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Election 2014

Ready to vote?

Make your voice heard

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

It's a busy election season as Supervisor of Elections Terry Vaughan told the county commission Monday morning.

Vaughan said his office has already mailed out around 1,400 absentee ballots.

As for the voters going to the polls, voting begins Monday. This period of early voting will run from Monday, Aug. 11, through Sunday, Aug. 24. You can vote from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily in the county commission boardroom, which is located in the north wing of the courthouse.

The supervisor of elections is reminding voters to bring an ID with a photo and signature such as a driver's license with them when they come to vote.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, marks the actual day of the primary election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at voting locations around the district. Consult your voter registration card to confirm your precinct and polling location, or visit www.bradfordelections.com or call 904-966-6266.

One change to note since the last election: The polling location in Precinct 11 has moved from Hampton Baptist Church to Victory Baptist Church.

While Florida holds "closed primaries" everyone will have something to vote for on this month's ballot. Republicans will be choosing between Congressional incumbent Ted Yoho and his challenger, Jake Rush, and gubernatorial candidates Gov. Rick Scott, Yinka Abosede Adeshina and Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder. Republicans in District 2 will also select either Andy Norman and Kenny Thompson to run against incumbent Democrat Doyle Thomas in November.

The Democrat only choices are between gubernatorial candidates Charlie Crist and Nan H. Rich, and attorney general candidates George Sheldon and Perry E. Thurston.

School board races will be on the ballots for two districts. Everyone in those districts will vote in these nonpartisan races. The school board candidates in District 1 are Sheila Fayson Cummings and incumbent Archie Kittles Jr. In District 5, Erica Mains Reddish, Billy Rehberg and Randy Starling are all running for the open seat.

There are two choices that will be on every ballot regardless of party or district. One is the Eighth Judicial Circuit judge race between candidates William E. Davis and William Faulk.

The other choice is the 2014 Tax Exemption Referendum Question. Voting yes will give the county commission authority to negotiate individually with new and expanding businesses and offer property tax breaks that could act as incentives and encourage development in the county. It is not a blanket tax break for businesses, and the authority will expire if voters do not extend it in a future referendum.

Candidates for local office were sent a questionnaire and the responses of those who participated are printed in this week's edition.

Republicans have a choice in commission race

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Two candidates are seeking the support of Republicans in running against an incumbent county commissioner in District 2. On the Aug. 26 ballots, voters will choose between Kenny Thompson and Andy Norman with the winner going on to run against Commissioner Doyle Thomas in November. Their responses to questions prepared for county commission candidates are printed below, beginning with a brief biography.



Kenny Thompson



Andy Norman

My name is Kenny Thompson, and I am proud to be born and raised in Bradford County. I am blessed to be married to Nora Starling Thompson, and we have been blessed with two sons, Allen (Vanessa) and Kevin (Elizabeth) and four wonderful

I retired and started my own business, Thompson's Garage. We operated for 17 years. After graduating from Bradford High in 1978, I began my working with Gilman Paper Company. After 20 years

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Cummings challenging Kittles for school board seat

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The District 1 school board race is a rematch between incumbent candidate Archie Kittles and Sheila Fayson Cummings. Both responded to questions sent to them, and their responses are presented below, each beginning with a brief biography.



Archie Kittles



Sheila Fayson Cummings

Provide a biography of yourself: Archie Kittles Jr. of Lawtey, Florida, retired from DuPont. Son of Evelena and Archie Kittles. Lifelong resident of Bradford County.

Why do I want to be a school board member? After listening to my sister, Edna Harrington, retired from Bradford County school system, and Jeremiah Johnson, who is currently teaching in

Bradford County, I became interested and concerned with education and the children of Bradford County.

board member's role in local education? First of all, to look out for the concerns

In your opinion what is a school

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School board getting new face from District 5

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The District 5 school board race had three candidates running for the seat being vacated by School Board Member Roman Alvarez. Two of those candidates, Erica Reddish and Randy Starling responded to questions sent to them by the deadline, and their responses are presented below, each beginning with a brief biography.



Erica Reddish



Randy Starling with Cynthia Ross

Erica Reddish
My name is Erica Mains Reddish. I was born and raised in Starke, Florida. I have two younger siblings, Lindsey Mains Atchley and Taylor Mains. I attended public school in Bradford County and graduated with honors in 1999. I married my husband Eric Reddish, also from Starke, in 2000. We have three children ages 15, 9 and 5, all

of which attend public school in Bradford County. Pine Level Baptist is where I grew

up in church until 2001, when we joined

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Convict accused of sexual abuse of child

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

An imprisoned felon is facing an even longer sentence if convicted of new allegations of sexual abuse made against him.

Anthony Maynard Watson, 48, was brought back to Bradford County July 24 and rearrested for lewd and lascivious molestation of a victim under 16 years of age.

A relative of the victim brought the case to the sheriff's office earlier

this year, but the abuse was originally disclosed in 2012, the year the alleged incident took place. The victim submitted a handwritten question following a Bradford County Health Department presentation at school. The question contained details of the abuse.

The Starke Police Department completed an offense report, but the victim did not disclose the abuse during the original interview with the Child Protection Team. During

the most recent interview, the victim revealed that Watson had threatened to "get her" if she told anyone, but she said she was no longer afraid.

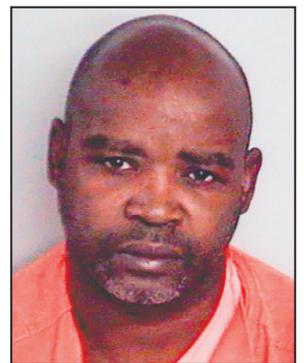
Watson was already serving five years in state institution in Suwannee County after being convicted in April 2013 for cocaine possession and fleeing a law enforcement officer, incidents that took place in Bradford County.

BCSO Detective Kevin Mueller traveled to Suwannee County

Correctional Institution in May to interview Watson about the allegations. He denied the abuse, but BCSO sought an arrest warrant from State Attorney's Office.

Watson is currently in the Bradford County Jail. Bond was set at \$350,000.

Watson has a long prison history dating back to at least the early 1980s. He has done time for burglary, robbery with a deadly weapon, grand theft auto, battery, home invasion and more.



Anthony M. Watson

COUNTY

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years and recently expanded to include auto sales.

Why do you want to be a county commissioner? Has it been a long-term ambition? Why now? I have considered running for County Commissioner for 10 years and I think it is time for a positive change. With the help of my family I will have all the time necessary to devote to the County Commission seat.

Why should people vote for you? I have experience in dealing with public needs and have built and managed a successful family owned business through these tough economic times. This real world experience, more than qualifies me for this position.

What sets you apart from your opponent?

If running against an incumbent, why do you see a need for new leadership? How would your leadership differ from what has come before?

What have you learned from the voters on the campaign trail? I have listened with the people about concerns about roads and proper drainage throughout the county. These things should be fixed for everyone, not just the neighborhoods of county commissioners.

What are some of the biggest concerns of county government and how do you propose the commission address them?

How would you ensure county government is transparent?

The county's tentative millage has been set and will result in a tax increase for some residents. Are you in favor of this tax increase? In this day and time tax increases are never popular. The county's current mileage has already been set but for the future tax increase should have been the last resort to ensure funds.

Are you supporting the referendum on tax abatement? I am supporting the referendum on tax abatement.

How would you evaluate the manager and department heads who work for the board and hold them accountable? The county manager and department heads should be evaluated on job performance and knowledge of the position, and should be accountable to the board of county commissioners.

Are you in favor of law enforcement consolidation between the sheriff's office and city police departments? As far as consolidation of the sheriff's office and city police departments, I do not think I have enough information to make a responsible decision.

How would you support a better working relationship between the county and Starke commissions? Bradford County is a small county, and it is imperative that the county and cities work together for the betterment of the community.

What more could the county be doing to encourage economic development?

Would you support broadcasting and archiving county commission meetings online? I think broadcasting and archiving county commission meeting online is an excellent idea and feel more people would get involved by being able to view from their homes.

What is your personal vision for Bradford County? My personal vision for the county is to see our county prosper and grow to provide jobs for our citizens and the younger generations that are following in our footsteps.

Andy Norman

I'm Andy Norman and I'm running for District 2 county commissioner. Born and raised in Bradford County, married to Susan with two stepdaughters, Jessica and Jennifer, and a son, Robert. Currently employed with Pritchett Trucking as truck supervisor. I have substantial knowledge of roadwork and

drainage and I am committed to the people in my community and my county! I believe I can make a difference with your support!

Why do you want to be a county commissioner? Has it been a long-term ambition? Why now? I would like to give back to my county by being a voice for the residents and Bradford County. I feel I'm at a good point in my life to provide the much-needed attention to our county and it's residents.

Why should people vote for you? I think the people should vote for me because I will be a strong voice for them and our county, I will do my best to provide them with their needs as well as the needs of Bradford County.

What sets you apart from your opponent? I am a blue-collar workingman and I know first hand some of the issues that need to be addressed all year and not just during election time.

If running against an incumbent, why do you see a need for new leadership? How would your leadership differ from what has come before?

What have you learned from the voters on the campaign trail? I have heard from the voters and a lot of them are concerned that they are not being heard and their issues are not being dealt with.

What are some of the biggest

concerns of county government and how do you propose the commission address them? We need to make our county more business friendly and assist new businesses that would like to come in to our county as well as the already existing businesses to grow, thereby creating more jobs in our county.

How would you ensure county government is transparent?

The county's tentative millage has been set and will result in a tax increase for some residents. Are you in favor of this tax increase? I believe any way around tax increases is the best way for the residents of Bradford County.

Are you supporting the referendum on tax abatement? I do support the referendum on tax abatement. This is a way that the county can recruit new businesses in our county and will create more jobs without increasing taxes on the residents.

How would you evaluate the manager and department heads who work for the board and hold them accountable? I would not be doing an accurate evaluation without having worked with managers and department heads and knowing what procedures are being done or not done to the best of their ability.

Are you in favor of law

enforcement consolidation between the sheriff's office and city police departments? I am always in favor of the county and the city working together as partners to better our county as well as our cities.

How would you support a better working relationship between the county and Starke commissions? The county and Starke commissions' relationship can only be improved with more communication and working together as partners.

What more could the county be doing to encourage economic development? I feel economic development is a high priority of the county and with the referendum on tax abatement in place this would encourage economic development as well.

Would you support broadcasting and archiving county commission meetings online? I support broadcasting and archiving county commission meetings online, this would help ensure a more transparent county government.

What is your personal vision for Bradford County? My personal vision for Bradford County is to let the residents have a voice and listen to their concerns so that we can grow together for the better of our county and our cities.

DISTRICT 1

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of the people both parents and students in the school system and to bring those concerns to the superintendent's office while supporting him in the best interest of the county.

What set you apart from your opponent? I truly care. Because of my district being majority minority, it is my concern that all children no matter what background receive fair and consistent treatment.

What have you learned from the voters on the campaign trail? They are truly concerned about the education of their children.

What are their primary concerns? To receive the best quality education for their children.

What would you do about declining enrollment? Make more of the positives about our educational system in Bradford County aware to the public.

How do you feel about merit pay? School systems are successful when they are unified. I feel merit pay will cause division among groups that need to collaborate.

How do you balance the desire for employee raises with the restrictive resources? Honesty from the top and the beginning.

Why do you believe in public education? Public education has always had employees from the best university systems and certified by the state.

Should public funding go to private schools? If they are governed by the state under the same guidelines as public schools, yes.

Do you support the district level position for community relations? I've supported it for

three years and believe that the superintendent and his staff are working to create positive community relations.

Are you in favor of uniforms at the middle school or any of the schools? My concern is how the community feels about school uniforms and the data that shows whether school uniforms have enhanced school discipline and academics.

What grade would will you Bradford schools and why? At this point, I am not totally aware of how the state determines their grades for schools; therefore I feel it would not be an adequate assessment for my personal opinion.

Sheila Fayson Cummings

I am a lifelong resident of Bradford County. I attended Bradford County Schools, Santa Fe College and the University of Florida. My commitment to my faith, my family and education are very important to me. I have been married for 31 years to Dwayne Cummings, and we have two children who attended Bradford County schools.

I have been employed by Nationwide Insurance for the past 30 years. I am a licensed claims adjuster for the state of Florida. I served as a certified mediator for the state of Florida in the Eighth Judicial County Court. I am also a certified arbitrator for the Department of Insurance.

I have served as a SAC committee member, a PTA member and a parent volunteer in our schools. For six years, I was employed by the Bradford County School Board as the head junior varsity cheerleading coach. I have served on the Toys for Tykes Committee and currently participate in the Seniors Meals on Wheels program. I have

served on the Bradford County Economic Development Board. I currently serve as a board member for the Talks Mentoring program through which students are mentored within our schools. I am a member of Starke Church of God By Faith.

Why do you want to be a school board member? Has it been a long-term ambition? Why is now the time? I would like to serve the wonderful people of my community. I feel I can play a vital role in improving the education system in America starting right here in my own community. Yes, this has been an ambition of mine. I see the need within our community and feel now is the most opportune time to pay it forward.

In your opinion, what is a school board member's role in local education? A member's role is to represent and look out for the best interest of our students, parents and staff. For students it is helping to provide a safe and effective learning environment and vigorous curriculum to help them prepare and be able to compete in the future. The ultimate goal is for them to be able to achieve tremendous goals as adults. Education is the gateway for them to get there.

For staff it is helping provide the appropriate support, professional development and allies. To ultimately be a voice for students, parents and staff is a school board member's role.

What sets you apart from your opponent(s)? My long-term commitment to serving the people of this community, along with my work experiences and dealing with people in various capacities has better equipped me. I have the vision, motivation and drive to make our school system as competitive as surrounding counties. My first hand experiences as an involved parent have allowed me to see the many opportunities and challenges that our students

face today. I intend to walk the walk. In other words, I can tell you many great ideas, but it will be better if I am allowed the opportunity to show you what I can do. I plan on doing and acting.

If running against an incumbent, why do you see a need for new leadership? I see a need for clear and concise vision. Our students deserve someone who is committed to

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NOTICE

The public Logic and Accuracy Test for the 9/2/14 City of Starke Election and the 9/9/14 City of Hampton Election will be held Friday, August 15 at 3 pm in the Supervisor of Elections Storage Facility adjacent to the Bradford County Courthouse. The equipment that will be utilized in these elections will be tested and demonstrated. Any interested person is welcome to attend.

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Florida Paramedic of the Year Misty Ann Baker (center) is pictured with commissioners Eddie Lewis, Doyle Thomas, Danny Riddick, County Medical Director Dr. Peter Gianas, and commissioners Lila Sellars and Ross Chandler.

Bradford County has state's top paramedic

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Misty Ann Baker, who works for Bradford County Emergency Medical Services, has been named Florida's 2014 Paramedic of the Year.

Baker was recognized for her accomplishments as well as this award at the Aug. 4 meeting of the county commission. She is the first paramedic from Bradford County to have ever received the honor.

