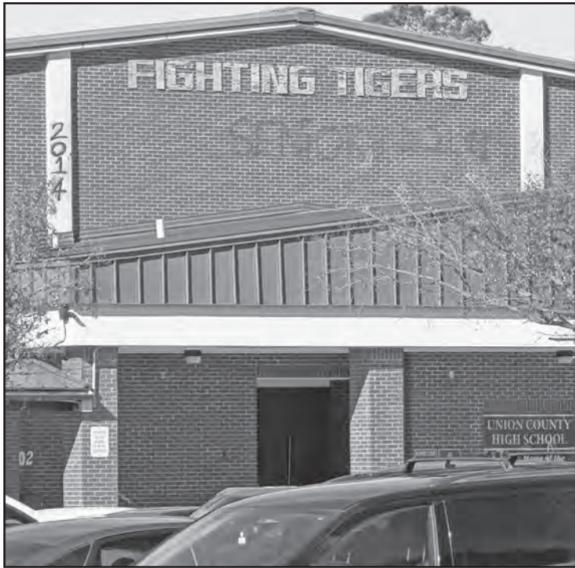


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Remnants of the graffiti remain after the brick was "cleaned."

## UCHS student defaces school Punishment 'very severe' for future incidents

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

When the students and staff of Union County High School returned from a long holiday break on Monday, Jan. 6, to start off the New Year, spray-painted graffiti on the front of the gym greeted them with "SENIORS 2014" sprawled across the brick face and on the two concrete columns that frame the area.

But what may have seemed like an innocent prank for the UCHS senior turned out to permanently damage school property, and also soiled the reputation of his own graduating class—not to mention the physical risk he took getting that high up to paint the message.

"Basically he was looking for something to do, and he was just kind of bored, and just

wanted to get into some kind of mischief," said Principal Mike Ripplinger—mischief that was costly.

"Any time you have to put acid or cleaner or whatever you use to get (the paint) off the brick, it naturally kind of scars the brick, it's never the way it was beforehand," Ripplinger said. "So we probably have to look at a way to cover that up, maybe with a sign."

Assistant Principal Bill Cross led the investigation with the help of Union County Sheriff's Office Student Resource Officer Jason Lepanto.

The school offered a \$100 reward, which led the administrators to a few suspects and then down to the student who admitted it.

"It's an unfortunate incident. It's one thing for pranks to happen, like happened in the past, like people toilet-papering something,

or stacking tables, or doing something like that," Ripplinger said. "But this was a different level, this was defacing of school property. ... It's not something that just washes off."

He said that Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk was not happy about this incident either, which follows a similar, unrelated one at Lake Butler Elementary School that happened before Christmas. As a result, the school district has promised stiff penalties in the future.

"These are the types of actions that are just unacceptable, and in the future, any type of defacing school property in this manner or any other manner," added Ripplinger, "once those people are caught—let's just say that the punishment is going to be very severe, from this point on."

## Five vying to be next Miss U-Co High

Meet the young women participating in the annual pageant set for Feb. 13

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

It's that time of year again for the young women of Union County High School who seek the coveted title of Miss U-Co High. Five of them are participating in the annual pageant: Kaitlyn Taylor Holmes, Lethia Johnson, Alexa Rae Park, Kelsie Lynn Smith and Savannah Woodall.



Kaitlyn Taylor Holmes

Kaitlyn Taylor Holmes is the 16-year-old daughter of Danielle N. Brewington. She was a teacher cadet her 9th grade year. She attended and assisted with the ESE prom and tutored ESE students. She was in HOSA in both 9th and 10th



Lethia Johnson

grades and went to state competition. She is currently a member of SWAT.

She is an A/B honor roll student and Microsoft Office Certified (Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

Holmes enjoys playing softball, horseback riding, swimming, riding 4-wheelers and running in 5K races such as Color Me Rad.

She supports the Tigers by attending games and goes to Vacation Bible School each summer.

Her eyes and hair are brown. Her sponsor is Hot Heads Salon & Spa.

Holmes plans on attending college right after high school and becoming a lawyer.

Lethia Johnson is the 15-year-old daughter of Angela Johnson. She participates in varsity basketball, Academic Team, tennis and Beta Club. She is a STEM Scholar, Brain Bowl member at Florida Gateway College, a Tiger band member and the Tigerettes co-captain.

She was chosen as the STEM speaker for the NEFEC Convention her 10th grade year. She was part of the 2012-13 girls varsity basketball team that went to the Sweet 16. She is a senator of the FGC Student Government. She was chosen to participate in a summer immersion at the University of North Florida in 2012



Alexa Rae Park

and at the University of Florida in 2013, and she was a guest speaker at the Lake Butler Rotary Club, twice, to share her experience. She was voted "best flag" in Tigerettes in 2012.

Johnson's hobbies include singing, basketball, tennis, scrapbooking, playing the flute, listening to music and reading.

At church she is active in church plays, volunteers for VBS, tutors others, sings for the youth band and is a student leader.

Her eyes are chocolate brown and hair is dirty blonde. Her sponsors are Geraldine's Salon, Craig's Auto Sales of Lake City, the Union County Courthouse and the Farm Bureau of Lake Butler.

Johnson's is dual-enrolled at FGC and will receive her associate degree from FGC when she graduates from UCHS.

She plans on attending UF to earn a degree in biology. Her ultimate goal is to attend medical school at UF, Liberty University or Vanderbilt University and become a U.S. Air Force surgeon.



Kelsie Lynn Smith

Alexa Rae Park is the 16-year-old daughter of Tim and Lori Park. She is a member of the Beta Club, Tigerettes and Florida Crown.

She received the Top Tiger award, is an honor roll student, a member of the state and national senior show corps team.



Savannah Woodall

She has won several state and regional baton twirling awards, was voted "best all-around" in Tigerettes and named an outstanding Tigerette. She is the Tigerettes captain. She is the 2013 Miss Bradford-Union Strawberry Princess and 2013 Miss Bradford Fest Princess.

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## Two indicted for UC murder still awaiting trial

Two years after  
brutal attack; a  
third one enters  
plea, receives a  
life sentence

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

After a home invasion in Lake Butler on Jan. 6, 2012, that left William Couch, 69, dead and his wife, Connie Sue Couch, 39, injured in their home, a grand jury then handed down first-degree murder indictments against three people accused in the brutal attack nearly three weeks later.

The grand jury indicted Amanda Lee Jeffery, 32, of Raiford, Michael Lynn Pierce Jr., 28, and Lavar Monte Thompson, 33, both of Starke, on first-degree murder charges and various other charges.

Two years later, the discovery process continues for Thompson

and Jeffery, who have another hearing scheduled for Feb. 10.

However, late last year Pierce "entered a plea to all of the offenses alleged in the indictment and received a life sentence," said Jeanne M. Singer, Chief Assistant State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

According to those indictments, the three entered the house on Northeast 118th Street and stole various items including jewelry, electronics, money and the couple's Chevrolet Equinox.

