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ACORN Clinic's Dr. Balch recognized for contribution to rural health care

Receives the Wendell N. Rollason Achievement Award

BY CANDICE KING
Exec. Director, ACORN Clinic

The Wendell N. Rollason Achievement Award is presented to the individual who has contributed most toward the goals of the Florida Rural Health Association and who has provided an enduring contribution to rural health care. In the spirit of Wendell Rollason, the individual will be honored for his/her compassion, unselfishness and commitment in seeking solutions in the delivery of rural health care or quality of life in rural Florida.

The ACORN Clinic's Dr. Mimi Balch received the Wendell N. Rollason Achievement Award at the annual Florida Rural Health Association conference in Gainesville on Nov. 21.

A graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine and residency program in the Department of Community Health and Family Medicine, and certified by the American Board of Family Practice, Dr. Balch is a highly skilled clinician providing primary care services in a region experiencing the highest health disparities in our state.

She has been the ACORN Clinic's linchpin and primary care provider for 16 years of dedicated service, acting as the co-medical director since 2004. Her duties include supervising staff physician assistants, providing standard of care protocols for the clinic and coordination of patient care among the volunteer providers. In a typical year, Dr. Balch sees over 460 patients, many having quarterly appointments.

The ACORN Clinic serves patients from 18 counties in North Central Florida—

principally Alachua, Bradford and Union. It is a key part of the local healthcare safety net and has provided medical, dental, mental health and social service referrals with discounted sliding scale fees since 1974.

The clinic and its patients are extremely fortunate to have a physician of Dr. Balch's caliber. Her clinical expertise and intelligence would allow her to work in many other settings that would give her more prominence, but she has chosen to make

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(L-r) Marilyn Mesh, Exec. Director of Suwannee River Area Health Education Center; Candice King, Exec Director at ACORN; Dr. Mimi Balch, Co-Medical Director at ACORN; Dawn Brown, ACORN Medical Clinic Coordinator; Laurie Jennings, ACORN Dental Clinic Coordinator; and Kelly Kerr, Vice President of ACORN Clinic's Board of Directors.



Santa comes to town

Christmas classics read, gifts given, breakfast served by Town of Raiford

BY ALISHA REDDING
Clerk, Town of Raiford

The Town of Raiford held its first-ever "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Raiford Community Center.

Event organizers Alisha Redding, town clerk, and Sheila Fink worked tirelessly collecting food donations that were used to defray costs. Redding and Fink thank the following businesses for their generous donations: Walmart, Winn Dixie, Save-A-Lot, Hardee's and Spires IGA.

Christmas classics were read and a country breakfast was served.

Santa made his grand entry to every child's delight. Each child received a treat bag and a small gift from Santa as they sat on his lap and gave them his list.

Redding and Fink thank the following volunteers who helped make the Santa breakfast a success: Tonya Koehler, Chase Wilkerson, Angelina Fink, Emily Johnson, Jimmy Fink, Alvin Griffis, Geraldine Griffis, Becky Bryant, Frances Thornton, Hunter Redding, Chuck Redding, Gina Richard, Kenny Richard, Channing Dobbs and Frank Bridges.

Redding and Fink donated two bikes, which were used in a drawing that was given away at the end of the morning to Summer Bridges of Raiford and Marit Tuberville of Sanderson.

Photos courtesy of David Stegall.



TOP: Elf Emily Fink with Santa holding Kardee Bridges. ABOVE: Geraldine Griffis reads a Christmas classic. BELOW LEFT: (L-r) Greeters Chase Wilkerson, Emily Fink, Angelina Fink and Alisha Redding. BELOW RIGHT: Bike winner Summer Bridges.



Medical assistant charged with drugging, sexually assaulting patient

Oscar Armengol an 18-year employee of Dr. Johnson's clinic

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

On Nov. 22, the Union County Sheriff's Office was notified by a 22-year-old woman of inappropriate behavior from an employee of Dr. Marvin W. Johnson who operates a family practice clinic located next to Lake Butler Hospital.

The victim stated that on Nov. 4, around 6:30 p.m., she arrived for an appointment at the doctor's office to be treated for fibromyalgia and pain management. She reported receiving treatment from Oscar Armengol, 53, a medical assistant who is an 18-year employee of Johnson's office.

The victim reported receiving numerous medications in pill and intravenous form, including Lortab, Xanax and Celebrex, and as the medication began to take effect, the suspect took photos of her and began massaging her in the areas he administered the medication.

While the victim was disrobed, Armengol then sexually assaulted her for about 30 seconds while the victim asked him to stop.

According to Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead, the victim told Armengol she couldn't afford the pain medicine she needed for her ailment, so he offered to treat her after hours.

Investigators are determining whether Armengol was allowed to administer drugs under any circumstances.

Someone who is not licensed, like Armengol, "can't administer drugs even during the clinic's hours, is what we've been told," said Whitehead.

After investigating this incident, UCSO received a search warrant for Armengol's Gainesville home.

On Nov. 26, Union County investigators, along with Alachua County Sheriff's Office, executed the search warrant at Armengol's residence at 4151 NW 43rd Place, Lot 604. As part of the search warrant, officers seized computer equipment, a hard drive, digital and video cameras and equipment, cash and various prescription medications: Oxycodone, Alprazolam, Adderall, Cymbalta and Viagra.

Armengol was arrested by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office on probable cause for charges out of Union County. He was charged with sexual battery with special conditions on a victim over 12 years of age, a first-degree felony; practicing medicine without an active license, a third-degree



Oscar Armengol

felony; and a ACSO charge of delivering/distributing drugs, a third-degree felony.

Armengol is in the Alachua County Jail on the above charges with a \$600,000 bond.

Dr. Johnson's son, Whit Johnson, who works in the office, told Action News in Jacksonville, "He was a great employee. He did surgeries. He did, anything you can think of, he could do."

"What ever he was doing, it wasn't to his consent. (Dr. Johnson) had no idea he was up to this."

Armengol stated to law enforcement officers that he is a doctor in the country of Honduras but not licensed to practice in the United States. He also told them that he had taken the test twice to become a medical doctor here but had failed. You get a total of three chances.

The medical assistant apparently treated other patients after hours, as well, usually those who were poor or had no insurance—allegedly without Dr. Johnson's knowledge.

Over the years, many residents relied on Armengol, who did everything from administer shots to massaging away joint pain.

Many are shocked to hear the allegations. "You mean, Oscar?"

"It just doesn't sound like him," patient Gabriel Alexander told WJXT News4Jax. "I've known him for years while coming here."

"My grandmother, she really knows him because she's been going there for years and it's just crazy. It's hard to believe," Lake Butler resident Jeremiah Parrish told First Coast News.

"I hate it for the community," Whitehead said. "I hate it for Dr. Johnson."

Johnson, 82, has practiced medicine in Lake Butler for decades. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 1960.

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WORTH NOTING

LB Christmas parade is Dec. 14; must apply

The theme for this year's annual City of Lake Butler Christmas parade is, "Christmas in Paradise." The parade will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

For those wanting to participate, an application is available for download at the city's website: www.cityoflakebutler.org.

WS Christmas in the Park, Dec. 14

Worthington Springs is hosting "Christmas in the Park" on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be a fun time for children with bouncy houses and letters to Santa. It will also feature an arts and crafts show for the adults.

For info, call 386-496-2689.

LBH Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 20

The 6th Annual Christmas Extravaganza at Lake Butler Hospital is on Friday, Dec. 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Register to win over 30 door prizes including four grand prizes. All kids ages 10 and under receive a goody bag and small gift from Santa. Take pictures with Santa for \$5, plus play carnival games, crafts, train ride, cupcake walk, entertainment and more.

For more information or to be a sponsor, call 386-496-2323 ext. 9227.

Seeking "Guardian Angels" for children

GPC Missions (Giving Peace to Children) is seeking local "Guardian Angels" to help Union County children of all ages receive at least one of the gifts on their wish list this year.

The families selected cannot afford Christmas for them.

GPC is also accepting donations of winter clothes (new and used). Call for size sizes, and diapers for the little ones.

Call or text Sue Raper at 386-984-6072 or email her at sraper73@gmail.com. Learn more about GPC Missions at www.gpcmissions.org.

New hours for Union County Food Pantry

The Union County Food Pantry now open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

It is located at 125 E. Main St. in Lake Butler, in the same building as Roberts Insurance and the Union County Times. Donations can be dropped off anytime they're open.

SCHOOL

Lake Butler Elementary School "Perfect A" Honor Roll – Third and Fourth Grades



THIRD GRADE

TOP LEFT: (Top row, l-r) Ethan Hancock, Emma Perron, Angela Tucker, Erin Bradley, Ian Brannen, Ethan Graham and Tre'von Lee. (Front row, l-r) Max Newman, Abigail Batson, Natalie Gay, Faith Pringle, Regan Robins, Tristen Woodall, Justin Alford and Darien Jones. Not Pictured: Abygayle Fillyaw, Johnny Benefield.

