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An iconic moment at David Hurst Stadium — one of many from the Class of 2014's commencement ceremony June 6. For more from graduation night, see Regional News.

## Rape suspect returned to Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

A man is in jail in Bradford County, accused of raping a teenager in his care.

Gabriel M. Gattis, 36, currently faces one count of sexual assault on a victim over 12 and under 18.

Gattis was picked up in Escambia County around 3 a.m. on June 8. Though the crime allegedly took place on Redgrave Street in Starke, and his warrant was issued containing a Green Cove Springs address, his arrest information includes a Pensacola apartment as his home address.



Gattis

The Starke Police Department had been trying to contact Gattis earlier this year, although he only responded to a single message, saying he was unavailable to come to the station for an interview. As of the end of March, he had failed to respond to any other messages, so a warrant for his arrest was requested and issued.

According to the probable cause information submitted with the warrant request, an investigator with the Department of Children and Families contacted the police department about the sexual assault allegations in early February. One victim described being sexually assaulted by Gattis in June of 2012. Another described an attempted assault by Gattis in October of the same year.

Gattis is being held in the Bradford County Jail with bond set at \$500,000.

## Starke looking at way to 'tax' future utility customers

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Undeterred by its inability to expand straight down U.S. 301, Starke has hit on a new way to expand its tax base.

The city's water and wastewater utilities have been the carrot dangled to those developing outside the city encouraging them to annex. In fact, the city's code says service won't be extended to those outside the city limits unless they agree to annexation, and only rare exception has been made.

Those who have been extended utilities outside city limits pay 1.5 times the monthly cost as a way to make up for the annual property taxes the city is not receiving from those landowners.

After annexing and then reversing the annexation of the future Badcock Furniture development and other properties, the city commission now understands that if the land isn't contiguous and there isn't a cooperative landowner, annexation isn't an option.

In the aftermath of the annexation reality check, the city commission has been considering other ways

See TAX, 6A



## Hampton Heroes

The families of former Hampton Elementary School employees joined students and faculty June 5 for the unveiling of a memorial. Remembered were Edith Walker, a teacher for 31 years, most of them at Hampton Elementary; Rick Stephens, who worked for the district for 35 years, spending nine as Hampton's principal; Lynn Marshall, a teacher for 23 years at Hampton, Starke and BMS; and Barbara Brown, the schools beloved former secretary who worked for the district for 35 years, including her time at Southside. Pictured are (front, l-r) Sung Mi Stephens, Abby Stephens Bacon, Debra Stephens, Kathy Barrow, Dale Brown Sr., Jessica Marshall Wilkison, (back) Dane Stephens, Macy Stephens, Tom Richardson, Dr. Gregory Marshall Jr. and Gregory Marshall Sr.



Misty Carter, Claudette Frees and Marie Appling share laughter, tears and moral support while remembering their colleagues.

# Bradford reading, math, science scores up overall

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

As is usually true of each year's FCAT test, there are results to brag about and some head-scratchers.

The remaining test scores for grades four and up were released last week, and every grade but fifth improved in reading, with 10<sup>th</sup> grade making notable progress in closing the achievement gap with the state.

On the other hand is the eighth-grade performance on the math test, down dramatically for the second year in a row, with nearly 60 percent of the

class failing to rise above Level 1.

FCAT scores fall into one of five categories. Level 3 scores are satisfactory, and Level 5 represents mastery of the most challenging content, but Level 1 indicates the students are struggling to grasp the concepts.

Some disappointments in the math and reading results were soothed by the science results, which were up at most schools.

### Reading

The percentage of fourth-graders

scoring well on FCAT reading climbed from 47 to 50 percent, which was the highest percentage in the district except for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, which went from 46 to 51 percent.

At both Brooker and Southside elementary schools, the percentage was up 18 points. The Brooker fourth grade's average score was also up 15 points, and Southside's was up 5 points. Hampton had the highest mean score, and its percent "passing" the test was up 7 percent. Brooker was still the lowest performing school, and 29 percent of its students scored in the lowest level.

Fourth-grade reading scores were down at Starke and Lawtey elementary schools. From 58 percent of its students at Level 3 or above, Starke fell to 43 percent, and its average score slipped five points. At Lawtey, the score was down 4 points, and the percent passing was down 11 percent.

The middle school's FCAT reading progress was exemplified by a 10-percent jump in the percentage of sixth-graders scoring Level 3 or above. In the eighth grade, it was 9 percent, and in the seventh grade it was up 2 percent. In addition to these increases, the mean score for each grade was up,

too.

At the high school, the percent passing was up 5 percent in both the ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, which pushed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade to 51 percent. That's up 20 percent from 2011, when only 31 percent of 10<sup>th</sup>-graders scored Level 3 or above.

Districtwide, fifth-grade reading performance was down 6 percent. Lawtey, Brooker and Hampton all saw improvement, with Lawtey's percentage passing climbing 20 points

See FCAT, 3A

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0)  
District 2013 and 2014 Results by Grade Groupings

District Name	Grade 3-5 FCAT 2.0 Reading Level 3 or Above			Grade 6-8 FCAT 2.0 Reading Level 3 or Above			Grade 9-10 FCAT 2.0 Reading Level 3 or Above			Grade 3-5 FCAT 2.0 Mathematics Level 3 or Above			Grade 6-8 FCAT 2.0 Mathematics Level 3 or Above			Grade 5 FCAT 2.0 Science Level 3 or Above			Grade 8 FCAT 2.0 Science Level 3 or Above		
	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change	2014	2013	Percentage Point Change
00 STATE TOTALS	60%	59%	1%	58%	57%	1%	54%	54%	0%	59%	58%	1%	53%	53%	0%	54%	53%	1%	49%	47%	2%
04 BRADFORD	52%	50%	2%	44%	38%	6%	47%	44%	3%	47%	46%	1%	29%	29%	0%	46%	43%	3%	40%	33%	7%
10 CLAY	67%	67%	0%	65%	62%	3%	60%	59%	1%	63%	63%	0%	62%	63%	-1%	62%	62%	0%	57%	52%	5%
63 UNION	60%	63%	-3%	63%	63%	0%	60%	51%	9%	76%	70%	6%	59%	58%	1%	52%	42%	10%	57%	49%	8%

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Travis Woods

### Woods seeks to retain Starke seat

The following is a statement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. The submission deadline for city commission candidates is Monday, July 21, at 5 p.m.

To the citizens of the city of Starke, I would like to take this opportunity to announce my intent to seek re-election for the office of city commissioner for District 3. I am Travis Woods, now serving as your District 3 city commissioner.

I have lived in the city of Starke since 1958. I have been married to Ann Woods for the past 50 years, and we have two children, Chanda Reddish, and Jason and Tracey Woods. We have six grandchildren.

I retired from the state of Florida Driver's License Division where I served as a supervisor. I am an active member of the Madison Street Baptist Church.

As your District 3 city commissioner, I am pleased to share with you a few of the accomplishments that I have been proud to be a part of as your commissioner. We have upgraded our waste water plant from a Class B sludge (requiring disposal at the landfill) to a Class AA producing plant that the sludge can be land applied for fertilizer. This accomplishment

has placed the city of Starke ahead of the curve in meeting the increasing DEP rules concerning sludge disposal.

As your District 3 city commissioner, we were faced with providing a modern fire station to house our fire department employees and equipment or face ISO insurance rating drop and an increase in insurance premiums. At this time the city of Starke commissioners agreed to liquidate some property that had not been utilized, and used those funds to completely remodel the old library building, and constructed a new four bay fire station to house our fire trucks and tankers. This action resulted not only in a suitable housing for our fireman, but provided the much needed shelter to protect our fire trucks, pumps and other fire equipment. We did receive a much better ISO rating and our citizens received a reduction in their insurance premium.

In 2007, the city commissioners completed a total systemwide electric upgrade. This was a one-year project consisting of replacing distribution transformers, power poles, lines and equipment. Re-designing the Call Street power substation removing 50 year old transformers and regulators. This resulted in our line loss decreasing from 13 percent to 5 percent, resulting in \$120,000 savings.

I have been active with the beautification of our downtown area working with the state inmate squads and city staff to keep our downtown area attractive and helping our business owners in attracting patrons. I am very enthusiastic in the Christmas season with decorations and lighting of our streets. I currently serve on the city of Starke Tree Board, designed to protect the trees within our city. We have been awarded grants to plant trees annually to coincide with Arbor Day activities.

We have completed our second phase of road paving and street resurfacing the streets in our city and the result is we now have safer streets to travel on. We budget each and every year

for street paving/resurfacing and utilize collected impact money to help with the cost.

I serve on the city of Starke Pension Board as a trustee for the general employees. We meet quarterly to decide the best options for the investment of the pension funds. As a pension fiduciary, my responsibilities are, to act solely in the interest of plan members and their beneficiaries and with the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to them, following the plan documents, diversifying plan investments and paying only reasonable plan expenses.

As a city commissioner I was part of completing a territorial agreement with Florida Power and Light and Clay Electric. This agreement resulted in the elimination of duplication of electric service in our city.

This past year the city of Starke renewed our solid waste haulers WCA contract. We negotiated not only a reduction in cost to our citizens, we were able to convince our contractor to provide free uniform garbage cans for all residents.

For the past seven years I have served on the Florida League of Cities Executive Board that allows me to receive updated information from our local cities.

In the future I see many tough issues ahead due to the tough economic times we are in, we will continue to strive toward bringing in new business to Starke that will create new jobs, bring in revenue and develop Starke into a city that our citizens do not have to travel to outside cities for employment, goods or other services.

As your city commissioner, I feel with my many years of experience during the slow economic times, I have gained a wealth of knowledge that could be used in the future to help move the city of Starke forward.

It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Starke in District 3 for the past eight years. I would be very much honored to continue that service for the next four years as your commissioner.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration.



Capital City Bank Group Foundation has come through for the Bradford County Education Foundation once again with a check for \$3,000. BCEF uses the funds to help enhance education, including providing grants to classrooms for special projects. Pictured are Capital City Bank of Starke's Sue Loper, Vorease Jones and Valerie Hoffer with BCEF's Cheryl Canova and Dimple Overstreet.

## Join walk to end hunger in BC

The Bradford County Food Pantry will be holding the Freedom From Hunger 5k to raise money Saturday, June 28, at 8 a.m. The event will begin and end at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Starke with a brief ceremony to follow in the town square. There will also be bins for those wishing to donate food at the registration table.

Those interested in participating can register all the way up to the day of the race, but will receive a free T-shirt if registered by Monday, June 16. Register online at [www.freedomfromhunger5k.weebly.com](http://www.freedomfromhunger5k.weebly.com) or in person on the day of the race.

The entrance fee for the

event is \$15, due on the day of the race, and all proceeds will go to benefit the food pantry. If you have any questions or are interested in being a business sponsor for the event please feel free to call John Faulkner at 904-796-0613. Help bring freedom from hunger to Bradford County.



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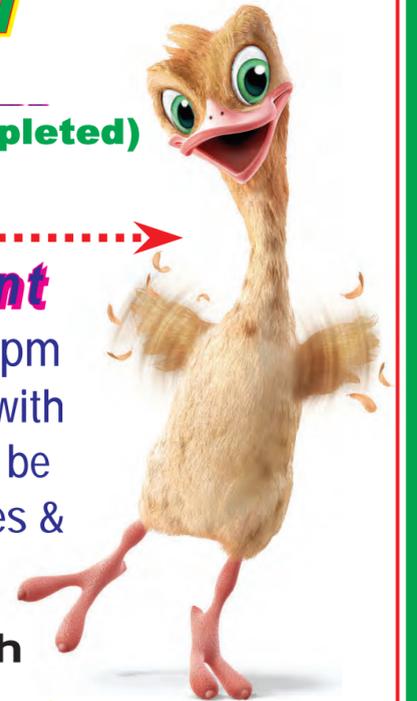
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FCAT 2.0 Math

	2013		2014			2013		2014	
	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above		Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above
<b>4th Grade</b>					<b>6th Grade</b>				
State	215	61	216	83	State	226	52	226	53
District	208	51	211	50	Bradford Middle School	215	29	218	36
Starke Elementary	212	66	212	50	Keystone Heights Elementary	224	42	227	51
Southside Elementary	204	41	211	50	Lake Butler Middle School	230	62	230	62
Lawtey Elementary	214	68	205	42	<b>7th Grade</b>				
Brooker Elementary	200	15	218	76	State	235	55	235	56
Hampton Elementary	205	47	211	46	Bradford Middle School	228	41	226	37
Keystone Heights Elementary	218	59	219	70	Keystone Heights Jr. High	237	59	237	57
Lake Butler Elementary	228	85	225	83	Lake Butler Middle School	237	56	245	67
<b>5th Grade</b>					<b>8th Grade</b>				
State	221	55	221	56	State	240	51	239	47
District	215	42	215	46	Bradford Middle School	222	11	221	5
Starke Elementary	219	51	222	65	Keystone Heights Jr. High	239	51	236	44
Southside Elementary	210	34	208	27	Lake Butler Middle School	242	58	241	49
Lawtey Elementary	213	44	214	56					
Brooker Elementary	220	44	220	60					
Hampton Elementary	214	37	221	47					
Keystone Heights Elementary	224	59	211	33					
Lake Butler Middle School	218	52	227	71					

FCAT

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to 67 percent. Only Hampton had a higher percentage of fifth-graders scoring at or above grade level. The mean test score was up 4 points at Hampton and 5 points in Lawtey.

