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Former BHS principal in jail for child pornography

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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A former Bradford High School principal is in jail in Ohio where he was arrested on child pornography charges.

Doug Thoburn, 53, was still involved in education as the superintendent of the Union Local School District in Belmont, Ohio, when allegations against him led the discovery of child pornography in his possession.

Belmont County Sheriff Dave Lucas told WTRF-TV they began their investigation of Thoburn after receiving a complaint regarding criminal misconduct.

Authorities obtained a warrant to search Thoburn's home, and his arrest followed. His computer and cell phone were confiscated, and investigators allegedly found images of nude young boys and evidence of deleted photographs as well.

Dan Fry, the Belmont County prosecutor, told the television station that suspicions rose about Thoburn began when several parents began questioning why the superintendent was excessively texting their sons, who were between the ages of 13 and 16.

The images appeared to have been downloaded from the Internet, however, and do not depict and of those students.

The arrest took everyone by surprise, including Thoburn's employer, the Union Local School Board, which released the following statement:

"The Union Local School board is saddened and alarmed over the allegations concerning the possible criminal activity by Superintendent Thoburn and is cooperating with authorities as they investigate this matter. The board met this evening in an emergency

session and as a result, placed Mr. Thoburn on paid administrative leave." An acting superintendent was appointed and preparations continue for the 2014-15 school year. "The board asks that the Union Local Family to unite at this difficult hour to guide their school and to bring it to a new height of excellence as it continues to serve our communities."

Former Bradford County School Superintendent Beth Moore hired Doug Thoburn in 2009 then let him go two years later, although it was never her practice to discuss her employment decisions. Thoburn defended his record at the time, pointing out improved discipline, learning gains and enrollment during his tenure. He said district administration was obsessed with test scores and not willing to invest the time to build the confidence among teachers and students necessary for significant academic improvement.

Thoburn said if firing him was the right move, then the voters should also fire Moore. He went on to endorse Chad Farnsworth for superintendent, as did a majority of Bradford County voters.

Thoburn was not elected to his superintendent position but appointed by the Union Local School District in July 2013. The rural district has more than 1,500 students enrolled and is comprised of one elementary school, one middle school and one high school, all of which sit on a 100-acre campus.

Thoburn, arrested on four counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor, was released from jail after posting a \$60,000 bond. WTRF-TV reported Tuesday that Thoburn waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was waiting for a grand jury to determine if the case will go to trial.

The married father and grandfather — who had a 20-year career



Doug Thoburn

in the United States Air Force prior to entering public education — faces more than 30 years in prison if convicted on the current charges, and additional charges are possible.

Info fair getting kids ready for school

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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With just a few weeks left of summer vacation, it's time to get ready to go back to school.

With that in mind, organizers have planned the Back-to-School Info Fair for Friday, Aug. 1, at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. The event is in its seventh year, with its popularity signifying the community's willingness to help those in need.

The objective of the fair is to provide free information about assistance available to the public from various organizations and to provide some school supplies for each student who attends.

Like last year, organizers plan to reduce lines and wait times by designating 30-minute slots for students from particular schools to come. If students/parents cannot come during their schools designated time, they can come during the last time slot of the evening. (See Chart for schedule.)

Age appropriate school supply

bags will be handed out when students enter the facility. These bags will be specifically packed for elementary, middle school and high school students. Students, along with their parents, will be asked to visit at least 12 of the information booths and have their cards signed for a chance to win a gift card from Walmart. Drawings will be done every 30 minutes.

Food and entertainment will also be provided, with the support of the community. With a successful Back-to-School Info Fair, organizers hope to better equip families for a successful start to the fall semester.

For more information, or to get involved as a sponsor for the event, please call 904-964-5382 or 352-395-4410. Financial donations may be mailed to Santa Fe College, ATTN: Cheryl Canova, 209 W. Call St., Starke, FL 32091. Make checks payable to Back-to-School Info Fair.

Aug. 1 Back-to-School Info Fair Schedule	
Time	Schools
6:00 p.m.	Lawtey Elementary & Southside Elementary
6:30 p.m.	Starke Elementary Brooker Elementary & Hampton Elementary
7:00 p.m.	Bradford Middle School & Bradford High School
7:30 p.m.	Private schools and families who could not attend earlier times.

7 qualify for Hampton election

6 in council race,
1 for mayor

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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With the official resignations of the remaining Hampton City Council members taking effect in October, voters there will be going to the polls on Sept. 9 to select their new leaders.

Five council members will be elected from among the six candidates who qualified to run last week. Those candidates include Michael David Armes, Frank Bryant, Freddie Johnston and Crystal S. Turner. It also includes Bill Goode, an incumbent who was the last council member elected shortly before the release of a state audit of Hampton's operations that had legislators calling for the town to be abolished.

Rather than dissolve the town, Rep. Charles Van Zant and Sen. Rob Bradley compromised and called upon the council to be dissolved and new members elected. Still, Goode has thrown his hat back into the ring. Also running, although for the first time, is Councilman Dan Williams, who was appointed to the council to help get the town on track after impressing the legislators during their public hearings.

Five of the six candidates will get seats on the city council. Those receiving the most votes will receive longer terms so that the terms of office remain staggered. Otherwise, the entire council would be up for election again in a few years.

One more candidate qualified last week. Gene Braddock wants to be mayor, but depending on the how voters respond to the referendums on the ballot, the position of mayor may not exist following the election.

Legislators wanted the city to clean up several items in its charter, including eliminating the position of mayor as a separately elected position. If Amendment 3 passes, the city council will elect one of its members to serve as mayor and conduct its meetings.

This is essentially how Hampton has been run for the past several years, with one of its councilmembers acting as interim mayor. Of the last two elected mayors, one resigned before his office ended and the other was arrested a few months after taking office.

Amendment 4 would eliminate the position of town marshal from the charter. Currently the position is vacant, and the council has no intention of funding a police department. The sheriff is providing law enforcement services for the town.

Amendments 1 and 2 change the date of future city elections and turn the running of those elections over to the county supervisor of elections. Amendment 5 sets the number of council seats at five and specifies the rotation for the election of officers to those seats.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Hampton City Hall. To request an absentee ballot, call the supervisor of elections office at 904-966-6266.

Take advantage of tax-free shopping

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

For those who will be shopping to go back to school, the state's sales tax holiday offers an opportunity to reduce the stress on your family's budget.

Beginning tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 1, and lasting through Sunday, Aug. 3, a number of commonly purchased back-to-school items will be available from retailers tax-free. That means no state sales tax and no local option taxes.

In Bradford County, shoppers will save 7 percent on their purchases.

The tax holiday covers clothing,

shoes and some accessories with a retail price of \$100 or less per item. Many school supplies costing less than \$15 will also be tax exempt, as will the first \$750 of the cost of new personal computers or accessories.

It's not always easy to determine what merchandise qualifies for tax exemption. For example, backpacks, handbags and diaper bags selling for \$100 or less are exempt, but briefcases and suitcases are not.

Tax-exempt accessories include barrettes, belts, neckwear, ponytail holders, handbags and wallets. However, handkerchiefs, jewelry and watches remain taxable during the holiday.

Suits, shirts, blouses, dresses, pants, jeans, shorts, shoes, athletic shoes and boots are all tax exempt. Also exempt are fitness clothing, swimsuits, baby clothes, braces, caps and hats, coats, gloves, costume, uniforms, sleepwear and undergarments. But sports equipment, umbrellas, sunglasses, helmets and other such items are not exempt.

As for school supplies, notebooks, binders, folders, writing implements, crayons, markers, glue, scissors, rulers, poster board, cellophane tape and lunch boxes are covered by the tax holiday. Books, computer paper, masking tape, correction tape and fluids, and staplers and

staples are not covered.

Computers, including laptops and tablets, cables, printers, memory cards, storage drives, headphones, keyboards, mouse devices, printer ink cartridges and scanners are all examples of exempt items. Nonexempt electronic items include batteries, surge protectors, computer bags, furniture, mobile phones, televisions, and video games or gaming systems.

The tax holiday does not include purchases made at certain places like theme parks either.

For a full list of exempt and nonexempt items, visit the Florida Department of Revenues website at <http://dor.myflorida.com>.

Get your Tornado tickets

Regular season varsity red seat tickets are on sale now at Bradford High School. Reserve your seats for the upcoming football season.

Tickets are \$45. For more information, please contact Rachel Cooksey at 904-966-6086 or cooksey.rachel@mybradford.us.



Lower taxes proposed in school budget

District has new money man

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Superintendent Chad Farnsworth presented the proposed millage and tentative budget for the coming school year to the school board July 28.

The biggest news, however, may be the recommended hire of a new finance director. Pending board approval, John Valinski will begin full-time next month, in time to finish the budget prior to the second and final public hearing. Until then, Farnsworth said they are using him nights and weekends whenever they get the chance.

Farnsworth spoke highly of Valinski, who is a Bradford High graduate, saying he was greatly relieved to have finally found the right person for the job.

Farnsworth said transition following the departure of Finance Director Julee Tinsler has been complicated. They've had to work on closing out one year and planning for the next without someone heading up the finance department.

Valinski is finishing up work with Alachua County, where he has served as a financial management analyst. He has 27 years of governmental accounting experience, having also worked for the auditor

general's office and St. Johns Water Management District.

"He brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and also a really great personality," Farnsworth said. "He looks forward to addressing policies and procedures that have reduced our efficiency through the years, and just really trying to tune things up and help us move forward as a district."

The tentative budget discussed Monday evening includes a small tax cut. The required millage levy imposed by the state was down, and while the local levy remains higher than the rollback rate to compensate for that reduction, the combined millage rate is 3.55 percent lower than the combined rollback rate.

The rollback rate is the rate the district would have to approve to raise the same amount of money in 2015 as in 2014.

The millage rate approved last year was 7.5990 mills compared to the proposed millage of 7.2550 for Fiscal Year 2015. That means on a property with a taxable value of \$100,000, the owner would owe \$725.50 to the district instead of \$759.90.

The superintendent stressed that the budget is not complete. For example, there are some additional spending cuts that are not yet reflected in the budget that would help improve the district's fund balance.

Farnsworth said while the district could use more money

for instruction, the board doesn't have the authority to raise millage rates above those recommended. So while there could be changes in the tentative budget before the final hearing in September, the proposed millage rates will not change.

Property taxes will generate \$5.76 million in new revenue for the general fund, down from \$5.92 million last year. Federal dollars for the general fund are projected to remain the same at \$227,500, but funding from the state formula is down from \$18.28 million to \$18.2 million.

Farnsworth said the money the legislature allocated for employee raises this past year was folded into the state funding amount and no new money for raises was earmarked for the coming year.

New general fund revenue combined with a \$1.14 million fund balance — all but \$184,000 of which is reserved for specific purposes — brings the total available general fund budget to \$25.34 million. Total use of funds including new appropriations and categorical expenditures equals \$22.68 million. The difference, \$2.66 million is listed as unreserved funding.

In addition to the general fund, there is a \$95,323 capital outlay and debt service fund that covers the annual payment on the loan for Starke Elementary, and the capital improvement fund for maintenance of facilities and

capital purchases totals nearly \$2.1 million, down from \$2.85 million. The food service budget is unchanged at nearly \$1.66 million. The special fund for federal Title I and other dollars is up to \$3.1 million from \$2.6 million.

The budget totals \$32.35 million, according to the superintendent.

According to the superintendent, past budgets have been devised to get through the year without enough consideration given to the future. In addition to the trend of declining enrollment, which impacts funding, increased compensation packages, retiree payouts and other factors take their toll on current and future budgets. This year the district said its fund balance had fallen below 3 percent, and Vivian Chappell, a former school board member, attended a meeting to ask how the board had managed to spend money they worked so hard to set aside.

Farnsworth said he doesn't yet know whether the budget will leave the district with more or less than 3 percent of its money in reserve, but he said it should be hovering in that range.

Farnsworth said in the past, financial information has been kept close to the vest. He wants more transparency moving forward, he said.

Customers will choose between taxes or a surcharge

Agreement requires future annexation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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That idea the city of Starke had to require future utility customers outside the city limits to pay city property taxes was — sort of — approved July 15.

The customer contract prepared by attorney Paul Sanders along with the policy gives outside customers a choice between paying the city an annual amount equivalent to what their city property tax bill would be or paying a surcharge on their monthly utility bill.

Sanders said he believed the city would be in violation of state law if it tried to mandate those customers to pay city taxes.

State law allows the city to add a surcharge no larger than 25 percent on its normal rates for customers located outside the city limits. It can also use the same system for setting rates

inside the city limits to set just rates to serve customers outside the city limits and add up to a 25 percent surcharge so long as the separate rate structure and surcharge together do not exceed 50 percent more than customers inside the city limits are charged. The city must also hold a special public hearing to set that separate rate structure.

Taxation in lieu of annexation — which is what the tax payment option is called under the approved policy — is not addressed by state law. It was based on a development agreement for a project in Live Oak and was meant to allow the city to make up for tax revenue the city was losing by allowing unincorporated customers to tie into city water and sewer service without also agreeing to annex their properties.

The city commission learned the hard way this year that annexation is impossible to accomplish without contiguous land and a petition from the property owner. However, current

policy restricting utilities to those inside the city, if followed, would make it impossible to serve new development outside the city. That's a loss for development and the city, which would like those new customers.

The cost of extending sewer and water lines would generally be the responsibility of the developer. An exception is the Badcock sewer extension south of the city limits, which the city is paying for in exchange for the current Badcock property downtown.

Mayor Carolyn Spooner had an issue with trying to force customers to pay taxes in lieu of annexation, but she also had an issue with asking customers to pay taxes for services they were not receiving. Whereas utility rates and surcharges fund the operations of those utilities, property tax dollars pay for general government services — services customers outside the city are not entitled to.

Calling the policy confusing, Spooner voted against the

resolution, but it was approved 3-1. (Commissioner Tommy Chastain was absent due to illness.)

One thing utility customers outside the city limits should take note of is that signing an agreement for water and sewer service will automatically obligate them to annexation down the line. The resolution approved by the board states that an agreement for utility services "constitutes full consent and authorization" to voluntary annexation. That means if the property ever becomes contiguous to the city limits via other annexations, the commission will act to annex that property as well.

