and along the arc of a curve concave to the West and having a radius of 8644.37 feet, a distance of 13.62 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 18 degrees, 21 minutes and 07 seconds East, to an iron pipe; thence North 87 degrees 57 minutes and 08 seconds East, 240.69 feet to Point of Beginning.

Assessed To:
ARCHIE LEE WESTFALL, RICHARD G WARNER, ALONZO PURDOM, SHERLY ANN MENG

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
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File Number: 2013-0033
Certificate Number: 636
Parcel Number: 02287-0-00201

Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 02287-0-00201

Begin at the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, run South 346.5 feet, thence East 616.455 feet to point of beginning, thence East 616.455 feet, thence North 148.25 feet, thence West 616.455 feet to a point, thence South 148.25 feet to point of beginning and lying in North quarter (N 1/4) of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, less road right of way.

Assessed To:
LINNIE MAE GOODWINE, LINNIE MAE GOODWINE (DEC)

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File Number: 2013-0034
Certificate Number: 751
Parcel Number: 02611-0-00200
Year of Issuance: 2010
Description of Property: 02611-0-00200

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IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT:
A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 3 ACRES LYING PARTLY IN THE E 1/2 OF BLOCK 1-SOUTH, RANGE 2- EAST AND PARTLY IN BLOCK 1-SOUTH, RANGE 3-EAST OF SIMON J. TEMPLE'S SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK C, PAGE 424, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID E 1/2 OF BLOCK 1-SOUTH, RANGE 2-EAST AND RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD LAWTEY ROAD FOR POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM A POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID BLOCK 1-SOUTH, RANGE 3-EAST, A DISTANCE OF 307.36 FEET; RUN THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID BLOCK 1-SOUTH, RANGE 2-EAST A DISTANCE OF 421 FEET; RUN THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 314.08 FEET TO SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD LAWTEY ROAD; RUN THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG LAST AFORESAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 421.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Assessed To:
CHUKWUMUANYA EMMANUEL UNIGWE, PERFORMANCE RESOURCES LLC

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.
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File Number: 2014-0001
Certificate Number: 824
Parcel Number: 02941-0-01000
Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
02941-0-01000

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 and run North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 291.47 feet to an iron pipe found at the Southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 1 of Bessent Manor, Unit 1 as per plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 15 of the public records of said County for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run South 89 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West, along a Westerly prolongation of the Southerly boundary of said Lot 3, a distance of 149.98 feet to an iron rod found on the Easterly boundary of a 60 foot wide easement for ingress and egress; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, along last said Easterly boundary and along a Northerly prolongation thereof; 144.47 feet to a found concrete monument; thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds East, 150.00 feet to an iron rod found on the Westerly boundary of Lot 4, Block 1 of said Bessent Manor, Unit 1; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East, along last said Westerly boundary and along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 3, a distance of 146.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Assessed To:
DAVID W PROCTOR, APRIL PROCTOR

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be deemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL, on the 26th day of March, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT
BY LISA BRANNON,
DEPUTY CLERK

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voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE

The Arc of Bradford County is required to hold a public meeting on March 10, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the administrative offices of The Arc of Bradford County located at 1351 South Water Street, Starke, FL 32091. The Arc has applied for a grant from Rural Development for the purposes of repairing/replacing the roof and guttering system. This meeting is to give citizens an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic impacts, service area, alternatives to the project and other matters of concern.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2013 532 CA
FLORIDA CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,

VS.
JASON C. LOVELL AND KATIE A. LOVELL,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To:
Katie A. Lovell
8961 SW 13 7th Street
Starke, FL 32091

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Bradford County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, IN THE CITY OF STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20, AND RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A PARCEL DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 27, PAGE 413 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, 166.74 FEET TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 16 (FORMERLY COUNTY ROAD 16); THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES, 13 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 60.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND AT AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A 60 FOOT STREET (SAID IRON PIPE BEING LOCATED AT THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 972.71 FEET); THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG LAST SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 333.64 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 78 DEGREES, 39 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS WEST, TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND AT THE END OF SAID CURVE, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 32 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG LAST SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 11.93 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 32 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 150.00 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE, 28 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS EAST, 170.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING CONVEYED WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AFORESAID 60 FOOT STREET, LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJOINING ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL AND EXTENDING EASTERLY TO STATE ROAD 16.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James E. Sorenson, D. Tyler Van Leuven, Jack E. Kiker, III, F. Palmer Williams and J. Blair Boyd, the Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 4128, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-4128, within 30 days of the first publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

Dated this 17 day of February, 2014.

Ray Norman, Clerk
As Clerk of the Court
By: Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
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CITY OF STARKE PROJECT 2014-03

RFQ - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Starke, Florida, Requests for Qualifications from individuals or firms to provide continuing engineering services for the City of Starke. Individuals or firms wishing to submit Statements of Qualifications for the position and who are properly licensed professional engineering firms located in the State of Florida, can request a copy of the RFQ by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (904) 964-5027 or visit the City's website at www.cityofstarke.org.

All submissions should be clearly marked "Continuing Engineering Services" and addressed to The Honorable Ricky Thompson, City Clerk, City of Starke, P.O. Drawer C, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091.

Sealed qualifications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2014.

The City of Starke supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Fair Housing and Providing Handicapped Access.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CareerSource North Central Florida will hold a New Board Member Orientation on Monday, March 3rd at 9:30 at CareerSource, 4800 SW. 13th St. Gainesville. For more information please contact Bryan Eastman at (352) 872-5904.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT US BANK, AS C/F FL DUNDEE LIEN INV. LLC

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2014-0002
Certificate Number: 787
Parcel Number: 02734-0-00400
Year of Issuance: 2010
Description of Property:
Legal Description
02734-0-00400

A parcel of land containing 4.09 acres more or less, being a portion of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 1/2 inch iron pipe at the Southeast corner of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 for the point of beginning; thence run South 89°54'35" West, along the South line of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 266.80 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; thence North 01°25'28" East, parallel with the East line of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 667.97 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar located on the North line of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; thence run North 89°51'28" East along last said North line, 266.81 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar located at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; thence run South 01°25'28" West along the East line of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 668.21 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion thereof lying within the right of way (as maintained) of a City of Starke graded street known as Crum Street.

Assessed To:
NEILA COLEMAN

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Unless such certificate(s) shall be deemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL, on the 2nd day of April, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT
BY LISA BRANNON,
DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC, gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 03/12/2014, 10:00 am at 18536 US Hwy 301 STARKE, FL 32091-0314, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

Notice is hereby given that on 03/21/2014 at 9:00 am the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for monies owed on vehicle repairs and for storage costs pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 713.585. The lienor's name, address and telephone number and auction location are: THOMPSON GARAGE 22396 US HIGHWAY 301 N LAWTEY, FL 32058-4228, 904-782-3232, 22396 US HIGHWAY 301 N LAWTEY, FL 32058. Please note, parties claiming interest have a right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of the Court as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute Section 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court for disposition upon court order.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Nominating Committee Members on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 10:00 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW in Live Oak, Florida.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 000634451304-2012-CA-000646

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v.
BETTY JEAN TODD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETTY JEAN TODD; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 17, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida, described as:
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE RUN SOUTH 210 FEET, THENCE WEST 210 FEET, THENCE NORTH 210 FEET, THENCE EAST 210 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THAT PORTION FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

a/k/a 19067 NW 69TH LN, STARKE, FL 32091-5881

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the east front door of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue,

Starke, FL 32091, on 4-17-14 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 18 day of Feb., 2014.

Ray Norman
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Lisa Brannon,
Deputy Clerk

DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A.
12425 28TH STREET NORTH,
SUITE 200
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716
EFILING@DCZAHM.COM
Fax No. (727) 539-1094

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT JAN PHILLIPS, ADA COORDINATOR, 201 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, (352) 337-6237, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS. IF YOUR ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD 1-800-952-8771

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2013-CA-0311

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE9.

Plaintiff,

vs.
ELLERY D. CAVE, SR. A/K/A ELLERY CAVE, SR AKA ELLERY CAVE; STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 17 day of February, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-0311, of the Circuit Court of the 8TH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE9 is the Plaintiff and ELLERY D. CAVE, SR. A/K/A ELLERY CAVE, SR AKA ELLERY CAVE STATE OF FLORIDA; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east front door of the Bradford County courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL, 11:00 AM on the 3 day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"
A parcel of land lying in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the intersection of the rights of way of Center Street and Broad Street and run North 89°24'00" West along the Northerly boundary of the right of way of said Center Street, 58.64 feet to an iron rod set at an intersection with a Southerly prolongation of an existing fence line for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue North 89°24'00" West, along said Northerly boundary, 91.36 feet to the Southeast corner of a parcel described in Official Records Book 297, Page 88, of the Public Records of said county; thence North 04°17'30" East along the Easterly boundary of said parcel 85.0 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 89°24'00" East, parallel with said Northerly boundary, 87.92 feet to an intersection with an existing fence line; thence run Southerly along said fence line and along said Southerly prolongation 85 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning.

A/K/A: 509 Center St. Starke, FL 32091

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circu8.org

Dated this 24 day of Feb., 2014.

RAY NORMAN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Allan & Ehrline Tenly, 1927 SE 148th St., Starke, FL

32091, joint owner, doing business under the firm name of: Tenly's Antiques, Vintage & More, 106 W. Call St., Starke, Florida 32091, intends to register said fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 25 day of February, 2014, in Bradford County.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 04-2013-CP-98 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAXINE SHERRILL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Dorothy Maxine Sherrill, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for BRADFORD County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P. O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. 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.

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 SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 February 27, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative: LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD M. KNELLINGER, P.A.

Lauren N. Richardson, for the Firm- Barbara Jo Sherrill

Attorney for Barbara Jo Sherrill Florida Bar Number: 0083119 2815 NW 13th Street, Suite 305 Gainesville, FL 32609-2865 Telephone: (352) 373-3334 Fax: (352) 376-1214 E-Mail: lauren@knellingerlaw.com Secondary E-Mail: carin@knellingerlaw.com

Personal Representative: Barbara Jo Sherrill P. O. Box 98 Florida Bar Number: 0083119 Starke, FL 32091



Trailers at Sunrise Home Care Services.

SUNRISE

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Another resident also expressed concern about his weight loss, but observed weight loss was never addressed with the nurse practitioner who visited the facility.

Residents didn't just complain about their involuntary diets. Some also complained about the early bedtime of 7 p.m., with one saying she would just lie there and watch the moon until she finally fell asleep.

The same resident, who had to leave the main building to get to her room, said when it rained she would get wet and dirty. The area in front of the ramp became flooded and muddy and she had to walk through it with her walker. She complained of the lack of freedom and inability to go for walks because there was only dirt or mud surrounding the facility.

