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Union Lasteel President and Owner Robert "Brett" Parrish

Union Lasteel goes global Crew to begin work on first international project

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, Inc., landed its first-ever international project: constructing a 16,000 square foot aviation airplane hanger with offices at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport located south of Georgetown, Guyana. The airport claims to be "The Gateway to South America."

Construction of the project is estimated to take anywhere from six to eight weeks. During the week of Nov. 18, the company had five cargo containers leave out of the Port of Jacksonville with approximately 138,000 lbs. of material and equipment to arrive at the Port of Guyana. In early December the containers cleared customs and all paperwork had

been accepted and approved, allowing the containers to be moved to the job site.

Due to the delay in the materials clearing customs and arriving at the job site, President and Owner Robert "Brett" Parrish decided that the construction crew would not travel to Guyana during the holidays so that they can spend time with their families and friends. They plan to leave shortly after New Year's Day.

"While there are challenges ahead for our construction crew (i.e., extreme heat during the day necessitating working during the evening hours, being away from friends and family, etc.), everyone is extremely excited, anxious and pleased to be provided with the opportunity to visit another country and meet new people," said Office Manager Louanne A. Rigano.

Parrish will spend time traveling to and from Guyana throughout the entire construction project in order to make sure that it is running smoothly and that all his crew members are being well taken care while they are far away from their families.

"Brett has the utmost confidence in his construction crew," Rigano said, "as most have been loyal employees for many years and have proven to be hard-working and dedicated employees. We are excited to be taking our first venture at an international destination, and are hopeful that this will be one of many upcoming ventures for our company."

Union Lasteel is located between Lake Butler and Worthington Springs. Parrish is a Florida

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UCHS and district grade drops from an A to a B

A dip in high school's test scores is reason, in spite of best graduation rate in a decade

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
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The Florida Department of Education released high school grades on Dec. 18, showing that Union County High School dropped from an A to a B, as did the overall Union County School District grade.

The grades came one week after graduation rates were released since they make up part of the criteria for computing the high school grades.

UCHS achieved its highest graduation rate in a decade, at 79 percent, beating the state average and the top quarter of all districts.

"That's a testament to our Drop-Out Prevention Program—which Ed Noegel is pretty much in charge of—our Step-Up Courses and our EdOptions Online Academy," said Principal Mike Ripplinger.

"Those courses help students make up grades, help them take classes over, to not only get credit but also increase their GPA and give them a second chance instead of just feeling hopeless and dropping out," Ripplinger concluded.

He also credited the guidance counselor identifying at-risk students and getting them into the appropriate program sooner.

"That's one of the reasons we had fewer students taking summer school," Ripplinger said, "because we're catching them earlier and earlier and getting them to make up those credits, and do grade forgiveness and credit recovery, sooner rather than later."

Additionally, CTE (Career Technical Education) vocational courses such as agriculture, business, Construction



Academy, Nursing Academy and Teacher Cadet Academy all help students see beyond graduation and develop a plan for their life and career.

Regarding the school grade that UCHS earned, an A is 1,050 points and above and the lowest B is a 990. UCHS received 1,013 points, which puts the school right near the middle of the grade.

"And the great thing is we earned a B," Ripplinger said. For instance, if the school had earned a C, it still would have received a B due to the state's safety that prevents any school from dropping more than one letter grade. "We did not have to take advantage of that," Ripplinger explained. "We earned the B; we weren't given a B. Which I thought was pretty awesome."

He said test scores were to blame for the grade drop. And this is the second straight year the State Board of Education has altered the grading system with tougher standards.

"One of the biggest areas that accounted for (the grade drop) was our dip in the test scores last year—for Florida Writes (Florida Writing Assessment Program), our Algebra I EOC's (end-of-course assessments)—and in a little bit of the FCAT we dipped as well," Ripplinger said. "So that little bit of decrease is what made the difference."

The grade is made up of two halves. The first is composed of test scores, for which UCHS had 443 points—"which is a little low," Ripplinger said. The other comprises several components, including industry certification, acceleration-

type courses, advanced placement, dual enrollment, graduation rate, dropout rate, etc. "On that side we did very well," Ripplinger said. "We scored 570 points." Ripplinger added, "Really, we're in great shape to earn an A again, next year, if the current trends continue, through our progress monitoring that we're doing throughout the course of the year. We're seeing increases in reading and math. So if we maintain the trajectory that we're seeing right now, we'll be in a really good spot to claim that A, we believe."

This year, he said, the assessments will be a little bit different—adding things such as American history—and it keeps changing every year.

Each spring, test scores are turned into the state and the elementary and middle schools receive their school grade during the summer, before school starts back.

For high schools, though, the graduation rates, along with everything other criteria for half of their grade, must also be submitted, which goes back-and-forth two or three times between the state and each school. That delays final graduation rate and school grade announcements till December, around the end of the first semester of the new school year.

"I wish it didn't (take so long)," Ripplinger said, "because it kind of puts us in a bind because we're halfway through the year before we really know the final numbers on several things. So it's hard to plan."

"So we do the best we can and we're going

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Firefighters extinguish a fire that started after a man suspected in a Marion County robbery and an Alachua County carjacking crashed a stolen vehicle into trees near Raiford.

Robbery, carjacking suspect crashes near Raiford

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A Bradford County deputy pursued a robbery and carjacking suspect from the Hampton area through Starke and into Union County until the suspect crashed the vehicle at the intersection of S.R. 16 and S.R. 121 near Raiford.

According to Alachua County Sheriff's spokesperson Art Forgey, the suspect, Jamal Demante Keshune Ross, 21, of Ocala stole gasoline, a phone charger, water and cash from a convenience store north of Ocala around 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

Forgey told the Gainesville Sun that Ross drove the four-door, maroon vehicle he used to escape the robbery scene into Alachua County. He then rammed the vehicle into a black Chevrolet Equinox, forced the family that was in the SUV out of the vehicle and then drove off in the Chevrolet.

Around 2:41 a.m., a Bradford County dispatcher issued an alert for a 30-year-old black male driving a black Chevrolet Equinox. The dispatcher said the man was a suspect in a carjacking and might be armed.

Bradford County Sheriff's Capt. Brad Smith said Waldo Police spotted the suspect and pursued him to the Bradford County line. At that point, Deputy James Albritton began following the suspect and Waldo police broke off their pursuit.

Albritton reported the suspect was travelling 105 mph. He followed the SUV into Starke where police joined the pursuit.

After the suspect turned off U.S. 301 and onto S.R. 16 west toward Florida State Prison, Albritton told dispatchers that the Equinox nearly crashed into oncoming traffic several times.

He added that the Chevy reached a speed of 115 mph.

Once inside Union County, S.R. 16 dead ends into S.R. 121 about a mile north of Raiford.

The intersection is well-known for traffic crashes with motorists traveling westbound on S.R. 16 frequently failing to yield to the stop sign at 121 and either colliding with traffic on S.R. 121 or running into trees beyond the intersection.

The suspect in the Equinox plowed into the tree line beyond the road junction. Following the crash, the vehicle caught fire. Firefighters from Heilbronn Springs, Lawtey and Union County responded to the scene and Ross was treated by Bradford and Union County emergency medical workers for a broken femur. He was transported to UF Health where Alachua County deputies were to meet the ambulance.

In an email to the Monitor, Forgey said Ross underwent surgery later Saturday morning for injuries sustained in the crash.

The following day, Alachua deputies charged the 21-year-old with carjacking and with aggravated battery.



Ross



UCHS Principal Mike Ripplinger

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WORTH NOTING

Blood drives for Jan.

January blood drives throughout Union County:

- **Jan. 3:** Hungry Howie's – 12 to 6 p.m. Free small sub or personal one topping pizza for all donors.
- **Jan. 26:** First Christian Church – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 31:** FSP – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

UCHS hosting 'The Great Commission,' Jan. 9

Kelly Christie Dance Academy will perform "The Great Commission" at the Union County High School Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2 and 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 for kindergarten through adult.

Substitute teacher training, Jan. 9

Substitute training will be held for new substitutes and for those who did not substitute teach for at least 10 days during the 2012-13 school year, Thursday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Union County Adult Education building.

Contact Pam Pittman at 386-496-2045 ext. 230.

North Florida Cattlemen's Association quarterly meeting, Jan. 9

The North Florida Cattlemen's Association will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Lake Butler Community Center.

The social starts at 5:30 p.m. and the program is 6:15 to 6:40 p.m. Presenting will be Tim Wilson, UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County; Basil Bactawar, UF/IFAS Extension Union County; Brad Muse, Bradford-Union Cattlemen's Association; and Tom Bryant, NFCA.

It will be followed by a steak dinner, 6:40 to 7:15 p.m., and another program, 7:15 to 8 p.m. Presenting will be Dr. Todd Thrift, UF/IFAS Extension Beef Cattle Specialist.

RSVP by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 7, by calling 386-752-5384 or 386-496-2321, or emailing columbia@ifas.ufl.edu.

Library hosting book and rummage sales, Jan. 9-11

The Union County Public Library will host a Friends of the Library book sale on Thursday, Jan. 9, and Saturday, Jan. 11, during normal hours.

It will also host a Junior Friends of the Library Rummage Sale on Friday, Jan. 10, and Saturday, Jan. 11.

Bingo, fish dinners in WS for Food4Kids fundraiser, Jan. 10

A Food4Kids fundraiser will be held at the Worthington Springs Community Center on Friday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be bingo, plus fish dinner with French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies and cake for \$7. A raffle will also be held for a \$100 gift card. Tickets are \$2 each.

Growing & Caring for House Plants Workshop, Jan. 21

A Growing & Caring for House Plants Workshop will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Union County Extension Office from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

To register, call 386-496-2321 or email union@ifas.ufl.edu.

UC board meeting, Jan. 21

The next meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. since Jan. 20 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

UCHS

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to continue to do the best we can.

"But really, the B is a testament to the hard work of the students, the teachers, and we're excited about the possibilities of next year."

The UCHS grades for the past 10 years are as follows:

- 2004: C
- 2005: C
- 2006: C
- 2007: C
- 2008: D
- 2009: B
- 2010: C
- 2011: B
- 2012: A
- 2013: B

For comparison, Alachua high schools received A's and B's, and one F. Baker County Senior High School received a B. And Bradford High School, Columbia High School and Fort White High School each received a C.

The overall Union County School District grades for the past 10 years are as follows:

- 2004: B
- 2005: B
- 2006: B
- 2007: B
- 2008: C
- 2009: A
- 2010: B
- 2011: A
- 2012: A
- 2013: B

Comparatively, surrounding counties had overall scores of C's and D's.

All grades are preliminary pending an appeal window that ends on Jan. 22.

In its statement announcing the school grades, the DOE said that a record number of Florida high schools and combination schools earned an A this year, with 240 schools—or 48 percent—making the highest grade. Since 2010-11, the number of A high schools and combination schools jumped by 92 schools, an increase of 17 percentage points.

It added that the increase in the number of A schools came about even as the grading formula became more rigorous. Learning gain targets for the lowest performing 25 percent of students were not accounted for last year. Current State Board of Education rules ensure that the challenge will be maintained as schools continue to improve their performance.