When that happens, annual property tax assessments will become a given.

Deleted from the resolution was a provision requiring outside commercial customers to purchase a city business license.

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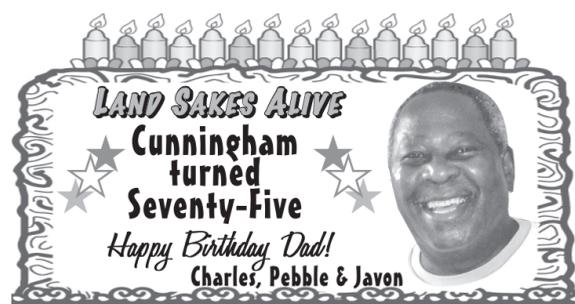
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Starke may have sludge solution

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The vendor for Starke's wastewater treatment system has offered a low-cost recommendation for eliminating a sewage backup and hopes the city will come to view the company in a better light.

In planning for a July 15 workshop, the city's engineer, Mittauer and Associates, put together three viable solutions for eliminating a 450,000-gallon backup of sewer sludge.

Recently, the city was unable to process a batch of sludge for almost two months, resulting in the backup. After the Neutralizer system was installed in 2010, the current sewer department supervisor Kyle Jerrells said the city had no contingency plan for what would happen if the system failed, and that also contributed to the problem.

The solutions Mittauer provided included allowing a third party to treat the sludge with lime and land applying the residuals, and dewatering the sludge so it could be hauled to a landfill. The range of costs to the city was from \$36,000 to \$97,000, with the most expensive option including the purchase of equipment to provide the city with a permanent solution for dewatering sludge.

After a telephone conversation with Jerrells, BCR Environmental, the vendor for the Neutralizer system, offered an 11th-hour solution for dealing with the sludge to minimize costs to the city while defending its reputation.

BCR suggested the city use the screw press incorporated in the Neutralizer to dewater the sludge and then haul it to a landfill. The total projected cost was much less than the other solutions presented — just \$6,500. The company had already approached the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which indicated it would work with the city and BCR on any permit variations necessary to make the solution viable. Daily processing with the Neutralizer would not be interrupted, according to BCR, although Jerrells had some concerns about downtime now that the plant was finally "catching up."

Mittauer had not reviewed BCR's suggestion, but engineer Tim Norman said looking at the price, it appeared to be a "wonderful alternative for the city."

Dissatisfaction with the system and the working relationship with BCR was expressed during a June workshop. Much of BCR's proposal included commentary

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Giant snake spotted at Crystal Lake

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

At least three Crystal Lake residents said they have observed an enormous snake around Crystal Lake that could exceed 20 feet in length.

Jeffrey McRae, an engineer with Clay Electric, who lives on the southwest corner of the lake in Bradford County, had one of the best looks at the reptile.

He said that sometime before the Fourth of July, a neighbor warned him that the neighbor's daughter had spotted a large snake crossing Southeast C.R. 18A. The length of the reptile exceeded the width of the road, which is 20 feet.

McRae said that three days later, around 6 p.m., he heard a squealing noise from the direction of a neighbor's storage house. He said the property to the south of his own, owned by the Debra Johns Family Trust, has two structures a former owner used to store items. Both structures are uninhabited.

McRae said when he looked through his fence in the direction of the noise, he saw a huge snake, light green and dark green in color, with a rat in its mouth. McRae ran back to his house and obtained a .45 caliber handgun, intending to shoot the reptile. However, because of the distance between the fence line and his

target, he hesitated, concerned about the accuracy of the weapon. He said his hesitation allowed the snake to escape, either into the structure or into the woods.

McRae said that because the reptile was coiled under the building, he could not determine its length. He said, however, that the snake's girth was as large as his own thigh.

The resident who first saw the snake crossing Southeast C.R. 18A, Casey Brunt, did not return a phone call seeking comment for this story. However, her husband, Aaron, a network administrator at the Bradford County Courthouse, confirmed that his wife did see a snake crossing the road a few months ago.

Another Crystal Lake resident, Jenese Russell, an office representative with W.D. Beck State Farm Insurance in Keystone Heights, said she spotted a large snake swimming in the lake near her property.

Russell's house is in Clay County, across the lake from McRae's. She said that sometime before the July 4 holiday, during the afternoon, she saw a large snake swimming near her land. She said she observed the reptile from her own living room window, and could not determine its size. She added that the snake's head appeared to be the

size of two fists put together.

She also said that based on what she knows about the snake McRae spotted, she does not believe she saw the same one. She said the snake she saw was darker in color, perhaps a water moccasin.

McRae said that based on the projected size of the reptile, he believes it could be a Burmese python, an invasive species now plaguing the Everglades. The python population has grown to such an extent in South Florida that FWC in 2013 sponsored a Python Challenge where competitors won prize money for the most pythons and the longest python harvested. The longest Burmese python seen in Florida was 18 feet, 8 inches.

Based on McRae's description and the purported length of the reptile, the snake may be a green anaconda, native to South America and the largest snake in the world. Anacondas have also established a foothold in South Florida.

In 2007, FWC changed the rules for owning pythons, anacondas, and Nile monitors, requiring prospective owners to be 18 years old or older. The new rules also required the prospective owners to take a test, demonstrating their knowledge of the reptiles.



The damage to Runway 11-29 included a 20-foot gash in the pavement and cracks extending 30 feet from the point of impact.

Lightning strike closes airport runway

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A lightning strike left a 20-foot gash in a runway at Keystone Heights Airport, forcing officials to close the strip until workers can repair the damage.

The airport's primary runway remains operational.

Airport business manager Maria Gall said there were no

witnesses to the strike, but there was a storm in the area during the evening of July 5.

An engineer examining the damage to the runway showed officials where the bolt hit the pavement and where the current traveled up to 30 feet away from the point of impact.

Gall said airport officials are trying to obtain funding from the Florida Department

of Transportation to repair the runway, which should cost around \$13,000.

She also said that workers will resurface a 50-by-50-foot section of the runway to cover all the damage caused by the strike, and that airport officials hope the work will be complete by the end of August.

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from company President Aaron Zahn presenting a different

side to the story, including past personality problems with Starke employees that made resolving problems difficult. Mayor Carolyn Spooner wanted to know more, and Jerrells implicated the

former wastewater operator.

According to Zahn's letter, Jerrells agreed with him that BCR has tried to provide high-quality customer service. They also agree that the current team, which includes Mittauer and Associates, will increase the probability of success for the system.

Zahn also said the company is willing to work with the city to provide improvements, including upgrading the system software.

Soil and water group meets Tuesday

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office.

There will be a report on the status of BSWCD projects and activities. Agenda items include the Suwannee River Water Management District's draft Minimum Flows and Levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the operational plan for controlling the water level of Lake Sampson.

Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or call him at 904-368-0291 for more information. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Judges receive strong marks in lawyer survey

8th Circuit Bar Association releases results from annual poll

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

On Friday, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association released the results of its 2014 Judicial Poll that compiles the opinion of local lawyers. Union County Judge Bo Bayer received strong marks as did Bradford County Judge Richard B. Davis Jr., who had particularly high ratings.

The circuit comprises Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties.

A total of 255 lawyers participated in this year's annual poll. Bayer and Davis received 23 responses from lawyers, due to the size of the respective counties, while some circuit judges received over 100 responses. The more responses, the more accurate and less biased the results.

"For example, if only 10 people responded to a judicial

officer," the association's letter stated, "one voter has the ability to significantly impact the outcome, making the overall results for that judicial officer less reliable."

Lawyers were asked their opinion in three broad categories: legal acumen, communication skills and professionalism. Each one was further broken down into five areas with multiple subcategories. The scale used was from one to six, from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

Bayer received an average rating across these subcategories, ranging from a low of 4.42 under "Written decisions: Are well reasoned" to a high of 5.70 under "Professionalism: Has integrity/ethics."

Bayer is relatively new to the bench, having started a year ago January. He formerly served as assistant state attorney in the Eighth Circuit for 16 years.

Davis received an average rating of 5.58 or above in all areas, with a perfect 6.00 under "Professional activities: Participates in law-related professional activities (e.g., bar association functions, Inns of Court, Teen Court, etc.)."

He was appointed this past December after the untimely passing of Bradford County Judge Johnny Hobbs. Davis has extensive military experience and was formerly appointed to the Hamilton County Court bench. According to a release from the Eighth Circuit, he is one of the few, if not only, Florida judges to have been appointed by two different governors to two different county judgeships.

For both judges, over half of the

lawyers polled offered no opinion in the area of "professional activities" somewhat skewing any results there, and about half also declined to offer anything in the area of "written decisions."

"Lawyers were instructed to disregard political considerations and vote their conscience and opinion," the association stated. "If a lawyer did not have knowledge or experience as to a judicial officer's experience or capability in any one area sufficient to form an opinion, the lawyer was instructed to vote 'no opinion' as to that area."

Lawyers were most pleased with Bayer's professionalism — moderately to strongly agreeing in all subcategories with an average rating of 5.17 — with every one stating an opinion.

Stanley H. Griffis III received the lowest scores of any judicial officer, with only one average rating breaking 4 at 4.02 under "Professionalism: Show industry/promptness" and one below 3 at 2.89 under "Professionalism: Shows patience/temperament." He had 121 lawyers respond, nearly the most of any judicial officer.

Judge Mary Day Coker received ratings in the mid- to high-4's and a high of 5.11. Judge Phyllis Rosier received similar ratings with a high of 5.03.

Overall, judicial officers throughout the circuit received strong marks, with the average in all subcategories being 5.07 or better. Apparently lawyers throughout the six counties are happy with whom they encounter behind the bench and in each court.

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LIBRARY

These young chefs are tops

Bradford County Public Library's Junior Iron Chef was decided after a 15-minute culinary battle. The challenge was to create a delicious snack within the allotted time using at least three of the ingredients provided and spicing it with the required ingredient: powdered cinnamon. Available ingredients included fresh berries, yogurt, graham crackers, marshmallows, cereals, raisins, English muffins and pretzels. The only electric

kitchen appliance that could be used during preparation was a Magic Bullet.

All movement ceased when the buzzer sounded and each snack was transferred to the judges' table. Two library staff members and a volunteer were brought into the room to critique each dish based on originality, presentation and taste. Prepared for the worst, the judges were surprised by how good each dish tasted. All the participants were

commended for performing well under pressure and creating great tasting snacks.

The award for most original snack went to Keith Little, while Erin Little took home the award for best tasting snack, and Heaven Coblentz earned the award for best presentation. Coblentz' dish was also judge best overall, earning her a restaurant gift card. Other contestants received honorable mention prizes.



Contestants (l-r) Alaina Cooksey, Landon Banister, Keith Little, Erin Little, Gentry Cooksey, Austin Malone, Easton Cooksey and Heaven Coblentz wait the ingredients reveal.



Keith Little and Erin Little earned a sweet reward and a commemorative plate for impressing the judges.



Under the pressure of a 15-minute countdown, Easton Cooksey calmly considers his next ingredient to be added with the banana-strawberry-blueberry-cinnamon combination already in the blender's cup.



Bradford County Public Library's Junior Iron Chef champion, Heaven Coblentz, won judges over with her eye-appealing, tummy-pleasing snack.



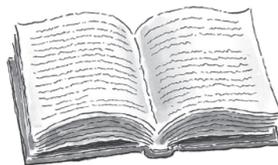
The combination of flavors and textures in this prize-winning snack pleased the palate of the judges. Heaven Coblentz created a fruity and sweet dip for graham crackers with a touch of spice by layering colorful berries, soft marshmallow, crunchy granola, and then a sprinkle of the required ingredient: cinnamon.

School board retreat covers important topics

The Bradford County School Board is planning a working retreat to discuss a number of topics including enrollment, school grades and improvement, education legislation, finance, and maintenance of facilities.

the public, will begin with lunch at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the boardroom at Capital City Bank in Starke. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

For more information, please call 904-966-6018.



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2014 TAX EXEMPTION REFERENDUM QUESTION

Shall the board of county commissioners of this county (or the governing authority of the municipality, or both) be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the county (or municipality, or both)?

- YES- For authority to grant exemptions
- NO- Against authority to grant exemptions

CHURCH

Pine Level Baptist Church will host Mike Todd's unique presentation of Noah and The Ark — including a 7-foot scale model — on Sunday, Aug. 3, at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church on C.R. 200B in Lawtey will be giving away clothing on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited. If you have questions, please call Patricia Smith at 904-782-3023



Madison Street Baptist Church of Starke invites all men to be guests at the second annual Man-Up Conference, "Power of Men in Prayer,"

taking place Aug. 8 from 6-9 p.m. with dinner and Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon with breakfast.

Fellowship Baptist Church, off S.R. 121 in Raiford, has new and used clothing for infants to adults as well as coats and shoes. The church is open the second Saturday of each month.

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

LIBRARY



Kids meet Ronald, become Reading Rangers

Almost 200 children read along with Ronald McDonald as he turned the pages of the popular book "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on a Bed," by Eileen Christelow at the Bradford County Public Library on July 24. In addition to reading books, McDonald did some magic, including making art come alive after drawing him. At the end of the entertaining program, each child promised to keep reading. Hannah and Savannah Whitehead are pictured with their membership certificates for the Ronald Reading Ranger Club. Photo courtesy of the Bradford County Public Library.

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

are available at the Bradford County Public Library.

Cracker Girl: A Love Story

Raised in Florida during the Depression, author Hazel Hoffman Wall is from the generation that appreciated the things we take for granted now, like rubber sole shoes. Her story is one that you will not soon forget. Hear her speak at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at the Bradford County Public Library.

End of summer bash

Children will enjoy popcorn and refreshments as they watch Cotton Candy the Clown perform magic on Thursday, July 31.

Florida climate landscapes

Get the information you need about recycling yard waste by attending the Florida-Friendly Workshop on Monday, Aug. 4. The discussion will include information on compost, earthworms and soldier flies. The series of workshops ends on Aug. 18 with a presentation on Bradford watersheds. Both of these programs, which are free and open to the public, begin at 10 a.m.