The resident also received a \$500 check from a prior facility she lived at, and it was signed so the administrator could cash it, but it had not been cashed at the time of the review and she had not received any of the money. The same was true of checks for four other residents, and one had already moved away. The administrator said he had the checks, although he couldn't remember when he received them, and he was trying to cash the checks, but had yet to do so. He also received residents' Social Security checks, but did not provide them statements. He deposited the checks for them, giving each \$54, but did not get receipts from them as proof of receiving the cash.

Surveyors also noted that residents requiring home health care were not given a choice of provider, and a caregiver and supervisor were written up for



After the rainy weather, the large potholes in the parking lot at Sunrise were full of standing water.

not calling residents by their name, but instead calling them "honey" or "baby."

Observation found exposure to dirty and torn furniture; tripping and wheel chair hazards; dirty carpets, mattresses and pillows; exposed wiring on an electric cord; a nonoperational exit alarm and one exit that wouldn't open at all; no paper towels in the women's restroom; unsanitary conditions in the men's restroom; missing soap and towels in private bathrooms; shared doors between bathrooms; missing light bulbs; a dirty garbage can in the dining room and a laundry room in disrepair; tree branches, debris and tall grass in the yard; and dirty kitchens, bathrooms and other conditions in the occupied trailers, including clutter, bugs and missing bulbs.

One resident said he had lived in one of the trailers for five years. Cleaning services were provided, he said, but they never gave him soap to wash his hands.

It wasn't the issues found during the state survey that led to the shutdown, however. On Feb. 12, the county fire inspector was on site to conduct a water supply test of the fire sprinkler system.

While there, he noticed the range top fire suppression system was missing. (The facility was required to install it following a fire safety inspection in March 2011. An inspection nearly a year later found that it had been installed.)

Ware met with Young and a representative from the Agency for Health Care Administration on Feb. 18 to explain Young's responsibilities. During that discussion, they talked about the fire control panel, which was reportedly damaged by a lightning strike, but had yet to be prepared. Ware also informed Young there would be a spot check of fire protection devices, during which he found water had been turned off to the fire sprinkler system in one trailer. That system and the system in another trailer were found to be in disrepair with accumulated scale, rust, dirt and algae on the pipes.

Ware also noted exposed wiring in the main building, laundry area and nonfunctional emergency lights.

Perhaps most damning, however, was the observation of a fire drill during which

residents with wheelchairs and walkers encountered obstacles including grass, mud, standing water and uneven terrain while trying to evacuate the facility. It took nearly a quarter of an hour to get everyone out.

It was on Ware's recommendation that the certificate of occupancy was revoked.

In 2011, the Agency for Health Care Administration entered a settlement with Young over a prior denial of a license to operate the facility for failing to meet minimum licensure standards and a "pattern of deficient performance." Young challenged the denial and the agency eventually settled with him.

A spokesperson for the Agency for Health Care Administration confirmed that residents were removed from Sunrise, and that while the facility's license was still active, that could change pending further review of the fire marshal's report. No further admissions to the facility were being allowed.

Young did not respond to a call for comment.

BATTLE

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A copy of Sanders' document was provided to the county attorney's office for comment, but there was no response as of press time.

The city and county commissions have each approved competing versions of an interlocal agreement for certain services, but they haven't been able to agree on identical language.

Neither of the recent agreements mention of animal control.

In other business:

- Police Chief Jeff Johnson talked the commission into approving the purchase of six new police vehicles, saying his budget would otherwise continue to be eaten up by maintenance costs.

Financed, the annual cost will amount to \$35,000 to \$37,000 a year for four years, according to Johnson. It will be paid out of the department's budget for repairs.

One of the new vehicles will remain unmarked and driven by the chief, although it would also be available to employees like the project manager when needed. Commissioner Tommy Chastain didn't want to see the new vehicles driven by administrators, but by officers on patrol. He further suggested the new vehicles be parked when not being used on duty instead of being driven to homes outside the city limits.

Of his 19-vehicle fleet, four were out of service, but Johnson said that instead of trying to sell the older cars, he wanted to hold

onto them for parts.

The cars are being purchased for the state contract price of \$21,200 plus the cost of accessories. They are Dodge Chargers, Johnson said, because some of his larger officers have difficulty fitting in the Ford Interceptors. They are also more affordable, he said.

- parking ordinance amendments are being prepared that would allow the city to tow repeat violators of the downtown parking limits. The owner of a towed vehicle would have to pay the accumulated fines in order to get his ride back.

- the city's budget was amended to pay help pay for the cost of a new finance department employee, a part-time senior accountant. This included cutting funds budgeted for retirement contributions for Finance Director Alica McMillian, who is in the DROP program, and the former clerk.

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- a meter reading bid from GRU was rejected, and the city will continue reading meters itself, hiring a new employee to replace a retiree. It was confirmed all meters, including inactive meters, would be read as a precaution against utility theft.

- the finishing touches are being placed on the city's online bill payment system.

- City Clerk Ricky Thompson is bidding out all city services, with the exception of the attorney, who was recently hired.

COUNTY

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would require a minimum of three road department employees, sometimes as many as five, and multiple pieces of county equipment. The 38th Avenue project is estimated to take four weeks to complete, and the Theresa project eight weeks.

During that time, it is possible the county's routine maintenance schedule could get behind.

County sharing Keystone's equipment

The county commission has entered an agreement with the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department to share equipment.

That department has been sidelined since a falling out with Clay County, and attempts to become affiliated with the city of Keystone and Bradford County were rejected.

But now Bradford has found a way to use the department's resources when needed, as well as its volunteer power. When repairs or some other emergency has created a need for supplemental vehicles or equipment, Bradford will call on the Keystone area department to lend what is needed. The county will try to ensure that a member of that fire department is present on any call during which any of its equipment is being used.

The fire department will keep its vehicles and equipment insured and will provide workers compensation coverage for its volunteers. If an injury occurs

during a Bradford County call, however, the county will cover any out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance.

Emergency Management Director Brian Johns presented the agreement to the board, saying a tanker with a radiator leak would take a couple of weeks to repair. During that time, Bradford will have access to KHVFD's truck. He said a similar sharing agreement exist with Union County for ambulances and EMS equipment.

The agreement was unanimously approved.

In other business:

- the commission held a hearing and granted a special use permit so Verizon Wireless could place a new telecommunications tower off of Southwest C.R. 18 near Brooker. The site is 62-plus acres owned by Betty Ann and Edwin Prevatt, just outside of the town. Verizon will be leasing a 100 square-foot area for the construction of the 250-foot tower.

The hearing was quick and painless for Verizon's representatives, as most of the request was covered by Zoning Director Randy Andrews. There is a possibility that public safety communications will benefit if the sheriff's office is allowed to locate an antenna on the tower, saving the county from the cost of erecting its own tower.

Commissioner Lewis said mobile phone service is poor in the Brooker area, and James Johnston of Shutts and Bowen said the proposed tower would be a remedy for that.

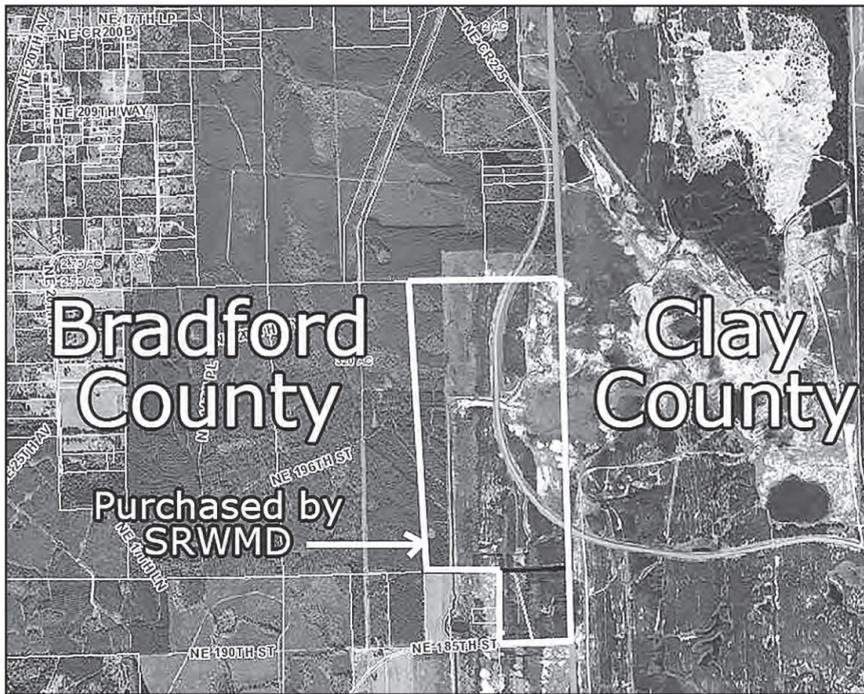
SRWMD project will benefit regional water resources

The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board authorized the district to purchase a 340-acre tract in Bradford County for use of flood control and water resource projects. The property will be purchased from Bradford Timberlands LLC.

The property is adjacent to Camp Blanding. The purchase will be funded by a grant from the Florida National Guard through the Department of Defense as part of a program designed to secure buffers around military installations.

The district will use the property to store water to help prevent downstream flooding and to ultimately implement a regional Floridan Aquifer recharge project. The District will capture floodwaters to recharge the aquifer. Recharging the aquifer in this location will benefit aquifer levels in both the Suwannee River and St. Johns River water management districts.

"This unique land purchase is ideally located to serve as a buffer to Camp Blanding while presenting an opportunity to provide flood protection and implement a water resource development project benefiting aquifer levels in both the Suwannee River and St. Johns River water management districts," said District Executive



Director Ann Shortelle.

"This acquisition provides an opportunity to implement projects that will increase recharge, help manage the region's water resources, and potentially benefit natural systems in both districts," said St. Johns District Executive

Director Hans G. Tanzler III.

"Land purchases to help recharge the Floridan Aquifer benefit many area waterways including the Santa Fe River and the Santa Fe and Little Santa Fe lakes in the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Keystone area lakes in the St.

Johns River Water Management District," said Drew Bartlett, DEP deputy secretary for water policy and ecosystem restoration. "I commend the district's decision to buy smart land that has clear benefits to our water resources."

Rayonier supporting local fire departments

Rayonier Inc. has contributed \$17,000 to local volunteer fire departments across Florida and Georgia to recognize their vital services battling wildfires on Rayonier property and in

surrounding areas.

"Volunteer firefighters play an essential role in protecting property in the rural communities where we operate. These individuals donate their time to ensure their communities are safe. We appreciate their generous commitment to helping others," said John Enlow, Rayonier's forest resources director for Atlantic and northern regions. "We are proud to work

alongside these volunteers when wildfires cross Rayonier property."