ABOVE LEFT: (Top row, l-r) Jasmin James, Miranda Martin, Jaci Patrick, Kindall Johnson, Madison Johnson, Emily Richards, Katie Wade and Hannah Sherrod. Middle row, l-r, K atelyn Jenkins, Hance Jones, Michael Young, Cole Andersen-Davis, Sarah Archer, Leah Clark, and Ella Dicks. (Front row, l-r) Colby Dukes, Carson Rogers and Karleigh White.

FOURTH GRADE

TOP RIGHT: (Top row, l-r) Maegan Beatty, Ayden Elixson, Eli Hendricks, Sabrena Howard, Emily Mangiafico, Laura Park, Ethan Thomas, and Curran Webb. (Front row, l-r) Taryn Norman, Makenna Lee, Hunter Sherrod, John Dekle, Shellee Lockwood and Logan Richards.

ABOVE RIGHT: (Top row, l-r) Landon Klein, Sabrina Miller, Gwentyth Parrish, Lauren Coleman, Kyla Boney, Will Odom, Morgan Seay, and Ciara Woodall. (Front row, l-r) McKenzie Clemons, Josie Croft, Kylee Davis, Andrew Laux, Jake O'Steen, Eli Rimes, James Rogers and Anna Ward.

OSCAR

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Lake Butler Hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Thomas made it clear to visiting news crews that Dr. Johnson rents the space for his office from the hospital, but is not affiliated with it.

Whitehead said that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is assisting with the investigation, going through computer files in order to publish

a complete report.

This investigation is ongoing and further charges could be forthcoming. If anyone feels they could be a victim or knows anything about this crime, they should contact the UCSO Investigative Division at 386-496-2501.

The charges against Armengol are not proven and he is presumed innocent until adjudicated guilty by a court.

Dr. Johnson was unavailable for comment.



Dr. Johnson's clinic is next to Lake Butler Hospital.

BALCH

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her life's work the medically underserved population of rural north Florida.

Staff members have seen Dr. Balch notice the smallest abnormality on a lab test and follow through to make an early diagnosis of a problem that would have become much more significant had it not been detected early.

Regardless of whether she is

taking care of an engineer who is out of work or a farm laborer who didn't finish high school, she strives to bring that patient to his or her healthiest condition through lifestyle counseling, education on their disease and medical management. She never settles for less than the best patient care.

Dr. Balch's patients are very loyal to her. For example, over the years several patients have transferred to another provider because of insurance or transportation challenges. More often than not, they return to Dr.

Balch due to her outstanding care.

She also plays a prominent role in educating students and collaborating with colleagues, including volunteer practitioners. This includes training medical assistants and medical students and working with doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students and nurse practitioners. At least three medical students train with Dr. Balch each year. She instills in them an appreciation of the value of primary care medicine as well as the rewards of serving a rural practice.

The success of the ACORN

Clinic relies on the consistent hand of Dr. Balch's medical leadership.

The clinic is located at 23320 North S.R. 235 in Brooker. Call 352-485-1133 to make an appointment. Learn more at www.acornclinic.org.



The Crawford Family

would like to invite you to join us for cake and coffee as we celebrate the 90th Birthday of **Betty Grace Crawford** December 15, 2013 at the Worthing Springs Community Center from 1 - 4pm

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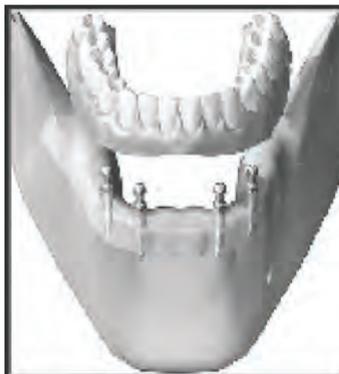
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Shooting and criminal mischief, UCSO seeking suspects Homes, car shot into by .22-caliber firearm; no one hurt

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

During the hours of Saturday night, Nov. 30, to the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 1, and again in the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 2, an unknown person(s) fired multiple shots at multiple locations in western Union County.

The Union County Sheriff's Office believes the same suspect(s) did the shootings at each location: two locations on Southwest C.R. 239 and one location on Southwest 92nd Way. There are a total of four victims with damage to multiple items of property, including items within their homes and vehicles.

Evidence found at each scene points to suspect(s) driving to each location and using a .22-caliber firearm to fire rounds toward the victims' houses and

vehicles. Damage included a bullet into a television and another one that traveled through a recliner and into an exterior wall.

At another location a bullet went through a vehicle window and one went through the front door of the residence.

At a third location, two vehicles were damaged with bullet holes in the hood and windshield.

No one was hurt during these crimes.

UCSO stated that this is a very serious crime and has multiple deputies and investigators assigned to solving it. Florida Statute 790.19 covers shooting into or throwing deadly objects into dwellings whether occupied or not as a second-degree felony. The sheriff's office also stated that suspect(s) involved can also be charged with criminal mischief up to a third-degree felony.

UCSO collected evidence at each of the crime scenes and rushed it to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Lab in Jacksonville for processing. Multiple leads and suspect information is currently being processed.

"It's a very serious thing. It is our top priority right now," said Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead. "We're trying to identify the culprit or culprits, getting the word out."

Anyone with any information on this crime should contact the UCSO, Investigative Division, at 386-496-2501 or sheriff@unionsheriff.us.

Anyone can remain anonymous and contact First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) or www.fccrimestoppers.com. A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect(s).

Clay Electric members report attempted scams

Clay Electric Cooperative said two of its members in the Salt Springs District were recently approached by individuals falsely claiming to represent the co-op.

The utility reported in a press release that one member in the Lynne area said she received a call from someone claiming to be from Clay Electric who was attempting to collect a past due bill related to a recent rate increase. A cooperative representative said the utility does not collect past due amounts in this manner.

"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," said John Bennett, member relations representative for the Salt Springs District. "They'll also receive a courtesy notice in the mail."

Bennett added that members should never share confidential, personal information over the phone.

In a second incident, a member was approached at home by two men claiming to be contractors for Clay Electric. They told the member they needed to check the windows at her residence. The woman became suspicious and called Clay Electric which told the woman the co-op does not have contractors that check windows and that she should call the sheriff's office. The two men left the area.

Bennett said Clay field personnel wear uniforms and carry identification, and can be asked for ID if members have any questions about who they represent. Contractors working for the co-op are also properly identified and can provide ID if asked.

He also said Clay Electric personnel do not make home visits to check on windows or other items.

LEGALS

UCT Legals 12/5/13
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 63-2012-CA-000099
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff
vs.
LEROY SCOTT A/K/A LEROY L. SCOTT, et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 20th day of November 2013, entered in Civil Case Number in the Circuit Court for Union, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. the Plaintiff, and LEROY SCOTT A/K/A LEROY L. SCOTT, et al; are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Union Florida, described as:

LOT 31, SADDLEBROOK ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 32 AND 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. MFG. SERIAL # FLFLT79AB12229HE21 3643B, HUD CERT # FLA583299

AND FLA583300, MFG. NAME FLEETWOOD HOMES OF FLORIDA, MODEL N/A, DATE OF MFG. 11/11/96, SIZE 66.5 X 23.0. THIS MANUFACTURED HOME IS AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE LAND AND AN IMMOVABLE FIXTURE.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the in Room 103 at the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 AM, on 23rd day of Jan., 2013. 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 November 20, 2013

Crystal Norman
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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 63-2013-CA-000074

DIVISION:

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST LUIS LOPEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

VALERIE ANNE HARRIS A/K/A VALERIE HEMPHILL HARRIS, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF LUIS LOPEZ, DECEASED
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: C/O Bradford County Sheriffs Office 945 North Temple Avenue Starke, FL 32091
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in UNION County, Florida: LOT 5, OF SANTA FE HILLS, A RECORDED SUBDIVISION OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN DEFENSES WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION, IF ANY, ON RONALD R WOLFE & ASSOCIATES, P.L., Plaintiffs

attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 21st day of November, 2013.

Kellie Hendricks Connell
Clerk of the Court
By: Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

**See Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (904) 496-3711 (Voice) or (904) 374-3639 (Voice or TDD) or via Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMMISSION MEETING

The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, December 11, 2013 at 5:15p.m. to hear the second and final reading on

ORDINANCE 2013-05
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting will be held in the Commission Room located at 200 SW 1st St, Lake Butler, FL. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this meeting should contact City hall at (386) 496-3401 at least 24 hours in advance to request accommodations.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 63-2011-CA-000046

FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION")

Plaintiff,

vs.