During the robbery, they beat and stabbed William Couch in the face and body, the indictment states. Couch later died from his wounds during surgery at UF Health Shands Hospital.

Union County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call the night before the attack to intervene in a payment dispute between Couch and members of the paving crew who worked on his driveway. The two parties were to meet again Friday to

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## Landfill taking second look at power options

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Plans to monetize the gas from the rotting waste at the New River Regional Landfill are stalled as staff takes a second look at all of the options.

The New River Solid Waste Association tabled discussion of a multimillion-dollar contact with Landfill Energy Services at its last meeting. After advertising for proposals, LES ranked number one to develop a project to generate electricity and sell it to third parties.

After months of negotiations, Assistant Director Perry Kent presented two contract options to the association in December—a royalty-based contract and a fixed-revenue contract.

Both included an upfront payment of \$100,000 to the association, so the contractor has "some skin in the game," Kent said. That \$100,000 paid now would be credited against the first future payment after the system is online.

LES negotiated to pay the landfill a percentage of its profits. According to the contractor's numbers, the landfill was estimated to earn more from royalties on the sale of the energy produced than it would from a fixed-price contract, which the board had proposed. Royalties would bring in an average \$154,729 annually, for a total of nearly \$3.1 million through 2034.

Even the payments on the fixed-payment schedule fluctuate from year to year, but the average annual payment would be \$133,754. Over the term of the contract, the landfill would earn nearly \$2.68 million, guaranteed. That's a difference of more than \$400,000.

Staff was uncomfortable, however, with assumptions made to develop the numbers for the royalty option. If line loss estimates were off, for example, then revenue under that option

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## WORTH NOTING

### Library 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, 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 a 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.

### SHINE volunteers needed, signup Jan. 10

Learn how to be a SHINE volunteer in your community. They offer free counseling and assistance to Florida seniors and their families.

Call to register now for the next training. Deadline for registering is Jan. 10.

The three-day training will be Jan. 22-24.

### 'The Great Commission,' Jan. 11

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.

### American Legion meeting on Jan. 16

The American Legion is meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Lake Butler.

### 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.

### UC board meets 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.

### Girls softball signups every Saturday in Jan.

The Union County girls softball signups happen at the O.J. Phillips Sports Complex every Saturday in Jan. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 6-16. Registration fee is \$75. Bring copy of birth certificate. For questions, call Tommy Mobley at 904-796-2039.

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Park likes drawing, her Tigerettes activities, competing nationally in baton competitions and twirling fire. She also teaches baton lessons. She enjoys helping her father design shirts for his business.

At the Rainbows Learning Center she volunteers and teaches baton. She attends Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs.

Her eyes and hair are brown. Her sponsor is Tiger Sporting Goods.

Park plans on attending UF to major in physical therapy and baton twirl on the Gatorette team.

**Kelsie Lynn Smith** is the 17-year-old daughter of Courtney Baker and Terry Smith. She was a 2012-13 member of the Tigerettes, of the marching band 2010-13, and UCHS concert band playing the clarinet in 2011.

She was part of the Tigerettes when the marching band earned Superiors at FBA's District MPA. She was in the UCHS concert band when they earned Superiors. And she has been named to the North Florida Honor Band for the 2011-12 school year.

Her hobbies include dancing, playing the clarinet, going to church and babysitting.

Smith participates in the youth group at First Christian Church of Lake Butler.

Her eyes and hair are brown. She plans on graduating with a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. She then wants to attend UF to attain a degree in radiology. She then wants to get married and have children, preferably two—a boy and a girl.

**Savannah Woodall** is the 16-year-old daughter of Chrystal Woodall. She has volunteered with computer setup/repair for the school district since 2008, becoming an intern with the IT department and a career shadow of IT teacher at Lake Butler Middle School in 2013. She has also been an FFA officer since 2008. She has served as Beta Club president and treasurer. She was a member of the International Thespian Society in 2010. She was a JV cheerleader for the 2010-11 school year. She was a member of the Health Occupations Students of America in 2011. She was an America's Student's Better Communities member for 2011-13. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Phi Beta Kappa and SWAT. She is also a student advisory member for Congressman Ted Yoho. And she is on the Tiger golf team.

She is an A honor roll student, a scholar athlete 2010 through 2013, Top Tiger 2011 through 2013, Beta Club Princess in 2012, emcee for Miss U-Co High in 2012 and 2013, junior class president, junior class princess. In 2013 she was the 4th place Florida Farm Bureau public speaking contest winner, district girls golf winner and a regional girls golf finalist.

In FFA, Woodall has excelled and been ranked at the district, state and national level in extemporaneous public speaking, ornamental, parliamentary procedure, food science and agricultural sales. She received the Chapter Leadership and Scholarship awards and Workhorse awards 2011 through 2013. She was a Discovery Degree recipient in 2011, Greenhand Degree recipient in 2012 and Chapter Degree recipient in 2013. She was a National FFA Delegate 2011 through 2013. And she was 3rd in state for the agricultural communication proficiency application in 2013.

In FBLA, Woodall was the public speaking district winner and state finalist in 2012. She was FBLA president in 2013 and is Microsoft Office Certified.

She was a SWAT scholarship committee member, sophomore liaison and vice president.

Woodall is an active member

of First Baptist Church of Lake Butler and in the youth choir. She participated in Relay for Life for several years. She was a volunteer for the Celebration of Abilities Prom 2011 through 2013. She volunteers at community events, helps meet area needs and goes on mission trips to Honduras. She is VBS teacher and children's choir helper.

Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, traveling, photography, swimming, playing golf, singing, attending church, reading the Bible, watching inspirational movies and shopping.

Her eyes are blue and hair is blonde. Her sponsor is her mother.

After receiving an associate degree from FGC through being dual enrolled there, Woodall plans on attending UF or Florida State University to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees in secondary education and a minor in international relations. One day she hopes to teach back home at UCHS or at a school in Honduras.

The annual pageant is sponsored and produced by the sophomore class. Each contestant must be a female junior or senior. Prior to the pageant, the contestants meet with the judges for the interview portion of the competition. Judges will also look at the

contestant's biographies that were submitted and score them. At that time, the judges will also award one contestant the Most Photogenic award. Another title given before the pageant is the Miss Congeniality title, which the contestants vote on.

During the pageant, judges will score the girls based on poise and presentation during the casual wear (students model a casual outfit that represents their unique personality and style), on stage question (question is chosen by judges and asked on stage at the pageant to be scored), talent (contestants perform a talent of their choice), and evening gown (based on poise and appearance).

Points are awarded by the following guidelines: 20 points awarded for academic achievement based on official GPA, 10 points awarded for activities and honors, 20 points awarded for interview, 15 points awarded for talent, 5 points awarded for opening presentation, 10 points awarded for the on stage question, 10 points for casual wear, and 15 points for the evening gown.

To prepare the event, the girls practice after school the week of Feb. 3.

