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## Facelift: City hall, seal have a new look



Commissioners Danny Nugent and Tommy Chastain, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Mayor Carolyn Spooner and Commissioner Travis Woods with the unveiled city seal.

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

City of Starke officials welcomed the public to see the many changes made at city hall April 4.

As part of the festivities, city commissioners marked the anniversary of the city's incorporation by revealing an updated city seal.

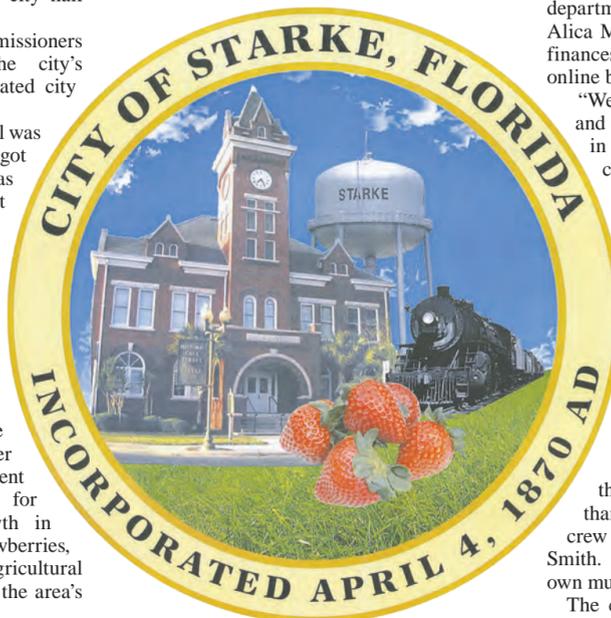
Funny story: The design of the seal was supposed to be settled years ago, but got lost in the shuffle. In the meantime, as Police Chief Jeff Johnson pointed out in a meeting several months ago, the seal was simply a circle that said "City Seal."

Now it is a collage of images associated with Starke and its history. Most prominent is the historic courthouse, known for sometime now as the Santa Fe College Andrews Center, Starke's own center for higher education. The seal also displays the iconic water tower and a locomotive reminiscent of the "Peggy" line, responsible for settlement and commercial growth in the area. And there are also strawberries, important in Bradford County's agricultural history and an enduring symbol of the area's rural character.

Following the unveiling of the city seal, the commission hosted a reception to show off City Clerk Ricky Thompson's renovations of city hall.

"Our open house today is our city's symbolic

gesture of showing goodwill and that we are an open government," Mayor Carolyn Spooner said. "It reflects our willingness to allow our constituents and our community



to come and see what we are about, and to see what is happening in your city government. It is my hope that every year we can have an open house for our citizens to come and see what is going on at city hall."

Spooner outlined many of the commissioners' commitments, and noted the number of citizens who contribute to through their volunteerism. And she praised finance department employees John Thiemann and Alica McMillian for their work on the city's finances, particularly McMillian's work on online billing for utility customers.

"We are proud of all of our city employees and their good works, and they take pride in their work and what they do for our city and its citizens," Spooner said.

The renovations were important to Thompson, who took office last year, but who has served the city for decades in many capacities, including operations manager. Drawing from dollars in an untouched building fund, Thompson consulted with employees, who helped make design decisions and continued to work patiently while the sometimes chaotic renovations took place.

"It has been truly a labor of love for the city of Starke," Spooner said, also thanking the county, sheriff and inmate crew under the supervision of Woody Smith. Their work, along with Thompson's own muscle, helped control labor costs.

The city commission had already praised the clerk's work, and the other local officials and members of the public who attended the open house agreed that the facelift represents a huge improvement.

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## SPD solves third robbery

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Further investigation into the robberies Starke Police Department detailed last week has led to additional charges for one suspect and the arrest of another.

Police Capt. Barry Warren said one of the teens arrested for his alleged involvement in the armed robbery of Little Caesar's on March 29 has also been tied to the robbery of Sam's Discount Liquor on South Walnut Street.

The liquor store was targeted by two suspects on Jan. 29 around 7:41 p.m.

Police were told that a masked subject displaying a black handgun entered the store, pointed the weapon at the clerk and demanded money. A second subject, also believed to be masked, stood at the door.

The clerk gave them an undisclosed amount of cash from the register, both subjects fled the business. Warren said they were last seen leaving on foot.

According to Warren, one of those individuals was 19-year-old Derrick Smith Jr. of Starke. After his arrest on March 29, for the robbery of Little Caesars, Smith was also linked to the March 26 robbery of Island Food Store, and now the robbery of the liquor store, too.

He is charged with armed robbery and grand theft and remains jailed with bail set at \$560,000.

The second subject was also identified during the investigation and arrested. Dillon Wayne Stephens, 16, of Bradford County has been charged in that crime with aggravated assault with a weapon, armed robbery and grand theft.

The charges for Stephens don't end there, however. Warren said probable cause was developed to tie Stephens to yet another crime—the burglary of the Delta Food Store on East Brownlee Street on Dec. 15, 2013.

"This case was solved through multiple follow-ups and interviews as Investigator Kelli McMahan followed a trail of attempted scratch-off lottery ticket transactions, viewing video of the transactions, locating those that attempted the transactions and interviewing them," Warren said.

Stephens also faces charges of burglary, felony criminal mischief and dealing in stolen property.

On March 29, Antrinius H. Smith, 18, Jamalcolm Earl Isler, 19, Leslie Kendell Neal, 19, and Devon Michael Simmons, 14, were also arrested for the robbery of Little Caesars and they were later charged in the robbery of the Island Food Store. Simmons was also charged with aggravated assault with a weapon. All remain in custody.

The juveniles, the apparent gunmen in the robberies, are in the hands of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

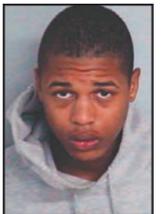
When the arrests were made in the Little Caesar's case, officers found two semiautomatic BB guns believed to be the weapons used in the commission of the crimes.



Derrick Smith Jr.



Dillon W. Stephens



Devon M. Simmons

## Cease and desist: Internet café told it must close

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

A six-month license still proved too long for the Internet café on the south end of the city of Starke, which the sheriff's office closed last week.

Sheriff Gordon Smith visited the proprietor personally April 3 and told him it was time to shut it down. This coincided with—but was not directly related to—a crackdown on more than 20 cyber cafes statewide last week by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Business owner John Curles received the skeptical and split approval of the city commission in December when he approached the board about licensing his proposed "amusement parlor." While legislation to address abuses by sweepstakes-based businesses had gone into effect, Curles said he had consulted with an attorney and purchased retrofitted equipment that complied with the law. He said his games were skill based and not games of chance, and therefore not gambling. Cash

prizes, including gift cards, were also out of bounds.

The Illegal Gaming Task Force, comprised of Florida's sheriffs, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of Statewide Prosecution, has been involved in an undercover investigation if Internet cafés throughout the state and found reason to shut them based on Florida laws related to gambling. Sheriff Smith said he asked them to take a look at Curles' business when they were in the area.

"They went in under cover, they checked it out and found it to be in violation," Smith said.

In February, the attorney at the head of Allied Veterans of the World who was accused of leading a multimillion gambling ring in the guise of a veterans charity was sentenced to prison. The Allied Veterans scandal resulted in multiple arrests, the resignation of the lieutenant governor and legislation meant to shut down Internet cafés, sweepstakes parlors and senior arcades of all stripes.

The businesses—many of



BCSO told the business owner it was time to close shop.

which had nothing to do with Allied Veterans—closed, but then began to appear again, citing loopholes that made them legal. There were around 60 in Jacksonville, alone.

Starke, which had limited Internet cafés based on population, granted Curles a six-



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# Worth Noting

## Republicans meet April 10

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, in the Capital City Bank boardroom located at 350 N. Temple Ave. (U.S. 301) in Starke.

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee represents the Republican voters of Bradford County. Registered Republicans in Bradford County are invited to join. New members are welcome, and there are openings for chairmen in some precincts. Volunteers are needed to help with upcoming events.

Also, if you are interested in helping to pioneer a Republican Women's Club or a Young Republican Club, please contact State Committeewoman Donna Solze at 904-964-5803.

For more information about becoming a precinct chairman or a volunteer, please contact Chairman David Dodge at 352-222-8609 or join the Republican Party of Bradford County Facebook page for updates.

## Meet the Easter Bunny in Lawtey

The city of Lawtey Recreation Department will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Tatum Bros. Park in Lawtey. There will be games, prizes, drawings, a bake sale and the egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance as well, so bring your cameras.

The tickets for the games are six for \$1 and games are one ticket each. The raffles will be \$1 each.

The department is always looking for volunteers, so please call Sabrina at 904-253-9178 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

## Car wash to benefit relay for life

The Bradford Middle School Builders Club will be washing cars on Saturday, April 12, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Community State Bank on U.S. 301. The Builders Club has a team at the Relay for Life, and the money raised will be part of their donation to the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life begins Friday, April 25. The BMS Builders Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Starke.

## Plant sale in Newberry

The Newberry Garden Club will be holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trees, shrubs, flowers of all kind, bulbs, fruit and vegetable plants, and yard and garden related crafts for sale.

Proceeds support community projects and scholarship funds. The sale will take place in the parking lot of Newberry First United Methodist Church, 24845 West Newberry Road.



Starke Mayor Carolyn Spooner leads the Pledge of Allegiance.



Terry Anderson, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, Ty Jordan and Bridget Underhill.



Starke City Commissioners meet here regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.



The new lobby includes a couch and conference table.

## CITY

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To pick a word, city hall feels modern. The renovation has brought it into the current century, swapping the oranges, yellows and browns from the 1970s with sleek shades of gray and black. The carpet dating back to the opening of the building has been replaced with new carpet and tile, and everything has been repainted. There is new furniture and artwork, renovated workspaces for employees, a resurfaced dias for commissioners, and an adjustable podium for public comments and presentations.

The changes weren't just for cosmetic reasons, Thompson said. When he came back to the city full time as clerk, he said employees were struggling with allergies and breathing issues, which he believe were caused by the environment. Imaging everything that can accumulate in a carpet over 30 years, he decided it had to go, and with it, every last ceiling tile.

For all that has been accomplished over the past several months, there's still work to be completed, and Thompson is sure that he'll continue to find projects as time goes on. Like his own work for the city, the improvements at city hall could go on and on.

## Pleasant Grove meets April 21

The Pleasant Grove Action Church. All residents are urged to attend. For more information, please contact Linda Hampton at 904-964-8156.

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# Starke annexation may be challenged

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

It was no April Fools' Day joke. The Starke City Commission approved an ordinance April 1 annexing the future location of Badcock Furniture in spite of questions that had been raised about the location, and in disregard of the state's advertising requirements.

Other than an initial question from Mayor Carolyn Spooner about the legitimacy of the move, there was no commission discussion of the annexation.

City attorney Paul Sanders said in meeting with the North Florida Regional Planning Council, past annexation actions were examined as well as the proposed annexation.

"The city map as it stands has been in existence for several

years," he said, and any changes to what has been done previously would require going through the contraction process. "There's really no need to do that. There was never any contesting of the placement of the city lines where they are now."

The Badcock site is not contiguous to any property in the city limits. According to the city and its attorney, however, the property's frontage on U.S. 301 makes it contiguous. Starke is claiming that section of highway from Southeast 146<sup>th</sup> Terrace to just south of the Walmart Supercenter intersection, even though doing so creates three unincorporated enclaves, which are illegal under state law.

The law doesn't approve of using highways or other corridors to annex noncontiguous properties, either.

Badcock has voluntarily offered to annex the property into the city limits as part of a development agreement with the city. The city is agreeing to extend wastewater service to the property, and in exchange it will acquire the current Badcock property at Walnut and Madison.

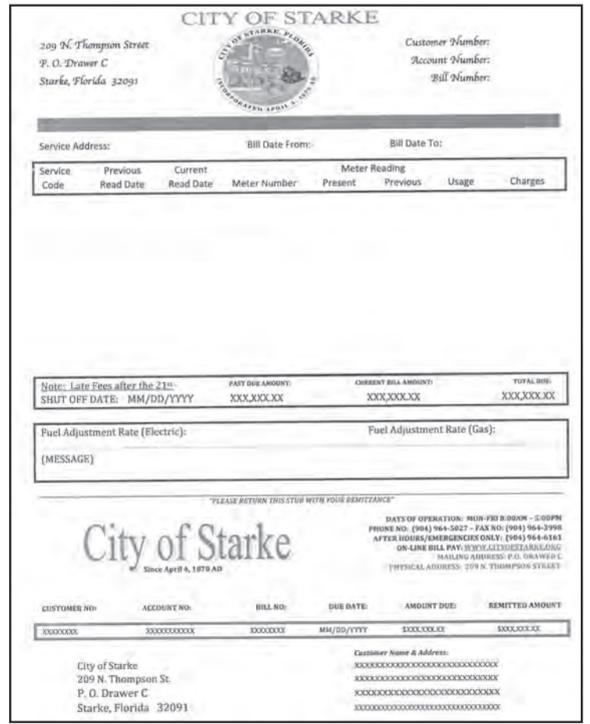
The extension of water service requires annexation under the city's code, but to sweeten the deal, the commission has offered a 10-year abatement of city property taxes. The commission may not have the authority to do either since it never placed the possibility of tax abatement to encourage economic development before the voters.

The commission approved the annexation 4-0 (with Commissioner Danny Nugent absent), although the ordinance was only advertised once. Statute

requires two advertisements. "There's nothing illegal about this Badcock annexation. It has not been contested," Sanders said, although he noted that there were concerns from law enforcement, included addressing and jurisdiction. The city plans on adding other properties in that area in the future, so he said the issues about what is and isn't contiguous would eventually rectify themselves.

Sheriff Gordon Smith indicated a challenge could be coming, telling city commissioners following the meeting, "I guess we'll find out who has the better attorney."

Smith is scheduled to make a presentation regarding the annexation and related concerns to the county commission on April 17.



Coming soon: The city of Starke has a new utility bill format to coincide with its online payment option.

## Don't call it a bypass

### Commissioners looking for ways to keep cars coming

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Concerned that the widespread use of the word "bypass" will become a self-fulfilling prophecy, Starke City Commissioner Tommy Chastain is calling for a new designation.

Instead of bypass, Chastain wants the highway to be constructed to the west of the city referred to as a truck route.

In fact, it will be a state road—

State Road 223 to be exact—open to all traffic, but Chastain believes signage at either end pointing to a truck route will be more attractive to the truck traffic the city doesn't want and less likely to draw off the other motorists and their business.