Rayonier made the donations to volunteer fire departments in Nassau and Bradford counties in Florida as well as departments in Brantley, Bryan, Clinch, Cook, Charlton and Ware counties in Georgia. The company presented these donations to the departments in November, December and January.

The company has 2.6 million acres of timberland in 10 states and New Zealand, with 416,480 acres in Florida and 690,955 acres in Georgia. While Rayonier is one of the few in the timber industry with an in-house wildfire prevention and suppression unit, local fire departments assist in fighting wildfires that occur on the company's land.

Diabetes a growing concern

Crisis and epidemic are words commonly associated the growth of diabetes in the United States, according to Winifred Holland at the Clay County Department of Health.

It is predicted that without improvements in eating habits and levels of physical activity one-third of the population will soon be diabetic.

Diabetes significantly contributes to the development of cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, blindness and amputations. A person with diabetes is more likely to experience a premature death and is twice as likely to die on any given day.

Slight changes in lifestyle can reduce the risk of acquiring diabetes or suffering the complications of diabetes. A 5 to 7 percent reduction of body weight and weekly moderate physical activity can reduce your risk.

Disability and premature death do not need to be inevitable consequences of diabetes. Physical activity, dietary changes, self-management

training, ongoing support and, when necessary, medications can help control the effects of diabetes.

Approximately 7 million Americans have undiagnosed diabetes. Everyone is encouraged to communicate with their primary care provider regarding their diabetes risk. Small changes can ensure a healthier future.

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- Developed diabetes while pregnant (gestational diabetes), or gave birth to a baby weighing 9 pounds or more.
- Physically active less than three times a week.

If you have two or more of the risk factors above, you should consider getting a blood test from a health care provider for diabetes.

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Diane Gaskins leads Linda Hildebrand, Betsy Price and Kay Morrison through yoga poses at Bradford County's Senior Center.

Overstreet to be honored as Woman of Distinction

Bradford County's Dimple Overstreet is one of five who will be honored as a Santa Fe College Woman of Distinction during a Thursday, March 13, ceremony at 5 p.m. at the Fine Arts Hall on the college's Northwest Campus in Gainesville.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available online at www.sfcollge.edu/finearts or through the Santa Fe Box Office at 352-395-4181.

The annual ceremony recognizes outstanding female service in Alachua and Bradford counties, and was created by the Women's History Committee at Santa Fe College in 1987.

Women of Distinction has honored more than 100 outstanding women in the community since its inception.

Overstreet and her husband, Grady, have one daughter, Catrell Cooney, and three grandsons.

Overstreet has been the owner of A&G Gifts in Starke for 21 years. She is an active member of First United Methodist Church, where she served as the finance treasurer for more than 20 years. Overstreet currently serves as GROUP 5 Treasurer for United Methodist Women.

She was the event chair for the local Relay for Life from

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Unifying mind and body for better health

BY MARY W. BRIDGMAN
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Starke area has a number of options for fitness buffs who want to improve overall health by unifying mind and body in activities such as yoga and Tai Chi.

The word "yoga" comes from a Sanskrit word meaning union, to join together. Yoga is one of the oldest mind/body activities

in the world, having originated in ancient India. It has become very popular in the United States. A 2012 study indicated that 8.7 percent of American adults—20.4 million people—practice yoga. Hatha yoga—the yoga most widely practiced in the West—centers on physical poses held for varying lengths of time. Modern yoga classes often include warm-up, poses, deep stretches and contemplation.

Starke offers two yoga classes

that are specifically geared to seniors, for which it is not necessary to get out of your chair. The Bradford County Senior Center (1805 N. Temple Ave.) offers Energizing Chair Yoga by Sherry Zak Morris. It incorporates yoga poses and sequences that bring energy to the body and encourage movement in every muscle and joint. The format is an easy-to-follow DVD that plays on a large screen. Senior Center Director Diane Gaskins said classes are offered Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m., in combination with DVD Tai Chi instruction.

Similarly, participants in the Medicare Silver Sneakers program at Anytime Fitness (448 W. Madison St.) can practice yoga without leaving their chairs, although there are opportunities

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Karen Hardesty performs a "boat" pose during a Bradford-Union Technical Center stretch class.



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Madison Colaw (pictured with her parents, James and Robin) signs her letter of intent to play soccer at Lakeland's Florida Southern College.

Keystone's Colaw to play soccer at Florida Southern College

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School senior Madison Colaw signed a letter of intent on Feb. 25 to play soccer at Lakeland's Florida Southern College.

Colaw, a forward/midfielder, said "thankful" best described her feelings.

"Thankful and humble because I feel like God has blessed me with so many opportunities," she said.

She also expressed a tremendous appreciation for her parents, James and Robin Colaw.

"I don't think a lot of people understand how much they've had to sacrifice financially and just driving so long for tournaments every weekend," Colaw said.

Colaw, who has played at KHHS since the seventh grade, said she was also excited about the future and what was in store for her at Florida Southern. She said when she first began considering colleges, she thought of big schools like the University of Florida.

However, being a dual-enrolled student at Santa Fe College gave Colaw an appreciation for smaller classroom sizes.

Colaw, who wants to become a pediatric oncologist, said she loves the academic program at Florida Southern, but said soccer coach Brittany Jones is a big draw as well.

"I think the coach really stood out," she said. "That was a big

part of my decision because she seems like she really wants to get to know the girls and connect with them."

Former KHHS soccer coach David McCollum said Colaw, who has played premier club level ball since the age of 13, brings great skills to the field as well as the ability to put the team first.

"She's just a great player and just a great person all around," McCollum said. "She's always supportive of her teammates. She was never one to put anybody down. It was always for the team. I guess I appreciated that more than anything."

McCollum said another attribute of Colaw's is her understanding of the game.

"She sees all of the field, and she understands the schematic as to how each player has specific responsibilities," McCollum said. "She really took that in."

Current KHHS coach Kenny Seneca said Colaw proved to be a good leader and was certainly missed when she wasn't on the field.

"She made her teammates so much better," Seneca said. "She can draw the defense and dish the ball off. She can score goals, but she can also just make everybody around her better."

Despite missing approximately 10 games this past season while recovering from an injury, Colaw still scored 24 goals, while dishing out 15 assists.

It takes a lot to keep Colaw off the field.

"I always had to question her if I thought she was injured in any way because she had to be on that field," McCollum said. "She'd crawl on the field if that was part of it."

When she takes to the field for the first time at Florida Southern, Colaw said she's sure she'll be nervous and excited, while mulling over the many scenarios that can happen on the field and how she'll act in regard to each one.

"Also, I'm going to be really grateful," she said. "I already am."

BHS student competes in Science Olympiad, qualifies school for state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Though Bradford High School was not represented by a full team, it earned the right to advance to the state-level Science Olympiad after student Shane Shuman competed at the regional Olympiad on Feb. 1 at Lake City's Florida Gateway College.

BHS chemistry teacher Chelsea George said schools ideally take 15 students to the Olympiad to compete in events designed for two-student teams.

The Friday before the event, George said she had six students who were going to compete. However, one backed out of the event, two got sick and another two got lost on the way to the event.

That left Shuman, who was allowed to compete on his own. "He was very nervous," George said.

Despite that, Shuman, a sophomore, earned a second-place finish in the anatomy and physiology event, while placing third in five other events: designer genes, rocks and minerals, technical problem solving, circuit lab and dynamic planet.

The regional event was made up of teams from Union and Dixie County high schools (Union placed first) and also featured two Leon County

Bradford High School sophomore Shane Shuman is pictured with chemistry teacher Chelsea George.



middle school teams.

This is Bradford High School's first participation in a Science Olympiad. George is excited about getting BHS more involved, saying the Olympiad gets students to think outside of the box, as well as giving them a different set of experiences.

"With the Olympiad, they get exposed to a lot more stuff they may not necessarily see at Bradford," George said.

The state-level Olympiad will be held at the University of Central Florida on March 15. George's goal is to take a full team.

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2011 to 2013, with a record of more than \$72,000 in donations being recorded during that span. Overstreet is now a Relay for Life team retention and monitoring chair until 2015.

Overstreet is the current first vice president of Altrusa of Starke and is serving her second year as president of the Bradford County Educational Foundation. She has been in the mentoring program for Take Stock in Children for the past five years.

Doris Weatherford, who is well known for her literary works and public service, will be the featured speaker at this year's ceremony. Her writings include "American Women and World War II," "Women and American Politics: History and Milestones"

and "The Women's Almanac."

Weatherford currently serves as a columnist for LaGaceta, the nation's only trilingual newspaper (published in English, Italian and Spanish), and sits as the only woman on the selection committee for historical statues on Tampa's Riverwalk.

Copies of Weatherford's new book about the history of women in Florida will be for sale at the reception. She will be available to sign copies.

Other honorees at this year's Women of Distinction ceremony are Patti Fabiani, Margaret Maples Gilliland, Shelley Fraser Mickle and Yvonne C. Rawls.

This year's event will also honor one Woman of Promise (ages 16-21): Haley Johnson.

For more information on Women of Distinction, please contact event coordinator Teri McClellan at 352-395-5201.

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Ellen Bloodworth Roberts and James Flynn

Roberts, Flynn wed Jan. 25

Saturday, January 25th, Ellen Bloodworth Roberts and James Reginald (Reggie) Flynn of Starke were united in marriage in Savannah, Ga., at the Foley House Inn. The bride is the daughter of James F. Bloodworth of Starke, and the late Betty Bloodworth. The groom is the son of George Flynn of Starke, and the late Neva Flynn. Attending the celebration were the bride's son, Adam Roberts, Oviedo, sister, Carol Bloodworth Busby, Oviedo, the

groom's daughter, Molly Flynn, Raleigh, N.C., brother, Gray Flynn, Middleburg, sister and husband, Neva and Jerry Kidd, Tallahassee, Lisa Richards, Middleburg, Richard and Marilyn Powers, Tallahassee, Ryan Dunson, Raleigh, N.C., and Richard and Pam Ritch, Brevard, N.C. The reception was held at the Foley House Inn, after which the wedding party toured the historic town. The newlyweds will reside in Starke.



Drew Carroll and Lindsey Smith

Smith, Carroll to wed March 8

Lindsey Smith of Starke and Drew Carroll of Keystone Heights announce their engagement.

Lindsey is the daughter of Jerry and Denise Smith of Starke. She is a 2003 graduate of Bradford High School, and a 2007 graduate of Santa Fe College in Dental Hygiene.

She is employed by Talisha Cunningham, D.M.D.

Drew is the son of Freddie and June Carroll of Keystone Heights. He is a 2001 graduate of Keystone Heights High School and is self-employed.