The pageant is on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the UCHS auditorium. Admission is \$5.

The current Miss U-Co High is Holly Tucker.

## 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](mailto: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 Jehheber-Matthews, Forest Supervisor, by mail (National Forests of Florida, 325 John Knox Road, Suite F-100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303-4160) or by email ([comments-south-ern-florida@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-south-ern-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 8TH 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 NW 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#s: 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 By: Crystal Norman Deputy Clerk

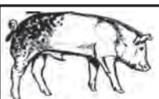
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### NEPA/S106 PUBLIC NOTICE

Celloo Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 260' tall self-support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is dual Red/White medium intensity strobes. The Site location is SR 238, Lake Butler, Union County, FL, 32054, at Latitude N30-00-36.275, Longitude W82-28-43.998. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854)



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## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



COUNTY ROAD 241  
Olustee Creek Bridge Replacement  
Columbia/Union County Line, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 211663-1



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a public meeting regarding the CR 241 Olustee Creek Bridge Replacement project. The meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2014, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Lulu Community Center, 205 SW Community Drive, Lulu, FL 32061.

For your convenience, the meeting will be an open house format. Drop by anytime between 4:30-6:30 p.m. to review the exhibits and talk to Department staff. Then the public will have an opportunity to comment at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this Project Development & Environment study is to determine the impacts of the bridge replacement, present alternatives for the proposed bridge, and to provide conceptual plans; as well as, discussion regarding traffic management. Department personnel will be at the meeting to assist you in reviewing the maps and to answer any questions you may have.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Renee Brinkley at the number provided at least 7 days before the meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact:

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## TD Bank supports BUCA December warm-up



On Dec. 7, Zach Smith, branch manager of the Starke and Lake Butler offices of TD Bank, brought the bank's support to the Bradford-Union Cattleman's Association. The bank sponsored the December warm-up show and provided the multiple cash awards given out to exhibitors. BUCA thanked the bank and Smith for the donation, but also for taking the time to be at the BUCA fundraiser. He and his family were able to have lunch and enjoy the exhibitors during their warm-up show for the upcoming show in March at the Bradford County Fair. Smith shared his own memories of being a part of the Bradford-Union Fair as an exhibitor during his childhood and expressed great appreciation for the positive impact it has made in his life, as well as many wonderful memories it provided.

Smith is pictured speaking to participants and in the group photo, which includes exhibitors (front to back, left to right) Madison Bennett, Walker Thompson, Hunter Thomas, Jencie Hardee, Payton Thompson, Clay Fulgham, Charli Morrow, Morgan Worrell, Bailee Sheppard, Savannah Douglass, Nathan Boone, Timber Underhill, Macy Whitehead, Taylor Wilkins, Courtney Paul, Paige Eaves, Kailey Whitehead, John Tallman, Zach Smith, Lane Underhill, Randa Conner, Kaitlin Griffis and Colton Cromwell. Submitted by Priscilla Conner.



## LIBRARY



### Storytime Christmas party

The preschoolers celebrated their last storytime with a Christmas party. The children had fun singing and playing musical instruments while parading around the library to "Little Drummer Boy" and "Jingle Bells." The kids were able to paint an ornament to take home and hang on their trees. Each child received a present from Santa via his helper, Katie Oden. To end the party they enjoyed snacking on cookies, crackers and candy while listening to Christmas carols. LEFT The girls take a time out to take a picture with Miss Katie and Santa. ABOVE: Reagan Dicks shows off her beautiful angel ornament.

## LANDFILL

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would fall short of projections, Kent said. "That's assuming they're right on that. If they're not, this will not come to this facility," he said. "This is not a guaranteed price. It could go up or it could go down." He said the landfill's engineers

also felt the assumptions were "aggressive." LES' agreement with a power purchaser only goes to 2026, after which they will have to renegotiate or find new purchasers, and that could change the projections being made, according to Joel Woolsey of Jones, Edmunds and Associates.

"There's a large risk to New River," he said.

On the other hand, the royalty contract could have earned everyone more than expected.

Under the fixed-price contract, LES would owe the landfill even if it didn't have an agreement in place to sell the power. While Kent said that was the option that staff supported, he admitted disappointment in the final numbers in both contracts.

"It's skinny on both of these," he said. "We were hoping for a lot more money." The Clay Electric wheeling charge to transport the electricity was partially blamed for reducing the profit margin.

It also costs money to for the landfill to collect the gas, which is required by its air permit

whether the gas is sold or burned off, and the revenue doesn't go a long way to covering that cost. The only way for the landfill to earn more is to finance the project and sell the electricity itself, contracting with someone to run the plant, according to Woolsey.

This was among the proposals received when the landfill advertised. The association would have had to put up \$8 million or financed that amount, and at the time, the board was not interested.

Seeing the outcome of negotiations with LES put the board in a different frame of mind, however. Further discussion of LES' proposal was tabled and staff was directed to take another look at the competing proposals.

In other business:

- a request from Union County Commissioner Wayne Smith for the board to direct Executive Director Darrell O'Neal to attend a Union County Commission Meeting was discussed. Commissioners Karen

Cossey and Jimmy Tallman, representing Union County on the landfill board, said this would not be a good idea. Tallman said the commission has had some heated meetings and believed that O'Neal's appearance would result in a question and answer session that would not reflect well on the landfill.

"I don't see any good from Mr. O'Neal going to the county meeting," Cossey said.

"I don't know if it would be fair to Mr. O'Neal," Tallman said. He said if Smith had questions, he could come to the New River meeting to ask them.

The remaining board members agreed.

- the association gave staff the authority to negotiate short-term contracts and bring them to the board for approval later. The disposal price would be \$32 a ton, plus regular CPI increases.

- the board will consider its own investment plan in the future as an alternative to the state's low-risk investment requirements, under which the landfill has been losing money.

## Accepting New Patients



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## MURDER

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resolve their disagreement, but before the contractor's representatives arrived, one of the pavers and his accomplice caught Couch in his front yard, hauled him into the couple's travel trailer and beat him.

The account says that Jeffery drove Pierce and Thompson to the house at around 8:30 a.m., where they tied up the couple. They then led the couple to the Couches' travel trailer, where they held them captive while continuing to beat William Couch in the head with his own

tool. The attack went on for nearly an hour.

Investigators said they think Connie Sue Couch was mostly spared because the couple's 3-year-old daughter was nearby.

The intruders then ransacked the house, burned down the camper—and then—stole—the couple's vehicle, which later was found burned near a cemetery in Bradford County.

Soon after the robbery, UCSO issued a BOLO for the men. Starke Police detained one suspect in a Thompson Street traffic stop. Soon thereafter, a Bradford County Sheriff's Office deputy found the couple's car on fire in a Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

All three also were indicted on charges of home invasion robbery with a firearm and burglary of an occupied conveyance with a firearm, assault and battery.

Pierce also was indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with intent to commit sexual battery. He and Thompson were indicted on two counts of kidnapping and a count of arson of a dwelling.

