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2014 municipal elections underway

Starke voted Tuesday, Hampton votes next week

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Voters in the city of Starke granted the city commission authority to negotiate tax break incentives with businesses creating new jobs.

But not many voters did. Only 7 percent of the electorate voted, and three-quarters of those who did voted by absentee ballot. The tally was 153 (67 percent) in favor of the referendum and 74 (33 percent) opposed.

Turnout was affected by the lack of a commission race on the ballot. While three seats were up for election this year, the incumbents — Danny Nugent, Wilbur Waters and Travis Woods — were the only candidates to qualify.

They will be sworn in to new four-year terms when the board reorganizes next month. Last week, almost 63 percent of voters in Bradford County voted to give the county commission the same authority.

Hampton voters will head to the polls next week for the election brought about by the state's audit of the city's operations. On Tuesday, Sept. 9, voters have several opportunities to amend the town charter as well as elect an entirely new council.

Starke Tax Exemption Referendum

Shall the city commission of the city of Starke be authorized to grant, pursuant to the Florida Constitution, community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses' that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the city of Starke?

Yes - 153

No - 74

Among the charter amendments are the proposed elimination of the positions for town marshal and mayor. Others deal with the date of the election and the council members' terms of office.

Of the six candidates running for the council, the five with the highest vote totals will win seats. The candidates with the three highest vote totals will be assigned Seats 1, 3 and 5 and receive full four-year terms. The winners of Seats 2 and 4 will receive two-year terms pending the outcome of the Amendment 5 vote.

Also pending the outcome of the charter

amendments is the fate of candidate Gene Brannock, who is running for the position of mayor. He will win the position as long as voters don't eliminate it, and that's why he's asking them to vote against Amendment 3.

"If you vote yes on this amendment, I will lose and you will give up your right to ever vote for another mayor. The council will select the mayor position forever. Little by little, we Americans are giving up our rights. Don't vote your right away," he states in his campaign literature.

See VOTE, 3A

Sales tax vote won't happen ... this year

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The window of opportunity to raise the sales tax to pay for school infrastructure quietly closed at the end of last week.

The school board and county commission had until Aug. 28 to act to get a referendum before voters in the November election.

Superintendent of Schools Chad Farnsworth didn't approach the school board members with the suggestion until a week before their August meeting. He drew attention to the need for capital funds to update aging facilities and pay for future technology during an afternoon retreat that started quietly but ended with a bang.

To get the question on the ballot, the school board would have had to agree ask the county commission to place it there. School board members were worried about the timing, that the request was being made without the input of the general public or its business partners, and that voting in favor of the referendum would be confused with an endorsement of raising taxes.

Farnsworth didn't give himself enough time to win support, and so the matter slipped away as abruptly as it was raised. But the reasons why the superintendent was looking for additional funding have not gone away, so Farnsworth said he would continue researching and communicating about what he sees as an opportunity.

"I want to take the time to gain additional perspective on the impact an additional half-cent sales tax would have on all stakeholders in the community," he said. "Anytime you mention additional tax people naturally have strong feelings. I want the citizens of Bradford County to fully understand the needs and current state of their school facilities."

It's not just an opportunity, according to Farnsworth, it's an investment that will pay off for Bradford County.

See TAX, 3A

REFRESHING REWARD



Michael Byrd, Caden Appling, Dustin Hoyer, Chad Stevens and Kevin Lawhorn

Brooker Elementary students cooled down with snow cones Friday afternoon during their "No Tardy Party." This was a reward for those students who arrived to school on time all week. The school's principal, Debbie Parmenter, said she was impressed with the response from implementing this five-minute treat for students.

"I see families that were chronic with being tardy last year now trying and succeeding at being prompt. As the year goes on we will have to be creative and come up with a variety of rewards that students will continue to work toward. Two weeks into school, however, we are seeing a significant improvement."

In an effort to reduce absenteeism, a sign is rolled out each day showing the families' efforts at attending school each and every day. Parmenter said tackling truancy is a focal point for the whole district this year. "Simply put, if students are not here, we cannot teach them. The legal system has seen us struggle with this for far too long and will be stepping up to help curb truancy in Bradford County."



Lizzy Higgins is chillin'.



Man arrested for rape, molestation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The latest investigation into sexual abuse charges uncovered multiple victims.

Rickey L. Martin, 33, of Starke was arrested Aug. 26 after being confronted by the Bradford County Sheriff's office about the allegations and failing a voice stress analysis test.

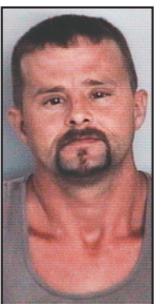
A complainant contacted the sheriff's office earlier in the month after she spoke with a family member about rumors that Martin had fondled another young family member. The first family member disclosed that Martin had raped her when she was 12 years old. That was preceded by incidents where Martin would grab her through her clothing, but then the victim said she awoke one night several years ago to find Martin standing over her. After he attacked her, he told her no one would believe her if she said anything and he would lie and "say that she wanted it."

Afterwards, the victim said Martin approached her continuously for some time trying to initiate sexual contact and she tried her best to avoid him.

The complainant also questioned the second family member about the molestation rumor, and she revealed Martin had victimized her as well. She alleged Martin groped her while she was watching television, but she didn't tell anyone because she was too scared.

According to the arrest report, Martin avoided an initial meeting with law enforcement, instead calling one of the victims and leaving a message that he needed to speak to her. When Martin did meet with the sheriff's office, he denied all of the allegations and said he didn't know why the claims were being made. Martin submitted to a computer voice stress analysis test, which the report said showed signs of deception.

Martin was arrested on charges of sexual assault of a child and lewd and lascivious molestation of a child. He is incarcerated at the Bradford County Jail with bond set at \$2 million.



Rickey L. Martin

County taxes up even if rates aren't

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

As county and city commissioners contemplate their 2015 budgets over the next month, taxpayers might be contemplating some changes in their annual property tax bills.

Property taxes are a primary source of revenue for local governments, and while it's not common for a board to vote to raise the tax rate, they usually don't have to. Property tax revenue is also driven up by property values. If your property is worth more, you will pay more, even if the tax rate remains the same.

Bradford County's tax current tax rate — 9.1769 mills — was set in 2007. The Florida Legislature cracked down on property tax collections, which had risen as property values became inflated around the state, prior to the burst of the housing bubble. While the county's tax rate dropped, it was still higher than the cut the state requested and required a unanimous vote of the commission to override the lower rate.

Since then, a vote of at least four of the five commissioners has been required just to keep that rate in place instead of adopting the "rollback rate." The rollback rate is the rate the commission would have to adopt to keep property tax collections approximately the same as the prior year. The rollback rate offsets any increase in property

values and keeps tax collections from growing.

For the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget currently under consideration, 9.1769 mills has again been proposed as the county's tentative millage rate. But the property appraiser's certification over the summer showed property values on the rise, so the same tax rate will result in revenues of more than \$7.6 million, nearly \$192,000 more than the current year.

To avoid the tax increase, the county commission would have to adopt a 9.1104-mill rollback rate during its public hearings this month. The increase represents less than half a percent of the county's \$39.4 million budget.

How much this tax increase will affect individual taxpayers depends on what is happening with their own property values, the type of property owned, the available exemptions, and caps on how much values can increase on certain properties. For example, the Save Our Homes Amendment capped value increases on homestead properties at 1.5 percent this year, equivalent to the change in the Consumer Price Index.

TRIM notices went out in August, and on those notices, taxpayers can compare their property value and taxes from last year and their property value and proposed tax amounts for this year.

According to the property tax appraiser's website, the county's total taxable value for 2014 —

which includes the value of real estate, personal tangible property and railroad property after exemptions — is up 2.6 percent to more than \$828 million.

New construction accounted for \$5.1 million of that increase.

The figures are different for the school system, which was held harmless during reforms passed in recent years. Their tax rate is levied on a higher property value not reduced by additional exemptions — almost \$919 million. This is 2.8 percent higher than last year.

The school system's proposed millage rate — 7.255 mills — is down from last year and is even lower than the rollback rate. Primarily driven by a state calculation, the school board must levy a required amount in order to participate in the state funding program. A portion — 1.5 mills — is dedicated to capital outlay.

Even with the increase in property value, the reduced tax rate has cut the school system's property tax revenue to just under \$6.4 million, a reduction of 1.86 percent.

Municipalities can't rely on the countywide tax base and are restricted to what's inside their corporate limits. In Starke, the proposed rate of 4.1834 mills is equal to the rollback rate and only results in a tax increase of around \$2,100, for a total of around \$814,000. The increase represents 0.01 percent of the \$16.9 million budget.

Hampton and Brooker have

tentatively set the rollback rate as their millage for next year. Both only raise around \$2,500 from property taxes. Lawley has proposed leaving the tax rate at 1.6786 mills. That raised less than \$25,000 for the city this year.

The final taxing authority in Bradford County, the Suwannee River Water Management District, publicized a small reduction in its tax rate — from 0.4143 mills to 0.4141 mills. Its \$24.5 million budget is spent on its work to protect water resources. According to SRWMD, taxes paid to the district contribute to numerous public services such as protecting springs and rivers, water supply planning and water resource development. Springs projects and programs represent roughly 42 percent of the budget.

When you add it all up, Starke residents pay the highest combined tax rate in the county — 21.0294 mills based on the current proposed budgets. That means for property worth \$100,000 following any exemptions, the taxpayer would owe \$2,102.94. (21.0294 x 0.001 x \$100,000 = \$2,102.94.)

The combined tax rate for Lawley is 18.5246 mills. Brooker residents pay a combined 17.1890 mills, and Hampton pays 17.917 mills. County residents outside of a municipality pay the county, school board and water management district a combined 16.846 mills.



A friend of the cities

Starke Mayor Carolyn Spooner posed with Sen. Rob Bradley at a recent Florida League of Cities meeting where he was recognized for his support of municipal home rule. Bradley also visited a recent city commission meeting and heard about some of the city's infrastructure needs, including funding for a railroad overpass.

Illegal dumpers targeted by county

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Illegal dumpers are on the county's radar according to talk at a recent county commission meeting.

At an August meeting, Sheriff Gordon Smith said charges were pending against several individuals who had been caught dumping.

"When the landfill is closed, they just find the nearest rural road and dump it on somebody's property. It's a big issue on the south end (of the county) for whatever reason," Smith said.

Solid Waste Director Donny Wise there's no excuse for eligible citizens not to use the collection sites.

"We're probably the only county of the surrounding counties that's open seven days a week at our collection centers," Wise said. "That's ample enough time for people to dump."

Illegal dumping is not just a problem on the few occasions when the collection sites are closed, but sometimes because nonresidents are turned away from the dumps. In fact, anyone without identification to verify their residence can be turned away.

According to Wise, identification is necessary to determine whether out-of-county people who do not pay for the

sites are trying to leave their trash there. He asked the board to be supportive of identification requirements, because while it can result in complaints, it is justified, especially at the site near Keystone Heights.

"You've got Alachua, Putnam, Clay County within rock-throwing distance, and there's people when their sites aren't open, they're coming to mine, or they're trying to," Wise said.

According to the sheriff, perpetrators can be identified by what they throw away. When household garbage is found, they search it for mail or other identifying information. Wise said letters are mailed or phone calls are made, but there is sentiment that more action is needed. Wise suggested making perpetrators wear signs and pick up trash.

"It just takes a little extra effort, which is not a problem," the sheriff said of searching garbage bags, "but these people need to go to jail."

Commission Chairman Danny Riddick in particular is fed up with the practice and was even involved in reporting and identifying a perpetrator in his district, which includes the Keystone Heights area. He was really upset after Southeast 46th Loop was cleaned up over a period of three days by inmate

crews only to be trashed again a short time later. The garbage was tossed a few feet from where the sheriff's office had placed no trespassing signs.

Riddick went through the garbage with a deputy. After identifying where the trash came from, the owner was made to clean up the area and an affidavit was turned over to the State Attorney's Office asking for Robert Godwin of Keystone Heights and his minor son to be charged.

"This is what we need to do because this trash is an issue," he said.

Riddick's original question at the meeting was about placing dumpsters instead of trashcans at the Santa Fe Lake and Sampson Lake boat ramps to help keep those areas cleaner. He was worried, however, about people bringing their garbage from home to those dumpsters.

"We need to get something in order because these boat ramps are too nice to have garbage all over," he said.

Commissioner Doyle Thomas said the dumpster idea was tried years ago, and that's exactly what happened; the dumpsters were used as collection sites, particularly when the actual collection sites were closed. And when the dumpsters are full, the garbage is left on the ground, he

said.

Commissioner Eddie Lewis suggested special signage and even surveillance cameras would be necessary to monitor the dumpsters.

Commissioner Ross Chandler suggested trying larger cans and placing more of them at the boat ramps. That way inmates could continue collecting the trash instead of hiring a private company. Wise said the type of container doesn't matter; in any case, the containers will be filled up.

In the end, the board agreed to give dumpsters a trial run.



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I would like to thank all of the voters that supported me in the primary election on August 26th. Your hard work and belief in my desire to help Bradford County Schools is greatly appreciated. Although I did not qualify for the general election for November 4th, I would like to take the time to endorse a candidate I believe in. **I want my supporters to vote for Randy Starling for School Board Member District 5.** Randy has kept his campaign clean from negative attack strategies and I know he will be a great voice for the residents of District 5 on the School Board. His years of experience in education will serve us well. **I, Billy Rehberg wholeheartedly endorse Randy Starling for School Board Member District 5 and I believe you should too.**

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Brannock moved to Hampton from South Carolina two years ago. He is a retired manager from Duke Energy where he worked for 32 years. He ran his own electrical contracting business for nearly 10 years after that. At the time it was sold, he said it had grown to 18 employees with two subcontractors.

"I know how to lead, delegate, work with people and listen to people," he said.

Brannock said he would be a working mayor, and among the things he would work for are improvements that would lower homeowner insurance rates, including a new grant-funded fire department. Similarly he wants to work for a new city hall, new sidewalks and a food bank organized by local churches.

As for the city council candidates, there is Dan Williams, who was appointed

this year to help get the city back on track following the state audit. The ordained minister with a background in finance has focused on budgetary matters, in particular the city's primary source of revenue, the water department.

"My vision for Hampton is simple: protect the precious sparse funding that we have to use as a city while instilling the kind of civic pride that compels citizens to take an active part," Williams said.

The Williams family has a long history in Hampton. His parents, Frank and Dot Williams, had connections dating back to the 1920s. He lived in Hampton seven years after his birth before the family moved to Gainesville, and he's lived in Hampton again with his wife, Mary Ann, since 2010. With a college education in political science and urban administration, he said he's no stranger to politics or the proper methods of government.

"Hampton has had a reality

check for most of 2014, and although we have come a long way, we haven't yet put in place the long-term, stable institutions that will guarantee a strong, efficient government in Hampton," Williams said. In addition to his own continued involvement, his campaign has been about encouraging everyone to remain involved. He made "Never Again, Hampton" his campaign theme.

"The crisis about our charter was nothing more than a shot across our bow. While I have misgivings about the power of a legislature to revoke, unilaterally, the right of a town to exist, nonetheless I have to admit that it woke us up, and so I have chosen to adopt the campaign theme 'Never Again, Hampton' — meaning that all of us have the obligation to conduct ourselves in such a way that we don't get stagnant or go backwards as a city," he said.