As more schools earn grades of A and B the grading scale is adjusted upward to encourage continued improvement. Based on the rule adopted in 2011 and since more than 75 percent of high schools earned an A or B, the grading scale for high schools will be adjusted upward for the 2013-14 school grades.

For details, visit www.fldoe.org.

Sunshine State earns high marks for its public education system

On the home page of the DOE website, Education Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart highlights the accomplishments of the state's public education system.

She says that just last year, Florida ranked first in the nation for teacher quality, first in the nation in advanced placement participation, and first in the southern region for graduation rate and degrees awarded by the Florida College System.

Florida's fourth-graders ranked second in the world, just behind fourth-graders in Hong Kong, on an international reading assessment.

US News & World Report included four Florida magnet high schools in its top 10 magnet high school list.

Newsweek named two Florida high schools in its top 10 list and Education Next ranked Florida second in the nation in educational progress over the past 10 years.



Free Healthy Families program helps expecting and new parents

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The New Year is a great time to get off to a good start and the Healthy Families program can help you do just that.

Offered by the University of Florida, Healthy Families Alachua is a free, voluntary support program for expecting and new parents. It is designed to promote positive parent-child interaction and healthy childhood growth and development.

Started in Alachua County and now available to Union and Bradford County residents, it's not just for the poor, according to Sally Johnson, family support worker for Healthy Families ACUB.

"It's to help babies get a good start and help develop their brains early," she said.

Parents can enroll while expecting and for children up to three months of age. Services are then offered to families for up to five years, with the intensity of service based on the family's needs.

Trained family workers offer weekly home visits and help parents manage the stressors of being a new parent, provide support in parenting and encourage parents in achieving personal and family goals.

It is designed for "growing great kids," Johnson said.

The program is sponsored in partnership with Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

To enroll or learn more, contact Johnson at 352-226-3208 or johnssd@ufl.edu, or visit www.healthyfamiliesfla.org.

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service (FS), United States Department of Agriculture, is considering an exchange of interests in land (surface use easements) with Columbia County and Plum Creek Timberlands (the Non-Federal Parties) under the authority of the National Trails System Act of October 2, 1968 (16 USC 1241) and the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (43 USC. 1716). Publication of this notice is required by land exchange regulations (36 CFR 254.8) and will contribute to the public scoping effort to identify any issues associated with this project (40 CFR 1501.7).

The interest in land under the jurisdiction of the FS that is being considered for exchange can be described as: A railroad easement being 50 feet either side of the centerline of the proposed rail line located in T. 3S., R. 18E, Section 31, Tallahassee Meridian, Columbia County, Florida.

The interest in land under the jurisdiction of the Non-Federal Parties that is being considered for exchange can be described as: An easement for the Florida National Scenic Trail being a 10 foot wide strip of land lying 5 feet on each side within portions of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 18 East and Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 18 East, Columbia County Florida and portions of Sections 6, 7, and 18, Township 4 South, Range 19 East, Baker County, Florida, and portions of Sections 19, 29, 30, and 32, Township 4 South, Range 19 East and a portion of Sections 5 & 8, in Township 5 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida.

Both easements are approximately 6.27 acres and legal descriptions are located at the Forest Supervisors Office in Tallahassee, Florida. Maps and a more detailed description of the proposed exchange may be found on the project website (<http://goo.gl/aID2s4>) or are available upon request (contact Matthew Trager at mdtrager@fs.fed.us or 850-523-8582).

The FS requests comments to determine if the exchange is in the public interest and if the lands are affected by liens, encumbrances or other claims. Comments may be sent to Susan Jeheber-Matthews, Forest Su-

pervisor, by mail (National Forests of Florida, 325 John Knox Road, Suite F-100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303-4160) or by email (comments-southern-florida@fs.fed.us) within 45 days after the initial date of publication of this notice. Comments will be placed in the public record for this project and individuals who submit comments will receive future project updates unless otherwise requested.

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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., 2014. 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. 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 your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

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NOTICE

Lake Butler Mini Storage has scheduled an auction for Jan. 4, 2014 @ 10 AM, located at 1015 SW 3rd Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, Hwy 121. The following units will be foreclosed, Unit # 30 - 5x5, Unit # 53 - 10x15, Unit # 62 - 10x15, Unit # 81 - 10x20.

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

CASE No. 63-2012-CA-000085
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS, CLINTON W., et al.
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 63-2012-CA-000085 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for UNION County, Florida, wherein, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and, THOMAS, CLINTON W., et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of court will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the front lobby at the Union County Courthouse, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 13th day of March, 2014, the following described property:

A parcel of land lying in the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Union County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 19 and run South 00° 10' 07" West, as a basis of bearings, along the West line of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, for a distance of 60.17 feet to the Southerly R/W line of George Anderson Road; thence run North 85° 49' 39" East, parallel with the North line of said N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and along said Southerly R/W line, for a distance of 866.03 feet to the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue North 85° 49' 39" East, along last said R/W line, for a distance of 130.06 feet; thence run South 00° 11' 39"

West, parallel with the East line of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, for a distance of 335.90 feet; thence run South 85° 49' 39" West, parallel with said North line of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 130.06 feet; thence run North 00° 11' 39" East, parallel with said East line of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 335.90 feet to a Point of Beginning. Together with that Certain 1997 Shad Doublewide Mobile Home with Vin#; FLA14611759A&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.

DATED this 30 day of Dec., 2013.

Kellie Hendricks-Connell
Clerk Circuit Court
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Second sexual assault victim comes forward against Oscar Armengol

Honduras doctor was an 18-year employee of Dr. Johnson

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Early last month, the Union County Sheriff's Office confirmed that a second victim came forward claiming inappropriate behavior from Oscar Armengol, 53, an 18-year employee of Dr. Marvin W. Johnson who operates a family practice clinic located next to Lake Butler Hospital. As of Dec. 30, no more victims have come forward.

The new charges of sexual assault and practicing medicine without a license are duplicates of the ones Armengol was charged with in November, along with one from the

Alachua County Sheriff's Office for delivering/distributing drugs. Armengol is resident of Gainesville.

On Nov. 22, UCSO was notified by the first victim, a 22-year-old woman, of inappropriate behavior from Armengol. 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 Armengol.

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.

On Nov. 26, investigators with UCSO and ACSO, executed a search warrant at Armengol's residence and seized computer equipment, a hard drive, digital and video cameras and equipment, cash and various prescription medications: Oxycodone, Alprazolam, Adderall, Cymbalta and Viagra.

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.

Armengol was arrested by ACSO on probable cause for charges out of Union County and remains in the Alachua County Jail on the initial charges with a \$600,000 bond.

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



The Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department raised money for the Fire/Rescue Firefighter Fund through a 50/50 drawing. The winner was announced on Dec. 19. Charlie Cook donated the \$70 he won back to the fire department. (L-r) Samantha Shedd, Jack Eck and Allyson Howell sell tickets at Sprinkle Field.

NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, proposes to adopt the following ordinance to amend the text of the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, affecting the lands within the corporate limits of the City as shown in the map below, as follows:

LDR 13-03, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.2 entitled, Supplementary District Regulations to add regulations for an indoor shooting range; by amending Section 4.15.2 entitled, Permitted Principal Uses and Structures, to allow gunsmith in the "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing zoning district; by amending Section 4.15.5 entitled, Special Exceptions, to allow an indoor shooting range and concealed weapons classes as a special exception in the "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing zoning district; by amending Section 4.16.2 entitled, Permitted Principal Uses and Structures, to allow gunsmith in the "I" Industrial zoning district; by amending Section 4.16.5 entitled, Special Exceptions, to allow an indoor shooting range and concealed weapons classes as a special exception in the "I" Industrial zoning district.

CITY OF LAKE BUTLER



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on January 13, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 13-03, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.2 ENTITLED, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO ADD REGULATIONS FOR AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.15.2 ENTITLED, PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES, TO ALLOW GUNSMITH IN THE "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.15.5 ENTITLED, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO ALLOW AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE AND CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASSES AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.16.2 ENTITLED, PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES, TO ALLOW GUNSMITH IN THE "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.16.5 ENTITLED, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO ALLOW AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE AND CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASSES AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment on the date, time and place as stated above.

Copies of the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact 352.463.3169 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8771.

FHSAA rural division benefits UCHS, other small schools

BY MIKE RIDAUGHT
Sports Director, WUCR-LPFM

The Trenton High School Tigers won the Class 1A state baseball title this past May—their first state championship in any sport.

They won their first state football title in December with a 14-0 win against previously unbeaten Blountstown High School.

"We just found a way," said head coach Andrew Thomas. "We might not have been as flashy as we were last year, but in the end it's winning the next Friday night, and we had a saying, 'win the next one,' and we ended up winning the last one. I'm proud of the way the kids hung in there and battled down the stretch."

So that's two state titles for the small school in only seven months, and the possibility of

another (baseball) before the school year is over.

But it may not have been like this had it not been for the Florida High School Athletic Association's decision to create a rural division, which would match small schools with other schools of similar size and level the playing field, thus ending the public versus private school debate.

In 2010, the FHSAA voted unanimously to create a new division "to provide additional opportunities for competition for private and public schools in rural areas."

FHSAA Executive Director Roger Dearing said that the unanimous vote sent a message and that the Board wanted to "create an opportunity for fair and equitable competition for those schools that have a limited student population pool."

"This was a vote that helps about 40 to 50 schools and hurts no one," he noted at the time.

Blountstown was another school, which benefited from the new rural division.

The Tigers' football team won 33 straight regular season games between 2004 and 2006, but they were blown out in the playoffs by private schools. In fact, the 2005 team might have been the best in school history but Blountstown lost to Trinity Catholic High School, 43-0, in the state semifinals. They lost to University Christian, 50-7, the following year

in the state semifinals.

Although they didn't win it this year, the new division gave them an opportunity to win their first state title in football since 1977.

Thomas said that Trenton wouldn't be where they are if it wasn't for the new rural division.

"We're Trenton, a one red light county," explained Thomas. "We've got what we've got. But if you look at the playoff numbers and how many fans have been able to watch the games, a game like Dixie County High School vs. Trenton or Newberry High School vs. Trenton (state semifinals last year and in 2012, respectively) doesn't happen if you don't have those types of settings. I think it's been great that the FHSAA has been able to commit to it and give us all an opportunity."

Union County High School made the most of its opportunity in the inaugural season of the Class 1A rural division by winning a state title in baseball, while the football, boys' basketball and softball teams all advanced to the state semifinals and contributed to the Tigers' athletic program winning the FHSAA's Class 1A All-Sports Award in 2011-12.

"It is a whole lot more exciting than I thought it was going to be," Union County athletic director and football coach Ronny Pruitt told The Gainesville Sun after receiving the award. "All the sports contributed to this which made it sweeter."

If you want further proof that the rural division is working for the smaller schools in towns

with student population of 600 or less, check out more postseason numbers.

Dixie County played in its first state semifinal in 42 years, while Trenton was hosting its first state semifinal since 1984; the Tigers' baseball team made its first final four appearance in 36 years (1976) and won the school's first state baseball title a couple of years ago; Newberry's volleyball team played in the state semifinals last year for the first time in school history; Union County's basketball state semifinal appearance in 2012 was its first since 1994.