The wedding will be March 8, 2014 at the Florida Agricultural Museum in Palm Coast with reception to follow. Invitations have been sent.

Andrew Crosby family reunion is March 1

The Andrew Crosby family reunion is Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish to the National Guard Armory on Edwards Road.

Starke to host Relay for Life yard sale on Saturday

The Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay For Life teams are hosting a yard sale this Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Starke City Square in downtown Starke.

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Local DAR chapter to meet March 3

Norm Myers of the Sons of the American Revolution will present a program on "Writing Your Memoirs" at the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's next meeting, which will be Monday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at IHOP in Starke.

In addition, VetSpace of Alachua County representative Natalie Packnick, accompanied by her service dog, Eiesel, will accept two plam (plastic yarn) mats made by DAR members for homeless, female veterans. (The Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution three-year project is centered on homeless, female veterans.)

Visitors are welcome to attend this meeting.

Any woman 18 or older—regardless of race, religion or ethnic background—who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership.

Please contact Konnie Beauregard at 352-475-1865 for more information.

Fair offers chance to exhibit plants

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the Bradford County Extension Service would like to invite you to enter plants in the March 11-16 Bradford

County Fair. There will be three divisions this year. Along with the adult amateur division, there will also be an adult professional division for nursery owners and professional growers and a youth division.

Entries can include potted houseplants, hanging plants, patio plants, cut or potted edible or food-producing plants, vegetables, fruit and nuts. There will also be a section for honey, cane syrup and eggs.

Plants may be entered at Building 2 of the fairgrounds on Monday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

For more information about the agriculture/horticulture show, please call Laurie Compton at the Bradford County Extension office at 904-966-6299.



Bradford High School/Bradford-Union Technical Center students competing in the Skills USA regional contest were (front, l-r): Cole Johnson, Kristie Yates, Brandon Rhue, Teddy Stanze, Marshall James, Bryce Tibbitts and (not pictured) Dana Carney. Also pictured (back, l-r) are technical center instructors Teresa Jackson, Jeff Ledger and Mike Rensberger.

2 BHS students place 1st at Skills USA event

Seven Bradford High School students in the Bradford-Union Technical Center's Automotive, Computer and Health Science programs competed in the Skills USA regional contest on Feb. 21 at Florida State College in Jacksonville, with Cole Johnson placing first in Computer Maintenance and Kristie Yates placing first in Medical Terminology.

Johnson and Yates have now earned the right to compete in the state competition, which will be held April 27-29 in Pensacola.

BHS students Dana Carney, Marshall James, Brandon Rhue, Teddy Stanze and Bryce Tibbitts also competed.

"After the competition, the students seemed very excited to come back next year," said Jeff Ledger, the technical center's Computer Systems

Cole Johnson (left) and Kristie Yates earned the right to compete in Skills USA's state-level event.



and Information Technology well behaved. This competition instructor. "One thing I have to really sparked a new excitement say is that all the students were for the students."

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Citizens want to be heard in regard to UC Sheriff's Office

Dear Editor:

Is the Sheriff's Office a family business or do the citizens have a voice in the matter? Explain to us how five people put in for the appointment for the Sheriff's position, four have more experience, and the one with the least amount of experience gets the interview, and also the Appointment. Furthermore what good is the Undersheriff when he can't even carry out the duties of being sheriff when the unthinkable happens? That's not saying much for our county. This is not a family business and there has to be a change. When you apply for a job, all qualified applicants usually get an interview and then the decision is made on the position, but in our case it was not like that. We the citizens of Union County have a choice to make this election and we think the decision is clear. Change is for the better.

Concerned citizens of
Union County

Florida moving in opposite direction in regard to death penalty

Dear Editor:

Mr. Buster Rahn's editorial "Capital Punishment in Florida: time for a new look?" in your 2/20/14 edition was much appreciated by me and, perhaps, others who are struggling with this emotional question

The State's responsibility is to provide security for society but does it have to kill its inmates to protect its citizens from convicted, first degree murderers? Most penal authorities agree that this security can be assured when a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole is given. Thus the question, "Why does the State kill individuals? And further, "How does the State promote a reduction in senseless killings among its citizens when it kills its prisoners even though a non-killing option is available!"

As one who has been present in the designated "Protest" area across the road from the death chamber on S.R. 16 for many executions, I have never been there three times in just two months. If Gov. Scott continues this pace, there will be 18 executions in 2014 - the most since capital punishment was re-instituted in 1979. Our nation and the civilized world is moving away from the death penalty as Florida is going in the opposite direction.

I have a sick feeling in my

stomach that this dramatic acceleration in state-sponsored killings is a part of Gov. Scott's re-election strategy. If so, this is not only morally and ethically reprehensible but, also politically short-sighted in my view.

Mr. Rahn's closing thoughts in his perceptive editorial suggests that Floridians may be considering another way. "There may be an alternative to capital punishment. If so let us move forward into a new era in which the sacredness of life is paramount, even for those who do not share our values."

John X. Linnehan
Hampton

Remembering 'everyday life heroes'

Dear Editor:

On (Feb. 13), as I sat under the hair dryer correcting my gray challenged hair, I looked across the room and I could see two ladies facing each other talking. Over the roar of my hair dryer, I couldn't hear what they were saying and could only imagine. You might ask what did these ladies have in common. Well within just a few days of each other they both lost their spouses. And who were these two ladies; Sherry Strickland and Sharon Jones.

But in reality their husbands led very similar lives; both were long time business owners. One was the owner of Leonard's Outboard Shop here in Keystone and the other in Jacksonville, Economy Printing. Leonard repaired the motors and Bobby loved fishing. Their word and handshake meant more than any signed contract. Both served our country in the United States Navy. While in my eyes that certainly makes them heroes, but they are what I call everyday life heroes. They got up each morning went to work, paid their bills, loved their families, served their community, supported the schools, and held integrity to the highest level. When they were around people felt secure and safe.

Sherry and Sharon must have had a lot to share and I am glad that these two gentlemen shared their lives with my family and the entire Keystone Community.

Rest in Peace Bobby Strickland and Leonard Jones.

Sincerely,
Tina Bullock

Expand Medicaid as called for by Affordable Care Act

Dear Editor:

The botched rollout of the Health Insurance Marketplace last October per provision of

the Affordable Care Act added momentum to Republican attacks against "Obamacare." Mind you, the Republican Party has been trying to dismantle or defund the Affordable Care Act from the time it was signed into law by President Obama in 2010. I think the Republicans have been largely successful in creating distrust so much so that many have probably forgotten that the American people have long been asking for health care reform.

When President Obama was elected in 2008, 49 million U. S. residents had no health insurance. The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not guarantee access to health care for all their citizens. 45,000 uninsured Americans die every year for lack of medical treatment. Medical bills are a leading cause of bankruptcy in the U.S. Surprisingly, most of medical bankruptcy filers are from the middle class.

The Affordable Care Act was a political compromise to change some of the shortcomings of our health care system but without dethroning the powerful for-profit health care industry. The law does not regulate, or place caps on, health insurance premiums, medical treatment costs, or prices of prescription drugs. Supposedly competition in the market will drive down those costs. I believe, on the other hand, that we will not see reasonable health care costs because capitalistic greed will continue to find ways to make their profits.

The Affordable Care Act provides subsidy in the form of advanced premium tax credit for insurance purchase on the Health Insurance Marketplace. However said subsidy is available ONLY to people with income ABOVE 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

The Affordable Care Act intended to provide health insurance to people BELOW the Poverty Level through expansion of the Medicaid program. The federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion for the first three years, and 90 percent thereafter.

Here's the rub. The Medicaid

program is administered by each individual state although funding comes from both federal and state funds. In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of most of "Obamacare" but ruled that the federal government could not require states to expand their Medicaid program. Instead, individual states could choose whether or not to expand Medicaid in their state.

Nearly 4 million Floridians have no health insurance. Medicaid expansion will provide health coverage to 1.2 million low-income Floridians who do not earn enough to qualify for premium tax credit but are too poor to afford insurance without financial help.

The Florida Senate passed a Medicaid expansion plan in the 2013 legislative session. However the bill died in the Florida House of Representatives on the pretext that our Republican legislators doubted the ability of the federal government to finance Medicaid expansion.

It is my opinion that the decision by our Florida Legislature to opt out of Medicaid expansion is politically driven and certainly not in the interest of the people. Florida has the second highest percentage of uninsured in the U.S. If Florida were to expand the Medicaid program, our state can gain 50 billion dollars in additional revenue for the next ten years. Such revenue would be an economic boost to Florida.

At the same time, Medicaid expansion will benefit individuals and families living at and below the poverty level. By opting out of Medicaid expansion, Florida legislators are choosing to deny care to the neediest of the needy. It should be pointed out that, in anticipation of Medicaid expansion, the Affordable Care Act drastically reduces funding for hospitals mandated to provide uncompensated emergency room care, again penalizing uninsured Floridians.

To bring the issue closer to home, allow me to share statistics who could be our relatives, or friends, or neighbors, or simply persons we have encountered in our community. According

to the 2010 census, 16 percent of Bradford residents live in poverty. This figure is higher than the statistic for Florida in general (15.6 percent) and significantly higher than the statistic for the U.S. (14.9 percent). Bradford County is predominantly white. The median age of Bradford County residents is 39.5 years. To me, it means that, under present circumstances, many of the uninsured in our county will likely remain uninsured for a long time.

The next regular Florida legislative session will start on March 4, 2014 and will continue for 60 days until May 2, 2014. I urge Floridians to tell Florida Legislature to expand the Medicaid program as provided by the Affordable Care Act so that low-income Floridians, the neediest of the needy, can gain access to health care. Some readers may be interested to know that the law does not provide health coverage to illegal immigrants.

A group in Gainesville called

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

The following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights area) counties:

Bradford

Joseph Heath Beavins, 26, of Brooker was arrested Feb. 20 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Jerry David Bradham, 48, of Cleveland, Tenn., was arrested Feb. 23 by Bradford deputies for three charges of probation violation for original charges of grand theft, grand theft motor vehicle, and battery. He was also arrested for failure to appear for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the failure to appear charge, while bond was not allowed for the other three charges.

Tyrone Syrus Brazle, 58, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 19 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$15,003.

Nathaniel Kendrick Brown, 45, of Gainesville was arrested Feb. 23 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for withholding child support. Brown was already in the Alachua County Jail and was transported to Bradford with bond set at \$3,070.