WINSTON RADHAY; SANDY RADHAY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Nov. 22, 2013, and entered in Case No. 63-2011-CA-000046, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for UNION County, Florida. FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION")

Kellie Hendricks Connell
As Clerk of said Court

By: Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2,065. In accordance with the Americans

GAGE ASSOCIATION") is Plaintiff and WINSTON RADHAY; SANDY RADHAY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 55 WEST MAIN STREET, LAKE BUTLER IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, at p.m., on the 23rd day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THAT PART OF BLOCK 13, J.W. TOWNSEND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 13, AND RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREE 36 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID BLOCK 13, A DISTANCE OF 249.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID BLOCK 13, A DISTANCE OF 277.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SILVER RUN; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SILVER RUN, A REFERENCE BEARING OF NORTH 35 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A REFERENCE OF 108.23 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTHWESTERLY CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SILVER RUN, A REFERENCE BEARING OF NORTH 37 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST AND A REFERENCE DISTANCE OF 86.84 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 112.59 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTH BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 13; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 13, A DISTANCE OF 108.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: Sept. 25, 2013

By: C. Norman
Union County Clerk of Court

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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ALL OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 LYING AND BEING WEST OF TURKEY CREEK, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCEPT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD S-229, CONTAINING 10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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Dated: Sept. 25, 2013

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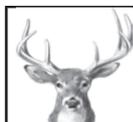
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ABOVE LEFT: LBWC members wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Week at Oct. 21 meeting: (Back row, l-r) Rose Martin, Jean Waters, Sylvia Carter, Monica Bayer, Carrie Ford, Betty French, Margaret Reeves, Bobbie Jo Morgan and Dale Tillis. (Front row, l-r) Harriett Maines, Ginny Stallings and Martha Powell.

ABOVE: GFWC District IV meeting in Jacksonville on Aug. 23: LBWC PR Chairperson Christy Hendricks and her mother, LBWC President Ann Hendricks.

LEFT: GFWC 2013 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting held in Orlando, Sept. 20-22: Christy and Ann along with Mary Finley (center), member of Macclenny Woman's Club.

BELOW LEFT: Ann with the winner of this year's Christmas tree, Monica Bayer, at the annual Farm-City Week Celebration on Nov. 25.



LBWC kicks off new club year

Continues mission of fundraising for charities, sponsoring scholarships

BY CHRISTY HENDRICKS
PR Chairperson, LBWC

community improvement through volunteer service.

The Lake Butler Woman's Club has started their club year 2013-14. They are excited to get a new sign for their clubhouse this year.

President Ann Hendricks and daughter Christy Hendricks attended the district meeting in Jacksonville on behalf of the club.

In September, Ann and Christy attended the General Federation of Women's Clubs State Fall Conference in Orlando and had a wonderful time meeting with other members from all over the state of Florida.

LBWC celebrated 100 years of service last year and is a part of GFWC.

Founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. It is one of the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women's volunteer service organizations.

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The members of the local club, LBWC, support many charities and also fund a scholarship for local teenagers and women. This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a local woman who wishes to attend college.

They also sponsor the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership award each year for a deserving student selected by teaching personnel at Union County High School.

The club hosts an annual Valentine's luncheon with proceeds going to the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

Additionally, the club supports Canine Companions, Hacienda Girls Ranch, Ronald McDonald House and Boggy Creek Camp for kids with cancer.

They have a Christmas Tree Opportunity Drawing fundraiser in October and November that helps with the expenses and upkeep of their historical clubhouse. The clubhouse was the first Union County Courthouse, built in 1921 and moved to its current location in 1935. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Industrial Complex of Raiford visits UC library

The Industrial Complex of Raiford visited the Union County Public Library for a Thanksgiving program. Katie Oden read "Heckedy Peg" and "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie," and taught her visitors how to make a paper turkey (TOP LEFT). ABOVE LEFT: The IRC facility in Raiford. TOP RIGHT: Henry Brannen, Charles Ellis, Carl Inman, Mark Jewett, Paul Landress, Danny Lucas, Billy Mason, Tony Miller, Mike Newton, Steve Norris, Eddie Parrish, Eric Pinner, Donald Sims, Steve Strickland, Jerry Thompson and Phillip Woods. ICR staff – Linda Rosier, Calvin Griffis, Juanita Willingham and Crystal Rosier.



Union County Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk thanks Curtis Clyatt for his year of service as the School Board chairperson for 2012-13. Terra Johnson is the new chairperson and Becky Raulerson is the new vice chairperson.



Mustache Bash at the library

On Nov. 16 at the Union County Public Library, the Junior Friends of the Library sponsored a Mustache Bash for teens and tweens. Everyone received a free mustache to wear during the party and a mustache bracelet to take home. They made mustache crafts, played games and took photos in the booth.

ABOVE: JFOL members William Brown and Hannah Hicks.

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UCI's Lieutenant T.T. Robinson (second from left) was promoted to the rank of captain and pinned with his new rank insignia on Sept. 17. Participating in the pinning ceremony were, (l-r) Colonel Kevin Box, Captain Robinson, Major Daniel Manning and Major Stanley Peterson.

UCI promotes Robinson to captain

Union Correctional Institution celebrated the promotion of Lt. Tommy T. "T.T." Robinson to the rank of captain on Sept. 17.

Robinson will be leading the institution's C Shift, one of the two night shifts, as officer in charge. In that capacity he will have primary responsibility for everything that occurs at the institution during the evening hours.

Ironically, his brother, Captain T.J. Robinson, is officer in charge of D Shift, the other night shift at UCI.

Captain T.T. Robinson has been with the Department of Corrections for 15 years and has worked in almost every capacity an officer can work at a major institution. Most recently, he served as administrative lieutenant for three dorms in the institution's Northwest Unit, which houses inmates with special medical and mental health needs.

Robinson is a member of the

institution's Rapid Response Team. RRT members are the institution's first responders to almost any emergency situation. They continually train with special munitions and techniques they may need in order to deal with emergency incidents and disturbances. This requires a high degree of physical fitness and a cool head in high-stress situations. Robinson always exhibits both.

Robinson also acts as the leader of the institution's honor guard.

UCI is one of only two institutions that have an honor guard in DOC's Region II – and those two honor guards participate in final services for any DOC family who requests their presence.

UCI's 18-member, all-volunteer honor guard provides a commemorative flag and presents it to the family in a solemn flag-folding ceremony at the gravesite. The flag comes with a commemorative storage box so that the family can keep it as a memento. The group also posts the colors, provides the playing of "Taps" on a trumpet and executes a 21-gun salute, if

they are requested to.

The honor guard attends the viewing, the funeral and the graveside services, usually over a period of two days. They will even act as pall bearers, at the family's request.

As volunteers, Robinson and the other members of the honor guard don't get paid extra to sacrifice their evenings, weekends and leave time. They also donate their time to meet additional training requirements.

"Being a member of the honor guard is one of the most prestigious volunteer services any correctional officer can provide," said Robinson, but it is certainly no easy assignment. "We often will get called on a Monday and have to be ready to perform on Wednesday," he said. That means the team has to be assembled and their special uniforms – complete with white ascots and gloves – have to be cleaned and pressed and ready to go. The members go out of their way to ensure they are ready at a moment's notice.

Robinson always exhibits outstanding dedication to his God, his family, his institution and his fellow staff members.



Col. Kevin Box (left) and Major Stanley Peterson (right) pin the new rank insignia on the collar of Lt. Jason Polk at his promotion ceremony Nov. 4.

Polk promoted at UCI's new work camp

Jason Polk was promoted to the rank of lieutenant at Union Correctional Institution on Nov. 4.

Polk has been with the Department of Corrections for 23 years and first began "going to the dogs" in 1991 when he joined the institution's K-9 Team as a part-time officer. He soon became a full-time K-9 officer and was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He worked his way up to become the supervisor of the institution's highly successful K-9 Team.

When he first became a K-9

officer 20 years ago, he was told he needed to be on call 24/7, and was always available for duty. Even after his promotion he will be available for call-outs, but he will not be involved in the daily operation of the K-9 yard.

Polk is highly dedicated and used to hard work, since he was responsible for the daily training of the institution's tracking dogs and also had to be available at the drop of a hat to trail a fleeing felon or locate a missing child.

In one incident this year, Polk and the team were called by area law enforcement to track a man who had taken an overdose and then run into the woods, intending to commit suicide. Polk and the K-9 Team successfully located him in time to save his life.

On Nov. 4, Polk traded his

camouflage and snake boots for a white shirt and gold bars as he officially became a lieutenant and was tasked with supervising all of the work squads assigned to the institution's newly opened work camp.