Baker is the daughter of Glen and Evelyn Baker. She was born in Homestead, but graduated from Santa Fe College in 2010 and was hired by the county as an emergency medical technician.

According to the proclamation read by EMS Director Allen Parrish, Baker's regular demonstrations of outstanding patient care, commitment to improving herself, leadership and professionalism have distinguished her. The mother of two has advanced her expertise

by becoming a certified infectious disease officer, a field training officer and a student instructor.

Parrish and County Medical Director Dr. Pete Gianas submitted Baker as a candidate for the award — one of 65,000 other paramedics from around the state whose names and credentials were submitted.

The award was bestowed during a reception in Orlando last month in front of nearly 200 attendees.

"I was very honored in receiving this award," Baker said at Monday's commission meeting. "I think that this job and the very nature of what it is, it demands excellence out of us, and I'm just very fortunate to work in a place that allows us to achieve that excellence."

She thanked the board and EMS department for their support, and Parrish echoed her remarks.

County Commission

Chairman Danny Riddick congratulated Baker on behalf of the board, remarking on the impressive feat of being selected from 65,000 other candidates.

Tatum recovering following sawmill accident

Tatum Davis also had words of appreciation for the first responders of Bradford County, including rescuers and the sheriff's office. He talked about the July 30 accident his uncle, Tommy Tatum Jr., suffered at Tatum Bros. Lumber. Davis said Tatum lost four toes from his left foot and sustained a severe cut to his right foot as well.

"Because of the EMS services responding so quickly," Davis said, "he is expected to make a full recovery."

He expressed appreciation on behalf of his uncle and the family to Tim McCarthy, Jim Marburger and Terry McCarthy, chief of

Heilbron Springs Fire-Rescue. He said they were able to deal with the bleeding and minimize the damage. He credited Chief McCarthy with getting Tatum treated as a trauma patient when they arrived at the hospital.

He also recognized Sheriff Gordon Smith, Capt. Brad Smith and Sgt. Ray Shuford of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office for their support in the wake of the accident, as well as the county commission for the support it provides emergency services.

"We are very blessed to have such a fine group of individuals who are very capable in what they do and were there with a quick response time to help prevent what could have been possibly a life-threatening accident," Davis said.

"These men and women work hard, and it's nice to hear that kind of information coming from the public," Parrish said.

SCHOOL

You're invited: Schools plan open houses and more

Bradford High School freshmen and their families are invited to the orientation meeting set for Tuesday, Aug. 12. Get ready for the new year at your new school. The orientation will begin in the auditorium.

BHS also has an open house for families scheduled for Monday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. beginning in the auditorium. Among the opportunities, the Bradford-Union Technical Center will have career specialists in the media center ready to discuss programs including agriculture and horticulture, allied health assisting, automotive service technology, building construction technology, computer systems and information technology, diesel mechanics, digital design, diversified career technology, early childhood education, emergency medical responder, health sciences, medical skills, and welding technologies.

The Bradford Middle School orientation and open house will take place Thursday, Aug. 14. The orientation for grades six, seven and eight will be in the gymnasium at 5 p.m., followed by an open house to meet with teachers.

Starke and Hampton elementary schools also have open houses scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 14. Starke's open house will be preceded by a Title I meeting for parents at 5 p.m. Then the open house will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hampton's open house will get underway at 6 p.m.

At Southside Elementary, there will be a meet and greet on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 3-6 p.m. This is a chance for parents to drop off supplies and meet teachers. There will also be an open house on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 6-7:30 p.m. Meet with administrators and staff in the cafeteria, then visit the classrooms and speak with teachers.

Brooker Elementary School is holding a back-to-school bash on Friday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. Visit classrooms, meet teachers, get school supplies, collect paperwork packets and enjoy light refreshments.

Lawley Elementary School's open house will take place Tuesday, Aug. 28 from 5-6:30 p.m. Report first to your child's homeroom, and then you will have an opportunity to visit the other classes.

An orientation for parents of prekindergarten students will take place at the Bradford High School cafeteria twice on Thursday, Aug. 14 — from 10-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. Meet and greets for the pre-K sites at Brooker, Hampton, Lawley, Starke and Southside elementary schools are also set for Friday, Aug. 15, 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Finally, there will be an open house at the Rainbow Center on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m.

Kindergarten staggered start dates announced

The 2014-2015 year for Bradford County public schools begins on Monday, Aug. 18. Staggered start for kindergarten students allows a small number of children to spend the first day of school with their teacher and four or five other classmates. The teacher will spend time getting to know the children and planning for their educational needs.

The following alphabetical staggered start schedule will be used:

- Last names beginning with:
 - A-G will begin on Monday, Aug. 18.
 - H-P will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 19.
 - Q-Z will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Students registering after Aug. 15 will begin Thursday, Aug. 21. All kindergarteners will attend class on Friday, Aug. 22.

Please call the school district office at 904-966-6800 or your local school for further details.

Why You Should VOTE YES

for 2014 Tax Exemption Referendum Question

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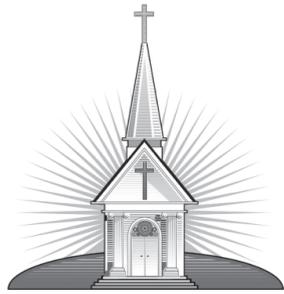
2014 TAX EXEMPTION REFERENDUM QUESTION

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

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church on C.R. 229 and 177th Street will be giving away clothing and more on Friday, Aug. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chicken wings and fish sandwiches with fries will also be on sale. The public is invited. Please call 904-554-0500 for more information.



Day will be Sunday, Aug. 10, at the morning worship service, which begins at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 3 p.m. The Rev. Everett I. Brown and the New Bethel church family will be in charge of the program. Everyone is welcome.

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.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church on C.R. 200B in Lawley 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. Everyone is also invited to the annual Deacon, Deaconess, Steward, and Stewardess Program on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m. If you have questions, please call Johnny Ghent at 904-

782-1816.

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.

Sardis Baptist Church's vacation Bible school Family

National Immunization Awareness Month

We all need vaccines throughout our lives

August is back-to-school season and while you wouldn't think of sending your child off to school without the required school supplies or a backpack, children are often sent off to school without being up to date on their vaccines. Most schools require children to be current on vaccinations before enrolling to protect the health of all students.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations throughout life and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need, New River Community Health Center at the Florida Department of Health in Bradford and Union counties is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

They will be hosting Health Expo '14 on Monday, Aug. 11, from 2-4 p.m. at the Union County Health Department and Thursday, Aug. 14, from 2-4 p.m. at the Bradford County Health Department. Each expo will provide vaccinations for school age children and have partnering vendors available to explain what services they offer in partnership with New River Community Health Center.

"Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health and that of classmates and the community," said Joe Pietrangolo, health officer for New River Community Health Center. "If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your doctor to find out what vaccines your child needs."

You may ask why you need to have your child vaccinated, and the answer is when children are not vaccinated they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their classrooms and community, including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune

systems due to cancer other health conditions.

Schools are highly susceptible to outbreaks of infectious diseases because students can easily transmit illnesses to one another as a result of poor hand washing, uncovered coughs and dense populations.

Today's childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles and whooping cough.

Immunizations create a shield of protection at school and at home. Given recent outbreaks, it's important that children be protected from dangerous and highly contagious diseases like pertussis (also called whooping cough) and measles.

Vaccines don't just protect your child. Some diseases, like whooping cough, can be deadly for newborns or infants. You can help protect our youngest community members' from being exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases by making sure your child is up to date.

Many parents have not witnessed the damaging effects of a vaccine-preventable disease. As a result, they are not aware of the continued importance of getting children vaccinated.

Diseases like measles are only a plane ride away. Measles epidemics are occurring in the

Philippines with nearly 32,000 cases reported as of late April 2014, and 2012 data show that more than 48,000 cases of whooping cough were reported in this country, and many more cases go unreported.

Making sure your children are up to date with vaccinations is the best way to protect your family, community and schools from outbreaks that can lead to unnecessary illnesses and maybe death.

Vaccinations are available at New River Community Health Center at the Florida Department of Health in Bradford and Union counties from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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City of Starke 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report PWS# 2040211

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from three wells. The wells draw from the Floridan aquifer. Due to the excellent quality groundwater source, aeration for hydrogen sulfide removal, the addition of Fluoride for dental health and disinfection through chlorination is the only treatment necessary to produce an excellent quality and aesthetically pleasing product for the community. We aim to provide the best quality water to you, the customer, at the lowest possible cost.

This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Kyle Jerrels at (904) 964-7999. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the commission room at the City Hall, 209 N. Thompson St. Starke, FL 32091.

In 2012 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are 3 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with a moderate susceptibility level. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp or they can be obtained from the City of Starke.

The City of Starke routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012. Data obtained before January 1, 2012, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary/or control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) - one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony (ppb)	12/2011	N	0.7	0.2-0.7	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppb)	12/2011	N	0.5	0.2-0.5	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	12/2011	N	0.36	0.24-0.36	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Sodium (ppm)	12/2011	N	13	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Barium (ppm)	12/2011	N	0.013	0.011-0.013	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	12/2011	N	0.1	ND - 0.1	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil.
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	12/2011	N	0.1	ND-0.1	N/A	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing, and solder
Selenium (ppb)	12/2011	N	1.0	ND - 1.0	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

TTHMs and Stage 1 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product (D/DBP) Parameters							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/2012-12/2012	N	1.24	0.85-1.86	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	9/2011	N	8.5	5.34-11.66	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection

TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	9/2011	N	17.26	4.97-29.56	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	08/2010	N	0.184	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	08/2010	N	2.6	1	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Starke is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural

livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff,

industrial or domestic waste-water discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential

uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes

and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the City of Starke Water Utilities would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

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

Believe it or not, fall is almost here! But, there are still plenty of opportunities to work in the garden. Here are a few suggestions:

What can I plant in August?

The hottest days of summer limit the addition of bedding plants to heat tolerant vinca, gaillardia, bulbine and coleus. Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily bulbs can be planted any time of the year, even late summer. Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

This month starts the fall planting season for vegetables. Many cool season crops can be planted now, including a final crop of warm-season vegetables such as pepper. Tomato can be planted for the fall garden.

What should I do in the garden in August?

Damaged lawn areas can be the result of insects, disease or irrigation problems. Be sure to determine the cause so the proper remedy is used. Use a sharp blade when mowing and only remove 1/3 of grass blade to reduce stress on the lawn. If older palm fronds are yellowing, you may have a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer.

Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom. Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some ornamental plants. Fertilize those plants that show signs of deficiencies. Remove

spent blooms on bedding plants, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months.

Source: <http://bit.ly/1iusacl>.

Wildlife to look for in August

First flocks of blue-winged and green-winged teal arrive to winter on Florida lakes and wetlands.

Yellow warbler migration begins.

Two-year old black bear cubs will wean from their mothers.

Thousands of great Southern white butterflies can be seen migrating through coastal areas.



Laurie Compton

Did you know?

The Florida black bear is a recognized subspecies of the American black bear. Before European settlement, the Florida black bear ranged throughout mainland Florida, including some coastal islands and larger keys. Human encroachment, deforestation and development have resulted in a significant decline in the distribution of black bears.

In Florida, this rapid conversion of bear habitat has eliminated them from about 80 percent of their former range. This decline resulted in the listing of the Florida black bear as a state threatened species by 1974 throughout Florida, except in Columbia and Baker counties, and the Apalachicola National Forest.

The Florida black bear is now restricted to six core and two remnant populations in areas of largely undisturbed habitat.

Source: <http://bit.ly/1xKW7Ni>.



Summer scares

The walking dead invaded the Bradford County Public Library on Friday night, leaving body parts hanging from the ceiling and skulls scattered on the floor. The remains of worm-infested brains indicates that they had a feast. Evidence also indicates that they played games during the night. The destruction left behind is a sign that some of the games required a high level of physical activity.

Zombie Austin Malone waits for the signal to begin devouring the gooey glazed doughnut without using his hands. The challenge was to eat the entire doughnut, with no pieces falling to the floor, in less than a minute.



After showing that she had the endurance and skill to be the last surviving zombie, Denelle Williams was awarded a popular zombie book, "Rot & Ruin," written by Jonathan Maberry.



Zombie Jacob Robinson took home a gold colored skeleton trophy for best costume and an AMC Walking Dead beach towel for best zombie walk.

Correction

The article on Hampton's candidates misstated the name of Gene Brannock. We apologize for the error.

Sign up for fall ball

Bradford Parents Athletic Association fall baseball and softball signups are going on now through Sept. 6 on Saturdays

from 9 a.m. to noon at Thomas Street Park in Starke and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at Starke's Edwards Road Park.

Registrants must have completed forms, the entire payment and a birth certificate if the child has never played. Fees at \$65 for T-ball and softball, \$75 for rookies, \$80 for minors, \$85 for majors and \$90 for dummies.

Volunteer workdays are also planned on Aug. 16 and Sept. 13.

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.

School giveaway at Wainwright Park

On Saturday, Aug. 16, the Jungle Ryderz group will be holding its back-to-school giveaway at Wainwright Park in Starke from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or while supplies last. There will also be free hot dogs and chips for the kids.

Tips on cooking and preserving at senior center

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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their success in education and development.

Whether running against an opponent or not, how would your leadership differ from what has come before? With my leadership I will bring motivation, vision, new ideas and enthusiasm. I will be vocal in addressing the concerns of our parents, students and staff.

What have you learned from the voters on the campaign trail? What are their primary concerns? Voters feel that there is a disconnect between parents and administration. They want their children and grandchildren

to be successful; they want someone who genuinely cares about their children. They want their voices to be heard.

What would you do about declining enrollment? Get to the root of the problem by analyzing why this is occurring. This can be done by looking at data, getting parent input and feedback from teachers. Once this information is obtained a plan can be put into place to make Bradford County Public Schools an attractive and successful educational entity. We have to be just as competitive as surrounding counties.

How can the district attract and retain employees? They need support; they need to be compensated appropriately. They need to know they are valued.

Professional development is important, mentoring for new staff is important, support from administration is important. A teamwork approach is important.

How do you feel about merit pay and employee evaluations? It is a flawed system. Teachers should not be penalized for situations and variables they cannot control. Evaluation systems are based on test scores. Every teacher does not have the same class or students. Our students today are faced with many challenges that can impact their outlook on education. Students need more attention to help cope with academics, family and society. Students benefit from different teaching approaches and different

learning experiences, there is not a one size fits all.

If teacher evaluations were more customized to looking at where his/her students started based on the beginning of the year data not just one test, then measuring growth for those individual students may be a better representation of evaluating the teacher's strengths and weaknesses.

How do you balance the desire for employee raises with restricted resources? Look at federal resources and grants, sponsors, donors. Look at needs versus wants. We must start by reviewing the current budget.

Why do you believe in public education? I am a successful product of it, along with my

children, family members and colleagues.