Chad Austin Carpenter, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 18 by Bradford deputies for obstructing justice. According to the arrest report, the victim was calling law enforcement as she was concerned for her safety during an argument with Carpenter over a bill. Carpenter grabbed the phone from the victim and told dispatch everything was OK. A deputy

was dispatched to the home, and Carpenter was arrested for the obstruction charge. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Jacob Sabaistian Crews, 23, of Starke was arrested Feb. 19 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Crews was stopped for a traffic infraction by several deputies, including one with a K9 drug dog. During the stop, the K9 alerted on the vehicle, and the drugs and equipment were found. A 14-year old in the vehicle was also arrested for possession of marijuana and drug equipment. Bond for Crews was set at \$2,000, while the juvenile was released to his mother, and his charge was forwarded to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Jessie Lee Dell, 56, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 24 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, the victim was trying to leave a residence with her things when Dell grabbed her by the arms and pushed her to the floor. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Levi Zebulon Gaylord, 33, of Starke was arrested Feb. 19 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Gaylord was observed putting headphones in his pocket at Walmart and then walking out without paying for them. He was detained by a Walmart employee until police arrived. Bond was set at \$500.

Autumn Lafferty, 33, of Lancaster, Ohio, was arrested Feb. 21 by Bradford deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to the Kangaroo at U.S. 301 and S.R. 16 in Starke for an intoxicated person in the store. At the store, the deputy observed Lafferty yelling and causing a disturbance inside. Once outside, Lafferty continued to raise her voice and place her hand on the deputy. She wouldn't remove her hand when ordered to do so. Lafferty was

arrested and, after being placed in the police vehicle, began to hit her head and shoulder against the glass while transported to the jail.

Christopher Lee Malone, 26, of St. Cloud was arrested Feb. 20 by Bradford deputies for two charges for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Demetrius A. Martin, 20, of Starke was arrested Feb. 20 by Starke police for failure to appear on an original charge of possession of paraphernalia for storage.

Crystal Shiko Masters, 29, of Starke was arrested Feb. 21 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, police were called to Cato Fashion in Starke about a possible shoplifting by Masters. A store employee said Masters entered the store and was trying on many items in the fitting room. The employee was assisting in handing her things to try on in the fitting room when she noticed Masters had not returned a pair of shoes and several necklaces. Masters left the store, but by then the officer had arrived and approached her at her vehicle before she left. After the officer asked to speak with her, she put her purse in the vehicle and wouldn't retrieve it for the officer. After several minutes and several requests by the officer, she reached in to get the purse, but dumped the contents on the floor in the back of the vehicle. The officer saw a pair of shoes and later found the two necklaces in the vehicle. Masters was arrested, with bond set at \$500.

Grover Lewis Norton, 38, of Orange Park was arrested Feb. 23 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Norton was stopped for an expired tag and tag not assigned to vehicle when

the officer smelled marijuana coming from the car. A search of the vehicle turned up the drugs and drug equipment. A passenger in the car, Kyle Edward Sweeny, 27, of Jacksonville, was also arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug equipment. Bond for Norton was set at \$1,500, while bond for Sweeny was set at \$1,000.

Cody Scott Qualls, 19, of Starke was arrested Feb. 23 by Bradford deputies for carrying a concealed weapon and for possession of marijuana and drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Qualls was stopped for a headlight not working by a deputy. The deputy smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle, and a search turned up the drugs, equipment and the concealed weapon.

Efrain Rodriquez Jr., 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 19 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant for original charge of lewd or lascivious molestation, battery, tattooing a minor without consent of parent or legal guardian and exposure of sexual organs. Bond was set at \$115,015.

Cody Patrick Smith, 21, of Starke was arrested Feb. 24 by Starke police for fraud by swindle. According to the arrest report Smith, a former Walmart employee, was observed taking two bags of bird feed from the garden section (value of \$27.73) and returning them at the service desk for a refund. Smith was detained by a Walmart loss-prevention employee until police arrived.

Amanda Shae Stevens, 32, of Hawthorne was arrested Feb. 24 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Stevens pulled into the Do Not Enter side of McDonald's in Starke and almost hit a deputy's vehicle, then continued to the adjacent gas station. When the deputy went to speak with her, he could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle turned up the drugs and drug equipment. Stevens told the deputy she had been pulled over by the Gainesville police the day before and issued a sworn complaint for possession of marijuana, and told someone on the phone she had forgotten the drugs and other stuff were in

the vehicle. She was also issued a citation for her tag being expired less than six months.

Trevor James Wall, 22, of Starke was arrested Feb. 22 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence.

Rebecca Lynn Wheeler, 42, of Starke was arrested Feb. 22 by Starke police for battery and criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Wheeler was in an argument with the victim and struck and damaged his vehicle's window with a stone candlestick holder. The victim stated that when he went to stop her from further damaging his vehicle, she threw the candleholder at the truck and missed. She then struck him in the side of the neck with her fist. Wheeler left, but police arrested her later at her residence.

Keystone/Melrose

Thomas Baker, 30, of Starke was arrested Feb. 18 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Kurt Helmich, 43, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 20 by Clay deputies for possession of child pornography and for soliciting a parent or guardian to allow a child to participate in sexual activity.

Timothy Hobgood, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 24 by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery.

Shane Merritt, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 24 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Chadwick Richardson, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 23 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Frank Toms, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 20 by Clay deputies for leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a permanently revoked license.

Tony Wills, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 22 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Union

Joseph Anthony Gillihan, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 24 by Union deputies for failure

to appear.

James Lamont Jones, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 24 by Union deputies on out-of-county warrants from Alachua for cocaine trafficking, for using two-way communications device to facilitate a crime and for possession of cocaine. Bond was set at \$55,000.

Derek Scott Nipper, 28, was arrested Feb. 22 by Union deputies for driving under the influence. According to the arrest report, a deputy first heard a vehicle squealing its tires near Meridian Health Center, and then he observed it spinning its tires, power braking and spinning the tires again in front of Full House Saloon in Lake Butler. Once the deputy stopped the vehicle, with Nipper driving, he observed several open beer cans in the truck and then conducted field sobriety tests and took breath samples, which came back at .181 and .171 above the legal limit for alcohol consumption.

Benjamin James Sherrod, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 23 by Union deputies for assault-intent threat to do violence and for battery. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a disturbance, where family members of Sherrod said they thought he was high on meth and alcohol. He was making threats to do bodily harm to them. He also grabbed a family member when he tried to escort him out of the home, and once outside, he threw chairs, clothes and many other items off a porch onto the ground. Sherrod is already on felony probation, according to the arrest report.

Thomas Robert Bruce, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 20 in Alachua County on a warrant from Union County for failure to appear.

Astrid Leonard Watkins, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 17 by Union deputies for felony battery-strangulation. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence in Worthington Springs about a disturbance. The victim told deputies Watkins got mad at her because she wouldn't do some laundry and then started throwing clothes out of the door. Watkins and the victim started arguing, and Watkins grabbed her around the neck, choking her and shoving her into a closet. The victim's brother was at the home, and he intervened between the two before the deputy arrived.

Brandon Joseph Croft, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 21 by Union deputies for contempt of court-child support. Bond was set at \$500.

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HEALTH

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to do a variety of standing poses. Yogastretch Classes are led by Ben Bridgman, a certified group fitness instructor who is also certified by the Silver Sneakers program.

"I really enjoy working with senior adults, many of whom have never had a fitness regimen before they became active with Silver Sneakers," Bridgman said. "There are Silver Sneakers classes especially for cardio fitness and weightlifting, but Yogastretch is different. Participants may feel that there isn't any benefit to a class where they don't break a sweat, but all they need to do is try it. They always leave feeling better, more flexible and more relaxed after the session."

Bridgman also teaches a combination yoga/Pilates stretch class following his popular indoor cycle classes at the Bradford Union Technical Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Indoor cycle classes start at 5:15 p.m. and typically last an hour. Following that, cyclers are ready to stretch and tone their muscles.

"It's really the best thing to do after an hour on a stationary bike, which can cause muscles—especially the large muscles of the legs—to become shortened and tight," Bridgman said. "The Pilates work emphasizes strengthening the core muscles, such as the abdominals and back muscles, but the yoga work really helps increase flexibility and decrease muscle tightness."

"We do a few minutes of relaxation at the end, and I am constantly amazed at how effective it is. You wouldn't think lying on a thin yoga mat on a hard tile floor would be relaxing, but it is. People don't want to get up, mainly because it's the only time they allow themselves to be completely relaxed."

Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese exercise practiced in slow motion for relaxation, vitality, health and grace. Described paradoxically as a non-aggressive martial art, it is based on yielding and awareness rather than force and resistance. Tai Chi takes seven to 10 minutes to practice, requires no special equipment except flat shoes and open space, and can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Starke does not currently have live Tai Chi instruction, although Bridgman has been studying the martial art for several years and hopes to be able to add it to his offerings. The Bradford Senior Center offers DVD Tai Chi training in combination with its chair yoga classes.

If you're willing to travel to Gainesville, there are plenty of options for in-person Tai Chi training. Paul Campbell, who is also a licensed massage therapist and licensed mental health counselor, runs the School of Tai Chi Chuan at 1409 N.W.



Sixth St., Suite 220 (352-371-3718). Anthony Korahais directs the Flowing Zen Studio at 5127 N.W. 39th Ave. (352-672-7613, flowingzen.com.)

Campbell, who teaches 10 classes a week, often starts students with a course called the Eight Ways of Tai Chi Chuan, a gentle exercise program developed especially for elderly people, although it is appropriate for anyone who would like an introduction to Tai Chi. Unlike exercises which use exertion and stress to build muscular strength, the Eight Ways uses gentle, flowing movements to relax and loosen the body and the joints, to stimulate circulation, to build stability in the legs and feet, and to develop an awareness of one's internal strength. For seniors, this can translate into grace in walking, better balance and greater confidence in movement. Everyday tasks such as lifting, reaching into cupboards, opening doors and walking up and down stairs or curbs are emulated in movements taught in the class.

This simplified version of Tai Chi is ideal for people who are unable or unwilling to make the commitment to learn the complete Tai Chi form, a process that can take several years.

Each of the exercises of the Eight Ways has an image associated with it, such as "sculling," which mimics the motion of an oarsman rowing a gondola on a canal. These mental images enhance the learner's experience, making it imaginative and enjoyable.

Regular practice of the Eight Ways, like the Tai Chi form, builds a firm foundation by exercising the legs and feet, developing stability and balance, stimulating circulation by sending warmth to the extremities of the body, and loosening and relaxing the joints. Participants develop internal awareness and confidence that provides a sense of well-being.

Campbell began his journey with Tai Chi in 1973 as part of a personal search for the life he wanted to live.

"I was in a state of intense indecision about how to proceed," Campbell said. "I recognized that what was between me and living the life I wanted to live was fear. I was looking for ways of dealing with that fear that weren't just theoretical."

"My fear was of not living for real—living a life that was not really by my choice, but what was acceptable, what I was taught to want, a pre-programmed agenda."