At the time, Sheriff Jerry Whitehead said he was astonished by the brutality of the crime.

"It's a terrible tragedy," he told The Gainesville Sun the afternoon of the crime. "I personally don't understand it. Rob them and leave. Why go to the extreme?"



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## LBH hosts sixth annual Christmas Extravaganza

The sixth annual Christmas Extravaganza at Lake Butler Hospital on Dec. 20 provided another year of Christmas fun and gifts for the community. Children received a goody bag and small gift after visiting and having their picture taken with Santa. Drawings for over 35 prizes were done throughout the night. The grand prizes included an HP laptop computer, Leapfrog Learning Pad, bicycle and more.

Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies as Justine Rogers sang Christmas carols

while the children danced and sang along. There were a number of crafts and games, as well as a train ride for the kids. The Spirit of Union County Tigerettes performed and Alexa Park did a solo baton routine.

The LBH employee door decorating contest winner was decided with the help of votes from the attendees. The "Despicable Me" door won first place.

"It was a great time for kids and adults," said Jennifer Thomas, public relations director

at Lake Butler Hospital. "We are excited about doing it again next year and hope to make it even better."

Special thanks goes to the sponsors—TD Bank, Victory Christian Center, Willows Café, and B&M Equipment, and the others that helped make the event possible—Justine Rogers, UCHS JROTC, Miss U-Co High Holly Tucker, Marcie Tucker, Patrick Maxwell, the Tigerettes, Alexa Park, the great staff at Lake Butler Hospital and other volunteers.



TOP: Miss U-Co High Holly Tucker took a break from helping kids make crafts to decorate cookies with Keegan and Kiptyn Shuller.

ABOVE: Emily Courson and Kayleigh Raymond have their faces painted by Aliya Perry.

ABOVE LEFT: James Rogers and others enjoyed playing putt-putt golf with the help of Union County High School JROTC member Kyle Clemons. The JROTC provided 10 cadets to assist with parking and event games.

LEFT: There were over 35 door prizes given away. Aydan Adkins won the grand prize, an HP laptop computer.

## SCHOOL

### Mark Harrison named LBES Teacher of the Year

With a strong focus on education, Lake Butler Elementary School's newly elected 2014-15 Teacher of the Year Mark Harrison points out, "The difference we make as educators will last some kids a lifetime." It is precisely that kind of drive that many think is the reason Harrison earned such a prestigious title.

Originally from Floral City, Harrison began his career as an educator in the Union County School District shortly after graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida more than 10 years ago.

Though his current title has him teaching 3rd grade students full time, Harrison also dips his hands in just about anything that he can. Serving as the school's unofficial promoter and announcer, Harrison has developed an alter ego that goes by the name of M2Cool. "This superhero-like character gets the kids pumped and excited about school," said wife and fellow coworker, Lindsay.

In addition, Harrison also serves as the school's Parent Teacher Organization president and has coordinated numerous fundraisers, activities, carnivals, and celebrations. With his leadership skills, Harrison has helped the school successfully replace, repair and upgrade

playground equipment on all five playgrounds, campus-wide.

Making a difference in a student's life is something that Harrison focuses on in his daily life.

"Every day I strive to make a positive impact in some way," he says. "It can be giving (students) a new way of looking at fractions or providing a helpful reading strategy."

Inspiring new generations, Harrison urges high school students interested in a career in education to volunteer in a classroom. "Teachers always need help and volunteering provides a great experience!"

#### Kay Nettles voted school-related employee of the year

As the proud mother of four girls, Kay Nettles is used to paying attention to detail. And that attention to detail may be one of the biggest reasons that LBES recently named her as their 2014-15 School Related Employee of the Year.

Working as the bookkeeper at LBES for the past six years, Nettles earned her degree in general banking from the American Institute of Banking. Her job responsibilities include those related of payroll, covering classes for teachers when needed, purchasing and receiving and even the occasional event and



fundraiser planning.

Always willing to lend a hand when needed, Nettles spends countless hours working behind the scenes so that everything runs smoothly throughout the day.

"Kay Nettles is an honest, hard-working employee." Said third-year Assistant Principal Christie Perez. "I consider her an asset to the staff at LBES."

ABOVE: Harrison.  
BELOW LEFT: Nettles.

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## Buster Rahn's story: a lifetime of experiences

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Buster Rahn put in 30 years at the Bradford County Telegraph, covering government meetings and sharing his two cents' worth as an editorial writer.

That would be a full career for many people, but it was merely the latest in a line of various jobs over the years for Rahn, who will celebrate his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in February.

Rahn seems to have made the most of life—a life that saw him graduate from high school at the age of 16 and go from working on the family farm in Worthington Springs to working in retail, the automobile industry and the Department of Corrections. He still writes occasionally for the Telegraph, and though he gave up playing golf at the age of 92, he believes he's still enjoying the benefits of the activity.

"I played golf five days a week for 30 years," Rahn said. "I give golf credit for my longevity and being in good physical condition."

Rahn and his family have long been a part of Bradford and Union counties, but the beginning of the story actually occurs in a "cattle town" down south.

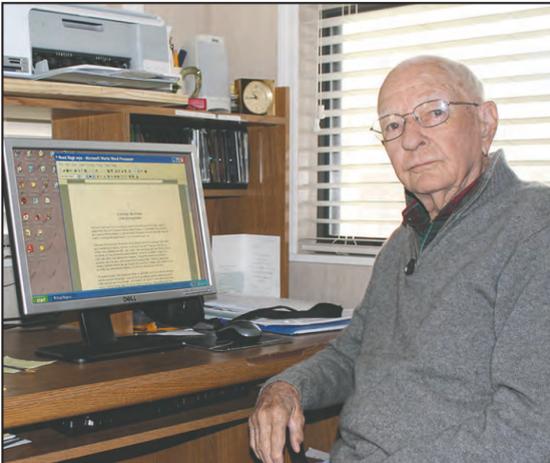
of Huguenots who were driven out of France by the Catholics because they were Presbyterian. They made their way to America before the Rahn family.

Rahn's parents were raised in Florida.

"My father was raised around Lake Park, Fla., just south of Valdosta—right on the Georgia line, actually," said Rahn, who had three brothers and one sister. "My mother was born in Columbia County, but raised in Worthington Springs.

Rahn's father worked in phosphate mines in Dunnellon, but the mines closed during World War I. Rahn's parents moved to LaBelle, which Rahn described as a "cattle town" on the north edge of the Everglades. His father was involved in an Everglades construction project.

"When the war was over, they returned to Dunnellon," Rahn said. "The phosphate vein was mined out, and my father switched over in 1921 or 1922 to limerock mining and spent the rest of his career in Marion County. There were several limerock mines in Marion County, and he worked in all of them at one time or another."



Buster Rahn sits at his computer, upon which he still composes editorials from time to time for the Bradford County Telegraph.

Limerock was mined strictly on contract and never stockpiled, Rahn said. Florida consumed a lot of limerock in a surge of road building that followed the war. The Depression, though, put an end to that.