According to Commissioner Wilbur Waters, the truck route nomenclature is an idea from way back. Chastain is hoping to get the county and chamber of

commerce involved in requesting the state officially designate the road a truck route.

Chastain said he was inspired by a recent letter to the editor urging local government and business leaders to action.

The letter by T.E. Davis asked if Starke had a plan to prepare it for the construction of the bypass and took issue with leaders and businesses for not keeping up with the times. Other towns have kept their small town atmosphere and become tourist meccas, Davis argued, but although Starke has the advantage of 301, drivers come through and see a town that appears to have given up.

According to Davis, it is not the bypass but the lack of fresh ideas and a willingness to adapt that will kill the city.

With that in mind, Chastain suggested the city, county and chamber begin meeting in

workshops to plan for the future.

On Monday, County Commissioner Doyle Thomas seemed to be of a similar mind. Speaking of signage, he spoke to the county commission about erecting billboards north and south of Starke that would entice people to come to the city instead of travel around it.

Thomas said it's something the city might be willing to partner with the county on as both governments benefit when dollars are spent in the city, and he said Tourist Development dollars—collected through the bed tax at local hotels—might also be a source to fund the promotion of the city.

Commissioner Ross Chandler said unlike other areas, there isn't much welcoming people to Bradford County and Starke right now.

"We want people to know that we'd love for them to come through and spend some money," he said.

## Starke introducing online payment system

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

More than just the city of Starke's look has been modernized. Its customers will soon be able to pay their bills online or over the phone.

It's another example of a long-term goal that has finally been realized, and the credit is going to Finance Director Alica McMillian.

Employees have undergone training and a new has been bill designed. Customers will no longer receive the postcard billing statements they are used to. The new bills contain more customer information, so they will come sealed in an envelope.

In about a month's time, customers will be able to go to the city's website, www.cityofstarke.org, to submit their payments, McMillian said.

Mayor Carolyn Spooner, who has been vocal in her desire to see the city take this step, is

pleased it is happening. "It will just make things so much more convenient for our citizens," Spooner said.

In addition to making monthly payments, the service will have other advantages, such as the ability to research billing and payment histories. It will also allow customers to conveniently communicate with city staff via email about their service, report outages, request service, etc.

At some point, customers will also be able to request paperless statements, so their bills will come electronically instead of through the mail.

McMillian said the option to make payments via telephone would also be available.

"I'd like to thank Mrs. McMillian for working so hard on this," City Clerk Ricky Thompson said. "I kind of turned her loose on that and let her get it going, and she's done a great job."

### Backyard rabbit and poultry workshop

On April 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., the UF/IFAS Bradford

County Extension Office will host a Backyard Rabbit and Poultry Workshop. This workshop will provide the most up-to-date information on rabbit and poultry production.

Materials covered will benefit both the novice and advanced owners. New owners are encouraged to attend to learn the basics of caring for your animal. As a result, participants will be able to properly care for rabbits, poultry and other small-scale livestock enterprises.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Mike Davis, UF/IFAS Baker County ag agent, and Jonael Bosques, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension small farms agent.

Although there is no cost to attend this program, participants are encouraged to register to ensure space is available by contacting the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224 by 4:30 p.m. on April 14. For a detailed agenda and directions, visit www.bradford.ifas.ufl.edu.



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Location

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Speakers

<b>Monday, April 19</b>	<b>Dr. Jimmy Deas</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Parnell</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	<b>Rev. Justin Kirksey</b>
<b>Thursday, April 17</b>	<b>Rev. Zeb Cook</b>
<b>Friday, April 18</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Moore</b>

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# Spring into healthy homes

BY SAMARA DEARY

Family & Consumer Science Agent

As we adjust to warmer weather, the moment will arrive when we pack away the heavy comforters and sweaters and break out the shorts and flip-flops because spring is here! Just as we prepare for the warm sunny days to return, there are tips to prepare our homes for spring and summer.

If you are like me, you like to open your windows on a sunny day to take advantage of the fresh air. During the winter our windows stay closed in order to keep in the heat. Did you know that your health starts from inside your home? Here are some simple tips to follow in order to make the most of the seasonal change.

**Household chemicals:** How often have you read the instructions on household cleaning supplies? If you have ever been at home cleaning and began to feel dizzy, got a headache or felt nauseous, chances are those chemicals are being used in the wrong proportions. Be sure to read the product label for proper use and risk factors.

If you do not like the smell of harsh chemicals, vinegar, baking soda and hydrogen peroxide are great alternatives.



Samara Deary

home will have cleaner air.

All filters are not created equal. When purchasing filters look for the MERV rating, it is used to scale the efficiency of a filter. The scale goes from 1-16. The higher the rating the more particles the filter captures. These particles range from pollen, dust mites, cockroach debris to animal dander, bacteria and viruses. The more particles caught the cleaner the air in your home.

**Cigarette smoke:** Secondhand cigarette smoke can still cause wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing, sinus problems and even cause asthma attacks or make allergies worse. Even if you smoke outside the home, smoke particles such as tar and ammonia still attach to clothing, skin and hair. These travel inside the home and can affect others as well as the air quality in the home.

If this is a concern for you the best measure is to take steps to quit smoking. It's healthier for your body as well as your home.

As we prepare our homes for the changing season, keep these tips in mind to make sure that your home is a healthy home.

Look for future programs offered at the Bradford County Extension Office on ways to create healthy energy efficient homes.

**Avoid mold:** Mold can exist anywhere there's moisture, especially in the bathroom and kitchen. Make sure to keep these areas clean, dry and well ventilated at all times. Mold can also exist in the toilet, closets, bed sheets, upholstery and curtains. Proper ventilation will help eliminate moisture and control mold.

**Changing your filters:** Do you know there are benefits to changing your air conditioner filter? Changing your filter every 30 days (or per manufacturers recommendations) will increase air conditioner efficiency, extend the life of the unit, and your

# It's FCAT time! What you should know

Testing time is here. Thank you for supporting your student and your school. Please carefully read the information below. If you have any questions, please call Carol Clyatt at the school board office at 904-966-6816.

## What is the purpose for testing?

Testing measures how well a student has learned the curriculum for a certain grade. The results will be used to help determine if a student will be retained and what courses a student will be placed in for the 2014-2015 school year. Please encourage your student to do his or her very best. This is important at all grades, including Bradford virtual students.

Information and practice materials are located at the following website: <http://fcet.fldoe.org>.

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## Things to know

- There will be computer-based testing for all students in grades 6-10 in reading and grade 5-6 in math.
- In Bradford County, all students completing Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History or Civics will have their EOC score count as 30 percent of their final grade.
- Algebra I is the only end-of-course assessment that is a graduation requirement.
- Practice tests for computer-based testing are available at [www.flassessments.com/ePAT](http://www.flassessments.com/ePAT).

## Testing policies

• Rules acknowledgement—Prior to testing, students will be asked to affirm a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: *I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.*

• Electronic devices policy—If your student is found with any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smartphones, during testing or during breaks, their tests will be invalidated.

• Leaving campus—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she will not be allowed to complete the test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days.

• Discussing test content after testing—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not discuss the test items with anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram." If students are found sharing information about test items, even without the intent to cheat, their tests will be invalidated.

• Test invalidations—Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be

invalidated. The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

## Testing schedule

- FCAT retakes for reading and math: April 14-May 2.
- FCAT reading, math and science: April 15-26.
- U.S. History EOC: April 23-25.
- Biology EOC: April 28-May 2.
- Algebra I EOC: May 7-13.
- Geometry EOC: May 13-16.
- Civics EOC: May 5.

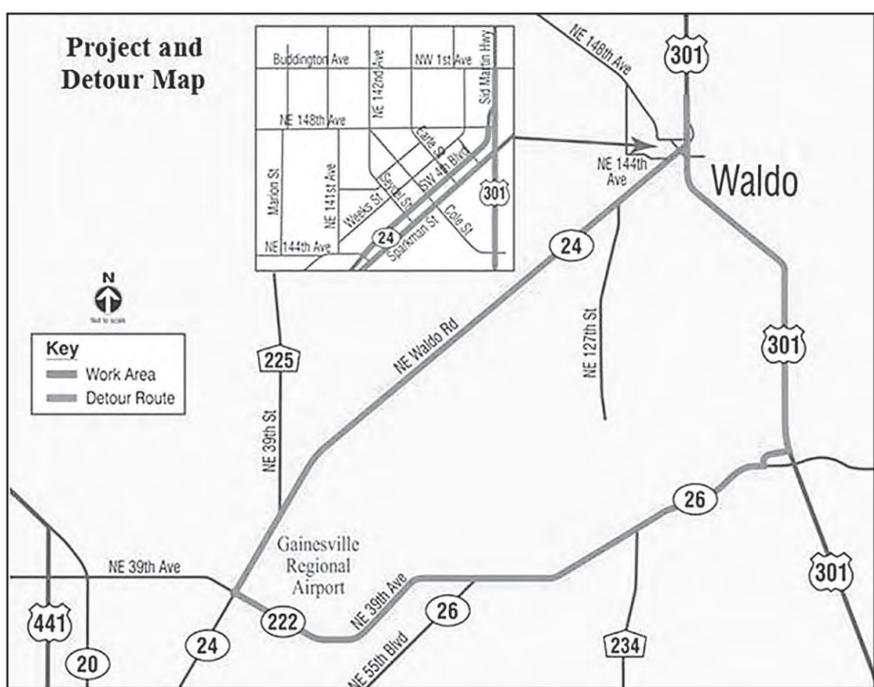
Adult students will be tested at the technical center. Contact Cynthia Ross at 904-966-6776 for more information.

Please contact the guidance counselor for more information on specific dates within each window.

## Home-schooled students

State law requires that home-schooled students have an annual evaluation. Grades 3-10 may participate in the public school testing as an end-of-year evaluation. This does not include FCAT reading or math retakes.

**Parents of home-schooled students:** Please contact the guidance counselor at the school your student is zoned to attend for a schedule. Please notify the school of any accommodations that your child will need. Failure to notify may result in a student not being tested.



## Detour scheduled in Waldo

The westbound section of State Road 24 (Kennard Street) in Waldo just west of U.S. 301 is scheduled to close for several days during daytime hours in the next two weeks to replace the concrete pavement.

The closure is scheduled to occur between Northeast 144th and 148th avenues from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday (April 10-11), as well as April 15 the following week, weather pending.

Leading up to the closure, crews are scheduled to replace the inside and outside concrete slabs at the beginning of the week in which on-street parking

will be temporarily removed. Lane closures will begin after 8:30 a.m. The detour is necessary during the 12-hour closure while crews replace the center slabs of concrete.

Westbound traffic will be directed to U.S. 301, S.R. 26 and Northeast 39th Avenue (S.R. 222).

Superior Construction

Company of Jacksonville is under contract to the Florida Department of Transportation to complete the \$620,000 project in three months, weather permitting.

For additional information regarding this project or other FDOT projects around Northeast Florida, visit [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com) or call 1-800-475-0044.

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## 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

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

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# CHURCH

**New Covenant Baptist Ministries** will be celebrating its first ever usher ministry anniversary on Sunday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. Minister Willie Boykin of New Hope Missionary Baptist church of Williston will be guest speaker. The Rev. Charles Williams, the pastor and congregation will be in charge of the service. The public is invited.



**Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church** will be celebrating its annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Willie Strong of Bethel Baptist Institute of Jacksonville as guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

13, at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited.

**Trinity Baptist Church**, located between Keystone Heights and Melrose on S.R. 21, will present its annual Lake Area Passion Play Friday-Sunday, April 11-13, at 7 p.m. nightly. The drama brings to life the days of Christ on earth. Admission is free, and seating is

first come, first serve.

**First Presbyterian Church** of Starke, located at 921 E. Call St., will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. Everyone is invited.

**Walk By Faith Church** of Lawtey will hold its 2014 Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 27, with services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Guests will include Dr. Kevin McBride of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Gainesville and Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church Elder Moses Long of Palatka. All are invited.

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

# LIBRARY



To capture the splendor of spring, these crafty ladies arranged a colorful butterfly atop beautiful blooms inside a decorative jar. They also used stencils to add spring themed etchings to mirrors to accompany the jar. As an added bonus, each participant received a cute Easter bunny filled with chocolate candy. Pictured in the meeting room at the Bradford County Public Library are (front to back, left to right) Connie Erdman, Mary Alice Perone, Diane Ennis, Linda Jones, Susan Rosado, Sharon Petiprin, Shari Reed, Debbie Geiger and Cyndy Weeks.

The Bradford County Public Library is located at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke. For a full schedule of events, pick up a calendar from the front desk today. You can also get the latest BCPL news and event notifications on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary. For more information on these programs or other services, please call 904-368-3911 or visit www.bcplibrary.com.

agent Jim DeValerio will discuss home irrigation options to help you decide what will work best for you. Then at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 5, the topic will be fertilizer basics. The programs are free and open to the public.

competition. A Wii, Xbox, and PS2 will be set up for a day of fun. A variety of games are available to play. Light refreshments are available for the teens who attend.

### 3D movie

You don't need a space shuttle to experience the awesomeness of outer space, just join us for a viewing of this award-winning PG-13 movie from 2013. The show time for teens is at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14. The time for adults is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. A limited number of 3D glasses are available for use.

### Basic computer classes

Each Tuesday in April beginning from 10 a.m. to noon,

See LIBRARY, 8A

### Library closed

In observance of Good Friday, the Bradford County Public Library will be closed on April 18. For your convenience the book drop is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Silent auction

Friends of the Library is holding a silent auction. Place your bid on one or more of the themed Easter baskets on display at the Bradford County Public Library. There are baskets for babies, children and adults. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library and are used to enhance programs and services at the library. Bidding ends on April 10.

### Family movie

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, the Bradford County Public Library will be showing a heart-warming Disney animated musical fantasy that is making people of all ages sing. The movie is free and open to all ages.

### Florida landscapes

The Florida Friendly Landscaping Workshop will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 28, with a class focused on ensuring optimal plant growth and productivity by watering efficiently. Then at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 28, extension

# ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

Across the Garden Fence is a column sponsored by the Bradford County Extension Service. Readers who wish to pose gardening questions should forward them to Mary Bridgman at jtd@ufl.edu.

### Should I mulch my trees?

Gary Hardesty, Starke

Mulch is beneficial for establishing trees, but can be harmful if not done correctly.