Should public funding go to private schools? Perhaps a budget can be proposed that can meet the needs of both private and public. However, those funds can be well served in our public schools. I believe the taxpayers' money should go to everyone in the community. Most budgets are already restricted so public schools need all the money they get, because it helps everyone. Public schools give disadvantaged students a chance to become advantaged students.

Do you support the district-level position for community relations? I would need more information before I can elaborate on this question.

Are you in favor of school uniforms at the middle school, or in any of the schools? Why? Yes. Uniforms allow the students to focus on learning, not on what a peer is wearing. It sets the standard for having a dress code and pride in having a uniform for a job. For children the job is to absorb as much information possible.

What grade would you give Bradford schools, and why? I would not grade the schools. There are many factors that go into grading the schools. My focus is to create an environment conducive to learning. With the help of students, parents and teachers we can make Bradford County Schools better.

DISTRICT 5

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Madison Street Baptist Church, and have been active members ever since. I have worked for Shands Starke Regional Medical Center in Starke for nine years as an MRI technologist, and I also perform X-rays and CT scans.

Why do you want to become a school board member? Has it been a long-term ambition? Becoming a school board member was something God laid on my heart several years ago. So my husband and I started praying about it, and felt like God was leading me in this direction. I enjoy my job at the hospital, and will continue to work there, but I feel led to take this next step.

Being a mom of three children who are attending our local schools, I see some of the areas where we are struggling and I would like to be a part of the team and help bring solutions to the table. I have seen what has worked in our children's lives and I want to be able to share those experiences from a school board level. I also want to emphasize the good things we have going on, the things that are getting overlooked. We have incredible teachers that go unrecognized and very intelligent students that aren't getting the credit and recognition they deserve!

I am passionate about making a difference! That is why it is my face you'll see at your door, and my voice you'll hear when you call. I feel as though even though it definitely involves support from my family, this is my candidacy. I am the one who will be doing this job, not my spouse, not my parents, and therefore I have been knocking on doors personally, not sending others out to lighten the load. My children have been angels to ride along with me and help guide me down our lists. And my husband has been wonderful by riding along to make sure I am safe and not getting overworked or over heated.

Every free moment I have I am putting my all into this campaign even through the hot Florida heat and scary summer thunderstorms. Because it won't be my husband or my parents or my friends sitting in that seat, it

will be me. I will be the one with the great responsibility to ensure our children get the proper education they deserve! So you can guarantee that anything you read is written by me, and any visit you get you'll see my face standing at your door! There is a lot of ground to cover, and my goal has and will continue to be to try and reach every one of the voters in District 5.

Why is now the time? I feel as if now is the time for my candidacy because we are past the infancy stage in our children and now all three are actively enrolled in the education system in this county. Eric's and my youngest daughter is starting kindergarten this year, so what better time to take an active role in the school system than now? We will be a part of this local school system for the next 13 years, what better time than now to make improvements that benefit all our children in this community?

What is a school board member's role? In my opinion, the role of a school board member is hard to put in a confined context. There are times when their job consists of reading over and approving policies and procedures, and codes of conduct. And in that area I feel as if you need someone who can read and understand the rules and regulations you are voting to enforce.

I also feel like it is their job to be a listening ear in the community for parents and students who are facing difficulties or are unhappy with a system that is not working or a problem that doesn't seem like is improving. Parents need to know their concerns are being heard and acted on, and that there is a voice speaking for them on their behalf.

Another area that I believe

the school board members have a large role in is teacher communication with the administration. We have to have a school board that works with the teachers and hears their concerns and tries to accommodate the best we can to help the teachers deliver a top-notch education. If teachers don't feel appreciated or they feel as if their concerns don't matter, they will not enjoy their job, and therefore they will not deliver the best quality education to our students.

What sets you apart from your opponents? I feel as though being a mom of three children in the local school system sets me apart from the other candidates. I am in the trenches of homework and parent-teacher conferences and school activities and so on, just like every other parent with a child in school. Therefore I understand the frustrations of Edline complications, and breakdowns in communication with students and teachers and between teachers and parents.

I honestly believe that the education your child receives is a direct result of the work and discipline your child puts into it. But as parents, we all know it takes pushing and prompting from the parents to ensure this success takes place! And I want to be able to help the parents in any way possible to guarantee their child gets the best quality education possible.

I also believe that our school board needs a fresh voice, and it is time for my generation to step up and take an active role in our community. Whether it is at a school board level, or city and county positions, this is the time to make a difference in the community that gave so much to us!

A candidate should be honest and genuine. If they

have to depend on others to communicate in the media for them or make face-to-face visits on their behalf, it isn't a clear representation of them to their voters. Voters deserve to hear directly from each candidate and personally see them in order to address their concerns, because after the candidate is elected, it is the board member who has to make the decisions for our students and faculty of Bradford County, no one else.

How would your leadership differ? Leadership is a big role and responsibility to take on. I believe mine would differ from the leadership that has come before me in the fact that I am a young mom of three who is currently dealing with and experiencing the same trials and triumphs that every other parent with children in our local schools are facing every day. I bring a new and fresh outlook on our schools situations and I have the passion to improve and recognize our schools for the benefit of not only my children but all the children in our school system. I am committed to answering emails, returning phone calls and setting up meetings to make sure every parent feels confident that I am giving it my best so that their child receives the best education possible!

What have you learned from voters on the campaign trail? What are their primary concerns? The voters in my district are amazingly supportive and encouraging! I have met incredibly nice people who have encouraged me and shared their hearts with me regarding our students and schools. There are mixed emotions throughout our community. There are those who have felt like their voice has not been heard, no matter how loud they speak, and that as a result of that, their children are falling through the cracks.

Yet, on the other hand, there are parents that feel as if their child is getting a great education, but no one is recognizing them for it! We have an incredible academic team, which no one hears about! We have students who are winning public speaking

contest and being invited to Washington and no one hears about that! We have children who are earning their AA degree before they even graduate high school and no one hears about it! Bradford education gets a bad reputation; because no one is making sure the good news gets put out in the community!

And last, but certainly not least, are the amazing and talented teachers in our county, who are struggling. Their morale is low and their frustrations are high. I know that one school board member can't change the world, but I do know this: If the school board and the teachers can't work well together, and the teachers feel as if they are not being heard, then we will continue to lose more and more excellent teachers

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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 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. 7/24 3tchg 8/7-BCT

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 04-2012-CA-00643 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR QUEST TRUST 2004-X3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-X3, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE B. COOPER, DECEASED; FERLESSIA HUNT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A HENRIK PRYOR; SHEVON MCNEAL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2014, and entered in 04-2012-CA-00643 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR QUEST TRUST 2004-X3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-X3 is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE B. COOPER, DECEASED; FERLESSIA HUNT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A HENRIK PRYOR; SHEVON MCNEAL, are the Defendants. Ray Norman is the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, 32091, at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE EAST 132 FEET OF THE WEST 260 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH: THE NORTH 121.25 FEET OF THE EAST 400 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 30 day of July, 2014. Ray Norman As Clerk of the Court By: Lisa Brannon As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 East University Ave., 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. Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-241-9181 8/7 2tchg 8/14-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That PNC %TC TAMPA 1 LLC The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2013-0032 Certificate Number: 482 Parcel Number: 01749-0-00000 Year of Issuance: 2011 Description of Property: Legal Description: 01749-0-00000 The South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; and the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, all of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Assessed To: ARTHUR LEE ESTATE, BARBARA ADAMS, KENYA P LONG, LEWIS LEE, WILLIE ARTHUR LEE, JEROME LEE, LILLE THERESA LEE, TRAVIS LEE, CLARA LEE CROSS, DAVID MYERS, MELENESE BARBER HAMILTON, EARL BARBER, CHARLES LEE, LILLIE PEARL LEE, PHILLIP LEE, HELEN LEE, MARION LEE, PAMELA LEE LAMONTANGE, RONALD LEE, REGINALD LEE All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL, on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

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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 7/24 4tchg 8/14-BCT

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 7/31 2tchg 8/7-BCT

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to the surrounding counties. We MUST do something to retain the teachers we have and boost the morale so we as a county can move forward in a positive direction.

What would you do about declining enrollment? The declining enrollment is a major concern of mine. Not only because our schools lose funding with every student that leaves our county, but because I know our schools can provide the same quality education that our surrounding counties do. We have excellent teachers, we have involved parents, and therefore we can make sure our children receive the best quality education. Positive results are what this community needs to see! And we are getting positive results every day. We just need to get the word to spread.

We all know bad news travels fast and most likely snowballs along the way. So why not make an effort to let the community know the good things that are working well in our school systems and therefore encourage the parents of students who have withdrawn their students to re-enroll them back in our local school system.

How can the district attract and retain employees? It is a well-known fact that employees who feel appreciated and important are happier and therefore produce better quality work. One way we can retain our teachers and attract more teachers to our county is to make sure they know they are appreciated and that we recognize that they are doing an outstanding job. Teachers always give of themselves, their time, their money and their talents to give their students the best education possible. And even though we cannot guarantee them a raise and no one knows when that might be possible, we can make them feel appreciated and work on improving processes that they feel need more work and attention.

How do you feel about merit pay and employee evaluations? Evaluations are a must in any job setting. There has to be an evaluation to ensure you are doing your job well. Having said that, I do not agree with the employee evaluation when it comes to the teachers and the way they are being evaluated. I do not believe that a teacher should be evaluated on the level at which their students end the school year, but on the progress that each individual child has made. There are children that will never test on the level that they should by the state's standards, but they may have improved drastically throughout the year due to their teacher's dedication and quality teaching methods. So why punish a teacher who has worked so hard to bring that student up by leaps and bounds throughout the year just because that student is not on the level that the state requires they should be?

The evaluation process hinders the possibility of having classrooms with a group of children who excel in their education and challenge each other to do better and accomplish more, and on the other hand, a teacher who has a calling for working with children who are more challenging and take more time and effort to get them where they understand the concepts and gain the education they need. If we keep the evaluation process as it is, those teachers who have brought those challenging students up three or four levels in one year still won't receive the high evaluation that the other teacher will receive who's class scored all 4's and 5's on their FACT.

We need to evaluate our teachers on their hard work and commitment to their students. I do believe the teachers who go above and beyond should be recognized and rewarded as well! That is a MUST!

How do you balance raises and restricted resources? Restricted resources are a big deal in Bradford County. Unfortunately, we live in one of the lowest economic counties in

Florida. I know it's difficult for a teacher to know they are doing their job well, but do not see the financial benefits of it in return.

While we cannot guarantee them more money or lower insurance rates, it is something I believe everyone can agree on, teachers are underpaid and underappreciated. But, I believe that we can still be the support and understanding they need, a listening ear and a group of board members that puts action to our words, and steps up and helps teachers in any way possible. Sometimes, the teachers would just like to know that if they are dealing with a difficult student or a difficult parent that their school board and administration has their back.

Our teachers need constant encouragement and confidence that their administrative team as well as the school board and superintendent are on their side and doing what we can to make their jobs easier and more enjoyable.

Why do you believe in public education? I whole-heartedly believe in public education. I believe my husband and I received an excellent education in public school, and I am confident and encouraged by the education our children are receiving in our local public schools. Bradford County public schools have produced doctors, lawyers, teachers, principals, bankers, nurses, fire fighter-paramedics, radiographers, and the list goes on and on. Like I said before, the education you receive is a direct result of the hard work and effort you put into it. So by partnering up hard work, parent involvement, and excellent teachers, our public schools will produce incredible results for our students.

Should public funding go to private schools? There are many reasons why parents decide to move their children from public education into private. Some may choose to do so for religious reasons, others may choose to do so because they prefer the smaller classroom sizes and one on one attention, and others have had a bad experience with their child in a public school setting. Therefore, I can't say that that taxpayers' money should not go to the private school that their child or children attend. It's a choice they made for the best interest of their child.

Do you support the district level position for community relations? I am very new to the inner workings and job titles and tasks of members within the school board. I am learning something new every day. I think it is a great idea to have positive publicity and to have someone who makes sure that the word gets out! Like I've said before, we need to let everyone in our community know that we have incredible schools, amazing teachers, and successful students! I know that there are a lot on both sides of this debate, and each side has their valid points. However, I am not familiar enough with this position or how the job is being handled to take one side or the other at this time. I believe it is a great idea for the position, and if done well, it could make a huge positive impact on the impression people have of our school system.

Are you in favor of school uniforms? Uniforms are always a tough subject. I actually tend to lean in favor of school uniforms in every school, and not just because it's so much less of a fight with a little girl in our household who likes to dress herself in far out attire that does not match. I think that by having a school uniform, the dress code is more easily enforced and attention is taken off the dress attire of each student and put back on the school subjects the students should be concentrating on in the first place. Students like to express themselves and wear clothes that make them more comfortable, but to make things easier for administration and teachers, I think uniforms are a good choice.

Having said that, I know that for many parents, having to buy uniforms for school and regular clothes for home can be very costly. And that hinders a lot of people from wanting to

participate in school uniform policies. As with many other topics, this one has valid points on either side. And ultimately it should boil down to what is best for our students.

How would I grade our schools? I can honestly say, at this point, I am not as familiar with some of the schools in our county as I am others. I know that Starke Elementary has incredible teachers and has produced amazing results in my daughter. And the middle and high school as well have dedicated teachers who strive to give our kids a quality education. I believe they should both be A schools. Now, every school, student, teacher, administrator has areas that they could improve on, but I know they are giving it their all. As far as the other schools in our county, I hear great things, and I pray I have the opportunity to get to know their inner workings much better than I do now. But I have talked to a lot of people over the last several months, and I know there are incredible teachers and students combined with administration at those schools as well. I am confident that every employee at every school in our community wants to see that each child becomes successful and gets the education they deserve. Our county can be an A county!

Randy Starling

My name is Randy Starling, and I'm asking you to partner with me in supporting Bradford County Schools. We can begin this work on Aug. 26 by electing me as your School Board Member for District 5.

I graduated Bradford High in 1982. I received my bachelor's degree in business administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University, a Christian school in South Florida. I received my master's degree in educational leadership from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. I have spent my whole working career in education.

My first 23 years of work was with the Bradford County School District. I began my career as a teacher at the Bradford Career Tech Center under the leadership of Jim Ward and school superintendent Jim Duncan. From teacher, I became the coordinator of adult and community education. From there, I held the position of coordinator of vocational programs. I spent my last 4 years at the career tech center as the director.

For the past three years, I have been the principal of the dropout recovery high school, MYcroSchool, in Gainesville. This uniquely focused high school targets students that have previously dropped out of high school and gives them a second chance at obtaining a standard state of Florida high school diploma. To date, my staff and I have seen 159 students graduate who otherwise would not have

received their high school diplomas.

I'm experienced in budgeting and finance, curriculum and the new Florida Standards, the new teacher evaluation and incentive pay system, school grading and accountability, and school administrative leadership. I will be your voice on the school board, but I will also bring the experience needed to help effectively manage the Bradford County School District. Together, we can be an A district. Thank you for your support and vote.