In fact, Union County has gone to back-to-back final fours, which is something they may not have been able to do without the creation of the rural division.

"Since we are the smallest county in the state with only one high school, one middle school and one elementary school, it really means a lot," said Union County boys' basketball coach Rufus Jefferson. "It allows us to compete for a state championship with other schools with very similar situations and not all of those private schools that recruit student athletes."

There are 45 schools in Class 1A for boys' basketball. It's possible that unbeaten Chiefland High School, which is ranked No. 2 in the state, could be that next rural school to get back to the state semifinals.

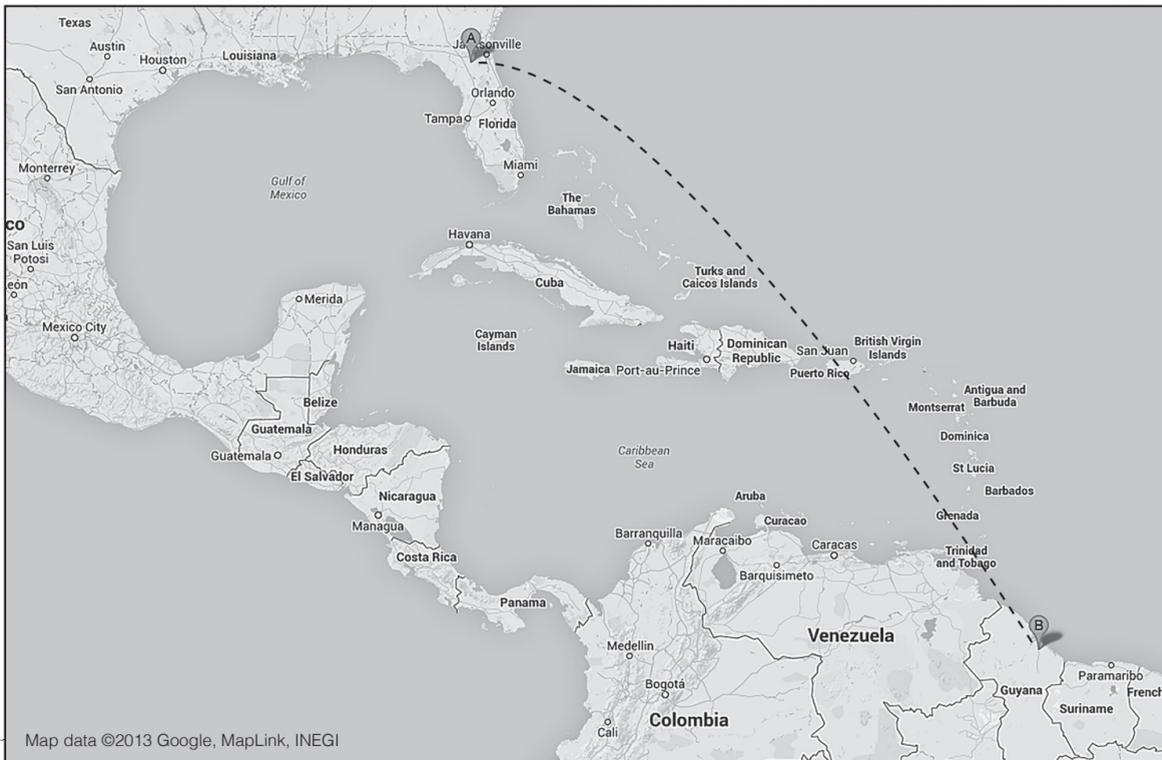
Trenton has the best record in football (36-3) since the rural division was created.

The rural division is having a positive influence in the area.

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Ridaught at Lake Butler Rotary Club on Dec. 10.



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A recent local project was to build the public transportation services facility for A&A Transport, Inc. in Lake Butler, for which Union Lasteel was the sole bidder. It was awarded \$360,000, after negotiation, as part of a Union County project funded by a Florida Department of Transportation grant totaling \$500,000. Project Manager/Estimator William "Matt" Denson was present at the ribbon-cutting on Oct. 1.

Union Lasteel was asked even more recently to provide estimates and plans for a fire station that the county is considering building in Providence.

Read about the company's projects at www.unionlasteel.com.

SCHOOL

Union County School Board recognizes employees and students in December



Superintendent Carlton Faulk recognized Leonard Watkins for 15 years of service as a bus driver. Next to him is Transportation Dir. Mike Pittman.



Faulk recognized Judy Crews for 26 years of service as a teacher at Lake Butler Elementary School. Next to her is Principal Stacey Rimes.



Florida Gov. Rick Scott

Florida population closes in on New York

Could become third most populous state by year's end

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

On Dec. 30, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that as of July 1, 2013, the population estimate for Florida was 19,552,860, putting it within just 98,000 of New York's. That means that if growth trends continue, Florida would become the nation's third most populous state behind California at over 38 million residents and Texas with over 26 million.

Just three years ago, New York had over half a million more residents than Florida.

However, between 2010 and 2013, New York had the slowest population increase of the nation's four largest states—California, Texas, New York and Florida. New York's population grew just 1.3 percent in the four years, compared to 2.7 percent in California, 4.8 percent in Texas and 3.8 percent in Florida.

At a fundraiser sponsored by the Republican Party of Florida for Florida Governor Rick Scott, held at Florida Gateway College on Dec. 17, State Rep. Charles E. Van Zant Sr. proclaimed, "Florida is No. 4 and will become No. 3. New York's tax structure is twice what it is in Florida."

Later, when Scott spoke at the fundraiser, he said, "There's no state that competes with us. Nobody has what we have."

He told The New York Times that he believes that a large part of Florida's appeal has to do with its pro-business, low tax approach. Florida also has no personal income tax.

In addition to that is the key attraction that gives the Sunshine State its nickname.

"When I call on companies around the country, I clearly talk to them about what the weather's like," Scott told the Times. "I say, 'Oh it's 40-what?,' and I joke, 'I've got to turn down the air conditioning so you can hear me.'"

For details and all the data, visit www.census.gov/popest.



Director of Bands Kelly Dorsey describes the All-State High School Honor Band that William Brown and Waylon Griffis were selected to. They will attend Jan. 8-11 in Tampa at the Florida Music Educators' Association conference.



Lake Butler Middle School Band Dir. Dirk Schmidt stands with students selected to the North Florida Honor Band: (Alphabetically) Brooks Black, Nate Hobson, Sidney Johnson, Breana McCurry, Tyree McDonald, Naomi Murray, Kiana Paytee, Amelia Rigano, Jonathan Schmidt, Emily White.



Union County High School Art Teacher Duane Archer recognized artist of the month: Joseph Dorsey (November) and Philip Brown (October).



Rimes recognized LBES Achieve3000 award winners: Karli Jenkins (2nd grade), Jaci Patrick (3rd) and Akira Jonas (4th).



Principal David Campbell recognized LBMS Achieve3000 award winners: Mason Warren (5th grade) and Ryan Hardin (6th). Not pictured are Brooklyn Cunningham (7th) and Richard Crews (8th).



Principal Mike Ripplinger recognized UCHS Achieve3000 award winners: William Parrish (9th grade), Amber Bishop (10th), Latiyah McDonald (10th), Drayke Ellis (11th) and Preston Wilson (11th). Not pictured are Erick Durant (9th) and Tristan Andrews (12th).

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- Includes Box Tops for Education coupon • Packed 25 sets per box

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Census Bureau projects U.S. population of 317.3 million on New Year's Day

As our nation celebrates the new year, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that on Jan. 1, 2014, the United States population will be 317,297,938. This represents an increase of 2,218,622, or 0.7 percent, from New Year's Day 2013.

In January 2014, one birth is expected to occur every 8 seconds in the United States and one death every 12 seconds.

The projected world population on Jan. 1, 2014, is 7,137,577,750, an increase of 77,630,563, or 1.1 percent from New Year's Day 2013. In January 2014, 4.3 births and 1.8 deaths are expected worldwide every second. India added 15.6 million people over the one-year period, which led all countries, followed by China, Nigeria, Pakistan and Ethiopia.



REGIONAL NEWS

NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

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Family trip a winner depending on whose side you're on

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Jimbo Fisher vs. Gus Malzahn.
Chief Osceola vs. Aubie.
The Chop vs. War Eagle.
Rowe vs. Rowe.

When the Florida State Seminoles square off against the Auburn Tigers for the BCS Championship on Monday, Jan. 6, Jonathan and Shannon Rowe of Keystone Heights—and of the Bradford County business Rowe Enterprises Inc.—will be in the stands at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., with their son, Andrew. Jonathan and Shannon will be wearing the orange and blue of Auburn, while Andrew will be wearing FSU's garnet and gold.

It sounds like a house divided, but Andrew grew up an Auburn fan. It's just that he's a student at FSU.

Shannon asked her son, "What have you been telling everybody about the game?" He answered, "I can't lose."

As an FSU student, though, Andrew is pulling for the Seminoles. However, if FSU wins, don't expect him to rub it in. Jonathan, a 1994 graduate of Auburn's College of Engineering, reminded his son, "I paid for the tickets."

Shannon did not go to Auburn, but became a fan because of Jonathan. She admitted, however, that she does own some FSU items because of Andrew. She even has a cup Andrew gave her for her birthday that features the logos of both schools.

As Shannon noted, the two schools don't normally play each other, "so it's fine for me to like both teams."



Shannon Rowe has a little fun with her son, Andrew, who will be rooting for FSU at the BCS Championship game, while his mother and father, Jonathan, will be pulling for Auburn. The family flies out to California on Jan. 3 to attend the Jan. 6 game.

Make no mistake, though. Shannon is pulling for Auburn on Jan. 6. When asked if she was going to buy any game-related souvenirs, she said she wouldn't be coming home with much if Auburn lost.

Shannon said the family wouldn't normally make such a trip as this, but the chance to see Auburn and FSU play each other in the last-ever BCS Championship game was too good to pass up.

"It's a lot of money for a football game," Shannon said, "but with Andrew going to school (at FSU) and us playing each other, we went ahead and

did it." The family was able to purchase tickets from an FSU booster, which, of course, means Jonathan and Shannon will be surrounded by FSU fans.

"We're not complaining because we're very happy to have tickets," Shannon said.

They were able to purchase their tickets at cost, which helped tremendously when considering the price of flights to California. Shannon said airfare was approximately \$700 per person when the family first began looking at prices and when they were still unsure if they were going to get tickets. (The

person they bought the tickets from wasn't sure how many he'd actually get because of the high demand.) When the family did get their tickets, airfare had risen to approximately \$1,000 per person.

"We would not be going if we had to pay more than face value for (game) tickets because flights were so expensive," Jonathan said. (Face value of a game ticket is in excess of \$300.)

The family will be joined by a friend of Jonathan's who also went to Auburn.

"She works for a hotel," Shannon said of Jonathan's friend. "We're getting her employee rate, so that made it a little easier as well."

"Too bad we don't have a friend who works for the airline."

While in California, Jonathan said he'd like to take in some well-known sites you see featured on television, such as Venice Beach, and added he'd like to eat somewhere in Chinatown.

The family is flying to California on Friday, Jan. 3, and returning early Tuesday, Jan. 7, so they'll have some time to enjoy some activities outside of the game.