It is very important to suppress growth of weeds and turf grasses around a tree's root zone after planting—this allows the roots to freely penetrate the soil. You can do that by mulching the soil around the rootball or by applying herbicides. University of Florida research has found that mulch provides no more benefit than bare ground. However, organic mulches can have the advantage of adding needed nutrient matter to the soil.

Pull mulch away from the trunk and the rootball. The point where the topmost root meets the trunk should be no more than two inches below the surface of the soil—it's fine if the root is visible at the surface. Mulch should be spread in a thinner layer on the rootball than around its perimeter. Check the root collar periodically and remove any large roots that grow up and into the mulch over the root ball, girdling the tree and killing it.

Too much mulch on newly planted trees can cause roots to dry, also leading to stress and tree death. It can hide decay and dead spots on the

lower trunk and major roots of established trees as well.

For best results, apply a 3-inch thick layer of mulch around the plant. Maintain the area during the establishment period at least two feet in diameter (preferably three feet) for each inch of tree trunk diameter. You can apply a thinner layer of mulch over the rootball for aesthetic reasons if you like, but keep it at least 12 inches from the trunk so the trunk bark can dry. This also allows rainwater, irrigation and air to easily enter the root ball since it does not have to drain through the mulch.

In addition to holding water meant for the roots, mulch resting on the trunk can kill the plant by oxygen starvation, death of bark, stem and root diseases and/or prevention of hardening off for winter.

Composted yard waste makes excellent mulch and may prevent some plant diseases. Mulches from coniferous plants (like pine straw) are best for conifers, while hardwood mulch is better for hardwood trees. Interestingly, soil around citrus trees should be completely free of weeds, grass or mulch during the winter. These substances act as insulators, preventing solar heat from entering the soil during the day and radiating at night.

You will find a wealth of information about this topic at <http://bit.ly/PUozxm>.



Mary W. Bridgman



## Master Gardener plant sale April 26

Bradford Master Gardeners will host a butterfly and hummingbird plant sale on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bradford County Extension Office.

The annual Spring Fling event will feature the sale of flowering perennials that are colorful and may be used as part of a butterfly landscape.

There will also be information demonstrations on soil testing, vertical growing system construction and methods, butterfly gardening and

composting to make use of yard waste.

Milkweed, Ajuga and Gaura are just a few of the plants for sale for \$3 per six inch pot. The plants were grown in compliance with the Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services standards. See the Bradford County Extension website to see pictures of plants for sale on the posted flyer.

Bring a soil sample from your lawn or garden. Master Gardeners will help you fill out the form required to submit the sample, take your payment and transport soil samples to the soil testing lab in Gainesville for analysis.

The extension office is located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

Call 904-966-6299 to find out more about the Spring Fling.

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## UCHS Class of 1954 reunion planned

The Union County High School Class of 1954 will hold its 60-year class reunion at Brown's Country Buffet on U.S. 441 in Alachua on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classmates and friends are welcome.



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# LEGALS

Continued from 6A

Said parcel being further described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and run South 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 697.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds West, parallel with the Northerly boundary of said W 1/2 of SW 1/4, a distance of 685.41 feet for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run South 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 seconds East, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 429.04 feet; thence South 71 degrees, 34 minutes and 48 seconds West, 105.03 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 460.94 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds East, parallel with said Northerly boundary, 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Reserving therefrom an easement for ingress and egress over the Southerly 25 feet. Description Verified ejn/kra.

Assessed To:  
HAROLD A BISHOP, CYNTHIA MARIE WILCOX

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 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

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

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 2014-0015 Certificate Number: 523 Year of Issuance: 2011 Parcel Number: 01905-0-00900 Description of Property: Legal Description: 01905-0-00900

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument at the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and running South 01 degree 09 minutes 52 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, 427.45 feet to a concrete monument for the point of beginning; thence continue South 01 degree 09 minutes 52 seconds East along said West line, 203.83 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East, 428.26 feet to a concrete at the point of a curve to the left concave to the Northeast having a radius of 200 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 44 degrees 19 minutes 29 seconds East, 285.09 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 12 seconds West, 631.58 feet to the point of beginning.

Assessed To:  
NELLIE B LINDSEY, NELLIE LINDSEY, NELLIE BRYANT LINDSEY, JOHN FRANKLIN PRINCE, JOHN F PRINCE

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A lot of land being 233.69 feet North and south by 201 feet East and West in southwest corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, except right of ways of street on West and on South, Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Containing 1.078 acres, more or less.

Assessed To:  
THOMAS MARK JOHNSON

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Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL. on the 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

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Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Commence 182 feet North from the SE corner of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run West 239 feet, North 182 feet, East 239 feet, South 182 to Point of Beginning. Except part I the NE Corner 136 feet East and West by 60 feet North and South.

Assessed To:  
MOZELLE FRAZIER, RAPHAEL DELESTRE, DAVID E FRAZIER JR, DAVID E FRAZIER, DAVID FRAZIER JR, DAVID FRAZIER, GEORGE FRAZIER JR, MALETADELESTRE, BARBARA A DELESTRE, THOMAS MARK JOHNSON

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

PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 04-2014-CP-06

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID A. STONE, Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DAVID A. STONE, deceased, whose date of death was September 8, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 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 April 3, 2013.  
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KATIE L. STONE  
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Personal Representative  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No:04-2013-CA-000133-

CAAX-MX  
Division: Civil Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
ALLEN W. JONES; HEATHER N. JONES; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THENAMED DEFENDANT(S);

Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida, described as:  
LOT 15, PARKWOOD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ALLEN W. JONES AND HEATHER N. JONES, HUSBAND AND WIFE FROM DIAN M. MORIN, A SINGLE PERSON IN A DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 IN BOOK 1331 PAGE 343.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on June 5, 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. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 1 day of April, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of  
Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa/FL 33619-1328  
Phone: 813-915-8660  
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

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 Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 675

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANTONIO GONZALEZ, et al  
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiffs Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale filed February 10, 2014 and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 675 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and ANTONIO GONZALEZ, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at The Bradford County Courthouse in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 8 day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Lis Pendens, to wit:

Lot 3 of Block E of DALEWOOD as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 8, of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.  
SUBJECT TO easements, restrictions, zoning classifications and covenants of record, if any, and subject to taxes for the current year, and all subsequent years, TOGETHER WITH all structures, attachments, and appurtenances situated thereon.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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, BRADFORD COUNTY, Florida, this 4 day of April, 2014.

Ray Norman  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Lisa Brannon  
As Deputy Clerk  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
2727 West Cypress Creek Road  
FL. Lauderdale, FL 33309  
954-462-7000

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 2014-0020 Certificate Number: 792 Parcel Number: 02792-A-03000 Year of Issuance: 2011 Description of Property: Legal Description: 02792-A-03000

Parcel 30  
A parcel of land containing 3.26 acres and lying in the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County,

Florida; said parcel being shown as Parcel 30 on a map prepared by Patrick B. Welch & Associates, Inc. and recorded in Misc. Map Book 1, Page 4 of the public records of said County, also being described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument found at the Southeast corner of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 and run North 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 1384.85 feet to a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes and 07 seconds West, along the Northerly boundary of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4, a distance of 400.00 feet to a set concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run South 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds East, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 380.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 89 degrees, 43 minutes and 07 seconds West, parallel with said Northerly boundary, 374.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 380.00 feet to an iron rod set on said Northerly boundary; thence North 89 degrees, 43 minutes and 07 seconds East, along said Northerly boundary, 374.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Above described parcel being conveyed subject to and with a right of ingress and egress over all roads shown on aforesaid map recorded on Page 4 of Misc. Map Book 1.

Also being conveyed subject to any easement for utilities as shown of aforesaid map.

Assessed To:  
TERRY R TAYLOR, BARBARA A TAYLOR, MICHAEL DWAYNE TAYLOR, MICHAEL DWAYNE TAYLOR  
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 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00a.m.

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

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A parcel of land containing 2.00 acres, more or less, and lying in Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Lots 33 and 34 of River Bend Estates (a subdivision) as per map recorded in Miscellaneous Map Book 1, Page 7, public records of Bradford County, Florida; said lots being conveyed with a right of ingress and egress over easements as shown on said map, also being subject to easements to Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc., as shown on said map.

Assessed To:  
CHRISTOPHER C FIELDS, CHRISTOPHER FIELDS, MARILYN FIELDS, MARILYN L FIELDS  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Executive Committee Members on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 10:00 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW Live Oak, Florida.

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## SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 12, 2014: Bradford County Board of Commissioners has submitted an individual permit application associated with ERP12-0138M. The application identified the addition of three CMP culverts, eight foot in diameter under NW 38th Avenue. The project is located in Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Section 16, in Bradford County. Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the

Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication. No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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

Case No.: 04-2014-DR-168  
Division:

Williams, Carrie E.,  
Petitioner  
and  
Williams, Joshua P.,  
Respondent.

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Joshua Paul Williams  
2090 Raiford Rd., Starke, FL 32091

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Carrie Elizabeth Williams whose address is 22891 NW 27th Ave., Lawtey, FL 32058 on or before May 15, 2014 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Ave. / P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: None. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
Dated 4-7-14.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk  
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## SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was March 31, 2014:

Bradford County Board of Commissioners has submitted an individual permit application associated with ERP07-0560M. The application identified 1.21 acres of impervious surface on a total project area of 2.09 acres. The project is located in Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Section 32, in Bradford County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication. No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of the City of Starke Florida, herein after referred to as the Planning and Zoning Board, serving as the Board of Adjustment, at a public hearing on April 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Hall, City Commission Meeting Room, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

SE-14-01, a petition by First Christian Church and agents being Edward Petiprin, Board Chairman and James K. Johns, Solid Rock Engineering to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4-84.3 to allow for Church and other house of worship, within a R-1C (residential medium density) zoning district in accordance with a site plan, submitted as part of a petition filed March 12, 2014 to be located on property described, as follows:  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22, being more particular described as Parcel No: 03231-0-00000, and located at 507 West Call Street, Starke, Florida.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the special exception. Copies of the special exception are

available for public inspection at the Office of Building and Zoning located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

CASE NO.: 2014-CA-135  
Parcel 118

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
Petitioner,

vs.  
THE ESTATE OF ETHEL E. ANDREWS, a/k/a EMMA M. ANDREWS, f/k/a EMMA COLEY; All heirs, beneficiaries, devisees, legatees, spouses, and creditors of Ethel E. Andrews, a/k/a Ethel M. Andrews; KAREN COLEY-FANNON



Workers and volunteers cooperate to reduce fire hazards in the Lakewood community.

## Lakewood cleans up

The rural community of Lakewood, located west of Starke on S.R. 100, has been a Firewise Community for 11 years.

In 2003, Lakewood residents were concerned about a muck fire near their homes and wanted to take steps to reduce their wildfire risk. Landowners Arch Thomas and the late Bill Allen were catalysts for the program and instrumental in obtaining national recognition for the community's efforts.

Residents have created and implemented a Firewise plan, held regular Firewise board meetings and conducted 11 annual cleanup days.

"All of these efforts have

greatly reduced the wildfire risk in this community," said Brian Johns, director of emergency management in Bradford County.

On Saturday, March 29, 38 Lakewood residents and volunteers met at the Lakewood community lot for a safety briefing, and were divided into chainsaw, brush mowing and limb dragging crews. A Forest Service grant provided Silver Wings Tree Service out of Lawtey to prune tree limbs overhanging houses and remove some hazardous trees. Workers drug logs and limbs to the street.

At noon, all of the volunteers enjoyed a community lunch and received Lakewood Firewise camp cups in appreciation of their work. Volunteers and Florida Forest Service firefighters dedicated 255 hours of sweat equity to the cleanup day.

Throughout the year, residents had worked an additional 661 hours to benefit the Lakewood Community Firewise program.

Johns said, "Lakewood was honored to have seven volunteers from Florida Baptist Disaster Relief out to help with the day's activities." Thirteen properties were impacted. The city of Starke came out and hauled off numerous logs and limbs.

"We are grateful to the National Fire Protection Association Firewise Program and the Florida Forest Service and New River Fire Station for providing Lakewood with the resources and information needed to help the residents help themselves to reduce their wildfire risk," said Johns.

For more information of the Firewise program go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

## Attract birds and butterflies

If you want to attract more birds and butterflies to your yard, native plants can provide the food and shelter they need. Natives can be as attractive as nursery-grown hybrids and because they are right for this soil and climate, they are easier to grow.

On Thursday, April 17, Judy Jull, a former horticulture teacher, will speak on "Basic Landscaping with Native Plants" at the monthly meeting of the Alligator Creek Garden Club. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office on U.S. 301 in front of the fairgrounds. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Pat Caren at 352-485-2666 or [pmrc423@aol.com](mailto:pmrc423@aol.com).

## Clay Electric surveys members

Members of Clay Electric may be contacted by a telephone survey company beginning the evening of Monday, April 14, as part of the cooperative's efforts to evaluate its services and communications. The telephone survey is scheduled to last five to seven days.

"We believe it's important to know what our members think about our programs and

services," said Communications Manager Wayne Mattox. "If you receive a phone call from a survey company, FGI Research, we encourage you to participate."

This year's phone survey is similar to the one performed for the cooperative last April by FGI Research, a large market research firm based in Chapel Hill, N.C. Conducting a phone survey helps the co-op learn more about the opinions of members less inclined to respond to written surveys.

"The company will identify itself as conducting a phone survey on behalf of Clay Electric, and we encourage your cooperation," Mattox said.

According to FGI Research, the phone survey takes about 7 to 12 minutes. The calls will primarily be made on weeknights from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. All telephone interviews will be conducted by FGI Research Inc. Professional telephone interviewers will identify themselves as calling on behalf of Clay Electric Cooperative. All telephone interviews will originate from Virginia Beach, Va.

Participants can request that someone from Clay Electric contact them regarding a specific issue or concern.

If you should have a question about the co-op's survey efforts, please call the member and public relations department in Keystone Heights at 352-473-8000 ext. 8265.

## Easter egg hunt in Starke

The Jungle Ryderz will be having their first Easter egg hunt at Wainwright Park on Church Street in Starke. The date is Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call 904-769-9868.

## Celebrate nature at the Sustainable Living Center

To celebrate the return of spring, the Florida Coalition of Peace and Justice is planning an Earth Day event at the Sustainable Living Center on Sunday, April 27.

Beginning at 10 a.m., there will be nature walks and presentations about nature photography, water issues in the Santa Fe River basin and a discussion on sustainable living. The living center team will provide a free lunch and every visitor will receive a potted longleaf pine tree. Visitors may also bring a dish to share at the potluck supper in the evening.

There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome. To RSVP, call 904-504-1004 or email [metanoia.mx@gmail.com](mailto:metanoia.mx@gmail.com).