Why do you want to be a school board member? I would like to put my years of experience to work for the parents and students of Bradford County by continuing to improve the district's educational outcomes.

Has it been a long-term ambition? I have been in the field of education for over 26 years. During those years, I have often thought of being a school board member.

Why is now the time? I have reached a point in my educational career that I now feel I have the leadership skills and experience to make a positive impact on education in Bradford County as a school board member.

In your opinion, what is a school board member's role in local education? An elected person listens and is a voice for his constituents who voted him into office. This is a given standard for any elected official. Communication between the school system and parents is a vital part of school success and part of the board member's responsibilities.

Being a school board member, though, requires more than just communication. Florida Statute 1001.42 gives district school boards an extensive list of duties and responsibilities. In my opinion, school board members should play a role in all aspects of the educational process. This includes but not limited to: student progress, school operations, funding and budgeting, hiring and retention, school grade and accountability, evaluations and merit pay, and communications.

What sets you apart from your opponent(s)? Both of my opponents are fine people. What sets me apart is my years of proven leadership and educational experience. In my 26 plus years, I have been a teacher, principal and county director. That leadership and experience will serve the board, parents and students of Bradford County well.

How would your leadership differ from what has come before? Because of my ongoing career in education, I believe my leadership would be able to focus on the frequent changes, graduation requirements and more of the issues dealing with educational outcomes for our students.

What have you learned from

the voters on the campaign trail? What are their primary concerns? Voters in District 5 are concerned with education in Bradford County. Voters would like to see a dramatic improvement in the educational process and outcomes for our students in Bradford County. They would like a school district that is more customer service friendly. They would like to see more transparency and more frequent reporting to the public on the budgeting and finance process. They would also like to see less wavering when it comes to enforcing the code of conduct.

What would you do about declining enrollment? The only way to turn the tide of declining enrollment is to improve the educational process and outcomes in Bradford County. With the number of choices that parents have today in educating their children, Bradford County has got to be competitive. We have to be able to offer a better product with superior customer service to parents and students.

How can the district attract and retain employees? Research shows that when teachers and employees were surveyed about what constitutes job satisfaction for them, salary or financial compensation did not rank first. The top factor for job satisfaction was the climate and culture. In other words, employees valued the working environment, relationships with co-workers and supervisors, and recognition for the work done over their financial compensation.

Bradford County struggles with being able to compete with neighboring districts in the area of salaries, but having a positive, encouraging and supportive work environment can be achieved with minor impact to the budget.

How do you feel about merit pay and employee evaluations? I believe in accountability for work assigned. When clear expectations and outcomes have been given, I believe employees should be evaluated on the outcomes. I also believe that being compensated for meeting and/or exceeding expected outcomes is beneficial for encouraging excellence. The state of Florida is heading in the right direction, but there is still a ways to go on how we set those expectations and outcomes for teachers and staff. We also need a better system for the actual evaluation method used.

Experience has shown that merit or incentive pay does encourage excellence and fosters creativity. I believe that once we have the fair and correct mechanisms in place for evaluating, merit pay will benefit education and student outcomes.

How do you balance the desire for employee raises with restricted resources? When I was the director at the tech center, I promoted a positive work environment. I invested time in building relationships and growing an encouraging,

supportive work environment so that when there were no funds for raises it may have been a little easier to bear.

Why do you believe in public education? Public education is the means by which we ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn. It allows all children regardless of their socioeconomic status to attend school. Public education is the foundation that educated this country into being the greatest nation in the world.

Should public funding go to private schools? I believe that public funding should only go to private schools when private schools are held to the same standards of accountability that our public schools are.

Do you support the district-level position for community relations? Communication is a vital part of any school district. The movement of correct and timely information to and from parents, students and the district needs to be effectively managed for the safety and well being of students. In this day of instantaneous communication and social media, it is imperative that a school district has a responsible party in place to filter, promote and regulate the flow of information to students, parents and the community at large. Whether that is a full-time position or one of the duties and responsibilities assigned to another district employee, I believe it is needed.

Are you in favor of school uniforms at the middle school, or in any of the schools?

Why? When school uniforms are established, enforced and managed correctly, they can make a huge difference in the climate and functionality of the school. I have seen first-hand the difference school uniforms can make in a school. Enforcing the dress code is a daily battle, not to mention a huge distraction to students. When school uniforms are instituted, the time spent by administration and teachers on enforcing the dress code is reduced drastically. Student distractions decrease and student feelings of equality greatly increase. The decision of school uniforms needs to be a decision made with parent and student input.

What grade would you give Bradford schools, and why?

I believe that Bradford County schools have started the forward momentum needed for improvement. While we are still waiting on the high school grade, two of our schools in the district are now A schools. However, we also have two D schools in our district. We made gains in many areas over the previous year and, I would like to keep this forward momentum going as your school board member. I believe that my experience and leadership, with your help, will move Bradford County schools closer to that goal.

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NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION



Sue and Warren Winkler are pictured during Warren's stay at Windsor Manor.

Winkler: a longtime business name, family name in Bradford County

Editor's note: The interview for this story was conducted in early July, and the story written and filed a week later, but it had not yet been published. We run it now in its original form. We apologize for not publishing it in a more timely manner and express our condolences to the Winkler family.

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BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

Small towns usually have a store or two that have been around for decades, although it is becoming less common in these days when the deck is stacked against local merchants.

One Starke merchant has really stood the test of time, however. Winkler Electric Service Inc. has existed in one form or another since 1928 and in its present location since 1939; making it the second oldest retail business in the city (Denmark Furniture opened for business in 1925).

Owners Warren Winkler Sr. and wife, Sue, are officially retired, having turned the reins over to their son, Warren "Wade" Jr., but can still be found around the store on occasion.

Warren Winkler was born in Crescent City in 1926, the oldest of six children born to Austin (Ed) and Bessie Winkler. Ed was an electrician for the Bishop Phone Company and was transferred to Starke when Winkler was still a baby. In 1928, Ed went into business for himself, operating out of his home repairing radios and wiring houses. Finally, in 1939, Ed built the building where the business is still located today on U.S. 301.

While the business was growing so was Winkler. He attended Bradford High School with Elbert Earl Thornton (his best friend), Bobby Biggs, John Anderson, Maxie Carter and J.E. Denmark. He was football team manager under legendary Bradford Coach Jimmy Hobbs.

"I painted the helmets for the team to keep them looking good," Winkler remembers. "The colors were purple and gold back then."

Winkler worked both mornings before school and in the afternoon. Mornings he delivered groceries for Guy Sales' Grocery Store for the sum of \$3.50 a week. In the afternoons, he worked with his father and for Billy Jackson (eventual owner of Jackson Building Supply) selling produce and collecting scrap.

After graduating in 1945, Winkler went to work for his father in the family business.

"He paid me \$20 a week and he fed me," Winkler said. "I really wanted to be a contractor. Dad had taught me the business

UCHS senior shines on world stage

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

What's better than a gold medal won at a world-level competition?

Two gold medals.

Union County High School senior Kaylee Findley continued to make her mark in powerlifting, winning the 16-17-year-old/heavyweight division and also placing first in the women's open division against all ages during world-championship competition in the Virgin Islands in July. She established new U.S. and international records with her 215-pound bench press and also established an international record with her high total of 915 pounds, which included a squat total of 325 and a dead lift of 375.

"I don't even know how to put into words how happy I was," Findley said.

Findley was confident she could do well, and that's understandable looking at what she's accomplished in the past. During her first-ever meet—approximately one year ago—she set U.S. records in the bench press, dead lift and high total and won her weight class. Prior to this past July's world event, she competed in the Southeastern High School State Wars, breaking those same three records.

However, Findley only went into the world championships with the mindset of winning one

medal within her age division. Unbeknownst to her, her father, William, entered her in the open competition as well.

That second medal for winning the open competition was a shock, but also very gratifying.

"To be thrown in with women who've been doing it probably their whole lives, and me only doing it for about a year and a half—it's exciting," Findley said. "It really is."

Findley knows she can lift at the highest level going into each meet, but that still doesn't prevent her from being nervous. Last month's championship event was no exception.

"Going into it, I was nervous—very, very nervous," Findley said, "but once I got my first lift, and I felt the power in it, all the nerves kind of died down. My adrenaline started pumping even more."

Findley's father, of course, is extremely proud of what she's accomplished, but the fact she competes in powerlifting is especially something her father can relate to. He, too, competed in the sport when he was young, establishing records himself at the age of 16.

William competed during the ages of 15-21, and he also had a chance to compete at the world level.

"I didn't take advantage of it," he said. "I'm sorry I didn't. Trust me. That's why I'm extremely



Kaylee Findley earned two first-place medals in her most recent meet, competing in her age division and in the women's open division.

proud of what she's doing—to be able to follow through on a goal."

Following through on that goal takes a lot of work. Findley works

out at the YMCA in Gainesville, and her father is right there by her side.

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Peek house has quite a history in 2 locations

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the *Telegraph, Times and Monitor*

A house can be moved in two days, but it takes nearly four to move out of it after 30 years!

The house in question is a two-story colonial, 82 feet long, 39 feet wide and 44 feet high, weighing about 150 tons, built in 1893. It is known either as the Peek house or the Pressman house, depending on who you ask.

The house was originally located where CVS drugstore sits today, but was moved in its 91st year to its present location at the corner of Church and Adkins streets. The move was the talk of the town when it occurred in January of 1984.

The house was originally built by Comer L. Peek. Peek moved to Bradford County in 1877 from Culverton, Georgia and had been the organizer and headmaster of Starke's first organized school – the Starke Male and Female Institute.

After about five years at the school, Peek became interested in real estate and is credited with popularizing the Kingsley Lake area as a resort area. He also served as the mayor of Starke in the early 1900s and helped to organize and finance the construction of a branch line from the main railroad in Starke out to Sampson City in proximity to Santa Fe Swamp, which was under consideration for development.

Peek had the house built in the style which was popular with affluent families in his native Georgia. The house was built up on brick piles and featured columns and a portico at the front. Inside were just 11 rooms, huge rooms according to descriptions written in the past.

The Peeks left the house to daughter Lois, who was married to Judge E.K. Perryman. Mrs. Perryman lived in the house until she died in August of 1977, leaving the house empty for several years. Ownership passed to Emmett Perryman. He had little interest in the house, but was interested in the land it sat on. Over the years the zoning of the lot had changed and the lot was now valuable commercial property.

Enter Randy Johns, a great grandson of Peek. A deal was struck between Johns and his cousin Perryman for the house, which had to be moved off the property. Luckily, Johns' wife, Virginia Jean, owned a piece of property that had been the site of her family's home. Now all that remained was to get the home and the home site together.

LaRue House Movers got the job of moving the huge, old house and started on the project in early December 1984. The fact that the house was set up on a foundation of brick piles made the move much easier, since it made ease of access to the underpinnings of the home much easier.

The route planned for the house's trip was north on U.S. 301 to Washington Street, turning right and continuing to Cherry Street, then turning south and continuing to the new site. The move was estimated to take two days and required the cooperation of the Starke city power company and the Trawick phone company, as well as a permit from the railroad to cross the tracks.

A main electric cable at Pratt Street that served the entire west side of the city had to be disconnected, leaving power out for about two hours. More electric lines, phone lines and cable television lines had to be temporarily disconnected or moved. Traffic backed up on U.S. 301. Johns had to give the

railroad a cashier's check for \$3,500 before the house was allowed to cross the tracks.

The biggest problem faced turned out to be an old 1,500 pair phone cable on Washington Street. The cable was a bundle of all copper wires, all of which were un-coded. To make matters worse, the cable was housed in an air-pressurized line. Nothing bad happened, but should a leak have occurred it could have been a disaster.

In all, the entire process took about two months (with all but two days of that taken up with preliminary work by the movers) and cost upwards of \$40,000.

The house was set up on its new site and then remodeled and modernized. The Johns moved in and began what Virginia Jean calls an adventure which lasted 30 years.

During this time she hosted numerous family gatherings for holidays and special events such as her parents', Virginia and Charles Darby's, 50th wedding anniversary (the third generation of her family to celebrate that anniversary in the house), Johns' aunt and uncle's 60th anniversary and his aunt's 80th birthday.

Christmas brunch became a tradition, which the grandchildren are afraid will be no more, but Virginia reassures them.

"It's the same holiday, the same family and the same event – only the location will have changed," she said. "I already

have it all planned out to work in a smaller place."

And a smaller place is what the Johns are looking for. The huge house was getting to be too much to clean, keep up and even get around in.

"It was 27 stair steps from the ground to the upper level," Johns said. "That's getting to be a little too much stair climbing."

Virginia Jean wanted a house that wasn't so much to manage and that did not require so much maintenance. She also said she wanted one which was only a single level with no more than a step or two up to the door.

"It was just too much," she said. "With an old house there are always repairs that need making and always something that needs to be done. I just was tired of dealing with it."

The couple started talking to buyers last April, but didn't think anything was going to come of it until early July when they got the news on June 22 that the buyers wanted the house – now. The Johns had just four days to move out of a house full of 30 years of memories.

It was time to call in all the children, grandchildren and friends to help with the move. Youngest daughter, Jennifer Luke, took charge and organized the work. Virginia's lifelong best friend, Mary Agnes Goldwire, and her daughter, Julie Anne Demers, pitched in to help wrap breakables.

The move began early on June



Randy and Virginia Jean Johns don't look any worse for wear after making a major move in just 4 days.

23 and was completed on June 26. In addition to moving, the Johns also happened to find a rental house in Saratoga Heights on June 25 which they slept in the next night.

Most of the furniture, especially the large antique pieces original to the house, went into storage until the couple finds and purchases a new home – then the couple will see what fits. Virginia said she plans to start house hunting in a week or so, looking for a place a little larger than what they are renting, but not so large it will defeat the purpose of the move.

For now she and her husband are comfortable in their rental and living with what Virginia calls "minimalist decorating" – no pictures on the walls and only necessary furniture.

"Strangely enough, it was the smoothest move we ever had," Virginia said. "There were no major problems. The only

mishap was when we moved the refrigerator, then had to move it back when we found out we were supposed to leave it. Other than that, no real problems."

The Johns would like to thank all of the family members who pitched in to make the move a success. Friends who helped (not already mentioned) include Jacob Luke, Jordon Luke, Brittney Goode, Clay Hicks and Travis Hinds.

Virginia said that it was the grandchildren (the couple has three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren) that have taken the sale of the house the hardest. But none of the younger generation is glad to see it go.

"That may be because none of them has ever had to clean it," Virginia quipped with a smile. "But change is good, it lets us go on to new adventures while keeping with us those we love and the traditions we have made."

The Peek/Perryman house is pictured at its original location, which is where the Starke CVS is now located. Built in 1893, the house now sits at the corner of Adkins and Church streets.



'68-'03 BMS staff invited to gathering

All Bradford Middle School Staff members (1968-2003) are invited to attend a gathering on Friday, Aug/8, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Gissy Springs (9150 S.W. 177th Ave. in Dunellon). Chicken, ice, water and paper products will be provided. Please bring a covered dish and your bathing suit.