Freddie Johnston, another candidate for city council, has

also been involved as a concerned citizen since the audit's release. The married father of three was born in Daytona Beach but has been in Hampton for the past 14 years. With a "masters in electricity" he has been his own boss for the past 23 years, but his utility experience doesn't stop there.

"I have rebuilt turbine pumps and controls same as we have in our water plant," he said.

Johnston said he's running for city council to make a difference and wants to "stand up for the citizens of Hampton to let them know what's going on with their town if everyone will continue to come to the city council meeting, which is held every second Tuesday of every month."

His goals include cutting unnecessary spending and lowering the cost of water for city customers. He also supports keeping an elected mayor and would "work with the new city council members to make our town better for the citizens of

Hampton."

City council candidate Crystal Turner said she was born and raised next door in Alachua County by her parents who have been married for more than 30 years and with her 23-year-old brother.

"I am a proud paramedic and have a degree in emergency medical science as well as about a dozen other related certificates," she said.

Turner moved to Hampton with her boyfriend a little more than a year ago. They purchased a home where they are raising his 6-year-old daughter, Jasmine.

"I decided to run for our local government because I am frustrated and ashamed of the state of our little town. My goal is to turn Hampton into something we all can be proud of," she said. She would start by cleaning up streets and parks, but also make sure the city's elected officials keep their conduct above board.

"I will make sure this new era of government officials honor

their positions and serve the people to their best of ability. With your vote, I commit myself to Hampton and every choice I make will be in the best interest of the people I represent," she said, adding, "I am the change you want to see in Hampton!"

Candidates who hadn't responded to the Telegraph by press time include Michael David Armes, Frank Bryant and Bill Goodge, the only other incumbent on the ballot.

All of them will have a chance to speak at a political forum planned for this weekend. The forum is being held Saturday night, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at the church at 10096 Division St. The political forum is open to city council candidates, of course, but county and state candidates are invited to participate as well.

Polls will be open at city hall on Sept. 9 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TAX

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"As a fairly conservative taxpaying community member myself, I consider this possibility to be a very viable, affordable and worthwhile investment. I would like to see everyone have the opportunity to contribute to the cause of educating our children," he said.

He also thinks it will bring more fairness to education funding.

"The responsibility of supporting school facilities and technology would no longer rest solely on property owners," Farnsworth said. "Travelers through our county as well as non-property owners could then rightfully share in this investment."

The state doesn't adequately

fund facilities and maintenance costs, he said, meanwhile the district's oldest buildings aren't getting any younger. The state also expects the district to make technological progress without fully funding that mandate. Those are precisely the things the additional sales tax would be restricted to pay for.

"Only Bradford County can make Bradford County better," said Farnsworth. "If we can

provide nicer and adequately equipped schools for children to attend, more families will be willing to take up residence in our community. In turn, we would likely see more industry willing to set up shop in our area. The final result would be increased return on investment through increased values of property."

And the superintendent said those who want the county to

grow and thrive should come to support the school district the way its personnel do.

"Chicken or egg first can always be debated. However, thriving communities are most often centered around strong school districts. I want everyone to realize that the personnel of the Bradford County School District are working tirelessly every day to improve the product we offer. We are the best educational

option for the children of our community to meet their full potential. In my opinion there is not even a close second option. We are a team you should get behind," he said.

It is with that in mind he hopes the county will vote for the sales tax if it makes it to the ballot two years from now.

"If I had the chance to offer half of a penny for every dollar I spent to reinvest in the centerpiece of our community, I would jump at that opportunity. Hopefully with the right support we all might get that opportunity in the future," Farnsworth said.

He also said he is open to talking about the issue with anyone who has questions.

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT CITY OF HAMPTON ELECTION

Bradford County, Florida

September 9, 2014

The City of Hampton Election will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

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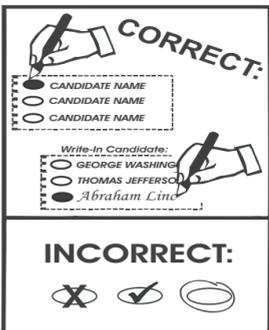
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CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION #1:
CHANGE OF DATES FOR CITY ELECTIONS

Except for Special Elections called pursuant to the Charter, all elections for the City of Hampton shall occur on the same dates and times as elections for County, State, and Federal Offices in accordance with the State and Federal Constitutions.

Yes-For Approval

No-To Not Approve

CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION #2:
COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL CONDUCT ALL CITY ELECTIONS

All elections held by the City of Hampton shall be conducted and counted by the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections and his/her staff.

Yes-For Approval

No-To Not Approve

CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION #3:
ELIMINATION OF AN ELECTED MAYOR; MAYOR TO BE APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL

The position of MAYOR as an elected office shall be eliminated. The Mayor shall be selected by the City Council from its members as the first order of business after its organizational meeting each year and shall serve for one year. The Mayor shall preside over all meetings of the City Council.

Yes-For Approval

No-To Not Approve

CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION #4:
ELIMINATION OF TOWN MARSHALL AND POLICE COURT

The positions of Marshall and Police Court shall be eliminated from the Charter.

Yes-For Approval

No-To Not Approve

CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION #5:
REDUCTION OF ELECTED CITY COUNCIL FROM 6 TO 5 SEATS

For this and future City of Hampton elections, the total number of elected officials shall not exceed 5, consisting of Seat 1, Seat 2, Seat 3, Seat 4, and Seat 5, of the City Council. Candidates must live within the City Limits of Hampton upon filing and qualifying to run.

For this 2014 election, the three candidates receiving the three highest number of votes are elected to Seat 1, Seat 3 and Seat 5 respectively, until completion of the November 2018 election. Elections for City Council Seat 1, Seat 3 and Seat 5 shall then remain non-partisan and be held every 4 years thereafter.

For this 2014 election, the two candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes are elected to Seat 2 and Seat 4 respectively, until completion of the November 2016 election. Elections for City Council Seat 2 and Seat 4 shall then remain non-partisan and be held every 4 years thereafter.

Yes-For Approval

No-To Not Approve

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Supervisor of Elections

Motor vehicle fees reduced

Reductions in Florida's motor vehicle registration fees went into effect Sept. 1. Floridians will save approximately \$17 to \$25 when renewing their registrations, depending on the size of vehicle.

The fee reductions were proposed by Gov. Rick Scott earlier this year as part of the It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget, and were approved by the Florida Legislature during the 2014 legislative session.

Governor Scott said, "Families deserve to keep more of their hard earned money, and we will now be able to save Floridians \$400 million, because it's their money!"

"The reduction in vehicle registration fees will benefit both individuals, as well as the Florida business community," said Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "There are more than 14 million registered vehicles here in Florida that are covered by these fee reductions and that is a lot of savings for the people of Florida."

The following are examples of the savings on vehicle registration fees as a result of the reductions:

- Motorcycles — \$17.05.
- Autos/trucks under 2,500 lbs. — \$18.55.
- Autos/trucks between 2,500-3,500 lbs. — \$21.55.
- Autos/truck more than 3,500 lbs. — \$25.05.

The reductions will apply to vehicle registrations renewed on or after Sept. 1.

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Hot vehicles can be deadly

BY MATTHEW MALONEY
Bradford EMS Training Captain

Public education and injury prevention are a couple of our goals in EMS. We feel that providing information that helps keep you and your loved ones safe is paramount. We at Bradford County Emergency Services hope the following information proves valuable and educational.

Every summer, heartbreaking and preventable deaths occur when children are left alone in hot vehicles. Sometimes parents leave their children in the vehicle for a lack of understanding how sick they can become, and how quickly that may occur. Your vehicle can act like a greenhouse and temperatures can become exceedingly hot in a very short amount of time. As a result, just a few minutes can be extremely dangerous—even fatal—for a small child.

On average, 38 children die annually in hot vehicles across the country, according to KidsAndCars.org, a child safety organization. At least 44 children died in 2013, according to data compiled by researchers at San Francisco State University. So far this year that number is already up to 17.

Here are some impressive facts, according to The Weather Channel:

With the outside temperature at 90 degrees your car becomes:

- 109 degrees in 10 minutes.
- 119 degrees in 20 minutes.
- 124 degrees in 30 minutes.
- 133 degrees in 60 minutes.
- 138 degrees in 90 minutes.

Body temperatures can easily rise to a dangerous 104 degrees or greater for children left in hot vehicles. On a day that is just 72 degrees, the temperature inside a vehicle can increase 30-40 degrees in an hour, and 70 percent of this increase can occur in the first 30 minutes.

Children can be more susceptible to heatstroke than older children and adults. A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than

an adult's. Also, their ability to cool down from sweating is not as developed as older kids and adults. A child can die when his/her body temperature reaches these extreme temperatures.

This rapid spike in temperature can create heatstroke, which may include:

- dehydration.
- delirium (confusion).
- seizures.
- brain and kidney failure.
- death.

There are multiple reasons for these unfortunate cases. Some cases are due to the caregiver forgetting to drop the child off because they are not the one who usually does it. The change in routine presented a challenge for their memory. Some cases are children who become locked in the car or climb in the vehicle without the knowledge of the adult. Some cases include the parent running into a store for a "quick stop" and get delayed (slow cash register, a social interaction, etc.). Time can slip by and you may not even realize how long you have been gone.

Kids in hot vehicles safety tips:

- Never leave children alone in a hot vehicle.
- Always check the back seats of the car before you lock it and leave.

If you are not use to dropping the child off, keep something like one of the shoes, or a toy in the front seat as a reminder that they are in the car. (We have all gone into "autopilot mode" on our way to work).

- Lock your car and secure the keys so the children cannot get to them.
- Warn your kids about playing in the car by themselves.
- Get your kids out of the car first, then worry about getting the groceries, etc.
- Have a plan when out running multiple errands. Don't make it convenient to just leave the kids in the car for a couple of stops.

There should be no exceptions, no matter how brief, for leaving small children in a car alone. If you see a kid alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 immediately. Don't wait to see if the parent is coming out of the store soon, etc. The child needs to be removed from the vehicle ASAP.

Visit Safercar.gov or KidsAndCars.org or simply use your favorite search engine to look up this topic for more info.

Feel free to contact me at matthew_maloney@bradfordcountyfl.gov with any questions or concerns you may have.

Another commercial account targeted by scammers

Clay Electric is warning its commercial accounts and business owners to be aware of scams being attempted by persons who demand immediate payment of delinquent bills.

Within the past week, a business owner in Alachua County was scammed by someone claiming that an immediate payment of a power bill was required or the account would be shut off.

The caller told the business owner the bill could be paid using a Green Dot MoneyPaks payment card. Green Dot MoneyPak cards are reloadable debit cards, available at many locations, and can be used to pay phone, cable or credit card bills. Scammers use the MoneyPak cards because they're more convenient than a money wire and difficult to trace.

"If you're a business owner and someone calls claiming they're with the power company and they need payment of a delinquent bill today, that is a big red flag," said Clay Electric's Bruce McHollan, director of the co-op's Information and Communication Technology Department.

"If you are at all suspicious of someone claiming they're with the power company and payment must be made today, hang up and call Clay Electric at 800-224-4917," McHollan said.

There have been other recent scam attempts directed at businesses in Clay, Putnam and Lake counties.

Clay Electric encourages the businesses it serves to be very suspicious of anyone who calls and claims he or she represents the co-op and wants to be paid for an overdue bill. The cooperative does not collect past due amounts in this manner. A reminder letter is sent and an automated reminder call is placed when bills are past due.

Members with residential accounts have also been subject to scam attempts during the past year that involved emails. Clay Electric does not send emails that threaten or require immediate action to provide personal information.

"We urge our members to ignore suspicious requests for personal information such as bank account numbers, credit card numbers, user names and passwords, or Social Security numbers," said Derrick Thomas, director of the co-op's Member & Public Relations Department. "We ask our members to delete all suspicious emails that require immediate action to verify or provide personal information."

"If a member has an overdue bill, he or she will likely receive a call from our automated phone messaging system as a reminder to call the cooperative to arrange payment. They'll also receive a courtesy notice in the mail," Thomas said. "Members should not share confidential personal information over the phone."

Sign up for Girl Scouts

Girl Scout signups will be held Monday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Public Library. For more information, please call Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647.

Be a Girl Scout or a volunteer

School's in session — and the fun is only beginning for local Girl Scouts, north Florida's preeminent leadership development organization for girls. With families still thinking about how to allocate their free time during the school year, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council is making its end of summer push for girls and volunteers to join the organization. New data from Girl Scouts of the USA illustrates the many benefits girls and volunteers alike are receiving.

Results of a summer 2014 pulse poll conducted with over 3,500 volunteers and parents of Girl Scouts in the K-5 age range show positive effects on members of all ages:

- 97 percent of parents agree that Girl Scouts has been a positive activity for their daughter. A local survey by Girl Scouts of Gateway Council last school year also found that this sentiment is mirrored in local girls (88 percent of local girl scouts felt they have confidence in themselves and their abilities, feel they are able to achieve their goals, and form positive gender, social and cultural identities.)

- 96 percent of Girl Scout parents agree that their daughter(s) have learned and tried something new. In addition, 85 percent of local girls felt they have learned to think and act in

a way that promotes an inclusive environment, respecting and valuing diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and life experiences.

- 94 percent of parents say that because of Girl Scouts their daughter feels special. Last school year, 83 percent of all local Girl Scouts felt empowered to use their leadership skills to effect change in their lives and their world and feel their contributions are valued in the larger greater Jacksonville community.

The data shows it is not just girls who benefit:

- 94 percent of volunteers have made new friends.

- 88 percent of volunteers believe their life is better because they volunteer with Girl Scouts.

- 95 percent of Girl Scout volunteers are happy knowing they are making girls' lives better.

- Two-thirds believe their volunteer experience has helped them professionally.

"Girl Scouts has provided a safe, fun and engaging place for girls and adult volunteers to lead and thrive for over 100 years," said Mary Anne Jacobs, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. "Every adult who volunteers for Girl Scouts can help us bring fun, new experiences to at least five girls. Imagine what that can do to shape the next generation of female leaders."

Girl Scouts gives girls a place to explore topics of interest in a judgment-free space outside of classroom confinements; it cultivates cooperative and self-directed learning, as well as the growth mindset (the understanding that intelligence and talent can be developed) — all of which help foster a lifetime passion for learning.

The variety of experiences and the value for the money the Girl Scout program provides

are also popular selling points. Eighty-nine percent of parents say their daughter gets a greater variety of experiences from Girl Scouts than she does from other extracurricular activities, and the majority of parents feel Girl Scouts is a great value for the money compared to other extracurricular activities. Overall, parents consider Girl Scouts one of the most beneficial extracurricular activities for their daughter.

"We want to provide every opportunity for North Florida girls to have all the fun, new experiences they can't wait to do," said Jacobs. "Girls and volunteers alike are experiencing how exciting the world is and how awesome they are by making each day a day they'll remember."

Girl Scouts is open to all girls from kindergarten through grade 12. The more adults step forward to volunteer, the more girls will get the chance to be a Girl Scout. Adults over age 18 may become volunteers; both girls and adults volunteers can join at any time of the year. To join or volunteer, please visit: www.girlscouts.org/join.

With offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville and Middleburg, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves approximately 18,800 girls and adults in Northeast Florida. Our service area includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union counties.



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My family and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in the Primary Election. Words cannot explain how gratifying and humbling it is to have so many of you stand up in support of me. Your acts of kindness, calls, and most of all your prayers have meant the world to me. I would also like to take this opportunity to renew my pledge to you to be your strong voice in County Government, and to assure you that I will represent all of the people of District 2 with as much vigor and sincerity as I myself would want to be represented. As always, please feel free to call on me at any time. Your concerns and suggestions are always welcome as we work towards making Bradford County an even better place to live.