The center is located at 10665 SW 89th Ave. near Hampton and the intersection of C.R. 227 and C.R. 18.

## CLOSED

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month license, enough time to see if legislators would act to close those loopholes.

Last Thursday, the state struck Internet cafés in five counties, seizing equipment and making some arrests. Many of the establishments were tied to a couple of different owners and authorities believe the search warrants obtained for those

businesses will lead to further arrests for crimes like money laundering and racketeering.

Smith gave Curles the opportunity to cease operations before further law enforcement action was necessary. The sheriff said Curles could have been sold a "bill of goods," told that the equipment he was purchasing was acceptable under the law when in reality it was not.

Smith said there was no resistance to the cease and desist order, and Curles did what he

said he would do all along.

In December, Curles told the city commission, "If I'm going to break the law and be arrested, I'm not going to do it. ... I assured the police that someday if either the sheriff or chief of police finds any part of my operation not compliant with Florida law, I'll shut the doors."

There are bills being considered that would allow Internet cafés under strict regulation.

## LIBRARY

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the library is sponsoring a series of basic computer classes, which will include instruction in Internet, email and Microsoft Word. These free classes are designed for adults with little or no experience and will take place in the computer lab, which has new computers running Windows 7.

Register online at [www.newriver.lib.fl.us](http://www.newriver.lib.fl.us) or call the library at 904-368-3911.

## Tax return help is here

Representatives from AARP are at the Bradford County Public Library to assist with tax return preparation. Single and joint filers with low or middle incomes can make an appointment by phone, 904-368-3911, or in person. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

## Healthy heart, healthy you

The Bradford County Extension Service is partnering with Bradford County Public Library to bring you a workshop series designed to help you live a more heart healthy lifestyle. Watch cooking demonstrations and collect great recipes. Get ideas on how to shop better in the grocery store, plan healthy meals, and reduce sodium, fats, and sugar without compromising taste.

The next Healthy Heart Workshops are scheduled for 9 a.m. on April 23 and May 14. Registration is recommended, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Donate to win

You could win four one-day passes to Walt Disney World by participating in Team Heartthrobs' Raffle for Life. Drawing tickets are available at the Bradford County Public Library circulation desk for a price of \$3 each. Increase your chances of winning by buying two for \$5 or 5 for \$10.

The drawing will be held at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on April 26. Team Heartthrobs was created in the honor of Jean Hart, Emma Perone, Lloyd Crawford, Sandy DuBose and Edward Klein. The team is sponsored by Friends of the Bradford County Public Library.

## Lives change at your library

### Celebrate National Library Week, April 13-19

This week, your public library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more

than repositories for books and other resources. Often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are and meet them. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, programs for children and adults, and books to read, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

Your public library has print materials for all ages, books on CD, DVDs and e-books to lend, and programs for children and adults.

Service to the community has always been the focus of the library. While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit your library or see the library's Web site at [www.newriver.lib.fl.us](http://www.newriver.lib.fl.us).

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## Triest: long career built upon foundation of experience

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

There was a time, not so very long ago, that a man learned his trade from his father and was judged on what he could do, not by how many licenses and certificates he had hanging on his wall.

Local contractor Ernest Triest is one of these men. Born and raised in Bradford County, he learned carpentry from his father and then more advanced construction skills hands-on when he returned home from military service.

Triest was born on a family farm in the Theresa area nearly 90 years ago. Besides general farm work, he worked with his father on carpentry jobs not only on the farm, but for other people as well. At age 19, he left midterm in his senior year at Bradford High School to join the Army and serve his country in the second World War.

"I wanted to volunteer instead of being drafted so I could pick the branch of service I wanted to serve in," Triest said. "I had real bad motion sickness and didn't want to get stuck in and airplane or worse, out on the water."

Triest served as a communications specialist in the 724th Field Artillery Battalion, headquartered in Shelby, Miss., where he trained for 19 months and lost much of the hearing in one ear due to close proximity to a firing Howitzer during training.

After traveling to England by ship from Camp Kilmer, N.J., he spent two months just outside of London, waiting for D-Day. Soon after, his battalion began

the march to Berlin, with Triest setting up phone lines along the way.

After the war, Triest remained in Germany for a year as part of the occupational troops. He remembers boating on the Rhine River with his buddies on weekends and how cold the water was when they turned the boat over. He said he liked Europe and there are a number of places he would like to return to and see again.

Upon returning home after four years of service, Triest completed his senior year of high school and graduated in the same year as his future wife, then Carlie Mae Hall, captain of the BHS women's basketball team.

After graduation, Triest went to work for contactors Merritt, Chapman and Scott, out of New York, building the piers for the "Mothball Fleet" at Green Cove Springs. A number of piers were constructed to serve military ships no longer needed after the war.

"I worked as a carpenter on the first pier," Triest remembers, "and by the time it was complete I had been made pier superintendent. By the time I started working on another one I decided I was interested in going into the construction business for myself."

At the time, there was no formal training or certification requirement to become a contractor, so he started Triest Construction in 1949, working at first out of home offices and later out of offices he built on SR 21, where he remained until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1986.

Triest hit the ground running



Contractor Ernest Triest is pictured with a real-life "girl next door," his wife since 1950, Carlie Mae. Their families owned neighboring farms.

and soon had a thriving business. He concentrated on commercial and, most especially, institution construction, building schools, law-enforcement buildings, hospitals, government buildings, churches and businesses. He said he only built a few houses and made additions to a few more. He preferred commercial work and, most especially, government contracts - county, state and federal.

"When you work for an

individual, you have to do whatever it takes to please that person," Triest said. "You can find yourself in situations where a person thinks they know what they want, not knowing if it's practical or even possible. Then there is always the question of whether or not you will get paid."

"With government work you deal with boards or committees. These are people used to discussion and compromise; they know when to defer to someone with more specialized knowledge about a project. Plus, you know

the money will be there in the end with no problem."

Fifteen years after starting Triest Construction, Triest was finally required by the state to get a contractor's license. He was the 624th contractor in the state to take the test and he was not pleased with the result.

"I had to go to Orlando for the test," Triest said. "I was told that no calculators would be allowed so I didn't take one. I got there and everyone else had one and

See TRIEST, 5B

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# Strawberry Festival: fun and, of course, strawberries

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Downtown Starke hosts the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Strawberry Festival this Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, welcoming 138 vendors, seven musical acts and, of course, strawberries.

The festival is scheduled for 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 12 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 13.

Pam Whittle, the CEO of the North Florida Chamber of Commerce, which assumed responsibility of the Strawberry Festival in 2005, said no one should have a reason to complain about having nothing to do on the weekend of the festival. The festival has no admission charge and should have something to appeal to anybody's tastes, with vendors offering everything from various crafts and jewelry of all kinds to kitchen items and vacuum cleaners.

"I guess that's the appeal of (the festival)," Whittle said. "If you like something, it'll be there."

Of course, what would the Strawberry Festival be without strawberries? Many vendors sell strawberry-themed items, but if what you want is to taste strawberries, then the festival has you covered. In fact, Whittle said it's almost pointless in going

to the festival and not eating strawberry shortcake.

"Who doesn't like strawberry shortcake?" she asked.

Youth from United Methodist Church of Starke and the Bradford High School softball players will be in their usual spots selling strawberry shortcake. Plus, King's Produce and Norman's Produce will be in their usual spots with their berries. Live Oak's Pat Gaylord of Cakes by Pat will be set up between the two local berry growers, selling sour-cream pound cake, so it's a good opportunity to make your own strawberry shortcake as

well.

Several vendors have strawberry goodies. Berrylicious, for example, offers strawberry milkshakes, chocolate-dipped strawberries and a chocolate brownie covered with vanilla ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream.

"It needs about four spoons in it so everyone can share," Whittle said of the brownie-berry treat.

For the second straight year, the festival will offer a set schedule of entertainment at the stage in the downtown square. Tara Tillotson begins the entertainment with a 11 a.m.

performance on April 12. That day's lineup also features Clark Hill at 1:30 p.m., J.J. Strickland at 3:30 p.m. and the Ricky Thompson Band at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's entertainment lineup consists of Clay Brooker at noon, Crossfire Warriors at 1:30 p.m. and Amber DeLaCruz at 3:30 p.m.

Whittle said having musicians perform throughout the festival is a way of ensuring that the food vendors are exposed to the majority of festival visitors. Food vendors have to be typically located at eastern end of Call Street because of electricity

needs. In the past, there was nothing else at that end of the street to entice people to walk that way unless they specifically wanted something to eat.

Now, with the creation of the town square and its stage, musical entertainment will draw a crowd and, hopefully, benefit the vendors in that area, Whittle said.

"What we wanted to do was make a draw and help them as well," Whittle said.

The creation of the town square also gives the festival an area to offer all types of fun activities geared toward children.

Whittle said the area will offer pony rides, bounce houses and a small Ferris wheel among other activities for the younger festival attendees.

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's sure to be something at the Strawberry Festival that will make for a fun-filled—and tasty—time.

"We have everything," Whittle said.

For more information, please call the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce at 904-964-5278.

## SOCIALS



Natalie Wood

### Natalie Wood celebrates 80th birthday

Natalie Wood of Jacksonville will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 12, 2014.

She has four children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Daniel Salvatore Rigano

### Rigano to graduate from Florida Southern

Daniel and Louanne Rigano proudly announce the graduation of their son, Daniel Salvatore Rigano, from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. He will receive his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

We would like to invite all friends and family to attend Daniel's Graduation Celebration the following Saturday, May 10, at the Worthington Springs Community Center located on State Road 121 in Worthington Springs from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please join our family as we proudly celebrate Daniel's latest/greatest accomplishment as he travels through life's amazing adventures.

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# On Call: notes on Starke's historic architecture

BY JAMES WILLIAMS  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

According to a My Florida website of notable figures, Richard Keith Call came to Florida in 1814 as an aide de camp to Andrew Jackson. Call made Florida his home and served on the legislative council. He was a delegate to Congress and was the third and fifth territorial governor.

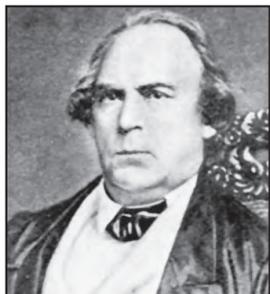
He led the Florida militia in fighting the Seminoles during his first term, which overlapped with the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). During his second administration, he moved the territory closer to statehood. Call died at his estate—the Grove, near Tallahassee—in September 1862.

Call is likely to have visited the Bradford/Union area at some point, since a great deal of Native American unrest during the Seminole Wars was centered in what became those two counties. There was a Fort Call in what is now Union County, and even today, a Fort Call Cemetery remains.

Starke's entire downtown area was designated as the "Historic Call Street District" in 1985. The historic area is bounded by Jefferson, Cherry and Madison streets, and Temple Boulevard. Within the 120-acre area are 23 buildings and one structure according to the registry.

Architect and architecture historian Ron Haase, a Melrose resident, said recently that the architectural terms "American Mercantile" and "American Commercial Style" are rather vague. Buildings in those categories may use elements of many styles, but Haase thought most buildings in Starke's business district might fall into the broadest interpretations of the terms.

There are subsets of the commercial style: Western Mercantile buildings are usually those wooden feed stores and dance halls you see in dusty,



Call Street was named after Richard Keith Call, Indian fighter, plantation owner and third and fifth governor of territorial Florida.

western movies.

Starke architect Spyros Drivas cited two influences on Starke's cityscape, the first of which he called "Cracker Vernacular." This is not a pejorative term, but rather a term noting that most buildings from the 1800s were designed by a building's owner and his or her contractors, with input from Florida's early carpenters and brick masons who built them. Sometimes the buildings were "designed" on the fly as they were being built.

Officially, the term "American Mercantile" refers to multi-story commercial structures built in Chicago around the turn of the 20th century. It was a post-Civil War movement that influenced the design of commercial buildings in cities nationwide, including Starke, Drivas said. There might be a little Victorian influence here, a little Classical Greek or Roman there, even some early Frank Lloyd Wright prairie architecture tucked into the Chicago School's American Commercial Style.

The Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission said, "While the purest description of Commercial style buildings most fits early skyscrapers, many much shorter buildings are sometimes described as Commercial style. These one-to four-story brick buildings date from the same era,

were designed for commercial use, have large pane windows on the ground floor and flat roofs, often with decorative parapets... The subtype of the style is a more vernacular version that is more prevalent in Pennsylvania than the true high-style Commercial style skyscrapers." That description is also true of buildings on Call Street in Starke.

Photographic evidence shows early buildings along Call Street were built of wood, like in western movie towns. A prime example was the Starke House Hotel, which was built around 1895 and survived until the 1940s. However, early photographs and insurance maps of Starke indicate that brick was also used in some of Starke's earliest buildings.

There are a number of reasons for Starke's gradual transformation from wood to brick—and occasionally stone—during the late 19th century: the first was the arrival of railroads, which could deliver heavier building materials near or into the downtown area and in large quantities. The railroad didn't so much arrive in Starke; it's more accurate to say that the Yulee railroad came to the piney woods, and Starke grew up around it.

A major reason for the transition from wood to brick was the great Chicago fire of 1871, which left that vast, largely wooden city burned almost to the ground. Starke, too, had a fire that burned two blocks of the city in 1895. The great Jacksonville fire in 1901 may also have prompted Starke's city fathers to discourage wooden structures in the downtown commercial district. Insurance companies and city ordinances combined to push for sturdier, more fire-retardant structures. It's not that the Chicago fire influenced Starke alone; it changed urban commercial architecture all over the United States.

Haase suggested that the move from wood to stone and brick structures was also due to a growing trend toward big-city-style window shopping, especially in ladies' commercial districts. This called for street-level windows and larger cutouts in outer walls. Stronger I-beams and posts became necessary to support walls with less footage holding them up at street level.

Whatever style Starke's early commercial buildings incorporated on Call Street, they had common characteristics. For one, wooden and one or two brick buildings in Starke had tall facades with shorter buildings behind them.

"This is actually a holdover from the Italianate Gothic style," Haase said. "From the street at least, tall facades made the buildings look bigger and grander than they actually were." This idea came to America with immigrants and wealthy commercial classes taking grand,

This 1800s photo shows the Call Street block between Walnut (at left of photo) and a portion of what came to be called the brick Dover Building at the corner of Call and Thompson streets. Note the wooden-frame American Western Commercial-style buildings in the center.



European tours. There are two such brick buildings in Starke that illustrate this style: a gray, empty building across from the Bradford County Telegraph and Starke's Masonic Lodge on Orange Street.