Warden Diane Andrews said she was very pleased about the promotion and expected Polk's transition to be a smooth one in view of his many years of experience with DOC.

Polk said he was honored to be chosen. "I have had the opportunity to work with some of the best lieutenants in the entire state during my career," said Polk. "I don't expect to be able to hold a candle to them, but I certainly appreciate this opportunity to try. I certainly intend to do my best."

Lee, Patterson chosen as top UCI staffers

Union Correctional Institution named its top officer and employee for the month of October.

Officer of the Month for October is Sgt. Willie Lee and Employee of the Month is teacher Bennie Patterson.

Sgt. Lee has worked for the Department of Corrections for 27 years and has served as a sergeant for nearly 20. He is currently the administrative sergeant for one of the institution's mental health treatment units.

Sgt. Lee was nominated because of his "hard work and dedication on a daily basis." He is described as a "team player" who always demonstrates a positive attitude. He is very knowledgeable in his duties and works well with both staff members and inmates.

Sgt. Lee was especially commended for going above

and beyond the call of duty in helping a large number of the institution's medical and mental health professionals relocate their offices from a building that is set to be renovated.

According to Operations Management Consultant Tammy Macey, Sgt. Lee went so far as to prepare offices, move furniture and put up shelving when staff members had to be relocated quickly. None of those tasks are in Sgt. Lee's job description, but he accomplished them with a smile – along with anything else that was needed.

"I, along with all the R Dorm staff, would like to thank (Sgt. Lee) and acknowledge his kindness and teamwork. We could not have done it without him," said Macey.

Patterson works in the educational program at UCI, helping inmates sharpen their knowledge and skills as they prepare to leave prison and rejoin society. He teaches literacy, adult basic education and GED courses.

He has worked with the Department of Corrections for only 18 months, but has been teaching for five years. He taught language arts and mathematics in the public school system, prior to signing on with DOC.

He was nominated as Employee of the Month by Library Technician Steven Taylor, who said Patterson has impressed him by his hard work to further the educational achievements of UCI inmates.

"He works hard for his students," wrote Taylor. Taylor pointed out that Patterson has purchased and donated a projector to the institution for use in educational classes.

He said that Patterson believes if he can better prepare his students for the outside world, then their chances of becoming productive citizens once they are released will be greatly improved. "This lowers the possibility that they will return to prison—which is the whole idea of our re-entry program," said Taylor.



Col. Kevin Box (left) and Asst. Warden Steve Rossiter congratulate the UCI October Officer and Employee of the Month, Sgt. Willie Lee and teacher Bennie Patterson.



Six UCI staff members earned service pins on Oct. 15. They were congratulated by the leadership staff at a supervisors meeting. Shown here are (back row, l-r) Asst. Warden David Maddox, Col. Kevin Box, Sgt. James Hughes (5 years of service to the state of Florida), Sgt. Kevin Howe (30 years), Sgt. Robert Kirkland (15 years), Sgt. Aaron Bass (5 years), Asst. Warden Steve Rossiter, Dr. Phillip Springer (10 years), Warden Diane Andrews, (front row, l-r) Classification Supervisor Mike Davis, Asst. Classification Supervisor Tommy Dicks and Officer Geneva Webb (5 years). Employees of the state of the Florida receive a service pin after each five-year period of service.



UCI promoted six new sergeants on Aug. 30. Asst. Warden David Maddox said it was exciting to watch six people prepare themselves to start a new journey in their careers. New sergeants are (l-r) James Meisner (eight years with DOC), Deandra Robinson (six years), Letosha Joshua (three years), Donald Rosier (five years), Robert Rhodes (six years) and Joel Combs (three years). Five of the six were already UCI staff members prior to their promotion. Joshua joins UCI from Baker Correctional Institution. All six were "pinned" with their rank insignia on Aug. 30.



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Rotary distributes dictionaries to third graders

Like it has for the past few years, the Lake Butler Rotary Club distributed special dictionaries to all third graders at Lake Butler Elementary School on Nov. 19. It includes simple definitions of words plus information on the U.S. Constitution, U.S. presidents, flags, states, countries and the periodic table of contents. On the back page it lists the longest word in the English language, which is... well, you'll just have to look it up. ABOVE: Rotary President Scott Roberts, member Ginny Bird and project coordinator Harvey Baxter listen to student Jasmin James read to Darleen Ball's class.

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Spreading inspiration and thanks from coast to coast

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It is fulfilling a lifelong passion, but more than anything, Bob Quick's coast-to-coast bicycle ride across the United States is a way of inspiring people to embrace active lifestyles.

Quick, a Roy, Utah, resident, is in the advanced stages of coronary artery disease, thanks to a hereditary condition. He suffered a massive heart attack in 2004, has 16 stents and had a pacemaker/defibrillator implanted earlier this year. He hopes his journey—which also includes his son, Conrad—helps get people “off the couch.”

“If we can get them just walking around the block 30 days—that catches on,” said



Cross-country bicyclist Bob Quick (far right) and his son, Conrad (far left), are pictured with Starke Fire Rescue members (l-r) Ashley Moore, Jason Hersey, retired chief Dwayne Hardee and his wife, Beth, Jerry Waters, Derrick Dowdy and Chris Seymour.

Quick, an avid cyclist who has always wanted to bike his way across the U.S. “Then they go, ‘Maybe I can venture a little farther.’ Maybe they go two blocks. Maybe they go three in a year. Those endorphins start kicking in, and they start feeling better.”

Quick's journey is also one of thanks. That's what brought him to Starke Fire Rescue during the week of Thanksgiving and why his journey, once complete, will have consisted of stops to more than 80 fire departments. You see, Quick actually went into cardiac arrest in 2004 and was technically dead for more than three minutes. Paramedics

with Roy City Fire and Rescue resuscitated Quick.

“They never gave up on me,” said Quick, who is now an honorary member and chef of the Roy City department. “They worked on me hard. They worked on me diligently. That's the reason I'm here.”

To bring attention to America's “hometown heroes,” Quick made fire stations across the U.S. the stopping points throughout his ride, which began Sept. 2 in San Diego and ended this week in St. Augustine.

“They're the warriors,” said Quick, who planned to stay overnight at two more fire departments once he left Starke. “When people see them out in public, they need to thank them.”

Quick has stayed at several hotels on his journey, but that was because he needed a place from time to time that had a tub he could lie in and soak his muscles. Outside of that, he has enjoyed experiencing the uniqueness of each fire station he has stopped at and has also had the opportunity to witness some heart-touching



Starke Fire Rescue's Jason Hersey signs one of Bob Quick's bags as Quick looks on.

moments. There was the department in Globe, Ariz., for example, where members created a bond with a boy whose parents were both bed-ridden with multiple sclerosis. Firefighters would take the boy into their

See QUICK, 3B



Bob Quick is pictured during part of his San Diego to St. Augustine journey. Photo courtesy of Quick and his website—www.bobquicksjourney.com.



Bob Quick (right) shakes hands with Jerry Waters after receiving Starke Fire Rescue patches as souvenirs.

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Past, present and future are topics at Farm-City luncheon

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It is an effort to bring agriculture to the forefront and to make a connection between those who work on farms and those who don't, but Farm-City Week is really just a continuation of what already takes place in Bradford County, according to Bob Hochmuth, the guest speaker at the Nov. 22 Bradford County Extension Farm-City luncheon, which was held at the Bradford County Fairgrounds.

"The folks here, I think, know their farmers more so than most counties where I work," said Hochmuth, a multi-county vegetable production agent and statewide small farms coordinator based at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center in Live Oak.

Hochmuth said Bradford County reminds him of Maryland, where he lived previously, because of its presence of roadside produce stands. He said people in Bradford County are not only aware of those stands, but know the people who operate them.

"I think people here, they know the Kings and the Normans and the Pendarvises," Hochmuth said. "They know them from the sales of strawberries in particular, but (also know) the other products as well. I think

that you all already know or have some connection with farm products in the county maybe more so than others."

Hochmuth said Florida is defying the national trend when it comes to farming. In Bradford County, for example, the number of farms that have identified themselves as such in 2013 is 479—an increase from 349 in 1987.

"Florida is one of the few states east of the Mississippi where the number of farms has actually been increasing in the last 10 or 15 years," he said. "The size of the farms has been decreasing, so we have more smaller farms throughout the state of Florida. The average farm size is currently 119 acres here in Bradford County, down from 159 acres in the late 1990s."

Hochmuth said 98.5 percent of the farms in Bradford County fall within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's definition of a small farm—one that generates \$250,000 or less in gross sales annually. That may seem like a large dollar figure, Hochmuth said, but if you decrease that gross sales figure to \$50,000-\$100,000, the percentage of small farms in Bradford County only drops to 93-94 percent.