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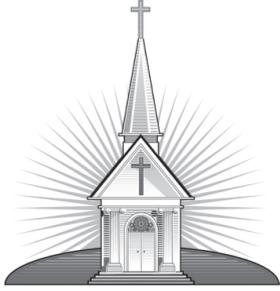
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CHURCH

Starke Church of God by Faith, in partnership with Grace Community Fellowship Church, will present "The Art of Marriage," a six-session video event, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13. There is a cost to attend. Visit <http://september2014aom.eventbrite.com> to register, or contact Glenda White at 904-383-9496 or glendawhite1955@gmail.com for more information.



Greater Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church will be celebrating its pastor's anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. You are invited to attend this special occasion.

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

LIBRARY

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



conveying a message, revealing a person's soul, taking the viewer to another place in time, or capturing a special moment, is best shared. The Bradford County Public Library is providing space for local photographers to display their work.

The exhibit will be open to the public for three days:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10.
- noon to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12.

Applications for photographers who would like to display their work free of charge will be available at the library during normal business hours. To have an application emailed, contact Kathy at 904-368-3921.

Decorate to win

Bradford County Public Library is hosting a Decorated Pumpkin Contest that is open to the public. Bring in a decorated craft pumpkin (not real) by Sept. 31. Pumpkins will be on display from Oct. 1 - 29 for judging by the public. A \$25 prize will be awarded in each of the four categories: scariest, funniest, most creative and best of show. The contest is open to all ages. The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Bradford County Public Library.

Computer classes

Classes designed to teach basic computer skills are being offered at the Bradford County Public Library in September. The classes are free and open to the public. Monday morning classes are being held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 8 and Sept. 15. Tuesday evening classes begin at 6 p.m. and are being held on Sept. 9 and Sept. 16. Classes focused on Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint are being offered later in the month. Register for the classes in person at the circulation desk or by calling 904-368-3911.

Snakes: Friend or foe?

Is your landscape a haven for snakes? Would you know what to look for or how to react when suddenly faced with a snake? Bradford County Public Library is hosting a presentation at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, that will help you identify common snakes, safely deal with snake encounters and prevent "negative" encounters. The discussion will also include important tips on how to "snake-proof" homes and landscapes.

Baby, preschool programs return

On Sept. 10 and 17, Preschool Storytime will return at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Baby Rhymetime will be back at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12 and 19.

Movie day

The library is showing a fantasy film that takes viewers on an adventure to another world. Ages 8 to 16 are invited to "set sail" with us and enjoy an unforgettable experience. Details on the movie, which is based on a book, can be found on www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary. Showtime is at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, which is an early release day for Bradford County students.

Masters of art

Each month attendees will be introduced to famous artistic styles, then use various tools and some imagination to create their own inspired works of art. Supplies will be provided. The program designed for children ages 4 to 8 years is at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22. The program for young adults ages 9 to 19 will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Fairy glow lanterns

Stop by the library after school on Wednesday, Sept. 24, for a fun craft. We will be decorating mason jars with embellishments and making glowing designs on the inside to make it look like "captured fairies" are emitting light. The craft begins at 3:30 p.m., and all supplies are free.

Photography exhibit

A photograph, whether it is

Book sale

Find DVDs, books and audiobooks at bargain prices during the Friends of the Bradford County Public Library Book Sale in October. Shop early for the best selection. The sale will be open to the public for three days: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Quilt Show coming

Applications for Bradford County Public Library's Quilt Show are available at the library during normal business hours. To have an application emailed contact Kathy at 904-368-3921. Quilts will be on exhibit at the library Nov. 1 through Nov. 3. There is no charge for the display space.

Call for vendors

The Friends of the Bradford County Public Library is hosting the Third Annual Holiday Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 22. Outdoor spaces are available at a cost of \$10. There are fewer than five covered outdoor spaces that have a rental cost of \$25. A quick response will be necessary to reserve a covered space.

Applications will be available at the Bradford County Public Library up until the Oct. 17 deadline. To request an application to be emailed to you, call 904-368-3911.

ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

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

We have a pear tree that produces a green and yellow pear about the size of a softball or grapefruit. It is very hard but great for canning. I thought I had the name written down but cannot find it—can you help?

We have another pear tree, which we grew from seeds from another pear. The tree is about 5 years old and 10 feet tall and this is the first year it has produced fruit. If there is one there are at least 1,000 pears on this tree. They are brown in color, the size of a Ping-Pong ball and are not getting any larger. They seem to be growing in clusters.

The pear we got the seeds from was greenish in color, hard but a good canning pear and about the size of a standard pear you can get at the grocery store. Hope you can name this one as well.

Mike Estes, Starke

Mike, thanks so much for your question. I've run two articles about pears in past issues of the Telegraph, but I really haven't had an identification question.

One thing you need to know is that the first pear you describe is definitely a type of Asian pear, which is distinguished from European pears in several ways. Asian pears have a round shape, more like an apple, and hard, crisp flesh when ripe unlike the soft, melting flesh of European pears.

Most apple and pear cultivars are not well adapted to Florida because of their high chilling requirements. Also, fire blight, a bacterial disease, is particularly damaging throughout the southeastern United States and prevents successful production of most soft dessert or

European-style pears.

Oriental or hard pears are tolerant of fire blight and will grow and produce on nearly all soils. These trees can produce fruit for 40 or 50 years, even if abandoned or neglected. Their white blossoms have lovely ornamental value.

There are several Asian pear cultivars that are recommended for Florida. Based on your description, I think pear tree number one is a Pineapple pear. By the way, you usually want to plant more than one pear variety for optimal pollination. Other varieties you may consider are Flordahome and Hood.

As for pear tree number two, pear cultivars are not true to type when grown from seed. Cultivars are usually grafted onto suitable rootstock. I looked up photos for several common rootstocks and thought the fruit of *Pyrus betulaeformis* looked like the fruit you described. Unfortunately, *P. betulaeformis* is an ornamental pear. You have the option of grafting edible varieties on it, or simply enjoying its bloom and foliage.

But, it is possible that your rootstock is something else altogether. Mercy Olmstead, stone fruit extension specialist in Gainesville, said if the fruit is edible and you like it and want bigger fruit, you may consider thinning some of the flowers in the springtime or small fruit after set so that the others remaining on the tree will get larger.

She also suggested the following website which gives descriptions and a few photos of pears that grow in Florida: www.justfruitsandexotics.com/Pears.htm.

These were interesting questions, Mike! Thanks again for submitting them and good luck.



Mary W. Bridgman



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Starke having second budget workshop

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Play volleyball for the cure

Northside Christian Academy

is accepting team entries for the second annual Power in Pink Volleyball Tournament, to raise awareness and money in the fight against breast cancer.

Teams are coed, with a minimum of eight members and at least three female members on the court at all times. Players must be 12 years old and older. The cost to signup is \$10 per team member. Sept. 26 is the registration deadline.

The spectator entry fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, but players and public servants in uniform (police, fire, etc.) enter for free. The Northside gym is located at 7415 NW C.R. 225.

Contact Dede Hill at 904-263-2560 or hillddb777@gmail.com to register your team. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Come shoot with the sheriff

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Sheriff Gordon Smith will host the first Shoot with the Sheriff event at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm in Graham to raise money for local charities.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Shooting begins at 9. Minimum three shooters per squad. The \$75 participation fee includes lunch, which will be served at noon. Lewis Class awards to HOA and three places in classes A, B and C. Bring your own ammo, or purchase on site.

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CASE NO.: 04-2013-DR-349

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RACHEL G. NORMAN, Petitioner
Vs
HOLLIE S. CARLTON, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Lloyd William Gilpin, III
604 Melton Terrace
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition To Dissolve Temporary Custody by Family and a Petition For Change of Name (Minor Children) has been filed and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rachel G. Norman, Petitioner, whose address is 5103 NW 224th Street, Lawley, Florida 32058, on or before the 13 day of September, 2014, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 11 day of August, 2014.

RAY NORMAN
CLERK OF COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2013-CA-000303

Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC, its trustee, Plaintiff,

vs.
William D Bray; Tonya L Bray; Unknown Tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000303 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC, its trustee is the Plaintiff and William D Bray; Tonya L Bray; Unknown Tenants are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the lobby of the courthouse at 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, beginning at 11:00 AM on the October 23, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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Ray Norman
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By: Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 13000544CAAXMX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff
vs.
WILLIAM J. WILSON
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014, entered in 13000544CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM J. WILSON are the Defendants. Ray Norman as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Front Lobby

945 N. Temple Ave, Starke FL 32091, at 11:00 AM on October 23, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11 AND RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 13 MINUTES AND 19 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 73.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD #225; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 32 MINUTES AND 11 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 907.85 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2814.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 497.62 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 83 DEGREES, 27 MINUTES AND 54 SECONDS EAST, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 164.76 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 76 DEGREES, 43 MINUTES AND 01 SECOND EAST TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES, 02 MINUTES AND 23 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 254.84 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES, 06 MINUTES AND 56 SECONDS WEST, 390.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES AND 12 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 367.90 FEET, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE, 13 MINUTES AND 19 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 502.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 21 day of August, 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 – 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke, will sell for CASH to the highest bidder at 1630 N Temple Avenue, Starke, County of Bradford, FL; at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, the 10th day of September 2014, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold, the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
UNIT A001 TONYA S BARNHART
UNIT A013 JOSEPH A HUMAN
UNIT A018 YOLANDA CLARK
UNIT A020 KEITH G TAYLOR
UNIT A027 SANDRA FLORES
UNIT B023 TORI B KELLY
UNIT C001 DORIS BROWN
UNIT D012 QUANTOO SAPP
UNIT H013 YLLAH JOHNSON
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2013-CA-000046
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CH1
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, FAYE I. SCOTT, DECEASED, ET AL,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Aug. 18, 2014, and entered in Case No. 04-2013-CA-000046 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee On Behalf of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH1, Asset Backed Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-CH1, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, Or Other Claimants Claiming By, Through, Under, Or Against, Faye I. Scott, Deceased; Bradford County, Florida; Bradford County, Florida Clerk Of Court; Sarah Ann Crech, As An Heir Of The Estate Of Faye I. Scott, Deceased; Sherri L. Whidden, As An Heir Of The Estate Of Faye I. Scott, Deceased; State Of Florida and Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendants) Who are Not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest In Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on front of the Bradford County Court-

house, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 23rd day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 3 DEGREES, 08 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 50.11 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS CM) LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD S-100-A; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 741.78 FEET TO A CM FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 288 FEET TO A CM; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 10 FEET TO A CM; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 40.98 FEET TO A CM; THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 318.39 FEET TO A CM; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 353.57 FEET TO A CM; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 307.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/A/K/ 15823 SE COUNTY RD 100A, STARKE, FL 32091

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Bradford County, Florida this 21 day of August, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By: Lisa Brannon, Deputy Clerk

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.
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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 – 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Waldo will sell for CASH to the highest bidder at 15540 NE US HWY 301, Waldo, County of Alachua, FL, at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 2014 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
UNIT A023 Linda F Woolwine
UNIT A042 Whitney B Bass
UNIT B007 Candice L Green
UNIT B046 Peter J VROUTOS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 04-2013-CA-000385
Section:

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
BRITTAIN L. BELYEU; ROBBIE A. JOHNSON; TIFFANIE D JOHNSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CITIFINANCIAL INC. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL FINANCE; STAGE FUNDING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 18, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 04-2013-CA-000385 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 30th day of October, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 9, DEERFOOT HAMMOCK UNIT II, LYING IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S01°21'59"E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4 A DISTANCE OF 427.52 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN AND FLORIDA RAILROAD, HAVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S46°31'44"E ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE 840.25 FEET; THENCE RUN S56°38'45"W 1200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S46°31'44"E 518.31 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE SAMPSON RIVER, HAVING AN APPROXIMATE WIDTH OF 40.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S32°58'18"W ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 99.04 FEET; THENCE RUN N46°31'44"W 559.21

FEET; THENCE RUN N56°38'45"E 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND/OR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES OVER THE NORTH-WESTERLY 30.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2007 DESTINY MANUFACTURED HOME SERIAL NUMBER DISH02818A/B

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. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org. Dated at STARKE, Florida this 21 day of August, 2014

Lisa Brannon,
Deputy Clerk
Ray Norman
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Bradford County, FLORIDA
MORRIS HARDWICK SCHNEIDER
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 9409
PHILADELPHIA RD
BALTIMORE, MD 21237
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 04-2013-CA-000541-
CAAX-MX

Division: Civil Division
WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF GREEN TREE 2008-MH1
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARION H. BRIGHT A/K/A MARION L. BRIGHT A/K/A MARIAN BRIGHT A/K/A MARION HOLLENSWORTH BRIGHT, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property located in BRADFORD County, Florida, described as:

The North 102.53 feet of the South 334.53 feet of the West (1/2) of the Southwest (1/4) of the Southwest (1/4) of the Southwest (1/4) of Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE AT an iron pipe at the Southwest Corner of said Section 25 and run North 01 degrees, 23 minutes, 59 seconds West along the West line of said Section 25, a distance of 232.05 feet to an iron rod for

the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 01 degrees, 23 minutes, 59 seconds West, along last said West line, 102.53 feet to an iron rod; thence run North 89 degrees, 46 minutes, 25 seconds East, 270.00 feet to an iron rod; thence run South 01 degrees, 23 minutes, 59 seconds East, 102.53 feet to an iron rod; thence run South 89 degrees, 46 minutes, 25 seconds West, 270.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH a 30 foot wide Easement for Ingress, Egress and Access being in the SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4) of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, lying 30 feet to the left of and parallel to the following described line and being more particularly described as follows; COMMENCE AT an iron pipe at the Southeast Corner of said Section 26 (also being the Southwest Corner of Section 25) and run North 01 degrees, 23 minutes, 59 seconds West, along the East line of said Section 26, a distance of 232.05 feet to an iron rod for the POINT OF BEGINNING of said Easement; thence continue North 01 degrees, 23 minutes, 59 seconds West along said East line, 337 feet, more or less, to an existing fence post at the NE Corner of the SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4); thence run South 89 degrees, 29 minutes, 35 seconds West along the North line of said SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4) of the SE (1/4), a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to a point; thence run North 01 degrees, 22 minutes, 58 seconds West, 671 feet, more or less, to the Southerly right of way line of County Road N.E. 216th Street and the end of said Easement Line.

To include a:
2003 FTWD Vin GAF234A-75913CY22 #0089154327
2003 FTWD Vin GAF234B-75913CY22 #0089154986

Property address:
21314 NE 14th Ave
Lawley, FL 32058

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 945 NORTH TEMPLE AVENUE STARKE, FL 32091, beginning at 11:00 AM on February 19th, 2015.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 21 day of August, 2014.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa/FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:
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chua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case#:2013-CA-000304

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Plaintiff,

-vs.-
Donald Nelson King Jr. a/k/a Donald King and Carrie Jo King f/k/a Carri Jo Hodge, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2013-CA-000304 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Donald Nelson King Jr. a/k/a Donald King and Carrie Jo King f/k/a Carri Jo Hodge, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Ray Norman, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in THE LOBBY AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 945 NORTH TEMPLE AVENUE, STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M. on October 30, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND SITUATED IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFORDE-

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Newly accredited program at SF College expands opportunities for area nurses

The Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing Completion Program (RN to BSN) at Santa Fe College received accreditation in May 2014 from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, enabling the students who entered in 2012 to graduate this past spring from a fully accredited program.