During the transition from wood, where did all those bricks come from? Probably from Starke.

An early advertisement in an 1883 East Florida Telegraph is headlined, "Bricks! Bricks!" The rest of the ad is unreadable in today's available sources. The vendor was apparently Mac Williams and Brown in Starke.

Former Bradford resident Mrs. Jay S. Brown remembered that when her family—the L.C. Hull family—arrived in Starke in 1878, her father started their homestead from scratch, clearing land, sawing timber and making bricks. Her older brother located clay on a parcel of land he purchased near a local creek; the Hull family built a kiln and made brick molds. At first, they turned out enough bricks to build their fireplace and a kitchen flue.

L.C. Hull, general store owner and brick maker, was advertising his bricks in the East Florida Courier by March 1888. By 1890, Hull and his son "Newt" had bricks for sale and advertised them in local newspapers. "Bricks available at the depot or kiln," the ads read.

Decorative wooden corbels—European scrollwork gimcracks that support or appear to support windows or ledges—were found

on many of Starke's wooden buildings, but the style didn't transfer to brick structures, although cement versions of the filigree existed.

However, while classical corbels aren't found, decorative corbelled brickwork parapets are an almost universal feature on many of Starke's historic structures.

Call Street visitors may also notice a penchant for taking an existing building and wrapping

it in plaster or stucco. This may have been an unreliable attempt at fire retardation.

Early photos of the Hemingway Building at the northeast corner of Call and Walnut show it as wooden clapboard. By now, it has long since been plastered over. While the Dover Building at Thompson and Call is entirely brick, it also got a new plaster skin in the 1940s. Stucco was

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These four buildings viewed right to left, are almost a timeline of some of Starke's brick structures. The distant building at the extreme right, now the Downtown Grill, features a gabled roof, where once it was flat. The Dover Building (third from right) was once a livery stable with a gabled roof or façade, later removed.

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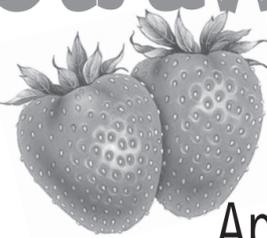
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## LETTERS

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## Response to 'Time for a change'

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure why Mr. Busby directed his letter (Time For A Change) to me. However, since he did I will reply.

I've not seen or heard of any complaints about the response time or service from the UC Sheriffs office. While I'm sure there have been some, they've certainly not made the front page.

Mr. Busby wants change. There has been change. John H. Whitehead and Jerry Whitehead are no longer the sheriff of Union County. Brad Whitehead is now serving out the remainder of his late fathers term. There will be an election in November and the voters of Union County will decide who will continue to serve as sheriff. I support Brad Whitehead.

I truly support Mr. Busby's right to his opinion and freedom of speech. However, I will continue to condemn those who spout out useless and unproven facts, ie. (Good Ole Boy System, and Family Business) to describe the Union County Sheriffs Office. The real facts are the voters of Union County elect our sheriff at the ballot box. Have in the past and will continue in the future. To describe our electoral system in this manner is totally asinine.

Get involved, work for and support the candidate of your choice. But let's be civil while doing so.

Thank You  
Jack Sapp

## State teacher raise not what was expected

Dear Editor:

I love my job. Teaching children in Bradford County has been rewarding for me in too many ways to count. I thank God for it often. Last year the governor of Florida said he was giving each county \$2500 for each teacher a raise. Sounded good to me. After about five or six years of literally no raise and even a cut with the 3% taken for retirement and increased insurance payment my monthly salary went down about \$200 a month. So you can see how good the governor's deal was to me and many other teachers in this county. Well, I saw county after county getting their money and for many that exact amount. These are counties that pay more to begin with. I see the proposal now is we get \$1400 of that amount. That math says we get about 56% of what the state intended. Seems sort of insulting after going half a decade with nothing and then seeing the intended money "disappear" like that. To go one step further. Teachers at the beginning of their careers get a much higher raise percentage wise than some in this configuration. A first year teacher essentially gets a 4% raise while those of us at the other end (twenty eight I believe) get a 2.5% raise.

Honestly, I did not go into teaching for the money. I figured if you go to college to get the degree that allows me to work with kids the compensation would be enough. I have discovered

that teachers with a masters degree in education are lower paid than most professionals with a BS degree. I have learned to live with that. I love my job. But when big brother (the state) finally says here is the money, I have to be a little disappointed when a little over 50% makes it to us. I do appreciate all the work that went into negotiating these raises but I thought it was pretty much cut and dried with that money allocated for us.

Sincerely,  
Steve Acree  
Brooker

## More tax dollars should go to helping and healing

Dear Editor:

I'm unhappy to learn that 40 cents of every one of our 2013 federal tax dollars went to fund current and past wars, according to the Quaker advocacy group the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

We have some critical needs as a country -- how to respond to the effects of climate change, how to repair our crumbling bridges and roadways, how to bridge the growing divide between rich and poor. I would like to see more of our tax dollars going to these priorities rather than to the profit driven military contractors and pentagon. What do we as a Christian country not get about Thou Shalt Not Kill. If we spend as much tax money on helping and healing, as is spent on killing, torturing, and crippling physically and mentally, the

world would not only be a much better place, the USA would not be in such a dangerous position, due to the terror we have inflicted on the rest of the world, since 911.

I hope that my senators, Rubio and Nelson, will work to make this happen in the coming year. They can start by eliminating the more than \$100 billion war profiteering of military contractors. If we die trying to help and heal and try to bring peace in peaceful ways, we will gain everlasting life. The way we are going now, not only insures torture, destruction and death, on our enemies, but also for ourselves. Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself for the love of God. He also said Love Thy Enemy. By doing this according to His Word, we will be saving our own lives here on earth, as well as for eternity.

Sincerely,  
Marie Fitzsimmons

## Riding club: Thanks for support in raising \$5,000 for benefit ride

Dear Editor:

The Union County Riding Club coordinated its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Saddle Up Event to raise funds for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital's children and families.

We the members would like to personally thank the community for all the support. We couldn't be successful without our good folks from Union and surrounding counties.

website [www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl).

Even if you have no fundraising team affiliation, you are invited to participate in the Relay. Teams will have food, beverages and other items for sale at the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

## Kiwanis golf tournament is Good Friday

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Kiwanis of Starke golf tournament will be held Friday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams.

The entry fee is \$50 per player/\$200 per four-person team. That includes cart, lunch and goody bag.

Applications are available at the Starke Golf and Country Club clubhouse.

Contact Cheryl Canova ([cheryl.canova@scollege.edu](mailto:cheryl.canova@scollege.edu) or 904-964-5382) or Barry Warren at (352-494-3326) for more

information.

## Shelia Miller Poker Run is April 12

The sixth annual Shelia Miller Benefit Poker Run, which raises money for the American Cancer Society and the B, will take place Saturday, April 12. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Walgreens located at 9125 N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Gainesville.

The ride, which has stops at Alachua Sports Bar and Grill, Full House in Lake Butler and Knuckle Draggers in Starke, will end at Timbuktu in Starke. The best poker hand turned in at Timbuktu will result in winnings

of \$500 in cash and prizes.

Entry is \$15 per motorcycle and \$10 per additional rider.

For more information, visit the website [www.sheliamiler.org](http://www.sheliamiler.org).

## Bradford-Keystone Relay for Life is April 25-26

The Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place at the Bradford High School track from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

If you would like to register a team or obtain more information, please visit the

## CALL

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applied to other buildings during renovations of the 1980s.

As a rule of thumb, gabled buildings—wooden or brick—were an earlier style than flat-roofed buildings, the 1902 courthouse being one of several exceptions. Gabled roofs made more sense in snow-bound climes up north, but less so in Florida. The slippery slopes of pitched roofs were more expensive and more difficult and expensive to maintain. However, flat roofs required good drainage and conscientious care and

maintenance. Comparing 1800s photos with Call Street buildings today reveals buildings that changed from gabled to flat roofs—and vice versa—over the century.

The buildings in the Historic Call Street District were restored or renovated during a downtown revitalization program carried out with a \$500,000 grant around 1986. A Community Redevelopment Plan for the historic area was put into place in 2007.

During those renovations, many buildings were tied together with a false façade, stucco, paint job or an awning to make two or more buildings appear to be a unit, though they didn't start

out that way. In some cases, urn-shaped decorations and filigree atop building parapets were removed, presumably for safety's sake, a level skyline or changing tastes.

A walking tour of Call Street starting at the railroad and moving toward U.S. 301 illustrates a number of Starke's architectural trends along Call Street over the years. During normal working hours, visitors might drop in at 100 E. Call to the Northeast Regional Chamber of Commerce—the second Bradford Bank building—and pick up a map of notable buildings in the Call Street Historic District.

The club would also like to name the following supporters who gave of their time and resources: Mr. Avery Roberts, for the meal and facilities, Spire's IGA, Union County Sheriff's Dept., Ms. Alice Ellington, David Johns and Johnny Lee and crew for preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs, plus all the fixings to go with the meal. For the prizes that were raffled at the end of the ride we want to greatly thank: Ms. Susan Nichols, Mr. Ralph Parrish, Robbie Thornton and family, Clinton Gay and family, Union Riding Club, Hillandale farms, Lake Butler Farm Center,

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We are still collecting funds raised and if you would like to contribute to this benefit call coordinator, John Johns at 352-222-0203. Who would also like to keep everyone in mind that we have this event annually every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March so looking forward to next year. Thanks again!

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April 20th	Easter Sunday	
	Sunrise Service	6:55 AM
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# TRIEST

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was allowed to use it. Needless to say I failed the test.”

Returning home, Triest resolved to try again. “I had two men working for me as estimators; one was a University of Florida graduate in building construction and the other held the same degree from Auburn. I caught them in the office and told them that at least one of the three of us was going to have to pass that test.

“We had ‘school’ in the office in the evenings after work,” Triest said. “We went to Tampa for the next exam, carrying calculators, briefcases and everything else we could think of and all three of us passed that time.”

Triest scored high and kept his license through the rest of the life of his business and for about 15 years after his retirement, finally allowing his certification to go to the inactive list for about eight years before finally letting it go when he discovered how time consuming it would be to get it reinstated.

Triest married Carlie Mae,

literally the ‘girl-next-door,’ in 1950. Her family had the farm right next to his, but she says she has no memory of him until he returned home from the war. While staying home as a homemaker and mother, she quickly learned that she would be affected by the business as well.

“Ernest would get up, sometimes very early, and leave the house no later than 6 a.m.,” Carlie Mae said. “He would be gone all day and never get home before 6 p.m.” This went on for many years, sometimes seven days a week. Although she had little direct contact with the business, she found that she sometimes had to provide support services of a sort.

Triest worked on a large number of projects, as many as 28 at a time. Not only did he have to oversee all of this, he was constantly seeking more work, making bids and attending meetings. Sometimes he said he felt he needed to be several places at a time. Since this was not possible, he did the next best thing: He drove fast and encouraged others to do the same on his behalf.

“I was in Palatka checking on a project and had to be in Madison as soon as I could, so off I went,” Triest said. “I saw a Florida Highway Patrol officer with several cars pulled over to the side and he motioned for me to join the line to get my speeding ticket. I took my ticket and went on my way. The very next day I got up at 4 a.m. and headed for Madison. I had it rolling pretty good when I got stopped again for speeding. It was the same FHP officer who, when he looked at my license, asked me if he hadn’t written me a ticket just the day before.”

Another time, Triest needed to get to a bid opening, for which he was unprepared, in Gainesville. He talked his brother-in-law into driving him so he could ride and finish up the work on the bid.

“We were running really short on time, so I told him to do whatever it took to get me there and that I would come get him out of jail if necessary,” Triest remembered.

“We got on Main Street in Gainesville at 23rd Street with a city policeman right behind us. I kept telling my brother-in-law not to stop, just keep going, so we ran on down the road, maybe 15 or 20 mph over the speed limit. We pulled up outside the bank,

where the bid opening was, with several cars with lights and sirens going pulling in right behind us.

“I grabbed my briefcase and ran inside, getting there with only about 30 seconds to spare. When I came back out the police had my brother-in-law in custody and he had explained what was going on. The officer told me that it was a good thing that I was running into the bank with the briefcase rather than out because then he would have shot me. As it was, I had to pay for a ticket and a fine.”

Eventually Triest had his driver’s license suspended for speeding, so Carlie Mae had to add chauffeur services to her list of wifely duties.

“She would drive me during daylight, business hours,” Triest said, “but when it was really early in the morning or after dark I still pretty much drove myself.”

Triest worked on hundreds of construction projects over the years, working in 15 Florida counties and sometimes employing as many as 150 people at one time. He completed 69 projects just in Bradford County, including the first county health department building (\$34,000 to build and three times that to renovate 40 years later), the first courthouse on US 301 (torn down

to make room for the one now in use), the first six buildings of Southside Elementary School, the first two phases of Bradford High School, a wing at Shands Starke (which was torn down to make room for a new addition about 10 years ago) and two banks, including Community State.

After his retirement from Triest Construction he still stayed busy. He went to work for Bradford County and the Bradford County School Board as a consultant and project manager. He worked on the controversial project at the new Starke Elementary, where problems with the contractor, G.H. Johnson plagued the project with substandard work and costly delays. He then went on to a project at Bradford Middle School, then the county safety complex. He was made county construction specialist for the courthouse addition project, which he said was another difficult one.

“I was originally hired by the county for eight months for the courthouse additions,” Triest said. “The project ended up running about two years over the time limit, causing the total project to take three years to complete. Once again, most of the issues were with the

contractor.”  
Triest is still keeping busy, despite the fact he will turn 90 in May. Most recently, he served as project manager for the construction of Orange Heights Baptist Church, where his son-in-law is pastor. He will soon be playing that role again when the church breaks ground on a family life education center.

Besides enjoying time with his bride of 64 years and his brood of two children (having lost a son to leukemia many years before), three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Triest also likes to fill his days with ‘honey-dos,’ gardening and eating what he grows. He also likes to cook, and both he and his wife love to fish in both fresh- and salt-water. Although never a hunter, he is still a good shot, and last year shot a couple of squirrels so his great-grandkids could see what they tasted like.

“They really weren’t too sure about it,” Triest said, “but once they tasted them, it was all over; they loved it.”

Asked for a philosophy of life, Triest simply said, “I like to stay busy, to try new things and, most of all, I love a challenge.”