Contact Virginia.Walkup@gmail.com for more information.

Bradford Republicans to host Reagan Day Dinner on Aug. 19

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee welcomes keynote speaker Sen. Rob Bradley to its Reagan Day Dinner, which will be held Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Starke Golf and Country Club. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a Western Steer-catered dinner to follow.

Leslie Dougher, the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, will also present an update on what is happening throughout the state.

Local candidates who are present will be allowed three minutes to address their constituents.

Tickets are \$37. Tables for eight are available for \$250.

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Health departments offer assistance with KidCare enrollment

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It is estimated that more than 900 children in Bradford and Union counties lack health care coverage, but the families of those children can get affordable health insurance for their children through the Florida KidCare program.

There is no cost for families to apply and no cost to get assistance at either the Bradford County or Union County health departments. An outreach program is underway to educate people about Florida KidCare and to help them apply for health coverage, thanks to a Florida KidCare Kids Oughta Be Covered grant.

Staci Griffis of New River Community Health Care Inc. successfully applied for the grant, which also covers outreach efforts in Columbia, Hamilton, Marion and Putnam counties.

"We're here," Griffis said. "It's a totally free service."

Griffis said an estimated 507,000 children in Florida are uninsured, but 67 percent of those children are potentially eligible for Florida KidCare coverage. With the grant, Griffis said, "We're basically going to reach those harder-to-reach populations that they're not able to reach at the state level. We've been trying to do a lot of outreach at local churches and back-to-school events."

Florida KidCare information will be available at the following events in Bradford and Union counties:

- Aug. 11, New River Community Health Center Expo at the Union County Health Department, 2-4 p.m.
- Aug. 12, back-to-school info fair for school employees in the Bradford High School gym, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 12, freshman orientation at Bradford High School, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Aug. 14, pre-K orientation in the Bradford High School cafeteria, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Aug. 14, New River Community Health Expo at the Bradford County Health Department, 2-4 p.m.
- Aug. 14, open house at Bradford Middle School, 5 p.m.
- Aug. 28, Lawtey Community School, 5-6 p.m.
- Sept. 2, Lake Butler Elementary School, 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 4, Lake Butler Elementary School, 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 8, Lake Butler Elementary School, 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 9, Lake Butler Elementary School, 6-8 p.m.

It is estimated that 591 children in Bradford County and 347 children in Union County are uninsured. The total number of uninsured children in the grant's coverage area (including Columbia, Hamilton, Marion and Putnam counties) is an estimated



12,546.

"We definitely have a need in our community," Griffis said. "That's why I decided to write for the grant. We definitely need to raise this awareness."

Florida KidCare offers coverage through four different programs: Medicaid (birth-18), MediKids (ages 1-4), Healthy Kids (5-18) and Children's Medical Services Network (birth-18).

Subsidized coverage is available for families up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Most will pay \$15-\$20 per month for coverage, unless they qualify for Medicaid, which is free.

Eligibility is determined by household income and family size. State employees may also apply, as can parents who have children with pre-existing conditions and parents of unborn

children.

Some of the covered benefits include doctor's visits, hospitalization, surgeries, prescriptions, emergencies, dental, vision, hearing and behavioral health.

A full-pay option through MediKids and Healthy Kids is available for families that are above 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The cost through MediKids is \$196 per child per month and would include dental. The cost through Healthy Kids is \$148 per month with dental and \$135 without dental. (Those costs will increase to \$153 and \$140, respectively, in October.)

"A lot of people think, 'Oh,

well, I make too much money to participate in the program.' That's not the case at all," Griffis said. "You could literally be Bill Gates, if you were a Florida resident, and there's still a full-pay option for people."

Non-U.S. citizens may also apply for full-pay coverage. (Florida KidCare doesn't share information with U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services.)

Griffis hopes the outreach efforts will also help those families who already have coverage through Florida KidCare continue to receive coverage. Coverage has to be renewed every year.

Unfortunately, some parents don't renew their coverage because they get busy and forget, Griffis said, adding that a lot of times, what will happen is a child goes to the doctor or an emergency medical issue occurs, and parents find they don't have

insurance. "We want them to stay in those programs and maintain their eligibility and coverage," Griffis said, adding, "We'll make sure it's an easier process for them."

If you'd like to know more about Florida KidCare options and eligibility requirements, please call the Bradford County Health Department at 904-964-7732 or the Union County Health Department at 386-496-3211.

"We have a lot of children who are on Medicaid, which is part of Florida KidCare, but there's still a large portion of uninsured children who are just hanging out there and need to get some kind of coverage," Griffis said. "I'm hoping by this big push, they'll realize it's right here (at the local health departments). It isn't any money. You don't have to pay for an application. You don't have to pay for assistance (with the application process)."

Libraries to host immunization events

The Bradford County and Union County public libraries will be hosting "The Importance of Childhood Immunizations" events on Tuesday, Aug. 12. The Union County event will be at 10 a.m., while the Bradford event

will be at 1:30 p.m. August is National Immunization Awareness Month.

New River Community Health to host expos

In conjunction with National Health Center Week, the New River Community Health centers (Bradford County and Union

County health departments) will be providing free immunizations, blood-pressure screens, health center information, Florida KidCare information and gifts, while supplies last, during two expos.

The Union County expo will be held Monday, Aug. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., while the Bradford County expo will be held Thursday, Aug. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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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
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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
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Hunter Education	FWC	online FWC	9/11/14	TH	6 pm-9 pm	3
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Think of safety in regard to fire department's training budget

To the city of Lake Butler:
It has come to my attention, based on an article in the Union County Times, that you are considering drastically cutting funding to the fire department's training budget. Meanwhile, you feel that the commissioners are deserving of a raise, as well as the rest of the city employees.

I understand the pressure you must be under to make ends meet. This is a small town, after all, and there is only so much money to go around. However, you should also consider, this is a small town that is relatively isolated.

In the event of an emergency, time is crucial. Having a trained, equipped fire department stationed in town, people ready and willing to risk their lives to save others, is hugely important for the people you are here to represent. If there is a fire, of course the fire department is there. But a medical emergency? They can help there too. As to why they're able to help, in a huge range of situations considering the town's size, that's simple. We have good people who care and are trained. They risk their lives. And for what? \$15 a fire and \$10 to take time out of their personal lives to learn and maintain the skills necessary to save lives. I don't know about you, but I would rather keep the people meant to save my life sharp, rather than refuse to provide anything for training. It's bad enough they have aging equipment that should be replaced.

The city employees, I agree, they do deserve a raise. They have families to support. Three percent isn't much, but it helps. Those that earn raises deserve raises. However, certain employees who have shown a certain, shall we say, inadequacy when it comes to interacting with the people who pay their salaries should not be rewarded for telling people to stop contacting city hall just because, after that they "took a class."

The commissioners are a different matter altogether. By no means am I denigrating their value to the city or their contribution. However, I must disagree as to their asking to be included in the raise. Being a commissioner is not a full time job, and they are amply rewarded for their time. When it comes down to it, though, as giving them an extra \$320.23 a year each will cost the city just over \$1,600, that money should be applied to the training budget for the fire department. The safety of the citizens which elected them should reign over their own monetary gains from a position which both leaves them available and which for which they asked to be elected.

I'm sure there are other city expenses which could be cut as well. One which leaps to mind is the city's rather lackluster website. How much is spent on that yearly to maintain? Frankly, it's a waste of taxpayer money

as the city seems content to let it sit there unused. The agendas have not been updated since February, the newly elected commissioners are not listed, the new mayor (I still have no clue who that is) isn't listed, the contact information is laughable, the calendar and bulletin board are jokes, you add information and change the date to make it look like you actually updated it in a reasonable amount of time, and worst of all I have never once even seen it promoted by the city. I was here for nearly a year and a half before someone mentioned that there was one at all. With as integrated as technology is, you should be doing your best to use the internet to connect the community. Instead, you're wasting our money on paying for something you refuse to use.

I'm sure there are other expenses, but to be perfectly honest, I have no idea what most of them are because, despite what the city would like us to believe, communication seems to be strongly opposed. Even the commission meetings are held at a time most people cannot attend because they have to support their families by working normal hours. There are few jobs in Lake Butler, as well you know. How many people can make it home in time for a 5:15 meeting? How many people do? How many more actually would make it if you held it at, say, 6 pm? or 7? Reasonable times where a person can get home, wipe the sweat off, grab a quick bite to eat, and head over. How many more people would object to things like you cutting the fire department's training budget if they could make it to the meetings and you made an honest to God effort to let the community know that "this is when we have the meetings" and "this is where we do it. You're welcome to come, because after all, we're here for you."

If you cut the training budget, things will only get worse. Insurance companies actually like us because we train our people. We have decent equipment, at least for now until it gets too old. But take that away, and not only will people suffer financially, but in the long run they will suffer physically when we either have a fire department that is no longer trained properly, or when the last of the good people who risk their lives get fed up with bureaucratic nonsense like this and just walk away.

I hope you realize just what it is you're suggesting to do. There are other ways to solve this problem, better ways. Ways where people will not get hurt.

Steven Spitzer
Concerned citizen of Lake Butler

Fired for doing his job?

Dear Editor:
Do you think its right for someone to be fired from their Job for doing their Job?

Well it appears that the supervisor of the solid waste department seems to think its

okay to fire someone for doing their job! Sit back and let me tell you a story, which just happens to be true!

I am a citizen of Union County, and I have been to all the "dump" sites in this county. There is only one place that the person working the sites will help you, with whatever you have, to unload. His name is Marvin Arnold, and he used to work at the site on CR 241. It appears that on July 9, 2014 a man came into the dump site in the morning with a truck load of debris, then a few hours later, just before closing time, he returned with another truck load. Marvin told him he was only allowed one (1) dump of tree limbs per day. As it was almost closing time, Marvin suggested he come back the next day, because he would not be able to help him since he (Marvin) is not allowed to have overtime, and unloading the trailer, it would run into overtime. The man got very upset, and made a complaint to Marvin's supervisor, who then fired Marvin...for doing his job and following the rules! What do you think is wrong with this story? On top of all of this, they, the County Commissioners and Marvin's supervisor never even asked Marvin for his side of the story! This is not the first time either that Marvin has had to defend himself for his job, the previous times; Marvin was able to prove that he was doing his job, the way he was told to by his supervisor! Why make the rules, if you are going to get fired for following them?!

So again I ask you, is it right to be fired from your job, because you are doing your job?! Maybe we (the citizens of Union County) need to fire the supervisor for NOT doing his job?!

That is just my opinion, thanks for your time.

Anne Emmett

Reader again resorts to misinformation in regard to Palestine, Israel

Dear Editor:

In response to my letter (July 24) taking serious issue with his views on the Palestine-Israel situation, Leonard Young again resorts to misinformation. Mr. Young begins his argument by claiming that, as part of his obvious distaste for "Obama-Kerry," they granted Israel the right to protect itself--Obama did no such thing! He simply declared they had that right.

Mr. Young begins his next point on a factual note--yes, the US has given the Palestinians financial support since 1995, to the tune of \$655 million a year. However, he then commits an error of omission by failing to inform us that the US has given Israel \$2.5-\$3.0 billion a year since its inception in 1948--doing the math will tell him that Israel has received \$156 billion from the US, as compared the Palestinians' \$5 billion.

Needless to say, American

support is largely in advanced lethal weaponry. Mr. Young bristles over Palestine asking for \$47 million more. However, I wonder what he thinks of Obama for just having just sent Israel more weapons, in spite of the Netanyahu's continuing massacre in Gaza. This Israeli butchery has been denounced by most of the world, as has the US for failing to cut off the aforementioned thug's murder weapons.

Mr. Young decides to shift the provenance of today's troubles to the establishment of Israel in 1948. Aye, there's the rub-- the formation of the state of Israel, which was never formally approved by the UN, resulted in the displacement and brutalization of the indigenous Arabs. Incidentally, to call the Palestinians and other Arabs "anti-semites" makes no sense, since Arabs are a semitic people.

He then declares boldly that the Palestines's goal is to 'kill the Jews' and 'wipe Israel off the map'. In the real world, the Palestine Authority along with Hamas' has called for a "Two-State solution."

He then returns to the "human shield" canard--in actuality there are many documented cases of the IDF using Palestinians, mostly children, in this capacity. Reports of Hamas doing it are anecdotal and undocumented. (It is curious that after evincing so little regard for the Obama clique, he seizes on John Kerry's bland announcement on CNN that "Hamas uses civilians as shield").

As of this writing there are about 1800 Palestinians, mostly civilians, including hundreds of children, dead, and about 75 Israelis dead.

I'll end by repeating Mr. Young's final question, "What is beyond my understanding is how anyone can defend such beliefs and behavior."

Arnie Harris
Lawtrey

Apathy not to blame for current state of United States

Dear Editor:

Is it pure apathy that is allowing a part of our population to turn this nation into a third-rate, socialist state? I actually don't think so. Instead, I believe it is a combination of attitudes that are permitting the takeover of our Republic.

One segment of people who are allowing this to happen are simply "Deniers." They cannot see this forest for the dense undergrowth of media lies and cover-ups that hide the trees.

Deniers will tell you that such an idea is preposterous; that no one in their right mind would want to turn the greatest country that has ever existed on this planet into a mediocre facsimile.

Another group are scoffers, who would simply say "It can't happen." They would argue that there are relatively few individuals behind this attempt to change us. How could anything but a majority of Americans alter our basic form of government? These folks I would refer to their history books--and not contemporary ones. Look up "Nazi takeover of Germany; Communist takeover of Russia and/or China!" In all three of these cases, it took nothing near a majority of these populations becoming Nazis or Communists to enable a takeover. It simply takes enough highly motivated individuals in the right places to take command of a country. It can be done because it has been done.

The third group of Americans who are allowing this horrendous result are those I deem to call "Quitters." These are citizens of this country who can see that we're in deep trouble, perhaps more than at any other time in our history. They are unhappy with all that is occurring, and often do not

hesitate to announce their concerns. So, they do "care." But that's it! They do nothing else. They do not use their finances to support political candidates or organizations that are fighting to keep us, the people, in control of this land.

They write no letters to the editor condemning what is going on. They contact no legislator to express their concerns. They participate in no demonstration that shows how they feel. And in many, many cases, they haven't voted in years. They-are-pathetic.

At the top of the Quitter List, I put pastors of churches who do nothing to encourage their congregations to get involved in the governing of this country, especially to vote. Every citizen has an obligation to participate in the political process. That serious responsibility comes with the territory. It seems folks need frequent reminders of that fact. What more appropriate place to remind Americans to do the right thing than the pulpit. Does that happen? No way. Instead, all we ever hear are excuses. "Separation of Church and State! Don't want to risk our tax exempt status?" Both are bogus.