"The reality is the majority of farms we have here are very small operations—100 acres or less and with much less than



Bob Hochmuth presents a bit of Bradford County history as the featured speaker during the Bradford County Extension Farm-City luncheon.

\$250,000 in sales," Hochmuth said.

Hochmuth talked about some of the changes in farming (taking

advantage of agritourism, small farms incorporating other crops such as shiitake mushrooms to take advantage of consumer demand, etc.) and challenges farmer face in the future.

"Water is going to be the most challenging issue across the whole state," Hochmuth said, adding, "We're doing a number of things to conserve water by using fertigation and helping farmers with drip-irrigation technology in particular here."

The Farm-City luncheon covered past, present and future. Hochmuth opened his presentation by covering some of Bradford County's history, such as how Starke derived its name—it was the last name of George Cole's fiancé (Cole bought the land that became Starke)—and

how the whole region was New River County before Bradford County was created.

"The rail system was really important for this region in those early days," Hochmuth said. "The materials that were shipped out of here were timber, naval store product and cotton." For those who didn't know, Hochmuth explained that naval store product consisted of turpentine and other timber products that were used at naval shipyards.

Hochmuth joked about Starke's population explosion to 400 in the 1800s before later talking about the "mind-boggling" population explosion that occurred in the 1940s.

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Madison Bennett (left) and Brittany Toms, seventh- and 12th-grade FFA students, respectively, gave presentations as part of the luncheon. Bennett talked about the importance of beef cattle, while Toms talked about technology's influence in agriculture.

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When losing is a good thing

Members of the local Weight Watchers group, which meets on Mondays at First Presbyterian Church in Starke, participated in the organization's annual food drive, donating 291 pounds of food to the Bradford County Food Pantry. Participating members donated a pound of food for every pound they lost. The Bradford-area group participated in a food drive last year as well, but the food collected went to Gainesville. This year, though, the food stayed in Bradford County now that the group's new leaders—Fellows, Rachel Cooksey, Joy Tetstone and Lana Tran—are all local residents. ABOVE: Members Robin Gish, Mammie Mitchell, Betty Winn, Collette Huffman, Tonya Gibbs, Karya Merritt and Fellows are pictured (l-r) in the

front. Pictured behind them (in no particular order) are: Christina New, Rebecca Brown, Jennifer Luke, Elise NesSmith, Pam Wheeler, Dale Reddish, Diane Andrews, Julee Hall, Nancy Huffman, Diane Ward, Peggy White, Ken Alsbrook, Rose Harrison, Lynn Bacon, Terry Bacon, Jackie Brant and Sharon Sams. RIGHT: Local leaders (l-r) Lana Tran, Kathi Fellows and Rachel Cooksey show off the food collected.



QUICK

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homes to celebrate birthdays and holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The boy is now grown and a member of that same fire department.

"Now, he is standing right alongside that captain—on that same captain's crew—which just shows you the impact (firefighters) have on the community," Quick said.

Quick and his son have been collecting the signatures of all the firefighters they've met, as well as department paraphernalia. During his stay at the Starke department, Quick said he had already shipped six boxes of patches and T-shirts to his home. "I don't think we'll have to buy another T-shirt again," he said. When the cross-country trip began, Quick said he and his son were averaging up to 10 hours of cycling per day. Issues with Quick's heart, though, slowed the duo to riding 25-40 miles per day.

Quick's will never wavered. "I promised America I was going to finish it, and I'm going to finish it," he said.

Quick has been accepting donations throughout his ride that will benefit Roy City Fire and Rescue, Special Olympics Utah, Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City and McKay-Dee Hospital Center in Ogden, Utah.

"I decided if I'm going to ride across America, I want to do it for a good cause," he said.

You can make a donation or read more about Quick and his ride at www.bobquicksjourney.com. He also has a Facebook account at www.facebook.com/bobquicksjourney.

Derrick Dowdy adds his signature to Bob Quick's collection during Quick's stay at Starke Fire Rescue. Quick says firefighters are America's "hometown heroes" and deserve to be thanked at every opportunity.



Whether you help support one of his causes or not, one thing that would make Quick happy is if you take the time to recognize a firefighter. It's not an easy job, Quick said, noting those times where firefighters have to respond to fatalities—fatalities

that may very well include someone they know personally.

"These guys need a pat on the back once in a while," Quick said. "It means a lot to them when they see a thumbs-up, or somebody walks up to them in a store and shakes their hand."

Celebrity waiter, Shop With a Cop event is this Friday

You worked hard to prepare that Thanksgiving dinner. Now, how about enjoying a meal out and helping a good cause at the same time?

The Downtown Grill in Starke is hosting a celebrity waiter event on Friday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. that will benefit the Starke Police Department's Shop With a Cop program. Besides the tips earned by local celebrities, 15 percent of the entire day's sales will go toward the program.

Shop With a Cop allows children who have been identified as having a need—but who continue to strive to meet academic and discipline requirements in school—to enjoy a shopping spree at Walmart. Through donations and the assistance of restaurants such as the Downtown Grill, children are allowed to pick out approximately \$100 worth of gifts.

This year's Shop With a Cop event is Tuesday, Dec. 17.

If you'd like to provide further assistance to the ninth annual program, you can mail a donation in the form of a check—made out to "Starke Police Department-Shop With a Cop"—to Starke Police Department, 830 Edwards Road, Starke, FL 32091. Please put to the attention of Capt. Barry Warren.

You may also contact Warren at 352-494-3326 (cell), 904-964-5400 (office) or starkepdl@yahoo.com for more information or to make a donation.

If you'd like to experience what the event is like and what kind of impact it has, please go to www.youtube.com and perform a search for "Starke Shop With a Cop 2012."

4th annual Miss Bradford Fest set for Jan. 18

The fourth annual Santa Fe College Miss Bradford Fest, which is open to ages 4-22, is scheduled for Jan. 18 at the Bradford High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Contestants will compete in Western wear, talent, party dress, evening wear, photogenic and on-stage question categories in the following age divisions: 4-7 (Little Miss), 8-12 (Junior Miss), 13-17 (Teen Miss) and graduating high school seniors-22 years old (Miss). The winner of the Miss division could win a two-year Santa Fe College scholarship. (Must meet eligibility requirements for college enrollment.)

The deadline to enter the pageant is Jan. 4. Entry forms may be obtained via email. Please send email requests to thorn99@embarqmail.com.

Miss Bradford Fest funds Santa Fe College scholarships for Bradford County students.

For more information, please call Lisa Tatum at 904-966-1514 or Brenda Thornton at 904-364-8266.

Bradford Fest Talent Showdown is Jan. 25

The annual Bradford Fest Talent Showdown is scheduled for Jan. 25, 2014, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for 17 and under. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

Prizes for contestants are as follows: \$1,000 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. In addition, the top three will participate in final auditions April 18 for a chance to perform at the 2014 Suwannee River Jam as well as receiving a radio opportunity with WEAG. The first-place individual will also be invited to perform at a May 17 Santa Fe College concert.

The deadline for participants to enter is Jan. 15.

For more information on entry fees and requirements, please contact Cheryl Canova at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center at cheryl.canova@sfccollege.edu or 352-395-4410.

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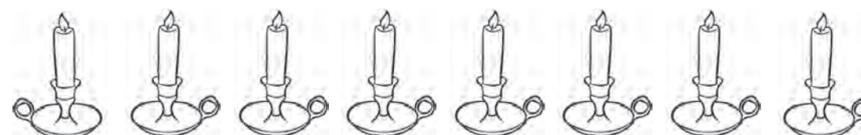
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NASA mini-grant funds Wings of Dreams after-school program

Wings of Dreams Aviation Museum joined the ranks of 178 educational organizations nationwide that received a NASA mini-grant for an after-school STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) program.

Selected from a pool of more than 400 applications, the program closely followed the objectives of the NASA STEM summer camp program, "Solar System Adventures."

The program sessions, which were attended by seventh- and eighth-graders at Keystone Heights Jr.-Sr. High School, were held at Keystone Heights Airport and taught by Wings of Dreams volunteer Dr. Francisco Reyes, associate scientist at the University of Florida Department of Astronomy and director of the UF teaching observatories, with the support of the University of Florida Department of Astronomy public outreach initiative.

"This is an important first step in establishing Wings of Dreams as an aerospace educational center in a rural, underserved area of North Central Florida," said Susan King, Wings of Dreams co-founder and managing director, who joined forces with Reyes to write and submit the grant.

The after-school sessions included lectures followed by hands-on activities. Sessions covered such topics as the solar system, sun, planets, comets, asteroids and exoplanets; the use of telescopes; exploration of the bodies of the solar system; the important discoveries made by manned and unmanned spacecraft; and the possibility of finding life on other planets.