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## District softball tournaments begin April 14

The District 5-4A and District 7-1A softball tournaments will begin Monday, April 14, with Keystone Heights High School playing on the first day of its tournament and Bradford and Union County not beginning play until Tuesday, April 15.

Santa Fe High School in Alachua is the host of the District 5-4A tournament, which will include Keystone and Bradford. Keystone, the fourth seed, will play fifth seed Fort White at 5 p.m. on April 14. Following that game, at 7 p.m., third seed Santa Fe will play sixth seed Interlachen.

On April 15, second seed Bradford will play the winner between Santa Fe and Interlachen. If the opponent is Interlachen, the game will be at 5 p.m., but if the opponent is Santa

Fe, the game will be played at 7 p.m.

The winner between Keystone and Fort White will top seed P.K. Yonge on April 15 at either 5 p.m. or 7 p.m., dependent upon whether Santa Fe advances past its first-day mathcup.

The District 5 champion will be determined on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Seeding for the District 7-1A tournament, which will be hosted by Newberry High School, hasn’t been finalized yet because Chiefland had three district games remaining prior to April 8. Union will be either the second or third seed, depending upon whether or not the Tigers defeated Chiefland this past Tuesday.

The tournament begins with fifth seed Newberry taking on whoever the fourth seed will be on April 14.

Union, regardless of its seeding, will play on April 15 at 5 p.m. Top seed Dixie County will play the April 14 winner at

7 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 17.

## Tornadoes go 0-4 in talented Kissimmee Klassic field

It was an 0-4 showing, but the Bradford High School softball team lost each game by an average of just two runs as the Tornadoes got the chance to see where they stood compared to some of the best teams in the state at the annual Kissimmee Klassic, which was held April 3-5.

Bradford played three defending state champions in a loaded Blue Division that also featured fellow District 5-4A member P.K. Yonge and defending Class 6A champion Columbia, which won the

tournament.

The Tornadoes opened with a 3-0 loss to defending Class 7A champion St. Thomas Aquinas, a team that returned five all-state players from last season. One of those players is pitcher Meghan King, who held Bradford to two hits.

Bradford pitcher Ashton Adkins struck out nine and gave up just one run through the first five innings, but the Raiders added two runs in the sixth off of three hits and a wild pitch.

Defending Class 2A champion Canterbury was Bradford’s next opponent. The Crusaders returned the bulk of their state champion team, which consisted of six eighth-graders, two freshmen and two sophomores, but the two teams were locked in a 1-all tie until Canterbury took advantage of two errors and a single to score the winning run in the seventh, handing the Tornadoes a 2-1 defeat.

Mackenzie Gault and Taylor Cruce went 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively, for Bradford. A single by Cruce in the third inning scored Jaci Atkinson, who reached on a bunt single with one out.

Adkins allowed one earned run on seven hits and no walks. She had four strikeouts.

Bradford’s next opponent did not win a state title last year, but Class 7A Niceville lost just two games last season and returned seven starters, including two all-state pitchers. Annie Luke

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## FINS, FUR & TAILS

### Weather, its effects and recent bass tourney results

The old saying is, "March wind and April showers," and we have already experienced the showers. Additionally, you might keep an eye out for the few bobwhite quail that inhabit our woods and will start mating. Most snake species will be mating during April as well. Hummingbirds will return from South America, and black bears will become more active following winter.

The weather disruptions from two weeks ago have mellowed

into a typical spring season. The local bass tournaments indicate as much. The overall weights at the tournaments have resumed the levels that reflect the spring bass spawn. The representation of the large female bass in the tournament catches will soon diminish, and the secret to finding the big ladies will become water depth and cover.

Acknowledging the obvious spring weather, the specks that prefer cooler water are moving to the deeper depths, and the bluegills are moving to the shoreline cover. The next full moon—or at least the one after the next—will likely trigger the bluegill, redbreast and shellcracker spawn.

On the saltwater front, the big action on both coasts should

be red drum, black drum and sheepshead.

#### Local lake levels

One of the greatest natural resources in Bradford, Clay and Union counties are the numerous lakes that dot our landscapes. It follows that the plentiful rain this area has experienced over the last summer and winter has been a great benefit to the levels in those bodies of water.

What has been a godsend, however, to all of our lakes during the last year could possibly have a divided impact to different areas in the future.

The accompanying photograph of the Hampton Lake home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt shows the water level to be 3 to 4 feet below the bottom of their lakefront door. Excessively heavy rains in a short period of time could have an adverse impact on Hampton Lake, Sampson Lake and downtown Lake Butler residents.

Conversely, the accompanying photograph of the Lake Brooklyn bowl that must be full before water will flow from it to Lake Geneva is totally dry.

That is not to say that the Keystone Lake levels have not made significant improvement over the last year, because they have. The accompanying photograph of water under the Highway 21 bridge over Brooklyn Lake shows a small



Despite the recent rainfall, the section of Lake Brooklyn that feeds overflow water to Lake Geneva has yet to fill.

This photograph of the Highway 21 bridge over Lake Brooklyn shows significant improvement over last summer.



The Hampton lakefront home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt illustrates the water levels associated with last winter's and summer's rainfall.

### Luke drives in 5 in Bradford's 14-5 win

Jacob Luke homered and drove in five runs as the Bradford High School baseball team defeated District 5-4A opponent P.K. Yonge 14-5 on April 4 in Gainesville.

Luke, Zach DeWitt, Matt Stanwix-Hay and Carson Yowell each went 2-for-4 for the Tornadoes (13-7), who improved to 7-2 in District 5. DeWitt had four RBI, while Stanwix-Hay and Yowell, who doubled, each had one.

A.J. McNeal and Cody Tillman each had an RBI, while David Hall hit a double.

Caleb Polk (3-1) earned the win, giving up no runs on three hits and no walks in 3.1 innings of relief. He had six strikeouts.

Bradford (13-7 overall) played district opponent Fort White and Ridgeview prior to the P.K. Yonge game, getting a win in each.

The Tornadoes got a sacrifice RBI from Luke and a 2-for-3 performance from Hall in defeating Fort White 2-1 in eight innings on April 1. Polk earned the win, giving up one hit in three innings of relief. He had five strikeouts.

Starter Jackson Reddish gave up just five hits and one walk through the first five innings.

On April 3, Luke recorded 10 strikeouts as he helped pitch the Tornadoes to a 5-0 win over Ridgeview. Luke (2-1) gave up one hit and three walks in six innings.

Polk earned the save, striking

out three in one inning.

Luke and Hall each went 2-for-3 at the plate, with Hall hitting a double and driving in a run. "Doot" Brown hit a triple and drove in two runs, while Alex Mejias added an RBI as well.

Bradford played Eastside this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Santa Fe on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes travel to play Jacksonville Forrest on Tuesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

### Indians fall 9-2 to Middleburg

Pitchers Tyler Ricketts, Dean Dukes and Austin Bass combined to allow just three earned runs, but the Keystone Heights High School baseball team committed six errors in a 9-2 loss at Middleburg on April 4.

Ricketts gave up five hits in 2.1 innings, while Dukes gave up two hits in two innings. Bass

allowed no hits and struck out three in 1.2 innings.

Jerrett Fowler drove in one Keystone's runs, while Morgan Bass hit a double.

In prior action, the Indians (11-9) defeated host St. Augustine 20-7 in five innings on April 1. Jerrett Tschorn led off the game with a home run, while Bryce Plummer homered twice as part of a 10-run first inning.

Plummer went 2-for-3 with four RBI, while Blake Richardson was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Morgan Bass, Gage Hall and Kyle Hix each drove in two runs, with Bass and Hix each going 2-for-3 and Hall going 2-for-2. Bass hit two doubles.

Cory Taylor drove in a run, while Tristan Starling went 3-for-4.

Austin Bass started on the mound, giving up four hits in two innings. Dukes gave up three hits in the final three innings.

On April 3, Hix drove in three runs as the Indians defeated visiting Interlachen 3-2 for a

District 5-4A win.

Hix hit a two-run single in the first and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly in the third as Keystone improved to 7-3 in the district.

Miller went 2-for-3 with two doubles, while Tschorn added another double.

Interlachen pulled to within one with a single, a double and a walk with two outs. The Rams had the tying run on third, but

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## Union repeats as Suwannee weightlifting champion

Union County High School placed in every weight class and won four, winning the Suwannee Conference Weightlifting Championship for the second straight year.

"The championship is a reflection of the hard work that

our young men have put in year round," coach Steve Hoard said.

Cody Church (119 class), Austin Long (129), Alden McClellon (169) and Andrew Jones (183) were first-place finishers for Union, while the following lifters were runners-up: Avery Drawdy (119), Darian Robinson (154), Darrell Crim (169) and Princeton Alexander (219).

Peyton Powell (199) and Austin Dukes (219) earned third-place finishes, while Dylan Bass (129), Zac Crews (139), Jonathan

Besso (199) and Josh Smith (heavyweight) earned fourth-place finishes. (Bass actually shared the second-highest weight total in the 129 class, but placed fourth due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.)

Kell Galloway (183) and Sifoa Robbins (238) each placed fifth, while Josh Scott (heavyweight) placed sixth.

Hoard wished to express his thanks to coach Bryan Griffis for all the hard work he's put in with the lifters and for going the extra mile for the program.



**Mike Clemmons has a trophy catch of 9-plus pounds at the April 3 Sampson Lake Tournament.**

**RIGHT: Timmy Finnley proudly displays his team's big catch at the Sampson Lake Tournament. BELOW: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith take big fish and first place at the April 2 Bald Eagle Tournament.**



## FINS

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over the last year has been a great boon to the great sport of fishing and other water-related recreational activities in the local areas.

### Bass tourney results

The Bald Eagle and Sampson Lake tournaments have resumed their seasonal schedule. The Bald Eagle tournaments take place Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., while the Sampson Lake group meets on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These are open tournaments so that any fisherman can simply pay the entry fee and fish.

The Bald Eagle Tournament results from April 2 were: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith in first with a catch of 16-plus pounds,

Michael Murrhee and Winston Kicklighter in second and Chris Hollingsworth and Drew Carroll in third. Crews presented the big fish of 5.67 pounds.

The Sampson Lake Tournament results from April 3 were: John Mihalik and Justin Jordan in first, Ronnie Seay and David Silcox in second, Mike Clemmons and John Mobley in third, Matt Elixson and Ronny Pruitt in fourth, Steve Nipper Sr. and Steve Nipper Jr. in fifth and Sam Sibley and Donnie Brooks in sixth. Mike Clemmons had the big fish, weighing in at more than 9 pounds.

Tight lines until next week.

### Outdoors calendar

- April 20, last day of spring turkey season;
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## Tigers sweep district foe Chiefland

Chris Starling homered and drove in three runs for the Union County High School baseball team, which defeated last year's Class 1A runner-up and fellow District 7 team Chiefland 3-2 on April 7 in Chiefland.

It was the second straight win for the Tigers (10-5, 4-3 in District 7) over Chiefland, with Union winning 9-4 in an April 3 home game.

Ty Cook (4-0) earned the win in the April 7 matchup, throwing six innings and allowing four hits and three walks. He had three strikeouts.

Jordan Bryant earned the save, throwing one inning of no-hit

ball.

The Tigers started the previous week with a 7-1 loss to visiting Hamilton County on March 31. Austin Green had an RBI, while Cole Kite and Corey Hersey hit a triple and a double, respectively.

On April 1 in Lake Butler, Cook and Trey Owen combined to pitch a one-hitter as the Tigers defeated district opponent Dixie County 12-0 in five innings.

Cook had four strikeouts, giving up one hit and one walk in four innings. Owen gave up no hits and no walks in one inning of relief.

Starling went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, while Josh Glover drove in a run as well. Cook hit a double, while Kite went 2-for-3 with a triple.

Cook hit a two-run double as part of a six-run sixth inning as the Tigers defeated visiting

Chiefland 9-4 on April 3.

The Tigers entered the bottom of the sixth tied at 3-all, but got an RBI single from Brandon Ames and a run scored by Hersey on a steal of home while the Indians were attempting to get a baserunner out between first and second. Cook and Kite also scored runs on wild pitches.

Cook and Garrett Hersey each had two RBI. Kite hit a double, while Owen went 2-for-3.

Starting pitcher Corey Hersey (3-0) gave up three hits through 6.2 innings, striking out eight.

Bryant got the final out of the game, striking out Chiefland's Payton Parnell with two runners on.

Union played Fort White this past Tuesday and St. Francis on Wednesday, April 9. The Tigers travel to play district opponent Newberry on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Suwannee on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, April 15, Union returns home to play Interlachen at 6 p.m.

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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

Edwin Elisha Baker, 27, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of drug-controlled substance without a prescription and for selling opium or derivative within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charges.

Robert Lee Bettis, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Chad Austin Carpenter, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Carpenter asked a person that lives on the same property he does on C.R. 229 West in Bradford County to borrow money for gas and cigarettes. When the person refused to give him money, he walked away, then returned shortly and started to yell at the victim. He struck the victim in the chest with his fist and grabbed him around the neck with his arm. He also left a bruise on the victim's arm when the victim attempted to get away and Carpenter grabbed him on the arm. When the victim told Carpenter he was going to call the cops, Carpenter ran to a shed he lives in and locked the door. Deputies were called and arrested Carpenter for battery.

Shericka Irene Cooper, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Sarah Jane Marjorye Drawdy, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Ana Berthamacias Farias, 46, of Melrose was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for driving without having a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Jerry Dean Feltner, 47, of Lawley was arrested April 5 by Lawley police for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, police were called to a residence about a domestic dispute. While the officer was interviewing the victim, Feltner came out of the residence extremely intoxicated, according to the report, and began to get angry and ordered the officer off his property several times. Feltner then had to be restrained from charging at the officer by several deputies that had arrived at the residence, and he was arrested.

Amy Brooke Franssen, 35, of Gainesville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jessica Lauren Hall, 22, of Monticello and Hayden Andrew Hall, 21, of Keystone Heights were arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, the couple were

staying at a relative's home in Bradford County when another relative discovered needles and spoons with burn marks on the bottom in the bathroom of their room. The sheriff's office was called, and both Halls admitted to using cocaine and injecting Suboxone with the needles, and they were arrested.

Nicole Renee Hampton, 21, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant from Clay for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Ronald Davison Hoffner, 30, of High Springs was arrested April 3 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Tasha Feon Johnson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Erik James Knize, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested April 2 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for violation of probation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Bonnie Lee Lafaso, 48, of Palatka was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for passing worthless checks. Bond was set at \$632 for the charge.

Earl Antonio Lee, 31, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of cocaine, selling cocaine, two charges of possession of marijuana and for selling marijuana. All of the charges except one marijuana possession occurred within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$140,000 for the charges.