"Our program was judged by CCNE on four criteria—mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching/learning practices, and program effectiveness," explained Director of Nursing Programs Dr. Lois Ellis. The accreditation through June 2019 is the longest span allowed by CCNE for initial accreditation and is a testament to the quality and reputation of Santa Fe College's nursing programs.

The RN to BSN program is designed for working nurses who want to advance their education, boost their salaries and expand their career opportunities. The program enables registered nurses who have earned Associate of Science in nursing degrees from accredited programs to earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing through a flexible online program. Students may attend either full time or part time.

"This program is really geared toward the working nurse," said Scott Fortner, program advisor and recruiter for health sciences. "It's a great option for people who

are working as registered nurses or who have just graduated at that level and want to get their bachelor's degree. Like many of the college's other programs, all ages are represented. Seven of the 19 graduates in the inaugural class were over 50 years old and the class included people who got their degrees years ago and decided to come back to school."

Courses include ethics, research, finance, leadership and management, pharmacology, community health, population-based nursing, cross-cultural impacts on health care, and advanced health assessments.

Students complete 10 three-credit hour classes for a total of 30 credit hours. Entry points are either the Fall A or Spring A terms. Classes are held in mini-terms of 6-7 weeks. Coursework is completed primarily online and technical support is available for all students. On-campus class sessions are condensed into one week and course schedules are published a year in advance, so students can arrange their time accordingly. Full-time students complete the program in one year, part-time students in two years. Working nurses are encouraged to design required class projects around situations they encounter in their jobs.

"Our faculty members have been creative in designing this innovative program so that it's flexible," said Ellis. "Students can opt out of one mini-session

and start back again in the next session."

Ellis expects interest in the program from area health care organizations, including those that have or are interested in pursuing Magnet status, which is conferred by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as the ultimate credential for high-quality nursing.

"In the last five years, there has been a strong push for higher education for nurses," Ellis explained. "The Institute of Medicine has challenged the nursing profession to have 80 percent of nurses at the bachelor's level by 2020 and this program responds to that challenge, particularly in the areas of community health and population-based nursing."

A link to information about the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion program may be found online at <http://www.sfcollege.edu/healthsciences>.

Because of the specialized nature of the RN to BSN program, individuals are required to consult with an academic advisor when applying for admission. Prospective students should call the Santa Fe College Health Sciences Counseling Office at 352-395-5650.

Health care employers and others who would like to learn more may call Dr. Lois Ellis, director of nursing programs, at 352-395-5731.

Opinion: Social Security celebrates 79 years

BY MICHAEL GROCHOWSKI
Social Security Regional Commissioner

For the past 79 years, Social Security has maintained its place as an American cornerstone. Secure as its foundation is, Social Security has also been at the forefront of change. As the face of America has evolved over the course of the last eight decades, so too has Social Security changed along with the needs of the nation.

On Aug. 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that Social Security "represents a cornerstone in a structure which is being built but is by no means complete. It is, in short, a law that will take care of human needs and at the same time provide the United States an economic structure of vastly greater soundness."

The Social Security Act that President Roosevelt signed that day covered a limited number of workers in commerce and industry and provided only retirement benefits.

Today, Social Security is much more than a retirement program. It provides benefits to disabled individuals and their families and benefits to widows, widowers and the minor children of deceased workers. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) helps aged and disabled people who have low income and limited resources. We have work incentives to help those people with disabilities go to work. Social Security even provides help with Medicare prescription drug costs. In so many ways, Social Security benefits America.

Social Security works because it is an enduring agreement between generations. It is arguably our government's most important program, and quite possibly the strongest expression of community our nation has. For 79 years, Social Security has made a tremendous and positive difference in the lives of millions, and this is certainly something to celebrate.

Learn more about Social Security's rich history at www.socialsecurity.gov/history. Become a part of Social Security's history by choosing to do business with us online at www.socialsecurity.gov/

onlineservices.

4-H looking for leaders

Bradford County 4-H has sent out the call for volunteers to lead local clubs, in particular in the areas of livestock and shooting sports. If you're interested, contact 904-966-6224 or nistlerd@ufl.edu.

Hula-Hoop for health

Recognizing September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, the Department of Children and Families' Office of Child Care Regulation and Background Screening has kicked off a special Hula-Hoop challenge to child care providers across Florida.

"Our department is teaming up with child care providers across the state to encourage children to be active, get moving and support healthy lifestyles at an early age," DCF Interim Secretary Mike Carroll said.

This year's theme, Healthy Options for Obesity Prevention (HOOP), challenges child care providers to be creative with Hula-Hoops — jump through hoops, roll hoops, run through hoops, make an obstacle course out of hoops, relay race and hand off hoops, yoga with hoops, dance with hoops, toss hoops, and more.

Videos, recipes, tips and photos submitted to the department will be posted on DCF's social media websites.

With obesity-related problems affecting the health and future of Florida's children, the department started a program in 2012 to provide resources and training to child care providers and families across the state to help prevent childhood obesity. The PREVENT Obesity initiative Provides Resources, Evidence, Valuable Education and Training to reach child care providers throughout Florida.

The PREVENT Obesity initiative seeks to be a catalyst in the fight against childhood obesity by ensuring child care providers are equipped with quality education, best practices and tools in the three proven areas directly linked to obesity prevention: nutrition, physical activity and limiting screen time. Tips include portion and nutritional information, sample

menus and alternative activities to screen time.

Get Medicare info at senior center

Medicare open enrollment will soon be here. Are you confused about Medicare and prescription plans or unhappy with the plan you have? Get the information you need to make the best decisions about your Medicare.

A representative from SHINE, Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders, will be at the Bradford County Senior Center to explain what you need to know about Medicare. Get informed at the Medicare 101 class Friday, Sept. 5, at 1:30 p.m.

The Bradford County Senior 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.

Bradford NAACP calls meeting

The Bradford County NAACP will be hosting a call meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford County Public Library, 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke.

This meeting is requested by George Young, director for Area 5. The chairperson for the meeting will be pastor Dr. James Jones, 904-263-8719. The public is invited.

Democrats holding open house

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Bradford County Democrats Executive Committee will be hosting an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. at the RJE Alumni Tiger's Place, formerly known as the Reno Recreation Center at the corner of Keller and Pine streets in Starke.

Meet and greet candidates running for office in November's general election, get information about restoration of voter rights, and meet and share ideas with other Democrats. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Paul or Kathy Still at 904-368-0291.

Free computer classes at senior center

The Bradford County Senior Center is going to begin a series of free computer classes for seniors. If you are 50 years of age or older and want to learn the how to use a computer or brush up on your computer skills, then these classes are for you.

The classes will be held every Wednesday this month from 2-4 p.m. The first class is Basic Computers. Next in the series will be Internet for Beginners on Sept. 10. The following week will be about email. On Wednesday, Sept. 24, learn how to make greeting cards, banners, awards

and much more with Microsoft Word.

Seating is limited so please call 904-368-3955 to sign up.

The Bradford County Senior 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.

Minimizing snake encounters

Due to popularity of the class and because there have been a lot of snake encounters this year, the Bradford County Extension

Service is partnering with the Bradford County Library and Senior Center to host two free workshops on dealing with snakes.

The first will be held at the Bradford Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m.

The second will be held at the Bradford County Senior Center on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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Bowen: touching lives through genuine care

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

Touching people's lives doesn't take a lot of money, nor does it take power and influence; all that is necessary is presence, time and a genuine caring for the people you encounter and one Starke woman has all three of these qualities in vast supply.

Lieselotte Bowen, known as Nana to her many friends, works at Downtown Fitness (formerly S&J Fitness), signing in members, caring for the plants and offering motivation and

"grandmothering" to anyone who needs it. She has been there since 1995, when her husband, Perry, died and she needed something to do.

"My daughter-in-law, Shelly Bowen, was the aerobics instructor there and she talked to then owner Sue McClellan and got me the job," Bowen said.

"She keeps the place honest," Shawn Jenkins, the current owner said. "Nothing has ever come up missing. She is the glue that holds this place together."

"She's a makeshift grandmother for anyone

who needs one — there really aren't many old-fashioned grandmothers out there anymore. She encourages people, gives them compliments and is the first person to notice when one of the young people is sad or down. She talks to them and helps them solve what is bothering them."

Bowen was born in Bavaria in 1928. She has many memories from the German occupation of that country during World War II, but said she is trying to forget most of it.

"There are too many stories of survival," Bowen said. "It was all so senseless and sad, I really don't want to remember most of it."

Bowen did, however, offer a couple of stories about that time.

"When I was a little girl, about 10 or 11 I suppose, I heard my parents talking about being worried if we would have enough food for the family," Bowen remembered. "I didn't know it was illegal to go and beg for food, so I went down the road a little to a farm and knocked on the door. I had just started to ask them when they pulled me inside and questioned me if I had been followed or seen anyone near me. I told them no. They made me stay with them for quite a while, then sent me out the backdoor with food, just as the police were knocking on the front door."

Bowen said that after that, she learned to be more careful when she went after food. When her family ran short, she would go and get milk, potatoes and vegetables from the neighbors, or else some of the farmers would give her food stamps to get some.

Bowen shared another memory concerning her father, a railroad worker in Bavaria for many years.

"During the war, they sent

prisoners to work on the railroad and my father ended up being one of the men supervising them," Bowen said. "He didn't treat them badly like many did, but tried to be as good to them as he could. When the weather started to get cold, he gave my mother some money for yarn and told her to knit socks for the men because they couldn't work with their feet cold. She made somewhere between 12 and 15 pairs.

"The men never forgot that my father was good to them. After the war, when the prisoners were released, a group of them went around to the people who had overseen prisoners and punished them for their cruelty. They killed a man for having been cruel to prisoners, right in front of his family. Some people told my dad that they were coming to talk to him and we were all so afraid, but he said he had nothing to be afraid of since he had been good to the prisoners who worked for him.

"These prisoners did not know my father and they were ready to kill him when some of his workers showed up and stopped them, saying that my father had been good to them. He came home very happy that in the middle of all that trouble the men took the time to speak up for him and acknowledge his kindness."

Bowen met her future husband in Germany and they fell in love. He was in the Army Special Forces and, in 1956, when his tour was almost up, he told her she needed to marry him soon so she could travel back to the United States with him. She said yes and the newlyweds set up housekeeping at the Army post in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Bowen said that when she first came to the U.S., she had to "get



Lieselotte "Nana" Bowen with her good friend and boss, Downtown Fitness owner Shawn Jenkins.

used to the way things were done here." She said she got much of her education in both being an American and in speaking English from the television.

"I would watch the people on TV and do things the way they did," Bowen said. "If I saw something I didn't understand, or a heard a word I wasn't sure of, I would write it down and my husband would explain it to me that night when he got home."

Bowen said there were quite a few German women on the post, but they rarely got together. She said she did socialize with her neighbors, getting together for coffee in the mornings.

"There was this one woman who would say she only wanted half a cup of coffee, so my husband found a cup for her that said 'half a cup,'" Bowen said. "I still have that cup at my house."

The couple stayed at Ft. Bragg for two years, then returned to

Babenhause, Germany for her husbands last two years before retirement. When they got back to the states, Perry wanted to return to his native Ohio and work in the state prison system.

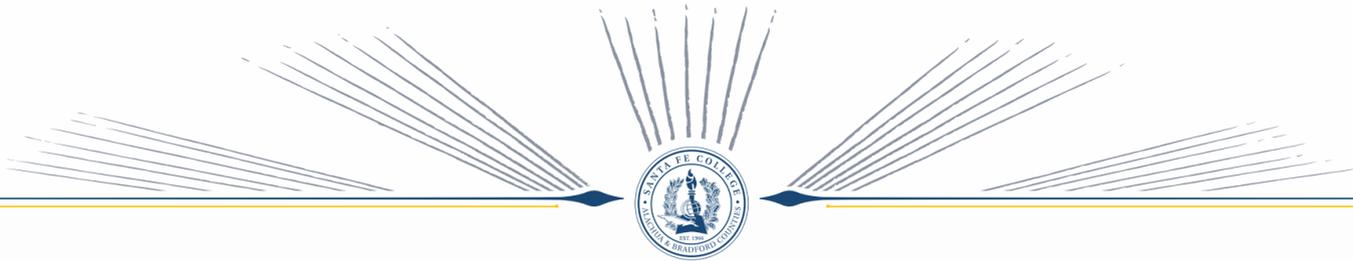
"He applied before he separated from the service and they turned him down because they said he was six inches too short," Bowen said. "There was a lieutenant that knew him and said that he could help if we would be willing to move to Florida. My husband said yes and was hired by Florida State Prison and we moved the family to Starke."

The couple had four children, three of whom are still living: Tom Bowen, of Starke, Mike Bowen, of Gainesville, and Patricia McCray, of Maxville. It was from her children that Bowen learned to read and write

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"Nana" Bowen plucked a plant growing near Alligator Creek and transplanted it to her yard, only to find it was a surprising plant indeed. It's grown to more than twice her height and is full of bright yellow blossoms. Judging by the picture, Jim DeValerio, a UF extension agent in Bradford County, said it's likely a narrow-leaf sunflower, also known as a swamp sunflower. (Photo taken in October 2007.)



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Beautifully painted murals adorn the walls of the veterans' dorm at Union Correctional Institution. The dorm houses approximately a quarter of the institution's 430 veterans.



UCI to host pilot program to help veterans

Inmates will mentor those at risk of incarceration

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Union Correctional Institution will soon host an inmate mentoring program as part of Duval County's Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) pre-trial diversion program. The UCI-based program is a pilot project that organizers hope to take nationally.

On Aug. 15, representatives from the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) chapters of Clay County (#1059) and Duval County (#1046) and the Florida State Council, along with officials from the Fourth Judicial Circuit, got a first-hand look at UCI and its programs. They then met with and spoke to the 28 inmates—veterans themselves—who have volunteered to mentor newly convicted veterans "on the outside" who are at risk of being incarcerated.

Gary Newman, president and founder of the Clay County VVA in Middleburg, founded the program, which provides a chance to give back.

"The Vietnam Veterans (of America) logo is, 'Never will one generation of veterans leave another behind,' and in my view, these veterans in the prison system have been lost for 50 years plus," Newman said. "It's

just my way of trying to help our inmate veterans give back to society and, for the people that are assigned to the pre-trial diversion program, to keep them out of prison.

"In the long run it's a win-win for everybody. The taxpayer dollars that are going to be saved—you're looking, over a five-year period—could be hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Nothing in particular necessarily prompted Newman to hatch the program about six months ago, though he was inspired by the "Scared Straight" programs he kept hearing about that have come under scrutiny. "I just thought, well maybe we could do something like that without all the intimidation factor—just a one-on-one between veterans," Newman said. "I named the program, 'Veterans Interaction Program (VIP).' It may be called something else on down the road, but that's what I'd like to see because it's veterans interacting with veterans."

It's also an outshoot of his first foray into the prison when he started a Vietnam Veterans of America incarcerated chapter (#1080) at UCI about a year ago, and "it just kind of took off from there."

At last count, UCI houses 430 veterans with 96—or nearly a quarter—of those living in a special veterans dorm with

walls adorned with beautifully painted murals and military insignia representing all the major branches of the U.S. armed forces. Each inmate's military awards are posted on his door. The inmates are expected to maintain their cells according to military standards. And they lead the inmate military holiday programs like Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Newman spoke at UCI's Veterans Day ceremony last year.