Flops to flip for

Add your own personal style to your flip-flops at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6. Young people ages 8 to 19 are invited to register for a fun flip-flop craft at the Bradford County Public Library. Participants should bring a new pair of flip-flops that have not been worn and turn them into a one-of-a-kind wearable work of art.

Time out for planning

There are no Baby Rhymetime or Preschool Storytime programs during the month of August. Both programs will resume in September.

Upcoming photography and quilt shows

The library is planning to host a photography exhibit from Sept. 10-12 and a quilt show from Nov. 1-3. Applications are available at the library during normal business hours. To have an application emailed contact Kathy at 904-368-3921.

Call for vendors

The Friends of the Bradford County Public Library is hosting the Third Annual Holiday Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 22. Outdoor spaces are available at a cost of \$10. There are fewer than five covered outdoor spaces that have a rental cost of \$25. A quick response will be necessary to reserve a covered space. Applications will be available at the Bradford County Public Library up until the Oct. 17 deadline. To request an application to be emailed to you, call 904-368-3911.

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.

ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

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

much any idiot can grow one. And up until now, it's had very few problems."

What? Problems growing crape myrtles? Yes, unfortunately, a new pest — a bacterial leaf-spot disorder that is spread by wind-driven rain or overhead irrigation — has invaded commercial nurseries that propagate the popular tree. Some varieties of crape myrtle are more vulnerable to it than others — Natchez, Osage, Fantasy, Basham's Party Pink and Miami have proven highly resistant, but Carolina Beauty, Arapaho, Tuscarora, White Chocolate, Red Rocket and Rhapsody in Pink have not fared as well.

The good news is that for now, the disease affects only commercially produced trees, but the bad news is that the bacterium that causes it is widespread. Fortunately, bacterial leaf spot does not kill the trees, but it creates unsightly spots on the foliage, which eventually turns yellow and drops.

Bender said it would be a huge disappointment if the disease ever makes the leap from nurseries to home gardens. Hopefully, that won't happen. Just the same, if you're planning to add more of these lovely trees to your landscape, be aware of the risks and select disease-resistant plants from reputable growers.



Mary W. Bridgman



Florida summers can be brutal, but there is one thing about them that I always look forward to. When it's hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk and many ornamental plants are wilting or keeling over from the heat, crape myrtles are putting on the blooming show of the season. I love the deep red-wine color that my mother always described as "watermelon." But I enjoy white, lavender and pink blossoms as well.

I looked over my archive of "Across the Garden Fence" columns and noted that I have written about crape myrtles several times. We've had questions about pruning (not usually necessary if you set out your plant where it will have room to grow), failure to bloom (lack of light may be the problem, but some older cultivars just don't flower as reliably as newer ones), and sooty mold (a mold that grows on "honeydew" secreted by aphids, which can be treated with horticultural oils if desired).

Steve Bender, a senior writer at Southern Living magazine and author of the popular "Grumpy Gardener" blog, has extolled the virtues of crape myrtle, noting its iconic status, mainly because it requires little work and produces a big payoff. "It's ideally suited to the southern climate, it blooms for a long time, it comes in lots of different colors and you even get nice color [from leaves] in the fall," Bender said. "It's kind of hard to kill, and pretty

After-school program apps available

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is accepting applications for its after-school program at RJE now through Aug. 8.

The monthly fee is \$60 per child, due the first of the month, plus the \$25 registration fee. For more information, please call 904-964-2298.

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Fatal crash kills child

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A 5-year-old from New York was killed in an accident involving a driver from Starke last week.

The accident took place after 11 a.m. on July 24 on Northeast Waldo Road in Alachua County, near Northeast 61st Street.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Joseph Paul, 32, of New York pulled his 2014 Kia Soul off the road to enter information into the car's GPS system. Investigators said the car was still partially blocking the outside lane of Waldo Road.

Tabitha R. Morris, 32, of Starke was also traveling southbound in the outside lane of Waldo Road and failed to observe the parked car. Her 2009 Ford Expedition struck the rear of the Kia, causing

both to leave the roadway and come to rest on the west shoulder of the highway.

Morris, Paul and Paul's passenger Cassandra Montimaire, 34, were all transported to Shands UF Health hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Five-year-old Annabel Jeanine Montimaire, who was traveling in the rear of the Kia, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Shut the door on high utility bills

BY SAMARA DEARY
Family & Consumer Science Agent

One of your families' primary goals in the summer months may be keeping the house cool while trying to save on energy. Let's take a moment to explore some simple steps to reduce energy costs in your home.

Mission control is your

thermostat; this should be set at 78 degrees in the summer months, and the reason is very simple: 78 degrees is a comfortable temperature. When the thermometer in your home is set at 78 degrees your unit is not going to work in over drive to keep your home cool.

If you are currently cooling your home at a lower temperature, try gradually increasing the temperature to 78 degrees. The gradual increase in temperature over a few days will allow the temperature of your home to adjust easily without a noticeable difference in temperature change.

If you still feel a little warm in your home turn on the ceiling fan; it works great to circulate air. Remember that ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Don't forget to shut off the ceiling fan when leaving the room.

Did you know that your air unit can pull as much as four cups of moisture out of the air in your home? Dehumidifying your home decreases the risk

of mold growth. Check weather stripping around windows and doors to make sure there are no air leaks. Escaped air is money out the door. Another way to control costs is to check your air filter once a month and replace it as needed.

By following these simple tips you can save money on your energy bill and feel comfortable in your home. For further information on ways to save money in your home please feel free to contact the Bradford County Extension office where we provide solutions for your life.

Special senior programs coming in August

Mark your calendars for Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. for a special presentation, "A Healthier You." This hour-long presentation will

deal with the issue of intestinal health. At times everyone has issues with irregularity. This presentation will teach you how to deal with this issue in healthy ways.

Do you struggle with meal planning and cooking for one or two people? Busy and don't have the time to cook? Then this workshop, "Meal Planning for One, Two or Those On The Run," presented by the Bradford County Extension Office Family and Consumer Science agent, is for you. On Aug. 8 and 22 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., learn ways to plan meals and save time and money. Enjoy tips, recipes and samples. To sign up, you can reach Samara Deary at 904-366-6224, or contact the senior center at 904-368-3955.

Also in August, the Family and Consumer Science agent will have a hands-on workshop on canning. Learn easy and safe ways to can food Aug. 15 at 1:30. Deary, will discuss safe food handling and new methods in canning, plus how to save money

by canning your own food. The cost of the workshop is \$7. In order to buy supplies, you should prepay at the senior center or extension office.

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.

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LEGALS

NOTICE
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NOTICE
The Bradford County School Board will hold a Public Hearing on August 11, 2014, at 5:30 P.M. on the 2014-2015 Pupil Progression Plan Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12 and the 2014-2015 Code of Conduct for Elementary and Secondary to obtain public input, in the Board Room at 501 West Washington Street Starke, FL 32091.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 04-2012-CA-000553
CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDI-

VIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF RBSHD 2013-1 TRUST Plaintiff,
vs.
RANDY K. MELLON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RANDY K. MELLON; RUTH A. BRIDGES A/K/A RUTH BRIDGES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUTH A. BRIDGES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 30, 2014, and entered in Case No. 04-2012-CA-000553, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF RBSHD 2013-1 TRUST is Plaintiff and RANDY K. MELLON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RANDY K. MELLON; RUTH A. BRIDGES A/K/A RUTH BRIDGES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUTH A. BRIDGES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE LOBBY

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A 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 this 18 day of July, 2014.

RAY NORMAN
As Clerk of said Court
By Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA in Bradford County, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TEMPORARY WATER SHORT-AGE RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECOGNITION OF RELATED

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STATE OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, Petitioner, vs. DONNA A. GRIFFIN, Case #36271 Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DONNA A. GRIFFIN, Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Dean Register, Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before September 18, 2014. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: July 18, 2014
Dean Register, Professionalism Director
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
By: -s- Jill Simpson, Division Representative
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 04-2014-CA-000005-CAAX-MX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK/ NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GARY E. WARD, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GARY E. WARD, DECEASED

Whose residence(s) is/are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney. Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:
A parcel of land lying to the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at an iron rod found at the Southeast corner of said East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 and run North 01°24'00" East, 132.00 feet to a set iron rod for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From the POINT OF BEGINNING thus described, run North 89°55'17" West 332.40 feet; thence North 00°08'00" West, 253.83 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 89°57'25" East, parallel with the Southerly boundary of said East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Southeast corner of above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress over the following described lands: COMMENCE at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the POINT OF BEGINNING and run South 89°55'17" East, 42.72 feet to the Easterly boundary of the Easterly 15 feet of the Westerly 62 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 34; thence South 00°04'43" East, along last said Easterly boundary, 15.00 feet, thence North 89°55'17" West, 67.67 feet;

thence North 01°24'00" East, 15.00 feet to the Southerly boundary of said parcel, thence North 89°55'17" East, 24.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress over: The Southerly 132.08 feet of the Easterly 15.00 feet of the Westerly 62.00 feet of said West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4.

To include a: 2001 HARB, VIN GAF-L154A86575HS22 and 83557508 2001 HARB, VIN GAF-L154B-86575HS22 and 83557607

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney. Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
DATED at BRADFORD County this 14 day of July, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By Lisa Brannon,
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for roadway construction on: SE 144TH AVE EXTENSION

Bids will be received at the office of the Clerk of Court, located in the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, until 10:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time, August 7, 2014. Bids will be opened and then publicly read aloud in the Bradford County Commission Room, located in the north wing hallway of the Bradford County Courthouse.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, General Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions, Payment Bond, Specifications, and Addenda may be examined at the following locations:
Owner: Bradford County Board of County Commissioners
Clerk of Court's Office
945 North Temple Avenue/Post Office Drawer B
Starke, Florida, 32091
(904) 966-6327 (P)
Engineer: DRMP, Inc.
1900 SW 34th St, Ste 204
Gainesville, Florida, 32608
352.371.2741 (P)
352.372.4318 (F)
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of the Engineer located at the address above, upon payment of \$150.00 for each set. No refund will be made for the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
Construction time is 120 days. BASE BID includes constructing PART A and PART B of the plans. PART A of the plans includes construction of drainage, utility, earthwork, asphalt, curbing, testing, maintenance of traffic, signage, grassing, and landscaping improvements to the VYSTAR CREDIT UNION property. PART B of the plans includes construction of ±1,000 feet of asphaltic concrete road, earthwork, drainage works, stabilization, base, surface course, testing, striping, grassing, signage, environmental protection measures, maintenance of traffic with plan preparation, and safety measures. Bidder shall visit site prior to submission of bid to gain understanding of the extent of work. PART A of the plans shall be bid as LUMP SUM and PART B of the plans shall be bid as UNIT

PRICE. The calculated unit quantities are for PART B of the plans and are wholly separate from PART A. The sum of the responsive bids for PART A and PART B will be used in determining the low bidder.

The Board of County Commissioner of Bradford County, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, award all or part of the bid, waive any technicality with regard to the bids, and to interpret the bid specifications in the best interest of Bradford County.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2014-CA-000222 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs.

THE UNKNOWN TRUSTEES OF THE PATRICIA J. RITTER TRUST; PATRICIA J. RITTER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PATRICIA J. RITTER TRUST; MILES N. CARTER, SR., et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE PATRICIA J. RITTER TRUST LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

THE UNKNOWN TRUSTEES OF THE PATRICIA J. RITTER TRUST LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED of a Quiet Title Action on the following property in BRADFORD County, Florida:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE SOUTH 132.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 396.00 FEET OF THE EAST 330.00 FEET OF THE WEST 390.00 FEET OF SAID NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4. ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING CONVEYED WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL:
COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN N 88 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 43 FEET E, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 30.0 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF AN EXISTING ROAD FOR POINT OF BEGINNING (SAID ROAD BEING 60 FEET IN WIDTH AND LYING 30.0 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS):
FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, RUN A 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 13 FEET E, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1297.29 FEET; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 33 FEET E, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 317.82 FEET; THENCE S 34 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 46 FEET E., 16.60 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 227 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD 227) AND THE END OF SAID CENTERLINE, TOGETHER WITH A 2002 MERIT DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #FLHML-CF16372586A & B AND TITLE # 86073644 & 86073719

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 26 day of June, 2014.
Ray Norman
Clerk of the Court.
By: Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 04-2014-CP-0046
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JESSE THOMAS WHEELER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Jesse Thomas Wheeler, deceased, whose date of death was May 7, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 Temple Avenue, Starke Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
Attorney for Personal Representative; Jaime Council Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0015951
Law Offices of Curtis & Associates, P.A.
701 Market Street, Unit 109
St. Augustine, Florida 32095
Telephone: (904) 819-6959
Fax: (904)819-6936
E-Mail: JaimeCouncil@CurtisFirm.com
Secondary E-Mail: FatiahIvory@CurtisFirm.com
Personal Representative; Richard Wheeler
15148 SE 25th Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 04-2014-CA-355
DANIEL S. CREWS and ANGELIA F. CREWS, Plaintiff, and ROBERT ELLERSON, Deceased, and MILTON C. ELLERSON, ET AL, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ROBERT ELLERSON, Deceased, and MILTON C. ELLERSON, ET AL,
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE has been filed regarding real property in Bradford County, Florida, in the above styled Court and you are required to serve a copy of your written response to BRITTANY M. LOPER, Law Offices of Cooper & Loper, 704 N. Lake Street, Starke, Florida 32091, on or before 27 day of August, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, either before service on the above-named attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Court on the 21 day of July, 2014.