Bruce Lavell Perry, 49, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Ronald Eric Sawyer, 42, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Genesee Noel Stone, 22, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report Stone verbally threatened a family member during an argument, at which time the police were called. While another person went outside to wait for the police, Stone attacked the family member, knocking her to the floor and hitting her several times in the face while sitting on her. Stone was arrested once police arrived and transported to jail.

Eddie Lee Thompkins, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested March 31 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area, and for selling cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Stacie Colleen Thornton, 40, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Thornton was observed at Walmart by an employee placing several packages of curtains and bottles of air freshener in her bag. She paid for several other items in the garden section, but was detained when she started to leave the store with the items in her bag. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Stephen M. Winekoff, 57, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Winekoff pulled the victim to the ground after she attempted to stop him from getting something out of her vehicle as it was being towed away for repairs.

#### Keystone/Melrose

Lisa Bruno, 34, and Susan Cavender, 36, both of Keystone Heights, were arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for practicing health care (massage) without a license.

According to a sheriff's office report, the agency began receiving information in January that the two were possibly engaging in illicit activities in the Keystone Heights area.

Investigators discovered advertisements on the website Backpage.com from the two, promoting "companionship and guaranteed satisfaction" with variable hourly rates of pay for their services.

A deputy wrote in a report that he explained to Bruno that "by offering, advertising, communicating or holding herself out for a massage or 'back rub' in exchange for payment, she was practicing a health care profession without a proper license."

After interviewing both suspects, deputies booked them into the Clay County Jail.

Henry Blake Bussey, 35, of Melrose was arrested April 6 by Putnam deputies for aggravated battery, false imprisonment, sexual assault and on an out-of-county warrant.

Larry Hartley, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for making written threats to kill.

According to a sheriff's office report, Hartley was upset because his ex-girlfriend had begun dating again. He allegedly sent messages from his mobile phone to the woman's phone threatening to kill her. After interviewing Hartley at home,

deputies booked him into the Clay County Jail.

Nicholas Janowitz, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

James Logan, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

William Parker, 48, of Melrose was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Kimberly Osborne, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

David Rose, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

#### Union

Jose Dean Gonzalez, 20, of Worthington Springs was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for domestic battery.

Kenneth Lee Clark, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the Kangaroo store in Raiford about Clark, who had told the clerk he was parking at the store until he could sober up. Clark kept going into the store when the clerk was alone and asking if she needed any help, which made the clerk uncomfortable. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Trevor Wes Parrish, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication and for criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence where Parrish resides in a camper behind the home, with the victim stating he was beating on her door and dumping dog food all over her yard. Parrish was arrested for disorderly intoxication at that point. The next morning, the owner discovered that Parrish had destroyed cabinets, shelving, boxes of chicken quail eggs and five incubator units, as well as

overturning animal cages in a trailer behind the home. He had also dumped out bags of animal feed, damaged a washing machine on the home's back porch and punctured two tires of the victim's vehicle with a knife. He was then charged with criminal mischief-property damage of \$1,000 or more.

Lloyd Randle Hunt, 47, of Lake Butler was arrested April 6 by Union deputies for assault on medical personnel and for a warrant for felony probation violation. According to the arrest report, Hunt was a patient at Lake Butler Hospital, threatening staff and asking for pain medication. The staff told the deputy that he threatened to hit one staff member in the head so they would "know how he feels." He was arrested with no bond allowed for the probation violation.

Clarence Griffin, 79, of Lake Butler was arrested March 31 by Union deputies for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony for aggravated battery using a deadly weapon, for carrying a prohibited weapon openly, for two weapon offense charges-commit third-degree felony with a weapon and using firearm under the influence of alcohol, and for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Griffin got into an argument with a male victim near West Side Park in Lake Butler over some dogs. Griffin hit the victim with a chair, then threatened to get a gun and shoot him when the victim went to retaliate with a chair he picked up. When the victim saw Griffin open his vehicle trunk and retrieve a gun, he ran from the area and was picked up by a friend in her vehicle. Griffin started to follow them in his car, and the friend called 911. Griffin was stopped by deputies at gunpoint before entering the Kangaroo store, and a search of his car revealed a Winchester 30-30 rifle in the trunk. Griffin told deputies he didn't have a weapon in the vehicle when they stopped him and refused to go to the ground when ordered to do so. The rifle was loaded with a round in the chamber and five

rounds in the magazine. He was handcuffed and arrested, and later told deputies that he had all intentions of killing the victim when he retrieved his weapon at the park and then went looking for him in his vehicle. After his arrest, Griffin was additionally charged with failure to appear for a felony offense and failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense.

Hector Rodriguez-Cruz, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested March 30 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, a deputy encountered Rodriguez-Cruz walking his bike down C.R. 231 near the old Clark's Grocery store. He was stumbling and swaying, and appeared intoxicated. The deputy knew he lived nearby, and ordered him to go home since he was too impaired to walk on the roadway. Rodriguez-Cruz turned back toward his home, but 20 minutes later, the deputy spotted him at the Kangaroo store in Lake Butler, leaning on the ice machine to keep in an upright position. He was then arrested for disorderly intoxication.

Sylvester Warren, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and possession of narcotic equipment. According to the arrest report, Warren was walking on Southwest Ninth Avenue and was stopped for questioning by a deputy that had spotted him earlier sitting on the porch of a residence while the owner was not at home. Warren kept his hands behind his back during the questioning, and the deputy discovered he had a metal pipe and several pieces of crack cocaine in them. He was arrested and transported to jail.

A 15-year-old was arrested at the UCHS alternative school for assault and disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, the juvenile was cussing and threatening teachers about work he was assigned to do, and gestured at one teacher with his fist as if he was going to hit her. He was also uncooperative with the deputy when he arrived and asked him to leave the classroom.

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# OBITUARIES



Dorothy Altman

## Dorothy Altman

STARKE—Dorothy “Dot” Louise Altman, age 78, of Starke passed away Saturday, April 5, 2014 at her residence. Dot was born in Jacksonville on Sept. 11, 1935 to the late George W. Hall and Inez D. Price Hall. She was a resident of Jacksonville for many years and moved to Starke in 1985 where she became a member of Bayless Highway Baptist Church. Dot was passionate about her church and being a Sunday school teacher. She loved attending church and helping others. She also enjoyed being a homemaker because she loved taking care of her husband and children. Dot was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ernie, John Wesley, and Herman Hall; her sisters, Nellie Lang and Mildred Baldwin; her sister-in-law, Cora Hall; and brothers-in-law, Jimmy Anderson, Charles Lang, and Elmer Baldwin.

Dot is survived by: her loving husband of 61 years, Donald Leonard Altman, Sr. of Starke; her

children, Don (Debbie) Altman, Jr. of Jacksonville and Amanda Altman of Starke; her brother, Herbert Hall of Starke; her sisters, Barbara Anderson and Frances (Mike) Gullubske both of Jacksonville; her grandchildren, Donald (Katie) Altman, III and Jacob Altman; her great grandchildren, Emily and Austin Altman; many step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 9 at Bayless Highway Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Stading officiating. Interment was held at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 14397 US Highway 301 South, Starke. 904.964.5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Carlotta Armstrong

STARKE—Carlotta Wurst Armstrong, 75 of Starke died Friday, April 4, 2014 at Bradford Terrace. She was born on Feb. 3, 1939 in Kansas City, Kan. to the late Carl and Hattie Ellamae (Justice) Wurst and was a longtime area resident. She was a homemaker and a Protestant. Preceding her in death was her daughter Kara Zackery.

Survivors are: daughter, Robin Hundley of Nokomis, Ill.; sons, Phillip Czarowitz of Hampton and John Czarowitz of Arlington, Texas; 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Helene Brewer

## Helene Brewer

JACKSONVILLE— Helene Elmas Brewer, 93, passed away on Thursday April 3, 2014 in Jacksonville. She was born in New

York City on Nov. 8, 1920 and raised in Chicago prior to moving to Jacksonville in 1944.

She is survived by: two sons, John D. (Judy) Brewer and Randall D. Brewer; two daughters, Sylvia Diane Luckett and Reva “Janie” Hamilton of Keystone Heights; a brother, Dan Momjian. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Amy, Daniel, Kirt and Alex, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 4 pm in the Evangel Temple fellowship hall at 5755 Ramona Blvd with Pastor John Harwell officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Eternity Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

PAID OBITUARY



John Callahan

## John Callahan

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mr. John Paul Callahan, age 39, of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday April, 2, 2014 in Gainesville following a brief illness. He was born in Woodbury, N.J. on Nov. 6, 1974 and became a resident of Keystone Heights in 1985. John was a Superintendent for American Refrigeration and was also of the Catholic Faith. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing music on his guitar. He was also very artistic when it came to welding and airbrushing. John was preceded in death by his sister, Colleen M. Callahan in 2008.

Survivors are: one son, Aedan Callahan; parents, Jim and Norma Callahan; and two brothers, Scott (Tania) Callahan, and Jim (Megan) Callahan, all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind is John's Maternal Grandmother, Pauline B. Paranto of New Jersey and his 101 year old great Aunt Wilhelmina of New Jersey; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and his girlfriend Becca Wall of Orange Park.

The family will receive friends in the St. William Catholic Church on Thursday, April 10, between 5 and 7 p.m. The Rosary will begin at 7 p.m. following the visitation. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, in St. William Catholic Church with Father Mike Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Cemetery immediately following Mass. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

PAID OBITUARY

## Lucille Davis

FT. LAUDERDALE—Lucile Walker Davis died Wednesday April 2, 2014. She was born on April 20, 1942 in Hampton to James Walker and Lizzie J. Walker-Sullivan. She attended the public schools

of Bradford County and later attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and Williams Memorial C.M.E. Church.

She was preceded in death by: husband, Leroy Walker; and three siblings; Terry L. Sullivan, Johnny P. Sullivan and Larry G. Sullivan.

She is survived by: husband, D.C. Davis of Ft. Lauderdale; son, Leroy (Donae) Walker of Orlando; daughter, Kimberly (Joseph) Walker of Ft. Lauderdale; seven grandchildren; brother, Fredrick Walker; sisters, Joyce (Harold) Mitchell and Gail Carroll.

Services will be Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 am at the Macedonia Baptist Church East State Road 18, Waldo. Interment will follow at Hampton Community Cemetery in Hampton. Arrangements under care of James C. Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale.



Harold Epps

## Harold Epps

STARKE—Harold Wesley Epps, 78, of Starke went home to be with his Lord Saturday, April 5, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Epps was born June 27, 1935 in Nettleton, Ark. to the late Elmer and Marie Epps, he was raised there until he moved to Starke in 1954 where he married and raised his family. Mr. Epps was a dedicated Member and full time technician employee of the Florida Army National Guard for 39 years, retiring with the rank of CW4. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Starke for many years and also a charter member of Madison Street Baptist Church. Mr. Epps was on the Starke City Commission, and served as mayor. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 56 for many years where he enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow members. Mr. Epps enjoyed his daily morning coffee run to Hardees. He was a loving, caring husband, father, pawpaw, brother and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Joan Silcox Epps, brothers, Bill Epps and Jerry Epps and three grandchildren.

Mr. Epps is survived by: his wife, Phyllis Epps of Starke; sons, Bobby Epps of Starke and Gray Williams of Loudon, Tenn.; daughters, Angela Haynes of Lake Butler and Sharon Williams of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Corey Blocker, Wesley Mann, Jessica Epps, Andrew Barber, Brandon Williams, Savanna Epps, Chrissy Barber, Mikayla Williams; three great grandchildren; sister, Helen Crumby of Jonesboro, Ark.; brothers, Jimmy Epps of Starke and Tommy Epps of Jonesboro, Ark.; and several nephew and nieces.

Mr. Epps' funeral service will be held Thursday, April 10, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Hudson and Rev. Kyle Harrison officiating. Burial will take place following the services at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008

PAID OBITUARY

## Alpha Fraser

MELROSE—Alpha Thomas Fraser, 85, of Melrose died Monday, March 31, 2014 at Lake Butler Hospital and Hand Surgery Center. He was born on April 7, 1928 in Avon Park to the late Roma Thomas and Eleanor (Branning) Fraser. He was a plant manager for the manufacturing industry before retiring. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Melrose. He served in the United States Air Force. He is preceded in death by: his wife of 62 years, Willonell “Willie (Barrows) Fraser.

He is survived by: children, Andrew Fraser of Melrose, Patricia Fraser of Berkeley, Calif., and Robert (Debra) Fraser of Augusta, Ga.; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 1 pm at the family home in Melrose. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Sarah Holmes

## Sarah Holmes

PROVIDENCE—Sarah J. Holmes, 99, of Providence died on Friday, April 4, 2014 at her Residence. Born on Nov. 10, 1914 in Union County, she attended school at Hopewell and St. John. She worked as a home health nurse and cook. She was a member at Hopewell Church of God by Faith.

She is survived by: daughters, Dorothy Grimage, Fannie Riggins, Minnie and Ruth Holmes all of Lake Butler, Jannie Jones of Avon Park; sons, Albert Holmes, Morris Holmes, Clyde Holmes, Roy Holmes, Wesley Holmes all of Lake Butler and Otto Holmes of Saudi Arabia; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 12, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith under the direction of Bishop James McKnight Sr and Interment will be held at St. John Cemetery in Providence. Under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith form 5-7:00 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the services.

## Edward Register

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Edward David Register, 64, of Keystone Heights died in Gainesville on April 1, 2014. He was born in Seattle, Wash. on Oct. 6, 1949 to the late Ralph and Dorothy (Barber) Register, and served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights and had retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include: his wife, Penny

Register; and stepson, Max Osborne both of Keystone Heights; brothers, Carl Register of Melrose and Randy Register of Keystone Heights; and sister, Barber Hunter of Florahome.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Amvets Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

## Eva Shuford

LAWTEY—Eva Durban Shuford, 103, of Lawtey died Monday, April 7, 2014 at Shands Starke. She was born on Jan. 26, 1911 in Lawtey to the late David and Emma (Estell) Durban and was a lifelong area resident. Eva was a homemaker and the oldest living member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lawtey. She was preceded in death by her husband George P. Shuford.

Survivors are: daughter, Esther S. (John) Hall of Starke; sons, Glenn D. (Helen) Shuford and James P. (Betty) Shuford all of Lawtey. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Thursday morning, April 10, at 11 o'clock in Lawtey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## Homer Tew Sr.