It was Starke and Southside elementary schools that had the setbacks in fifth grade. Starke slipped 3 percent, but still had 52 percent passing. Southside, on the other hand, tumbled 19 percentage points, so just 36 percent of the students scored Level 3 or above. The mean scores were down, as well.

Math

Brooker Elementary fourth-graders raised the school's average score 18 points giving

it the highest fourth-grade math score in the district, and the percentage of students scoring Level 3 or higher went from 15 percent to 76 percent.

Half of the fourth-graders at Starke and Southside elementary schools scored proficient or better in math. This was an improvement of 9 percent at Southside but a decline of 16 percent at Starke. The mean score was preserved at Starke, remaining the second highest in the district, and it climbed 7 points at Southside, placing it just below Starke.

Like Southside, Hampton Elementary also had a mean score of 211 points, but it had a smaller percentage of proficient students compared to last year. At Lawtey Elementary, that percentage fell 26 points, and its mean score was down 9 points.

Fifth grade was a different story. Lawtey's mean score was up, and its percentage passing was up 12 points to 56 percent. Starke Elementary, which had the highest mean score in the district, also had the highest percentage passing, 65 percent, an increase of 14 percentage points. Brooker's mean score was right behind Starke's, and 60 percent of its fifth-graders were Level 3 or above, an increase of 16 points. Hampton was up 10 percent, and its mean score grew by 7 points.

Unfortunately, there were drops in the results at Southside, and just 27 percent of its fifth-graders scored proficient or better on the math test.

Sixth-graders again showed progress in math at the middle school, but just 36 percent scored at Level 3 or higher. Compare that to the 39 percent who scored at Level 1. Performance was down in the seventh and eighth grades. Only 37 percent of seventh-graders scored Level 3 or above, while 34 percent were at Level 1.

But that was still much better than the eighth-grade results. Last year, the percentage of eighth-graders scoring satisfactorily or better fell to 11 percent. This year, only 5 percent scored Level 3 or higher on math. Meanwhile, nearly 60 percent scored at Level 1.

High school level math performance will be revealed by the end-of-course exam results, which were not released as of press time.

Science

High schoolers are also taking end-of-course exams for science and other courses, but the FCAT science test was still taken by

FCAT 2.0 Reading

	2013		2014			2013		2014	
	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above		Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above
<b>4th Grade</b>					<b>7th Grade</b>				
State	212	60	213	61	State	231	57	231	57
District	206	47	207	50	Bradford Middle School	224	41	226	43
Starke Elementary	211	58	206	43	Keystone Heights Jr. High	229	54	232	56
Southside Elementary	203	38	208	56	Lake Butler Middle School	233	63	237	66
Lawtey Elementary	211	64	207	55	<b>8th Grade</b>				
Brooker Elementary	191	23	206	41	State	237	56	238	57
Hampton Elementary	205	47	212	54	Bradford Middle School	229	38	232	47
Keystone Heights Elementary	210	57	214	67	Keystone Heights Jr. High	235	48	234	53
Lake Butler Elementary	217	71	215	65	Lake Butler Middle School	240	64	239	57
<b>5th Grade</b>					<b>9th Grade</b>				
State	220	60	221	61	State	240	53	240	53
District	216	54	214	48	Bradford High School	236	41	237	46
Starke Elementary	217	55	216	52	Keystone Heights Sr. High	239	51	240	48
Southside Elementary	215	55	209	36	Union County High School	239	49	242	61
Lawtey Elementary	212	47	217	67	<b>10th Grade</b>				
Brooker Elementary	216	59	217	60	State	246	54	246	55
Hampton Elementary	220	63	224	68	Bradford High School	243	46	244	51
Keystone Heights Elementary	223	65	215	50	Keystone Heights Sr. High	245	55	244	51
Lake Butler Middle School	219	60	224	67	Union County High School	245	52	248	59
<b>6th Grade</b>									
State	225	59	227	60					
Bradford Middle School	215	34	219	44					
Keystone Heights Elementary	228	63	229	68					
Lake Butler Middle School	228	63	227	67					

FCAT 2.0 Science

	2013		2014	
	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above	Mean Score	Percent Level 3 and above
<b>5th Grade</b>				
State	201	53	201	54
District	196	43	196	46
Starke Elementary	195	43	199	57
Southside Elementary	193	39	189	27
Lawtey Elementary	196	38	203	61
Brooker Elementary	206	59	206	70
Hampton Elementary	201	53	202	68
Keystone Heights Elementary	200	52	192	37
Lake Butler Middle School	196	42	201	53
<b>8th Grade</b>				
State	200	47	201	49
Bradford Middle School	192	33	196	40
Keystone Heights Jr. High	199	44	200	51
Lake Butler Middle School	202	50	205	58

the district's fifth- and eighth-graders.

The mean score for fifth grade was maintained, but 46 percent of the students scored Level 3 or higher compared to 43 percent last year. The mean test scores were up the most at Lawtey Elementary, 7 points, and Starke Elementary, 4 points. The percent passing was up 23 percent at Lawtey and 14 percent at Starke.

Eleven percent more passed at Brooker, which maintained the highest mean score in the district, and 15 percent more performed well at Hampton, where the mean score was up one point.

Fifth-grade science scores were down on average at Southside Elementary. The mean test score was down 4 points, and the percent at Level 3 or above was down 12 percent to just 27 percent.

That percentage was up 7 points for the eighth grade at the middle school. There the mean score was up 4 points to 196, which like the fifth grade, is just 5 points behind the state average.

Except for the students taking retakes of the reading exam to meet graduation requirements, this is the last time the FCAT 2.0 reading, writing and math will be administered. New assessments are being developed to replace those tests as the state moves from the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to the new Florida Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Fifth- and eighth-graders will continue to take the FCAT 2.0 science test.

Spend the week at Camp Cherry Lake

Registration is still open for an amazing week of fun and adventure July 14-18 for kids ages 8-13. Youth will travel by bus to scenic Camp Cherry Lake in Madison. They will explore the outdoors, learn about nature and make friendships that they will remember for a lifetime.

Camp Cherry Lake is owned and operated by University of Florida and has a full on-site staff. Local 4-H staff will travel and stay with the youth all week.

The low cost is even lower if you enroll for camp in the next week. The special is \$200 for the week, and a \$30 deposit holds your spot.

Please call or email for more details: 904-966-6224 or nistlerd@ufl.edu. To visit the Cherry Lake website, go to <http://Florida4h.org/camps/cherrylake/>.

Attend sheep and goat workshop

On Saturday, June 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Townsend Green Building and Museum in Lake Butler, the UF/IFAS Union County Extension Office will host a Sheep and Goat Workshop. This workshop will provide the most up-to-date information on small ruminant nutrition, pasture management and herd health.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Fiona Maunsell, UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Tim Wilson, UF/IFAS Bradford County livestock and forges agent, and Basil Bactawar, UF/IFAS Union County agriculture agent.

Preregistration is \$10 and is due by June 17. If you'd like to attend and/or receive more information regarding this workshop, contact the Union County Extension Office at 386-496-2321. For a detailed agenda and directions, visit [www.bradford.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.bradford.ifas.ufl.edu).

Democrats meeting June 30

The Bradford Democratic Executive Committee's next meeting will be on Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m. in the Santa Fe College Andrews Center boardroom. The meeting is open to the public and any candidates running for public office.

For more information, please contact Vice Chairman Paul Still at 904-368-0291.

Bradford County Veterans' Office Relocation Notice

The Bradford County Veterans' Office is scheduled to be relocated on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 to 925 N. Temple Avenue, Suite E, Starke. This new location is across from the Pizza Hut and is located in the same building as the Bradford County Solid Waste and the Bradford County Community Development offices.

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CALL FOR BIDS

Project No. 2014 - 09

TRANSPORTATION GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

The City of Starke requests sealed bids on Gasoline and Diesel Fuel. Bids will be received in the Office of the City Clerk, Starke, Florida 32091, until 4:00 PM Thursday, July 3, 2014.

Bids should be addressed to:

Ricky Thompson, City Clerk, P.O. Drawer C, Starke, Florida 32091 All questions concerning specific terms and conditions should be directed via email to

Ricky Thompson, [rthompson@cityofstarke.org](mailto:rthompson@cityofstarke.org)

Last day to submit questions for a response is Monday, July 1, 2014 at 4 P.M. EST.

A copy of the Bid Project 2014-09 Specifications can be obtained from the City of Starke's website at [www.cityofstarke.org](http://www.cityofstarke.org)

**SCHOOL**



Brooker Elementary held its annual archery tournament on June 5. Louis Bass and Corbin Perry tied for first with 50 points. Blake Kendrick and Andrew Crews tied for second with 36 points. Gavin Cook was third with 12 points. Pictured (l-r) are Gavin Cook, Andrew Crews, Corbin Perry, Jo Tyler and Blake Kendrick. Not pictured: Louis Bass.



Southside Elementary School third-graders invited Starke Mayor Carolyn Spooner to speak to them about local government. All third-graders attended the event in the library and asked great questions. Spooner said it was a great pleasure meeting students at such a young age who were interested in government. "They are our future, and perhaps someday one of them will become mayor, governor or president," she said. Spooner (center) is pictured with (front, l-r) Christine Samons, Blaze Griffis, Mario Small, Jazzlyn Wright, Alleayah McCloud, Liam Cowart, Alyssa Murphy, Heather Turgeon, Astrid Sellars, Kennedy Smith, Deja Miller, Omari James, Harrison Davis, Caleb Raish and teacher Heather Eison.



Brooker Elementary third-grader Michael Byrd was flawless on FCAT math. Michael did not make a single error on the entire math portion of the state test.



STARKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DOLPHINS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: Students are chosen by their teachers and are recognized for exhibiting the characteristics of friendliness, responsibility, respectfulness, truthfulness and enthusiasm. Pictured are Laci Hall, Dylan Mostacci and Kaylee Chandler.

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## Stories and rhymes

Preschool Storytime has returned to entertain and encourage young readers. Engaging stories will be told at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays through June and July. Baby Rhymetime resumes at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 20. Parents will enjoy singing, playing, and performing finger rhymes with their children.

## Comic drawing workshop

Graphic novelist and freelance illustrator Andre R. Frattino will be offering instruction on comic style art to young adults ages 9 to 19 at the Bradford County Public Library at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 16.

## Amazing science

What happens when you submerge a rubber ball into liquid nitrogen and then throw the ball against the wall? Stephen the Science Guy knows. He spends his time experimenting with chemicals and teaching others about the principles behind the science.

His show is so popular that Bradford County Public Library will show it twice on Tuesday, June 17. The first show, which will begin at 11 a.m., is open to children of all ages. The second show at 1:30 p.m. is open to everyone over the age of 8 years old.

## Meet the author

The saga of the Vangeretta Curse began with the young adult novel written by Christina Mobley, "Elementris," and continued with the second release, "Exposure." The next book, "Eruption," will definitely spark a reaction with readers this summer!

Although they are labeled

as "young adult" novels, adults have enjoyed them as well. Your opportunity to meet the author of these awesome books is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17.

## Fun with drums

You'll be moving to the beat of a different drum when a talented Taiko Japanese Drummer takes the stage at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 19. Enjoy the rhythms as you watch him play the various drums. Before the program ends, children will have an opportunity to test out their own talent and experiment with sound.

## Free family movies

The children's department will be showing two movies in June. The first movie is a computer animated adventure comedy showing at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 20. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The second movie will be shown at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24.

## Crafty corner

Children aged 5 to 12 are invited to make crafts at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 23, at the Bradford County Public Library.