"We're renting a car, so I think all day Saturday and all day Sunday we're going sightseeing," Shannon said. "I think Monday, our plan's just to get up and head to the game and tailgate."

It became apparent as the season went on that FSU was a serious contender for a BCS Championship spot. Andrew said the game for him that started him

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Christy Reddish - Director
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DAY CLASSES						
Course	Instructor	Early Registration	Course Dates	Day	Hours	Est. Res.Cost
Accounting Operations	Thomas	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	900	\$ 2,850.00
Administrative Office Specialist	Thomas	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	1050	\$ 3,234.00
Adult Basic Ed & GED Preparation	Rudoi	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	8am to Noon	\$ 30.00
Applied Welding Technologies	Geiger	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	1170	\$ 3,998.00
Automotive Service Technology	Rensberger	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	1800	\$ 5,846.00
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Dec 11-13, 16-18	1/13/14-3/6/14, 3/24/14-5/15/14, 5/20/14-7/10/14 (8 wk course)	M - TH	320 & 150	\$ 2,819.00
Computer Systems and Info. Technology	Ledger	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	900	\$ 3,215.00
Cosmetology	James	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	1200	\$ 4,276.00
Medium & Heavy Duty Truck/Bus Tech 1(diesel)	Rensberger	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	1050	\$ 5,775.00
Medium & Heavy Duty Truck/Bus Tech 2(diesel)	Rensberger	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	M - F	750	\$ 5,775.00
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Pusateri		Info for 14-15 class at www.butc.edu	M - TH	1350	\$ 6,146.00
EVENING CLASSES						
Course	Instructor	Early Registration	Date	Day	Hours	Est. Res.Cost
Early Childhood Education	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Enrollment Beginning 1/6/14	M	600	\$ 1,910.00
Child Growth and Development	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	January 6, 13, 2014	M	6	\$ 28.50
Behavior, Observation, and Screening	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	March 3, 10, 2014	M	6	\$ 28.50
DAP Preschool	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2014	M	10	\$ 37.50
Special Needs	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	May 5, 12, 17, 2014	M	10	\$ 37.50
DAP Infant/Toddler	Devalerio	Dec 11-13, 16-18	June 2, 9, 10, 2014	M	10	\$ 37.50
Adult Basic Ed & GED Preparation	Harden	Dec 11-13, 16-18	Open enrollment beginning 1/7/14	T / TH	6:00-9:00pm	\$ 30.00
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Johnson	www.butc.edu	Course begins March 3, 2014	M-Th	1350	\$ 6,146.00
COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES						
Indoor Cycling	Miller	Open	Open Enrollment	M,W	4:00-5:00pm	\$ 3.30
Indoor Cycling	Bridgman	Open	Open Enrollment	T,Th	5:15-6:15pm	\$ 3.30
Pilates/Yoga	Bridgman	Open	Open Enrollment	T,Th	6:15-7:00pm	comp w/spin
Intro to Prezi and PowerPoint	Thomas	Open	Mar. 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28	M	4:00-5:30 pm	\$ 30.00
2014 TESTING DATES						
	Time	January	February	March	April	May
Morning TABE Test	9:00 am	7,8,9,10,13,21,27	6,18,	6,18,27,	1,3,7,8,10,21,	12,29
Evening TABE Test	5:00 pm	7,9,16,21,27	6,18	6,18	1,7,8,21	12,29
Morning TEAS Test	9:00 am	29	12,26,	26	2,9	N/A
Evening TEAS Test	5:00 pm	N/A	N/A	27	3,10	N/A
GED Test						Visit www.gedtestingservice.com to schedule

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Stories the new year brought in 1964...

A half-gallon of milk was 39 cents, while 2 pounds of Red Delicious apples could be purchased for 29 cents. If you wanted to make some burgers, 5 pounds of ground beef could be had for \$1.98.

Those were some of the prices touted in a Winn-Dixie ad in the Jan. 2, 1964, edition of the Bradford County Telegraph. That issue also featured an ad for the Florida Theatre, which proclaimed, "Come at your own risk," in regard to the movie "Blood Feast," touted as the "bloodiest, goriest picture you have ever seen!" The ad assured viewers that a special nurse would be on duty, along with an ambulance and two attendants.

We're not sure how people reacted to the movie in question, but what we do know is that the following were some of the stories that made up that issue. Just as we presented a look at the Christmas week issue of the Telegraph from 50 years ago, here's what took place 50 years ago leading up to New Year's Day:

Bradford sales and

income up

According to detailed economic reports for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1963, Bradford County made solid gains in retail sales and per capita income to share in the business surge prevalent in most of the country.

The report, showing that wages went up for most working people, and spending rose proportionately, has just been released by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

The volume of business chalked up by retail merchants in Bradford County reached \$13,495,000 during the 12-month period, topping the previous year's \$12,258,000, according to the report.

The gain, amounting to 9.9 percent, compares favorably with that in the U.S. as a whole, which was 5.9 percent. In Florida, the overall increase was 7.4 percent.

Locally, as well as nationally, the advance was along a broad front, with most lines of business benefiting from the increase in consumer spending.

New cars accounted for a

large part of the total retail volume. Sales of appliances, including such major hard goods as refrigerators, washers and dryers, were considerably higher.

Much of the upward push took place in the second half of the year, when public confidence in the economy was fully restored.

It showed itself in a general loosening of the purse strings, which had been held in some restraint ever since the stock market debacle of 1962.

The report shows that Bradford County residents had a net spendable income in the year, after paying their taxes, of \$15,622,000. In fiscal 1962, it was \$14,256,000.

It amounted to \$4,463 in disposable income, on the average, per local household.

The economic indicators point to a continuation of good business in 1964, even though the unemployment problem in some areas is still unabated. Optimism concerning the year's prospects is more general than it has been since 1960. The biggest factor is the consuming public, which has more money to spend than ever before.

Divorce rate in Bradford higher than U.S. average

The divorce rate in Bradford County is not an enviable one.

Although it has not reached the size that it has in some parts of the country, it is, nevertheless, higher than the average.

As a result of families splitting up locally, there are now 505 men and women in the county who are listed as divorced or separated. Of the total, 252 are divorced, and 253 are separated.

The figures are based on a survey recently made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and on data gathered by the Department of Commerce.

They show that in Bradford County, 60 local residents out of every 1,000 over the age of 14 are either divorced or separated.

That is a higher ratio than is reported for most of the United States, the average being 43 per 1,000. In Florida, it is 58 per 1,000.

Growing attention is being paid to the divorce situation

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Birth: Anniston Grace Hatcher

Harry and Kristen Hatcher of Starke announce the birth of their daughter, Anniston Grace Hatcher, born on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at 2:50 am at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville.

She weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are David and Donna Tew of Starke.

Paternal grandparents are Gloria Harrell of Starke and Harry and Jo Ann Hatcher of Starke.

Maternal great grandparents are Homer and Jesse Tew of Starke.

Paternal great grandmother is Betty Harrell of Moultrie, Ga.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lee is the son of Shirely and Frank Lee of Keystone Heights.

He is a 2011 graduate of Keystone Heights High School.



Airman Joshua R. Mizell

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Mizell is the son of Faith Mizell of Jacksonville, and nephew of Kristine Tice of Lake Butler.

He is a 2012 graduate of Union County High School, Lake Butler.



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LETTERS

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Who do people see?

Dear Editor:

In communities where churches decorate most street corners, one would imagine the occupants to be peace loving and joyful, I mean, despite denominational differences, most members of religious institutions have surrendered their lives to be ambassadors for Christ recreating the love, grace, and mercy he demonstrated while on earth. How we, as Christians, treat others is a reflection of Christ. As the new year begins, take a moment to evaluate the past year's ambassadorship. Did we, as Christians, reflect Christ's love and mercy or did we use Christianity as an excuse to reflect our own beliefs?

Did the language of the holidays offend you? A few of my students work in businesses where they were instructed to wish people "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas." Many commented how angry customers lectured them on the holiness of Christmas. These poor workers deserve better. Many of them are struggling students, single parents, or the working elderly. If Jesus had a meltdown every time he was verbally insulted, Christians might be justified exhibiting similar behavior. But he didn't. The more insults he suffered, the more love he offered. As ambassadors, showing the love of Christ, the whole point of Christmas, should be our gift to others. And I often say "Happy Holidays" because there are two holidays, not one, celebrated within a week of one another.

How did Christian ambassadorship work in political arenas this past year? Was being associated with a political party more important than loving others, no matter their beliefs? It's interesting, especially being part of the educational system, how many Christian parents teach their children respect for others, and yet, due to their political affiliation, this respect is often selective. Romans 13:1-

2 states, "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God" (NLT). However, conversations around town and many entries posted on social media not only demonstrate disrespect to authority but also mock the teachings of the Bible. Jesus wasn't a member of a political party. He loved and cared for all people, so hopefully our children will see through our inconsistencies and choose to represent Christ, not man. They, too, will one be ambassadors for their beliefs.

Ambassadorship doesn't involve judging others (Matthew 7:1-5). We should be ecstatic we have one less responsibility in our job description. Yet, we judge. And, in our judgment, we delegate people to hell when we have no authority to do so, especially since Christ paid for everyone's sins with his life, if we make people believe they go to hell for their sins, we've proclaimed Christ's death a hoax, a traitorous action. When we judge others for any reason, our actions proclaim we are God, not his representatives.

And when we attack nonbelievers for not behaving or believing "appropriately," we shouldn't be surprised they're not interested in learning more about Christ.

A New Year's resolution for Christians to represent Christ

for who he is and not for who we think he is a wonderful concept, especially for those people who have never met him. If people saw the Christ represented in the Bible when they met us, they might want to know more about him. Unfortunately, according to Forbes.com only 8% of those making resolutions stick to them. In this new year, who will people see when they meet you?

Kathleen Conner Compass

Help support Brad Whitehead for UC sheriff

Dear Editor:

To my friends colleagues and acquaintances. I'm Jack Sapp, a lifelong resident of Union County. My wife, Carolyn our daughter and grand children were all educated in Union County. I've been a registered voter since I was eighteen. I served 37+ years with the Florida Dept of Corrections and retired as Warden.

I would like to ask each of you to join me in recommending Brad Whitehead to fill the position of Sheriff, succeeding his late father Jerry Whitehead. Brad has been preparing for the position for many years and had planned to run for the office upon his fathers retirement.. However, the

untimely death of his father has left the position to be filled by appointment, by Governor Rick Scott.

I have watched Brad over the years, earning his certifications and working in law enforcement as an investigator with the State Fire Marshals Office, investigator with Inspector Generals Office Department of Corrections, Deputy Sheriff Union County and Administrator (Assistant Warden) Department of Corrections. No doubt Brad's well qualified to hold the Office of Sheriff, Union County.

Please join me in contacting Governor Rick Scott and recommend he appoint Brad Whitehead to the position of Sheriff of Union County.

Log onto: flgov.com/contact-gov-scott or find the address and Phone #.

Thank you, and please continue to keep the Whitehead family in your prayers.