The program concluded Nov. 14 with a star party, where students learned firsthand about



ABOVE: Kimberly Gray takes a look through a telescope during one of the Wings of Dreams "Solar Systems" programs. **Photo by Cliff Smelley.** **LEFT:** Dr. Francisco Reyes of the University of Florida is shown with a 10-inch Meade telescope donated to Wings of Dreams. **Photo by Trace Choulat.**

tal in arranging for the donation of 10-inch Meade telescope to Wings of Dreams to be used for these educational programs and star party.

With the assistance of Reyes, Peyton Phillips, science department chairman at KHHS, and other local educators and volunteers, Wings of Dreams will continue and expand these unique educational programs for students in the surrounding rural counties, according to King.

"In addition to astronomy and space exploration, we are planning to develop and implement after-school programs and summer camps on other topics, including aeronautics, aviation, rocketry and aviation and World War II history," she said.

Wings of Dreams, a nonprofit organization, has more than 60 historic space artifacts that will be used to highlight the history of America's space program and inspire youth to pursue educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The organization is seeking financial and in-kind assistance to help to preserve and restore these artifacts and complete the construction of a facility to display them and provide a space for educational programs.

For more information, contact Wings of Dreams Executive Director Robert Oehl at 352-256-8037 or bob@wingsofdreams.org.

Having some fun with glasses prior to an experiment are KHHS students (l-r) Brooklyn Goens, Dawson Lowe and Kimberly Gray. **Photo by Cliff Smelley.**

the moon, the planets and other celestial bodies. The UF astronomy department provided the use of telescopes and additional equipment to enhance the learning experience for the students participating in this and future programs. Reyes was instrumen-

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Something to truly be thankful for

Dear Editor:

I am writing today about an incident that happened on Thanksgiving. My daughters and I went shopping at the Walmart in town after dinner. When we left, I apparently placed my checkbook (with cash in it) on the hood of my car. As soon as we turned onto 301, we noticed something fly off my hood. When we got to Sears, I realized it was my checkbook.

Immediately we went back to

see if we could find it. After about 15 minutes of searching through the median, we started driving home. Within two minutes of getting into the car, my son called and said a gentleman dropped it off at the house along with almost half of the cash that was in it. Apparently, he saw the checkbook and cash fly off the car and stopped to pick it up.

I wanted to say thank you to whoever you are! I wish I could thank you personally, but I don't know who you are. I'm so thankful to live in a community where there are still honest people!

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"The population around World War II expanded for this immediate area to over 80,000 people to support the Camp Blanding efforts," Hochmuth said.

Hochmuth talked a little about Doyle Conner, whom he described as "one of the most famous people to be born in this area." Conner served as Florida's commissioner of agriculture for 30 years (1961-91), but he also had some accomplishments Hochmuth said those attending the Farm-City luncheon may not have been aware of.

"He was the national FFA president when he was in the FFA," Hochmuth said. "He was elected to the House of Representatives when he was a student at the University of Florida in his 20s. He was elected as the House of Representatives speaker at the age of 28, if you can imagine that. At 28, there's no way I would've been ready to do any of that."

Hochmuth said one of the most endearing things about Conner is that when reading his biography, he listed his profession as "farmer."

"All of the time he spent serving the public, he still considered himself a farmer," Hochmuth said.

Bradford County Farm-City activities included exhibits for third-graders. Please see page 7B for photos.

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Man arrested for attempting to leave store with beer, steaks

Paul A. Byrd, 40, of Starke was arrested Dec. 1 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Byrd was observed by a Walmart employee passing all points of sale (cash registers) with a shopping cart with two cases of light beer and two packages of steaks.

When he was confronted by the Walmart employee, Byrd stated he was waiting for a friend to come and pay for the items. When Starke police arrived—after noting Byrd's prior criminal history (including retail theft)—Byrd was arrested for larceny and transported him to jail.

Man arrested in prison parking lot after release

Robert Tyrone Williams, 28, of Tampa was arrested Nov. 27 by Union deputies for battery on a law-enforcement officer.

According to the arrest report,

Williams had just finished serving a 10-year sentence at Union Correctional and was being escorted by correctional officers to meet his sister in the parking lot. As they were walking, Williams asked an officer where a garbage can was. When the officer turned his head to point to a can, Williams hit him in his chest with his fist. The officers then got Williams on the ground to detain him until the deputy arrived. Williams refused to say what prompted him to hit the correctional officer.

Man arrested after stopping 301 traffic, fleeing from deputy

Johnny A. Higgins, 41, was arrested Nov. 30 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and fleeing-attempting to elude law enforcement.

According to the arrest report, deputies received a call Saturday night around 10:30 about a vehicle driving erratically on U.S. 301 south of Starke. Higgins, heading north on 301, stopped in the middle of the road with approximately 10 cars behind him as he approached a deputy's

car at C.R. 221 (Hampton). He then crossed the grass median and took off south on 301 a half mile before finally stopping at Southeast 57th Street.

When Higgins exited the vehicle, he stumbled and fell to the ground, according to the arrest report. When the deputy approached him, he reached for his pocket and said he had a knife. After the deputy ordered him several times to remove his hand from his pocket, Higgins finally did so and was handcuffed and transported to the jail.

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

Bradford

William Noonan Bradley, 34, of Starke was arrested Dec. 1 by Starke police for disorderly intoxication, contempt of court and probation violation.

Preston Lamar Burns, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 27 by Bradford deputies for possession and distribution of marijuana.

Toccarra Sophia Carter, 29, was arrested for probation violation.

Sean Christopher Cherry, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 29 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Quinton Travis Ford, 42, of Starke was arrested Dec. 2 by Starke police for probation violation.

Kenneth Michael Gilliam, 51, of Hampton was arrested Nov. 25 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Thomas Wayne Haehnel, 68, of Orange Park was arrested Nov. 25 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Michael Wayne Hall, 38, of Starke was arrested Nov. 25 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Christina Lynn Hall, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 27 by Bradford deputies for larceny and fraud by swindle.

Norma Jean Rose Jeffery, 22, of Ocala was arrested Nov. 27 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Robert Wayne Masey, 26, of Starke was arrested Nov. 25 by Bradford deputies for smuggling contraband, possession of drug equipment and probation violation.

Brandon Adrian Nelson, 19, of Hampton was arrested Nov. 26 by Starke police for burglary and larceny.

Albert Millard Nichols, 50, of Starke was arrested Dec. 1 by Bradford deputies for hit and run-leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage.

Joshua Dale Pernell, 28, of Starke was arrested Nov. 30 by Bradford deputies for fleeing-attempting to elude law enforcement and driving while license suspended or revoked.

Brandon Randall Smith, 18, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 26 by Starke police for burglary and larceny.

James Phillip Spratlin, 27, of Lawtey was arrested Dec. 2 by Bradford deputies for larceny and dealing in stolen property.

Joseph Thomas Stracner, 34, of Starke was arrested Nov. 26 by Bradford deputies for two charges of probation violation.

Tessa Leigh Thomas, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 26 by Bradford deputies

for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, larceny and dealing in stolen property.

Heather R. Tracy, 18, of Lincoln, R.I., was arrested Nov. 26 by Starke police for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Kisha Ladwonda Williams, 35, of Starke was arrested Nov. 29 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Antoin Pierre Wrotten, 24, of Ocoee was arrested Nov. 30 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Keystone/Melrose

Joshua Elliot, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 2 by Clay deputies for three probation violations.

Joshua Forbes, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 28 by Clay deputies for domestic battery.

Daniel Ramon Gallegos, 24, of Melrose was arrested Nov. 26 by Putnam deputies for a probation violation.

Michael David Lavane, 38, of Melrose was arrested Dec. 2 by Putnam deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Austin Michael Lay, 37, of Melrose was arrested Dec. 2 by Putnam deputies for two probation violations.

Matthew Limbert, 49, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 30 by Clay deputies for trespassing.

James Lee Michael Oldham, 21, of Melrose was arrested Dec. 3 by Putnam deputies for three probation violations.

Joshua Russell, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 27 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Levi Wayne Sharp, 30, of Hampton was arrested Dec. 2 by

Putnam deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Clint Sweeting, 30, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 2 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Union

Toyce Fay Cribbs, 53, of Hampton was arrested in Union County by DOC officials at the Reception and Medical Center for possession of marijuana and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Austin Cole Long, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 24 by Union deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic equipment.

Prentis Lynn Jefferson, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 28 by Union deputies for leaving the scene of an accident and driving while license suspended or revoked.

Daniel Raye Hall, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 29 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant for petit theft in Alachua County.