## Open Mic Night

Singers, poets and musicians are invited to perform at the Bradford County Public Library on Monday, June 23. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 6 p.m. It's recommended that participants sign-up prior to the event, but it is not required. For details, call 904-368-3921.

## Watch, catch, release

Children will be entertained as they watch butterflies flutter through the air. The Butterfly Farm program will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 26.

## Beauty workshop

Get your questions about skincare answered and learn some tips on how to apply make-up to enhance your features. Beauty consultant Barbara Triest is scheduled to be at the library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 26. Sign up for the free workshop at the Bradford County Public Library's circulation desk.

## Campsite ghost stories

Tell your favorite ghost story at the Bradford County Public Library when ages 8 and older get together after hours for storytelling, food and fun at on Friday, June 27. There will be games to play and prizes to win. Activities begin at 6 p.m.

## Kids Book Bingo

Play bingo and win books for a prize. The fun begins at 4 p.m. on June 30.

## Wii Just Dance in the dark

Just for fun we are turning on the black lights and showing off our moves on Tuesday, July 1. Whether you're dancing or cheering on the glowing figures, you are sure to have a good time. Dancers ages 8 and older will compete for top score beginning at 10 a.m. When dressing for the event keep in mind that white, pink, yellow and orange will glow under ultraviolet light. Red, purple, green, blue and black will not glow.

## Guitar Hero competition

Earn your place in our Warriors of Rock Hall of Fame at the Bradford County Public Library. Players aged 8 and older will compete for top score beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1.

## Magic and science

Q. What do you get when two library staff members try to do magic tricks and science experiments? A. Zany fun and lots of laughs. Find out if you agree at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 10.

## Cupcakes and games

Young adults ages 9 to 17 are invited to decorate cupcakes that will spark a reaction at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 14. Missy Davis from The Cupcakery, a local gourmet bakery, will be at the Bradford County Library to demonstrate the basics.

Each child will receive three cupcakes to decorate. Supplies cost \$3 per person. Registration and prepayment is required. Signup sheets are at the library's circulation desk.

After the cupcake decorating program there will be glow-in-the-dark games for everyone to play.

# ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

Summertime is ramping up, with temperatures regularly hitting 90 degrees or more. And if sweltering outdoor weather isn't enough, the season also brings an unwelcome visitor, the yellow fly. This critter doesn't buzz or hum like a mosquito, so the first sign that one is after you is the sharp sting you feel when it has already got you!

I was interested to learn that only the female yellow fly bites. Both sexes feed on plant nectar and pollen to obtain energy, but the female feeds on blood to develop eggs. These flies can attack throughout the day, but are most active during the late afternoon and on cloudy days. They are especially common near large bodies of water, which explains why they always seem to be hanging around my home on Kingsley Lake.

Female yellow flies deposit their egg masses on plants, rocks or sticks over or near water. Within five to 12 days, the eggs hatch and the larvae drop into the water or mud where they feed on organic debris or other small organisms. They pass the winter in the pupa or dormant stage, emerging as adults in the spring. Flies are "on the wing" in Florida from March to November, although the peak season is April through June.

There are no effective means for controlling yellow-fly larvae, but mosquito repellents can be moderately effective against adults except when the flies are very abundant or very hungry. These flies tend to remain in or near forests and are rarely

found in large numbers far from the shelter of trees.

The best means of protection against yellow flies is to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, including head-nets and gloves, when outdoors—an uncomfortable proposition during the hot Florida summer. DEET is the most effective repellent. Because it is not as effective against flies as it is against mosquitoes, it should be reapplied more often.

Biting flies are most active in still-air areas. Increasing air movement in porches, patios, and picnic areas will help keep them away. Also, burning repellent candles and torches containing citronella may help. Because most biting flies rest in vegetation, pruning shrubs and mowing weedy areas may promote environmental airflow and reduce their numbers around your home.

More information is available at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in595> and <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in155>. There are also instructions that tell you how to make a yellow flytrap at <http://bradford.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/CuttingEdgeJuly2013.pdf>

Have a wonderful, fun summer and be careful out there!



Mary W. Bridgman



# CHURCH

**St. John Missionary Baptist Church** will host a combined vacation Bible school with Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church June 11-13 from 6-8 p.m. each night. The theme will be "Amazing Road Trip." All ages are welcome. For more information, please call Emma Strong at 904-782-3130.

**New River NC Methodist Church** will host a revival from Sunday, June 8, to Wednesday, June 11. Sunday's service is at 6 p.m., and weeknight services are at 7:30 p.m. Speakers include Randy Ogburn, Tommy Richardson, Tommy Anderson and Cody Griffis. Homecoming will be June 15 with lunch following the morning service. Call 386-431-1536 for directions.

**True Vine Ministry**, 422 N. Saint Clair St. in Starke, will host a vacation Bible school June 11 and 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly with Bible studies, crafts, games and food for the entire family—all for no charge. For transportation or more information, please contact 904-964-9264 or [www.truevinemin.org](http://www.truevinemin.org).

**Starke Church of God by Faith** invites everyone to vacation Bible school, June 17-20 at 6 p.m., and its Family Fun Day, June 21 at 11 a.m. For more information and registration,



please call 904-964-9396.

**Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church**, at the corner of Chestnut and Ash streets, in Starke will hold its annual vacation Bible school during the week of June 16-20 from 6-8:30 p.m. nightly. The theme is "Jungle Safari — Where Kids Explore the Nature of God," and there will be teaching, games, arts and crafts, recreation, and snacks for all to enjoy.

**Victory Baptist Church** of Hampton will have vacation Bible school June 16-20 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night. Dinner will be provided. Preregister Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Call 352-468-2077 for more information.

**Bible Baptist Church**, 150 S. Cherry Street in Starke, will hold vacation Bible school June 16-19 from 6:30-9 p.m. The theme is "Cross-Training: Focus on the Finish." For more information, please contact 904-964-7745.

**Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church**, located at the corner of U.S. 301 and Steel Mill Road in Starke, and RJE Freemasons Lodge No. 69 are hosting St. Johns Day with Pastor Gary Slaughter at 4

p.m. on Saturday, June 21. All churches are invited. Food will be served following the service.

**Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church**, 2220 Lake St. in Lawtey, will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, June 22, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with the Rev. Dwayne K. Gaddis and Starke Mayor Carolyn Spooner as speakers. The theme is "Called to Make a Difference" and everyone is invited.

**Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church** will be celebrating its annual deacon, deaconess and trustee anniversary on Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m. The Rev. Ronald Strong Sr. will be the messenger for this event. All are invited.

**New Covenant Baptist Ministries** will be celebrating five years of service for Pastor and Sister Claude Bonds on Sunday, June 22, at 11 a.m. The Rev. McKinley Underwood will be the messenger. The public is invited to this event.

**First United Methodist Church** will hold a vacation Bible school with the theme "Weird Animals" June 23-27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. Registration is required. Please call the church at 904-964-6864.

**Heilbron Springs Baptist Church** will hold a "Wilderness Escape" themed vacation Bible school from July 14-18, 6-8:30 p.m. each night. Everyone is invited.

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

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## TAX

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to make up for the lost revenue. There is a realization that the ban on utility connections isn't compatible with the vision to promote development and denies the city new customers, but the surcharge on monthly usage apparently isn't enough of a consolation prize for the restrictions on annexation.

Raising rates further isn't an option as the state has capped rates on unincorporated properties. The commission instead discussed hiking connection and other fees associated with tying a new customer to the system, but those fees, unlike property taxes, are one-time charges.

To the rescue with a possible solution are City Clerk Ricky Thompson and the city's new engineer, Mittauer and Associates. Pointing to a policy that already exists in the city of Live Oak, Thompson says the city can tax utility customers outside the city limits — but only if they agree.

Live Oak's agreement with unincorporated utility customers allows for a payment in lieu of annexation. Live Oak doesn't charge those customers a higher monthly charge, but once a year they make a payment to the

city based on the value of their property and the city's current ad valorem tax rate, just like they were paying property tax.

The payment would not appear on a Starke customer's annual tax bill. The city would bill them separately, and because it's like a tax payment instead of a utility bill, the revenue can fund general government instead of the enterprise fund.

Thompson said this was the fairest solution because customers inside and outside the city limits would be paying the same rates — the same water and sewer rates and the same property tax rates.

The catch is the resident or business owner would have to agree to this arrangement, which means instead of the city saying annex in order to get utilities, it would be saying agree to this annual property tax payment.

Thompson doesn't yet have examples to compare the current scenario to the Live Oak policy. He did say that current utility customers outside city limits would not be required to sign a contract but could go on paying the higher utility rates.

The commission will have to get up to speed on how all of this is supposed to work before making a decision. There was still a lot of confusion during the last board meeting.

## Correction

BHS graduate Kyle Brooks' name was misspelled last week in the graduation edition. We apologize for the error.

## Registration fees going down

Effective Sept. 1, Florida's vehicle registration fees will be reduced. If your renewal is due prior to September, you may wish to opt for a one-year renewal instead of biennial registration in order to take advantage of the lower fees next year.

## Zumba at the senior center

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness class for active older adults, those just beginning to exercise, or for those physically limited. Do something for yourself and come join the fun for free. Classes are Mondays at 1:30 p.m., and

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes are taught by a certified Zumba Gold instructor.

The senior center offers many other activities and classes for adults 50 years of age or older. Stop by and pick up a calendar of our classes and events.

The center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. For more information on activities or events, please call 904-368-3955. A calendar of events can be found at [www.bradfordcountyfl.gov](http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov).

## Free HIV testing, counseling

The Bradford County Health Department is sharing the importance of National HIV Testing Day by offering free HIV counseling and testing on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 27.

The health department is located at 1801 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

## 1949 and 1950 BHS classmates reunite



The Bradford High School Class of 1949 celebrated its 65th year reunion at the Downtown Grill in Starke on May 17. Attending were (front, l-r) Julia Taibi Griffis, Betty Anne Flynn Phillips, (middle) Jackie Strickland Seiple, Edith Fowler Melvin, Eldridge Hayes, Barbara Moore Casey, Alma Thomas Outlaw, Raymond "Lucky" Howe, (back) Drew Reddish, Peggy Ann Wiggins Neel, Margaret Dyal Lewis, Linda Carter Sweat, Alma Leta Dyal Sparks, Rodney Hall, Vivian McRae Harley, George Winkler, George Roberts, George Pierce and Kenneth Grider.



The Bradford High School Class of 1950 celebrated its 64th-year reunion on May 17 with a get-together at Hampton Lake Bed and Breakfast. Nineteen class members and 7 guests enjoyed a delicious meal and a good time of fellowship. Pictured are (front, l-r) Paul Carter, Glenn Conner, Pete Douglas, Jimmy Crosby, Elizabeth Crawford Pierce, Esther Shuford Hall, Joyce Newsome Gross, Jean Parker Misner, Betty Long Edwards, Rebecca Brown Wise, Doris Norman Smith, Marian McRae Conner, Grace Dickinson Malone, Peggy Tilley Godwin, Marycille Darley Bennett, Grace Crews Buckley, (back) Bob Stefanelli, Ray Griffis and Charles Cooley.