"In 1932, we moved to Union County," Rahn said. "Mama had inherited some acreage in Union County, so we moved there and

started farming."

By that time, Rahn had already completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, having gone through first and second grade in his first year of school and later completing seventh and eighth grade in one year.

He attended Union County High School his junior and senior years.

"I graduated high school at

age 16—16 years and 15 days. I just had turned 16," Rahn said. "I weighed 95 pounds when I finished high school. I was a runt. I was the smallest in my group—not only the smallest, but the youngest in my group. I may have set a record for my age. I don't know."

He was too little to get a job, Rahn said, so he stayed on the family's "little one-horse farm and plowed a mule." He eventually wound up driving a truck, delivering produce from Worthington Springs to various markets, including even making a few trips to New York.

### 1<sup>st</sup> full-time job, war and marriage

In 1939, Rahn got his first full-time job at the age of 21. He worked at Harrison's Store in Brooker.

"That job at Brooker was a good job," Rahn said. "I really enjoyed it. It was long hours, but provided income. I bought my first car—a 1936 Ford. I was making \$9 a week in keep."

Rahn experienced a jump in salary when he took a job as a

timekeeper at Camp Blanding as it was being constructed. That job brought in \$35 a week.

"I'd never seen so much money in my life," Rahn said. "That was big money in those days."

Rahn was part of a group of five that carpooled to Camp Blanding. Traffic eastbound on S.R. 16 toward Camp Blanding was bumper to bumper. Rahn said if you pulled out into the left lane, no one wanted to let your back into the right lane.

"If you met a car while you were trying to pass somebody, the only way you could get back in was to pick out somebody with a brand new car and run at his front fender," Rahn said. "He'd stop for you."

When construction was completed at Camp Blanding, Rahn got a job driving a truck for the Eli Witt Cigar and Candy Company. Then, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Rahn enlisted in the Army Air Corps, though unsuccessfully at first because of health reasons.

"I had a hernia," Rahn said.

See RAHN, 9B

### From mining to farming

The story really begins outside of the United States. The Rahn family was part of the Salzburgers, a group of Lutherans driven out of Austria by the Catholics. Rahn said that side of his family made its way to America in 1721, settling around Savannah, Ga.

Rahn's mother was a DuBose. That side of the family consisted

Buster Rahn is pictured with his first wife, Atalyne, in the 1940s. They were married 50 years before Atalyne's death in 1993.



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# A look back: big storm hit Bradford in the 1890s

*Editor's note: With the area experiencing some really cold weather this week, we present a look back at a devastating freeze that occurred in Bradford County in 1894.*

On Christmas day of 1894, everyone in Starke was full of turkey and good cheer, and no one gave a thought to the weather, with the temperature sitting on a comfortable 55 degrees. Those with orange groves—and there were 6,000 bearing trees within the corporate limits of Starke—dozed in their chairs by the fire, dreaming of profits from their citrus harvest, which would help pay the Christmas bills.

Three days later, the Telegraph

was carrying stories of a great blizzard sweeping the Northeast, with readings of 20 below zero in Michigan, and snow falling as far south as Louisiana and Alabama.

The blast of arctic air rushed into Florida and settled down like a cat on its helpless prey. Anxiously watched thermometers skidded to all-time lows: 14 degrees in Starke, Gainesville and Jacksonville; 15 in Daytona; 21 in St. Petersburg. There was frost in Key West, and one man froze to death in Lake City.

There had been severe freezes in Florida before—one in 1835, which struck hard at the infant citrus industry, given birth

during the Spanish occupation, with seed from oranges brought over from Spain. Another freeze in 1886, when Jack Frost returned with a vengeance, and oranges were frozen solid on the morning of Jan. 12.

The orange industry was thriving in Starke and the vicinity, as well as elsewhere in the county. There had been an infusion of new blood in the 1800s when well-to-do Northerners began to come to the area and invest their money in orange groves, from which they expected a rich return. A few years before, the Telegraph had predicted that every man with a grove would soon become rich, and the industry looked

promising. An 1884 map of Starke showed every vacant lot in town dotted with neat rows of orange trees.

The 1894 catastrophe arrived at a time when most of the orange crop still hung on the trees. After the freeze, fruit lay on the ground, often a foot thick, spoiling, smelling and attracting droves of flies. Estimates placed the number of boxes of Florida fruit yet unharvested at 2.5 million. Some said 25 percent might be saved.

The biggest worry was about the trees themselves. Smaller trees, in many cases, had burst open, and even the larger ones appeared scorched. It takes 24 hours of below-freezing weather

to make an orange as hard as a billiard ball, but a few hours of temperatures below 20 degrees can kill a tender tree down to its roots. This two-day freeze lasted 41 hours, but it was still too soon to assess permanent damage to the trees.

The plight of the railroads, as well as the shippers and sellers, was just as grave. Hundreds of cars and boats were left idle for want of fruit to fill them, and thousands of men were out of work.

Feb. 2 newspapers carried accounts that the damage everywhere was not as bad as

See FREEZE, 6B



Valerie Eddins

## Eddins graduates from UF

Paula Seabrook announces the graduation of her daughter Valerie Seabrook Eddins from the University of Florida on Dec. 14, 2013 with a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. Valerie received both her Bachelor and Masters degree from the University of Florida and maintained a 3.8 GPA while obtaining her Masters degree. Valerie was a 2008 graduate from Keystone Heights High School.

Valerie will begin her career in the Orlando area specializing in pediatrics in the local school district.



Carter Pruss

## Pruss graduates from basic training

Army PFC Carter Pruss graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. PFC Pruss successfully completed an intensive nine-week program with the 1st Platoon of Delta Company 2/39. His training included military discipline and courtesy, physical fitness, instruction in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill and ceremony, basic first aid, and field training exercises.

Following two weeks home on leave, PFC Pruss will report to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. for military occupation school. He is the son of Bill and Karen Pruss of Melrose, and a 2013 graduate of Keystone Heights High School.

## Talent Fest Showdown is Jan. 25

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

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

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

The deadline for participants to enter is Jan. 15.

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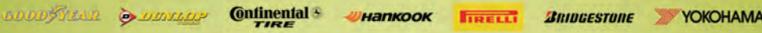


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## LEGALS

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**CRIME**

**Confused shoplifter arrested**

Timothy Jerome Stewart, 21, of Starke was arrested Dec. 31 by Starke police for larceny and for two charges of resisting an officer.

According to the arrest report, Stewart was at the Kangaroo convenience store on the corner of U.S. 301 and S.R. 16 in Starke when he first put items on the counter to purchase, but told the clerk he didn't have any money to pay for them. Stewart left the store, but re-entered it several minutes later and proceeded to do the same thing, placing several items on the counter, then telling the clerk he had no money after she rang them up. The clerk warned Stewart she would call the police if he tried the same stunt again, and he left the store.