Jack Sapp
Lake Butler

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CRIME

Rapping about money owed leads to arrest

Teavon Lee Williams, 23, of High Springs was arrested Dec. 25 by Union deputies and charged with disorderly conduct after refusing to stop creating a disturbance at Third Avenue in Lake Butler.

According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to the area in reference to a disturbance at a home. The deputy observed Williams standing at the front door of the home, yelling loudly at the occupants about them owing him \$5. The deputy told Williams to lower his voice as he was causing a disturbance to the neighbors.

Williams refused to stop yelling, and instead began "rapping" a song about the occupants owing him \$5. After Williams refused numerous orders by the deputy to leave the home and to stop singing and yelling, he was arrested and transported to the Union jail and charged with disorderly conduct-disturbing the peace.

2 arrested for drug trafficking after chase

Lemuel Leander Cooper, 26, and Afernee Antonio Hayes, 19, both of Melrose, were arrested Dec. 29 by Bradford deputies after a chase that started at Club LA on C.R. 225 east of Lawtey ended on U.S. 301 several miles south of Lawtey.

According to the arrest report, a Bradford deputy came upon a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road at the club. When the deputy activated his lights to get the vehicle to pull over, it sped off on C.R. 225 toward Lawtey, crossing U.S. 301 and then turning south on C.R. 200A. The vehicle then got back on U.S. 301 south of Lawtey, twice crossing over into the northbound lane while still going south. The vehicle then slowed down, and the driver, later identified as Cooper, jumped out and ran across the highway to the area of Northwest 198th Street. Hayes was detained in the vehicle, while several deputies went after Cooper, getting him to surrender after threatening to bring in a K-9 tracking dog.

Drugs were found in the vehicle and on the suspects at the jail. Cooper was arrested and charged with reckless driving, driving while license suspended or revoked, resisting an officer, possession of cocaine and trafficking in cocaine. Hayes was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, trafficking of cocaine, smuggling contraband into the jail and for resisting an officer.

No bail was set for either suspect.

Arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

Bradford

Larry Lee Brooks, 20, of Starke was arrested Dec. 27 by Bradford deputies for battery and for aggravated battery. According to the arrest report, Brooks attacked his own grandparents physically, choking both at some point and throwing a brick at his grandfather, hitting him in the arm. Brooks also used a hammer to put holes in the victims' walls and to crush his own cell phone. When the grandparents tried to leave the residence, Brooks got in the car with them and made them take him to Baker County. Later in the day, after the victims went to the sheriff's office to file a report, Brooks was located at McDonald's in Starke and arrested. His bail was set at

\$30,000.

Jermaine Andro Brown, 20, of Tampa was arrested Dec. 27 by Bradford deputies for larceny, fraud by illegal use of credit cards and fraud by impersonation.

Jack Edward Brown, 23, of Starke was arrested Dec. 24 by Bradford deputies for battery and for resisting an officer.

John F. Burns, 41, of Starke was arrested Dec. 26 by Starke police for withholding child support.

Alfredo Chavarria, 21, of Starke was arrested Dec. 29 by Starke police for driving without a valid driver's license.

Jonathan Christopher Culverson, 21, of Starke was arrested Dec. 29 by Starke police for aggravated battery.

John Joseph Danella, 25, of Starke was arrested Dec. 23 by Starke police for cruelty toward a child. According to the arrest report, Danella is accused of abusing his 5-year-old stepson physically, choking him at one point and throwing him against a wall during the same incident. The child had other bruising that Danella said could have come from spankings he gave the child, or from the child himself hitting his head against the wall or his bedpost on his own. The investigation was initiated after DCF received a report of possible child abuse at the home. Danella's bail was set at \$5,000.

Anthony Lee Hodges, 34, of Lawtey was arrested Dec. 29 by Bradford deputies for two charges of battery, probation violation and contempt of court. According to the arrest report, Hodges started attacking his mother and another female victim after asking them for a cigarette. He was choking his mother when she broke free and attempted to push Hodges out of the door to lock it. Before she

could get the door locked, he grabbed the other victim and pulled her outside, causing her to fall on the ground. He then kicked the victim on the ground in the back of the head before his mother pulled his shirt over his head, allowing the other victim to run in the house, lock the door and call 911. Hodges was already on probation for aggravated battery and had a permanent injunction against him by the second victim. No bond was set after the arrest.

Shon Allen Lanier, 36, of Hawthorne was arrested Dec. 27 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Derek John Levine, 27, of Starke was arrested Dec. 28 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for larceny-grand theft of more than \$200 and less than \$5,000. The case originated from the Starke Police Department. Bond was at \$5,000.

Jerry L. Lewis, 33, of Lawtey was arrested Dec. 28 by Bradford deputies for withholding child support.

Clay Ryan Manning, 41, of Starke was arrested Dec. 27 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 41, of Starke was arrested Dec. 25 by Starke police for trespassing at a Kangaroo store in Starke.

Kyle Gregory Ploe, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 23 by Bradford deputies for possession of drugs.

Kenneth Alton Pye, 29, of Starke was arrested Dec. 28 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Terrance Orlanda Reed, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 29 by Starke police for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Reed was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over by the officer due to a

taillight being out.

William Thomas Riesenbeck, 40, of Middleburg was arrested Dec. 23 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Eric Wallace Searcy, 22, of Starke was arrested Dec. 26 by Bradford deputies for three charges of failure to appear.

Phillip Steven Searcy, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested Dec. 27 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Roger Sherman Welsh, 36, of Starke was arrested Dec. 23 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Brandon Scott Wynne, 32, of Lawtey was arrested Dec. 25 by Bradford deputies for assault, disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, deputies were called about a disturbance on 36th Avenue just north of the Starke city limits near U.S. 301. Wynne was walking around banging on someone's door, then attempting to pull a vehicle out of a ditch. He was also harassing others in the area before deputies arrived. When questioned by the deputies, he became combative, threatened to harm the deputies and became "limp" when handcuffed, so the deputies had to carry him to the patrol car. In the back of the car, Wynne became more combative, shaking the car with his body, yelling more threats and working his hands to the front of his body. The deputies removed him from the car and applied shackles to his hands and feet.

Keystone/Melrose

Michelle Brannen, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 28 by Clay deputies for retail theft.

Jeanelle Dunn, 50, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 26 by Clay deputies for a probation

violation.

Brittany Gordon, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 28 by Clay deputies for retail theft.

Christina Hall, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 26 by Clay deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Fermine Layman, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 29 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Marvin Minton, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 28 by Clay deputies for retail theft.

Tyler Mosley, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 28 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Hector Apolo Ramos, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 26 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

Union

Andy Holderfield, 17, of

Brooker was arrested Dec. 25 by Union deputies for failure to appear for a felony offense.

Christopher Dewayne Alexander, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 25 by Union deputies for driving under the influence, reckless driving, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic equipment. According to the arrest report, Alexander was observed cutting "donuts" and spinning his tires in the yard of a home located near West Side Park in Lake Butler by a deputy. Several times Alexander stopped, exited the vehicle and yelled at the deputy, before finally taking off at a high rate of speed toward the roadway. Alexander then ran several stop signs, did another donut at the intersection of C.R. 231 and C.R. 238, and tried to go back to the same yard when the deputy was able to cut him off with his patrol car. Alexander exited his car, smelling strongly of alcohol and being verbally combative with the deputy. He was handcuffed and arrested, and a search of his vehicle turned up marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

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'52 plane crash involving Starke man just now being uncovered

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Some of the debris from a Nov. 22, 1952, plane crash that claimed the life of Starke's Robert A. Owen has just recently been uncovered as part of an ongoing recovery process that was initially hampered by foul weather and avalanche conditions in Alaska.

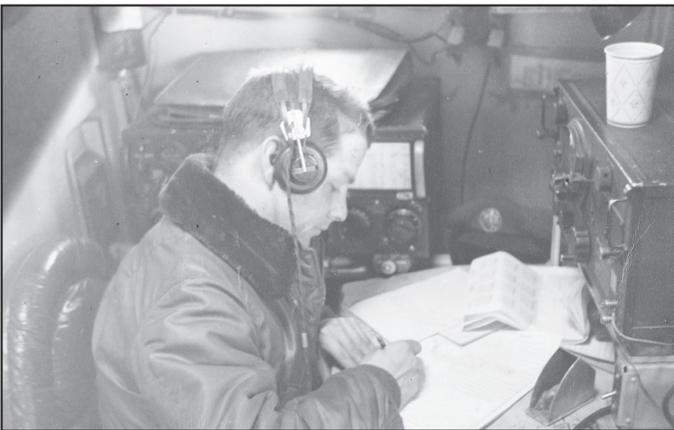
"It's a little closure," said Owen's nephew, who is also named Robert Owen. "I can remember my mom and some of them saying, 'I just don't know if he was in that plane or not when it went down.' He definitely was listed as the radio operator on the manifest."

Robert A. Owen, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owen, was in the Army and preparing for a return to Korea. He was on board a Douglas C-124 Globemaster—a plane often referred to as "Old Shaky"—that crashed into Mount Gannett on a flight from McChord Air

Force Base in Washington State. According to information posted on the Korean War Educator website, the plane was minutes away from landing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

"They crashed into the top of the mountain—probably about 60 feet short of the top," the younger Robert Owen said. "They were just that close to getting over it."

The crash, which killed all 52 members on board the plane, was apparently the result of bad weather. Douglas Beckstead, the historian of the 673rd Air Base Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, reviewed copies of the official incident reports, according to a June 28, 2012, Stars and Stripes story that was posted on the Korean War Educator website. Beckstead said the plane was flying "blind," having to rely upon the altimeter, a stopwatch and a radio signal to navigate its way to its destination.



According to the Korean War Educator website, a Northwest Orient Airlines pilot deciphered a scratchy radio signal from the plane: "As long as we have to land, we might as well land here."

The plane, which was apparently experiencing a malfunction of some kind, plowed full speed into Mount

Gannett. Lt. Thomas Sullivan and Civil Air Patrol Lt. Terris Moore spotted the plane's tail section sticking out of the snow six days after the crash, according to the June 28, 2012, Stars and Stripes story, which also included the observation that the crash triggered an avalanche and that the debris was scattered across approximately 2

acres and covered by 8 feet of fresh snow.

An Anchorage Daily News story reported that a recovery crew set out on Nov. 29, 1952. Because of weather conditions, the crew had to establish a base camp at 5,500 feet, which was 8 miles from where the tail section was located by Sullivan and Moore. Crew members

Robert A. Owen was killed in a plane crash in Alaska prior to a return to Korea in 1952. His nephew, who's also named Robert Owen, said he heard his Owen described as a "happy, go-lucky kind of fellow who liked to play tricks and do things like that."

suffered frostbite and had to dig each other out of the snow as the sides of their tents collapsed, causing members to be trapped in their sleeping bags by the accumulating snow.

The crew reached the tail section on Dec. 9, but further recovery was called off because of blizzard conditions.

When Alaska National Guardsmen, who were aboard a Blackhawk helicopter, spotted the wreckage in June 2012, it was located more than 12 miles from the original crash site, trapped within a glacier that has swallowed up and revealed debris over time.

"The scattered wreckage has apparently been slowly moving with the glacier for 60 years," Army Capt. Jamie Dobson was quoted as saying in the June 28, 2012, Stars and Stripes story.