Separation of church and state has no connection to citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. Rather, it's about the government not establishing or supporting a particular religion. And tax exemption excuses are just as phony. I can find no record of any church in this country that has lost its tax exempt status, even those churches which have gone to the extreme of actually endorsing a candidate. If, however, the IRS begins another campaign to terrorize and control Americans so that loss of tax exemption does become a possibility, how important is that risk when you consider how likely it will be that, if things continue as they are. In the future there will be no churches left to be tax exempt. (Now mosques there may be plenty of; it depends on who prevails in that conflict.)

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Lost Valley: fulfilling dream of providing a home

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

Keeping her father's dream alive is one of the main motivations for Ruby Harper, owner of Lost Valley Campground in Starke.

Harper was born in 1937 and raised in Unicoi County, Tennessee, as were her parents Henry and Hazel Browder. She was the only girl in a family with five sons. The family eventually moved to Escondido, California, where her father worked as a carpenter.

In July of 1968, Browder came to Starke from California

and purchased 77 acres of land on CR-100A. He returned to California, but came back to Starke to stay in September of the same year. He had been in an automobile wreck and was on the verge of giving up when he found work with the Sunland Training Center.

Browder used the land for a hobby farm, just for the family. There was a big pecan grove on the property, which provided enough annual income to pay the property taxes each year. The family raised cows, pigs and chickens for their own use, as well as keeping a garden.

Browder and his wife were

living on the property collecting their Social Security. One of their sons had built a house on the property and rented it out. One night the house burned. The resulting insurance money provided the funds to start what Browder had been thinking about for a long time — an affordable place where people with multiple children could live.

Harper said that when her parents were raising their children her father always had a hard time finding a place to live that didn't have a job that went with it.

"Property owners didn't want to rent to people with more than one or two children," Harper said. "My father wanted to create a place where family size didn't matter, that was affordable for families and people who were on a fixed income. Profit was not the main motive, he just wanted to help people."

Harper and her husband, Nicholas, had come from California to join the family, so she was there from the beginning of the endeavor.

The campground was planned to contain 42 sites and was built in two halves, with the first half supposed to eventually pay for developing the second half.

Harper remembers it took



Lost Valley Campground owner/manager Ruby Harper with Carole Stevenson, the original spearhead of the effort to aid campground residents by the Starke United Methodist Church.

and she took over the running of the business, determined to continue to operate in accordance with her father's philosophy about tenants. She and Nicholas had four children, all of whom are still living. Daughters Becky Huit, Debbie Anderson and Sandy Starling all live in or near Starke.

Harper sold all but 9.5 acres, the campground itself, to the steel mill in an effort to reduce expenses.

Son David lives on the property and helps out around the property when not working in the lawn care business his father started, Nick's Landscaping, which has been in business for 37 years. Harper works in the lawn care business as well, grabbing a mower or weed eater and pitching in when they are short-handed. The family also owns Harper's Wood Shop, which produces outdoor furniture.

"These are all family businesses," Harper said. "There is always something that needs doing and everybody stays busy."

The mix of tenants at Lost Valley roughly parallels the populations found in government-subsidized housing. There are

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The bathhouse that faith built, with help from campground residents and members of First United Methodist Church of Starke.

them six months to get the well water cleared by the health department (a process which must be repeated quarterly). Each half had to have its own septic system and Browder remembers how complicated it was to set up the power and the plumbing, which her father did mostly himself, then had it inspected by the county. Much of the work was a sort of on-the-job training, as shown by a humorous memory of Harper's.

"We had the bathhouse built and we painted the floors," Harper said. "We just used regular concrete paint. Once some tenants moved in, we saw that we had a problem. The floors would get slick when they

got wet and the children would make a game of sliding as far as they could; sometimes right out the door. We learned that we had to put sand in the paint to fix the problem."

The campground had a slow start when the first half opened.

"We only had one tenant the whole first year," Harper said. "He was going to school to be a welder. Then we got a couple with eight little girls. It was these kids that taught us about painting concrete. Eventually, things really took off and we started filling up. Most people came with their own campers, but we picked up a few along the way for rentals."

Harper's father died in 1980

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Varied group calls Lost Valley home

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Telegraph

The residents of Lost Valley Campground are a varied lot in age and background but are unified in that they all need a place that they can afford to call home.

Randy Wilborn is originally from Illinois, but moved to Florida seeking employment. He worked in agriculture and also owned several businesses of his own, including a taxi service, a retail sales establishment, a contracting business and a carpet and vinyl sales and installation operation.

Wilborn was born with several health problems, which have

worsened over the years until he finally became disabled. Twelve years ago, he had to sell his home because he could not keep up the property. Eight years ago, he moved to Lost Valley because he had a friend in residence.

"I am more content here than anywhere I have lived in my life," Wilborn said. "It is like a family out here. It's a wonderful place within reasonable financial reach and convenient to shopping and medical services. It doesn't deserve the reputation it has, but a few bad apples seem to have their effect."

Earline Barwick arrived in Lost Valley a month after Wilborn, moving from a campground in Waldo. Originally from Vermont, Barwick came to the

Randy Wilborn and Earline Barwick enjoy spending the afternoon outside at Lost Valley Campground.



area on a vacation from her job in a furniture mill in 1993 and liked the area, so she returned when she retired.

Barwick said she moves from the campground every now and then, but always returns.

"I'm on Social Security and I can afford it here," Barwick said. "I have a lot of friends that live in the campground and I am happy living here. I can

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LETTER

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The last group of "Americans" that I'll mention are those that are actively and deliberately working to change this country into something else. They are the tail wagging the jackass (because the rest of us just allow it to happen). These are the people at all levels and in every political party who, by what they say and do, condemn capitalism, want to redistribute the wealth

of others, want to increase rather than reduce government control of our lives, deny us the rights we have received from our Creator, and trash our Constitution. They believe that we, the people, aren't capable of governing ourselves. They ignore all the terrible consequences associated with the previous failures of socialism in every place it has been imposed, especially the tens of millions of murders. They are the most un-American of all of us. And they operate with the endorsement of the majority of the media, Hollywood, and Academia.

In spite of this collection of mediocre and/or un-American citizens, there are also many people, all over this land, who believe in this country; who live up to their responsibilities; who vote always; who actually do things to ensure that we preserve the absolute gift from God that we know as the United States of America. Will they prevail? I don't know. I do know that it would be very helpful if their number was to double.

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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

Atavius De'quan Barnes, 22, of Starke was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, a deputy responded to a complaint that someone was cooking crack cocaine in a room in the Sleepy Hollow Motel. Barnes was in the room and said there wasn't any dope in the room and that the deputy could come in and look. The deputy found a paper bag with cocaine in it under a bed, but Barnes denied it was his, but admitted he had smoked a marijuana cigarette recently in the room. Part of the marijuana was in an ashtray next to the bed. Barnes was arrested, with bond set at \$4,000 for the charges.

Albert Cornelious Baugess, 45, of Starke was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Baugess started striking his wife in the face as she tried to sleep, using his hand that had a cast on it. The deputy that arrived noted the victim had lacerations on her face, and she stated to the deputy that Baugess wanted to go to jail because someone he wants to beat up is currently in the jail. Baugess admitted to the deputy that he hit his wife and that he did want to go to jail. He was arrested, and bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Adrian Greg Bay, 42, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 3 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$3,500 for the charge.

Eric C. Bay, 40, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 1 by Starke police on a warrant for withholding child support. Bond was set at \$2,184 for the charge.

Martin Paul Beckstrom, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Amber Monique Bennett, 23, of Starke was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for probation violation on original charge of battery on an officer/firefighter. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Shirone Kennard Bonnett, 34, of Starke was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for probation violation on original charge of disorderly conduct and possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Cecil Ronnie Carter, 55, of Starke was arrested Aug. 3 by Bradford deputies for aggravated battery, aggravated battery, kidnapping—false imprisonment and obstructing justice—intimidate/threaten victim witness informant. According to the arrest report, Carter battered his wife several times over a two-day period, including choking her and putting a pillow over her face until she couldn't breathe. He wouldn't let her leave their home either. He also threw her phone at her, causing it to not work, and preventing her from calling 911. When the victim's sister came to the home, she called 911, and a deputy was dispatched. The deputy found Carter laying on the floor of the home staring at the ceiling, refusing to get up when ordered to do so. Carter was arrested, with bond set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Dallis Gregory Dark, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Dark was pulled over for speeding and was observed dropping something out the window by the deputy. Dark had four passengers in the vehicle, ranging in age from 12 to 17. After questioning by the deputy, Dark admitted to throwing out a marijuana cigarette when he saw the deputy, and a search of the vehicle turned up a container with marijuana in it. Dark was arrested with bond set at \$3,500 for the charges. The minors were released to the custody of a relative after their parents were notified. Bond was set at \$3,500 for the charges.

Cheryl Shambrea Farr, 27, of Waldo was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Sandi Beth Fryer, 26, of Green Cove Springs was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Marilyn P. Gamble, 52, of Starke was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Christopher Daniel Geistlinger, 27, of Starke was

arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies on four charges of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Adam Christopher Glisson, 32, of Starke was arrested Aug. 2 by Starke police for shoplifting—petit theft. According to the arrest report, Glisson was in the Walmart in Starke and observed by an employee putting several electronic items in a plastic Walmart bag he had entered the store with. He then paid for several items, but not a computer cable and micro card in the bag, valued at approximately \$68 total. After attempting to leave the store, he was detained by store employees until police arrived.

Robert Conner Godwin, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 29 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Audrey Fuller Graham, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested July 29 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, several people observed Graham driving erratically in the Brooker area. When Graham pulled into the Kangaroo store in Brooker, two people blocked her vehicle from leaving and called 911. Deputies arrived and noted that Graham had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and trouble keeping her balance when asked to exit her vehicle. A search of her vehicle turned up a metal pill bottle with cocaine residue in it. Graham was asked to perform field sobriety exercises, which she was able to do, but she was still arrested for the drug equipment possession charge, with bond was set at \$1,000.

Mary Maegan Grogan, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$4,500 for the charges.

Kelly Joe Hollowell, 54, of Interlachen was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies for larceny and hit and run. According to the arrest report, Hollowell went into the Kangaroo store at S.R. 100 and Griffis Loop in Starke, and after 15 minutes, left the store with two iced coffees without paying for them. As he was backing out of his parking space, he hit a pole protecting a gas pump, damaging his van and a fire extinguisher attached to the pump. Deputies were called and found him near the store attempting to cover up a busted window in the back of his van. Hollowell admitted to hitting

the pole, stating he had a lot of things on his mind after getting off work. He also said he was going to his mom's to borrow some money. He was arrested on the above charges and issued a traffic citation for improper backing.

Littleton John Henley, 46, of La Crosse was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for failure to appear driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

William Ray Holmes, 52, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Thirlun Etimothy Jackson, 39, of Palatka was arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Lisa Rae McPherson, 56, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

David Lee Mobley, 44, of Starke was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies on two charges of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charges.

Monte Danell Moore, 50, of Hampton was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for hit and run—leaving the scene of an accident that caused an injury. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

James Russell Morris, 25, of Raiford was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Christina Lynn Muro, 37, of Melrose was arrested July 29 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Rebecca Lyn Neal, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 29 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and for possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

Sidney Newman, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for fraudulent identification given to law enforcement and for an out-of-county warrant from Clay for failure to appear on original charge of driving while licenses suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Newman was a passenger in a car stopped for speeding on C.R. 21B and at first gave the deputy a false name and false date of birth when questioned. She later admitted to lying, and the warrant from Clay was discovered using her real information. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Brainard Houston Osteen, 47, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 1 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Joseph Michael Pate, 36, of Starke was arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Suwannee. Bond was set at \$570 for the charge.

John Stewart Payne, 51, of Middleburg was arrested Aug. 1 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or

revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Orlando Perez, 31, of New York City was arrested July 29 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Ryan Joseph Quinto, 31, of Apolla Beach was arrested Aug. 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

George Rodriguez, 46, of Brooklyn, New York was arrested Aug. 3 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Savannah Victoria Serrano, 24, of Palatka was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Kimberly Lane Slaughter, 27, of Starke was arrested July 29 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Slaughter battered her boyfriend several times, first at their home after a verbal altercation when she broke his phone charger as he held up his arm to block her from striking him. The victim later went to Walgreen's to purchase a new charger, and Slaughter attempted to buy it for him, but he refused, and she grabbed him by the arm, leaving marks above his elbow. Walgreen's management called police after observing the incident at the store, and Slaughter was arrested.

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

Bradford

Brandon Randall Smith, 19, of Starke was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Stedman Terrell Smith, 24, of Starke was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Lake for armed robbery. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Tremaine Ahmad Smith, 20, of Leesburg was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies for carrying a concealed weapon. According to the arrest report, Smith was in a vehicle pulled over that matched a description of a vehicle used earlier in an aggravated assault. A search of the vehicle turned up a revolver pistol in the back pocket of the front seat in front of where Smith was sitting. He was arrested with bond set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Kenneth Andre Steele, 44, of Starke was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Steele started attacking his girlfriend after his mother called him on the phone and said she didn't like his new girlfriend. Steele was seen by other witnesses pushing the victim in

her face and hitting her in the head and back. The victim was able to go outside of the residence and struck and scratched him back to defend herself. When law enforcement arrived, Steele was arrested.

Wayne Keith Thiodeau, 57, of Punta Gorda was arrested Aug. 4 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Charlotte after he was found sleeping in his vehicle at Mosley's Tire in Starke. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Jackie Jerome White, 60, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 3 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for retail petit theft. Bond was set at \$2,502 for the charge.

Sean Wiggins, 32, of Orlando was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for unemployment compensation fraud.

Alonzo Williams, 45, of Starke was arrested July 31 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Latasha Sherese Wilson, 24, of Leesburg was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies during a vehicle stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Kristina Elizabeth Woody, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for fraud—false identification given to law enforcement, for possession of drug equipment and for an out-of-county warrant from Clay for violation of drug

offender probation, grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit card. According to the arrest report, Woody was the driver of a car stopped for speeding on C.R. 21B and at first gave the deputy a false name, false date of birth and partial Social Security number when questioned. She later admitted to lying, and the warrant from Clay was discovered using her real information. A search of Woody's purse revealed several glass pipes used for smoking crack cocaine, with residue present after testing. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Travis Bernard Young, 27, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies during a vehicle stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Keystone/Melrose

Eurlee Baker, 42, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 3 by state troopers for driving with a revoked license.

Tangela Brown, 24, of Keystone Heights was issued a notice to appear on July 29 by Clay deputies for selling alcohol to an underaged person.

Rodney Cantrell, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 31 by Clay deputies for aggravated battery. According to an arrest report, Cantrell threw a lit tiki torch at a relative, then stabbed another man with a knife.

Minor Catledge, 50, of Starke was arrested July 31 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Teresa Francis, 58, of Keystone

Heights was issued a notice to appear on July 29 by Clay deputies for selling alcohol to an underaged person.

John Goodwin, 19, of Melrose was arrested July 30 by Putnam deputies for a probation violation.