Approximately an hour later, Stewart came back into the store with several items (observed on the store's surveillance video), placed them on the counter, grabbed several other items off a shelf and placed them on the counter, then told the clerk he had purchased them earlier and wanted a refund. After the clerk told him several times he hadn't bought anything at the store earlier, Stewart became aggravated and finally walked out of the store with several items without paying for them.

Starke police were called and were able to locate Stewart a few minutes later on Thompson Street. According to the arrest report, Stewart had a strong odor of alcohol on him and had slurred speech. After refusing to cooperate with the officer and giving false information about his identity, Stewart was charged for shoplifting, resisting without violence and resisting/obstruction by a disguised person. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**High-speed chase leads to arrest of 3**

Three people from Jacksonville were arrested Jan. 5 after speeding through Starke at close to 90 mph before being stopped outside Lawtey with the use of stop sticks by Bradford deputies.

According to the arrest report, a deputy was headed south on U.S. 301 in front of Bradford Square in Starke (across from McDonald's) when he observed a vehicle coming north at a high rate of speed. The deputy clocked the vehicle with his radar at 89 mph in a 30 mph zone, weaving in and out of traffic and traveling in the turn lane through the usually busy area at 2 a.m.

The deputy turned around to follow the vehicle and radioed for help to other law enforcement. Another Bradford deputy was able to put out stop sticks near Lawtey at Northwest 219<sup>th</sup> Street. The sticks punctured the tires, but the vehicle continued another 3 miles before stopping at Northwest 241<sup>st</sup> Street north of Lawtey.

Deputies were able to place

the three occupants under arrest without incident, and a search of the vehicle turned up marijuana, a marijuana grinder and four small rocks of methamphetamine.

The driver of the vehicle was Sheena Maria Reddick, 30, of Jacksonville. She was charged with fleeing/eluding police at a high rate of speed, operating a vehicle without a valid license, selling amphetamine and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$22,500.

Passenger Demetreous Anthony Reece, 30, of Jacksonville was charged with selling amphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$15,000.

The other passenger, Dodray Dedon Ross, 20, of Jacksonville was charged with selling amphetamine and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union**

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

**Bradford**

Curtis G. Bennett, 49, of Macclenny was arrested Jan. 2 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Cordarly Antonio Booker, 26, of Gainesville was arrested Jan. 2 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Pedro Alvon Carter, 43, of Starke was arrested Jan. 4 by Bradford deputies for probation violation and for three charges of withholding child support.

Michael Allen Dunn, 39, of Jacksonville was arrested Dec. 31 by Starke police for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, police were called about a man walking in traffic and kicking at vehicles on U.S. 301 north in Starke, near Aaron's Rentals. When the officer arrived, Dunn's mother was there, and she stated she had picked him up in Orange Heights and was heading back to Georgia when they got into a verbal argument. Fearing for her safety, she pulled over, and Dunn got out and started walking into traffic. The police officer noted he could smell alcohol on Dunn, and his mother stated he suffers from schizophrenia and has a severe drinking problem. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Gregory Garth Fieseler, 35, of Starke was arrested Jan. 2 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Fieseler was at CVS in Starke when he went into the bathroom with several packages of cologne. A CVS employee confronted Fieseler about opening one of the packages in the bathroom, which he denied. When told the police were coming, he fled the store and was located later by the police on Lafayette Street and arrested for shoplifting. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Lee Verne Frazier, 51, of

Starke was arrested Dec. 31 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Frazier was observed by several people kicking a female victim (his girlfriend) and dragging her down the street. When police arrived, the victim declined to file a complaint, and Frazier claimed someone hit his girlfriend and then ran in the woods. Frazier was arrested, and bond was set at \$5,000.

Levi Zebulon Gaylord, 33, of Starke was arrested Jan. 1 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Jeffrey Carl Goodman, 26, of Starke was arrested Dec. 31 by Starke police for assault and for resisting an officer.

Joshua Brian Gunter, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 4 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Linda Hankerson, 33, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 5 by Starke police for trespassing at Orange Wood Apartments.

Jennifer Nicole Hazen, 28, of Brookier was arrested Jan. 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Tareva C. McCray, 27, of Orange Park was arrested Jan. 2 by Starke police for two charges of larceny. According to the arrest report, McCray placed a queen-sized mattress cover and several baby monitors in a shopping cart at Walmart, and then attempted to walk out the store without paying. A Walmart security person asked McCray to come back to the front of the store with him, which she did for a few steps before turning and running out of the store. She was apprehended by the security person and detained until the police arrived and arrested her. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Bobbijoe Lynn Melton, 43, of Starke was arrested Dec. 30 by Bradford deputies for aggravated battery. According to the arrest report, Melton spit in the victim's face before punching her and knocking her down. Melton then grabbed a broomstick and hit the victim in the back and the arm with the stick, possibly breaking the victim's arm. Bond was set at \$500.

Jeannetta Quantana Merriweather, was arrested Dec. 31 by Starke police for aggravated battery, burglary, cruelty toward a child and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, the charges stem from an early November attack on neighbors after Merriweather and her boyfriend were asked to keep the noise down at their home. The victims came out of their home to the front porch on Nov. 6 to ask Merriweather and boyfriend Jonathan Bass to quiet down, as they had awoken the victim's child. According to the report, Bass and Merriweather came over, and Bass started attacking the male victim. While the men were engaged outside, Merriweather kicked the front door open, and started attacking the female neighbor after throwing the child out of the way. Both males entered the house, and fighting ensued until Merriweather and Bass fled the home. Police were not able to locate Merriweather and Bass

that day, so warrant affidavits (sworn complaints) were forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for the charges. A warrant was issued for Merriweather's arrest at the end of December. The warrant affidavit for Bass for battery charges is still under review. Bond was set at \$46,000 for Merriweather.

George Anthony Padgett, 51, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 1 by Bradford deputies for two charges of probation violation.

Jeffery Gerald Sellers, 33, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 3 by Bradford deputies for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Sellers was at Harvey's supermarket between Melrose and Keystone Heights when a store employee stopped him to question him about abnormal bulges in the waistline of his shirt. Sellers took off running and left in a vehicle from the store. Deputies were able to trace the vehicle back to Sellers, and he was arrested after the store employee positively identified him. Store video revealed Sellers had stolen two packages of steaks valued at \$45-\$60. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Brandy Nicole Snyder, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 31 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for possession of marijuana.

John Henry Thornton, 32, of Starke was arrested Jan. 3 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear and for withholding child support.

**Keystone/Melrose**

Michael Able, 29, of Melrose was arrested Jan. 1 by Clay deputies for resisting an officer and trespassing.

Grant Harris, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 6 by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Evan Keller, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested Dec. 31 by Clay deputies for grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

**Union**

Ryheme Keonte Smith, 18, of Lyons, Ga., was arrested Dec. 31 by Union deputies for battery, assault and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to a disturbance involving Smith and his mother, a resident of Lake Butler. Smith had been asked

to leave his mother's residence after staying there for several weeks. Smith became abusive when packing his things, coming into physical contact several times with his mother. When the deputy arrived, he also had to be physically restrained and threatened with a Taser to cooperate with the deputy.