## LEGALS

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 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR QUEST TRUST 2004-X3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-X3, Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE B. COOPER, DECEASED; FERLESSIA HUNT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A HENRIK PRYOR; SHEVON MCNEAL (Defendants)  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2014, and entered in 04-2012-CA-00643 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR QUEST TRUST 2004-X3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-X3, is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE B. COOPER, DECEASED; FERLESSIA HUNT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A HENRIK PRYOR; SHEVON MCNEAL are the Defendant(s). Ray Norman as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave. Starke FL 32091, at 11:00 AM on July 31, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Ray Norman  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: Lisa Brannon  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 04-2013-CA-000227  
 DIVISION:  
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,  
 PLAINTIFF  
 VS.  
 ROY CREWS, ET AL,  
 DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2014, and entered in Case No. 04-2013-CA-000227 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Roy T. Crews; Julie Crews; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SBM Wachovia Bank, National Association; Jane Tenant nka Nicole Dean and John Tenant nka Brett Dean, are Defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 31 day of July, 2014, the following described

property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN AXLE FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES, 12 MINUTES AND 45 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 1389.21 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 57 DEGREES, 31 MINUTES AND 58 SECONDS WEST, 1175.14 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 16 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD 48); THENCE NORTH 35 DEGREES, 58 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, 160.92 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 35 DEGREES, 58 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, 178.35 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES, 16 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS EAST, 372.83 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES, 36 MINUTES AND 44 SECONDS EAST, 180.03 FEET TO FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES, 16 MINUTES AND 00 SECONDS WEST, 340.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.46 ACRES.  
 A/K/A 21557 NW SR 16, STARKE, FL 32091  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Bradford County, Florida this 29 day of May, 2014.  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Bradford County, Florida  
 By: Lisa Brannon  
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 23028  
 Tampa, FL 33623  
 (813) 221-4743  
 (813) 221-9171 facsimile  
 EService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com  
 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. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No. 04-2013-CA-000444  
 Division  
 NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 CHARLES D. PASSON, BETH A. PASSON AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 21, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida described as:  
 PROPERTY SEARCHED LOT 25 SEMINOLE RIDGE UNIT 5 SITUATED IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH RANGE 22 EAST BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12 AND RUN NORTH 06 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 A DISTANCE OF 880.98 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89

DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID GRADED ROAD 415.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGH ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 08 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 593.21 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 28 SECONDS A RADIUS OF 900 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 05 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 80.99 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 30 SECONDS A RADIUS OF 900 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 81.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 207.76 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 06 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 110.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 195.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING  
 and commonly known as: 303 SE 3RD AVE, MELROSE, FL 32666; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the east front door of the Bradford County Courthouse, on July 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m..  
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29 day of May, 2014.  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Ray Norman  
 By: Lisa Brannon  
 Deputy Clerk

Lindsay M. Alvarez  
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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case No. 04-2013-CA-000318  
 Division  
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 GLENN BORGNER A/K/A GLENN E. BORGNER, AMANDA BORGNER, FLORIDA HOMELOAN CORPORATION F/K/A FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 15, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida described as:  
 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N 1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST (NE) CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE AFORE DESCRIBED AND RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 624.52 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 155.53 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1425.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 155.51 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1425.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
 SAVE AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE SOUTH 25 FEET, WHICH IS A PORTION OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD.  
 TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 HOME OF MERIT DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) FL-HM1CY159923384A AND FL-HM1CY159923384B.  
 and commonly known as: 2741 SE 144TH ST, STARKE, FL 32091; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the east front door of the Bradford County Courthouse, on July 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.  
 Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29 day of May, 2014.  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Ray Norman  
 By: Lisa Brannon  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO: 2010-CA-62  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.

YONG SUE O'DONNELL A/K/A YONG SUE O DONNELL A/K/A YONG SUE ODONNELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YONG SUE O'DONNELL A/K/A YONG SUE O DONNELL A/K/A YONG SUE ODONNELL; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; PATRICK C. O'DONNELL, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,  
 Defendants,  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, will on the 31 day of July, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at the In the lobby of the Courthouse in Starke, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Bradford County, Florida:  
 EAST THREE-FOURTHS (E 3/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4) EXCEPTING SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4 NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4) 1/4 AND EXCEPT ONE ACRE 210' SQUARE LYING 700' WEST AND 110' SOUTHERLY OF NORTHEAST CORNER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4) SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, ALL LYING AND BEING IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAVE AND EXCEPTING: THE NORTH THREE (3) ACRES OF E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4, SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OR SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4) OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND CONTAINING 10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF WAY FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY 20 FEET OF THE NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4, SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST; LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RUN N. 88°09'32" W, 318.36 feet; thence run N 01°55'44" E, 296.09 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88°09'32" E, 317.47 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01°45'24" W, 296.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE 20.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND 10.00 FEET LEFT AND 10.00 FEET RIGHT A CENTER LINE RUNNING FROM PLEASANT GROVE ROAD SOUTHERLY TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY OWNED BY SOL HANKERSON AS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 215, PAGE 115, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN OLD AXLE FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18 AND RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE OF 365.15 TO A SET 1/2" REBAR FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 311.14 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH AFORE SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 311.14 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
 Pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 29 day of May, 2014.  
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: Lisa Brannon  
 Deputy Clerk

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 Brian T. Dunmire  
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 3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E  
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**NOTICE**  
 The CareerSource NCFL Combined and Education and Youth Committees will hold a meeting on Monday, June 16 at 2:00 and 2:45 respectively

at Santa Fe CIED, 530 W. University Ave, Gainesville, FL. For more information please contact Bryan Eastman at (352) 872-5904.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, June 30, 2014, 7:00 P.M. at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Senior Center located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd NW in Live Oak, Florida.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO: 04-2014-CP-34  
 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELBERT DAVID PEACE, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the Estate of ELBERT DAVID PEACE, deceased, whose date of death was March 12, 2014, Case No: 04-2014-CP-34 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, Post Office Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address 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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 12, 2014.  
 Personal Representative  
 Rufus I. Peace  
 609 West Call Street  
 Starke, Florida 32091  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 John S. Cooper, Esquire  
 704 North Lake Street, Suite A  
 Starke, Florida 32091  
 (904) 964-4701  
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 Florida Bar No: 0910340  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 14000149CAAXMX  
 CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD LEE NELSON, DECEASED, et. al.  
 Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF ACTION – CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
 TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD LEE NELSON, DECEASED whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
 LOT 6, BLOCK 25, ORIGINAL TOWN OF STARKE, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK N, PAGE 759, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before July 12, 2014 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 6 day of June, 2014  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 BY: Lisa Brannon  
 DEPUTY CLERK  
 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL  
 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
 6409 CONGRESS AVENUE SUITE 100  
 BOCA RATON, FL 33487  
 PRIMARY EMAIL: MAIL@RAS-FLAW.COM  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809), Allen's Attic Mini Storage will hold a public auction on Friday, June 27, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at 527 South Water Street, Starke, Florida 32091. The following storage units containing personal items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.  
 Unit 14: Unknown  
 Unit 30 & 31: Dean  
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# Here we are: Getting the word out about Bradford County

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Interest in economic development has led to recent discussion of tax incentives, getting Starke's Community Redevelopment Agency back on track and setting a vision for the next 10 years.

Development is partially about recruiting business to come here. It's also about promoting what is already here so the county doesn't get left out when developers are looking for a place to set up shop.

One thing ostensibly working in Bradford's favor is its involvement with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership. The executive director of that partnership, Jeff Hendry, visited the county commission in March for an update and shared information about the partnership's website to promote the region.

"Our job over the last three years has been to define what our region is," Hendry said, including an examination of the labor force the available resources. The work has been compiled on a website for the partnership which doubles as a marketing tool for the region. [www.nflp.org](http://www.nflp.org).

Land, infrastructure and access to larger markets are touted characteristics of the region, as well as the proximity of major research universities, which are often taken for granted, and workforce development assets.

Bradford, Baker and Union counties are among the 15 partners, and all are listed as showing growth since the year

## Turn your idea into a business

Have a great idea? Turn it into a business! Learn how at the Bradford County Incubator's Business Plan Workshop on Thursday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This all-day workshop will be held at the Santa Fe Andrews Center Cultural Building, 209 W Call St.

Topics include branding, industry research, understanding your target customer, marketing your company, taking care of operations, building your team, structuring your business, finance and taxes, and writing a business plan. Meals will be provided courtesy of Capital City Bank.

The Bradford County Incubator is provided by CareerSource North Central Florida in collaboration with the Santa Fe Center for Innovation and Economic Development.

For more information and to preregister, call 904-701-8121 or visit <http://bit.ly/1oXLLhh>.

## Kingsley kids invited to reunion

If you grew up around Kingsley Lake or were associated with it, make your plans to attend the third annual Kingsley Lake Kids Reunion. The reunion will be on Saturday, June 14, beginning at noon at the Kingsley Lake Civic Center.

Please contact Joey Callan at [callanjoseph@hotmail.com](mailto:callanjoseph@hotmail.com) or Doug Combs at [djcombs007.com](mailto:djcombs007.com) for more information.

## Food distribution on hold

Due to operational changes, the Wednesday mobile food pantry program at True Vine Ministry and the Church of God by Faith has been temporarily postponed. The food bank has elected to cancel the mobile pantries for the month and will advise toward the end of June whether the program will continue or be canceled altogether.

Organizers ask for patience during this transitional time.

## Class of '74 plans reunion

The Bradford High School Class of 1974 is planning its 40th year reunion. For details, email your contact information to [bradfordhighclassof74@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordhighclassof74@gmail.com) or visit the Bradford High Class of 1974 on Facebook.

2000, although Bradford is just above Levy and Putnam in terms of percentage.

Someone curious about Bradford County could find a snapshot at [www.nflp.org](http://www.nflp.org). The county's vital statistics are listed, including its growth since 1980. The county is said to be 51<sup>st</sup> in population in the state, containing a tenth of the state's population. The site includes family, housing and employment statistics. Bradford has a better quality of life than the state average based on the crime rate, but it falls behind the state in education based on the percentage of high school and college graduates.

Key industries listed for the partnership's counties include manufacturing, timber, distribution, agriculture, technology, health care, aviation services and products, and tourism.

Bradford's picture has not been fully painted, however. The site's higher education map could be considered incomplete as it fails to list either the Andrews Center or Watson Center branches of Santa Fe College or the Bradford-Union Technical Center. (The only Santa Fe campus acknowledged is Gainesville.) It isn't immediately clear if the "Enterprise Park" listed refers to the industrial park in Starke or the property available for development at the Keystone Heights Airpark. In any case, only one is listed. The airport itself doesn't appear to be a listed asset elsewhere on the site either. Shands Starke Regional Medical Center was not overlooked in the compilation of health care resources.

The city of Starke is not among the electric utilities listed, which

## Leaders plan joint meeting

**Commissioners from Starke and Bradford County, and board members from the chamber, TDC and BCDA, will meet at noon on June 19 at the Downtown Grill to discuss economic development and the implementation of the Envision 2023 recommendations.**

some might consider a plus given its costs comparison with private power companies, but there's no opportunity to tout the positives either, such as the reliability of the system and efficiency of service. It may be taken for granted that the city also has a water and wastewater utility, as does Lawtey, and Brooker and Hampton both have water.

Questions have also been raised about why available real estate hasn't been listed on the site and who is responsible for compiling and sharing this information with the partnership. Only two sites in Bradford County are currently listed.

The partnership has its success stories, with jobs created in Suwannee and Madison counties, for example, but direct benefits for Bradford have yet to manifest.

## Tourism

In February, during a discussion of using bed tax money to promote events for local businesses that attract tourists, county commission Chairman Danny Riddick brought up the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's ability to promote the area — for a cost. From equestrian opportunities and outdoor recreation, to a motorsport park and seasonal

and monthly festivals, the area has a lot to promote, he said, and he wanted Tourist Development Council dollars to pay for it.

TDC Chairman John Miller wasn't averse, calling Bradford a hidden resource, but other commissioners weren't ready to jump on board.

The planning council staffs and houses the office of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, which promotes the region is through the website [www.naturalnorthflorida.com](http://www.naturalnorthflorida.com). In its own words it "provides information fulfillment services for visitors wishing to explore the beauty of Natural North Florida."

The website promotes events, attractions and recreational opportunities like bike and equestrian trails. There is even a companion website Fish Natural North Florida ([www.fnnf.com](http://www.fnnf.com)) detailing the best places to fish throughout the region.

Steven Dopp from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council came to the county commission in March to discuss the benefits of membership. In addition to Internet exposure, travel writers are brought in who in turn publicize the amenities they visit with newspaper, magazine and online articles.

Dopp said when counties pool their resources, they can undertake joint marketing campaigns that benefit the entire area.

The county and TDC have yet to agree to split the \$4,000 in annual dues to Original Florida. Currently, Bradford County is only represented on the site through its most well known events. The fair, Strawberry Festival and Starke Bike Fest are the only attractions listed for the county.

## Other opportunities

On June 3, Starke Commissioner Tommy Chastain had questions about opportunities for economic development assistance through the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and why the city wasn't taking advantage of them. Mayor Carolyn Spooner, the city's representative to the council, confirmed services in economic development planning are available; it's just a matter of reaching out for that help.

According to the planning council's website, the region has been designated an economic development region by the U.S. Economic Development Administration since 1978, and it's the planning council's job to create and update a comprehensive economic strategy for the region. Based on that strategy, the region becomes eligible for federal grants funding.

Beyond that, the website says the council is involved in providing technical assistance to local governments and economic development organizations to promote growth. That includes economic impact modeling for

grant applications as well as grant procurement and administration services.

The city intends to contact the planning council for more information.