One veteran representative observed that throughout UCI, some cells, or "living quarters," as he called them, "are bigger than are those on an aircraft carrier." But that's small consolation to those facing the prospect of prison.

Newman said the program provides a win-win situation all the way around.

The inmate veterans "feel productive that they're giving back to society, and, hopefully, the at-risk veteran is going to make some adjustments in his life to insure he doesn't wind up (at UCI)," Newman explained.

On average 125 veterans are arrested in Duval County alone.

John A. Sampson III is the magistrate overseeing the new UCI-based pilot program as an offshoot of the VTC, which has already demonstrated success through other initiatives.

According to the Florida Times-Union, "The yearlong

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Green moving after 17 years at Shands Starke Medical

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Dr. Bonnie Green of Shands Starke Medical Group is looking forward to starting a new chapter in her life, but at the same time, it's tough to leave behind the relationships that have developed after 17 years of practice.

"I tell people, 'I'm really excited, but I'm really sad.' 'Bittersweet' is a word I've been using a lot," she said.

Green and her family are moving to Brevard, North Carolina, where Green has accepted a position with Blue Ridge Community Health. Her family is familiar with the area, which has been an integral part of her three children's lives. Her children—Georgia, Alex and Graham—have attended a Christian outdoor adventure camp in North Carolina every summer for the past seven years. They enjoy such activities that aren't available to them in Florida—mountain biking and whitewater rafting.

"We do it for our kids," said Green, whose last day at Shands Starke Medical Group is Sept. 4. "We do everything for our kids."

Green, who also has a brother who lives in North Carolina, said she and her husband, Lex, have said to each other many times, "Why don't we move up here? This is such a nice place."

It has been an emotional time for Green, who has been telling patients every day that she's moving. One patient who had a recent appointment cried the whole time.

As she wrote in letters mailed to her patients, they have become her friends over the years. She has seen patients in and out of the office, whether it's been at the grocery store or having someone stop by her home with a question. She even has patients send her text messages.

"It's sad to see all these patients and tell them I'm leaving," Green said.

Choosing a career in health care would seem to have been a natural choice for Green. Her father was a pediatrician and is now a radiologist who is still working in his 80s. Her mother was a nurse.

However, after her first college chemistry class, Green said she believed she wasn't cut out to be

Dr. Bonnie Green (left), who is pictured with her nurse at Shands Starke Medical Group, Melanie Deuel, is moving with her family to Brevard, North Carolina.



a doctor. "Imajoredincommunications," she said. "I worked for about a year and a half. I was working (in a job) recruiting college students to my alma mater, to Mercer (University.)"

Her boss wasn't very nice, Green admitted, so she decided to go to med school, though it was a decision she debated for some time. In talking to a college recruiter about her concerns, the recruiter asked her why she was debating the decision. Green's answer was that she'd be 30 when she finished her residency.

"You're going to be 30 anyway," the recruiter told Green. "You might as well be a doctor."

Green met her future husband, Lex, whose home was Bradford County, while they were both students at Mercer. They dated throughout Green's time in med school and eventually married a week before her graduation.

After Green graduated, the couple moved to Bradford County. Green's medical residency training took place at the University of Florida. She said the director of her residency program became the overseer of

all of Shands' offices. He asked Green if she was interested in working at Shands Starke. The answer was an obvious "yes."

As someone who grew up in a medical family, Green did learn a bit of advice along the way. She said the most important things she learned were to listen to her patients and to put Jesus Christ at the center of her practice because he is the "ultimate physician."

By the time Green was old enough to observe her father at work, he was a radiologist who didn't have much interaction with patients. However, the few times he did interact with patients, Green saw an individual who truly cared for people and took the time to explain things fully to them. He's a good listener, Green said, adding that she has thought, "Wow, it's a shame he's reading x-rays all day long because he's really good with patients."

Green, too, cares for her patients. She has never been one to discourage them from approaching her or contacting her outside of the office.

"It doesn't bother me," Green

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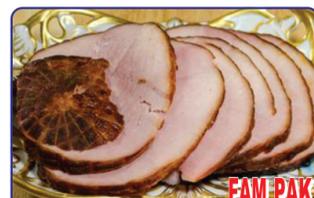
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Kiser honored for compassion, godly service

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Emanuel “Joe” Kiser received one physical award of excellence, presented by Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, but he received many more such awards in the form of testimony by those who turned out for a recognition program in his honor on Aug. 31 at the Florida National Guard armory on Edwards Road in Starke.

The event, sponsored by Smith, Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Mt. Moriah Community Church Pastor

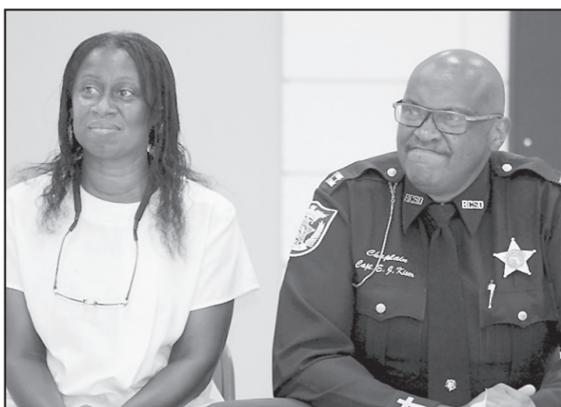
Edward Hines and True Vine Ministries Pastor Ross Chandler, paid tribute to a man who served more than 33 years in law enforcement. Those who spoke highly of Kiser talked of someone who has touched many lives, whether it was in his various law-enforcement roles, as a pastor or being a positive leader by example.

“He has really been a great influence on our community,” Chandler said.

Kiser, retiring as a captain from the Bradford County Sheriff’s Office, received an award from Smith that was engraved with the following words: “For serving our communities as a deputy sheriff, Christian and pastor with tireless efforts given to you to help our community. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty for over 33 years.”

Smith said Kiser truly fulfilled the law-enforcement role of serving people. He treated everyone the same, regardless of race or situation in life.

“He loves people—poor, rich, black, white (or) any other color,” Smith said. “Joe loves people.”



Emanuel “Joe” Kiser and his wife, Cassandra, listen to some of the kind words shared at the Aug. 31 recognition.

Newly elected school board member Sheila Fayson Cummings said she remembered when Kiser moved to Bradford County and became her family’s neighbor. He made quite an impression on her father, even though Kiser had yet to establish his roots in the county.

He made quite an impression on Cummings at the time, and is still making an impression. She said Kiser is the type of person who will do anything for

anyone.

“He has been a wonderful neighbor and a wonderful role model for this community who we can all take lessons from—male, female, young and old.”

Joann Jackson spoke to the impact Kiser had at Bradford High School as a school resource officer. She said Kiser treated every student the same, adding, “They respected him. He demanded that respect.”

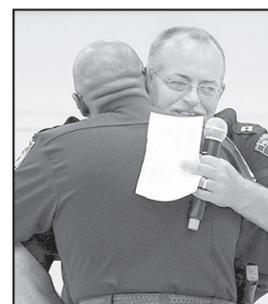
Union County Superintendent

of Schools Carlton Faulk worked closely with Kiser when Faulk was the principal at Bradford High School. Faulk said the easy way out in dealing with problem students at school is to suspend or expel them from school, just as the easy way out in dealing with people in law enforcement is to put them in jail. However, Kiser believed in reaching out to individuals. Faulk said at the school, Kiser’s goal was to “motivate young men and women to be productive and successful in life.”

“Joe Kiser was a master at that,” Faulk said. “He helped me with kids I could not reach. All I had to do was radio Officer Kiser. He’d help me with that kid.”

Faulk told the crowd to make no mistake—Kiser was “tough.” The bottom line, though, was the fact that “he loved those kids.”

Pamela Fayson spoke of getting to know Kiser when she was a student at Bradford High School and how he was there for her through trials in life. She



“I want to be like you,” Starke Police Capt. Barry Warren said before giving Joe Kiser a hug.



Joe Kiser enjoys a laugh with Pastor Edward Hines Sr.



Elzie Sanders (left) and Joe Kiser share an embrace.

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program brings offenders with honorable discharges from the U.S. military together with treatment programs provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to hopefully divert them from the traditional judicial system and incarceration. The participants cannot be charged with violent or sex crimes.”

“The program began in 2012 as an offshoot of drug and mental health court with a ‘healthy skepticism’ by many in the court system about need and cost, according to the Public Defender’s Office coordinator for military and veterans affairs, John Holzbaun.

“It’s not a large amount of money,” Holzbaun, a 23-year Navy veteran himself, said. “It’s connecting folks with services they’re already eligible for through the VA...You’re going to pay for a guy no matter what. If you incarcerate a guy for a year, it’s \$20,000. If you treat a person for a year, it’s \$7,000. And you keep that person functioning in society and keep their families together.”

A year ago, last spring, VTC was awarded a \$350,000 federal grant.

The Florida Bar News quoted Public Defender Matt Shirk as saying that the other 80 or so jurisdictions around the country “that operate a VTC are reporting as low as a zero recidivism rate... while all others proudly say that very few participants re-offend.”

The UCI-based mentor program adds another facet to this growing, successful program designed to help veterans reconnect.

“One of the most significant problems is adapting from military to civilian life. They often isolate themselves and they feel alone. They don’t feel like there’s anybody to help them. They miss camaraderie of the military service,” Sampson said. “So hopefully, these inmates can communicate to them that they’re not alone, that there

are opportunities, that there are brothers out there who are willing to help them through these difficult times. That it would be a better choice for them to admit they’re scared, alone, afraid, hopeless, and seek help, assistance to reach out.

“So that we can show the younger people that are coming through the criminal justice system that there is an opportunity to lead a different life. To get back to the pride that they felt in service—the sense of esprit de corps, brotherhood—we’re trying to tap into that,” Sampson continued. “Hopefully by these (inmates) they can communicate that they didn’t have that, they didn’t have those opportunities and that now, with these benefits, they have the opportunity to lead a productive life and not be stuck (in prison) for the rest of their life.”

Many inmates at UCI, including veterans, are “lifers,” according to Warden Diane Andrews. She’s actually a “lifer” herself, employment-wise, having started at UCI in 1981.

Perhaps surprisingly, it’s not just combat veterans experiencing difficulties such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

“The trauma can take many forms,” Sampson said, “and surprisingly the relief effort by U.S. military personnel going to Haiti after the earthquake—they suffered some traumatic events to the extent that they suffered PTSD.

“PTSD is a trauma, and it doesn’t have to be only combat. It can be caring for the wounded, caring for victims of any kind disaster—they can cause those kinds of problems.”

The Clay County VVA “came to us with this particular project, and hopefully we can use it to facilitate our courts, and hopefully what we learn here we can use in other healing courts,” Sampson added. “Because most of the people that are in adult drug court and mental health court have suffered some sort of trauma that may or may not lead to PTSD. So hopefully we can



Veterans Intervention Program founder Gary Newman speaks to the inmates who have volunteered to mentor recently convicted fellow veterans trying to stay out of prison.

use it as an innovate approach to help a lot of different people.”

Newman, who’s been in the thick of it, can relate. The 20-year U.S. Navy veteran served on seven destroyers during his career and did two tours in Vietnam.

Back in August 1964, Newman served in Vietnam on the USS Maddox in the Gulf of Tonkin incident. He volunteered to go back for a second tour, 1967-68, on the river boats in the Mekong Delta.

It was a rough assignment, he

agreed, but it’s not as rough as prison life. Surprisingly, that kind of life has actually saved some, according to Administrative Capt. C.J. Jackowski, who led the tour at UCI.

“For a lot of reasons they’ve come in here, and prison has saved their life,” he said. “You know they couldn’t make it on the street. They come in here and they find something they couldn’t find on the street—maybe a family, maybe other inmates or maybe just the facility itself—but they find something they can cling on to. They finally have something they can relate to. And we try to use that as an avenue that there’s things on the outside too.”

At the end of the tour, Newman addressed the inmates who have volunteered to serve as mentors.

“Remember what I said to you: Look to your left, look to your right; that’s your brother. Take good care of each and every one of you, OK?...I appreciate every one of you,” he said.

Andrews also thanked them for volunteering for the program.

“I know that it means a lot to each one of you. And I’m sure that in your past you wished someone would have come and talked to you,” she said. “So it means a lot, what you’re doing. If you can keep one soul out of here, that’s a good thing.

“So thank you for what you’re doing and for doing the right thing. It will mean something

to somebody, and it might save somebody’s life.

“Appreciate it, very, very much.”

Next month the at-risk veterans will meet with the inmates for the first time.

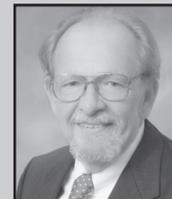
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Depression and its companion: suicide

Note: In 2012, Florida suicides numbered 2,922, of which 626 were veterans.

BLAM! The sound of gunfire broke the quiet solitude of the late afternoon, followed by a long silence. Before the sound of the falling body hitting the floor was heard, the victim was forever dead. He was right-handed, so he had held the gun to his right temple and pulled the trigger. His last thought was, "It isn't going to hurt anymore."

He was right in that respect; he would never feel physical pain, or mental anguish, again. It is too bad that his family can't enjoy the same feeling of release. The fact is, he doesn't feel anything; he is dead.

The self-inflicted gunshot was not a spur-of-the-moment incident, nor was it an accident. It may have been planned weeks earlier, with the victim purchasing a gun with which to do the job, indicating long-term planning, or—as in many cases—the victim used a gun already on the premises.

Would-be suicides will always find a way to get the job done. However, other methods are used with certainty, such as poison, the method of choice for females. Men, by and large, resort to firearms, but there are those that find novel ways to exit life in this world.

Many self-destructive people attempt to make the suicide appear to be an accidental death, in hopes the family may collect a settlement from an insurance company, but insurance officials are savvy to such plans and aren't often taken with such plans.

Suicide may be caused by other situations, but a careful study of the circumstances will reveal that the victim was suffering from depression, also known as "black dog," "black ass," "blues" and other descriptive names. They all mean the same thing, coined by different groups of people, in every society.

Strangely enough, the malady knows no boundaries; individuals from all walks of life are subject to the forlorn feeling that engulfs the would-be suicide. Financial situations are at times the trigger for a bout of depression/suicide, but other things are often the deciding factor in the fatal decision.

Romantic situations gone sour have contributed to suicide as much as any other one thing, as have financial situations or life-threatening situations. Old age, or loneliness that often accompanies old age, becomes more than some people can bear, and they seek a way out. It has been said that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. One would do well to keep that old adage in mind, all the while keeping another old adage in mind: "This, too, shall pass."

Everyone from every walk of life has down days of feeling blue for no good reason; for normal people, the feeling will pass in a couple of days. When the feeling becomes persistent or long lasting, then outside help is essential. It is not a sign of weakness to seek help for the malady. The brain can fall heir to illness—the same as other body organs—and it is also treatable. It should be no stigma to consult a psychiatrist, who is a psychologist with a medical degree.

I have personal knowledge of two people who suffered with long-range depression—a male and a female, one elderly and the other middle-aged. Both were family oriented with younger family members to care for them, although at the time they did not know what to do, or where to turn. A knowledgeable friend told them of a doctor and small sanatorium in Jacksonville that was successfully treating patients suffering from deep depression. Both visited the doctor, were admitted to the clinic for treatment and came out with a new look on life, living a normal life for several years. Those of us who knew them well and kept in touch with them as long as they lived were well-pleased with the improved lifestyle they enjoyed for several years afterward.