Daronte Jawaun Corbitt, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 27 on a warrant for firing a weapon into a dwelling/vehicle/building/or aircraft and for criminal mischief-property damage.

Tom Marks, 61, of Starke was arrested Nov. 26 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear.

Kelli Amber Mclees, 31, of High Springs was arrested Dec. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear.

Brian M. Griffis, 34, of Williston was arrested Nov. 27 by Union deputies for contempt of court-child support.

Paul Washington, 30, of Mayo was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 2 for lewd lascivious exhibition-in the presence of employee.

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Mozzell Azzolina

STARKE—Mozzell Azzolina, 86, of Starke died at the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. She lived in Arcadia most of her life and worked in the real estate business and as a beautician. She is the daughter of the late James William Steele and Minnie Lee Givens Steele. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rocco Azzolina and sister Edna Steele. She was a member of the Hillborn Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by: daughters, Diane Heiman, Elaine Peverell, and Teresa Peverell; son, Aldon (Shelby) Sanchez, Jr.; and sister, Sybil Mareva.

Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.



Retha Dickson

LAKE BUTLER—Retha Ann Dickson, 60, died at the E.T. York Haven Hospice on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013. She was born in Savannah. She lived most of her life in Georgia but has lived in Lake Butler for the past 30 years. She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy. She is preceded in death by: her father and mother, Hugh and Darothy Medders; brother, Dennis Medders; and sister, Lawanna Clark.

She is survived by: her husband, Bruce Dickson; sons, Christopher Lariscy, and Eric Dickson; one grandson, daughters, Patricia Herrin, Tonya Southerland, Marci Lariscy, Sandra Parks, and Glenda Cribbs; brothers, Royce Medders, Glenn Medders; and sister, Delinda Medders; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held Dec. 1, in the Archer Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Dyal Cemetery in Starke.

Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marion Glover, Sr.

LINCOLNTON, GA.—Marion Maines Glover, Sr. entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 at Eisenhower Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Ga. Mr. Glover was the son of the late Reuben Ruldolph Glover and the late Mary Loraine Rawls Glover of Alachua. He was retired military after serving his country honorably during World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. Mr. Glover was a member of the Retired Officers Association, Military Police Corps, Lincolnton United Methodist Church and was a life member of the Lincoln County Historical Society. Mr. Glover was preceded in death by a son, Marion Maines Glover, Jr.

Survivors include: his wife of 66 years, Peggy McGee Glover; one daughter, Linda G. (Jerry) McKinney of Lincolnton; one son, Phillip (Tere) Glover of McCormick, S.C.; six grandchildren, George, Reuben and Marion Glover, Kristie Williamson, Kim Morrison and Lauren McKinney; four great-grandchildren, Tyler Williamson, Zia Williamson, Hayden Williamson and Ava Morrison.

The funeral service with full military honors was held on Dec. 4 at Lincolnton United Methodist Church with Rev. James Bocian officiating. Interment service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Dekle Cemetery in Lake Butler.

PAID OBITUARY



Sam Loiacano

STARKE—Sam J. "Lucky" Loiacano, 75, of Starke died, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at the Haven Hospice Custeard Care Center in Orange Park. He was born in Port Arthur, Texas on Aug. 16, 1938 to the late Arthur and Juanita (Benito) Loiacano and was a resident of Starke since 2000. He served in the United States Navy and was employed as a mechanical engineer with the Kennedy Space Center for 18 years before retiring. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and the Machinists Union. Two of his granddaughters, Alexandria Nicole Barger and Victoria Paige Loiacano preceded him in death.

Survivors are: his wife of 48 years, Liz Loiacano; children, Lora Barger of Titusville and David Loiacano of Starke; siblings, Joann (Chuck) Wheeler of Sour Lake, Texas and Robert Loiacano of Georgia; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel on Dec. 2 with Mr. Ricky Lee officiating and the burial followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery with full Military Honors. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Thomas Nail, Jr.

STARKE—Thomas Elegy Nail, Jr., 86, of Starke, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2013 at Roberts Care Center in Palatka. He was born in Plant City on Feb. 1, 1927 to the late Thomas Elegy Nail, Sr. and Mary Oliver Nail. He was a resident of Starke for the past 45 years. He served in the United States Army during World War II and retired after many years in the construction industry as a handyman.

He is survived by: his wife of 9 1/2 years, Charlotte Jean Lauf Nail of Starke; daughters, Betty Lou, Patricia, Linda, and Jane; numerous grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at

a later date. In lieu of flowers please send potted plants. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Randy Pittman

STARKE—Randy L. Pittman, 65, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013. He was born in Indianapolis on Nov. 16, 1948 to the late La Pearson Pittman and Elma Alberta "Pat" Pittman. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and later earned two Master's Degrees in Accounting and Business Administration. He attended the Revelation Church of Lawtey.

He is survived by: his wife of 17 years, Teri Pittman; children, Randy (Charity) Pittman II, Alicia (Leonel) Anino and Micky Ruble; sister, La Donna (Robert) Browning; and four grandchildren.

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

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James Rogers

BROOKER—James "Marvin" Rogers, 73, of Brooker died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013 at the Lake Butler Hospital with his family by his side after an extended illness. He was the son of the late Will and Toy Lee Rogers. He was employed the Bradford County Solid Waste and was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy at Brooker. He was preceded in death by sisters, Annie Tetstone and Armenta Hester; and brothers; Buddy and Freddie Rogers.

He is survived by: his wife of 30 years; Geneva W. Rogers; daughter, Sandra (Jerry) Keller of Hawthorne; sons, Randall (Kay) Dobbins of Archer; Jimmy (Leah) Dobbins of LaCrosse; Donnie (Dawn) Dobbins of Bellview; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2, in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. James Parker officiating. Burial followed in Dedan Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Nancy Tweedy

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She is survived by: a sister, Mary Baker; a half sister, Becky Watson; two half brothers; and three children, Edwana "Edie"

Jenkins of Brooker, Elizabeth Keith of Worthington Springs, and Willard Kitchen of California; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and countless nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at United Methodist Church in Worthington Springs on Saturday Dec. 7 at 2 pm. A dinner will be served at Edie and Dewey Jenkins home in Brooker following the service.

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Making the farm-city connection



Trish Ray (left) talks to Hope Christian Academy student Kaia Wright during the Bradford County Extension Office's Farm-City Celebration. Third-graders from Bradford schools visited the Bradford County Fairgrounds and learned about agriculture, interacted with animals and sampled some tasty farm products. All photos by Cliff Smelley.



Bradford County Forester Andy Lamborn shows off different types of wood as (l-r) Cassie Acevedo, Kimberlynn Woods and Tanner Aucoin look on.



LEFT: Students, such as Kailan Jefferson and Payton McKenzie, got to hold chicks at the embryology exhibit. TOP RIGHT: Jametrius Pringle samples a cup of goat milk. RIGHT: Michael Norman enjoys visiting with a goat.



LEFT: Cletis Carn and Ayanna Pringle can't help but laugh as they put their muscles to use in making butter. Jarrin Alexander is pictured in the background. BELOW: Brooklyn Reddish and Ashley Clark try some sugar cane.



DeJon McBride examines a piece of sugar cane as (background, l-r) Tyler Kite, Kale Waters and Danny Thornton look on.



Kevin Lawhorn and Steven Rugg shake it up as they make butter, which they were able to sample with crackers.

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Good season, with an even better finish

The Union County 10U faspitch softball team went undefeated in capturing the fall ball tournament championship on Nov. 16 in Fort White. Union, which finished the season with a 16-2 record, defeated Santa Fe, Starke and Fort White before defeating Santa Fe again for the championship. (The team would like to thank one of its major sponsors, Sweet Temptations, for the tournament awards.)**ABOVE:** This year's team is composed of: (front, l-r) Abby Andrews, Katie Tomlinson, Reah Jones, Elizabeth Lewis, Starla Vaughn, Chloe Dubose, Candace Clifton, (middle, l-r) Randa Godwin, Emma Worrell, Haley Fishburn, Katie Caren, Breanna Melton, Meghan Mobley, (back, l-r) head coach Thomas L. Mobley, manager Scott Andrews and assistant coach James "Goody" Goodwin. **RIGHT:** Katie Caren, pictured with head coach Thomas Mobley, earned the Player of the Game trophy. Caren, Randa Goodwin and Meghan Mobley are the team's pitchers.



BHS boys take 56-13 win over KHHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

A 3-pointer by Caleb Jones at the end of the first quarter was the start of an 11-0 run for the Bradford High School boys' basketball team, which rolled to a 53-16 win over visiting Keystone Heights in a District 5-4A matchup on Dec. 3.