## Envision

Over the course of several sessions last year, leaders from business, government, education and other fields met over several sessions to brainstorm the issues facing the county in terms of technology, infrastructure, workforce development, health care and higher education. The result was a report with recommendations to help local leaders in these sectors make the county a post-recession success story.

Follow up meetings on matters like funding assistance have also taken place. The next meeting is a lunch scheduled for Thursday, June 19, at noon at the Downtown Grill.

The North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Starke and Bradford county commissions and Dug Jones from the Santa Fe Envision Board will be holding a joint meeting to discuss how to take the Envision plan and move forward. The Bradford County Tourist Development Council and Bradford County Development Authority members have been invited to the session, as has Crawford Powell of Impact Development Group and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership.

Chamber President Pam Whittle said this is an opportunity for the various board members to come together and discuss the issues facing all of them.

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## Graduation jubilation

The rains held off until the Bradford High School class of 2014 graduation was finished, but Chance Wheatley (left) let loose a victory yell that rivaled any thunder in the area. He and more than 160 young men and women were ecstatic to finish one chapter of their lives and move on to another. More photos can be viewed at [www.StarkeJournal.com](http://www.StarkeJournal.com). All photos by Cliff Smelley.



LEFT: "We did it!" Cody Bias, Jerica Krol and Christina Troup. ABOVE: "We made it!" James Young.



Valedictorian Wisam Fares



ABOVE: Selfies were a big part of the evening, and many of them were silly as demonstrated by (l-r) Marcus Randolph, Autumn Webb and Kayla Jones. LEFT: Leah Bryant is all smiles after receiving her diploma.



Salutatorian Christopher Shannon

Who's happy? ABOVE LEFT: Katlin Canady is eager to walk across the stage and accept her diploma. ABOVE: Tra'von Thomas plays it cool when it's all said and done. RIGHT: Hayden Balkcom gives a big thumbs-up on his way to the field prior to the graduation's start.



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# Murray Ford celebrates renovations, new acquisition

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

The celebration was in full swing June 7 as Starke's Murray Ford Superstore threw a party to introduce several changes and

improvements.

Owner Dale Murray said the celebration was three-fold, acknowledging the grand opening of the newly renovated Murray Ford Superstore and Murray Quick Lane service

center and the recent acquisition of Beck Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram.

The five-hour event offered something for everyone, with more emphasis on having a good time than on making a sale. About 500 people attended the event to enjoy traditional cookout fare from Country Caterers and live music from the Ben Carter Band. The younger members of the crowd found several slides and a bounce house to keep them busy, while their parents perused several informational booths from local merchants and charities such as the Relay for Life and the Food Pantry.

"Murray Ford values the community, and we support several local efforts," Murray said. "We are big supporters of both Bradford and Union County high schools, as well as the police, sheriff's department and Youth Ranch."

Bradford County Sheriff's Office was represented at the event, providing child ID cards and their crash test simulator. The Bradford County Explorers were on hand washing cars to benefit the Youth Ranch. Sheriff

**Murray Ford's new Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center allows for quick, routine/light maintenance on all makes and models without an appointment.**



Gordon Smith took the hot seat in the dunking booth in the name of raising funds as well.

The renovation of the dealership began in February and was completed in late May with a hefty multi-million-dollar price tag. Director of Operations/Human Resource Manager Frank Bisacky said the process involved the complete refurbishment of both the exterior and the interior of the existing structure and was geared to both improving service to the customers and to making their experience at Murray Ford a pleasant one.

Everywhere one looks, there are details designed to enhance the customer's experience, from granite counter tops in the restrooms to new, high-definition televisions and vending machines (offering a wider range of choices) in the customer waiting area. Also new is the business center, which offers high speed Internet for customers' use while they wait. Wi-Fi is available over the entire lot outside to allow customers to look at the dealership's inventory online while they walk around.

The service department has also been improved and augmented, being the main factor in the cost of the renovation. New lifts have been installed that can handle recreational vehicles up to 53 feet in length. New electronic equipment has been added, which allows the service department to work on any make

and model.

The new Murray Quick Lane Tire Center is designed to serve everyone and carries a full line of tire types and sizes for passenger vehicles.

"We spent a lot of money to give our customers better, quicker and more complete service," Bisacky said. "We have improved the quality and scope of our service department and the breadth and depth of our entire operation. We are part of this community. This is a family owned business, not a big corporation. Our first concern when making any decision is, 'What is the right thing to do?' That is what we do."

"A customer is not just a sale—they are members of our community, and we want to do the best job we can in meeting their needs."

## New signs highlight Call Street history

BY JAMES WILLIAMS

Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Northeast Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Development Council wants to attract more attention to Starke and Bradford County history.

What they really hope to accomplish is to highlight Starke and Bradford County history, using resources at hand. Those resources include the Eugene Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum and now plaques highlighting the Call Street historic district.

The Call Street district is included in the National Registry of historic places and covers a large swath of downtown Starke.

Over the last few months, research has been completed, and metal plaques have been added to four buildings with roles in Starke history and Call Street's cityscape. More plaques are planned.

The hope is to have a self-guided walking tour of Starke and Call Street history up and down the blocks.

The first building already identified is the Richard and Pace Building, which sits on the south side of Call Street, right at the railroad tracks. Its companion building, the first Bradford Bank (now housing Tony and Al's Deli), sits right next door and also has a new sign.

Two additional buildings got signs last week: the chamber building, which is also the second Bradford Bank building, and the Magnolia Hotel.

All of those buildings except the chamber building were constructed in the late 1800s. The chamber building was constructed during the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Richard and Pace building replaced a former wooden frame that may have been victim to a fire. The Bradford Bank was the



Leisa Sims, owner of It's Your Day, said, "This is nice," upon noticing the historic plaque on the west side of her building.

first bank in Bradford County—it moved operations down the street from today's 200 E. Call St. to its second edifice at 100 E. Call St. in 1914.

The Magnolia Hotel was built as a private residence by Adolph von Kirm around 1884. It was later sold to Dr. Albert Freeman around 1915. The Magnolia Hotel's new plaque describes its journey to become a hotel.

A current Magnolia Hotel resident said hotel guests have stopped by to read the new sign. "It's interesting, all that stuff," said the man, who declined to be named.

At the Richard and Pace building, It's Your Day gown, tuxedo and bridal shop owner Leisa Sims said she hadn't even noticed the sign yet—perhaps because it was placed on the side of the building that also houses the Let's Do It Studio.

Sims deals in formal dresses and gowns—new, layaway, consignment and custom made. Last Monday, she was adding cammo to a wedding dress and said she gets custom customers from as far away as North Carolina.

Downtown shop owners will be invited to place signs on their buildings once the research is complete.

The Richard and Pace building housed one of Starke's earliest department stores. It and another building tucked away behind it were significant because they stored much of the merchandise delivered to and from Starke on the railroad during Starke's formative years.

"This is nice," Sims said as she scanned the new Call Street historic sign. She added that she knew the building was old, but wasn't aware of the role her shop's building had played in Starke and Bradford County history.

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# Woodrow Griffis: cleaning up war's 'mess,' building 'Cracker' boats

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Telegraph,  
Monitor and Times

While most people think of World War II-era military service in terms of battles, marches and invasions, there were many who served in support positions both during and after the conflict. These jobs were just as necessary and sometimes carried more responsibility than the combat positions. As one longtime Bradford County resident put it, "Someone had to clean up the mess and see that problems didn't start up again."

Woodrow Griffis Sr. was born on Jan. 26, 1929, on his parents' farm, located about 1 mile from where Camp Blanding's A gate is now. His father, Leonard, and grandfather, Henry, had adjacent 40-acre homesteads. Both men farmed to feed their families and were accomplished "horse traders," which had less to do with horses as it did with bartering for needed items.

"It was during the Depression, so no one had any money," Griffis remembered. "You had something someone needed, and they had something you needed, so you just made it work. A lot of people survived that way."

Griffis remembered the hard work required on the farm, but he also has fond memories of Saturdays, when he could go to Starke with a quarter in his pocket and go the Ritz Theatre, where he could buy a bag of popcorn, a drink and a ticket to see the show.

Griffis enlisted at age 16, lying about his age to do so. (He should have been 17 to be allowed to join the Army.) He did so with his parents' approval, after spending a little time talking his mother into it.

"I was the oldest of 17 children (five girls and 12 boys, one of whom dies at 1 month of age), and someone had to help out," Griffis said. "I was working for 50 cents a day, and the Army was paying \$21 a month, plus they gave you room and board as well as all your clothes."

Griffis was assigned to the 383rd Lightening Security Police, receiving training at Kewana, Miss. It was there he met his two best buddies, who worked with him for the next two years: Lewis Gresset and a man named Guererro, who was originally from Mexico. The trio arrived in France in early 1944, missing the

fighting, but just in time to join the occupying force. They moved on into Germany after two weeks in France.

"The war in Europe was over, but it was still smoking when we arrived," Griffis said. "They were still fighting in the Pacific, but that really didn't affect us."

Spending two and a half years in Germany, Griffis worked picking up and delivering prisoners and helping to chase down SS members still at large.

"Most of the German people were not Nazis, or if they had joined them, it was in name only," Griffis said. "Many of them were forced to join the party to keep their families safe. As for the SS, most of the 'big guys' had gotten out of the country, but there were still quite a few of the lower-ranking men to the rounded up."

Griffis saw service all over Germany in places like Mannheim, Darmstadt and Frankfurt. He said the German people were a little unfriendly at first, but over the time he was there they seemed to become easier to get along with.

While Griffis and his friends were kept busy, they never were subjected to the horrors of the concentration camps. They also found time to do a little sightseeing on their time off. Griffis remembered seeing the world's largest wine keg in Heidelberg.

"The thing was so huge it had never been totally filled up," Griffis said. "They said that a king one time filled it up about half way. It was so big that there was a dance floor built on top



Woodrow Griffis Sr.

of it. We also got to see a lot of castles and old, historical places and things."

When he arrived home from Germany, Griffis wasted no time in going to work. Hampered by his lack of education (he was only able to complete the second grade due to family responsibilities), he bought a truck and went to work in the scrap metal business. Some time later, he went to work as a mechanic for Shorty Livey at his garage in Starke at the corner of Pratt Street and U.S. 301, where he said he worked on a lot of vehicles from the Hercules Powder Company.

Griffis married Olga Pauline Michaelchuck in 1947. The marriage lasted 57.5 years and produced five children: Viola, Victor, Woodrow Jr., Lucille and Eleanor. Griffis now presides over a large family, which includes 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

"Family is the most important thing to me," Griffis said. "I value greatly any time I can spend with them."

In 1961, Griffis started out in

the field of business in which he would excel. He went to work for Jimmy Moore at Moore's Sun Spot in Starke, located where Walgreen's is now. Moore built fiberglass boats and sold Mercury outboards. Griffis quickly found a niche in the business.

"People were making boats and selling boats, but nobody was repairing fiberglass boats so I learned how to do it," Griffis said.

Griffis worked for Moore "a long time" for minimum wage until one day he asked for a 15-cent raise. When Moore refused, Griffis gave his two weeks' notice.

Griffis had taken over the \$18,000 mortgage on a piece of property owned by his father at the behest of Bud Mizell of Southern Discount (now CT City Financial). He rebuilt the house on the property and built a workshop to start his own business making fiberglass boats.

Griffis and Sons opened for business, producing Stumpknocker Boats in several styles. Named after a small panfish in the bream family known for being stubborn and mean, the boats were an immediate success.

"The boats were really nothing fancy," Griffis said. "They were just Cracker fishing boats, but people seemed to like them."

Son Woodrow Jr. took over the main running of the business, but Griffis did not completely retire until about three years ago. The Stumpknocker name and assets were sold in 2004 to All Craft Marine. In 2009, Woodrow Jr. went back into the business as Griffis Fiberglass and has been successful working with St. Augustine Marine. Woodrow Jr. said he owes everything to his father.

"He taught me everything I know about fiberglass and building boats," he said.

Griffis now spends his days feeding a yard full of squirrels and four goats and keeping his numerous bird feeders well stocked. He also enjoys watching Westerns on television and listening to vintage country music, especially the music of Hank Williams Sr. Despite all this, he is occasionally restless in his retirement.



Woodrow Griffis, at age 16, newly arrived in immediate post-war Mannheim, Germany, circa 1944.

"I kick myself every now and then for ever stopping working," Griffis said. "I miss the work and the satisfaction that comes from building something."



Woodrow Griffis and best friend Lewis Gresset served together all the way through training and two-and-one-half years in Germany in the 383rd Lightening Security Police, helping to track down former SS members.