A July 10, 2013, Reuters story written by Yereth Rosen quotes forensic anthropologist Gregory

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because of the effect that it has on the lives of so many adults and, more especially, on their children.

In the past year, there were more than 400,000 divorces in the U.S. They have markedly changed the lives of 800,000 men and women and of their nearly 500,000 children.

While the number of divorces keeps going up in line with the expansion of our population, there has been no increase in the rate itself.

Actually, the divorce rate per 1,000 people has been dropping since 1946, when the all-time high of 610,000 divorces was recorded.

This avalanche was attributed to the marital difficulties connected with hasty wartime marriages and with the long separations that ensued.

Many of the people who found that their marriages were not made in heaven, and who were subsequently divorced, have remarried, the figures show.

According to the government's figures, for every person in the U.S. who has been divorced and who has not remarried, there are 2.5 others, once divorced, who have remarried.

10 4-H clubs to be organized by assistant

Bradford County's new assistant county agent, Bobby Lee Taylor, is in the process of forming 10 4-H clubs early in the new year.

"We plan to have clubs in Lawley, Brooker, Hampton and Starke," Taylor said, "and each club will hold meetings twice a month."

Taylor was employed by the county commission recently to assist County Agent G.T. Huggins, with emphasis on developing a strong 4-H program in the county.

Bradford Countians are reading more

Bradford Countians are reading more, according to the monthly report for November by the Santa Fe Regional Library.

The figures show a circulation of 2,001 books during last November as compared with 1,597 during the same month last year.

During the first 11 months of 1963, the library circulated 3,920 books as compared with 3,240 in the same period of 1962.

Despite saying 'never again,' Norman not through with berries

Six years ago, Harold Norman said that he was "through with strawberries"—that he'd never plant another crop.

Today, he's back in the business, bigger than ever, with 25.5 acres of Florida 90s—no mean crop by anybody's standards. During the peak of the forthcoming season, he will employ 60 or more "hands" to harvest his crop, with a payroll running in the neighborhood of \$3,500 per week. His berries will be flown to New York and other eastern markets by plane,

assuring maximum freshness and quality on arrival.

For one who was "through with berries" just six years ago, this sounds like a pretty big operation, but in his discouragement at that time, Harold was voicing the sentiments of Bradford growers in general who, since about 1953, had been "beat" by declining fields on their plantings of the old Missionary strain, mulched with grass and plagued by sting nematodes.

Mr. Norman attributes the strawberry comeback almost entirely to three factors, chief of which is the new black, plastic mulching.

"The last year I used grass, mulching it was murder," Norman said. "We just couldn't get a yield." In addition to plastic mulch, other factors contributing to the revitalized industry are: the improved new variety, Florida 90, which has replaced the old Missionary berry; soil testing, with lime applications to correct pH factor; and soil fumigation to kill sting nematodes.

The story of the comeback is recalled by County Agent G.T. Huggins, who says: "When I first came to Bradford County in 1953, I didn't know a strawberry plant from a guava. Berry plants were withering away and not yielding as they should. Farmers were discouraged and baffled."

Huggins started in to educate himself regarding strawberries and sought help from the agricultural extension service and the Florida Experiment Station at the University of Florida.

Dr. Donald Coe, then extension plant pathologist, made a trip here and diagnosed the trouble as sting nematodes. This was determined by taking plants to the laboratory in

Gainesville for screening. This process revealed as many 500 nematodes infesting the roots and a handful of surrounding soil on a single plant.

In 1954, test plots were established in Bradford County to determine the effect of fumigating and liming the soil. Comparative results showed this to be the answer to the strawberry problem as far as soil conditioning was concerned. In a comparison of treated and untreated rows, it was found that, at bearing time, plants in the untreated rows were just half the size of those that had been treated.

Thanks to these efforts, Bradford County strawberry growers are back in the business. Production per acre has tripled and, in some cases, quadrupled or even more. Before the improvement program got underway, the average yield per acre was around 250 12-pint flats. Now, yields of 800 flats per acre are common; 1,000 flats per acre are not unusual; and last year, Norman hit a phenomenal high of over 1,500 flats per acre on part of his planting.

Gas station ban appears 'dead'

Starke's proposed ordinance to restrict construction of new gasoline stations in the city appeared this week to have died aborning.

Council Chairman Ruby B. Johns said the proposal as vigorously opposed by "just about everybody who owns property" along highways through the town. She said at least 25 people had either called her on the phone or appeared in person to protest the proposed measure.

George Pierce of the firm Thomas and Pierce, city



Mrs. Norman and sister-in-law Sandra Norman grade berries before loose packing them in flats.

attorneys, said he had made no move to draw up the ordinance as instructed by the council at its meeting of Dec. 17. Pierce said that due to property owned by a member of the firm, there would be a conflict of interest with the new ordinance. He said if the council insisted that the ordinance be drawn up, other counsel would have to be employed.

The council's initial action was taken when a delegation appeared at its Dec. 17 meeting, presenting a petition signed by 17 service station operators, asking for a ban on the construction of new service stations in the city within 450 yards of any existing station, church, hospital or place of public gathering.

In line with the request, council instructed attorney Pierce to draw up an ordinance, patterned after ordinances said to be used by other towns in the area, and the council proposed to meet the following day, Dec. 18, to ratify the measure.

Mrs. Johns said yesterday, however, that the special meeting was not held and that nothing further had been done due to the storm of protest aroused by the measure. "We decided it needed a lot more study," she said.

A.J. Thomas of Thomas and Pierce said that when the proposed ordinance became known, at least 15 owners of property along U.S. 301 registered strong objections.

Thomas concurred with the protest, saying, "We're not going

to lock up progress around here." He went on to term the proposal discriminatory and unconstitutional.

"By that line of reasoning," he said it could be service stations today, drug stores tomorrow and any other business that was selected as a target.

He went on to explain that the proposed action was a matter of rezoning, which would have to be handled in the customary way, with public hearings as outlined by laws governing such proposals.

Chief spokesman for the petitioning group was John A. Torode, who said that Starke's 30-odd service stations are already more than are needed here. He said there is hardly a station in town that hasn't laid off one or two attendants in recent weeks, and that two stations have been forced to close.

The ordinance, as requested, would have granted a 90-day period of grace during which anyone desiring to could

construct a new station.

House-hunting couple left stranded as passenger takes car

The only disruption of the holiday spirit sufficiently serious for the Bradford County Sheriff's Department to issue a warrant was an automobile stolen from a Jacksonville couple on a house-hunting expedition near Hampton last Thursday.

Mrs. Mildred Ayers, owner of the 1949 Chevrolet sedan, and her husband were inside a house they expected to rent when another passenger, Joe Simmons, 35, of Jacksonville, drove off in the car, leaving the couple stranded. Simmons drove the stolen car to St. Augustine, according to Deputy Sheriff Robert Green, taking with him a fourth passenger, Wilbur F. Daniels, also of Jacksonville. The Ayers couple, Simmons and Daniels all have addresses on Sheridan Street in Jacksonville.

In St. Augustine, Simmons sold the car for \$50 to Robert Alexander, a trustee prisoner and mechanic in the St. Johns County stockade. Both Simmons and Daniels then made their way to Jacksonville, where they were arrested by Duval authorities after being identified by the Ayers.

Simmons has been charged on a warrant issued in Bradford County with larceny of an automobile and is being held in the Duval County Jail until he can be brought to Starke. Daniels has not been charged as yet and has been released from custody.

The automobile has also been recovered, Deputy Green said.

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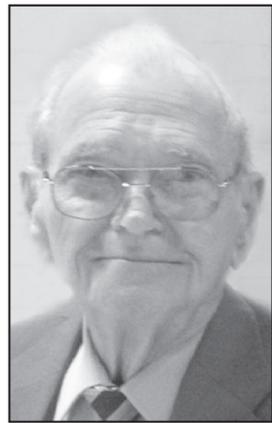
Phillip Brantley Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Phillip “Phil” Loren Brantley Sr., age 65, of Keystone Heights passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013 in Gainesville. Mr. Brantley was born in Sulphur, Okla. Dec. 9, 1948 to the late Alf and Minnie (Carmack) Brantley. Prior to his retirement, he worked on automobiles doing paint and body work. After moving to Keystone Heights 14 years ago from West Palm Beach, Phil and his wife Betty opened the Brantley’s Clearance store. He also enjoyed fishing and Bar-B-Quing.

Mr. Brantley is survived by: his wife of 46 years, Betty (Haslim); and their children, Vickie Brantley of Keystone Heights, Mickie Brantley and Phillip L. Brantley Jr. both of West Palm Beach; along with one sister and one brother. Also left behind are his precious grandchildren, Summer Scraggs, Bryan Scraggs and Jesse Donahue; and one great-grandchild, Rhylee Haire.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights, FL 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Reverend Fred Clem

Reverend Fred Clem

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Reverend Fred Marshall Clem, age 85, of Keystone Heights, went to Heaven to be with his Savior and wife on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at Select Specialty Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was born in Columbus, Indiana on Sept. 12, 1928 to the late Clarence Clem and Bonnie Parr Clem. Fred met the love of his life, Dorothy Mae Nash

Clem, and married her on July 12, 1951. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy and upon completion of his military service, dedicated his life to the ministry and retired after many years of dedicated service as a Minister. Fred was a resident of Keystone Heights for the past 14 years and a longtime member and former pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. He enjoyed being a minister, fishing, cooking, and most of all spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by: his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Dorothy Mae Nash Clem; his parents; his brother, Bill Clem; and his sisters, Millie Trissler, Joellen Salkeld, and Peggy Wilkerson.

Fred is survived by: his loving children, Marsha Diane Komarnicki of Keystone Heights, Deborah (John) Stottele of Lincoln Park, Mich., Rebecca Clem of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Christine Bogle of Jacksonville Beach; his ten grandchildren; and his five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Church of the Nazarene in Starke with Rev. Mike Meek, Dr. Orville Jenkins, and Rev. Deborah Stottele officiating. Interment will be held at Keystone Heights Cemetery at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends, Friday, Jan. 3, from 4-8:00 pm at Archie Tanner Funeral Services. The arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. Visit archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family’s guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Donald Denton

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Rev. Donald Allen Denton, 73, of Keystone Heights died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville with family at his side after an extended illness. Denton was a retired Methodist minister of 46 years. He also retired as Bradford County Jail Administrator. Prior to working at the jail, he worked for the Bradford Sheriff’s Office for 16 years, and also served in the U.S. Navy in his younger years. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joey Denton.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy “Dot” Denton of Keystone Heights, daughters Tammy Denton and Tracie (Shawn) Brown, both of Keystone Heights, and son Todd Denton of Starke, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 30 at Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore and Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. Arrangements are under

the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose.

Jan DeWitt

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Jan Clarice Tomlin DeWitt, 82, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at Shands Starke. She was born on Nov. 9, 1931 in Statesboro, Ga. to the late Thomas Mitchel and Kathleen (Rushing) Tomlin. She graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Master’s Degree in Education and taught for over 30 years in Duval County public schools. She was a member of Fresh Start Fellowship Church in Keystone Heights. Preceding her in death was her husband of 51 years, Charles William DeWitt; and her daughter, Debra L. Macomber.