Timothy Steven Cox, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 31 by Union deputies for felony probation violation after being arrested in Columbia County on Nov. 23, 2013, and charged with attempted burglary of an occupied residence.

Djaoun Devonte Paige, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 31 by Union deputies on a warrant from Alachua County for lewd and lascivious charges.

Cori McSpadden Redding, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 4 by Union deputies for a warrant out of Alachua County for fraud and false ID to law enforcement.

Eric Ian Darby, 30, of Starke was arrested Jan. 5 by Union deputies for driving under the influence and for a warrant out of Flagler County for failure to appear for a traffic offense.

Jacquan Marie Edwards, 23,

was arrested Jan. 4 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Edwards was pulled over for running a stop sign. A strong smell of marijuana was coming from the vehicle and from her person, according to the report. Later, after conducting a search of Edwards at the jail and not finding any drugs, she admitted that she had eaten a marijuana joint when she was pulled over by the deputy, before he reached the vehicle. She was then charged with tampering with and destroying evidence, according to the arrest report.

Latisha Diane Parker, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested Dec. 30 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Ethan Etienne Anderson, 33, of Raiford was arrested Dec. 31 by Union deputies for possession of narcotic equipment and disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Anderson was disturbing the residents of an apartment at the Union Housing Authority by knocking repeatedly on the front door. After being arrested by a deputy, a metal pipe and other drug paraphernalia were discovered in the back seat of the patrol car Anderson was transported in.

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## Road rage: the scourge of the motoring public

The term "road rage" is of recent vintage, coined by the motoring public to reflect anger at another driver for a real or imagined driving offense, leading to a confrontation that sometimes goes beyond a verbal harangue to a physical assault. Newspapers and newscasts often report the results of road rage that end in tragedy. It is to be avoided at all costs.

Oftentimes, we are unaware that we have set up conditions that lead to road rage. Some years ago, I was driving in Orlando—a city that I do not know very well. It was late in the day, as workers were returning home after a hard day's work, and a light rain was falling. I was driving slowly in the left lane of a four-lane, heavily traveled highway, looking for an address. I stopped for a traffic light when a man appeared at my window. I lowered the window to ascertain his intentions, only to hear a verbal assault on "blocking traffic."

While he continued his ranting, I raised the window, the light changed and I moved on. I certainly didn't intend to incur his wrath, and I understood his frustration, but, obviously, the man had a short fuse.

On another occasion, I was driving from Starke to Lake Butler on S.R. 100 in the late afternoon, with the sun about an hour high. I was early for an appointment and was poking about at 30 mph, lost in thought. I was startled by the sound of a siren, and looking in the mirror, I saw the flashing lights of a Florida Highway Patrolman.

I immediately pulled over, wondering why I was being stopped. The officer came to my door, asking, "May I see your driver's license and registration?" I asked him, "Why did you stop me?" He replied, "Man, you're impeding traffic." Sure enough, there was a long string of cars behind me that couldn't get by. Lost in thought, I had neglected to check my rearview mirror.

The officer told me to proceed, but to pick up my speed to 45 mph and pay attention to my driving.

There was no road rage involved in this encounter, but I had certainly sowed the seeds for a possible confrontation and learned a lesson about paying attention to my driving.

A recent event in Jacksonville may be another version of road rage—a man shot and killed a teenager for playing his stereo too loud in a parking lot. I'm not sure of the outcome of the trial—the offender was tried for manslaughter—

but it was a high price to pay for being offended by loud music.

Because road rage isn't an everyday occurrence, we tend to place it in the out-of-sight-out-of-mind category and fail to remember the seriousness of infringing on the motoring rights of others, such as driving in the left lane of a four-lane highway and forcing faster vehicles to pass on the right side.

I was not sure of the traffic laws regarding driving in the left lane, so I visited with Bradford County Sheriff's Office Capt. Brad Smith. He referred to his manual and reported that the left lane is the passing lane and reserved for passing only, although people driving at or above the speed limit may use the left lane.

Keep in mind that driving in the left lane invites motorists with short fuses to reciprocate—at times with serious results.

Smith said one of his pet peeves is a driver that doesn't use his or her turn signal. It is difficult to understand why owners of expensive vehicles do not utilize their turn signals since doing so not only protects their vehicles, but also their physical well-being.

The best thing about turn signals is that it costs nothing to activate them, and their use may save a driver a tidy amount of hard cash. Courtesy to others and the avoidance of an accident is reason enough to cultivate the habit of activating the equipment.

Prior to 1900, there were a small number of prototype vehicles built and functioning, but the forerunner of the modern automobile had its genesis in the years immediately following the turn of the century. While dozens of nameplates have been produced, the names of Ford and Buick are among the very few that have survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The cost in human lives because of automobiles is horrendous, but mankind isn't going to give them up. Manufacturers will continue to make vehicles safer as models change each year.

There was a popular slogan concerning safety a few years ago. It was short-lived, but very effective. It simply stated: "The life you save may be your own."

Keep it in mind while driving.

*Buster Rahn  
Telegraph editorialist*

## LETTERS

EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

### Thanks to all for help after house fire

Dear Editor,

On Christmas Day, our lives were forever changed by an electrical fire that destroyed our home. Although we lost material things, we were very blessed that we, nor our beloved pets were injured. We are extremely grateful to all our neighbors and even their Christmas guests who ensured our safety, offered warm clothes and coffee, and even welcomed us into their homes.

We offer sincere gratitude to everyone who responded to our 911 call—the ambulance, Starke Fire Department's Engine 1, Heilbron Springs VFD, and Lawtey VFD. While we aren't happy that you had to work and be away from your families on Christmas Day, we are certainly thankful you were there for us. We want to especially thank the fire fighters who went above and beyond to save our Christmas gifts that were on our screened porch. To everyone, there are too many to name—who have helped us since Wednesday, we thank you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts.

*Mary Kathy Long*

### The 'other side of the fence'

Dear Editor:

On Christmas Day 2013, tragedy struck our lives. Words cannot describe the emotional devastation. Everything we owned was destroyed, most importantly, our medications and our pet's medications were also lost in the fire.

The Red Cross jumped in with assistance and were able to acquire meds for one of us. Apparently there was an issue with my script. So they were unsuccessful in acquiring replacement meds for me. In desperation, I called the local facility responsible for my scripts. To my dismay, I was told that I had to wait until

Monday for help. I requested to speak to the main office. To my surprise and horror, the main office rep informed me that she was only available for "new patients." Needless to say, I am still appalled that I couldn't get my med that, ironically, I desperately needed. Also, to my dismay, I was unable to acquire replacement meds for my pets. The vet office rep refused to sell me a replacement box even though I had just purchased it the week before and was destroyed in the fire.