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Georgia Ellyn Green

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The graduating class of 50 students elected Georgia to be the student commencement speaker. She was the recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence, the Florida Bright Futures scholarship, the Spanish Award, the Leadership Award and the PTL Service Award. She also was awarded with the Roddey R Fisher Award and the Clay Electric Youth Scholarship award. Georgia is also a member of the National Honor Society and Cum Laude Society.

Georgia Ellyn Green will attend Mercer University in Macon, GA in the fall on several academic scholarships. She will study International Health Sciences.

Georgia is the only daughter to Mr. and Dr. Lex Green of Starke. She is granddaughter of Sandra Green and the late Buzzy Green of Penny Farms.

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# 4 UCHS baseball players get college opportunities

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Four recent Union County High School graduates are getting the chance to play collegiate baseball, with Chris Starling signing a letter of intent to play at Milligan College in northeast Tennessee, while Corey Hersey, Cole Kite and Colten McAlister all signed with Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville.

"It's a great opportunity," Starling said. "It's always been my dream to play at the next level."

Hersey said, "It feels good to go to the next level and play," with McAlister adding, "It's something I've always wanted since I was a little boy."

Kite admitted that words couldn't describe his feelings, but did say, "I never really thought I had a chance to play at the next level."

Union head coach Brian Tomlinson the four players always remained loose and knew how to have fun, but they took the sport seriously. They did what they needed to do to be successful and did what their coaches asked of them.

"Those four were instrumental in us winning state two years ago," Tomlinson said. "The fact those guys get to go on and play at the next level says a lot about them and all the hard work they've done."

For Hersey, Kite and McAlister, it's a chance to remain teammates.

"It feels good to have all your friends on the same team," Hersey said, with Kite adding, "I feel pretty good. I get to play with my friends and play ball some more."

Trinity Baptist will have quite the local appeal, having signed Wyatt Collins and David Hall from Bradford High School and Blake Richardson from Keystone Heights High School.

"That's pretty cool," McAlister



Union County High School baseball players Colten McAlister (left) and Chris Starling sign letters of intent to play at Trinity Baptist College and Milligan College, respectively. Corey Hersey and Cole Kite also signed letters of intent to play at Trinity Baptist at a separate signing ceremony, but the Telegraph-Times-Monitor was unable to obtain photos.

said. "I've played against them most of my life."

Hersey said he looks forward to the level playing field at Trinity Baptist. It is a first-year program, so there are no established positions.

"It's pretty exciting," Hersey said. "We all get the same chance to see how good we are."

Hersey said he looked at several schools in Pensacola and Enterprise, Ala., before receiving an offer from Trinity.

"I figured that wasn't a long ways from home," he said.

Hersey was a catcher and in the pitching rotation at UCHS. Tomlinson said Hersey is a player who not only understands the game, but one who can play anywhere. Trinity Baptist, really, is getting nine players in one, Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson said at the catcher position, Hersey excelled at blocking balls that other catchers can't.

"He's a grinder," Tomlinson said. "He's going to get dirty

back there behind the plate."

His experience behind the plate helped him on the mound.

"He understands how to approach batters," Tomlinson said, adding, "He's able to throw any pitch he has for a strike at any time."

Hersey said he's not sure where Trinity coaches want him to play, but it doesn't matter to him.

"I'll play anywhere they need me to," he said.

Offensively, Hersey has good control of the bat and is able to lay down bunts for singles, Tomlinson said. The coach added that Hersey doesn't have "blazing" speed, but is capable of stretching singles into doubles.

Kite wasn't looking to play anywhere until Union assistant coach Lamar Waters informed him of Trinity Baptist's interest in him.

"I wasn't really planning on going to college to start with,"

See SIGN, 10B

## Bradford Fair annual dinner is June 16

Want to be a part of the Bradford County Fair, but don't know how? Why not be a fair member?

Membership dues are \$15 per person, which includes a membership card with free admittance to the 2015 fair and an annual dinner.

This year's annual dinner—a fish fry—is Monday, June 16, at 6 p.m. in Building 1 at the fairgrounds. Please call 904-964-5252 to RSVP.

and registration is open now. Visit the Santa Fe College Andrews Center to register for either Jr. College for Kids or College for Kids, or to pick up a scholarship application.

You may also call 904-964-5382.

## Keystone girls' basketball/softball camp starts June 30

A girls' basketball/softball camp will be held at the Keystone Heights High School gym from

8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. starting June 30 and running through July 2.

A session will be offered for girls in second through fourth grade, while another will be offered for those in fifth through seventh grade.

The cost is \$130 (or \$65 for those who want to do only one sport) and includes lunches, drinks, T-shirts and awards.

Applications may be obtained at Keystone Heights Elementary School.

For more information, please call Keystone Heights Elementary School at 352-473-4844 and speak to either Jessica Carter (ext. 2315) or MaryAnne McCall (ext. 2270).

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### Common Core attackss are 'baseless'

Dear Editor:

As a twenty year Navy veteran and former Clay County Public High School History teacher of 18 years, I am tired and disgusted with the nonsensical, baseless attacks against Common Core State Standards, known in our State as the Florida Standards, running rampant in Clay County.

The Florida Standards are straightforward, academic benchmarks in Math and English-Language Arts outlining the basic skills and knowledge our children in Florida's public schools should master by each grade level.

While Florida's previous statewide academic standards were more rigorous than those in most states, they were not rigorous enough.

How do we know? Graduates who enroll in Florida State College at Jacksonville immediately after graduation require remediation for skills they should have mastered in high school. Worse, more than 20 percent of Florida high school graduates cannot pass the military entrance exam.

When ill-prepared students take these remedial courses, fail to join the military or complete vocational training, you and I as taxpayers foot the bill, and we're talking billions of dollars every year.

How? They earn significantly lower wages over the course of their lifetimes, and worse, become more likely to go on means-tested, taxpayer-funded government assistance. This translates into billions of lost wages and taxpayer dollars from our economy on an annual basis.

Detractors would have you believe that these standards are the Armageddon for public education, yet they ignore these simple facts by spreading irrational rumors and fear tactics.

They have no solutions or better alternatives. And even though they had ample opportunity to voice their concerns more than four years ago when our state board of education openly and constitutionally reviewed and adopted these stands over the course of several month, none was to be found.

Let me be clear: These standards are not a political manifesto. They do not usher in a national curriculum. They are not forced upon our state. And for God's sake, they do not influence children's sexual preferences!

You can read them for yourself at <http://www.fldoe.org/BII/curriculum/SSS/>.

If you as a parent or citizen are concerned about political bias in our classrooms, then direct your concerns to local education officials. They are the ones, after all, who are deciding what textbooks and materials our children are using in the classroom, not Washington.

I stand in solidarity with all who oppose a federal takeover of education. However, when a few dozen states get together to standardize standards, that makes perfect sense to me as a parent, retired educator and taxpayer.

In America, the land of opportunity, a child's zip code should not be the deciding factor for what expectations are leveled against him at school.

It seems opponents of these new standards should rather embrace complacency and the status quo's mediocrity instead of raise the bar for what we expect of our students.

I thank Governor Scott, the state board of education and the legislature for choosing to keep these high stands in place. I also commend any local education officials who are committed to faithfully implementing these standards in our classroom. After all, their success depends on your good work.

The scare tactics must stop. Our children, their future, and our state's long-term prosperity depend on us rising above the

madness so they can have a shot of success.

Sincerely,  
Roy Lyons  
Middleburg

### Veterans' health care is better use of money

Dear Editor:

I had a thought (a semi-annual event, I admit). -Why don't we take the \$338 billion that our states and federal government are annually spending on those persons who came into this country without our permission, and spend it on something else. There are many possible places to divert these funds, but the one I had in mind was...USE IT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR OUR VETERANS!!!!!!

Perhaps the scandal involving the denying of care to our real American heroes is not about sufficient funds. Maybe it has to do with incompetence-or a simple lack of gratitude-or a combination of the two. But if it does boil down to money, then, for me, it's a no-brainer. (Of course every citizen will see the same kind of "problems" that the VA is experiencing as our government moves to take control of all the healthcare in this country.)

Wake up America!! We should all be ashamed of ourselves. We have elected the people responsible for such things, or stayed home and failed to vote at all. In either case, it is our government, our country, our ultimate responsibility. We are failing to support our military, those who have enabled us to take advantage of the boundless opportunities that exist in this land. We are becoming a disgrace to the human race.

Leonard C. Young  
Keystone Heights

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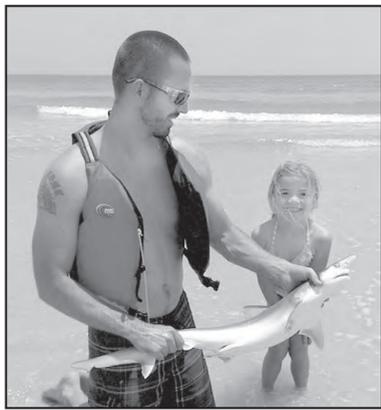
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Riley Shuford, 5, and her father, Brandon, hooked this 3-foot spinner shark at Flagler Beach, 200 yards offshore from their kayak. Once on shore, Riley completed the catch by reeling in the shark.

### Now is the time to start deer preparations

Deer feeding plots near next year's stands should be planted at this time in order to lure next year's target deer.

Also the Florid Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has published the schedule for next deer season:

- Sept. 13-Oct. 12—bow and crossbow season (with and without antlers).
- Oct. 13-17—bow and crossbow season (antlers only).
- Oct. 18-31—muzzleloader, bow and crossbow season (antlers only).
- Nov. 1-Jan.18—gun season (antlers only).
- Nov. 22-28—bow, crossbow, muzzelloading and gun (antlerless).

### Outdoors outlook

Bass and crappie are seeking cooler water and present more difficulty in locating. Panfish (blue gills, shellcrackers, redbellies) are more prevalent along shoreline cover. Look for all three to cluster bed around the next full moon around June 12.

Afternoon showers have been commonplace, and they will have an impact on the fish bite. The May 29 Sampson Open Bass Tournament was almost rained out, but clear skies appeared just in time to save the event. It was lucky for the participants because the winning catch was over 20 pounds, which was one of the heavier weights all year. Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May made that catch, but most of the entries were higher than normal.

Dolphin, snapper and grouper reports have been productive on both coasts recently.

### Bass tourney results

John and Michelle Acree placed first at the May 28 Bald Eagle Tournament, with Chris Searcy and Adam McClendon placing second. Josh Wisham and Travis Lanes placed third. The team of Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy may placed first at

## FINS, FUR & TAILS



Tyler Moran displays the June 5 Sampson Open Tournament's big bass, which was caught by Brandon Soring.

RIGHT: Shane and Sebastian O'Neal show off the May 28 Bald Eagle Tournament's winning catch. Shane also teamed up with Stanley O'Neal to win the June 4 Bald Eagle Tournament. BELOW: Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May with the winning catch at the May 29 Sampson Open Bass Tournament.



the May 29 Sampson Lake Open Tournament and also landed the big fish. Jonathon Nash placed second, while Brandon Soyryng and Tyler Moran placed third and landed the big fish also. Billy Starling and Steve Shumack placed fourth.

Shane O'Neal and Stanley O'Neal placed first at the June 4 Bald Eagle Tournament, with Marshall Walker and Brock Lackey placing second. Jason McClellan and Clint Sheppard placed third, with Jimmy Mosley and Johnny Mosley landing the big fish.

The top two teams at the June 5 Sampson Lake Open Tournament were David Davis and Caleb Manning in first and Trevor Corbitt and Drew Rogers in second. Brandon Soring and Tyler Moran placed third, while Eddie Smith and Dillon Crews placed fourth. Tim Alford and Steve Shumack placed fifth.

### Rotationally molded coolers

In 2006, Yeti Coolers came out with a series of outdoor coolers that changed the industry. Previously, fishermen who made a large catch of crappie could place the fish in a cooler and leave them overnight to be cleaned the next day. With the Yeti Coolers, fishermen can ice the fish down and leave them for a week before doing the dirty work. Fishermen can place the coolers in the boat and stand on them for a better view of the water. They were promoted as especially being

"grizzly tough," and when filled with food and exposed to grizzly bears, they proved to be just that.

The coolers are essentially made by a rotationally molded process, where plastic materials are placed into a mold under pressure and continually rotated until the molded form takes hold. The mold is cooled, and the material shrinks so that it can effectively be removed from the mold. Obviously, the plastic materials are tough in nature, and they also form a seamless material, which adds to the toughness and insulation. Additionally, the coolers are provided with additional insulation.