She is survived by: sons, Charles William (Sherri) DeWitt, Jr. of St. Augustine, John R. DeWitt of Keystone Heights; sisters, Kathleen Moore of Statesboro, Ga., Lynn Neville of Register, Ga., and Patricia Browne of Louisville, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Fresh Start Fellowship Church on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 at 11:00 am with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Interment will be in Jacksonville National Cemetery on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10:00 am. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Laure Harris

STARKE—Laure Pauline Green Harris, 82, of Starke died at her home Dec. 27, 2013 with her family by her side. She was born Nov. 29, 1931 to the late Robert Green and Rose Green. She lived most of her life in Starke and Brookier and she was a member of the Sampson City Church of God. She is preceded in death by her husband James Harris.

She is survived by: her daughter, Marie Addison; sons, Jimmy Harris, Michael (Brandy) Harris, brothers, Tommy Drawdy, and Harry (Shirley) Drawdy, daughters, Jessie (Tony) Geiger, nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 30, at the Sampson City Church of God. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements 386-496-2008.

Tina Kerschner

GRAHAM—Tina Marie Kerschner, age 54, of Graham, passed away, Monday, Dec. 30, 2013. Tina was born June 18, 1959 to the late Albert and Marie (Farr) Morris in Gainesville. She was employed by the Bradford County School System as a food service manager for 36 years. During those 36 years, she touched many lives of the children and loved them all dearly. As her hobbies, she enjoyed reading, she loved to cook and spend time with her family.

Tina is survived by: her husband of 26 years, Raymond Kerschner; a son, Charles (Molly) Kerschner of Bryceville; two sisters, Lucinda (Kevin) Nichols and Shana (David)

Bridges; as well as a brother-in-law, Matt Martin.

Graveside funeral services will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 in Santa Fe Cemetery with Reverend Mike Moore officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday morning from 10:00 am until Noon at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 Nona St. Starke, FL 32091.

PAID OBITUARY

Lewis Millan Jr.

JACKSONVILLE—Lewis M. Millan Jr., 93, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Dec. 21, 2013 at Acosta-Rua Hospice facility in Jacksonville.

He was the former owner/manager of several branches of Dixie Cleaners. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II as a Gunners Mate First Class on the U.S.S. Wasp. He was a member of Edgewood Avenue Christian Church.

Mr. Millan is survived by: his wife of 41 years, Shirley Love Millan; two daughters, Linda Lawson of Gulf Shores, Ala. and Cynthia (Robert) Holder of Starke. He had one granddaughter, Michelle (Mark) Keels of Middleburg.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hardage-Giddens Town and Country Funeral Home located at 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jax. FL 32205. Services and interment were held on Dec 27 at Riverside Memorial Park, Roy Gaskins officiating.

PAID OBITUARY

Michael Nettles

STARKE—Michael “Mike” Edward Nettles, 54, of Starke, died at his home on Tuesday, Dec 24, 2013.

He will always be remembered as a master carpenter. He served in the Air Force 90th Field Missile Maintenance Squadron. He was a 1976 graduate of Bradford High School.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Herman and Rebecca Nettles; and step brother Edwin Ray (Ann) Nettles, all of Starke.

He is survived by: his wife of 23 years, Lynne Smith Nettles; and daughter, Rebecca Lynne Nettles; two step sons, Dustin and

Joshua Smith; his siblings, Donald Lee (Peggy Sue) Nettles, Joann (John) Minshew and Johnny Glenn (Tommie Sue) Nettles, all of Starke; and five grandchildren.

A memorial was held Dec. 30, at the Sampson City Church of God.

John Shuford Jr.

STARKE—Mr. John Sidney “Sid” Shuford Jr. age 94, of Starke passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 at Windsor Manor. Mr. Shuford was born on April 24, 1919 in Charlotte County, Va. to the late John Sidney and Mary R. (Ramsieur) Shuford. Prior to retirement he was the owner/operator of Shuford Standard Oil in Starke, and served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a long time member of First Baptist Church, was a Mason, a member of the Starke Shriners Club, and an Elk.

Survivors are: his wife of 63 years, Lillian June (Hall) Shuford of Starke; daughter, Debbie (Jesse) Myers of Starke; son, Jim Shuford of Sarasota; brother, George Shuford of Lawtey. He is also survived by grandchildren, John Myers of Jacksonville, Kary Lewis of Atlanta, and Brian Shuford of Tampa; and one great grandchild.

Services were held in the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Dec. 31. Interment followed in Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jones-gallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Christine Stanley

LAKE BUTLER—Christine Alien Stanley, 69 of Lake Butler died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013 at the Orange Park Medical Center after an extended illness. Mrs. Stanley was born in Manchester, England and lived most of her life in Bonifay before moving to Lake Butler 14 years ago. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, T.C. and Alice Haslam Alien.

She is survived by: her husband, Fred Van Stanley of Lake Butler; daughters, Usa Stanley of Denver, Colo.; Melissa (John) Johns of Lake

Butler; son, Marvin Stanley of Lake Butler; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler with Pastor Jason Johns officiating. Burial followed at Dekle Cemetery of Lake Butler. Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler was in charge of arrangements.



Lilla Walker

Lilla Walker

LAWTEY—Lilla Walker, 75, of Lawtey died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013 at North Florida Regional Medical Center Gainesville. She was born in Sparr on Nov. 1, 1938. She was a chef for the Holiday Inn Restaurant. She was of the Methodist faith.

She is survived by: sisters, Lillie Jefferson and Dolly Bright both of Miami; and brothers, Lattimore Williams Jr. of Lawtey and Lorenzo Williams of Orlando.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday 11:00 a.m., Jan. 4, 2014 at Mt. Zion AME Church in Lawtey with Rev. Conetta Carter, Eulogist. Interment will be held in Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Viewing will be held on Friday, Jan. 3 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family hour 2-3:00 p.m. and friends 3-7:00 p.m. The Cortege will form at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore Williams at 10:30 a.m. Viewing also held 1 hour prior to service at the church on Saturday.

Tech. Center nursing applicants must pass tests

Prospective students must pass a series of tests at the Bradford-Union Technical Center in order to receive the 2014-15 day practical nursing application.

All entrance tests must be taken at the technical center and passed by April 10, 2014.

The application deadline is May 2.

Applicants and alternates will be selected using a 100-point scoring criteria and notified by May 12.

Selected students start class in August. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

Students are expected to have transportation to and from clinical sites. Clinicals may be held at any or all of the following sites (other sites may be added as deemed appropriate): Bradford County Health Department, Bradford Terrace Nursing Home, Lake Butler Hospital, Northeast Florida State Hospital (Macclenny), Shands Regional Medical Center, various local physicians and Windsor Manor Nursing Home.

Visit www.butc.edu to download complete details about the LPN Program.

Daughters of the American Revolution to meet Jan. 6

Janet Messer and her sister, Janice, will present a program on “Colonial Witches” at the Monday, Jan. 6, meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting, which starts at 10:30 a.m. at IHOP in Starke.

Any woman 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for DAR membership.

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Hunting elk in Colorado

Any avid hunter would enjoy the movie "Jeremiah Johnson," and any avid hunter who has seen the movie would never forget the shrill call of a red tail hawk or the haunting bugle of an elk as they echoed off the mountain peaks and through the valleys of the Rocky Mountains. Dwayne Hardee has heard the call of a red tail hawk and the bugle of an elk, and he has heard them from Maybell, Colo. Not only has he heard elk; he has hunted and bagged them. As a matter of fact, he brought home one bull and one cow from this year's hunting trip. That surely is a major accomplishment for any serious hunter.

"They are big, awesome animals," Hardee said.

Actually, many bulls will weigh over 500 pounds, and—though rarely—some of the larger Roosevelt subspecies have gone over 1,000 pounds. Additionally, they have huge and impressive racks.



Dwayne Hardee with the bull elk he bagged this year in Colorado.

Hardee indicated that hunters vary in their techniques for elk. Sometimes, they will use a stand near areas the elk frequent. Likewise, some people prefer to hunt and walk. Apparently, some areas are covered well with trees, but Hardee specified that "you can also see into next week" in other areas. He personally moved around a little and used natural blinds.

When asked about his personal equipment, he indicated that he did not use anything special. You do have a lot less cover compared to Florida, and your gun has to be able to reach out well. He personally used a 7mm Magnum, and he did not use any cover scent.

When asked if he had ever seen the movie "Jeremiah Johnson," Hardee answered, "About a thousand times."

Hardee added he would not mind living in Colorado "if it wasn't for the blistering cold and the unbelievable amount of snow."

Outdoors outlook

Regarding local freshwater fishing, the mercury has barely touched the freezing temperature on the thermometer this year, the migratory birds are late and the crappie spawn is late as well. Plenty of crappie are being caught, with Newnans, Lochloosa, Crescent and Rodman lakes starring in the performance.

Jeff Fitts, who lives in Keystone Heights and fishes professionally and guides on some central Florida lakes, has been successful, bringing home more than his share of crappie this year, but admits that they have not crowded the shoreline or near shoreline cover for their typical December spawn. Fitts indicates, however, that they have congregated into their cool-weather schools, and if you can locate them, they are easily caught. He suggests that the bite is better when the barometric pressure is stable or rising.

T.C. Lloyd, who also fishes and guides pan fishermen on central Florida lakes, believes that there has just not been enough cool water to trigger the



River Quinn displays a really nice crappie caught in Santa Fe Lake.

spawning cycle and looks for the bedding cycle to come to fruition in January. Lloyd also has experienced no difficulty in locating the specks in their winter schools.

The crappie might not be in the maiden cane or the lily pads in Santa Fe Lake, but they are schooling. River Quinn can attest to that. The speck he is holding in the attached photo appears to be one of the larger ones produced in the area this year.

Joey Tyson of Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle reiterates that some nice crappies are coming out of Santa Fe and the Camp Blanding lakes.

Regarding inshore saltwater fishing on the west coast, all the reports seem to be good on

speckled trout. Both Captain Randy Harris and Gary Simpson are full of success stories throughout the Big Bend area.

Regarding inshore saltwater fishing on the east coast, the reports are more diversified. Whiting still appear to be prolific along the beaches, and trout and reds are still caught in the lower St Johns and the Intracoastal. The best reports seem to surround the sheepshead catches around the docks, pilings and jetties on the east coast. Many of the striped fish are quite large, and the catch is prolific.

Tight lines, safe hunting and a happy New Year's.

Outdoors calendar

- Jan. 12, second phase of Florida's dove season ends;
- Jan. 15, deer season ends in south Georgia;
- Jan. 19, antlered deer season ends in Florida's Zone C.

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

BC Extension to offer 'edible landscapes' classes

The Bradford County Extension Office will be offering a series of six classes on edible landscapes from January through March at the Bradford County Public Library and the Bradford Senior Center.