RAY NORMAN
CLERK OF COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Brittany M. Loper
Florida Bar No: 106078
John S. Cooper
704 North Lake Street
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(904) 964-4701

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Fax: 964-2216
Florida Bar No: 091034
Attorney for PLAINTIFF
eservice@johnscooper.com
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. August 19, 2014 at the Bradford County Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 for the following: Renovation of residence located at: A. 613 W Pratt Street, Starke B. 905 Florida Street, Starke C. 4559 SE 145th Terrace, Starke D. 4907 SE CR 18, Hampton
A mandatory walk through is a requisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at the Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.
All contractors must have proof of Residential or General Contractor's License, proof of Liability Insurance, proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (or Exemption Card), a statement of non-discrimination, and at least two references from previously completed jobs.
Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2014 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested persons in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) meeting room.
The opened bids will be read into public record and preserved in the custody of the Community Development Department.
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Questions may be answered at the Community Development Office by Kelly Canady at (904) 966-6382.
For contractual services, the Board of County Commissioners shall give preference to local vendors and businesses. Local vendors and businesses shall be defined as those whose principal place of business is located within the geographical boundaries of Bradford County, Florida per Ordinance No.2011-22.
The County reserves the right to reject all bids when in its best judgment they are too high or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County that the bids be re-advertised. It is the policy of the County to promote equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin.
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LAWTEY
Notice is hereby given that proposed ordinance 2014-04 whose title appears below, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of Lawtey, Florida. The second and final reading will be on August 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter that may be heard at the City Hall, Lawtey, Florida. All interested parties are invited to attend.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWTEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TEMPORARY WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITION; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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NOTICE
Pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Act Statutes Sec. 83.801-83.809, NOTICE: a Public Auction will be held on AUGUST 16, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M. at C & C Mini Storage 1648 S. Walnut Street, Hwy 301 South in Starke, Florida. The following units contents will be sold to the highest bidder, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold.
1-11 G. Bryant
1-60 & 1-65 S. Barnes
1-81 C. Rodman
2-13 & 2-47 B. Harper
2-24 & 2-25 J. Harper
2-49 B. Burnette
2-60 S. McNeal
2-71 D. Richards
2-73 R. Latham
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, George F. Browning, sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: C & C Mini Storage, 1650 S. Walnut St., Starke, FL 32091 intends to register said fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 23rd day of July, 2014, in Bradford County.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC, gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 8/12/2014, 10:00 am at 18536 US Hwy 301 N. STARKE, FL 32091-
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0314, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Justin Hill
Last known address of:
14299 SE 46th Pl
Starke FL 32091
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.
Terry L. Vaughan
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF STARKE, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed Ordinance, whose title hereinafter appears, will be brought up for READING and ADOPTION Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at the City Commission Meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m., at Starke City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy of said Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, in Starke, Florida, on the dates above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-0710
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE V, DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 5 OF THE STARKE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A 365-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Willis A. Hankerson
Last known address of:
17897 NW 55th Ln
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NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) BID # 14-03 NEW RIVER REGIONAL LANDFILL PRECAST BOX CULVERTS
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NRRLL is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the Administrative Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be ensued. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submittal is Monday, August 11, 2014, 3:00 p.m. (local time).
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Starke Rotary Club swore in new officers recently during the annual banquet at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Last year, the club raised and donated more than \$6,600 to local groups and an overseas project (detailed list attached) and volunteered to help at numerous events and fundraisers locally throughout the year.

Its beneficiaries include the Bradford County Education Foundation, Guatemala Literacy Project, Bradford Golf Team, Bradford County Library Senior

Tree, Shop with a Cop, the Food Pantry, the city of Starke, (benches for the Fallen Officers Memorial), the Relay for life and Bradford High School (FCAT field trip).

Members also assisted with the Strawberry Festival, the Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Bike Fest, the Salvation Army fundraising, and much more.

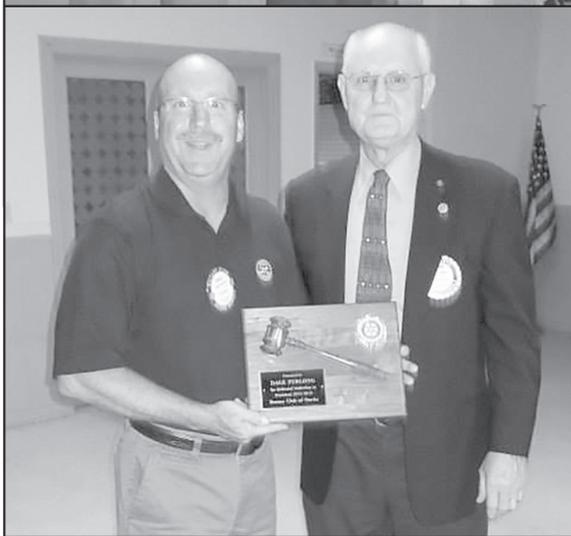
The club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Downtown Grill in Starke and is always looking for new members to join the organization. Anyone interested in Rotary is welcome to attend a weekly meeting, enjoy a meal and fellowship, and a 20-minute program on an interesting topic.



Officers and board members for the new Rotary year include (l-r) board members Kevin Miller, Darrell O'Neal, Arnold Weeks Jr., Paul Sanders, Michael Schlofman, Sergeant at Arms Brittany Loper, President John Smith, Treasurer Kim Register, Secretary Chris Durban and board member Denny Thompson. They were sworn in by Rotary member retired Judge Elzie Sanders.



Kim Register received Rotarian of the Year award from Paul Sanders.



Past President Dale Furlong (left) receives a plaque for his service from new President John Smith.

Bradley speaking at Republican dinner

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee cordially invites you to its Reagan Day Dinner to be held at the Starke Golf and Country Club, 15501 NE 14th Ave. in Starke, on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Rob Bradley, Florida state senator representing this district.

Tickets are \$37 per person. Make checks or money orders

payable to BCREC, P.O. Box 213, Starke, FL 32091.

RSVP to either Donna Solze at 904-964-5803 (dssolze@embarqmail.com) or David Dodge at 352-222-8609 (daviddodge35@gmail.com).

Dental care at ACORN

Medicaid has expanded adult dental benefits to include two exams/cleanings each year and limited fillings. Contact ACORN Dental Clinic for more information about the MMA dental plans in this area: 352-485-2772.

Online tool lets Florida producers, customers find each other

From farm gate to dinner plate, consumers are looking for more local food options. According

to the latest USDA Census of Agriculture, industry estimates put local food sales at \$7 billion in 2011, reflecting the market's growing importance.

A revamped online tool, called Florida Food Connect, at www.floridafoodconnect.com, offers agricultural producers an easy-to-use way to reach new customers and offers consumers an easy way to find local growers of the freshest foods.

Florida Food Connect offers large and small producers and growers opportunities to diversify sales and build profitable relationships.

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services worked together to make the site easier to use. The new site is a more user-friendly replacement for Florida

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On the site, producers can create a profile with photographs and information about their offerings and what makes them unique, while consumers can easily search for the nearest producer of a particular crop, or search by county to see what's available. Consumers can also use the site to request products.

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A hobby with a homey feeling

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford County resident Ronald Goodman recently built his dream house, but he can't move into it—there's no room.

It's not that the house is full of clutter; it's just that it's so small that Goodman can hold it in his hands.

Goodman keeps his hands busy building miniature houses—one of which is named "My Dream House"—a hobby that got its start last year. He spends a little time in his workshop in the morning and devotes a little more time to making the houses later in the day. As soon as he finishes one, such as the aforementioned he's quick to show it off to his wife, Evelyn, asking her, "How do you like this one?"

Recently, Goodman worked on three houses at once, but he doesn't maintain a hectic pace. After all, making houses for family and friends is just a hobby. "I don't want this to be a job," he said.

Most of the time, he uses cedar wood. Goodman said he likes the looks of it and likes the fact it doesn't rot. However, he's willing to use any type of wood someone would like him to use.

"I'll build them whatever they want," Goodman said. "If they want it out of pine, I'll build it out of pine. If they want it out of cypress, I'll build it out of cypress."

Goodman will even build a home out of oak if somebody wanted it, though he said he doesn't have any oak in his possession, so he'd have to buy it.

"If I made one (out of oak) for somebody, the price would have to be a little higher. Anytime I've got to buy something, the price goes up," Goodman said with a



"The Ponderosa" is one of Goodman's favorite houses.

laugh, adding, "That's just like everything else, isn't it?"

Goodman said he's always enjoyed working with wood. He used to carve items out of it and remembered one time when he made two pistols that looked convincingly real. The cylinders had chambers drilled into them and could be removed. The barrels were hollowed out, and the guns painted black, except for the handles, which were painted white.

The finished pieces were taken to the fair in Palatka. The woman accepting exhibition entries was taken aback when she saw the guns.

"She didn't know what to do," Goodman said.

Building houses started last year when Goodman made a train for his daughter.

"I said, 'I'll just make a little depot to go with it.'"

After making the depot, Goodman said he built a bank, a saloon, a jailhouse and a church. He laughed as he described how the buildings all tied in together. People go to the bank, take out money and then go to the saloon. They get in trouble at the saloon and wind up in jail. When they

get out of jail, they're told to go to church.

The hobby continued to evolve as Goodman built birdhouses as part of a family Christmas gift exchange.

A miniature of Bradford Baptist Church, of which Goodman and his wife are members, sits inside the church, but Goodman describes the work

as "amateur." He uses the same adjective to describe three pieces he entered in the arts and crafts exhibition at the 2014 Bradford County Fair. Those three pieces earned him a best-overall rosette.

Goodman said his work is so much better now.

"You learn as you go along," he said. "You learn from your mistakes."

When he first started, Goodman said he just built what he wanted, but he now bases his pieces on real houses, finding pictures on the Internet to go by. He's built a few famous houses, such as the house on "The Waltons" TV show, as well as the real-life Waltons house.

He has given thought to building replicas of local buildings, such as State Farm, Sonny's and Western Steer, saying, "I can build anything I can take a picture of."

One day, he'd like to build the

See HOUSES, 6B



Ronald Goodman shows off one of his houses that is also a jewelry box.

Goodman named this creation "My Dream House." It's actually the same as two other houses he built—all during the same week.



Ronald Goodman admires one of his creations, "The Homestead."

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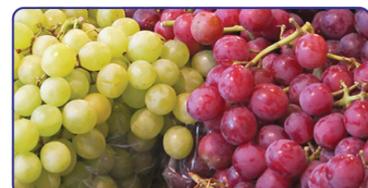
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Elaine Haile: a life of caring and service to the community

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

Becoming a valued member of the community does not require one to be from the area originally. Years of caring and service count for much more than place of origin or other places one has lived. This is especially true of Elaine Haile, matriarch of the Haile family in Starke.

Haile was born in High Springs 81 years ago to Frederick "Henry" and Oleatha (Wildman). She has one brother, Charles, who lives in Gainesville after a career as a typesetter for the New York Times.

She was educated in Alachua County, and then went to New York City (Manhattan) to attend Apex College for cosmetology. In New York, she stayed with an aunt who was expecting her first baby and she returned to High Springs after the baby was born.

When she came back to High Springs on a visit, one of her friends, Pearl Brooks, took her to a high school football game in Gainesville. There she was introduced by her friend to her future husband, a former classmate of Brooks'.

Carl Haile was at the game driving the ambulance in case one of the players got hurt. He was employed by the Chestnut Funeral Home, which provided the ambulance service. He asked Elaine and her friend to meet him at the Elks Rest after the game and they did. They spent the evening talking and dancing.

"I didn't know it, but he told my friends to go ahead and leave so he could take me home," Haile said. "When it was time to go I looked around and they were gone, so he drove me. He was a perfect gentleman and asked if he could see me again. I said yes."

After a few months of dating, Carl proposed, but Haile did not answer right away. The couple courted for about a year while Haile completed her education in cosmetology and business at Jones College in Jacksonville. Then she said yes.

The couple was married on June 26, 1955, at the AME Allen Chapel in High Springs.

"It was the biggest wedding ever in High Springs," Haile remembered. My dress was hand made and everyone looked so nice."

The couple moved to a small house in Gainesville on what is now First Street, about two blocks from the funeral home. They both worked for Chestnut for a time. The couple had three children, Gregory, Aletia and Darryl.

"Carl came from a family where he was one of 14 children," Haile remembered. "He wanted to have a lot more kids than we did, but I hold him he married the wrong wife if he thought I was going to have any more."

In October of 1963, Carl came to Starke to open his own funeral home. He was still working as a mortician at Chestnut during the first year to help out the owner until his son got his mortician's license.

Haile stayed in Gainesville. She had a small beauty shop in her home, was a substitute teacher at Duval Elementary and was active in her church and several women's social clubs. She also wanted her kids to grow up in an area where there were more activities for young people. She would come to Starke in the evenings and on weekends, and he would come see her in Gainesville as his growing business allowed.

In Gainesville, Haile was active in her church, the Greater Bethel AME Church of Gainesville, and a social club called the Starlight Social Club, which was started by her and a dozen friends. The group would

do things together such as taking cruises or going out to dinner. They also were involved in the community, sponsoring children at what was then known as the Sunland Training Center (now Tacachale).

All the kids helped out with the family business while they were growing up, with two, Gregory and Aletia, attending Gupton Jones Mortuary College in Atlanta. After this two-year program, both of them had to serve a three-year apprenticeship and pass both state and national boards to earn their mortician's license. Both served their

apprenticeship with their father at the Haile Funeral Home. Son Darryl works as a truck driver now, but still helps out whenever he can.

Haile moved to Starke for the most part after Aletia finished high school in 1976, but she did not make the move official until 1993. Carl, 14 years her senior, was diagnosed with lung cancer. A lifetime as a smoker, combined with inhaling some of the chemicals used in his work had taken its toll. Haile said he had surgery but the cancer returned in another location. He passed away in 1994 from congestive



Elaine Haile

heart failure. Haile was devastated, but knew

she had to keep the business Carl had built running. She took over the running of the funeral home. Her credentials as a funeral director were grandfathered in. She also was the business manager. Daughter Aletia took over as primary mortician. She was the first female funeral director in the area, with the next closest being in Lake City. At the time, there was not one even in Jacksonville.

Haile became an integral part of the community somewhere along the way. She said that while she has never changed her church affiliation from

her years in Gainesville, she attends many of the churches in Bradford County for both funerals and special events. She also frequently donates to both local churches and community projects.

Haile is also a musician. While she admitted only to "plinking" on the piano and organ, she was once known in the area as a talented gospel singer.