Actually, the roto-molded process has been around for some time, expanding into the recreational area with the construction of kayaks.

Yeti actually does such a good job of promoting their coolers that many outdoorsmen think of them as the only coolers with

such qualities. However, a June/July "Outdoor Life" review would suggest otherwise. The magazine selected coolers from seven different manufacturers that used the same roto-molded process, and they assessed coolers of similar size according to 12 different criteria.

One cooler was given an exceptional grade of four stars—Igloo. Four manufacturers received three and a half stars: Pelican, Canyon, Yeti and Coleman. Engel and K2 coolers received three stars.

Recommended retail prices range from Canyon's low of \$400 to Yeti's high of \$500.

If you have a story, idea or photo to share, please contact Mickey Agner via email at [mka@maoutdoors.com](mailto:mka@maoutdoors.com), or by phone at 904-964-1488. Photos may also be submitted in person at the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times or Lake Region Monitor.

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## Landowners can apply now for pine-beetle assistance

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam announced on Friday that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service is now accepting applications for the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program.

The sign-up period will run from June 6 through July 18 and is available for non-industrial private forest landowners.

"The southern pine beetle is one of the most destructive forest pests in the Southeast," Putnam said. "By taking preventative measures now, Florida's private landowners can greatly reduce their risk of timber loss during future outbreaks."

Periodic outbreaks can rapidly kill millions of pine trees and

deplete tens of thousands of acres of timber resources. The most recent series of major southern pine beetle outbreaks resulted in an estimated \$59 million in timber loss between 1999 and 2002.

"The best way to minimize timber losses from southern pine beetle and other bark beetle attacks is by reducing stand susceptibility through active forest management", said Jay Tucker, senior CFA forester with Florida Forest Service. "Management practices such as thinning stands before they become overstocked, reducing understory competition, planting less-susceptible pine species on appropriate sites and harvesting diseased or stagnant stands can greatly improve the health and vigor of pine stands and decrease

the likelihood of outbreaks."

The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance Program is offered for private lands in 44 northern Florida counties.

The program provides incentive payments for the following:

- Conducting a first pulpwood thinning.
- Conducting prescribed burning operations.
- Conducting mechanical underbrush treatments.
- Planting longleaf or slash pine.

"Since 2005, we have assisted many private forest landowners through this program," said Jim Karels, director of the Florida Forest Service. "More than 150,000 Florida acres have been treated for southern pine beetle prevention."

Qualified landowners may apply for no more than two approved preventative practices per year. Funding requests may not exceed \$10,000 annually. All qualifying applications will be evaluated and ranked for approval.

This program is supported through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

To learn more about this and other landowner assistance programs and to obtain an application form, contact your local Florida Forest Service office or visit [www.FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention](http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention).

In Union County, landowners can contact Tucker at 386-496-2190 or [Jay.Tucker@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:Jay.Tucker@freshfromflorida.com).

For landowners in Bradford County, contact Andy Lamborn at 904-964-2461 or [Andy.Lamborn@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:Andy.Lamborn@freshfromflorida.com).

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## CRIME

### Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

#### Bradford

Middle Geraldine Alley, 42, of Middleburg was arrested June 7 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for failure to appear for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$323 for the charge.

Tyler Keith Arthur, 20, of Starke was arrested June 3 by Starke police for fraud and for dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, Arthur pawned several guitars that were apparently stolen by or came into possession of Arthur's mother's boyfriend. Arthur pawned the guitars for \$150, of which he received \$10 from the boyfriend for completing the transaction. The boyfriend has not been located yet by Starke police. Bond for Arthur's charges was set at \$3,000.

Joshua L. Bailey, 24, of Starke was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license, weapon offense-throwing an object at a vehicle and criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Bailey and another vehicle were traveling south on U.S. 301 in Starke near McDonald's when they both switched lanes at similar times, leading Bailey to become angry and make an obscene gesture, according to the victim. Bailey then passed the victim's vehicle and threw a large bottle, hitting the passenger-side door. The victim and his passenger followed Bailey into the Walmart parking lot and called the police, while Bailey went inside the store. When Bailey came out, the officer questioned him, and he eventually admitted to throwing a baby bottle of formula at the vehicle. He was arrested, with bond set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Ryan Michael Curl, 30, of Clearwater and Janzie Matthew Fedorchak, 35, of Palm Harbor were arrested June 6 by Starke police for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment during a traffic stop. During the stop, the officer asked to search the vehicle and found marijuana and glass pipes for smoking it. Bond was set at \$7,000 for both Curl and Fedorchak for the charges.

James Christopher Donaldson, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested June 7 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charges.

Terrance M. Ellison, 33, of Tavares was arrested June 5 by Starke police for driving without a valid driver's license.

Ronald Lee Ford, 48, of Starke was arrested June 4 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation and for withholding child support. Bond was set at \$1,070 for the withholding support charge, while no bond was allowed for the probation violation charge.

Marilyn P. Gamble, 52, of Starke was arrested June 5 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Robert Conner Godwin, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Michael Wilson Hall, 52, of Starke was arrested June 5 by Bradford deputies for battery and for battery on officer/firefighter/emergency personnel. According to the arrest report, the victim came home from class and found Hall in her home, intoxicated from drinking alcohol that was in the victim's refrigerator. When the victim started to remove the alcohol so Hall couldn't continue to drink it, he became angry and dragged her by the hair down a wheelchair ramp off the home's front porch. The victim struck Hall with a bottle and was able to get away and go into the home and call the police. When the officer arrived, he called EMS to treat Hall's wound, but Hall was belligerent toward the paramedics, shoving one and later attempting to kick one in the ambulance. Bond was set at \$20,000 for Hall's charges.

Lawrence Blair Isgette, 59, of Melrose was arrested June 4 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Justen Wayne Kelley, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 4 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 42, of Starke was arrested June 6 by Starke police for probation violation.

Edward George McCandlish, 50, of Beverly Hills was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Tianna Nicole Nelson, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Nelson was at Walmart in Starke and placed several items in a cart from the pet care area. She then went to another part of the store and placed the items in her purse before attempting to leave without paying for the items. A Walmart loss-prevention employee confronted Nelson at the exit and had to grab her when she attempted to run outside. Nelson then went back inside with the employee to wait for the police to arrive. Total value of the merchandise was approximately \$170.

Kyle Matthew North, 28, of New Port Richey was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Eric L. Peterson, 61, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for sex offender violation-failure to report name

or residence change. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Lexus Marvin Pornovets, 24, of Jacksonville was arrested June 8 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Wesley Michael Seaton, 32, of Starke was arrested June 8 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Savannah Victoria Serrano, 24, of Palatka was arrested June 4 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Amber Briann Terrell, 28, of Raiford was arrested June 9 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Stanley Keith Varnum, 38, of Hampton was arrested June 3 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charges.

#### Keystone/Melrose

Ruby Boone, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for child abuse without great harm and aggravated battery.

Justin Crouch, 20, of Melrose was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Jacob Murrhee, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested

June 4 by Clay deputies for trespassing.

Derick Phillips, 23, of Melrose was arrested June 3 by Clay deputies for child abuse.

Emily Thompson, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Robert Von Roberson, 48, of Melrose was arrested June 7 by Putnam deputies for battery and contempt of court.

#### Union

Rico Demond Lee, 38, of Union County was arrested June 5 by Union deputies and a U.S. Marshals' task force on an out-of-county warrant from Pasco for sexual battery-capital felony, two charges of lewd and lascivious molestation-life felony and lewd and lascivious battery. Lee is being held on no bond ad the jail until he is transported to Pasco County.

Richard Verdell Blount, 41, of Tampa was arrested June 6 by Union deputies for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$2,560 for the charge.

Bryan Randall Elixson, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested June 6 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for contempt of court-violation of injunction and aggravated stalking after injunction. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Louis Herschel Sparks, 30, of Worthington Springs was

arrested June 3 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Hernando for displaying obscene material to a minor.

Joshua Eugene Crump, 28, of Immokalee was arrested June 8 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the S&S in Worthington Springs about a disturbance involving Crump. Crump's wife told deputies they were driving with two children, and Crump had been drinking all day when he started breaking and hitting things in the back seat. She pulled into the S&S to stop the vehicle for their safety. Crump then exited the car, slashed a tire on it with a knife and then changed it out for the spare. He

then started asking for the car keys and chasing his wife around the vehicle, attempting to get them. When law enforcement arrived, they found Crump across the street and eventually arrested him.

Nicholas Andrew Causey, 51, of Gainesville was arrested June 3 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Gadsden for burglary and assault. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Nicole Rae Parker, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested June 6 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for failure to appear on original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$507 for the charge.



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# OBITUARIES

## Alice Beck

STARKE—Alice Beck, 58, of Starke died Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at Shands at UF. She was born Dec. 18, 1955 in Starke to Jim David Beck and Bertha Lee Kersey Beck. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joan Davis.

She was a resident of Starke for all of her life and most recently resided at Gainesville Healthcare Center. Alice was a member of Destiny People Worship Center.

She is survived by: her uncle, Earl Kersey of Alabama; and her nephews, Don (Cheri) Davis and Ronald (Valery) Davis of Starke.

Funeral services were held June 7 in the chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Ragan officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



**Lula Crawford**  
**Lula Crawford**

LAWTEY—Lula Mae Crawford, age 79, of Lawtey passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at E.T. York Hospice Center with family by her side. She was born in Raiford on May 5, 1935 to the late Maxie Wilkinson and Effie Mae Harris Wilkinson. Lula Mae was born and raised in Union County where she graduated from Union County High School and played basketball. She married the love of her life, Cecil Edward Crawford, Jr. on July 28, 1956, and they moved to Bradford County where they raised their children. Lula Mae was a dedicated member of Evergreen Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and Savior and always put God first. She enjoyed being a homemaker, taking care of her family and raising her children. Lula Mae also enjoyed cooking, watching her great grandson play baseball on the North Florida Gators, and watching her great granddaughter play softball on the Inferno Softball team. Lula Mae loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Cecil Edward Crawford, Jr.; her sisters, Audrey Cawthon and JoAnn Wilkinson; and her brothers, Kenneth and J.L. Wilkinson.

Lula Mae is survived by: her loving children, Karen (Ricky) Moorhouse and Randall (Dee) Crawford both of Lawtey; her brother, Douglas (Anita) Wilkinson of Raiford; her sisters, Marjorie Dobbs of Raiford and Gloria Dean (Bill) Hickman of Mississippi; her grandchildren, Kristeen (Daiquiri) Duncan, Pam (Jason) Davis, Joshua (Jessie) Crawford and Jordan Crawford; and her six great-grandchildren, Tripp, Jaycee, Lindsey, Matthew, Ethan, and Jacob.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 13 at 10:00 am at Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey with Pastors Kenneth Herring and Chris Elkins officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery in Starke. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book. 904-964-5757.

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## Curtis Edwards

STARKE—Curtis Guy Edwards, 81, of Starke passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at the E.T. York Hospice Center in Gainesville. Curtis was born on Feb. 10, 1933 in Starke to the late Guy Curtis Edwards and Elva Lee Andrews Edwards. Curtis was an active member of the Starke Church of Christ and was known as a man of faith. He frequently performed random acts of kindness in an effort to help those in need in his community. Curtis was a local business owner for many years and was a past member of the Keystone Heights Sportsmen Club. Curtis in his spare time enjoyed hunting and

deep sea fishing. Curtis is preceded in death by: his wife, Velmarie Edwards; his brothers, Ted Edwards and Darrell Edwards.