The schedule of classes, which are 10-11 a.m. at the

library and 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the senior center, and their topics are as follows: Fruit in the North Florida Landscape, Jan. 6 at the library and Jan. 9 at the senior center; Pruning and Planting Woody Fruit Trees, Jan. 22 at the library and Jan. 23 at the senior center; Vegetable Gardenign

Year Round, Feb. 3 at the library and Feb. 13 at the senior center; Organic Vegetable Gardening, Feb. 17 at the library and Feb. 27 at the senior center; Insect Management in the Garden, March 3 at the library and March 13 at the senior center; and Vegetable Disease Management,

March 17 at the library and March 27 at the senior center.

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CRASH

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Berg as saying, "As the glacier melts and the glacier moves, more material comes up to the surface."

No one aboard the plane has been positively identified by recovered remains, but the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command expected such results to soon be forthcoming, according to a July 8, 2013, Anchorage Daily News story written by Lisa Demer. The news story reported that collected remains are labeled by location, kept in a morgue cooler and shipped to a laboratory in Oahu,

Hawaii, where an attempt to match the remains with relatives' DNA is made.

"Right now, I'm waiting on anybody to contact me to see if they want to get samples to try to compare DNA," Owen told the Telegraph-Times-Monitor.

Owen said if his uncle's remains are recovered and identified, and later buried, he would like to at least make one trip to the burial site. For now, though, it's just wait and see.

The main thing is that there is some certainty in regard to what happened to his uncle. Owen said he thought some of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor readers would like to be informed.

"I know there are a few people here in town who probably still remember him," he said.

If you would like to watch a video about the crash and the recent recovery efforts, please go to www.youtube.com and enter

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Starke couple ready to cheer on 'Noles at last BCS game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

If this season's BCS Championship is anything like the last one Shane Reddish went to, then the Florida State Seminoles will be celebrating their third national title.

Shane and his wife, Audrey, will be attending this year's game in Pasadena. It will be the first BCS Championship game Audrey has ever been to, but not the first for Shane. He attended the 2000 game that was played in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. FSU defeated Virginia Tech 46-29.

Now, 14 years later, the Seminoles are once again on college football's biggest stage. Shane said he's surprised it took so long for the school to be back in that position.

"That's kind of why we're going," Shane said. "We don't know how long it's going to be until we get back there."

Shane noted the similarities between this year's FSU team and the one that won that year's school's last national championship. Like that team, this year's team is undefeated and has a Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback. (Chris Weinke, who quarterbacked the 1999 team, actually won his Heisman Trophy the season following the national championship.)

Sounds like a couple of good

reasons for Shane to feel good about this team's chances.

"Hopefully, I can make it two for two," he said.

Shane grew up an FSU fan. (His father, Mike, is an FSU graduate.) His wife became a fan after they started dating.

"I was a Gator fan," Audrey said, laughing. "Everybody knows. I was a diehard Gator fan."

She had no problem making the switch, though Shane said, "She didn't have a choice."

The Starke couple went to this year's ACC Championship in Charlotte, N.C. FSU won yet another game in convincing fashion, defeating Duke 45-7. It was the 10th game in 13 the Seminoles had won by at least 30 points.

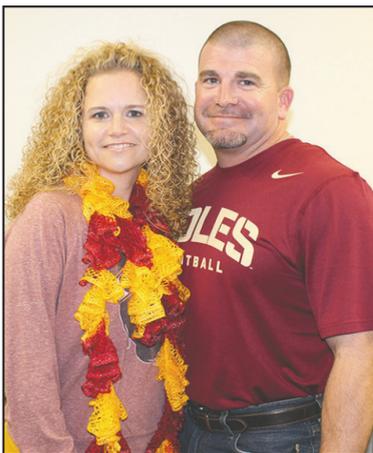
"Once we won the game, we got home and put in our request to see if we could get (BCS Championship) tickets," Audrey said.

Shane said they were hoping they could get four so they could take their children, but they received just two.

"Our son's not happy," Audrey said. "He's 13, and he's mad. He thinks he should be going."

Audrey and Shane will actually be staying in Las Vegas, flying out of Florida on Friday, Jan. 3. Shane said it was more inexpensive that flying into and staying in California—even after

Audrey and Shane Reddish are looking forward to celebrating an FSU national title in person when they attend the Jan. 6 BCS Championship in Pasadena, Calif. Shane attended the Seminoles' last national championship—a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in 2000 in New Orleans.



a price increase.

"The week before the ACC title game, we looked at the prices," Shane said. "I should've booked it then, but I didn't know if we could get (game) tickets. The week after, the price doubled. They've got some kind of big convention going on in Las Vegas, but we still got very, very good rates."

Audrey said the plan is to drive to Pasadena on the day of the game, though Shane said that could change.

"We might leave Sunday night and take in some sights Monday," he said.

The Seminoles were talked about as possible national-title contenders going into the season. Shane said he felt good about his team's chances of getting to the BCS Championship after a 63-0 win over Maryland.

"It was pretty much downhill after that," he said, "especially with Florida and how things were with them with all the injuries and everything."

One of the catalysts for FSU's success has been the play of freshman quarterback Jameis Winston. Shane said he has been very impressed with the quarterback's poise all season

and believes Winston will continue to shine.

"I feel very comfortable going in there on that big stage," Shane said. "(Winston) wants the spotlight. I think he'll perform well. That's going to make the rest of the team comfortable."

Jan. 6 will be a special day for Winston in more ways than one.

"It's his birthday that day," Audrey said. "He turns 20 on the day he plays."

A win would make a great birthday present, and Shane thinks Winston will get it. He thinks the game will start out close, but believes that in the end, FSU's defense will outperform Auburn's.

"I think the second half's going to be our half," Shane said. "That's when we're going to put it away, I believe."

In fact, Shane's already envisioned how the game will start. He said FSU will punt the first time it has the ball. Both teams will then trade a couple of scores before Auburn punts twice, with FSU scoring following each change of possession.

Audrey looked at her husband in amazement and asked, "You've just got it all figured out, don't you?"

Shane said he has heard a lot of talk in the area about the strength of the SEC, but that doesn't concern him. He

mentioned how FSU managed to score 37 points against a Florida team that had one of the country's better defenses. Plus, when he looks at Auburn's defense, he sees a unit that gave up 42 points to Missouri in the SEC Championship game.

The fact that Auburn has run the ball so well this year is a bit of a concern, Shane said, noting that Boston College running back Andre Williams averaged 5 yards per carry and gained 154 yards on the FSU defense.

Boston College never reached the end zone, though, on a running play.

"Our first-string defense has not allowed a rushing touchdown all season," Shane said. "That speaks volumes right there"

Shane is predicting a final score of 42-21 in favor of FSU. Audrey said she thought it was going to be closer, but after giving it some thought, she, too, predicted a double-digit FSU win by the score of 34-18.

No matter what happens, Shane said he and his wife will be bringing back some souvenirs from this last-ever BCS game—for themselves and others.

"Regardless of the outcome, we've got to buy some authentic gear out there for a couple of people," Shane said. "I've got a list of stuff I've got to bring back."

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thinking about Pasadena was the Oct. 19 road game against Clemson, whom FSU defeated 51-14.

"When we hit Clemson pretty hard, that was kind of my first time (thinking about the national championship)," Andrew said. "This was supposed to be a pretty close game, and we shelled them."

Andrew became even more confident of his team's chances after a 41-14 win over Miami on Nov. 14.

"I had a good feeling we were going," Andrew said. "As long as we beat Miami—that was pretty much the one. After that, it was kind of downhill."

As the Seminoles kept steamrolling opponents—they won 13 games by an average margin of 42 points—Auburn was slowly building momentum after a 35-21 loss to LSU in the fourth week of the season. The Tigers were coming off of a 3-9

season in which they failed to win one SEC game in 2012, so they weren't talked about as a possible national championship contender.

If you follow football at all, then you surely know of the game-winning plays the Tigers had against Georgia and Alabama in the latter stages of the season. A 73-yard reception off of a tipped pass on a fourth-and-18 play with 25 seconds left resulted in a 43-38 win over Georgia, while a 100-yard return (109 unofficially) of a missed field goal on the last play of the game resulted in a 34-28 win over Alabama.

"It's pretty amazing the year we had to get there," Jonathan said. "(FSU) pretty much rolled through the whole year. As you saw, we had some really close stuff along the way. That's not just the last two (regular-season games). We started slow and struggled, and, of course, lost to LSU."

Auburn defeated Missouri 59-42 to win the SEC championship. Tiger fans then had to hope for a Michigan St.

win over Ohio St. in the Big 10 Championship game. An Ohio St. victory most likely would've put the Buckeyes in the national championship game against FSU.

Michigan St. won 34-24.

"That was a very tense night," Shannon said. "First, we won our game. Then we had to wait another four hours to find out how Ohio St. was going to do."

For Jonathan, the Alabama game was the highlight of the season. The return of the missed field goal is obviously the play everyone talks about, but Jonathan said he liked his team's chances even if that play had not been made.

"If that kick goes wide another 3 yards, we still win in overtime, I think," he said.

Though the Alabama game was a highlight for her as well, Shannon said what she has really enjoyed this season is watching the game as called by Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn.

"I don't know a lot about football, but I know enough to know Gus does some crazy stuff I've never seen before,"

Shannon said. "That is so fun for me to watch."

Andrew chimed in and said, "She likes the double reverses, flea flickers and all the trick plays."

Though he's been cheering the Seminoles on this season, Andrew said he still kept up with how the Auburn Tigers were doing. He even wore an Auburn shirt on campus after the Tigers' win over Alabama.

"I still care about them," he said. "I still watch the games."

Shannon said Andrew really wanted the Seminoles to play Alabama in the BCS Championship game, setting FSU up for the chance to defeat a team that won three of the last four national championships. Andrew's happy with the way things played out in the end, though, saying the Seminoles have a worthy opponent.

"I really didn't want to play Ohio St. I knew they were not the caliber of team the hype had been portraying," he said.

FSU is favored to beat Auburn, but Jonathan and Shannon feel their team is capable of winning.

Shannon said she thinks the Tigers have an advantage of playing in the SEC, which she thinks is a stronger conference than the ACC.

"You could assume the SEC team will win," she said, "but these teams are so different. We haven't played anybody like FSU; FSU hasn't played anybody like Auburn."

Jonathan said he thinks a key is for the Tigers to get to FSU quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston.

"I think we stand a really good chance if we can get penetration and get to Winston," Jonathan said. "Nobody's had their hands on him this year, but he's a freshman. If you can put your hands on him a couple of times, you can definitely get in his head, I think."

Andrew doesn't buy into that theory because of the speed of wide receivers Rashad Greene and Kenny Shaw.

"They can get down the field in a hurry," Andrew said. "Even if you get pressure on Winston, I think he can scramble and handle his own."

Andrew did say he's with his mother on the belief the SEC is a better conference than the ACC.

So, how will it all end? Jonathan said he can see a low-scoring affair, but believes it'll be more along the lines of 49-45 in favor of Auburn.

"I don't think that score is finalized until the last two minutes of the game," Jonathan said.

If the game is close late, Shannon said she believes in her team's chances, just like one of Auburn's most famous football players.

"Bo Jackson says we're a fourth-quarter team," Shannon said, with Jonathan adding, "That's right, and Bo knows."

Andrew, of course, believes the Seminoles will win, though he can see a lot of points being put up because of Winston and Auburn running back Tre Mason.

"I think it's going to be a really good game," Andrew said.

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