He started to get results through the practice of Tai Chi and meditation, realizing "what was generating the fear in my mind was ignorance, not understanding how to work with the mind, how to process the existing fear and how to awaken the natural human state that is fearless."

Finding both religious dogma and exclusively rational approaches to living lacking because they failed to satisfactorily address ethical principals for decisions as well as man's "profound spiritual nature," Campbell found a home at the Shr Jung Tai Chi School in New York City's Chinatown section, studying under the legendary Cheng Man-ch'ing. Cheng, who died in 1975, was known for Tai Chi Chuan and his "Yang-style short form," which is composed of 37 movements that take less than 10 minutes to practice instead of the 20 to 30 minutes required by the Yang long form.

Campbell also had the benefit of the teachings of Oscar Ichazo, the Bolivian-born founder of the Arica School, a human potential movement group that teaches "a body of techniques for inherent consciousness-raising and an ideology to relate to the world in an awakened way." Ichazo eventually introduced his school to Cheng's school.

Anthony Korahais, like Campbell, was attracted to the spiritual, healing aspects of Tai Chi, which he hadn't found in other martial arts such as karate and kung fu. He began his Tai Chi journey, also in New York City, as a result of an inner struggle, specifically a debilitating case of clinical depression. He recalled living with a "fog of despair" that returned each morning, engulfing him in darkness.

Through the study of Qigong—a practice of aligning breath, movement and awareness for exercise, healing and meditation—as well as Tai Chi, he found relief. In Malaysia, studying with Grandmaster Wong, Korahais learned that when human energy systems

were functioning optimally, it was possible to reach a state that Chinese masters called a harmony of yin and yang. When this happened, he said, "the energy that mobilizes and powers the immune system, produces the proper enzymes for digestion, repairs damaged cells, flushes away toxic wastes and balances the emotions—all of this energy starts to flow harmoniously, thus keeping us happy and healthy."

After Korahais began to experience harmonious energy flow and balance for himself, he quit his job as a network engineer at the school of architecture at Columbia University in New York City. He said it was the right

job for many years, especially with a schedule that gave him the freedom to travel and learn the discipline of his true calling—teaching Qigong and Tai Chi. Eventually, he earned the title of "Sifu," a Chinese word that means "father and teacher."

Korahais followed his parents, who were professional musicians, when they retired and relocated to Florida. He enrolled in an acupuncture school in Gainesville, where he met his wife, Akemi, a native of Venezuela. Eventually, Korahais dropped out of school to teach Qigong and Tai Chi full time. Akemi continued her acupuncture studies and later opened the Painless Acupuncture Center, which is located in the same building as her husband's studio, Flowing Zen.

Now, Korahais teaches 12 classes per week at Flowing Zen. "Zen means meditation," said Korahais. "Meditation can be drinking coffee, eating food, not just sitting meditation, which is difficult for a lot of people. Everything I do has a flowing component."

All students at Flowing Zen begin with a three-hour Qigong workshop that costs \$47. Also available are monthly memberships, which

include classes and one-on-one instruction. Most of Campbell's classes cost \$100 for 10 weekly one-hour sessions.

Campbell notes that in a culture which celebrates youth, Tai Chi offers a more positive perspective on growing older.

"Understanding the training of the human body as the ground for training the human spirit, Tai Chi tunes us to inner principles that lead to continually fuller, healthier life," Campbell said.

The first principle is uprightiness, which means being in perfect equilibrium with gravity and facing reality without pretense. The second principal is relaxation, meaning that at rest, a person is serene and attentive, while in action every cell is available for the simplest, most complete response. The third principle is the Tan Tien—the body's physical center of gravity.

"Having our heart-mind focused at the Tan Tien means harmony in all aspects of our life, means our full being, our spirit, our internal unity can manifest," Campbell said. "Seeing the human body as an exact expression of the maturing human spirit and training it accordingly, Tai Chi Chuan is like fine wine—the older you get, the better you get."

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OBITUARIES

Roger Elixson

LAKE BUTLER—Roger Lee Elixson, 68, of Lake Butler died on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 at the Haven Hospice in Gainesville surrounded by his family. He was born in Worthington Springs where he lived his entire life. He graduated from Union County High School. He was a member of the Woodman of the World and of Sardis Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his father, Roy Elixson.

He is survived by: his mother, Mary Seay Elixson; daughters, Tina (Stacy) Lloyd of Worthington Springs and Lynn Parrish of Lake Butler; sons, Johnny Ray Elixson of Worthington Springs and Brad (Julie) Elixson of Providence; one brother, Clifford (Willene) Elixson of Providence; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held Feb. 25 in the Archer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brandon Elixson officiating. Burial followed in Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Lori Hall

Lori Hall

STARKE—Lori Elaine Hall, age 46, of Starke, passed away on Feb. 20, 2014 at Park Meadows Health and Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville. Lori was born on Feb. 14, 1968 in Lakeland. She was raised in Lakeland and recently moved to Starke this past year. Lori enjoyed writing biographies and poetry. She had a big heart and a passion for helping people. Lori was an advocate for people with disabilities and she enjoyed teaching people how to read. She also enjoyed listening to music.

Lori is survived by: her mother, Mae Hall of Lakeland; her son, Zachary Hall of Lakeland; her two brothers; one granddaughter; and her three loving close friends, Rebekkah

Baker, Samantha Luke, and Dorothy Luke all of Starke.

Memorial services were held on Feb. 23 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Reverend Jimmy Scott officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Max Hearst

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Max Ray Hearst, 75, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 at Shands in Gainesville. He was born on July 14, 1938 in Norfolk, Va. to the late Ray and Debra M. (Roundtree) Hearst and was a longtime area resident. Prior to retirement he worked as a tool and die maker for the Civil Service and served in the United States Army.

Survivors are: wife of 21 years, Patricia (Mentzer) Hearst of Keystone Heights; son, Charlie Edward Hearst of Keystone Heights.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Gere Johns

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Gere Howard Johns, 82, Mother, Creative Designer, Needlepoint Artist, and Conservationist. Gere Howard Johns died at home peacefully on Thursday Feb. 20, 2014 after a courageous battle with lung cancer and pulmonary fibrosis. She was born April 26, 1931 in Dukes at her Grandfather's home. Gere was predeceased by her beloved husband Jerome of 56 years, her mother and father, John Marcus and Blanche Roberts Howard.

Gere graduated from Union County High School in 1949 as the Class Valedictorian. She was active in extracurricular activities (State and National Officer of the Future Homemakers of American (FHA), a captain of the basketball team, and was a cheerleader). She attended Stetson University where she was Captain of the Cheerleaders, a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, and the Glee Club. She also attended the University of Florida. Gere completed a 10 year study of the piano at the St. Louis Institute of Music, St. Louis, Mo. Gere was a founding member and president of the Crystal Lake Environmental Organization (CLEO). She was a self-taught water and ecosystem expert. She was a member and past President of the Starke Women's Club, past

President of the Friends of the Library, a Girl Scout Leader, a Boy Scout Den Mother and a teacher at Youth Camp. Gere was a master of Needlepoint. She created six pieces of needlepoint entitled, "The Creation" and donated the work to the United Methodist Church in Keystone Heights, where she was a member and was loved by many. This work took hundreds of hours to complete. Over the years she used her talent of needlepoint to create personal gifts to show her love for family and friends.

She is survived by: daughter, Debra (Frank Williams) Johns of Pomona, Calif.; son, Phillip (Linda) Johns of Santa Fe Lake; her brother, John Marcus (Cheryl) Howard of Dukes; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, and many cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Gere's Life will be held Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Keystone United Methodist Church on State Road 21, Keystone Heights. A private interment for immediate family will be prior to the Celebration of Life. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are under the direction of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Amber Lawson

HAMPTON—Ms. Amber Nicole Lawson age 24, of Hampton suddenly passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014. Amber was born on Feb. 6, 1990 in Gainesville and was a homemaker. She was a member of Madison Street Baptist Church, enjoyed singing, dancing, and making people smile. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Henry Lawson.

Survivors are: children, Trenton Holt and Trinity Holt both of Starke; her father, Marvin "Marty" (Sharon) Lawson of Starke; her mother, Misty (Koehler) Lawson and sisters' Johnnie Holton of Hampton; fiancée, Destini Lawson, Chasiti Lawson, both of Starke; brother, Chad Lawson of Starke; paternal grandmother, Janice Lawson of Starke; maternal grandparents, Steve and Gail Varnum of Hampton; aunts, Lori (Paul) Bateman of St. Augustine, Randee (J.J. Strickland) Varnum of Hampton, Lisa (Michael) Giles of Lawtey; uncles, Mike (Ron Evans) Lawson of Starke, Stanley (Jennifer) Varnum and Brad Varnum both of Hampton; special niece, Sereniti.

Services were held on Monday, Feb. 24 at Dewitt C. Jones Chapel. Interment followed at Hope Cemetery with Reverend Matt Dyal officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Dwight Lintz Sr.

LAKE BUTLER—Dwight O. Lintz Sr. 86 of Lake Butler died Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 at the Haven Hospice in Lake City. He was born on Sept. 10, 1927 in Deerfield, Michigan to the late Howard and Georgiang Rutherford Lintz. He worked at Lockheed Martin as a computer engineer. He was also a proud Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is preceded in death by two brothers.

He is survived by: his wife, Betty Jane Lintz; sons, Dwight (Paula) Lintz, Jr. of Portville, Colo. and Charles (Jean) Lintz of Lake Butler; daughters, Delilah (Karl) Fike of Belfair, Wash. and Rebecca Ann Lintz of Lakewood, Colo.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brothers, George (Geraldine) Lintz of Harrison, Michigan; sisters, Twila (Richard) Stone of Oxford, Mich., Caorl (Jim) Cooper of Apoka, Nona (Elijah) Childers Glanwin of Michigan and Shirley Gurganious (Robert) Atkinson, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, March 13, at 11:00 am in the Chapel at Archer Funeral

Home, with Bro. Ralph Durham officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Family ask that in Lieu of Flowers please make donations to the Haven Hospice Lake City - Suwannee Valley Care Center 6037 W US Highway 90, Lake City, FL 32055, or to the National Parkinson Foundation. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Diane McNeal

Diane McNeal, Our Beloved, Wife, Mother, Great and Grandmother, Sister and Aunt, passed away on Feb. 13, 2014 at the age of 77. She gave a valiant fight but lost her battle to cancer. She was preceded in death by: her daughter, Lori Diane McNeal; granddaughter, Terra Michelle Hunter; mother, Edith Agnes Register Trowbridge Hunt; step-father John Hunt; niece, Carolyn Aldridge; and nephew, Roderic Yepp.