He is survived by: his daughters, Rhonda (Brian) Pulling of Lakeland, and Shan (Tom) deNeergaard of Atlanta; his sister, Ruth Rich of League City, Texas, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 10 in the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel with Brother C.L. Overturf, Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona Street, Starke is in charge of arrangements. (904) 964-6200 [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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## Priscilla Edwards

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Priscilla Deane "Cilla" Edwards, age 66, of Keystone Heights passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville following an extended illness. She was born in Savannah, Ga. on March 1, 1948 and has been a resident of Keystone Heights since 1969. Mrs. Edwards was an EEG Technician at Putnam Community Hospital in Palatka before retiring following 23 years of dedicated service. She loved jewelry and shopping and along with traveling with her husband in their R.V. At one time she would do cross stitching and sewing. Her father Leroy Shearouse preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her husband of 45 years, Hugh Edwards, Jr.; two daughters, Kim (Shane) Richards of Billings, Mont. and Shellie (Andrew) Kilgo of Albany, Ga.; her mother, Laura (Hagee) Sherouse-Finck; and a sister, Cheryl (Gary) Johnson, all of Waldo. Also left behind are her precious grandchildren, Ashlee Richards, Abbee Richards, Ansee Richards, Madison Kilgo, Taylor Kilgo, Jessalyn Morey, Andi Douglas, and Kaitlyn Cody with the addition of many nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held June 10 at Keystone Heights Cemetery with Pastor Tony Heafs officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Lung Cancer Alliance, P.O. Box 418372, Boston, MA 02241.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive Keystone Heights, FL 32656. (352) 473-3176 [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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**James Griffiths**  
**James Griffiths**

STARKE—James Griffiths, 68, of Starke died Sunday, June 8, 2014 at his home with his family by his side. He was born Sept. 23, 1945 in Raiford to the late Gordon and Alma Tendel Griffiths. James was a life-long resident of Bradford County. He was an electrical contractor, owning and operating James Griffiths Electric for the past 50 years.

He is survived by: his children, Denise, Tammy and Greg; his brothers, Johnnie and Vernon; his sister, Sue; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Archie Tanner Funeral Services on June 11. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie

Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

## William Holmes, Jr.

LAKE BUTLER—William Holmes, Jr., 71, of Lake Butler died Monday, June 2, 2014 at his residence. He was born on Oct. 20, 1942 in Salisbury, Md. to the late Willie Lester Holmes and Rosetta Holt Holmes. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by: daughters, LeoNeddra Stewart, LaSonya Scrivnes, Tomyka Donaldson all of Brooksville; sons, Gregory Holmes of Virginia, Christopher Brown of Orlando, Minister Ygenio Booker of Brooksville; brothers, Sinclair Holmes of Gainesville, Noah Holmes of Rochester N.Y., David Holmes of Bristol, Anthony Holmes of Sanderson; sisters, Earline Hallman of Hollywood, Rosamae Rice of Ft. Lauderdale, Imogene Keith of Orlando, Diane William of Hawthorne; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 7 in the Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Minister Ygenio Booker officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.



**Milton Johnson Sr.**  
**Milton Johnson Sr.**

Milton Johnson Sr., 91, died June 6, 2014. He was a member of Faith Deliverance Out Reach Church, Baldwin.

He is survived by: son, Milton (Adrium) Johnson Jr.; step-sons, Ivan (Loise) Smith, Marvin Smith, Ray C. (Juanita) Smith; daughter, Lillian Davis; sisters, Iola Lamb of Tallahassee; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He may be viewed at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, 450 S. 8th Street, Macclenny on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. and the interment will be held 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 16 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Carthage-Chapel Funeral Home, Inc., 929 West Beaver Street-Jacksonville.



**Bridgett Norman**  
**Bridgett Norman**

LAWTEY—Bridgett Ann Norman, age 15, a lifelong resident of Lawtey passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center. Bridgett was born on Feb. 2, 1999 in Gainesville to

Edwin G. Norman and Stacy Young Norman. She loved riding horses, shopping, and taking pictures. Most of all, Bridgett loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was preceded in death by her maternal great grandfather, Larry Wilhoit.

Bridgett is survived by: her loving parents, Edwin G. and Stacy Norman of Lawtey; her three brothers, Jacob, Garrison, and Ransom Norman all of Lawtey; her paternal grandparents, Robert and Debbie Norman of Lawtey; her maternal grandfather, Irving (Amanda) Young of Hampton; her maternal grandmother, Liz Young of Olustee; her paternal great grandparents, Carl (Linda) Griffis, Sr. of Lawtey and Leatha Higginbotham of Starke; and her maternal great grandparents, Irving and Irene Young of Hampton, Ann McIntire of Lawtey, and Maxine Wilhoit of Olustee.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 11:00 am at Bradford High School Auditorium with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. Interment will follow at Manntown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. The family will receive friends on Thursday an hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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**Royal Jones**  
**Royal Jones**

ORMOND BEACH—Royal Reece Jones, 81, of Ormond Beach, died June 7, 2014 at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Daytona Beach.

Born Dec. 29, 1932 in Armathwaite, Tenn., to Roy L. Jones and Stella Marie (Terry) Jones, Royal grew up with his parents and nine siblings in Fentress County, Tenn. He attended Alvin C. York High School before serving in the U.S. Army in Alaska during the Korean Conflict. June 24, 1955 Royal married his high school sweetheart, Joyce King in Muncie, Ind. They lived happily together for 55 years, raising three children in Ohio, Alabama, and Florida.

Royal's life revolved around the love of and dedication to his large family, his career as an entrepreneur, inventor, and innovator, and an unending generosity toward others. His work in the rendering industry allowed him extensive travels across America and to various international locations, including Russia, Central America and China. His life as a business owner was a source of much enjoyment for him. He continued actively working throughout his life. A most generous person, Royal was always concerned about those around him, whether family members or acquaintances. After Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras in 1998, he and Joyce spearheaded a large relief effort to aid those affected. Royal's life touched many people. He was predeceased by: his wife, Joyce King Jones, and his siblings, Ralph Jones, Wanda Jones, Reed Jones, Rudy Jones, and Ronnie Jones.

Royal is survived by: his three children, Natalie Jones (Darrell) White, Sylvia Marie Jones, and Timothy Royal (Tisha) Jones; grandchildren, Monica (Andy) Winegarden, Amy Powers, Nickolas

Powers, Dustin (Keri) White, Logan White, Miranda Jones, Rachel Jones, Anna Jones, and Christina Jones; and a great-grandchild, Malia McNally. He is also survived by: his siblings, Betty Reagan, Roger Jones, Fred Jones, and Darlene Gentry.

Visitation and viewing will be held on Friday, June 13th from 6-8 p.m. at Lohman Funeral Home; 733 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, Saturday June 14th at Christ Presbyterian Church, 1035 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, there will be a viewing from 10-10:30 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made in Royal's memory to Fun Coast Down Syndrome Association 3601 East Moody Blvd. Bunnell, Florida 32110, [www.funcoastdownsyndrome.com](http://www.funcoastdownsyndrome.com)

Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Ormond.

PAID OBITUARY



**Linda Roznowski**  
**Linda Roznowski**

STARKE—Linda Crews Boatwright Roznowski, age 76, of Starke passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014 at her home. Linda was born Jan. 11, 1938 in Lawtey to Commodore Roosevelt Crews and Mamie Bradley Crews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Warren Boatwright and Dan Roznowski; her daughters, Melba Boatwright and Linda "Lyndee" Boatwright Garland Lane; her siblings, Markeylee Crews, H.C. Crews, Cleon Crews, Bunt Crews, Glen "Sweat Pea" Crews, and Hilda Woodard. Linda was a life-long resident of Bradford County. She was a dedicated school bus driver for Bradford County School District for many years.

Linda is survived by: her sister, Vera Crews (Tommy) Clayton; her grandchildren, Chad Boatwright, David Garland, Jr., and Crystal Garland; five great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 10 in the chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Home with Dr. Terry Gore officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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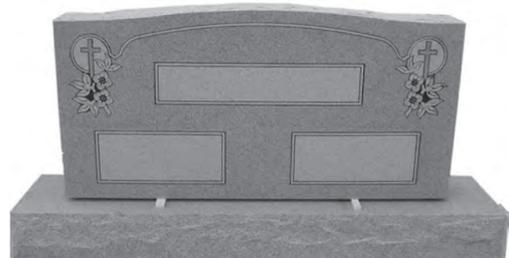
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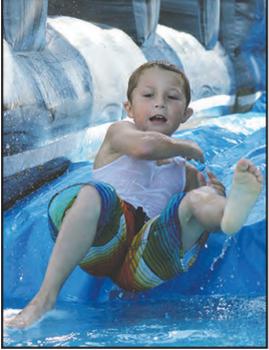
# NCA celebrates year's end with wet fun

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

For most of the year, students at Starke's Northside Christian Academy soak up knowledge.

On June 5, they were just soaked.

To celebrate the end of the year, the school hosted a fun day, which included lots of wet fun,



including inflatable slides that led into pools of water, water guns, sprinklers and water-filled sponges.

There was a designated soak-free zone, but for the most part, everybody who wandered onto the field behind the school were setting themselves up for a drenching.



ABOVE: Who's next? Karmen Johnson looks around for victims as she holds two water-filled sponges. RIGHT: Hunter Starling squirts one of his classmates.



Kayla Hipps squeezes a sponge with every bit of effort she has in order to soak unsuspecting teacher Jamie Garrison.

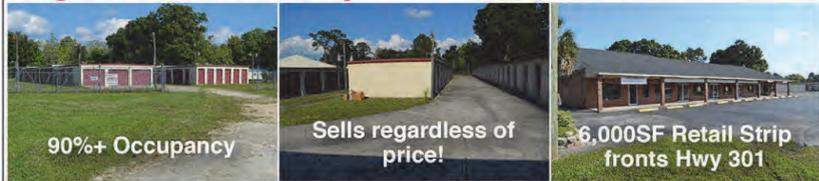


ABOVE LEFT: Kole Wilkinson slides into the water. ABOVE: Aniston Pilcher closes her eyes while plunging into the water. LEFT: Teacher Linda Fowler was a popular target, but she gets a little payback here against student Mackenzie Bradley.



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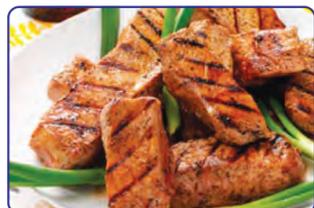
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Kite said. Tomlinson said Kite, who played center field for the Tigers, has the one thing that coaches at any level can't teach—speed. It was rare for an opposing batter to hit a ball over Kite's head, he added.

"He was probably, by far, the fastest player on our team," Tomlinson said.

Because of his value in center field, Kite didn't get a lot of chances to show off what he can do on the mound, but Tomlinson said pitching is something Kite can also do and do well.

"He has a strong arm," Tomlinson said. "He actually could've pitched a lot more for us."

Speed is an asset for Kite when batting as well. Tomlinson said Kite is not going to hit home runs, but sometimes all he needs to do is put the ball into play as he's capable of beating out infield grounders for hits.

McAlister said he received no interest from other schools, so he "jumped on" the offer Trinity Baptist made.

"I'm excited to see how it goes," McAlister said.

Tomlinson said he is proud of all four players, but added that it felt really good to see McAlister get a chance. McAlister wasn't always a starter and had to fight through injuries, but the right fielder made his mark.

"He's worked hard and battled through adversity," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson said McAlister worked hard to improve his batting, and it showed this past season. McAlister batted over .500 at the start of the season and finished with a team-leading .339 average.

"That says a lot about him getting ready for the next level," Tomlinson said.

McAlister also achieved something not every player does, Tomlinson said. He was able to evaluate his own play and determine what it was he was doing wrong without coaches having to tell him.

"He got to the point where he could say, 'I know what I did wrong. I know how to fix it.' I think that kind of stood out to me," Tomlinson said.

Unlike his teammates, Starling is heading out of state for his chance to keep playing, but there is some familiarity involved with Milligan College. Starling said his grandfather went to school there, while an uncle knows Ray Smith, one of the assistant coaches.

Starling said he liked the coaches and the players when he got a chance to meet them.

"I got to go up there on a visit," he said. "It felt like family up there."

Tomlinson said Starling, who plays shortstop, is really no different from Hersey, Kite and McAlister in that he doesn't accept failure. He works hard to be successful and expects the same of his teammates. He may not be vocal when he first arrives at Milligan, but it won't take long for Starling to become a leader, Tomlinson said.

Milligan may not realize what a versatile player it's getting in Starling, Tomlinson said, alluding to the fact that Starling can play in the outfield if need be.

"He's fast enough," Tomlinson said. "He has the arm to play defensively in the outfield."

As for his usual position at shortstop, he has a range that makes him successful.

"He can cover some ground," Tomlinson said. "He has the arm to make the throws from deep in the hole."

Tomlinson said Starling has shown in practice that he probably should hit more home runs than he does, but with his speed he can turn any hit into the gap into a triple.

"He's going to battle at the plate," Tomlinson said. "He does some have some pop in his bat."

All four players said they will be working hard over the summer. Kite's mindset probably sums up what each player thinks.

"I'm a decent ball player," Kite said, "but I can always get better."

It's sure to be quite a mixture of emotions when the players get to step onto the field for the first time as college players. Starling said it will be "a little overwhelming, but I'm going to take it one step at a time."

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