Don't suffer long-term depression. It can be successfully treated. If you have a friend or relative who is constantly suffering the blues, get help for him or her immediately. I believe every suicide can be traced back to depression, even though neither the victim nor family member knows any reason for the feeling; it is simply a part of living and needs to be recognized and treated before it overwhelms the individual.

*Buster Rahn
Telegraph editorialist*

LETTERS

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Time for war on terrorists

Dear Editor:

Once again it is being demonstrated that all it takes to neutralize the mightiest (for now) nation on earth is one amateur in the right place. Our current president gives lip-service to a reign of terror being conducted against Christians, and others, in the Middle East. What has thus far been authorized to deal with this situation is far from adequate. Mr. Obama seems more interested in executing a drive and a putt than a meaningful response to those who would destroy us.

War has been declared on us. The barbaric beheading of an American journalist is just the latest in a long series of attacks on our land and our people. What does it take to get the attention of this president—and the rest of our government? Will we wait until a nuclear or biological catastrophe wipes out a million or more of us?

We should immediately declare war on all known jihadist terrorist entities, no matter where they are or what they call themselves. A comprehensive plan should be put in place to decimate every one of them to whatever extols humanly possible. Attack them where they live (hide), where they train, where they worship, where they openly pursue innocent victims. If we have any real allies left, they should be cajoled into assisting in this war.

Anyone who believes that these fanatics can be reasoned with is simply a fool. When these murderers say that they plan to take over the planet, they are dead serious. There is no alternative plan, no options to employ. They fully intend to do what they say.

And it may not always require weapons to accomplish their goal. (According to the Elliott School of International Affairs, the United Kingdom ranks as the fourth most Islamic country in the world.)

The longer we wait to get serious about this threat, the more difficult it will be to win.

It's time, not to draw a line in the sand, but to do whatever it takes to defeat—and I mean DEFEAT—these people. We have more resources than any entity on this planet. Let's use them to work with those who agree with us. Let's use them to stop, and then roll back these psychopaths. Bomb them back to the Stone Age!!

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LETTERS

EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

Perhaps previous letter wasn't direct enough

Dear Editor:

Mr. Steven Spitzer takes issue with a recent letter from me on these pages. Many of his comments, however, are puzzling and/or downright confusing.

First of all, I question whether Mr. Spitzer read my entire letter, because there is nothing there to imply that compassion should not be shown to anyone, children or adults. I even reference Proverbs 26 and state that I am all in for that. However, to use the concept of compassion to manipulate people; well, that's another story. Next, his assertion that abortion should not be brought into this discussion is outrageous. He says, "This is about human children, alive and out in the world..." So—Mr. Spitzer obviously does not believe that a baby in the womb is human and alive. From the excerpts I just read from medical textbooks, I'd say he's very wrong about that.

I'm really perplexed by Mr. Spitzer's claim that non-Christians are treated as less than equals in our country. This means that laws are being broken, so I would encourage Mr. Spitzer to report what he knows to Eric Holder at the US Dept. of Injustice.

Then Mr. Spitzer states that the LGBT community is also not being treated as equals, but he's actually right about that. Our current administration has given this tiny percentage of people the license and encouragement to work to make sure I can use any restroom or locker room I wish, to change the actual definition of marriage, etc., etc. Obviously, then, these people are being treated, not as equals, but rather as some kind of royalty. How's that for inequality!

Perhaps the problem here is that I just wasn't direct enough in my first letter, so let's try again,

This country has no functioning, southern border, even though the law says we should. That is because our current president and his minions refuse to enforce the law. (Not the first time that's happened—look up Defense of Marriage Act.) The law is openly not being enforced so that people of all persuasions and ages can enter the USA as they like. (I wonder—does that mean we don't actually have a nation, since we have no border?) This is being allowed so that, one way or the other, these intruders can be given a path to becoming actual citizens of our country, whether Congress, or the people, like it or not. When that happens, a big smile will appear on the faces of most Democrats in this

country because most polling shows that, at an 8 to 1 ratio, these newly minted voters will select the names with a "D" next to them on the ballots. (I wonder. Would having millions of new Democrat voters "change" our country?)

The focus on the recent influx of "unaccompanied" minors—abandoned according to our laws—is just a cover to justify the open borders because now this entire enterprise can be wrapped in the mantle of compassion. (Aren't the Democrats regular sweethearts? I could just hug them to death.) It also diverts attention away from the fact that all kinds of interesting non-minors continue to enter this country.

Of course Mr. Spitzer ignores certain basic facts about this entire fiasco. Like, who gets to pay for all this. This country will spend over \$500 billion more than it takes in during 2014. Our

third largest expense is paying the interest on our present \$17 trillion + debt.

We don't have enough jobs for the people already in this country. Our school systems are already overburdened. Etc., etc.

Is any of this improved by allowing thousands of people to cross the border at will? Can we just continue to do this indefinitely without seeing dire consequences? Are we acting responsibly toward our own children and grandchildren by allowing this to go on and on? Do we need to actually control our own border? And, while I'm at it, is if the old one is discarded, what is the new definition of marriage anyway?

I challenge Mr. Spitzer, or anyone else. Go ahead. Actually answer these last five questions. Please.

*Leonard C. Young
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Suwannee hands Tornadoes 38-0 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Visiting Suwannee scored three touchdowns of 20 yards or more and held the Bradford High School offense in check most of the night en route to handing the Tornadoes a season-opening 38-0 loss on Aug. 29.

Bradford head coach Corey Green said he knew Suwannee—a Class 5A team that fell by one point in overtime to perennial state power Madison County in a preseason classic—would be a tough matchup. However, he said if the players keep giving the same effort he saw against Suwannee, then the Tornadoes will get better.

“(Suwannee) is one of the better football teams we’ll face this year,” Green said. “We’re looking for improvement each and every day, and then every week going into the next ball game. If these kids do what they did tonight, then we’ll get better every week.”

Most of Bradford’s 123 yards of offense came on the ground (92 yards), with quarterback Jacob Luke gaining 47 yards on 14 carries.

After a promising game-opening drive, the Bradford offense was held to 75 yards and crossed its own 35-yard line just once.

The Tornadoes received the opening kickoff and picked up one first down before Aundre Carter took a pass from Luke and turned it into a 31-yard gain to the Suwannee 36. Three plays later, though, Suwannee’s Trevon Crowley picked off a pass and returned it approximately 50 yards to the Bradford 23.

Suwannee wasted no time taking advantage, scoring two plays later on Aaron McAllister’s 20-yard run. McAllister eluded

Bradford’s Toddreke Reed finishes off a tackle of Suwannee’s Dee Coleman behind the line of scrimmage. Bradford defenders Trevor Shannahan and Corey Robinson are also pictured.



two tackles in the backfield before sprinting down the sideline for a touchdown at the 7:06 mark of the first quarter. Trevor Ross’ PAT put the Bulldogs up 7-0.

McAllister’s touchdown run was one of eight plays that netted 20 yards or more for the Bulldogs. Quarterback Steven Anderson had another of those 20-plus-yard plays on the Bulldogs’ next possession when he broke free for a 38-yard run to the Bradford 32. The Tornadoes were also hit with a personal foul penalty on the play, which moved Suwannee 15 yards closer to scoring. Running back Denzel Washington dragged defenders on an 11-yard run to the 6. Washington, who gained 92 yards on 10 carries, eventually scored on a 3-yard run as Suwannee built a 14-0 lead with 3:08 remaining in the first quarter.

Bradford’s ensuing possession showed promise. An offside penalty on a third-down play gave the Tornadoes a first down at their own 31. Runs of 5 and 6 yards by Carter and Luke, respectively, resulted in another first down at the 42. A penalty, though, put Bradford in a long-yardage situation. Luke did have a 12-yard run on third down to set up fourth-and-2 at the 50, but the Tornadoes punted.

It was the last time Bradford would even come close to midfield.

The Bulldogs put another score on the board before

halftime when McAllister caught a pass between two defenders and turned it into a 50-yard touchdown with 1:11 left in the second quarter.

Suwannee’s Anderson had another long run that put the Bulldogs into Bradford territory. Two consecutive offside penalties on the Tornadoes gave later gave Suwannee first-and-5 at the Bradford 13.

Bradford’s defense, though, rose to the occasion. Toddreke Reed dropped Washington for a 1-yard loss on first down, followed by Carter tackling a runner for a 3-yard loss on the next play. Reed, Johnny Hernandez and Don Jeffers then combined for another tackle behind the line of scrimmage, forcing the Bulldogs to settle for Ross’ 35-yard field goal, which put Suwannee up 24-0 at the 8:28 mark of the third quarter.

The Tornadoes did gain a first down on their first series of the half when Suwannee was flagged for roughing the punter, but penalties backed Bradford up to their own 1-yard line. A 32-yard punt from there gave the Bulldogs another prime opportunity, and they cashed in on Washington’s 33-yard touchdown run, putting the score at 31-0 with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter.

A Bradford fumble was recovered by Suwannee at the Tornadoes’ 33-yard line, but the Bulldogs were unable to capitalize, despite having first-and-goal at the 7. Reed made three tackles behind the line of scrimmage, while Carlton

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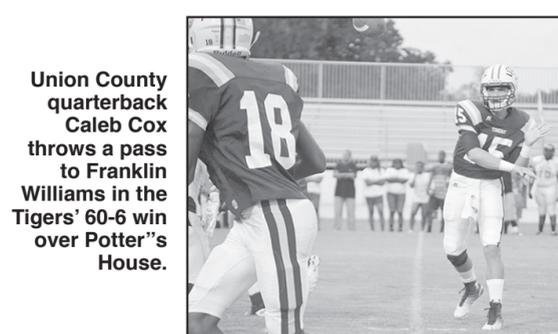
Tigers maul Lions 60-6

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The Union County High School Tigers football team opened the regular season with a 60-6 rout of the visiting Potter’s House Christian Academy Lions on Aug. 29.

Head coach Ronny Pruitt’s smaller, faster team and new coaches busted the season wide open, scoring in the first four minutes of the game. Union marched down the field, with Isaiah Johnson leading the rushing attack along with Antwan Durn and Franklin Williams. They made good on the extra point, perhaps partly due to the ball being moved closer to the goal posts twice thanks to encroachment penalties against Potter’s House.

The Lions’ first possession was a short-lived, three-and-out affair. The Tigers took over and answered again with Caleb Cox’s 50-yard pass completion to Zach Lee for their second touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good, however, with the ball



Union County quarterback Caleb Cox throws a pass to Franklin Williams in the Tigers’ 60-6 win over Potter’s House.

hitting the bottom bar of the uprights.

The Tigers immediately got the ball back when a Potter’s House player bobbled the kickoff reception, bumping the ball pretty much into Austin Mobley’s hands.

Darian Robinson joined Johnson in the running game after a completion to Cody Miller. However, Pruitt pulled him out after a small scrum between the two teams. Officials penalized both sides for unsportsmanlike conduct after conferring for several minutes.

Union County went on to score again to go up 19-0.

Potter’s House went three-and-out again, giving Union another

chance to score in the first quarter, which it did with a 20-yard pass from Cox to Williams. The extra point put the Tigers up 26-0 with 2:38 left in the quarter.

The Lions churned their way through the time left, with Union’s Khris Wimpy making progress difficult. However, Potter’s House made its one and only score just seconds into the second quarter after a pass completion. The Lions’ two-point attempt was no good in spite of an arm-stretch after a quarterback keeper, putting the ball just a half-yard short of the goal line.

Union quickly answered in

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Warriors pull away from Keystone 35-14

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

West Nassau took a one-touchdown lead into the fourth quarter, then added 14 more points in the final period to beat Keystone Heights 35-14 in both teams’ regular-season opener on Aug. 29 in Callahan.

Keystone scored first on a 46-yard run by Anton Noble with 4:43 left in the first quarter. The senior running back took a pitch from quarterback Wyatt Harvin, worked off blocks from his line and outran the Warrior secondary to the end zone.

However, the senior running back went down with an ankle injury during the Indians’ second scoring drive near the end of the third quarter.



Keystone’s Anton Noble breaks a 46-yard run for the game’s first score in the Indians’ 35-14 loss to West Nassau. Photo by Tonya Gibbs.

Noble ran for 119 yards on 17 carries and one touchdown. He left the game with around three minutes to go in the third quarter.

Dakota Hodge, taking over for the injured Noble, scored on a 6-yard run with 2:18 left in the third quarter.

J.J. Schofield had both of Keystone’s PATs.

Hodge compiled 28 yards on eight carries with a touchdown. Harvin rushed for 16 yards on

five carries, and Jacob White had 18 yards on three carries.

Harvin also completed three passes for 30 yards on eight attempts. He had no touchdown passes and no interceptions.

West Nassau rebounded from Keystone’s first score with a drive of its own in the first quarter. The Warriors completed an eight-play series with 1:42 left

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BHS opens volleyball season 2-0

Nyasia Davis and Lainie Rodgers had 12 and seven kills, respectively, to help lead the Bradford High School volleyball team to a 3-2 (25-22, 24-26, 25-18, 17-25, 15-5) win at North Marion on Aug. 28.

The Tornadoes, who improved

to 2-0, also got six service aces from Rodgers, while Davis and Jaci Atkinson each had three. Kia Lane had 11 assists, while Alexis Shealey had nine digs.

Bradford opened the season with a 3-1 win over visiting West Nassau on Aug. 25. (Official statistics were unavailable.)

The Tornadoes play their first District 5-4A match on Thursday, Sept. 4, when they host P.K. Yonge at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Bradford hosts district opponent Fort White at 6:30 p.m.

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UCHS begins district volleyball play with 3-0 win

Kayla Andrews had 23 digs, seven kills and six service aces to help lead the Union County High School volleyball team to a 3-0 (25-16, 25-17, 25-22) win in its District 7-1A opener against Chiefland on the road on Aug. 28.

The Tigers, who improved to 2-1 overall, got eight kills and nine digs from Madelyn Kish, while Lilly Combs had four aces and 13 assists. Devin Lewis and Kaylan Tucker each had 10 digs, with Tucker also adding four aces and two blocks. Trisytn Southerland had seven digs.

Union opened the season with a 3-1 (17-25, 25-14, 25-17, 25-18) win at Crescent City on Aug. 25. Andrews had nine kills and 15 digs, while Tucker had seven kills, nine digs and three blocks. Kish and Lewis had eight and seven digs, respectively, with Lewis adding seven aces. Combs had 10 assists.

On Aug. 26, the Tigers were defeated 3-0 (25-16, 26-24,

25-22) by Class 4A Keystone Heights on Aug. 26 in Lake Butler. Andrews had six kills and 17 digs, while Combs had seven aces and eight assists. Kish had nine digs.

The Tigers played Baker County this past Tuesday and will travel to play Bell on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m. They host Branford on Monday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Newberry on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

BMS volleyball to play Baker County, too, prior to BHS football game

Prior to the Bradford High School varsity football team’s game against Baker County on Friday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Starke, the Bradford Middle School volleyball team will take on Baker County in a 5 p.m. match.

The community is encouraged to come out and support both teams in their games against Baker County.

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OBITUARIES



Mary Allen

Mary Allen

HAMPTON—Mary Lee Allen, 91, of Hampton died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014 at Haven Hospice, Robert's Care Center in Palatka. She was born Oct. 15, 1922 in Starke to the late Daniel W. and Essie E. (Minton) Johnson and was a graduate of Bradford High School. Upon her retirement in 1972, she relocated to Hampton. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church in Hampton. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 51 years, John X. Allen and siblings, Geraldine Morgan, Dorothy Williams and Francis Broome.