Samantha Grover, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 30 by Clay deputies for assault during a burglary. According to an arrest report, Grover left a baby with her boyfriend at the victim's residence. After the victim and the boyfriend went inside the residence and locked the door, Grover began yelling and banging on the victim's bedroom window, wanting the victim to come outside and fight. Grover then kicked open the front door, entered the residence and struck the victim in the back with a closed fist. Grover also hit the victim with a child's car seat.

Raymond Jordan, 43, of Keystone Heights was issued a notice to appear July 29 by Clay deputies for battery. According to a sheriff's office report, the victim and Jordan, who is the victim's estranged wife's mother's boyfriend, do not get along. The two men ran into each other while at the Kangaroo Express at 205 S. Lawrence Blvd. and engaged in a verbal argument. Jordan tried to entice the victim into a fight, but the victim declined. Jordan then grabbed the victim around the neck and upper torso, but the victim broke free and exited the store. In the parking lot of the store, Jordan approached the victim again and began striking him in the upper torso and head. After the victim refused to fight back, Jordan got into his truck and left. A witness inside the store told a deputy he heard the victim tell Jordan, "Let's not do this." Jordan replied, "(I) will be outside waiting for you."

Sharon Thompson, 52, of Keystone Heights was issued a notice to appear on July 29 by Clay deputies for selling alcohol to an underaged person.

Kristopher James Wanton, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 29 by Putnam deputies for resisting an officer, driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana. According to a press release, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Deputy Donny Jordan attempted to stop a Toyota Camry that he observed

speeding on S.R. 21 in the area of Price Road, south of Melrose. When Jordan turned around to make the traffic stop, the driver of the Toyota, later identified as Wanton, accelerated rapidly in an attempt to flee. Jordan pursued Wanton for approximately 10 minutes along Baden Powell Road and the area around Cue Lake before Wanton spun out in soft sand and came to a stop while attempting to make a right turn onto Quail Way.

After being taken into custody, a search of Wanton's person revealed him to be in the possession of marijuana, and an inventory search of the vehicle revealed crack cocaine, hydrocodone, methamphetamine, Xanax and drug paraphernalia.

Tracy Weaver, 23, of Keystone Heights was issued a notice to appear on July 29 by Clay deputies for selling tobacco to an underaged person.

Tony Wills, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 31 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Union

Jerome Hadley Addison, 46, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 2 by Union deputies for possession of marijuana and for possession of narcotic equipment. According to the arrest report, a deputy was on C.R. 229 in Raiford when he spotted a truck parked in the middle of the road with no lights on. When the deputy stopped, the owner of the truck was walking and said the vehicle was out of gas. The owner appeared intoxicated to the deputy, with slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Addison was laying in the back seat of the truck. After pushing the vehicle off the side of the road, the deputy searched the truck and the two men, finding a crack pipe and a small bag of marijuana on Addison. He was arrested, and the owner of the vehicle was ordered to walk to his nearby home and retrieve the vehicle in the morning.

Brandon Michael Dickson, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested July 31 by Union deputies for a public order hate crime and for two charges of intimidation—written threats to kill or injure. According to the arrest report, Dickson is accused of texting several victims various threats of physical violence and harm, leading to the two intimidation charges. He also used homosexual slurs against one of the victims, leading to the hate crime charge. Dickson was arrested, and his phone was obtained to be placed in evidence.

Lewis J. Karnes, 47, of Glen

St. Mary was arrested Aug. 1 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Baker for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Shawne David Seiberling, 20, of Raiford was arrested July 31 by Union deputies on a warrant for burglary of a dwelling and felony larceny—grand theft over \$1,000. According to the arrest report, an ATV was recently stolen from a residence in Raiford while the owners were on vacation. Deputies were able to locate the ATV in the woods approximately a week later after they were led there by a person that had ridden on the ATV with Seiberling several times, during which time Seiberling said he had stole the ATV and needed to hide it after they rode it. The ATV was returned to the owners, and a warrant was issued for Seiberling's arrest. Bond was set at \$75,000 for the charges.

Kelvin Dwayne Simmons, 30, of Lake City was arrested July 31 by Union deputies for aggravated battery using a deadly weapon. According to the arrest report, the male victim was at a cousin's home on July 24 in Lake Butler when he met Mildred Elizabeth Pope, 24, of Lake Butler, who is Simmons' girlfriend. They exchanged texts later, and she came back to pick up the victim and took him back to a residence on Third Street in Lake Butler. According to the victim, Pope opened the door and told the victim to go ahead inside. When the victim went inside, the lights were off, and Simmons was in the room with a baseball bat. Simmons began hitting the victim numerous times with the bat, mainly on the victim's left arm as he held it up to fend off the blows. The victim took off running down the street, and Simmons got into Pope's vehicle and started looking for the man, who was hiding in a nearby yard. Once he escaped the area, the victim went to the emergency room at Lake Butler Hospital the next day, where he was treated for a broken left elbow.

Deputies were notified of the incident, and after questioning the victim over the course of several days, they were able to arrest Simmons. Pope was also questioned, and initially was untruthful about her involvement with the incident. She eventually admitted to taking the victim to the residence, but stated she didn't know Simmons was waiting inside with a bat. A sworn complaint is being filed against Pope by the sheriff's office seeking charges against her as an accessory to aggravated battery before, during and after the incident.

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WINKLER

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was still a kid, I wired a cottage. There wasn't much electricity out in the county back then."

According to Winkler, it was during the Camp Blanding years that the store really took off.

"There were 12 or 13 appliance stores in the county during the Blanding boom," Winkler recalled. "Every brand had its own store. Titus Olsen had the Kelvinator store, Elbert Smith sold Frigidaire, Mr. McGriff handled General Electric and we had Hotpoint. There was a business war going on in competition for the customers. Besides that, we sold a whole lot of light bulbs – the soldiers would buy them just to break them for fun."

Meanwhile, Sue was born in 1931 in Waycross, Georgia to Lemuel S. Williams and his wife, Carrie (Jones). She was one of five children. Her father worked for Hercules Powder Company, which first transferred him to Baldwin and then to Starke in 1948.

Sue worked at the Brown Derby Restaurant, which was located next to the Winkler store. She could type, so she would go over to the store to type menus. She met Winkler there.

She remembered dates with Winkler when he would borrow the business truck or his father's car to get them around.

"We would go to parties and dances with people our own age and go to movies," Sue remembered. "Sometimes we would drive to Hampton or Kingsley Lake to go swimming."

The couple dated for about two years before marrying in 1950. Sue's father was a Church of God preacher, while Winkler's family attended the Christian Church. The marriage was a compromise – the Christian Church preacher conducted the ceremony in Sue's father's church. The young couple started out married life living in Winkler's father's garage apartment. When U.S. 301 was widened, the garage and two small houses had to be moved across the street to where the library retention pond is now located.

The couple built their first house in 1957 on Pratt Street, right in front of the lot where the library sits now. They had two children, Denise and Wade. They will have been married for 64 years come December.

While all this was going on, Sue managed to earn bachelor's (1957) and master's degrees in elementary education from the University of Florida. She taught for 30 years at Starke Elementary School.

"We have had a good life," Sue said. "We have many friends in the community and wonderful friends. We are happy to have been here, together all these years."

FINDLEY

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"I push her hard," William said.

"I push myself, too," Findley added.

"You do," William told his daughter. "You do a good job."

Basically, Findley is in the weight room at least five days a week, working out for two to three hours each day.

Findley said at that point, weightlifting becomes more than just a hobby.

"It becomes a lifestyle," she said. "You have to dedicate yourself to it. Some days, you might not want to get out of bed and do it, but you've got to make yourself get up and do it."

"Some days are not as good as others. You might do less in weight than you normally do. Yeah, that gets aggravating, but you've also got to think of what plays a role in that—what you've eaten, how much rest you've had, how much you trained that week."

What it comes down to is, "Go big, or go home."

"That's what I always say when I'm getting ready for a big lift," Findley said.

Of course, it takes a great support system, too, including not only Findley's father, but her stepmother, Sarah Underwood, as well.

"Her stepmom has been very, very supportive of her, too," Findley's father said. "She's done a lot to get her there. She actually went with her (to the Virgin Islands). I had some things to do and couldn't go."

The community, with its support of fundraisers, has played a large role in helping Findley achieve her goals. For example, the family has made and delivered dinners to help raise money, and Findley's father can remember one time when he cooked 185 pork chops, beginning at 2 a.m. so that they could be delivered by lunchtime.

"I can't express how thankful I am of the community," Findley's father said. "She wouldn't have been able to go (otherwise)."

Some competitors don't get that kind of support. In fact, one lifter Findley knows couldn't go to the world event because of the cost. The hotel alone cost \$875 for Findley and her stepmother.

Even meets held in Florida can cost up to \$700 with the cost of the hotel stay factored in.

"To see the community get behind her, it's great," William said. "It's a great feeling, it really is. It makes you feel proud to be a part of that community."

Findley will compete in one more meet as a 17-year-old—the Dec. 6 Florida Raw High School Championships in Fort Myers. Findley is currently 10 pounds away from setting a squat record. Her father said, "She'll get that in December."

Findley turns 18 later in December and is looking forward to moving up into the next age division. She said she will see what the records are in that age division and push herself to where she can break them.

It's a pattern Findley hopes to repeat every time she moves up an age division.

"I'm going to try to make a trail and break every record I can," she said.

OBITUARIES

Deborah Crawford

STARKE— Deborah Kay "Debbie" Crawford, 57, of Starke died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 at the Riverwood Health and Rehab facility in Starke. She was born Dec. 12, 1956 in Starke and was of the Baptist Faith. She attended the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine. She was preceded in death by her father Charles E. Crawford, Sr. and her brother, Wayne Crawford.

Survivors are: mother, Betty J. (Harris) Ratcliffe of Starke; siblings, Steve Crawford and Pam Crawford both of Starke and Gene Crawford of Hampton Lake.

A graveside service was held Aug. 6 at Santa Fe Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Zeluan Crawford

LAKE BUTLER—Mrs. Zeluan Croft Crawford, 94, of Lake Butler passed away peacefully at home on Sunday Aug. 3, 2014. She was a life long resident of Union County where she was a faithful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and neighbor. She was a member of the Lake Butler Church of Christ, teaching Sunday school for many years and instrumental in starting the nursery program. She was also a great cook and most of the people in Union County had the pleasure of enjoying her delicious meals. She was very active in local and State Farm Bureau as well as working with the youth in 4-H, FFA, and FHA. She enjoyed several years working with the agricultural and population census.

She was preceded in death by: Ray Crawford her husband of 64 years; granddaughter, Shelly Crawford; son-in-law, Gene Nease; brother, Hal Croft; sisters, Lora Graham, Catherine Brannen, and Carolyn Souls.

She is survived by: daughters, Geraldine Nease of Atlanta, Georgia, and Janet (John) Johnson of Jacksonville; sons, Ralph (Mary Lou) Crawford of Treasure Island, F Larry (Kathy) Crawford of Woodstock Georgia, and Don (Brenda) Crawford of Midway Georgia; brother, Dillon (Mae) Croft of Lake Butler; six grandchildren, Eric (Lori) Nease, Dona Crawford, Susan (Jean) Pilon, Donny (Summer) Crawford, LaRae (Randy) Price, and Joanna Crawford; nine great-grandchildren, Lindsey Brook Nease, Landon Nease, Luke Nease, Laundry Claire Nease, Katelyn Price, Joshua Price, Mallorie Rae Harden, Rayanne Crawford, and Winona Crawford; one great-great-granddaughter: Kallie Rae Smith; faithful caregivers, Megan Welch Alvarez, Tina Welch, and DiDi Johnson.

Funeral services were held Aug. 6 at the Lake Butler Church of Christ with Bro. Trent Wheeler officiating. Burial was at Midway Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers please contribute to the Zeluan Crawford Memorial Fund at Lake Butler Church of Christ, 435

Northwest 2nd Street, Lake Butler, Florida, 32054

The arrangements are under the care of Archer-Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008.

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Thelma Denmark

Thelma Denmark

STARKE— Thelma Dicandio Denmark, age 79, of Starke and formerly of Jacksonville, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 at home in the loving care of her family. Thelma was born a twin daughter to Leonardo Veto Dicandio, Sr. and Margaret Mary (Higginbotham) Dicandio in St. Augustine on Jan. 5, 1935. Thelma was married to Jackson Warren Denmark for 61 years. She was a member of the Nazarene Church all of her adult life and was recently a member of the Starke Church of the Nazarene. Although Thelma was appreciated for her southern hospitality, she will most be remembered for her love of Christ and the love she expressed for her children and extensive family. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband; five sisters, Addie Dicandio Reynolds, Mary

Dicandio Geiger, Bertia Dicandio Owens Faircloth, Angelina Lucia Dicandio Eddings, and Millie Rose Dicandio; two brothers, Lawrence Dicandio (Lewis A. Rodgers) and James Edward Nelson; as well as her brother-in-law, Harold W. Denmark; and sister-in-law, Kathleen L. Hires.

She is survived by: three brothers, Michelo Harry "Mike" (Shirley) Dicandio, Leonardo Veto "Junior" (June) Dicandio, Jr., Joseph Peter (Lynda) Dicandio; three sisters, Josephine Dicandio Corillo, Selma Dicandio Jones, Virginia Dicandio Jones; sister-in-law, Audrey Nelson; brother-in-law, Wayne Hires; sister-in-law, Juanita Wilkinson; five sons, Lynn J. (Peggy) Denmark, Phillip "Phil" J. (Christa) Denmark, Roger L. Denmark, Bruce K. (fiancé Mary) Denmark, and M. Shane (partner Zane) Denmark; thirteen grandchildren, Chris Denmark, Susan Denmark, Jay Denmark, Laurice Taylor, Gary Denmark, Lamar Denmark, Robert Denmark,

Tracey Waites, Brian Denmark, Brandon Denmark, Elizabeth Stillwell, Kim Sellers and Ronald White; as well as, twelve great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is welcome on Friday, Aug. 8 between 6-8 pm at Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 14397 US Hwy 301 South, Starke. The memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 beginning 11 am at Archie Tanner Funeral Services followed by a graveside service at Pine Grove Congregational Methodist Church Cemetery, 15105 NE County Rd 199, Raiford. The Denmark family will provide lunch in the Pine Grove Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Sylvia Hall

Sylvia Hall

WALDO—Sylvia Campen Hall, born Aug. 12, 1921 went to be with her heavenly father on Sunday, Aug. 3. She was a blessing to her loved ones for 93 years.

She was born in eastern North Carolina to William and Hattie Hawley and was raised by foster parents Albert and Lizzie Ferrell during the depression.

In 1942 she married John Stilley Campen and they had four children. Daughter Sylvia Scott of Macon, Georgia, husband Richard, and sons Jeffrey and Todd. Sons are, James "Jim" Campen of Fletcher, North Carolina, wife Inger, children John Michael, Scott, Amy and Kaylee; Ben Campen of Gainesville, children Ashley Carroll and Ben, Jr; John Campen of Gainesville, wife Lynne and sons Bradley and Bryan. 19 great-grandchildren also survive her.