Mrs. McNeal is survived by: her husband, Norman McNeal, Sr. and her four children, Terrie Vernon, Norman McNeal, Jr., Nancy Mitzel and Kenneth McNeal; and also survived by two grandchildren, Roger Mitzel, Jr. and Candise McNeal; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Ty Mitzel; her sisters, Nancy Aldridge and Miriam Trowbridge; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Mrs. McNeal's request there will be no services held. There will be a memorial posted online in the near future at Crevasses Cremation Services in Gainesville. It will be open for comments to be posted by those who would like to. Family will be sent information once the memorial is posted (link). In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to the following: Norman McNeal, Sr., or her great-grandchildren, thru Nancy Mitzel, or her grandchildren, Roger Lee Mitzel, Jr. (RJ), thru Nancy Mitzel and Candise McNeal, thru Terrie Vernon, or Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL, 32606. Haven Hospice also has memorial bricks that can be purchased in her name to be placed on their memorial walkway with the funds going to their operating account as they are a non-profit organization. Thank you Haven Hospice Center staff and nurses for the loving care given to Mrs. McNeal and the extra help given to the family in this time of need.

PAID OBITUARY

William Singletary

JACKSONVILLE—ISGT William Samuel "Sambo" Singletary, age 47, of 499 McMath Mill Rd., died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014. A native of Jacksonville, he was born March 5, 1966, the son of William S. and Sandra M. Singletary, Sr. Mr. Singletary was employed at Southerfield Aviation as an A & P-Mechanic. He served in the United States Army for 22 years at several locations including Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Benning, Ga., Ft. Eustis, Va. and ending with the 1/11th AVN REDT in Jacksonville. He did several tours of duty in Egypt, Kuwait, Bosnia and Iraq. Mr. Singletary was an avid genealogy and history researcher and enjoyed "looking for long lost relatives." He loved motorcycles and riding the open road. Mr. Singletary was a 1984 graduate of Southland Academy. He received an Associates degree from Florida Community College Jacksonville, A & P certificate from South Georgia Technical College and attended Florida Theological College. He was also a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. St. John's Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville and attended First Presbyterian Church of Americus.

Survivors in addition to his parents are: his wife, Angie Bass Singletary of Americus; a daughter, Ashton Singletary of Atlanta; three sons, Caleb Singletary of Atlanta, Jake Hood of Americus and Justin Hood of Americus; one grandson, Brantley Singletary of Jacksonville; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim Singletary Christmas and Charles of Riverview; a brother and sister-in-law, Doug Singletary and Charlotte of Jacksonville; one niece and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Mollie Singletary, and Lewis and Eva Akins.

Graveside services were held Feb. 25, at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery on Crisp Academy Dr. in Cordele, Ga., with Rev. Donny Loffredo officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Southland Academy Athletic Fund, P.O. Box 1127, Americus, Ga. 31709. You may sign the online guest book and share your own special thoughts and memories by visiting www.greghancockfuneralchapel.com. Greg Hancock Funeral Chapel is in charge of these arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY



Dakota Mobley

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Dakota Jacob "D.J." Mobley, age 15, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014. D.J. was born in Gainesville on March 18, 1998 and was a 10th grade student in Clay County. He was an Explorer at the Keystone Heights Fire Department, involved with the Clay R.O.T.C., and Boy Scout Troop 146. D. J. also enjoyed being outdoors hunting and fishing. D.J. was preceded in death by his twin brother Austin Jesse Mobley.

Survivors are: his loving parents, Kevin and Raquel (Singletary) Mobley; one brother, Matthew Kaleb Singletary; maternal grandparents, Keith and Debbie Singletary; paternal grandparents, Don and Kit Mobley all of Keystone Heights; paternal grandmother, Linda Brophy of Palm Coast; aunt, Rhonda Singletary of Gainesville and uncle, Brian (Tara) Singletary of Keystone Heights; aunt, Lauren (Griff) Thomas of Atlanta, Ga.; along with additional aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services for D.J. were

held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Marty Franks and Pastor Rob Morford officiating. The burial followed at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions be sent to the Clay Electric Credit Union, P.O. Box 308, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, where an account has been set up for D.J. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr., Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Ronald Sapp Jr.

LAKE BUTLER—Ronald Wayne Sapp Jr., 33, of Lake Butler, died suddenly on Feb. 18, 2014 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Jacksonville on May 9, 1980 to Ronald Wayne Sapp, Sr. and Regina Grace Price. He lived most of his life in the Lake City area, having moved to Lake Butler eight years ago, and was a carpenter.

He is survived by: his father, Ronald Wayne Sapp, Sr. of Callahan; mother, Regina Grace (Gregory) White of Lake City; fiancé, Michelle Lobenthal of Lake Butler; sons, Brandon Wayne Sapp of Lake Butler, Jacob Allen Sapp of Lake City and Kage Brady Sapp of Lake Butler; daughters, Christian Alese Harvey of Wellborn and Lana Darlene Sapp of Lake Butler; step-sons, Sean Lobenthal and Kaleb Renaldi both of Lake Butler; brother, Richard Lee (Chelsea) Sapp of Branford; and sister, Robin Renee Sapp of Orlando.

Memorial services were conducted on Feb. 25 in the chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Rev. John Welkner officiating. Arrangements are under the care of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home of Lake City.

William Singletary

JACKSONVILLE—ISGT William Samuel "Sambo" Singletary, age 47, of 499 McMath Mill Rd., died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014. A native of Jacksonville, he was born March 5, 1966, the son of William S. and Sandra M. Singletary, Sr. Mr. Singletary was employed at Southerfield Aviation as an A & P-Mechanic. He served in the United States Army for 22 years at several locations including Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Benning, Ga., Ft. Eustis, Va. and ending with the 1/11th AVN REDT in Jacksonville. He did several tours of duty in Egypt, Kuwait, Bosnia and Iraq. Mr. Singletary was an avid genealogy and history researcher and enjoyed "looking for long lost relatives." He loved motorcycles and riding the open road. Mr. Singletary was a 1984 graduate of Southland Academy. He received an Associates degree from Florida Community College Jacksonville, A & P certificate from South Georgia Technical College and attended Florida Theological College. He was also a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. St. John's Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville and attended First Presbyterian Church of Americus.

Survivors in addition to his parents are: his wife, Angie Bass Singletary of Americus; a daughter, Ashton Singletary of Atlanta; three sons, Caleb Singletary of Atlanta, Jake Hood of Americus and Justin Hood of Americus; one grandson, Brantley Singletary of Jacksonville; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim Singletary Christmas and Charles of Riverview; a brother and sister-in-law, Doug Singletary and Charlotte of Jacksonville; one niece and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Mollie Singletary, and Lewis and Eva Akins.

Graveside services were held Feb. 25, at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery on Crisp Academy Dr. in Cordele, Ga., with Rev. Donny Loffredo officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Southland Academy Athletic Fund, P.O. Box 1127, Americus, Ga. 31709. You may sign the online guest book and share your own special thoughts and memories by visiting www.greghancockfuneralchapel.com. Greg Hancock Funeral Chapel is in charge of these arrangements.

Survivors include: his wife Patricia "Pat" Thomas of Milledgeville; three sons, Kelly Thomas of Interlachen, Rev. Randal (Patsy) Thomas and Rev. Tim (Heidi) Thomas of Milledgeville; and a daughter, Tammy (Rev Carol) Smith of Milledgeville; two brothers, Dwain Thomas and Novack Thomas both of Florida; one sister, Joann Vines of Ga., seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 5-8 at Freedom Church 500 Underwood Rd. Milledgeville, Ga. Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, February 27, at Freedom Church with burial to follow at Scenic Memorial Gardens.

Visit moorefuneralhome.com to express tributes. Moores Funeral Home & Crematory has charge of arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY



Anna Stephens

Anna Stephens

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mrs. Anna Rita Stephens, age 82, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. She was born in New York City, N.Y. on Feb. 19, 1931 to the late Henry and Anna (Oskey) Haberman, and had moved to Keystone Heights 13 years ago from Coral Springs. Prior to retirement, Mrs. Stephens was a Customer Service Representative at AT&T Telephone Company for 36 years. She attended the Keystone United Methodist Church where she was actively involved with the Women's Circle; she was a member of the Keystone and Melrose Woman's Clubs and the Red Hats Society. Mrs. Stephens enjoyed playing Bridge; she was always looking for a good bargain, and she loved going to garage sales.

Survivors of Mrs. Stephens are: her husband of 59 years, Donald C. Stephens; one son, Don (Cheryl) Stephens all of Keystone Heights; three grandchildren, Jessica, Nicole, and Austin; and one great granddaughter, Madylinn.

Services for Mrs. Stephens were held Friday, Feb. 21, in the Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore and Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. The burial will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to be made to the Keystone Heights Woman's Club 6747 Woman's Club Dr, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 or the Melrose Woman's Club, 303 Pine Street, Melrose, FL 32666.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Wendell Thomas

ALMA, GEORGIA—Brother Wendell Ray Thomas, age 75, passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2014.

Brother Wendell was a native Alma and pastored his first church Shiloh Congregational Methodist Church in Homerville for nine years, and then moved to Gordon where he pastored Snow Hill Congregational Methodist Church for nine years. In 1985 Brother Wendell fulfilled his vision for building a non-denominational church in Milledgeville, Ga. which led to the formation of Freedom Church where he was the senior pastor. He was preceded in death by his parents Prentis and Vodice Thomas, a granddaughter Mary Ashley Thomas and his sister Debbie. He had a love for Hunting, Fishing and Gardening.

Survivors include: his wife Patricia "Pat" Thomas of Milledgeville; three sons, Kelly Thomas of Interlachen, Rev. Randal (Patsy) Thomas and Rev. Tim (Heidi) Thomas of Milledgeville; and a daughter, Tammy (Rev Carol) Smith of Milledgeville; two brothers, Dwain Thomas and Novack Thomas both of Florida; one sister, Joann Vines of Ga., seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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Charles Vickory

HAMPTON—Charles Addison Vickory of Hampton passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 at E.T. York Hospice Care Center in Gainesville. He was 57.

Mr. Vickory was born Aug. 27, 1956 in Gainesville, to Billie Vickory and Frances Vaughn Vickory. He was a graduate of Rolling Green Academy class of 1974 and pastor of Hampton Baptist Church for 18 years.

He is survived by: his wife, Marcia Vickory of Hampton; son, Charles J. Vickory of Hampton; two daughters, Melissa Taylor of Keystone Heights and Mindy Vickory of Orange Park; sister, Linda Jaffray of Lake Butler; and grandson, Kyle.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1:00 pm Friday, Feb. 28, at Newnansville Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Evans-Carter Funeral Home, High Springs, FL (386) 454-2444.

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Avoiding pin bones when filleting fish

Among people who have eaten fish, there are few who will not acclaim their culinary value. There are many, however, who will mention the complication of bones. It also follows that many of those complainers will have eaten small fish, or they will have eaten fillets that were not boneless.