Jones, who finished with 12 points, made another 3-pointer as the Tornadoes (2-2, 1-0 in District 5) scored eight straight points to open the second quarter. Keearis Ardley took a pass from Alex Mejias as he cut to the basket and scored to put Bradford up 19-5.

Keystone (0-4, 0-2) got off to a good start when C.J. Rogers drained a 3-pointer for the first basket of the game, but the Indians got only two more field goals the remainder of the first half. They didn't score in the second quarter until approximately five minutes had elapsed.

Joquez Ivey added seven points for Bradford, while Ardley and Oliver Griffin each had six. Benjamin Nichols scored five points, Don Jeffers and Tyler

Bradford's Drian Jenkins (right) drives to the hoop against Keystone's Brandon Nicholas in the Tornadoes' 56-13 District 5-4A win.



Wainwright each scored four, and Mejias, Roderick Broomfield, Kenny Dinkins, Larry Highsmith and Drian Jenkins each scored two.

Rogers and Micah Brown each had three points for Keystone, while Brandon Nicholas, Anton Noble, Buck Shobris, Fletcher Teague and Travis Wheeler each had two.

In the Indians' previous game, a 44-35 loss to St. Francis on

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The excitement of surf fishing

Dwight Elder, his wife, Cleo, and their two sons, Jonathon and David, have been avid fishermen in North Central Florida for a long time, but they have never been able to gather all of their immediate family on the same trip until they went surf fishing a few weeks ago. Not only was it a productive fishing trip, it was relaxing and diversified. If sitting was anyone's desire, they had lawn chairs. If they got tired of watching fishing lines, they could walk St. Augustine Beach. If additional supplies were needed, the car was available without disrupting the fishing.

As noted, the trip was productive, with multiple catches of pompano, whiting and blues. Dustin Elder was the star performer by landing a 6-foot black tip shark that was photographed and released.

Dwight attributed much of the trip's success to the guide he contracted to assist. The investment was well worth the expense considering the successful trip, the party size and the information gathered for future use should they repeat the event.

Dwight also indicated he would get a beach cart if he pursued the activity because the amount of supplies and equipment would be too much to carry. The cart style he was talking about was not motorized, but pushed, much like a wheelbarrow.

One thing that is so appealing about the activity—if you are not a hunter—is that winter surf fishing is so compatible with the beach crowds and fish runs. This is the very time of the year that reds, whiting and pompano collect around the beaches and inland waterways. Additionally, if you are near jetties, sheephead are readily available. Another perk is that beach swimmers are rare during the winter.

Dwight also indicated there are good online forums that continually discuss the best beach locations for fish.



ABOVE: Dustin Elder and Captain Noel Kuhn with Elder's 6-foot black tip caught at St. Augustine Beach. **LEFT:** Captain Randy Harris (left) displays a nice slot red with a client from the bow of his air boat.

So if you are in the market for a good outdoors, winter activity and hunting is not an option, consider surf fishing. Do not forget the value of a guide the first time out, and take a look at Dustin's accompanying photo before you dismiss surf fishing as not exciting.

Captain Randy Harris

A guide's service the first time out on a new outdoors activity is always a good consideration. If by chance you are considering red fishing or any type of inshore fishing out of Steinhatchee on the Gulf Coast, then you might want to consider Captain Randy Harris. Harris is a longtime resident of Keystone and is a master of the activity. He is licensed with the Coast Guard, and he readily posts his catches on Joey Tyson's Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle Facebook page, which is a good way to stay up to

date on local outdoors activities.

Harris knows the area like the back of his hand and uses an airboat to get to the best spots at the right time. He can be reached at 352-745-1507.

Outdoors outlook

Joey Tyson indicated that the crappie bite is picking up in both Santa Fe and Lowry. Most of the successful fishermen are drifting minnows in the deeper water. Some fishermen are catching crappie trolling in the feeder creeks off of the St. Johns. Lochloosa especially has been giving up good crappie numbers.

In the saltwater front on both coasts, the reds, spotted trout and black trout are doing well. Large sheephead are being caught on the eastern side around jetties, especially in the Mayport area.

The big impediment to both

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Bradford boys defeat Union for 1st win

Drian Jenkins and Caleb Jones combined to score 25 points in leading the Bradford High School boys' basketball team to a 56-53 win over Union County on Nov. 30 in Lake Butler.

Jones, who made five 3-pointers, led the Tornados with 15 points, while Jenkins had 10. Don Jeffers added nine points for Bradford, which led 27-16 at the half.

Kyle Mosher, who made four 3-pointers, led Union (1-2 prior to Dec. 3) with 15 points, while Darrell Watkins added 12.

The Tigers played Eastside this past Tuesday and will travel to Cross City on Thursday, Dec. 5, to play District 7-1A opponent Dixie County at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, Union hosts district opponent Chiefland at 7:30 p.m.

Tigers split seasons' 1st 2 games

The Union County High School boys' basketball team won its first game over Trenton, but then dropped a game to Class 6A Columbia.

Dakenundrick Wells posted a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, in a 50-47 win over visiting Trenton on Nov. 23. Darrell Watkins scored 12 points and had three assists, while Larry Collins scored 11 points and had three steals. Trey Spitze had a team-high four assists, while Kyle Mosher had three. Mosher also had six rebounds.

Watkins scored 15 points in a 79-43 loss to Columbia on Nov. 26 in Lake City. He and Austin Dukes each had two steals, while Dukes also had three assists. Spitze added eight points, while Antonio Hendrieth and Zach Lee each grabbed five rebounds.

Keystone girls go 2-0 in tournament

Caroline McCormick scored in double figures in both games the Keystone High School girls' basketball team played in its Turkey Shootout on Nov. 25-26 as the Indians have now won three straight games to improve to 3-4.

McCormick had 11 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals in a 44-16 win over Menendez on Nov. 25. Caiylen Gonzales led the Indians with 14 points, while Bailey Zinkel grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

On Nov. 26, McCormick and Abby Winters scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, in a 46-43 win over Yulee. McCormick added seven rebounds and three steals, with Sierra Moore leading the team in rebounds (10) and assists (3). Alexa Born added eight points.

Keystone played District 5-4A opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will travel to Green Cove Springs to play Clay on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. The Indians travel to play district opponent Interlachen on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, Keystone hosts district opponent Bradford at 7 p.m.

KHHS boys' soccer team scores 12 in district win

Visiting Fort White was no match for the Keystone Heights High School boys' soccer team, which improved to 6-0 in District 5-2A and got five goals from Cory Hedding in a 12-0 win on Dec. 2.

No second half was played due to the mercy rule as the Indians (8-1-1 overall prior to Dec. 3) scored all of their goals in the first half.

Besides Hedding's goals, Keystone got three from Zach Holman and one each from Juan Grimaldo, Nacho Grimaldo, Brandon Hannah and Ben Jones.

Juan Grimaldo had six assists, while Wyatt Graziano had four. Hedding and Holman each had

one. Keystone played Crescent City this past Tuesday and will host Clay on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. The Indians travel to play Crescent City on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

Keystone girls bounce back, get 8-0 district win

After losing their first District 5-2A match (4-2 to Santa Fe), the Keystone Heights High School girls' soccer team recorded a big win, scoring seven first-half goals and defeating visiting Fort

White 8-0 on Dec. 2 to improve to 8-1 in District 5.

The Indians (8-4 overall prior to Dec. 3) got three goals from Madison Colaw and two from Raychel Trimble. Hanna Crane, Rachel Garvey and Rachel Lee each had one.

Colaw led the team in assists with three, while Lee, Trimble, Julia Osteen and Cheyenne Riddling each had one.

Keystone played Crescent City this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Bradford on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. The Indians travel to play Crescent City on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m. before traveling to Palatka for a 6 p.m. match on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

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Nov. 22, Nicholas and Wheeler led the team with 11 and eight points, respectively.

Bradford will travel to play district opponent Interlachen on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. before hosting Englewood on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Tornados travel to play district opponent Fort White on Monday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Keystone travels to Gainesville to play Oak Hall on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. before hosting Interlachen on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Indians travel to play Fort White at 7:30 p.m.

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fishing and hunting during the last week has been the wind. The rain and cold front made its way into the area first, and the wind closely followed. It made hunting waterfowl especially difficult, but the first phase of waterfowl season ended on Dec. 1. The second phase will open on Saturday, Dec. 7, and run through Jan. 26.

Captain Randy Harris says the cold weather that we have recently experienced tends to make the inshore fish bunch and more available to catch.

Crosshorn Ministries

to hold Christmas banquet

Crosshorn Ministries holds its Christmas banquet at the Starke Golf and Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. There are sure to be outdoors presentations, things to eat and some good conversations about hunting, fishing, trapping and other outdoors activities.

Tight lines and safe hunting until next week.

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