"I am the only organizer of the Bradford Gospel Ensemble still living," Haile said. "They were organized primarily by myself and the late Willie Mae

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Jim, Gloria Holmes celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Gloria and Jim Holmes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 24th 1954 at Dukes, Florida.

They have three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They now reside in Melrose after having lived in Jacksonville, Gainesville and Lake Butler. They were stationed in Beaufort, South Carolina and Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Jim served in Korea, Viet Nam and had numerous tours about ships as an aircraft maintenance officer. He is retired USMC.

Gloria raised the girls and kept the home until they were in school. Then she went to teaching, her last being at Lake City Community College (now Gateway). At the same time owning fabric stores in Lake Butler, Starke and Lake City. They are both enjoying their retirement years.



Shanon Kiser

Kiser prepping for school year in Leon County

Shanon Kiser, a Bradford High School graduate and the son of Emmanuel Joseph and Cassandra Kiser of Lawtey, was featured as part of a July 9, 2014, Tallahassee Democrat story on Leon County school teachers undergoing training to get up to speed on the new Common Core standards.

Kiser, who graduated summa cum laude from Florida State University in May, will be teaching third grade at Springwood Elementary School in Tallahassee. He and other Leon teachers took part in one of six four-day training sessions this summer. Each session was attended by approximately 180 teachers.

Stallings is crowned National American Miss Florida

Erika Stallings, the daughter of Jeff and Susan Stallings of Jacksonville and the granddaughter of Tom and Carolyn Stallings of Keystone Heights, earned the title of 2014 National American Miss Florida on July 6 in Jacksonville.

Stallings, who is also the niece of Carey and Lillian Stallings of Keystone, will represent Florida at the National Pageant at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, during Thanksgiving week.

At the state pageant, 15-year-old Stallings won Best Actress and Most Promising Model awards, and was first runner-up in both Most Photogenic and Miss Personality categories, as well as first runner-up for Most Volunteer Service Hours and second runner-up for Casual Wear Modeling.

She won \$3,000 in cash and prizes.

Stallings has been a home-schooled student, but plans on attending Providence School in the fall. She has participated in volunteer work with her church and local hospital, and enjoys acting, singing and dancing.

It is Stallings' goal to take the skills she has learned by speaking publicly at pageants and in the community and use them to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. She also plans to raise awareness about the importance of positive body image in young ladies.

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Erika Stallings, who has relatives in Keystone Heights, was crowned National American Miss Florida on July 6.

Tryouts for BHS volleyball begin Aug. 4

Tryouts for Bradford High School volleyball will take place Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 4-6, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the school gym. Players must have current physicals.

For more information, please call coach Robbie Best at 352-745-1593.

BMS football tryouts are Aug. 4-6

Tryouts for the Bradford Middle School football team will be held Aug. 4-6 at 8:30

a.m. Players must have a current FHSAA physical on file with the school before trying out.

If unable to attend, please call coach William Brewington at 352-234-9743.

LBMS football practices begin Aug. 4

Football practice for Lake Butler Middle School starts at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 4, at the school's gym. Practices are 7-10 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays through Aug. 14.

All necessary paperwork needs to be completed and turned in before a student can practice.

If you have any questions, please call coach Lamar Waters at 904-364-6614.

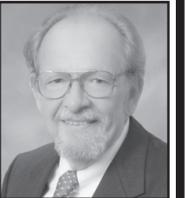
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Bradford County Pop Warner practices start Friday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Street recreational facility. Spots are available on five football teams and cheer squads, ranging in age from 5 to 14.

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Florida election to be a barn burner

Florida's General Election in November promises to be another national show as votes are cast on the issue of legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes. The grand melee of prior elections in Florida have provided a civic show, leading the public to expect the unexpected when Floridians go to the polls, and leads voters to wonder if Florida officials can conduct an accurate election.

In the presidential election of 2000, former Vice President George Bush was pitted against former vice president, Al. Gore, in a very close race. The vote count in Miami-Dade County was flawed and had to be recounted, a time-consuming task, delaying the outcome of the election for about a month. Bush was the declared winner and went on to serve two terms, but Democrats were never convinced an accurate count was made.

In the 2002 election, Floridians for Humane Farms obtained signatures and put on the ballot a proposed amendment that would ban restriction of sows while birthing pigs. The amendment passed and became part of the Florida Constitution to the consternation of many people who thought the proposal should have been handled by the legislature.

The sale of marijuana has already been approved by voters in several states for both medicinal and recreational use, but the effect on society has yet to be determined. However, America's experience with prohibition offers some clues for the control of dangerous items.

In 1919, the United States passed a ban on the production and sale of alcohol. In spite of the claim that American women took advantage of men while fighting the war in Europe, the vote in both the Senate and House was overwhelming in support of the amendment. President Woodrow Wilson vetoed the proposed bill and was overridden the next day. Without a doubt, prohibition (as the Volstead Act became known) represented the thoughts of the majority of Americans at the time.

In a very short time, Americans turned against the amendment, not because they wanted the sale of alcohol to be legal again, but because

the government could not control the illegal use, distribution and consumption of alcohol, or at least, was not willing to turn the nation into a police state.

Government at all levels fought the illegal production and sale of alcohol, but at the same time, spread the possibility of illegal activities between bootleggers and officials. Mobs were formed in larger cities, which were divided among overlords. Bootleggers began operating in every town and hamlet, with some people believing it was with the cooperation of local law enforcement officials.

In the little town where I grew up, there were two openly operating bootleggers, known to everyone. They operated for years and were still active when I entered military service in January 1942. They were gone when I returned in December 1945.

As mentioned earlier, Americans were disappointed with the government's failure to control the manufacture and sale of alcohol, and were not reluctant to let representatives and senators know their views.

While the Volstead Act was passed and entered into the Constitution as the 18th Amendment, support for the ban on alcohol began immediately eroding, ending with its being repealed by the 21st amendment, ratified by Utah on Dec. 5, 1933. Utah was the 36th state to ratify the amendment, bringing prohibition to a close.

American officials learned a great deal from the prohibition experiment, namely, that Americans are law abiding unless the government attempts to cram unwanted rules and regulations that are unfair, unwanted and unworkable. It was a noble experiment with excellent intentions, but the American public wanted alcohol controlled, not eliminated.

Controlling the growth and sale of marijuana may not be a repeat of the prohibition days, but there some similarities, and government control will be difficult.

Buster Rahn
Telegraph editorialist

LETTERS

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Reader's opinions don't change the facts

Dear Editor:

Mr. Arnie Harris's recent letter accusing me of "...mind-bogglingly erroneous assertions..." regarding the current fiasco in Israel needs to be addressed, since Mr. Harris' opinions do not change the facts.

Our current administration in Washington has indeed declared that Israel has the right to defend itself. A meaningless gesture of so-called support since each nation, and, indeed each individual on the planet, has already been granted the right to self defense by our Creator. The Obama-Kerry duet does not grant rights to anyone.

More interestingly, let's look at what our kindly government has granted to the other side of this conflict. The US has given more than five billion dollars to the Palestinian Authority over recent decades. Because in 2011 the PA unified with Hamas terrorists, we are now in effect annually giving \$665 million of our (borrowed) money to an organization which refuses to accept the state of Israel, advocates the conquest of Palestine, desires to cleanse it completely of Jews, and condemns all peace efforts. And now they're asking for \$47 million more.

I question any claim that the US is "four-square supportive" of Israel. We do not demand that Israel's neighbors recognize its right to exist. We contribute trillions of dollars in oil money to governments that then supply terrorists with the equipment needed to kill us and our supporters. We call for a return to the 1967 borders (which would put Israel at even greater risk). We push for a divided Jerusalem, Israel's capital. We have lifted sanctions on Israel's sworn enemy, Iran, and are allowing them to attain nuclear weapons. This schizophrenic policy is a pathetic joke in the world of foreign policy. Let's get real here.

This two-faced administration should either stand with Israel or stand with the people who want

to wipe it off the face of the earth.

Now— regarding who started this latest round of violence. Go back to 1947. When the brand-new Israeli state was established, it was immediately attacked by most of its Muslim neighbors. The Israelis prevailed and, ever since, there has been a continuing effort by many nations to destroy Israel. Several shooting wars have been initiated. All attempts to kill the Jews have failed, but the efforts of these anti-Semitic Muslims have been constant.

If, indeed, the most recent shooting aspect of this ongoing conflict can be laid at the feet of Israeli Defense Force members who shot Palestinian rock throwers, keep these things in mind. 1) A rock the size of a golf ball traveling at 60 mph will impact your head with enough force to bring you down immediately. And if a sling is used—very common in the middle-East—the force nearly doubles. (Recall one David vs. Goliath) 2) Because Israel is run by the rule of law—as we used to be in this country—anyone, soldier or civilian, accused of a crime is liable for punishment. In other words, Israel has a system of justice, and it is used. (When is the last time—or first time—anyone ever heard of the Palestinian Authority punishing someone for harming a Jew?)

Also in regard to "who shot first"—the Terrorists of Hamas have been constantly engaged in the ongoing construction of concrete-lined tunnels going from Gaza into Israel. These could probably be stamped "Courtesy of the US taxpayer" and are not built to speed up someone's daily commute to work. According to Obama front-man Josh Earnest, Israeli military action "...is being conducted against a network of tunnels that Hamas has constructed to try to give them access to Israeli civilians." Access for what? For killing, that's what. So, as far as I'm concerned, these terrorists initiated this latest round of shooting just by virtue of the fact that they have created these tunnels, which any nation, other than the United States, would consider an act of war.

Questioning the assertion that Hamas hides behind civilians is futile. For example, members

of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, in Palestine doing aid work, stumbled across rockets stored in a building being used as a shelter for displaced persons, twice in one week. There are aerial photos available showing rocket launch sites in a mosque, a hospital, a playground, and a cemetery. On Sunday, July 21, John Kerry himself said on CNN that, "The fact is that Hamas uses civilians as shield (sic)." And there is so much more.

Overall, what we have in this absurd situation is a tiny country, founded on the same democratic principles as the United States, fighting for its life, surrounded by other nations that want it completely destroyed. Israel gives notice to Palestinian civilians in advance of a military strike. (Unheard of) Israel removed its own citizens from Gaza and gave that territory to the Palestinians (a grave mistake in my opinion). Israel is a place where all religions thrive; where women have the same rights as men; where over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights as their Jewish counterparts; where people of all colors flourish. This is an advanced, productive, prosperous country.

Opposed to this nation are millions of anti-Semitic, and usually anti-American, neighbors.

People who subscribe to a belief system which seems to have little regard for human life, who target civilians in war; who behead someone who doesn't conform to their religious beliefs; who volunteer to commit suicide; who engage in forced female genital mutilation; who apply 60 lashes to a woman deemed not properly attired in public; who apply the death penalty to gays and lesbians; who engage in "honor" killing; who support the idea that a lie is perfectly justified if it promotes their agenda.

Palestinian civilians are being killed in this conflict because that is what Hamas intends. What other explanation is possible when rocket launchers are placed in the back yard of a home. What is beyond my understanding is how anyone can defend such beliefs and behavior.

Leonard C. Young
Keystone Heights

LETTERS

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Voters, wake up for sake of kids' future

Dear Editor:

I just had to say that Doug Stamper was right on with his letter to the editor regarding electing our officials. Bradford voters need to wake up and realize what damage their vote can have on our kids' future. Putting friends in charge helps no one. Experience should count for something.

Jenn Smith

Consider experience, knowledge when voting

Dear Editor:

I wanted to say that I agree with the letter submitted last week by Doug Stamper on electing officials based on their education and experience to do the job. For far too long, we have elected people to positions in Bradford County based on popularity and family ties. Perhaps our governmental agencies and school system would be in better shape if we put more thought into the knowledge and experience the candidates have to do the job instead of favoritism.

Sincerely,
Mark Well

Majority of corrections personnel are honorable, caring

Dear Editor:

I have read the recent news about the 2012 scalding death of one of our South Florida inmates. As the wife of a State Legislator and a person who has spent countless hours volunteering directly with inmates in the prisons, I share the distress over the allegations surrounding this horrific

tragedy. I feel compelled to tell "the rest of the story". There is another face to Corrections that is never presented to the general public. Of the 22,398 employees in the Department of Corrections the vast majority are honorable, caring men and women. I've listened to many inmates tell me about officers like Major Duncan, who "is firm, but very fair, he treats us like he really cares about us." I've watched Assistant Warden Jordan and his team as they've gathered up discarded doors and other materials to build a hydroponic garden for their inmates so they can learn a skill and have the

satisfaction of working with growing plants inside the stark razor wire and hard concrete buildings. In the midst of this horrendous news could we also express appreciation and respect for these unsung public servants, the Correctional Officers who lay their lives on the line daily for long hours and minimal pay while putting their whole hearts into a job, sincerely longing and working to send prisoners back out of prison as productive citizens?

Sincerely,
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Animal rescue, education at the heart of Rooterville

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

A great love of animals, combined with a heartfelt belief that the vegan lifestyle is the most responsible way to preserve the planet, motivates Dale and Elaine West to provide homes for over 300 animals and educational opportunities for local residents at their compound



I love you...do you have treats?

in Putnam Hall.

Rooterville, an animal rescue and educational facility, was conceived by Elaine with the full support and encouragement of Dale.

Over 10 years ago, she started working with rescue groups focused on pot-bellied pigs. Sometimes there would be too many rescues for the group to handle, so Elaine ended up taking some of the animals home. Finally in 2004, she and Dale decided that it would be best if they went ahead and became a non-profit rescue organization themselves and Rooterville was born.

Rooterville is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization. According to Dale, this means that it is owned by the community and is meant to be a resource for that community.

"We want to encourage compassion for all animals and enrich the life of the community," Dale said. "We want to show people the health legacy they can give their families through plant-based nutrition."

The sanctuary began in

Archer, but moved to a 30-acre tract in Putnam Hall in 2011. Currently, they have 20 acres in use, with the other 10 now under development. They provide a safe and loving home for over 200 pigs and about 100 other animals, including goats, cows, chickens, turkeys, miniature horses, a pony, dogs and cats. They are at capacity right now and have to turn away requests to place animals two or three times a week.