STARKE—Homer Leon Tew Sr., 91, of Starke died Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center with family by his side. He was born in Slocumb, Ala. on April 22, 1922 to the late Oscar H. Tew and Annie Estelle Hinson Tew. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He retired as a quality assurance manager from Ford Motor Company at the Norfolk Assembly Plant. After retirement, he relocated to Starke and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Laurie Blanch Sapp and Annie Ruth Grubbs.

He is survived by: his wife of 70 years, Jessie Bunn Tew of Starke; sons, Homer Leon (Theresa) Tew, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Mich. and David Edmund (Donna) Tew of Starke; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 8 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Brother Harry Hatcher, III officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Masonic Rites. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, 3350 State Road 60 East, Bartow, FL 33830. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

## Matthew Tracy

INTERLACHEN—Matthew Fabain Tracy, 4 months, of Interlachen died on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Putnam Community Medical Center. Matthew was born in Orange Park on Nov. 4, 2013 to Shawn Timothy Tracy, II and Brittney Leean Shaw of Interlachen. Matthew was preceded in death by his uncle, William Ellison.

Matthew is survived by: sister, Ellise Tracy of Interlachen; maternal grandparents, Harlan and Leona Shaw of Ohio; his paternal grandparents, Shawn and Debbie Tracy of Keystone Heights, and his aunt and uncle, Shawna and Shaun Keen of Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held on April 7 at Gadara Cemetery with interment following. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

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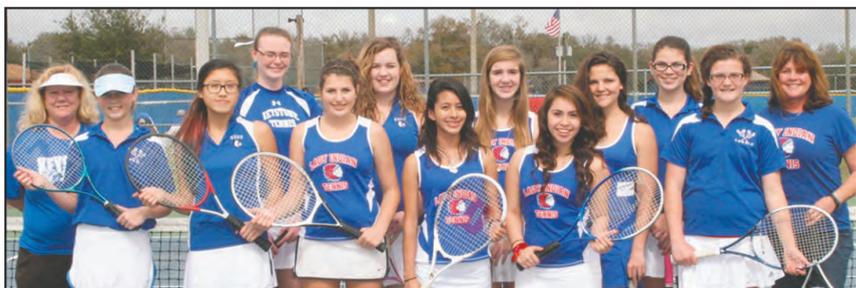
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## Lady Indians finish 2nd in district

The Keystone Heights High School girls' tennis team posted a 5-3 season that included wins over Bradford (2), Clay, Interlachen and Oakleaf. Team members Jazy Budny, Kathy Nguyen, Hannah Fox, Crystal Alonzo and Jessica Grimaldo then led the Indians to a second-place tie with Ridgeview in the District 4-2A tournament. Pictured (l-r) are coach Pam Wells, Peyton Collins, Kathy Nguyen, Johanna Hires, Jazy Budny, Hannah Fox, Jessica Grimaldo, Anna Fields, Crystal Alonzo, Jolene Miller, Brittany Smith, Chloe Harris and coach Betsy Sullivan.

## Union's Dukes, Green to play at Atlanta Sports Academey

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Union County High School seniors Austin Dukes and Geordyn Green have dreamed of playing big-time football since they were kids playing together in the yard, Dukes making believe he was Brian Urlacher and Green pretending he was Deion Sanders.

They hope Atlanta Sports Academy will get them closer to that dream, signing letters of intent to play there during a March 26 ceremony in the UCHS



Linebacker Austin Dukes signs his letter of intent as his father, Bruce, looks on. Photo by Lola Lacy.

media center.

The players said they had offers from Division II schools,

but they believe a year at Atlanta Sports Academy can put them in the position to play at a bigger school.

"We had smaller, D-II offers," Green said, "but we knew we had the ability to do more than D-II, so we're going to go there, take this opportunity and advance on it."

Dukes said, "I'm extremely excited about this opportunity. I really am."

Though Atlanta Sports Academy can be viewed as a prep school, Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said his players' decisions to go there were no way based on a need to improve academic performance. Dukes and Green both could've been accepted to larger schools because of their grades and become walk-ons, Pruitt said.

This opportunity is all about improving as athletes and hopefully earning athletic scholarships to larger schools.

"I think it's going to help them and give them a little more time to develop physically and, hopefully, open a door at the next level to what they're looking for," Pruitt said.

Dukes said, "I know I'm not developed fully. I know this extra year will be really good. It's basically like a redshirt year at a major college."

Green said the decision to turn down offers from smaller schools wasn't easy, but in the end, the path he and Dukes have chosen seems to be the best for what they want to accomplish.

"You think about playing time and all the opportunities you'd have at D-II," Green said, "but after weighing the goods and bads of each, it kind of made the decision a lot easier to swallow."

Dukes has played on the offensive line, but linebacker is where he has made his mark, earning first-team all-state honors this past season. Pruitt said Dukes' play at middle linebacker was the key to the overall defense's success and allowed the team to take chances on the outside with its defensive ends.

"We can't do a lot of that stuff without knowing that we're going to be secure up in the middle," Pruitt said. "Austin allowed us the opportunity to gamble and do things that otherwise might be unsound, but we had athletes out there who could make it happen. We knew that he could plug the middle."

Pruitt said Dukes also brought emotion to a defense that really featured quite a lot of quiet kids. One of those players who didn't seem to show a lot of outside emotion was Green, who earned second-team all-state honors at defensive back.

Green's play on the field, though, makes quite a statement. "Whatever position he gets put in he'll make some noise at," Pruitt said.

Green also made plays happen on the offensive side of the ball, lining up at running back and wide receiver. Pruitt believes offense is where Green will have his biggest impact at the next level. The coach described plays where it seemed Green was going backward or about to be tackled, only to realize a few seconds later he was sprinting downfield.

"He's one of the more dynamic players when he gets the ball in his hands," Pruitt said.

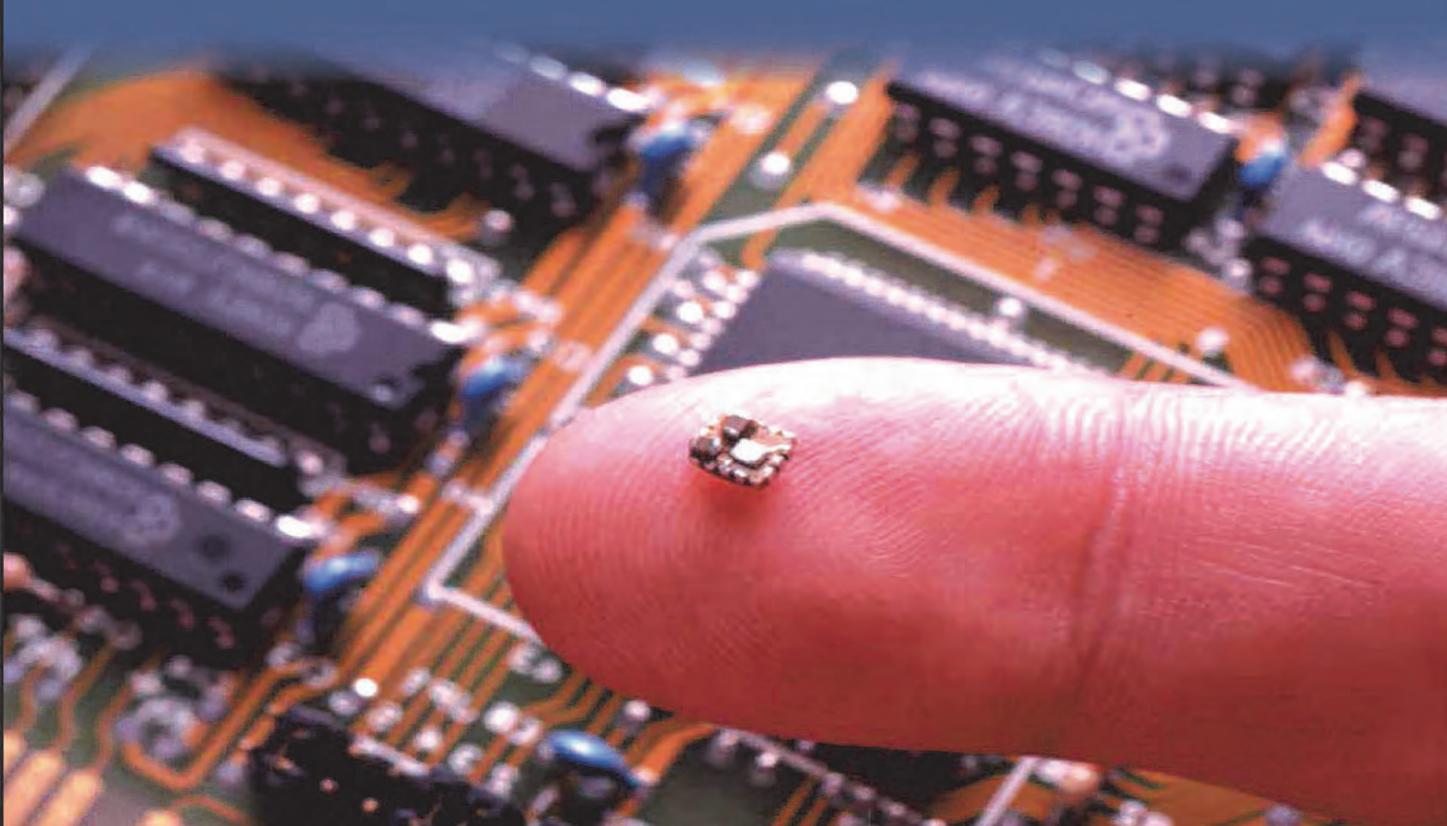
Green said he can envision himself as a slot receiver or scat back at the next level, which he said would be a lot of fun.

However, it doesn't matter where a team decides to play him. The opportunity is all he asks for.

"It's all about getting the chance," Green said. "It doesn't matter what side of the ball you put me on. I'm going to compete to highest of my potential."

When the players were asked what their dream school would

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be, they both replied, "Florida," with Dukes adding that playing at any SEC school, really, would be a dream come true.

It's a dream that began early in life.

"I remember back in Pop Warner days, (Green) used to come over to my house," Dukes said. "We used to always dream about playing somewhere big—I'm talking big time."

Perhaps Atlanta Sports Academy will make that dream a reality. At the very least, it gives Dukes and Green at least one more team to play together on.



Geordyn Green signs his letter of intent as his mother, Natasha, looks on. Green played multiple positions on both sides of the ball for UCHS. Photo by Lola Lacy.

"That's the best feeling in the world, playing with your best friend," Dukes said.

Pruitt said Dukes and Green are like brothers, so he knows they are looking forward to the opportunity to still be teammates.

"This gave them the opportunity to both be together and accomplish the same goal," Pruitt said. "It's a win-win situation for them."

## Keystone loses lead late in 6-1 district loss

Keystone Heights High School held a 1-0 lead through the first five innings, but visiting Santa Fe scored three runs each in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Indians 6-1 in a District 5-4A softball game on April 3.

Tiffany Brown went 2-for-2 for Keystone, which fell to 4-6 in the district. Karla Casas hit a double.

Keystone (6-11) will begin play in the District 5-4A tournament on Monday, April 14. (See related story on page 5B.)

giving up six hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

Union (8-10) participated in the Santa Fe Raider Invitational March 7-8, defeating Bishop Kenny 11-1 and Bell 13-5, while losing 7-1 to Santa Fe and 13-5 to South Carolina school Bluffton.

On March 25, the Tigers lost 10-3 to visiting Suwannee. McClellan went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Lewis was 3-for-3. Andrews added an RBI.

McClellan and Jordyn Driggers each drove in two runs in the Tigers' 6-3 District 7-1A win at Williston on April 2. McClellan, Zipperer and Kyaln Tucker each hit a double, with Zipperer driving in a run. Howe

and Kalyn Ingram went 2-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Ingram driving in a run.

Holly Tucker started in the circle, giving up five hits and one walk through six innings. She had seven strikeouts.

Kaylan Tucker struck out three and gave up no hits in one inning of relief.

The Tigers played district opponent Chiefland this past Tuesday and will close the regular season at home against Baldwin on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

Union begins play in the District 7 tournament on Tuesday, April 15. (See related story on page 5B.)

## Lewis, Seay homer in Union win

Devin Lewis drove in four runs, and she and Valerie Seay each hit a home run as the Union County High School softball team won its second straight game, defeating visiting Interlachen 16-4 on April 7.

Lewis and Seay, who had two RBI, finished 2-for-2 and 3-for-4, respectively. Kendallynn Johns drove in three runs, while Jordan Howe and Madison McClellan each drove in two. McClellan hit a double, as did Katie Zipperer, who finished 3-for-3 with an RBI. Kayla Andrews was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Pitcher Holly Tucker threw a complete game (five innings),

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went 2-for-3, but the Tornados managed just one other hit in a 3-0 loss.

Niceville scored all of its runs in the second inning, taking advantage of two walks, a double and an error.

Bradford pitcher Shelby Wilkison gave up four hits.

In Bradford's tournament finale, Luke had another big game, but it wasn't enough in a 3-2 loss to defending Class 8A champion Coral Reef.

Luke went 3-for-3, while Lindsey Wiggins went 2-for-3.

Gault hit a lead-off single to start the game and advanced to third on a single by Luke before scoring on an error. The Barracudas, off of two singles and a triple, answered with two

runs in the bottom of the first.

Coral Reef hit three straight singles with two outs to score another run in the second.

Luke singled in the third. Kaylen Chitty, who entered the game to run for Luke, eventually scored on an error.

Adkins pitched the final four innings, giving up no hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

P.K. Yonge, which has defeated Bradford twice and stands atop the District 5-4A standings, went 2-2, defeating Niceville 7-2 and Canterbury 8-7. The Blue Wave lost 5-4 to defending Class 4A champion Gulliver Prep and 13-3 to Class 7A Tate.

Bradford, which played Gainesville this past Tuesday, closes the regular season with a home game against Palatka on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

The District 5-4A tournament begins next week. (See related story on page 5B.)



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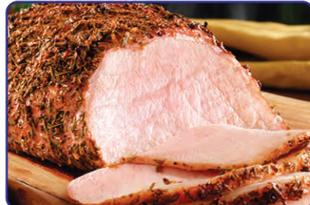
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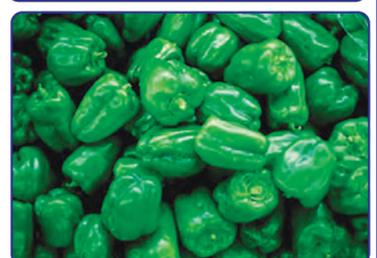
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