She is survived by: children, Glenda Gayle (Eugene) Jenkins of Keystone Heights, Steven Lee (Sara) Allen of Sacramento, California and Maija Annette (George) Michaels of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri; sister, June Haddock of Hampton; six grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5 in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with the viewing beginning at 10:00 a.m. Dr. J.G. Broome will be officiating and interment will follow at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Shiloh Youth Ranch, Inc. 10655 Roseland Road, Sebastian, FL 32958. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Clifford Bullock

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Clifford "Chuck" Bullock, 68, gently passed away surrounded by family and friends on Thursday, Aug. 28 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Live Oak on June 7, 1946 to his parents, the late Frankie Lee and Clifford Bullock. He spent many summers and holidays with his now late sister Betty Bass and her family

at their farm in Live Oak. At a young age he moved to Jacksonville where he attended Oceanway School. He was a proud graduate of Andrew Jackson HS and North Florida Junior College where he and his devoted spouse of 45 years Tina Bullock met. A retired United States Postal worker, he loved trains, music, sports, and everything about the University of Florida Gators. He was a member of the Keystone Heights Sportsman's Club where he served as treasurer for many years, a past president of the Keystone Heights Jaycees and the Clay County Gator Club. For too many years to count in his younger days he served as the Keystone Heights Commissioner of Pop Warner Football. He also coached Baseball for the Keystone Recreation Association.

He is survived by: his wife, Tina (Givens) Bullock, one great son, Christopher Bullock, daughter-in-law Kim and his granddaughter Briley Bullock, the real love of his life. He is also survived by many loving nieces, a nephew and friends too many to name.

Services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4th at the Keystone United Methodist Church at 3:30 followed by burial at the Keystone Heights Cemetery then a reception at the Keystone Heights Woman's Club. Dr. Craig Moore and Dr. Tom Farmer will officiate. In honor of his love for the Gators, guests are encouraged to wear orange and blue.

The family has many humbled by the outpouring of love from cards, emails, texts, calls, food, and flowers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

PAID OBITUARY



Carolyn Clarke

Carolyn Clarke

ST. AUGUSTINE—Carolyn J. "Lynn" (Conekin) Clarke passed

gently into that goodnight Friday, Aug. 22, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville and was a North Florida native much of her working career, and retired from KHES as the Media Specialist/Librarian.

She is survived by those who touched her heart and whom she loved: her children Becky, Dee and Evan; her grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; her favorite cousin; and nephews; her church family from St. Anne Episcopal Church, Keystone Heights; and all of "her kids" from her tenure of urging others to read while working at Keystone Heights Elementary School.

Carolyn's quick smile, kind words and gentle spirit will not soon be forgotten by those whose hearts she touched. Her urging us to read continues and in memorial, please honor her memory by reading the fourth book of the New Testament of the Holy Bible, The Gospel of John.

No memorial service is planned at this time.

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Roe Crawford

Roe Crawford

WINDSOR—Mr. Roe "Edward" Crawford, age 73, of Windsor passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at Riverwood Health & Rehab in Starke. Mr. Crawford was born on March 29, 1941 in Lawtey to the late William Tyre and Amelia (Barker) Crawford. Prior to retirement he worked with the Alachua County Public Works as a heavy equipment mechanic. He attended Providence Methodist Church in Windsor, was a lifetime member of the NRA and was a member of the Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424 SCV (A Confederate Veterans Group that was in the movie "Glory").

Survivors are: his wife of 52 years, Mary Louise (Cooey) Crawford

of Windsor; children, Penny Lee Crawford (Jack) Smith of Windsor, Randy Edward Crawford of Gainesville, Chris Edward (Kathy) Crawford of Mansfield, Ohio; siblings, Earl (Katie) Crawford of Jasper, Larry M. (Dorie) Crawford of Lawtey, Doris Crawford Martin of Gainesville; sister-in-laws, Barbara Crawford and Alsine Crawford both of Kingsley Lake; grandchildren, Jackie V. Smith, Jr., Daniel Wesley Smith, Dalton Lee Crawford, and Anna Crawford.

The family will receive friends at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 5 from 6-8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 2:00 pm in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Brother Jason Crawford officiating. Interment will follow in Santa Fe Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st St, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131 www.parkinson.org. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com. 904-964-6200

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Ashton Peterson

RAIFORD—Ashton Peterson, 17, of Raiford died Monday, Aug. 29, 2014 at Shands of UF. He was born in Mercedes, Texas on Oct. 26, 1996 to Michael Peterson and Rita Cantu Nugent. Ashton resided in Union County since 2000. He graduated from Union County High School.

He is survived by: his son, Brayden Peterson of Worthington Springs; mother, Rita Cantu (Eric) Nugent of Raiford; father, Michael (Jayda) Peterson of Palatka; brothers, Andrew Peterson of Raiford and Jordan Peterson of Lake Butler; sister, Toni Cantu of Raiford; and numerous grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 4 at 5:00 pm at Archer Memorial Chapel. Burial will take place at a later date. Family invites friends for a visitation at 4:00 pm an hour prior to funeral services. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home.

Anne Pipines

HAMPTON—Anne Lucinda "Cindy" Pipines, 78, passed away in Gainesville on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 after intensive health issues. Born in Paramus, New Jersey on March 19, 1936, Cindy moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1957 with her new husband, John Pipines where they worked in the restaurant

loves what she is doing and feels that she will keep going as long as she is able.

"I love helping people, whether in a big way or a small," Bowen said. "Sometimes all we need is for someone to take the time to listen. If I can do that, I will."

"She is the boss," Jenkins said. "She keeps us all honest and together. This place just wouldn't work without her."

Bowen said she cares about everyone she works with and that she is really the one to benefit the most from the relationships.

"I want to thank everyone for being my family and making me feel needed," Bowen said.

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English, helping them with their homework. She did not teach them German – school officials told her that it would confuse them and make it harder for them to learn their schoolwork. They still picked up a little, as did Perry, and all told each other "liebedich" – I love you.

Bowen still walks about a mile to work at the fitness center every morning, a feat she said takes her about 15-20 minutes. She said the first day she worked there, Shelley picked her up and

drove her, and she told everyone then they didn't have to worry about her – she would walk. She still walked even when her arm and wrist were broken when she tripped and fell near the post office, although daughter-in-law Shelly is always ready to drive her when needed.

On a typical day, Bowen gets up and has her breakfast, then walks to the fitness center. When she is finished there, she walks back home, has lunch and watches her soap operas – "The Young and the Restless" and "The Bold and the Beautiful" – then walks to Bradford Terrace in the late afternoon to volunteer.

"I go there to visit, have fun and talk," Bowen said. I've been going there for 14 years – when I started it was called Whispering Pines. When I open the door, I feel like I belong there. The people are like my family. They notice when I'm late and worry about me. I'm just a volunteer there, that way I get to have all the fun with no responsibility."

When not at the fitness center or Bradford Terrace, Bowen said she loves to garden and grow flowers of all kinds, including one plant a few years ago that was twice as tall as she is.

Bowen has no plans for changing her daily schedule. She

GREEN

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said, "It's a gift to be able to help people."

Now, Green will be helping people in Brevard, North Carolina, at a satellite office of Hendersonville's Blue Ridge Community Health Services. It's a smaller practice than Shands Starke Medical Group. Green will be the only physician there. She said she told her Shands colleague Dr. Carl Eason that she would be keeping his phone number on speed dial for support.

"He's always good with complicated cases," Green said. Making the move now seemed like the right time, Green said, citing the fact her sons are making their transitions from elementary school to middle school, and from middle school to high school. Daughter Georgia just started college at Mercer University.

"It was the perfect time to make that move," Green said.

It is just one more example of Green and her husband making choices with their children in

mind. Green—who also owns the Weight Place weight-loss center in Starke and has been serving as the medical director for the Bradford and Union health departments—has never worked a full-time schedule. She saw patients two days a week at Shands Starke Medical Group.

"I've always wanted to be able to juggle being a mom and working," Green said.

Plus, Green has also helped out at the summer camp her children attend, acting as camp doctor during an approximate two-week period.

In a sense, Green had more than one family. She enjoyed a special camaraderie with her

fellow physicians at Shands Starke Medical Group that sometimes doesn't exist at other practices.

"We have a great time together," Green said. "We're always trying to figure out some reason to meet (outside of work). We enjoy having time together."

Then, there are the people of Starke and Bradford County she has met and gotten close to. That's why even though she and her family are excited about their move, it's still a little sad to leave friends behind.

"We've had a wonderful time in Starke," Green said. "We just have always loved the community."



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business. In 1973, they relocated with their three children to John's hometown of Ridgewood, New Jersey where they owned and operated Village Real Estate for many years. Cindy enjoyed reading, tennis and spending time with family whom she delighted with excellent meals and unwavering love. She and her husband retired to the rural and tiny North Florida town of Hampton where they enjoyed many stunning sunsets and the close-knit community of Hampton Lake. Cindy was a most devoted wife and caregiver, and she was a mother extraordinaire who tirelessly advocated, especially for mentally handicapped children. She truly was a selfless woman who put the needs of others before her own throughout her lifetime. Cindy's high spirited energy, incredible humor and kind generosity will forever leave the fondest memories in every soul fortunate enough to have known her. Pre-deceased are: her loyal husband of 53 years, John George Pipines; sister, Jean Mickey; parents, William and Lenore Trinks; and treasured in-laws.

She is survived by: daughter, Linda Mary Pipines and longtime "acting" son-in-law, David Selig of Palm Beach Gardens; son, Steven John Pipines and daughter-in-law, Kimberly; three grandchildren, Bryan, Keanna, and Michael of Port Orange; cherished son, Michael William Pipines of St. Augustine; sisters-in-law, Barbara Pipines and Stella Pipines; and much-loved nieces and nephews. Cindy also leaves behind devoted friends

considered extended family, touched forever by her memorable spirit, and her beloved little dog Trixie.

Following an informal memorial later this year celebrating her fun spirit, she will rest in peace beside her husband and near her parents at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton.

PAID OBITUARY

Betty Todd

STARKE—Betty Jean Smith Todd, 74, of Starke, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014 at her daughter's home in Lake Butler. She was born Sept. 27, 1939 in Starke to the late Willie and Elminey (Glover) Smith and had retired from the Bradford County School system as a cafeteria cook at the high school. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence "Neighbor" Todd; and son, Lawrence Larry Todd.

Survivors are: children, Michael (Wendy) Todd, Norma VanZant, Darlene (John) Romano and Melissa Underhill all of Starke and Ellen Branch of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Aug. 30, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Reverend Ben Bryant officiating. Interment followed at Dyal Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice 4200 NW 90th Boulevard Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

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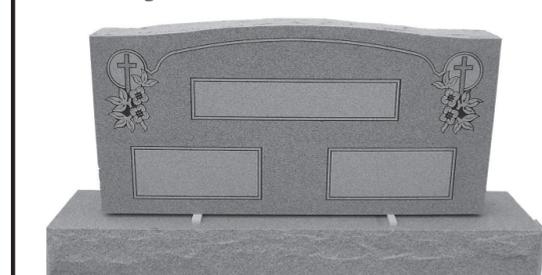
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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

Bradford

Raheem Banks, 18, of Starke was arrested Aug. 29 by Starke police for criminal mischief—property damage. According to the arrest report, Banks and several others purchased eggs in late June and rode around Starke, egging vehicles and causing some minor damage to one vehicle. After finding the carton of eggs and tracing their purchase back to Walmart, police were able to identify the suspects and issued warrants for their arrests. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Banks' charge.

Jennifer J. Barnett, 26, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 28 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Amanda Nicole Bowman, 20, of Callahan was arrested Aug. 30 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of drugs.

William Richard Bushey, 36, of Brooks, Maine, was arrested Aug. 30 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Monroe for probation violation on original charge of battery. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

David James Carter, 31, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 26 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Kyrie Nigel Cauley, 23, of Starke was arrested Aug. 27

by Starke police for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Dallis Gregory Dark, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and for escape from transport to a detention facility. According to the arrest report, Dark crashed his vehicle at Southeast Ninth Avenue and S.R. 100 near Keystone. A deputy arrived and found marijuana in the vehicle, at which time Dark got a window down and jumped out the back of the vehicle in an attempt to escape. He was arrested, but later transported to Shands at UF with injuries from the accident.

Cody A. Dunn, 20, of Starke was arrested Sept. 1 by Starke police for assault and larceny. According to the arrest report, Dunn and Ivy N. Akers, 19, of Starke were at the Dollar General store at Market Road in Starke. A manager observed Akers put an item in her purse and called law enforcement, closing the cash register also to delay Dunn's and Akers' departure. When police arrived, Dunn became belligerent and claimed he had taken everything, removing items from under his clothing and his pockets. In Akers' purse, police also found several items that were taken from the store shelves. Dunn was arrested, and as he was removed from the store to be placed in a patrol car, he made numerous threats to the officer, and once placed in the car, started to kick the inside of the door until the officer pulled out her Taser. He was additionally charged with felony assault on an officer. Akers was not arrested at

the store, due to her being eight months' pregnant and having another small child with her. Her parents were called to the store, and she was allowed to leave with them. Police will file larceny charges against Akers through the State Attorney's Office for the incident.

Jackie Edward Edmond, 64, of Starke was arrested Aug. 27 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Edmond grabbed his 21-year-old grandson by the throat and threatened to shoot him during an argument between the grandson and his mom (Edmond's daughter). The victim then went to the Kangaroo in Starke at S.R. 16 and U.S. 301 and called law enforcement. When the police arrived, they learned Edmond was walking toward the store—perhaps looking for the victim—after the victim received a text message from a friend. Edmond was located at the store across the street by the police and arrested for battery. He didn't have a weapon, but another witness corroborated the victim's claim about the threat. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Lee Verne Frazier, 52, of Starke was arrested Aug. 28 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for two charges of possession of cocaine and two charges of selling cocaine. Bond was set at \$200,000 for the charges.

Roger Neil Gilliam, 46, of Waldo was arrested Aug. 31 by Starke police on two charges of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Ronald C. Goodman, 53, of

Starke was arrested Aug. 31 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Justin Virgilee Gray, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 30 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Marquita Annette Griffis, 36, of Hampton was arrested Aug. 31 by Bradford deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Griffis was asked to leave the Timbuktu Lounge in Starke after trying to trade a pack of cigarettes for a drink, then laying in a hallway with her shirt open by the bathroom. The bartender called law enforcement also, fearing Griffis would get hit by a vehicle as she left walking along U.S. 301. A deputy found Griffis lying in the grass in her underwear about 30 feet off the highway near a water-filled ditch. After retrieving her purse, phone and muddy clothes, and having EMS check her out medically, the deputy arrested her and transported her to the jail.

Herbert James Grimshaw, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 29 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for a violation of a conditional release. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Javonta Leon Hampton, 25, of Ormand Beach was arrested Aug. 29 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Hampton struck a man in the face during an argument at a gathering in the Lincoln City

area of Starke.

Ryan Hewitt, 21, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 30 by the Florida Highway Patrol for driving under the influence.

Anthony Lee Hodges, 35, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 30 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for contempt of court. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Cameron Jenkins, 19, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 29 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for criminal mischief—property damage of more than \$1,000. According to the arrest report, Jenkins and several others purchased eggs in late June and rode around Starke egging vehicles and causing some minor damage to one vehicle. After finding the carton of eggs and tracing their purchase back to Walmart, police were able to identify the suspects and issued warrants for their arrests. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Jenkins' charge.