For every animal on the property there is a story – most ranging from sad to horrific. All the animals are named and given as much human attention as they will allow – which varies according to the animal's history. All of the animals are spayed or neutered to prevent increasing the population.

In one field are two Jersey dairy cows, one cow and a steer. Their names are Holly and Tinsel. They came to Rooterville from Farm Sanctuary, a New York rescue organization that many consider to be the premier animal sanctuary of its kind.

Holly and Tinsel were rescued from a December animal auction in New York. According to Dale, when cows give birth in such places, the calves must stand almost immediately or they are thrown into an area called the dead room. This is what happened to Tinsel and Holly. Luckily, they were rescued and cared for, and the "Christmas cows" are now hearty, healthy animals.

Three huge Tom turkeys rule the roost in one section of the compound. Rescued from a factory farm, they have been bred to grow quickly, and life span is unimportant. Normally slaughtered between 12 and 18 months, these guys are going on four years old and are pushing 80 pounds each.

Pigs are everywhere at Rooterville and are, in fact, the inspiration for the organization's name. There are three types of pig that make up almost all of the sanctuary's population: farm pigs or hogs, piney rooters (feral pigs) and Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs (the largest population).

The pigs come from a wide range of backgrounds. Some were raised as pets, with a few even raised as house pigs or members of the family. Some come from abusive backgrounds or were neglected, while others come to Rooterville because their owners have died or become unable to care for them.

"Pigs are intensely social animals and become attached to the other living creatures around them," Dale said. "This is the same, be these creatures other pigs or human. These animals grieve when taken away from



a home where they have been raised and it sometime takes them a while to recover.

While developing the new area is costly, with the main expense being fencing, just keeping everyone on site fed is a financial challenge. Rooterville's biggest expense is food for the animals; with the largest part of that being hay. The facility uses about \$20,000 worth of hay annually, as well as other foods and supplements.

After food, the next biggest expense is medical, both the routine spays and neuters and the more costly rehabilitation of animals suffering from abuse and neglect. Shelton Veterinary handles routine procedures, while more serious cases are trucked to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where they see an internationally known swine specialist.

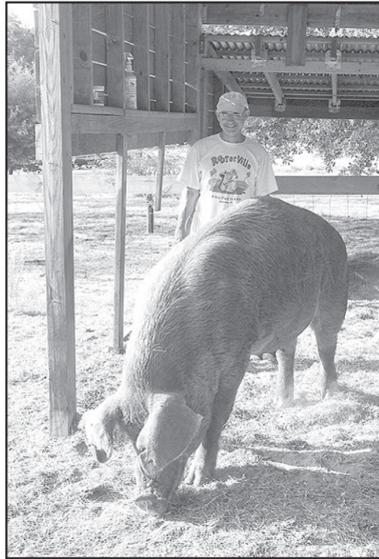
Dale retired from Publix in 2009 and now puts in 120-hour weeks to care for the animals and property. Elaine follows a similar schedule. Rooterville has four people on the payroll and welcomes volunteers; such as those who visit from the University of Florida and local 4-H chapters.

Besides teaching by example through showing the animals in their charge love and respect, Dale and Elaine also work to promote the vegan lifestyle. Such a lifestyle is plant-based and involves the complete avoidance of animal products in one's diet; including eggs, cheese, butter and milk.

"If all Americans would become vegans, it would eliminate all the animal cruelty involved in factory farming, both for meat production and for the production of other animal products," Dale said. "In addition, about 80 percent of all of the food grown in this country goes to feed animals. If Americans became vegans, this country could raise enough food to feed the entire population of the world!"

A new visitor's center is under construction at Rooterville which will make it easier for the Wests to present programs about healthy eating to visiting school groups and others. A special event is planned for September, which will be a combination grand re-opening of the facility and a fundraiser to help complete the 10-acre addition to the compound. As part of the

ABOVE: The residents of Rooterville enjoy their breakfast while the humans work on the new visitor's center behind them. RIGHT: Dale West with Reba, the largest pig at the sanctuary. She was a rescue last December. To give an idea of size, West is 5 feet, 6 inches tall.

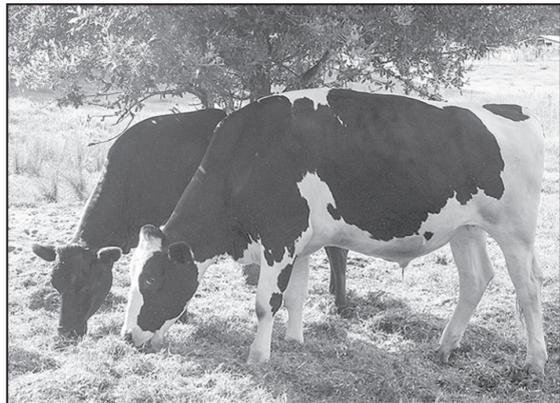


event, a vegan chef will prepare a special gourmet lunch for all attendees.

Both the Wests and the four-legged residents of Rooterville love visitors and have many opportunities for education and family fun available. For more information about tours, the vegan lifestyle or the upcoming special event, they can be reached at www.lifereclaimed.org.



Everybody likes to be scratched where they can't reach on their own, and Dale West knows all the right spots.



Holly and Tinsel, the Christmas cows, enjoy their safe and happy life at the Rooterville sanctuary.

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Tom Tatum: a life devoted to hard work, community and family

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

A good life filled with family, hard work and some good times along the way sums up life so far for one well-known resident of Lawtey.

Tom Tatum Jr. comes from a long line of sawmill owner operators. The family originated in Okefenokee in 1840, when an ancestor named John Tatum killed a schoolteacher. The family moved soon thereafter, finally ending up in Mississippi where they established a sawmill.

Tatum's father, Tom, and grandfather, Paul, opened Tatum Brothers sawmill in Ripley, Mississippi in 1933. The family moved the mill to Bear Creek, Alabama in 1942 and stayed there for about a decade. In 1952 the family moved again, this time to Florida, under the guidance of Tatum's father, Tom Sr. This mill primarily worked with cypress.

Tatum went to Lawtey Community School for grades six through nine, and then traveled to Starke to attend and graduate from Bradford High School. Tatum said he enjoyed the social life of high school and especially loved playing basketball, a sport for which he had a natural talent. Tatum excelled at sports, running the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds, but his father would never allow him to play football. He also played basketball during a short stint at St. John's River Community College (now St. John's River State College).

"I didn't want to go to college," Tatum said. "I always wanted to work at saw milling."

After leaving college, Tatum played on a city cage team. He was often the highest scoring player and helped his team to win the city league title in 1963, defeating, among others, a team known as the "Professors" which was composed of teachers from

Bradford High School.

Tatum also played for a time in the early 1960s on the Lawtey semi-pro baseball team. He remembers traveling around northern Florida with his teammates Bobby Ferguson, Spurgeon "Spud" Massey, Johnny Devore, Johnny Bates and Gary Bennett.

"Every town had a team back then and it was a family affair," Tatum said. "We would all pack up our wives and kids and go play ball. It was a fun time."

Tatum met his future wife, Linda, in 1959 when her family moved to Lawtey. The couple married young, in 1959, and have now celebrated their 54th anniversary.

In 1963, Tatum and his brother Charles opened a small two-man sawmill working with pine. Tatum was working at DuPont for five years while the lumber business was slack, so he was working two jobs. Tatum's wife was the only other worker during those first years – she stacked lumber as it came off the line while keeping track of two sons in a playpen off to the side.

The newest incarnation of Tatum Brothers Lumber thrived and added employees. The expansion of U.S. 301 necessitated the building of a new mill across the street, where the business is still located. The new mill took one year to build and burned after only six days of operation.

"Both Tom and Charles were out hunting and there was a diesel leak, then a problem with an electric motor," Linda recalled. "The mill was burning and neighbors were stopping and trying to help. They managed to pull out and save quite a bit of material and equipment for us."

The mill was rebuilt in a few months and the family continued in the business of sawing lumber.

Tatum was an avid raccoon

hunter for many years, often going out with the late Marvin Rosier and other members of the hunt club he ran in his garage. The club had members from as far away as Lake Butler and was quite active, hunting for sport unless someone called needing help with a nuisance animal.

"Everyone in the club seemed to have more dogs than kids," Linda remembered. "It was really all about the dogs, not the raccoons. They had competitions where the men never even took a gun. The point was to see who had the best dogs – the one which would tree a raccoon first."

Tatum was a fixture in Starke at lunchtime for many years. He and brother Charles would meet Lawrence Mosley, Howard Douglas and Doyle Thomas for lunch nearly every weekday at Sonny's BBQ. This practice continued until Tatum's health would no longer allow him to make the daily drive.

Mosley has hours of stories about Tatum – they were friends growing up and still are. Mosley's uncle worked at the sawmill and Mosley spent hours hanging around the sawmill as a teen. When he got older, Mosley was an active participant in some of Tatum's pranks.

"Tom was always involved in local politics," Mosley said. "He wasn't interested in running himself. He said he saw his greatest purpose in life as a 'stirrer and a strower'. He was non-partisan in the candidates he chose to support. He was loyal to the local people and if he thought someone would be good for the people, he supported them."

Tatum and Mosley would load up in the car, with grandson, Tatum Davis, in tow. They would drive around all night close to the election. They would put up signs and call on people to try and get them to vote for Tatum's choice of candidate.

"We would go down the road to see John Henry, Woodrow Griffis or many other people," Mosley said. "We even let Tatum (Davis) drive once he was old enough to see over the dashboard."

Davis confirmed this story and said he has many good memories of his days politicking with his grandfather.

"I loved it," Davis said. "We would stay out all night, or it seemed that way, and I got to spend more time with my grandfather."

Tatum had a streak of bad luck in his choice of candidates, which even extended to existing office holders who failed to get reelected once he made comments about how good a job he thought they were doing.

In October 1994, Mosley and several more of Tatum's friends decided to pull a huge practical joke on Tatum, which involved the entire community.

Mosley told Tatum that he was planning to run for sheriff and wanted to hold an event at the sawmill. Tatum agreed to support his friend. When the day came, Mosley arrived like a true candidate with a retinue of "supporters." After the singing of the hymn "Precious Memories" by Sylvia Reddish. Rev. James Croft took center stage to present a funeral service for the Tatum political machine. Croft, it seems, was one of the candidates who failed to be reelected once Tatum commented in a restaurant on what a good job he was doing as a Baker County commissioner.

During the "eulogy," a hearse from Archie Tanner Funeral Home pulled up, escorted by a Bradford County Sheriff's Office escort car. Mosley, along with pallbearers Dudley Hardy, Harold Davis, Darrell O'Neal, Dolph Reddish and Marvin Rosier, carried the casket to the entrance of the mill, where a

headstone had been set up for the event. The stone was provided by Rosier and said "Master Tom – Record 0-60." They buried the casket and then let Tatum speak.

"It was a good time," Mosley said. "We all had fun and really pulled one over on Tom. It was his turn after all the tricks he had played on us through the years."

Mosley remembered the hours spent at Sonny's as a time of gossip and jokes played on hapless diners unlucky enough to sit in their vicinity.

"I didn't want to talk about the sawmill and he didn't want to talk about tires, so we had to talk about something," Mosley said. "There was a Mrs. Boatwright who was president of the Florida Bank and was big in the Starke Rotary Club. Those of us from Lawtey always felt that the Starke members didn't feel we were really good enough to join their club, so one day we started a discussion about starting a club in Lawtey."

The conversation was deliberately loud and Boatwright just happened to be sitting right behind them at the time. What followed was a minor uproar, followed by a years-long running

joke about the Lawtey Rotary Club.

"Tom is a unique individual," Mosley said. "I don't really know how he turned out the way he did. Both of his parents were very straight-laced and so is his brother Charles. Tom is special. He has a sense of fun and is a modern day Will Rogers – he has a saying for every occasion."

Tatum had a reputation as a womanizer, but said he really was harmless.

"Of course I would flirt with the waitresses at Sonny's," Tatum said. "I can appreciate a pretty woman, but there was always the thought in the back of my mind – what would I do if any of them ever took me seriously? I wasn't going to go there. The flirting never made it out the door."

Tatum had a heart attack in his early 40s, followed by open-heart surgery in 1992. He felt it necessary to modify his lifestyle somewhat after the surgery, curtailing both his lunches and raccoon hunting.

Tatum and his entire family have always been very involved in the school system, both in Lawtey and on a county level.

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U.S. Capitol, but Goodman said, "It might be a while before I get to that one. That's going to be kind of hard to build."

Actually, when it comes to building any of the houses, there is no easy part, Goodman said. However, he doesn't really look at any of it as hard, saying, "I enjoy doing it."

Goodman has gotten some of his cedar supply from a tree that blew down in his daughter's yard. Plus, he has a nephew who supplies him with wood as well. His nephew makes tables out of cedar and used to throw smaller pieces of wood away.



Ronald Goodman is busy in his workshop.

"I told him, 'Don't throw those feet long.' He's given me most everything I've got right now," Goodman said.

Through his nephew, who also makes pieces utilizing driftwood and coral, Goodman met a man who's interested in taking the miniature houses to shows and trying to sell them.

"He said, 'Well, you could probably get anywhere from \$600 to \$1,200 for these.' I don't know whether he's pulling my leg or telling the truth," Goodman said.

However that venture turns out, Goodman will continue to get joy from studying a photograph of a house and then bringing that house to life in his workshop. In understated fashion, Goodman said, "I like to work with wood a little bit."

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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

William Joseph Aviles, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 27 by Bradford deputies for three charges of possession of drugs-controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana and for probation violation. According to the arrest report, Aviles was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic infraction and was acting extremely nervous. After smelling marijuana coming from the vehicle, the deputy asked the occupants to step out of the vehicle, and a search of Aviles turned up two containers, one with pills in it and the other with a marijuana joint in it. Aviles was arrested, with no bond allowed on the probation violation charge.