They moved to Waldo in 1948 and lived in the area since. Her husband John died in 1963.

She spent many hours as a volunteer in her children's schools, PTA, Waldo Baptist Church and was Past Worthy Matron, Waldo OES #120. One of her proudest accomplishments was her effort in the revitalization of the Santa Fe

Cemetery. She served on the Board of Trustees as secretary treasurer for 35 years.

She was married to L.A. (Jack) Hall in 1964, who died in 1985.

She was employed as comptroller for many years by Ben Campen Companies, owned by her son, Ben.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 8th at 10 am at the Waldo Baptist Church, Waldo conducted by Rev. Jim DuBois and Rev. Bill DeConna.

The family will receive friends immediately after the services at the church's Family Life Center. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers her request is to send donations to the Santa Fe Cemetery Trust, PO Box 140, Hampton, Florida 32044.

The family appreciates and wishes to thank the many people who have been in her life showing love, comfort and companionship. The family wants to express special appreciation to Mother's most recent caregiver, Betty Hagan, who was also mother's traveling companion to the North Carolina mountains and extremely meaningful to her.

PAID OBITUARY

Larry Husted

STARKE—Larry Ivan Husted, 65, of Starke died Monday, July 21, 2014 at his residence. He was born on June 17, 1949 in Marion, North Carolina and moved to Starke from Tampa in 1989. He served in the United States Army and was a Baptist. Prior to retirement he worked as the shop superintendent for Darkon, Inc. His wife, Deborah (Whitfield) Husted preceded him in death.

Survivors are: his son, Joshua Husted of Starke; siblings, Russell Husted and Jerry Husted of Marianna and Florence Williams of Wyoming.

Graveside funeral services were held on July 26 at Chipola Cemetery in Altha. A memorial celebration was held August 2 at the home of Lynn and Debbie McKenzie. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Edward Johnson, Jr.

Edward Johnson, Jr.

Keystone Heights— Edward Worrell Johnson, Jr. of Keystone Heights, passed peacefully on Aug. 3, 2014 at the age of 90. He was born in Orlando in 1924 to Edward Worrell Johnson, Sr. and Lavinia Morton Johnson (deceased). He lived in Florida his entire life. He attended Jackson High School in Jacksonville until he was drafted into the US Navy to serve during WWII. In 1944, he married Iney Pearson and started a family. He worked as a refrigeration mechanic and enjoyed many weekends and summers at Lake Brooklyn in Keystone Heights where he hosted some fantastic BBQ's. He enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening. After retirement, he moved to Keystone Heights and was active in the Senior Citizen Club and even served as its president. His wife Iney died after 56 years of marriage and he met another widower, Lea Temple at the Senior Citizen Club and married her in 2003. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights and a member of American Legion and Disabled American Vets for many years. As his mobility decreased, he enjoyed eating and kidding around. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, "Miss Addie", his first wife, Iney Pearson Johnson and three sisters, Lavinia Johnson, Sue Hutchinson and Irene Austin.

He is survived by: his wife, Lea J. Johnson; his brother, Fletcher M Johnson; his sister, Lucy Kendrick; his daughters, Iney Patricia Wooten, Dianne (William) Papet, and Jean (Larry) Gay; his step-son, James (Janet) Temple; and step-daughter, Larie (Charles) Myers. He leaves behind five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and his lifelong friends, Lee and Gail Varnadore.

A visitation will be held from 1-2 pm at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park on Thursday, Aug. 7. The service will follow at 2 pm. He was a loving husband and father and will forever be in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Benevolent Fund, First Baptist

Church, 550 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

PAID OBITUARY



Robert Shannon Jr.

Robert Shannon Jr.

STARKE— Robert James "Bobby" Shannon Jr., 73 years, died Monday, July 21, 2014 at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. Bob was born on Aug. 24, 1940 in Monessen, Pennsylvania to the late Robert and Virginia (Kelly) Shannon. He moved to Starke where he graduated from Bradford High in 1960. His job at BHS was to raise and lower the American flag every day. He worked at What-A-Burger where he met his wife of 53 years, Jean Wood. He worked at DuPont before moving to Ocala to sell Liberty National Insurance and later managed Ron's Minit Check stores before driving 26 years with Greyhound Bus Lines. While on strike four years with Greyhound he drove trucks with Benton Brothers.

He was an organizer for many school fundraisers. He kept track of his classmates, truck drivers, Greyhound drivers and lots of friends. Over the years many people received cards for get well, birthdays, anniversaries, or just to say hello.

While with Greyhound he drove a lot of charters including Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, 3 times. He drove to Washington State to catch a ferry to Alaska and drove down the Alaskan Hwy. He drove for the Valdosta Daylily Society and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He drove Lawrence Welk around Florida and appeared in the Tampa paper for leaving Lawrence to take "Taxi Driver" to the next performance. He drove the Starke softball team to Sheboygan, Wisconsin for championship games and drove Gator game charters, as well as local BHS senior and grad night trips. He traveled every state except Hawaii and California.

He is survived by: his wife Jean (Wood) Shannon; daughter Virginia "Jenny" (John) Harper of Starke; sons, Kim Shannon, Robert (Kathy) Shannon all of Starke, William Shannon of Keystone Heights; sisters, Elaine (Sonny) Tenly of Starke, Carolyn (Vernon) Glisson of Hawthorne, Marilyn (Dean) Blackwell of Lake City; brothers, David (Linda) Shannon and Nathan Shannon all of Starke. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; two great-granddaughters, four step-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, many friends and co-workers.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Starke. Funeral services were on July 24th in First Baptist Church with Brother Ben Bryant and Mr. Van Elmore officiating. Interment followed in Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Bradford High School Library, 501 W Washington, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Dolly Wilds. She is survived by: her children, Rena (Tom) Herndon of Panama City, Pattie (Bob) Liddell of Jacksonville, and George Riley Wilds, Jr. of Franklin, Massachusetts; brother, Jack Ridenour, Sr. of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 6 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Reverend Larry O'Connell officiating. Interment followed at Lawtey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Warren Winkler, Sr.

Warren Winkler, Sr.

STARKE— Warren Wade Winkler, Sr., age 87, of Starke passed away Thursday, July 31, 2014 at Haven Hospice Orange Park Care Center. Mr. Winkler was born on Aug. 6, 1926 in Crescent City to the late Edwin Austin and Bessie Marie (Ferguson) Winkler. He was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and the Owner/Operator of Winkler Electric. Warren was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Starke, a lifetime member of the BPOE Elks Club, and Board member of Capital City Bank, formerly known as First Union. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Julia Underhill, Merry Sheppard, and Martha Smith.

Survivors are: his wife of 63 years, Sue Williams Winkler of Starke; daughter, Denise (Bill) Adams of Kingsley Lake; son, Wade (Tammy) Winkler of Starke; brothers, George (Burney) Winkler and Arthur (Millie) Winkler, all of Starke. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ashley Adams, Will Adams, Austin Winkler, Riley Winkler, Sheldyn Winkler; and his great-grandson, Brady Dignan.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Starke. Interment followed in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Reverend Mike Moore officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606, or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 157, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com. 904-964-6200.

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James Teague

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— James "Larry" Teague, 82, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Aug. 4, 2014 at his home suffering from Parkinson's. He was born March 20, 1932 in Jacksonville to the late C.H. and Clariece (Johnson) Teague. He had been employed by several plumbing companies before starting his own plumbing business in the early '50's and had also served on the Jacksonville City Council from 1971-1975. He was a member of Keystone United Methodist Church. His daughter, Debbi Lyons preceded him in death in 2005.

Survivors are: his wife of 29 years, Janice (Begue) Teague; sons, Donnie (Tia) Teague and Mike (Toni) Teague; daughters, Terry (Rick) Calvert and Sherry (Keith) Segars; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; the mother of his children, Dorothy Teague all of Jacksonville; step-sons, Darrell, David, Dennis and Dean Haying of Jacksonville.

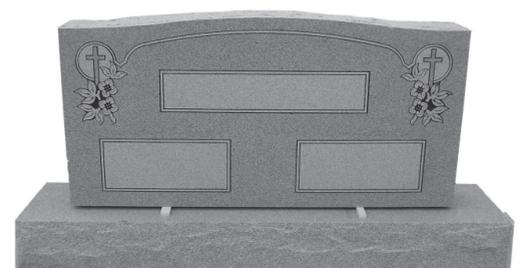
Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 7 at Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore and Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. The family will be receiving friends immediately following the services in the Multi-Ministry Center. There will be a private interment of the ashes at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Keystone United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 744, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

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

Peggie Wilds

PANAMA CITY— Peggie Virginia Wilds, 85, of Panama City died on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014 at McGraw Center for Caring with family by her side. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on Dec. 23, 1928 to the late Ralph Charles Ridenour, Sr. and Mabel Heller Ridenour. She was a member of the Arlington Christian Church. She was also a pharmacy assistant and homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, George Riley Wilds, Sr.; brother, Ralph Charles Ridenour, Jr.; and sisters, Geraldine Johnson and

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VALLEY

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still a couple of families with children, as well as quite a few people in Social Security or SSI. Several residents are on probation for various offenses, but are welcome so long as they behave.

"Everyone deserves to have a place to live," Harper said. "The only reason I turn away anyone is because of their actions. I don't want anything illegal around here. I have to watch carefully because, unfortunately, that is the type an affordable place tends to attract."

Right now, Harper said the campground is about two-thirds full. She allows pets, but says

she tries to keep an eye on the numbers people have and that they are properly cared for. She said she has a great many return tenants, which she attributes to her reasonable prices and the fact that she is the only place in the county that will allow trailers over 10 years old.

The facilities are aging, as is the population, and the sluggish economy is little help. A new wave of hope has come to the campground recently, however, in the form of help from several local churches.

A little more than two years ago, a group from the First United Methodist Church in Starke was working on an outreach ministry study project, which required them to collect food for a hypothetical needy group of people. Members wondered

if their project could not be used to help a real group of people and, after some investigation and discussion, decided that Lost Valley Campground would be a good place to work.

Carole Stevenson headed up the efforts at Lost Valley. First, the group members put up signs announcing a free spaghetti dinner, then served the dinner to campground residents, complete with garlic bread, tea and dessert. The group decided to make the dinner a weekly event and it has been so ever since.

Stevenson said today the outreach ministry group is made up of about 75 people working in 11 teams, which work in rotation. Each team provides the food for their own dinner nights and members prepare the food at home. No budgeted church funds are spent on the ministry, but many individuals faithfully give funds and supplies. Church members Dale and Pam Woodruff lead a team, but also bake cupcakes every week for desserts.

On Thanksgiving and Christmas Day afternoon the ministry provides special holiday meals.

Lost Valley seems to have become a church-wide project. During cold weather, several Sunday school classes collected money to buy electric blankets for residents. The Outreach Ministry, together with the Methodist Men and several

local merchants, completely refurbished the campground's bathhouse and created a covered pavilion with picnic tables where meals could be served. Contributors to the bathhouse project included: the United Methodist Men's Group, Teal Tile Carpet One, Stevenson Construction Co., Clay Regional Electric, Mike Green Plumbing, Keystone Precision Drywall, Interlachen Cabinets and numerous UMC members. Residents of the campground who were able donated labor to the project.

Ministry members donate time and money toward helping meet residents' other needs and encourage them to come and ask for help if they need something.

"I had a woman come up to me a year or so ago and ask me if I could possibly help her get a pair of socks," Stevenson remembered. "She said that she and her husband only had a single pair and had been sharing them. That really brought it home to me how little some of these people have; that some do not even have the basics, which most of use take for granted. That one incident really brought home to me the need for what we are trying to do here."

"These are good, Christian people here," Stevenson continued. "Many are retired, disabled or unemployable for one reason or another. Many have mental, emotional or health

issues with which they are struggling. They have real needs and are entitled to live with the freedom and dignity which most of use take for granted. I don't know what they would do, or where they would go if this place was not here."

Perhaps the Methodist Outreach Ministry has started a trend. In the past six months, Madison Street Baptist has also started to provide one meal a week at Lost Valley. The Lifespring Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Ken Weaver, has become involved in helping to make repairs and improvements at the campground. Weaver's son, Josh, is a youth minister at First Baptist Church of Riverview in the Tampa area. On July 11, he brought about 30 people, church youth and adults, to create a community garden space for the campground residents and to make a few needed repairs.

Harper said she is deeply touched by all the outpouring of help that is being shown her and her residents by all of these churches and the local people who support them.

"They are giving this place a new lease on life, and helping the people who live here immensely," Harper said. "Things are so much better around here since the churches started coming to help."

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HOME

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have my pets (two cats) and I am close to my son in Hampton and not too far from my other son in Macintosh."

Carthel Wilkinson is also retired and living on a fixed income, as is her son Vincent, who lives across the street from her.

She is originally from Orange Park and worked as a school bus driver for Clay County in the Middleburg area for 27 years. She then came to Starke and worked at McDonald's for five years until she was old enough to collect her Social Security.

Her son Vincent is disabled from a head injury sustained in a motorcycle crash in 1989.

"When I retired, I wanted to find a little place away from where I was living, so a



Carthel Wilkinson enjoys the quiet at Lost Valley and also likes the fact that pets are welcome.

friend showed me this place," Wilkinson said. "I like it here. Vincent and I can both afford it and we have a family atmosphere with everyone looking out for one another. Ruby allows pets, that's a big plus. It's home."

Retired and disabled people are not the only ones who call Lost Valley Campground home.

Several young families and individuals also live there.

Kristi O'Brien, 30, is originally from Jacksonville, but said she wanted to move to get away from all the noise and violence endemic to a big city. She first moved to Keystone Heights with her mother, Linda Cass. While there, she met her fiancé, Josh Smith.

The couple decided to move to Lost Valley because it was quiet and more affordable than where they were. Now they live in the campground with three-month-old baby Sean Smith. Josh works at McDonald's to support the family, while Kristi is a stay-at-home mom for now.

"We moved here to find a quiet, family atmosphere and that is what we have," Kristi said. "The people here are nice and will help you if you need it. We really like it here."

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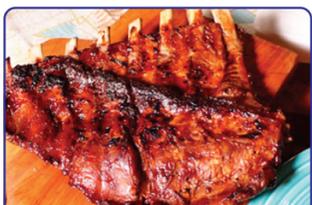
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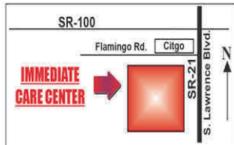
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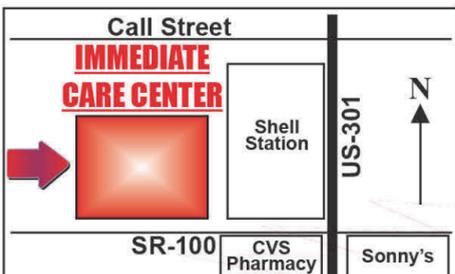
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