Tonya Denis Keeler, 38, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 27 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Parviele Lashay Lee, 30, of Starke was arrested Aug. 27 by Bradford deputies on warrants for two charges of possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area, for distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area and for selling cocaine. Bond was set at \$150,000 for the charges.

Ashley Danielle Lee, 27, of Keystone Heights and

Katie Marie Sherwood, 30, of Keystone Heights were arrested Aug. 28 by Bradford deputies for larceny, possession of marijuana, possession of new legend drugs without a prescription and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Lee and Sherwood were at the Avis's Attic thrift store on S.R. 100 when the owner observed the two women putting items into their purses and then leaving the store to empty the items in their vehicle. Once she confronted the two women, one pulled out a \$1.99 item and tried to pay for it. The owner had called law enforcement, and when the deputy arrived, he found items in the vehicle totaling approximately \$100 in value, plus the women had clothes on from the store—under the clothes they came in with. A search of their purses and the vehicle also turned up the illegal drugs and drug equipment. The women were arrested and transported to the Bradford jail, where female staff recovered jeans, shorts, underwear and a Florida Gators button from the store when the two were undressed and searched. Bond for Lee was set at \$2,000 for her charges, while it was set at \$1,000 for Sherwood's charges.

Rickey Lloyd Martin, 33, of Starke was arrested Aug. 26 by Bradford deputies for sexual assault on a victim under 12 years of age and lewd lascivious behavior—molestation of a victim under 12 years of age. Bond was set at \$2,000,000 for the charges. (See the Telegraph front page for complete story.)

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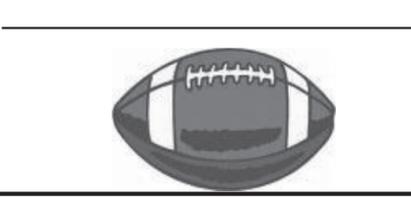
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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

Bradford

Randall Rufus Prevatt, 49, of Lawley was arrested Sept. 1 by Bradford deputies for aggravated assault with a weapon. According to the arrest report, Prevatt was at Lost Valley Campground in Starke and was intoxicated and involved in an argument with a female victim. He pulled out a knife and threatened to cut her, then threatened to hit her with a gallon liquor bottle he was holding. He threatened to cut her again before law enforcement arrived. The deputy noted in the report that the victim and a witness both seemed intoxicated also.

Perry L. Richardson, 46, of Starke was arrested Aug. 29 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for withholding child support. He was transported from the Nassau County jail to the Bradford jail. Bond was set at \$2,623 for the charge.

Rebecca Lynn Shelton, 40, of

Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 1 by Bradford deputies for three charges of battery. According to the arrest report, Shelton and her boyfriend were drinking and got into an altercation after he asked her to move out of his home in the Keystone area. Shelton started hitting the victim with her hand and scratching him across his arm. She also hit and scratched another man who tried to break up the altercation, and hit her boyfriend's daughter during the same incident. She also threw objects in the home and tried to break her boyfriend's vehicle windows, according to the report.

Jakeal Damon Simmons, 20, of Lawley was arrested Aug. 2 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for criminal mischief—property damage. According to the arrest report, Simmons and several others purchased eggs in late June and rode around Starke, egging vehicles and causing some minor damage to one vehicle. After finding the carton of eggs and tracing their purchase back to Walmart, police were able to identify the suspects and issued warrants for their arrests. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Simmons' charge.

Paul Raymond Smith, 41, of Starke was arrested Aug. 29 by Bradford deputies for producing marijuana, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, a search warrant was obtained for Smith's residence on Southeast 109th Street outside of Hampton, where they found 17 marijuana plants growing in a shed equipped with grow lights and air conditioning. Inside the residence, they found another marijuana plant, a scale and other equipment used in producing marijuana, along with two glass jars containing approximately 30 grams of marijuana. A loaded .357 handgun was also found in the home. Smith was called at his place of employment in Gainesville, and he agreed to meet with law enforcement when he got back to Starke. He admitted that all of the items found during the search of the home were his, and he was arrested and transported to jail. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Anthony Tyson, 18, of Starke was arrested Aug. 29 by Starke police for criminal mischief—property damage. According to the arrest report, Tyson and

several others purchased eggs in late June and rode around Starke, egging vehicles and causing some minor damage to one vehicle. After finding the carton of eggs and tracing their purchase back to Walmart, police were able to identify the suspects and issued warrants for their arrests. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Tyson's charge.

Keystone/Melrose

Joseph Altstatt, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 28 by Clay deputies for lewd and lascivious battery. According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the defendant is the husband of a retired detention deputy. The office declined to release additional details, citing Florida law.

Cory Brander, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 1 by Clay deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jason Ronald Broome, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 30 by Putnam deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Cassie Freeman, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 31 by Clay deputies for

possession of not more than 20 grams of cannabis.

Demetric Johnson, 37, of Starke was arrested Aug. 31 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Union

Melissa Nichole Wyman, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 27 by Union deputies for fraud—illegal use of credit cards to obtain goods of \$300 or more. According to the arrest report, Wyman obtained a credit card fraudulently using her mother's name and information, and then made purchases of more than \$2,000 on the card. The victim only found out about the card when the credit card company contacted her about the charges and payment. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

A 16-year-old male from Raiford was arrested Aug. 28 by Union deputies for felony criminal mischief—property damage and felony fire weapon—throwing a deadly missile into a structure. According to the arrest report, the juvenile threw large rocks and a knife through numerous windows and screens at the Raiford Community Center, causing an estimated

damage between \$1,200 and \$1,300. The juvenile had told his mother the day before he was going to commit a crime so he wouldn't have to stay at home, but when asked by the deputy why he broke all the windows, the juvenile just shrugged his shoulders, according to the report. He was arrested and transported to jail, with a copy of the report sent to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Ricardo Valladolid, 50, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 31 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

David Rex Hart, 61, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 29 by Union deputies for felony aggravated assault—with deadly weapon without intent to kill. According to the arrest report, Hart confronted several kids for throwing things at his window and waking him up. The kids' father said Hart threatened to beat up the kids, and then threatened to beat him up, according to the report. The father said Hart then pulled a knife out and charged at him several times. Hart was arrested and transported to jail.

BHS

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Hankerson pulled down an

interception in the end zone. Reed was in on at least seven tackles that resulted in lost yardage.

"I'm not usually a coach who

talks about individual guys, but that guy had a heck of a game," Green said. "He had a heck of a game for us. Toddreke's just a junior. We look for big things out

of him. He disrupts our offense during practice. We can hardly run plays against him.

"I think Suwannee got a little taste of him tonight."

The Bulldogs would find the end zone again before the night was over when Jerry Holliman scored on a 14-yard run with 5:58 remaining in the game.

It was a tough way to open the season, but Green said it was good to see a team that features a lot of young players keep playing hard until the final whistle.

"What we were wanting from our kids was to see them gel together, work hard together and keep their chins up through adversity," Green said. "We

saw some of that tonight. We're extremely proud of their effort."

Bradford hosts another Class 5A team this Friday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. when longtime rival Baker County comes to town. The Wildcats, who defeated the Tornadoes 43-6 last year, are coming off of a 20-6 loss to St. Augustine.

UCHS

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kind with an explosive 60-yard rushing touchdown by Durn. The extra point put the Tigers up 33-6.

Johnson was injured during the Tigers' next possession and was helped off the field as he was holding up his left leg. He returned to the sideline under his own power early in the third quarter to watch the rest of the game. As of press time, Pruitt was unsure on whether or not Johnson would be available to play on Friday.

At the start of the second half, the Tigers' James Ford and Casey Driggers took turns beating up on the Lions.

The Tigers scored on their first possession of the second half after Durn ran in for a touchdown after a short screen pass from Cox. The quarterback's pass to Williams secured a two-point conversion attempt, putting Union up 41-6 with 9:37 to go in the third quarter.

Things were looking ugly for the Lions, and the Tigers were not done yet.

Union County worked the ball down the field with several first downs, thanks to Durn and Robinson, who gained 18 yards on a play to put the Tigers in Lions territory. A few downs later, Dylan Durrance was knocked down and had to be helped off the field. Pruitt said Durrance sustained a broken leg.

Robinson then scored on a 15-yard run. The extra point was no good, but the Tigers were up 47-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Even throughout the fourth quarter, Union continued to pound away at Potter's House.

The Lions fumbled the kickoff return, and the Tigers recovered, putting the ball on the Potter's House 24-yard line. Driggers ran for 14 yards, and then Dairon Alexander ran in twice to put in the end zone with a 5-yard run. Tyler McDavid's successful extra-point attempt put the Tigers up 54-6—and they'd still score once again.

Potter's House went three-and-out yet again, thanks to some good defense by Lee, who

used his height to thwart some pass attempts.

The Tigers wrapped up the game with a 41-yard rushing touchdown by Alexander. Cox knew it was good and the game was done as he walked toward the sideline even before Alexander crossed the goal line. A blocked extra-point attempt still gave the Tigers a 60-6 win over the Lions in this one-sided, big-cat fight.

Pruitt wanted to air the ball out more with his new spread offense, and it showed in this seasoning opener.

"We did some good things there," Pruitt said.

He liked seeing his team's well-balanced approach play out.

"I think every running back scored, and I think a couple receivers scored...again, that's what we've got to be."

Union hosts Class 4A West Nassau on Friday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. West Nassau is coming off of a 35-14 win over Keystone Heights.

In last year's matchup, the Tigers scored all of their points in the final quarter to defeat West Nassau 13-10.



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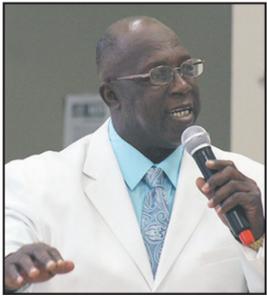
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Ernest Chestnut shared scripture—specifically Romans 13:7—at the recognition for Joe Kiser.

KISER

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did not know who her real father was, but Kiser told her, “I will adopt you into my family, and you can call me ‘Dad’ always.”

“That’s the very reason I stand here honored to call you my dad,” Fayson said.

Kids have been a big part of Kiser’s life as he and his wife, Cassandra, have been foster parents to many. Judge Elzie Sanders spoke of that compassion for others, saying Kiser was a perfect example of the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself, as espoused by Jesus. Sanders saw it when Kiser worked in the courthouse, taking the time to counsel others or render any assistance they needed through the legal process.

“It was out of love and respect for his fellow man,” Sanders said.

Sanders said Kiser also exemplified the commandment to love God with all your heart.

“If there’s any man that follows that commandment, it’s Joe Kiser,” Sanders said.

Capt. Barry Warren of the Starke Police Department said Kiser has certainly been an inspiration to him through daily scripture Kiser shares with others via Facebook.

“Every morning, I’m guaranteed my daily worship,” Warren said. “Whether I’m taking the time for it or not, Joe’s taking the time to share it with me.”

“I’ve loved you for that all these years, and I will always love you.”

Chandler said Kiser proved



Jimmy “Soldchylid” Hankerson performs a praise dance.



Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith presents an award of excellence to Joe Kiser for his tireless efforts in serving the community as a deputy, a Christian and a pastor.

what a godly man he was during 2004 when he ran for the District 1 Bradford County Commission seat against Chandler. Chandler, who still occupies the District 1 seat, said Kiser was so nice throughout the campaign that he felt like Kiser was trying to let him win.

“He would always treat you with respect,” Chandler said. “He’s the only candidate I’ve run against that we actually had a great relationship and great conversations.”

“I salute him for being that kind of a man,” Chandler added.

All in attendance at the recognition witnessed Kiser’s love for God. When the honoree

finally addressed the crowd, his message was simple: God is good, and God is able. Kiser spoke of the health issues he’s had to deal with, specifically mentioning the multiple heart attacks he’s survived and the fact that diabetes and elevated blood pressure have ceased to be problems.

“God has been good to me,” Kiser said.

Kiser talked of the blessing of his Facebook ministry and how his “prayer warriors” have made an impact in people’s lives. He told of one incident in which a man contacted him about his daughter, who was in the hospital and declared brain dead

by doctors. In the man’s words, the doctors had given up on her, but less than two days after asking for prayers on Facebook, the woman’s condition improved tremendously.

“The Prayer Warriors attacked that prayer,” Kiser said, adding, “God is good.”

In essence, the recognition for one man here on earth proved to be an opportunity to glorify God, whether it was the sharing of scripture by several people, the praise dance by Jimmy “Soldchylid” Hankerson or the uplifting music by the True Vine Ministry Singers.

As master of ceremonies Kevin McBride put it, if people weren’t there at the recognition that Sunday morning, they’d be in church saying “amen” anyway.

“Brother Kiser, this is your appreciation program,”



The True Vine Ministry Singers, including Ree McNeal (pictured), performed several uplifting songs.

McBride said, “but as you can see, the Holy Spirit just moved it to a new level.”

Also speaking at the event were Hines, Ernest Chestnut, Austin McLeod and Waldo Mayor Louie Davis.

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in the first period. West Nassau quarterback Colton Paliana completed the drive with a 1-yard surge.

The Indians then appeared to take the lead again when Noble returned a punt 80 yards for a score. However, a clipping penalty negated the touchdown, and the Indians took possession on the Warriors 25.

Harvin then salvaged 18 yards from a busted play, taking the ball to the 7, but a muffed snap and a missed field-goal attempt snuffed out the scoring threat.

Keystone’s center-quarterback exchange remained a problem for the Indians throughout the game, with Harvin having to dive for the football five times. Keystone head coach Chuck Dickinson pinned some of the blame for the bobbled snaps on himself, saying he moved the team’s regular center to another spot on the offensive line and made other personnel changes from tackle to tackle to get better matchups against West Nassau.

The two teams remained tied at seven apiece until nine seconds remained in the first half. As time ran past the 10-second mark, Paliana threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Jackson. After Ayden Havener added the extra point, the home team took a 14-7 lead into the half.

The Warriors came out strong after intermission, taking three and a half minutes to drive 80 yards on eight plays to take a 21-7 lead. Running back Davion Dubose finished the effort with a 25-yard run, and Havener added the PAT.

Keystone then answered with a 73-yard drive of its own, featuring Noble, who darted and drove on carries of 8, 3, 3 and 11 yards before going down with the ankle injury.

The Warriors carried a seven-point lead into the final 12 minutes of the game, but to start the fourth quarter, West Nassau completed a 10-play drive it started in the third quarter. Dubose scored on a 10-yard run, and Havener added the extra point to boost West Nassau’s lead to 28-14.

Immediately following the kickoff, which landed in the end zone for a touchback, Keystone’s snapping problems struck again, with Harvin diving after the ball. However, this time, West Nassau came up with the recovery and took possession on the Indians 20.

They then marched down to the Keystone 8, where on third-and-goal, they lined up in a

spread formation. Paliana took the snap and sprinted straight up the middle for the game’s final touchdown and a 35-14 final score.

After the game, Dickinson summarized the contest as one of missed opportunities.

“We had opportunities

offensively,” he said. “We were inside their 15 three times and didn’t get any points.”

“I thought our kids competed tonight,” he added. “We just can’t make mistakes.”

Penalties hurt the Indians, particularly in the first half. In addition to Noble’s negated

punt return, an interception was nullified by a pass interference call.

Keystone next hosts Wildwood on Friday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Wildwood is coming off of a 63-0 loss to South Sumter.

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