Alan Michael Bryan, 24, of Starke was arrested July 27 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Antonio Antwain Butler, 21, of Starke was arrested July 26 by Bradford deputies for two charges of probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Clarence Dewayne Cook of Palatka was arrested July 24 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Gino Miguele Gerding, 41, of Hampton was arrested July 24 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Idlys Concepcion Gomez Pou, 30, of Tampa was arrested July 27 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Elisha Diane Harper, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 27 by Starke police for larceny and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Harper was at Walmart in Starke and put several items in her purse while using her 12-year old child as a lookout. After she paid for some items in a cart, she started to leave the store with the other items, valued at \$30, still in her purse. She was detained by a Walmart employee until the police arrived and arrested her. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charges.

Walter Lee Henderson, 57, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

David Allen Holt, 26, of Archer was arrested July 25 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Lajames Lewis Jamison, 26, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Howard Louis Charrek Johnson, 48, of Starke was arrested July 25 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked-habitual offender. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Carlos Leonard Jones, 42, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of marijuana and for selling marijuana. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Margarita Gomez Juarez, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested July 26 by Lawtey police for operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kassidy M. Keen, 19, of Starke was arrested July 26 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Justen Wayne Kelley, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 25 by Starke police for two charges of larceny and for failure to appear. According to the arrest report, a Walmart employee observed Kelley place a wallet into his pocket and then exit the store through the garden center. When several employees detained Kelley, he handed over the wallet, but refused to return to the security office. One employee attempted to grab Kelley to detain him, but he broke free and fled toward Dickie's BBQ near U.S. 301. Police were called, and after a short search in the tree line south of Dickie's, Kelly was found lying on the ground. He was charged with larceny-petit theft and with resisting a merchant recovering property. Bond was set at \$40,000 for the charges.

Kendrick K. Martin, 27, was arrested July 26 by Starke

police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Hannah Mercy McClellan, 23, of Brookings, Oregon, was arrested July 27 by Starke police for aggravated assault with a weapon and for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, McClellan and an unidentified man were outside of the Kangaroo on U.S. 301 and Market Road in Starke when two people pulled up to the store. The female driver entered the store to make a purchase, during which time McClellan got into a verbal altercation with the male passenger in the vehicle. McClellan called the male passenger a name because he wasn't wearing a shirt. When the female driver returned to the vehicle, she heard McClellan calling her friend names and then saw the unidentified man with McClellan pull a knife from his pocket. The two left the store and called police, but then returned to give the police statements. Before police arrived, the female victim stated that McClellan and the unidentified man approached their vehicle, with McClellan also pulling a knife from under her shirt and saying, "You don't want to make me do this." The two left the store again, with McClellan spitting on the vehicle as it exited the parking lot. When the victim returned again, without the male passenger, the police were there, but McClellan and the man were gone. The police found McClellan walking on U.S. 301 north by the fairgrounds, and she admitted to the altercation, saying the male passenger had been disrespectful toward her since his pants were hanging below his waist and he wasn't wearing a shirt. McClellan, who said she is hitchhiking to New York, didn't know the male hanging out with her at the store. He was gone when police arrived, and McClellan said all her belongings were gone, too, from the side of the store. Bond was set at \$21,000 for the charges against her.

William Charles Miller, 45, of

Starke was arrested July 23 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for battery and for criminal mischief-property damage of \$1,000 or more. Bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Robert Lawrence Schneider, 18, of Hawthorne was arrested July 25 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Schneider was observed by a Walmart employee selecting movies in the electronics department, then unwrapping the movies in the hardware area before putting them in his pocket. He then picked up some shampoo and body wash and paid for those at the garden center register. He was detained by the employee after he left the garden center area with the movies in his pocket, valued at \$175. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kwadwo Nkrumah Sefah, 21, of Gainesville was arrested July 25 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

John Daniel Shuford, 25, of Lawtey was arrested July 22 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

David Allen Tyree, 37, of Gainesville was arrested July 25 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Willie B. Tyson, 66, of Starke was arrested July 24 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Keystone/Melrose

Karl Baer, 43, of Melrose was arrested July 28 by Clay deputies for a writ of attachment.

Steven Flaherty, 36, of Keystone Heights, was arrested July 27 by Clay deputies for domestic assault.

Lucas Fullwood, 36, of Melrose was arrested July 28 by Clay deputies for video voyeurism. According to an arrest report, on

June 13, the victim discovered a small video camera on top of a bedroom cabinet, surrounded by other items to conceal it. The device was pointed in the direction of the bathroom.

Marklee Harris III, 33, of Starke was arrested by Clay deputies on July 28 for burglary.

According to an arrest report, the victim reported power tools and a generator stolen from two separate locations. Investigative sources eventually led to Harris.

Travis Mizel, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 26 for burglary. According to an arrest report, witnesses saw Mizel taking weights and a weightlifting bar from the front porch of a neighbor after the neighbor had left for his job in Jacksonville.

Travis Wright, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 23 by Clay deputies for burglary. According to an arrest report, the victim was walking home from a relative's house when he saw Wright and another man leaving the victim's residence with a Sony PlayStation 3, Sony PlayStation 4 and 25 Blu-ray discs. After demanding that the men return his property, the victim then called the sheriff's office.

Union

Shaun Steven Morris, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested July 22 by Union deputies for two probation violations. No bond was allowed for the charges.

A 14-year-old male from Lake Butler was arrested July 24 by Union deputies on a warrant for felony vehicle theft.

James Cleveland Perry, 50, of Lake Butler was arrested July 24 by Union deputies for contempt of court-violating an injunction against repeated violence.

Robert Lee Webb, 77, of Lake Butler was arrested July 26 by Union deputies for driving under the influence.

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FALL CLASS SCHEDULE 2014

DAY CLASSES

Course	Instructor	Early Registration	Course Dates	Day	Hours	Total Program hours
Accounting Operations	Thomas	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 900
Administrative Office Specialist	Thomas	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 1050
Adult General Education, GED, & Applied Academics	Rudoj	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/19/14	M - F	1,2,3 or 4 hrs daily from 8 am-noon; Th 4-7pm	unlimited
Applied Welding Technology	Geiger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 1170
Automotive Service Technology	Rensberger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 1800
Carpentry	Scholl	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2-4 hrs daily from 9am-1pm	1200
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Beginning 8/4/14	8/19/14-10/9/14	M - TH	7 am - 5 pm	320 & 150
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Beginning 9/8/14	10/13/14-12/11/14	M - TH	7 am - 5 pm	320 & 150
Computer Systems and Info. Technology	Ledger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 900
Cosmetology	James	Beginning 8/4/14	Course begins 8/18/14	M - F	M,T,W,F: 9am-3pm; TH: 9am-7pm	1200
Medium & Heavy Duty Truck/Bus Tech (Diesel Mechanics)	Rensberger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9 1800
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Pusateri	CLOSED	Class begins 8/11/14	M - TH	8 am - 4 pm	1350

EVENING CLASSES

Adult General Education, GED, & Applied Academics	Harden	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/20/14	M,W,TH	M,W: 6-9pm and TH: 4-7pm	unlimited
Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.)	Pusateri	Beginning 8/4/14	Course begins 8/18/14	M, W	4 pm-9 pm	165
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Johnson	CLOSED	Course in Progress	M - TH	5 pm-9 pm	1350

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Hunter Education	FWC	online FWC	8/14/14	TH	6 pm-9 pm	3
Hunter Education	FWC	online FWC	9/11/14	TH	6 pm-9 pm	3
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Miller	Open	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M, W	4 pm-5 pm	unlimited
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Bridgman	Open	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/19/14	T, TH	5 pm-6 pm	unlimited
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OBITUARIES

Harvey Baker

STARKE— Harvey "Stalker" Haines Baker, 60, a lifelong resident of Starke died on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Gainesville on Aug. 24, 1953 to the late Harry William Baker and Edith Bowden Baker. He was employed as a truck driver. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his brother, Harry Baker; and his sister, Edith Baker.

He is survived by: children, Veronica Burke of Starke, Buddy (Melissa) Baker of Texas, William Burke and Kyle Burke both of Washington; sister, Elva Jean (William) Spencer of Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Glen Brown

Glen Brown

ALACHUA— Glen Randall "Randy" Brown, 55, resident of Alachua, died Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his home, following a long illness, surrounded by his family.

Randy was born on Jan. 20, 1959 in Orange Park. He grew up in Altamonte Springs, finishing school at the Harry Lundberg School of Seamanship, serving in the Merchant Marines, and later began a career in heating and air conditioning. Graduating with a degree in HVAC from Santa Fe College, he spent many years working for Bounds Heating and Air, most recently working as service manager. Randy even spent time as a civilian contractor working in Iraq from 2007 to 2009. Later in life, he enjoyed remote control airplanes and helicopters, spending time teaching his grandchildren how to operate them. He loved his animals, but most especially spending time with his family. He was a man of strong convictions, a generous nature and was always quick with a joke.

He is survived by: his wife of 28 years, Judith Ann Brown; two daughters, Anna Renee Brown and Sara Lauren Brown; one son, James Randall Brown; two grandchildren Michael Joshua Pate, Jr. and Eli Randall Pate, all of Alachua; his parents, Glen and Shirley Brown, of Micanopy; sisters, Connie Greenlee, of Lawrence, Kansas, Karen Herring, of Irmo, South Carolina, and Carol (Richard) Solze, of Starke; brother, Duane Brown, of Irmo, South Carolina, along with three nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Mt. Pisgah AME Church with Rev James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 3 -4:00 p.m. Friends 5-7:00 p.m. Visitation also held one hour prior to service at the Church.



Arthur Bellamy

Arthur Bellamy

STARKE— Arthur Bellamy, 61, of Starke died Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Windsor Manor Care Center. Born in Starke on March 31, 1953 He was a life long resident of Starke. He was a common laborer. He was of Baptist Faith and attended the local schools of Bradford County.

He is survived by: wife, Marsha Bellamy; stepson, Andrew Booth; brothers, Jerome Bass, Vernon Griffin, Horace Griffin, Curtis Griffin, Izell Wilson and Andrew Lee; and sister, Gloria Harrison.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Mt. Pisgah AME Church with Rev James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 3 -4:00 p.m. Friends 5-7:00 p.m. Visitation also held one hour prior to service at the Church.

Louie Best

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Mr. Louie Arthur "Sonny" Best, Jr., age 72, of Keystone Heights passed away, Monday, July 28, 2014 in Jacksonville at St. Vincent's Medical Center following an extended illness. Mr. Best was born in Ruffin, South Carolina on Dec. 5, 1941 to the late Louie and Cornelia (Danelly) Best, Sr. and was in the Army Reserve. Prior to retirement, he was an owner and operator of James F. Tullis & Associates Insurance Company; he had also been a loan officer for many years in the banking industry. In 2005, Mr. Best moved to Keystone Heights from the Atlantic Beach area. He was raised Methodist and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, boating, reading and taking care of his seven cats.

Survivors are: his wife of 20 years, Sammie (Byars); and five children, Danette (John) Hall of Jacksonville, Selena (Jerry, Jr.) Ferg of Keystone Heights, Debi (Karl) Becker of Deland, Teresa (Patrick) Meehan of Rockingham, North Carolina, Thomas "Tommy" Best of Sanford; and one sister, Jane (Vic) Warren of Summerville, South Carolina. Also left are his grandchildren, David, Jerry, Megan, Zach, Alicia, Juliet, Josh, Samantha, Victoria, Clay, Emily, Miles. Casey and two great-granddaughters, Alexis and Kaylyn Hall.

Funeral services will be Thursday, 1:00 p.m. July 31 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Steve Atnip officiating. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr., Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176. jonesgallagherfh.com PAID OBITUARY



Henry Dommon

Henry Dommon

STARKE— Henry L. "Buck Wheat" Dommon, 65, of Starke Pleasant Grove Community died Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Shands at University of Florida Hospital Gainesville. Born in Lulu on March 28, 1949 Henry was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. He was employed at Camp Blanding as a painter. He was a member of Greater Allen Chapel AME Church of Starke, was a graduate of the RJE High School.

He is survived by: his wife, Sandra Dommon of Starke; children, Norman Van Easley, Jerlene Dommon, Shonda Easley, Connie Easley and Zoya Davis all of Starke; sisters, Dora Dean and Rosa Thomas both of Starke; brothers, Ulysees Dommon of Pensacola, Anthony Dommon of Cambridge, Maryland and Howard Johnson of Lawtey; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Aug. 2 in the Greater Allen Chapel AME Church of Starke with Rev. Cynthia Bailey Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family 2-3:00 p.m. Friends 4-7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held at the church one hour prior to services.

Johnnie Hart

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Johnnie Lee Hart, 92, of Keystone Heights died at her home, Thursday, July 24, 2014. She was born in Megs, Georgia on March 17, 1922 to the late William M. and Nola Estelle (Fulford) Bass and was a homemaker.

She is survived by: children, Jerry Wayne Hart and Melba Diane Marple both of Keystone Heights and Dondru Hart of Plant City.

There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home.

Alda Hill

WORTHINGTON SPRINGS— Alda "Ruth" Hill, 52 of Worthington Springs died Thursday, July 10, 2014 at her residence. She was born Feb. 10, 1962 in Jacksonville to the late Ovin Lee and Hattie Mae Williams Edge. She lived most of her life in Macclenny and Worthington Springs.

She is survived by: Charlie Hill; brother, Daniel Edge; and sisters, Juanita (Randall) Benton and Rebecca (Billy) Hodges. Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Luree Jackson

STARKE— Luree Bryant Jackson, 88, of Starke died Monday, July 28, 2014 at Shands at University

Hospital Gainesville. Born in Jasper on Jan. 8, 1926, she was a lifelong resident of Starke. She was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church Starke and the American Legion.

She is survived by: sons, Donnie Jackson and Coy Jackson both of Starke; daughter, Denise Jones of Starke; Special neice/daughter, Janie Scott of Daytona Beach; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family hour 4 -5:00 p.m. Friends 5 -7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the Church. The Cortege will form at 12:30 p.m. at the Home of Mr and Mrs. Donnie and Joanne Jackson 4583 S.E. 143rd Terrace, Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke.

Harriett Mallory

LIVE OAK— Harriett Vera "Jackie" Mallory, 81, of Live Oak died Friday, July 25, 2014 at Doctors Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by mother, Lois Lockler; father, Herbert Roberson; step-father, Broward Crawford; and son, Ralph Amick. She worked for the Division of Forestry as a fire tower watcher for 10 years. She was Pentecostal.