The above conundrum is usually due to a row of small bones that runs along the lateral line connecting the rib cage with the outer skin. These bones, which are usually referred to as pin bones, are quite small and are easily overlooked until they are in your mouth.

Because of this issue, some fishermen will discard all meat on the fillet that is south of the rib cage. Others will cut through the pin bones and rib cage and will use a pair of bone removers to remove the rib cage and pin bones. Obviously the latter would be rather involved.

Another alternative is to cook the fish whole and remove the bones while eating. This is most often done when cooking smaller pan fish, and it is more functional for those who are familiar with the location of the bones.

Another alternative that is highlighted here will maximize the salvaged flesh and remove the rib bones and pin bones efficiently during the filleting process. J.T. Prevatt, who credits



J.T. Prevatt starts the fillet along the dorsal fin and fillets through to the ribs. Shortly beyond this point, he will encounter the row of pin bones.

Cut upward to the top of the pin bones and cut between the pin bones and skin.



Remove the remainder of the fillet from the rib cage.



his son Jimmy Prevatt with teaching him, illustrates the process.

Prevatt starts his fillet along the dorsal fin and cuts vertically to the rib cage. Once he cuts adjacent to the end of the rib cage, he pushes the fillet knife through the entire width of the fish and fillets through to the tail. He then pulls the northern part of the fillet

back carefully along the rib cage until he feels the knife touch the pin bones. From there he will follow the pin bones outward until he reaches the skin.

Subsequently, he fillets the flesh from the skin until he cuts the pin bones from the skin. After that, he returns the knife edge to the unfilled edge of the pin bones and cuts adjacent to the pin

bones and back to the rib cage. From there, he uses the knife tip to complete the fillet process.

He emphasizes that a sharp blade and recognition of blade contact with bones are important.

The accompanying photos are made while filleting crappie, but the shape of the pin bones will vary somewhat according to the fish species. The largest anomaly will present with the plain pickerel, locally known as a jack. The pin bones in the jack are actually Y bones and better resemble small wishbones in a chicken breast. This results in the jack being labeled as too bony to eat, but once the Y bones are removed, you might be surprised that the mild, delicate flesh will rival that of a crappie.

the lake shallows is from male bass.

Ed Allen also reported last week that Sampson Lake was not providing any action from the larger females.

Local bass fishermen can also look forward to an active year for tournaments. The Bald Eagle open tournaments will start on March 12 at Santa Fe Lake. Shortly afterward, the Sampson Lake open tournaments will start. The Murphy's Law Relay for Life Bass Tournament is scheduled for March 15.

Mike Oglesbee is co-director of the OGS Tournament Trails in Palatka, and he has teamed up with Gene Crossway to greatly increase the reach of the organization. The organization

is working with the Wolfson's Children's Hospital Tournament and the NEFAR Haven Hospice Tournament with hopes of increasing the reach of both events. Those two charity tournaments are traditionally the largest bass fishing events in North Florida.

Tight lines until next week.

- Outdoors calendar**
- Feb. 27-March 2, Florida Challenge at Bradford Sportsmen's Farm.
 - March, turkeys and quail begin breeding in North Florida;
 - March 2: Florida's Zone C squirrel and quail season ends.
 - March 8-9, youth spring turkey season.

Outdoors outlook

This winter's late cold weather seems to have complicated a good understanding of the crappie spawn. In deeper lakes like Kingsley, the spawn is actually taking place in deeper water. Newnan's has been the most productive local lake, and it is has been giving up a lot of spawning fish along the shoreline cover.

The crappie bedding activity should diminish somewhat from this last full moon.

As crappie season wanes, the bass bite will escalate in the next few weeks, but most reports indicate that the only bass fanning beds in our area are the smaller bucks.

Len Andrews is now staying at Kingsley Lake and sight fishing from his originally designed boat with a ladder attached and stabilized in the bow. Andrews specifies that the only action in

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Union Correctional program seeking 'forever' home for Shanti

Union Correctional Institution is looking for a forever home for one dog that has been trained by the ROCK Hounds (Rehabilitation of Castaway K-9s) program.

Shanti is a female boxer-beagle mix that stands about knee high and weighs approximately 29 pounds. She is about three years old and has an easy-going personality. Her trainers describe her as an intelligent dog that loves to be petted.

The dogs in the ROCK Hounds program are all former strays rescued from a kill shelter. The dogs are trained by UCI inmates, ensuring they are fully housebroken, trained to walk on a leash and obey voice commands, and trained to behave themselves around other dogs and people they don't know. The dogs are trained to sleep in a crate/kennel at night.

Cost to adopt a dog is \$50,



Shanti's floppy ears fly as she comes running when she is called. The brindled dog is mostly boxer, but her beagle mom gave her a smaller size.

which includes spaying or neutering and all needed shots.

According to Re-entry Officer Rachelle Parrish, UCI's dog training program has two major objectives. One is to train the dogs and make them more adoptable – thus preventing them from being euthanized. The second is to provide inmates in

UCI's veterans' dorm – many of whom suffer from depression or PTSD – with a program that will improve their mental state.

If you are interested in adopting Shanti, contact Officer Parrish at 386-431-2000, ext. 2248 or Officer Marcia Miller at 386-431-2168 during work hours.

BHS grad McBride earns American Athletic Conference honor

University of Central Florida freshman center and 2013 Bradford High School graduate Justin McBride was named the American Athletic Conference's Rookie of the Week following his performance in games against Memphis (Feb. 12) and South Florida (Feb. 15).

McBride averaged 9.5 points

and 6 rebounds off the bench, shooting 72.7 percent from the field (8-of-11) as the Knights split a pair of American Athletic Conference games. He scored six points and had seven rebounds in a 76-70 loss to Memphis, while scoring 13 points and grabbing five rebounds in a 75-74 win over South Florida.

In the South Florida game, McBride was 5-of-6 from the field.

McBride has played in nine games and is shooting a team-high 73 percent from the field. He's averaging 6 points and 3 rebounds per game.

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Cook wins conference track and field championship

Defiance (Ohio) College freshman Samantha Cook, a 2013 Bradford High School graduate, won the shot put at the Feb. 22 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championship.

Cook's throw of 12.39 meters set a Defiance school record as well as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference record. By winning the event, she was named to the All-HCAC first team.

Defiance, which won the team championship, also got a seventh-place finish from Cook in the weight throw.

Tornadoes even district record in baseball

Jacob Luke and Jackson Reddish each had an RBI as the Bradford High School baseball team improved to 1-1 in District 5-4A with a 3-1 over Santa Fe on Feb. 20 in Alachua.

Pitcher Wyatt Barnes (2-0) threw a complete game, giving up four hits and striking out five.

Reddish finished 2-for-3 at the plate, while Luke was 2-for-4.

Bradford (2-3) hosted Gainesville prior to playing Santa Fe, losing 8-4 on Feb. 18. Barnes and Carson Yowell were each 2-for-3. Both of Barnes' hits were doubles, while Yowell hit one double and had an RBI.

Reddish and Cody Tillman each had an RBI.

The Tornadoes played district opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play Suwannee on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 28, Bradford hosts Middleburg at 7 p.m.

Bradford hosts Forrest on Monday, March 3, at 6 p.m.

BHS edges Santa Fe in softball

Ashton Adkins struck out 16 batters and went the distance in a 12-inning, 3-2 win over District 5-4A opponent Santa Fe on Feb. 19 in Starke.

Santa Fe scored both of its runs in the top of the third, with Bradford answering with a run in the bottom half of the inning.

The Tornadoes (4-0, 3-0 in District 5) scored again in the fifth before finally getting the winning run in the 12th.

Adkins, who gave up six hits, also hit a double and drove in a run. Jaci Atkinson, who was 2-for-5, scored twice.

Mackenzie Gault went 2-for-5, while Lainie Rodgers hit a double.

Bradford played Gainesville this past Tuesday and will host Providence on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 28, the Tornadoes host district opponent P.K. Yonge at 6:30 p.m.

Bradford takes on Santa Fe again on Tuesday, March 4, in Alachua at 7 p.m.

2 late runs propel Indians to 10-9 win

Keystone Heights High School scored two runs in the final two innings to defeat visiting St. Augustine 10-9 in a Feb. 18 baseball game.

Kyle Hix, who was 2-for-3, hit the second of his two home runs to lead off the bottom of the sixth, tying the score at 9-all. In the seventh, Blake Valenzuela drew a lead-off walk, advanced to third on an error and scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Hix drove in a total of two runs, while Bryce Plummer, who was 2-for-4, had three RBI. Blake Richardson added an RBI, while Morgan Bass was 2-for-2.

Storm Miller, who pitched two innings of relief, earned the win.

Keystone (2-1) played Buchholz this past Tuesday and will travel to play Williston on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, March 1, the Indians travel to play District 5-4A opponent Santa Fe at 1 p.m. before returning home to play district opponent Fort White on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Tigers drop 2 in baseball

It was a tough week for the Union County High School baseball team, which suffered a 5-0 loss to District 7-1A opponent Williston on Feb. 18 and a 6-1 loss to Fort White on

Feb. 20.

T.J. Rogers hit a double in the loss to Williston, but Union (3-2, 0-1 in District 7) was held to just three hits.

The Fort White game was tied at 1-1 going into the fifth, but the visiting Indians scored two runs in the fifth and another three in the sixth.

Chris Starling drove in the only run, while Colten McAlister hit a double.

Again, the Tigers were held to three hits.

Starting pitcher Corey Hersey gave up one run on four hits and two walks in three innings of work.

The Tigers will travel to play district opponent Dixie County on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Union then returns home to play district opponent Newberry on

Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m.

Union stops losing streak

Jordan Howe homered and drove in four runs as the Union County High School softball team earned its second win of the season, defeating District 7-1A opponent Williston 16-1 on Feb. 20 in Lake Butler.

The Tigers (2-5, 1-2 in District 7) had lost five in a row, but got back in the win column, with Kaylyn Ingram, who was 2-for-2, Kendallyn Johns and Madison McClellan each driving in two runs, while Devin Lewis, Kaylan Tucker and Katie Zipperer each drove in one.

Pitcher Holly Tucker (2-2) threw a complete game (four innings), giving up two hits and one walk.

Prior to playing Williston, the Tigers lost 9-8 to host Suwannee on Feb. 18. Kaylan Tucker was 3-for-4, while Lewis was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Johns, Jordyn Driggers and Valerie Seay were each 2-for-4, with Johns hitting a double and driving in three runs, and Driggers hitting a home run.

Ingram added an RBI.

Union played district opponent Newberry this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Chiefland on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. On Monday, March 3, the Tigers host Newberry at 6 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Dixie County on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

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