She is survived by: children, Dale Messer of Live Oak, Vickie (Randy) Messer Hogan-Sparrow of Lake Butler, Teressa Hutchinson Durden of Perry, Bobby (Annette) Hutchinson of Crawfordville, and James (Juliett) Amick of Live Oak; brother, Lester Roberson of Rivera Beach; sister, Bobbie Green of Hickory, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Francis Roberson of Cross City; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held July 29 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery. Arrangements were placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home of Cross City.

Rhonda McKinney

ROCHELLE, GEORGIA — Rhonda Eugenia Moreland McKinney, 46, of Rochelle, Georgia died Thursday, July 17, 2014 in Green Cove Springs. She was born on Dec. 23, 1967 in Ashburn, Georgia and attended the Turner County High School where she was a majorette in the high school band. She was preceded in death by her father Gerald Moreland.

Survivors are: sons, Justin Clark and Dustin Clark; mother, Jean Daniel; brothers, Tracy Moreland, Danny Godwin and Craig Godwin; and three grandchildren. A graveside service was held at the Morningside Cemetery in Rochelle on July 27.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Marie McRae

FLORIDA KEYS— Marie Teresa McRae, 91, of the Florida Keys died Thursday, July 24, 2014 at Shands at Starke Hospital. She was born June 5, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Walter and Mary (Krawczyk) Wojan, and due to health reasons, was spending time with her family in Starke. She was a homemaker but also worked part time as a waitress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald E. McRae.

She is survived by: sons, John (Brenda) McRae of Port Orange, William "Bill" (Kathy) McRae of Orlando and Dennis (Terri) Keller of Starke; sister, Jeanie Goode of Gainesville; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will be having a memorial service in the Florida Keys at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Patricia Parks

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Mrs. Patricia Darlene Parks, age 55, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home, Monday, July 28, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville on Aug. 29, 1958 to the late William Frank and Marie (Coleman) Brunson. Darlene has been a resident of Keystone

Heights for 30 years and worked for Clay County as a school bus driver for 15 years. She enjoyed gardening, spending time at the beach, and was a huge Elvis fan; but most of all she loved being with her family and friends. Her precious granddaughter, Trinity Rasmus had preceded her in death this past November.

Darlene is survived by: her husband of 38 years, Redus "Sparky" Parks; and two children, Tina Parks and Redus Parks, III; along with one grandson, Ty Rasmus all of Keystone Heights.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, July 31 from 6-8 p.m. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1 at the Keystone Heights Cemetery with Reverend Tom Tver officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Looking back at '13 football season...

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

High school football practices are set to begin, so with anticipation in the air, here's a brief look at some numbers and trends from 2013 for the Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County teams.

Bradford

It was a struggle for the Tornadoes, who finished the season with a 3-7 record. They did qualify for the playoffs after earning the runner-up spot in District 4-4A, but their postseason matchup against Raines resulted in a 58-6 loss—Bradford's sixth loss by double digits.

Bradford scored an average of 17 points per game, while opponents averaged 30. The

Tornadoes' average margin of victory was 11 points, while their average margin of defeat was 23 points.

The most points the Tornadoes scored were 27 twice in a 37-27 loss to Fort White and a 27-14 win over Umatilla.

Raines had the most points by an opponent, while the Villages had the fewest in Bradford's 25-8 win.

That win over the Villages gave Bradford its largest margin of victory, while its closest win was 14-12 against Interlachen.

The loss to Raines was Bradford's biggest margin of defeat, while its 21-20 loss to Keystone Heights was its smallest.

Bradford held a halftime lead four times, coming away with a win three times. It was tied at the half once, with the final result being a loss.

In six of their seven losses, the Tornadoes trailed by an average of 18 points at halftime.

Bradford's offense generated

23 touchdowns, with 17 of those coming through the air. The combination of quarterback Jacob Luke and wide receiver Kenny Dinkins was by far the Tornadoes' major offensive threat. Luke threw for 16 touchdowns, with each scoring toss averaging 38 yards. Dinkins caught 11 of those scores, averaging 46 yards per touchdown.

Jarvis DeSue rushed for four of Bradford's six touchdowns on the ground.

The Tornadoes also had touchdowns on an interception return, a kickoff return and two fumble recoveries.

It was Bradford's defense that turned in the longest scoring play of the season, with Don Jeffers returning an interception more than 80 yards. Tra'Von Thomas has the longest touchdown run (80 yards). The longest touchdown pass was 76 yards twice, with Dinkins catching one of those from Luke and Jeffers catching the other from Dinkins.

Opposing offenses scored 40 touchdowns, with 28 of those coming on the ground. The longest scoring play by an opponent was a 74-yard pass by Wakulla. The longest run by scrimmage by an opponent was 60 yards by Fort White.

Bradford opponents also scored touchdowns on a fumble recovery, an interception return and a punt return.

Keystone

In 2013, Keystone Heights scored an average of 22 points per game, while opponents scored an average of 18. The Indians held halftime leads in five of their games, while trailing at the half in four.

Perhaps that's not too surprising, given the Indians' 5-5 season that included winning the District 4-4A championship and advancing to the playoffs.

Keystone's average margin of victory was 25 points, while its average margin of defeat was 15.

The most points scored by Keystone came in a 49-0 win over Interlachen, while its fewest points came in losses of 21-7 to Union County and 34-7 to Santa Fe.

Santa Fe and Newberry, which defeated Keystone 34-24, scored the most points against the Indians. The fewest points allowed came in the shutout win over Interlachen, as well as a 19-0 win over Wildwood.

The win over Interlachen gave the Indians their largest margin of victory. Their closest win was 21-20 over Bradford.

Santa Fe handed Keystone its worst loss. The Indians' closest loss was 16-12 against Eustis.

Keystone's offense produced 19 rushing touchdowns, with

Anton Noble accounting for eight of those. Noble averaged 22 yards per touchdown run, and his 68-yard run in a 35-7 win over Umatilla was the team's longest score on the ground.

Quarterback Blake Valenzuela threw 10 touchdown passes, with Micah Brown catching six of those. Valenzuela's average per touchdown pass was 15 yards, while Brown averaged 18 yards per touchdown reception.

The Indians' longest touchdown pass was 49 yards from Valenzuela to Brown in the win over Bradford.

Noble had the Indians' longest score overall with an 85-yard kickoff return.

The Telegraph-Times-Monitor did not have complete stats in regard to Keystone's opponents, but a 67-yard kickoff return by Newberry was the longest score against the Indians.

Union

One thing of note during the season for the Union County Tigers was that they usually had a comfortable halftime lead. The Tigers, who were 10-2, led at the half 10 times, with six of those leads by at least two touchdowns. Three times, they had leads of 21 points or more.

Union held a one-point halftime lead twice, defeating Hamilton County 35-6 in one of those games and losing 30-20 to Dixie County in the regional playoffs in the other.

The Tigers averaged 31 points per game, while opponents averaged 12. Union's average margin of victory was 26 points, while its average margin of defeat was 14 points.

The most points the Tigers scored came in a 56-18 win over

Eagle's View, while the fewest points came in a 30-12 loss to Dixie County.

Dixie County, which handed the Tigers both of their losses, scored 30 points in each matchup. The fewest points by an opponent was zero twice: 34-0 against Potter's House and 39-0 against Interlachen.

Union's largest margin of victory came in the win over Interlachen, while the smallest margin occurred in a 13-10 win over West Nassau.

The Tigers' offense accounted for 46 touchdowns, with 31 of those coming on the ground. Running back Daquin Edwards led the team with 12 rushing touchdowns.

Quarterback Caleb Cox threw 14 touchdown passes, with Geordyn Green and Isaiah Johnson each catching three scoring tosses.

The Tigers' longest touchdown came on an 80-yard pass from Cox to Andrew Jones in the win over Interlachen. The longest scoring run was 70 yards by Green in a 41-13 playoff win over Crescent City.

Green also had the longest score on special teams, returning a punt 70 yards in the win over Eagle's View.

The Tigers also had touchdowns on a blocked punt and a fumble return.

Opposing offenses scored 14 touchdowns (eight rushing, six passing), while opponents also added touchdowns on a fumble return, a kickoff return and a safety.

Newberry had the longest scoring play on a 79-yard kickoff return. Union won that game 49-14.

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HAILE

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Randolph, a music teacher at Bradford High School. She was such a talented pianist. I was mostly a singer, although I can play a little bit."

Haile recalls when the New Bethel Baptist Church was planning a memorial service on the first anniversary of the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

"Herman Johnson talked me into singing at the service," Haile

recalled. "I sang a song that was sung at King's funeral, 'If I Can Help Somebody.' I gave it everything I had and even hit the high note just right. After the service, the Rev. Saul Hankerson looked at me and said, 'You never told us you could sing.' I suppose they just never asked."

Haile retired from the Haile Funeral Home in 1997 but still goes in almost every day.

"There is just some of the paperwork that the kids and grandkids haven't got the hang of yet — like the forms for Social

Security," Haile said.

Haile's daughter Aletia DeSue is now the funeral director in charge and the licensed mortician. Other family members handle the other duties around the office. Haile keeps apprised of what is going on, however, but said she enjoys having more time to enjoy life than she did before her retirement.

Part of her time is spent with longtime companion John H. Hudson, a widower (late wife Louise) who accompanies her to church activities, dinners and the movies. He has also been known to pitch in around the funeral home if needed.

Haile said she is also glad to have the time to spend with her six grandchildren (some of which are already helping out in the family business) and her three great-grand children.

Haile is set to be honored by the Alachua County Alumni Association as an outstanding graduate of the Alachua County School system on Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Best Western Motel in Gainesville.

"I have had a full and wonderful life," Haile said. "I have worked hard and always tried to help people when they needed it and have been repaid many times over. I have no regrets and hope I have many more years to spend with my friends and family in this wonderful community."

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TATUM

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Tatum purchased a piano and several computers for Lawtey Community School and was a frequent sight attending Bradford County School Board meetings.

In 1995 Tatum Brothers Lumber received the state commissioner of education's Eighth Annual Commissioner's Business Recognition Award for Outstanding Support of Education – an uncommon award for businesses which have gone above and beyond in helping children through education.

The family bought Starke Golf and Country Club in 2004 with hopes of adding a back nine holes to the course. They had acquired the property and were making plans for the addition when the housing market bubble burst and the recession began. The business was hit earlier than many when the building industry collapsed since they were a producer. All are glad the market is slowly recovering, but the golf course plans are on hold indefinitely.

Tatum and his wife have three children: Tom III, John and Robin. Tom III and his wife Lisa have two children: Thomas and Tymber. John and wife Christina also have two children: Chelsea and Jackson.

Robin's son, Tatum Davis, is a graduate of Samford University School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, where he practiced law with a large firm before returning home in early February to help care for his grandfather as well as to handle the business' legal work.

On Oct. 8 of last year, Linda woke up at 2 a.m. to find Tom fumbling around in the dark. Then he fell and could not get up, even with her help. When she turned on the lights she said she knew what had happened just by looking at him – he had had a stroke.

"I called 911 and they came so fast that I hadn't even had time to find a robe to put on," Linda remembered. "The EMS and fire department both came and they were wonderful."

Lawtey EMS transported Tatum to Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Linda said that she and the family were told that the doctors didn't know if Tatum would even live through the night.

"It was the scariest night of my life," Linda recalled. "I believe in prayer and I was praying hard. Part of me never really believed I would lose him, while another part was scared that I would."

Tatum made it through the night, but the doctors were less than encouraging when talking to the family. Tatum had had a massive bleed affecting his left side. Over time his brain was swelling and with each increase in pressure came more loss of function.

The doctors questioned whether or not he should be put on a ventilator when he started having difficulty breathing, saying that not many people recover when they are his shape, but the family was adamant and the ventilator was used.

Tatum was in ICU for 10 days. Linda said that with the continual brain swelling and other issues

that the family was having a hard time keeping their hopes up.

"It was wearing on us all," she remembered. "We all loved him so much, it was really hard to see him in the shape he was in. Then, one day, one of the nurses was walking by his bed and he reached out and patted her on the rear end. We all knew he was going to be all right after that."

Tatum was sent to Select Hospital, a skilled nursing facility, straight out of intensive care. At the time, the family was told that Tatum was not in good enough shape to send to rehab. He could not even sit up on his own. Linda said she felt like they were just setting him up to finish his life in a nursing home.

"We worked with him ourselves," Linda said. "His sister came in and worked with him every day on his speech, helping him relearn how to pronounce words. We all worked to help him with his movement."

Still being told that rehab was not a viable option, Linda took matters into her own hand and called Shands Rehab herself. She asked them to come and do an evaluation on Tatum and they agreed. Once this happened he was transferred to rehab by the end of the week.

"One thing I tell everyone is not to give up," Linda said. "Don't just go by what other people say. Check things out for yourself and don't take no for an answer."

Tatum came home the week before Christmas. He still has problems with his left side, but is regaining his strength. His hearing is affected in the left ear and there is damage to the left side of both optic nerves, but he is still able to see. He can walk on his own and is mentally himself.

Tatum's illness pulled an already close family even closer. Children and grandchildren not involved in the family business visit or check in more often. His brother, sons and grandchildren are working hard to keep the business running smoothly to avoid causing him any worry.

Everyone is focused on helping him recover. Davis gets him out of the house. Daughter Robin comes by often to cook for her parents. Tom III comes to the house every night to help Linda get his dad settled in bed.

"Tom has become the main focus of the family, a cause to get behind," Linda said. "It's wonderful. We are so blessed. I feel like God has a plan for this man and is keeping him here to fulfill it. We all want him to make a full recovery and come back to what he was."

In the management of the sawmill, Tatum is the detail man. He know what parts all the machines may need, where

to buy them, where in the supply of spare parts a particular item is kept and when to order more so as to always have necessary parts on hand.

"I know every bolt in that mill," Tatum said. "I want to get back to it. I miss working out there with everyone and hope I can get back to it soon."

Tom Tatum Jr. (center) is pictured with his brother, Charles, and his wife, Linda.



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