Both of these issues have since been resolved. I am sharing these incidents publicly so local employers will hopefully educate their staff on how to treat customers who ask for assistance after a tragedy.

Thank you for allowing me to share these negative experiences along side the caring, loving experiences "On The Other side of the Fence."

*Kathy Wainwright DeVoe*

### Union County needs to change its ways and leadership

Dear Editor:

We in Union County recently lost our Sheriff, Jerry Whitehead. He was a good man, well respected and loved by many, he will be surely missed. The Governor will appoint a temporary Sheriff till the next election, then the voters of Union County will elect a new Sheriff. After some 61 years of the name Whitehead being in the position of Sheriff in Union County, we need some new blood, so to speak. We need to do in Union County what we are going to do in Washington DC, clean it out and clean it up. The "good

old boy" attitude needs to end, and the people of Union County need to start with the position of Sheriff. Elect someone new with new and fresh ideas, someone who will clean up this County. Enough is enough.

*Albert J. Andrews Sr.*

### Thanks to Bradford paramedics

Dear Editor:

Thank you for allowing me to express my grateful appreciation to the Bradford County Rescue Unit located in Starke.

One week ago while visiting my sister I had to make a decision that was very hard for me to make. My sister was ill and needed medical attention. After a few minutes I made the decision to have my great niece call rescue. That decision was certainly one of the best I have ever made. The three young men on rescue not only made my sister comfortable and restful as they prepared to transport her to U.F. Hospital in Gainesville they also did the same for me. I have never seen the concern and care from anyone that is "just doing their job" as I did from these three gentlemen. Not only did they give me peace at her home before transporting her, they also came into her room at the ER long after her arrival. Perhaps they were on another run and out of their kindness checked on us after they got their other patient comfortable with ER.

I could never thank these guys enough but I did want to share with the residents of Bradford County the love and respect I have for their Paramedic's. Way to go Bradford County Rescue Units.

*Sincerely,  
Vera Clayton  
Kings Ferry*

## LETTERS

EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

### The holidays have come and gone

Dear Editor:

What a beautiful Main Street, Lake Butler, had from East to West, light poles decorated with Christmas colors, it really made a beautiful ride from one end of "OUR TOWN" to the other. Every car, truck, Motor Home, bicycle, Motor Cycle, just anyone walking or riding on this SPECIAL, BEAUTIFUL STREET, enjoyed every shining, glowing light. Also driving all around our beautiful town of Lake Butler, bright colored lights all over many homes; some dripping icicles from roof of one home with beautiful colored lights in the shrubbery and trees, everyone knew, "Santa Clause was Coming to Town" He really came, in a big way, giving candy, cookies, toys TO CHILDREN OF "OUR TOWN", UNION COUNTY AND OTHER PLACES! Thanks are to given to "THE CITY FATHERS" and all their helpers, making this a very

SPECIAL event when "SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN" He made a list, copied it twice; He came to visit everyone, Who had been happy and nice He really came to "OUR TOWN."

During all the "HUSTLE AND BUSTLE" getting ready for a big celebration- The birth of our Lord and Savior, the baby, Jesus Christ, who was born in a stable, where cows and other animals lived; He became the LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST" wishing for each one of us to be in "HIS HOUSE" to worship him on Sunday, the first day of the week. "HAPPY 2014 TO ALL UNION COUNTIANS"

One of the saddest days of our county was the passing of our special sheriff, Jerry Whitehead, for his many years of service to the smallest county in the state of Florida. He was known throughout the state by many sheriffs. And Gov. Rick Scott attended his funeral at First Christian Church. Our prayers are with the family and friends of Sheriff Jerry Whitehead.

*Marjorie M. Driggers  
Historian*

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# OBITUARIES

## Philomena Adkinson

STARKE—Philomena Yolanda Chiachiarre Adkinson, 90, of Starke died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at Bradford Terrace Nursing Home. She was born April 24, 1923 in Schenectady, N.Y. to the late Francesco and Maria Michela (Costantino) Chiachiarre. She served in the United States Navy. She has been a resident of Bradford County since 1965 moving from Blountstown, and retiring from the Bradford County School System as an elementary school teacher. She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church; American Legion Post in Starke, U.S. Navy WAVES Association, National Retired Teachers Association, and the Florida Retired Education Association.

She is survived by: her husband of 64 years, Warney M. Adkinson; daughter, Dianne A. (Johann Meyer) Williams of Valdosta, Ga.; sister, Angelina C. DiNicola of Pittsfield, Mass.; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

best deviled eggs. Her favorite time was Thanksgiving because it gave her the opportunity to do two of her favorite things, cook and spend time with her family. Hope was always willing to help someone in need and her generosity extended to those outside of her family. Hope worked tirelessly to provide a loving home to her son and three daughters. Hope was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Church of Christ in Keystone Heights.

Hope is survived by: one son, Steven "Steve" Latham of Tallahassee; three daughters, Angela Baretela of Atlanta, Lauren Latham of New York, N.Y. and Rachel Toole of Atlanta; three grandchildren, Hailey Timian of Atlanta, Valarie Latham and Gabby Latham, both of Tallahassee; her mother, Shirley Carroll of Keystone Heights; and three sisters, Lynn Tison of Jacksonville, Debbie Goolsby, and Chrissy Hengl both of Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 2014 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Robert Bell officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at <http://www.heart.org>. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

PAID OBITUARY

### In Memory

Hattie M. Loggins  
August 18, 1930 –  
January 10, 2011

Dear Mama,

Three years since that sad day, you were called away,  
God took you home it's his will, within our hearts you'll stay.

Sad within our memories; lonely our hearts today, One we loved dearly has forever been called away.

Gone, the face we loved so dear, silent the voice we loved to hear

Too far away for sight or speech, not too far for thoughts to reach.

You'll never be forgotten; here you're no more

In our hearts still with us as you were before.

Deep in our hearts a picture, a loved one laid to rest

In memory's frame we'll keep, you are the best.

Love  
Children/Grands



Judith Delmoral

## Judith Delmoral

STARKE—Judith "Judy" Kowes Delmoral, age 59, of Starke, passed away at her residence on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013. She was born in Fort Lauderdale on June 10, 1954 to the late Gerald Kowes and Eileen Bourne-Kowes. Judy, originally from South Florida, worked at Florida Pest Control for seven years. Judy was an avid Miami Dolphins fan and enjoyed visiting friends in New Smyrna Beach during her spare time. Judy is preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 16 years, Ralph Delmoral and her nephew, Bryan Thomas McCarthy.

Judy is survived by: her siblings, Lynda (Tom) McCarthy of Starke, and her brother, Jeff (Susan) Kowes of Woodland, Calif.; her niece, Michele (Jon) Dow; her nephews, Don (Danielle) McCarthy, Eric (Jennifer) Kowes, and Greg (Kim) Kowes; her great-niece, Mileena McCarthy and numerous other great nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Garnet Dukes Jr.

TALLAHASSEE—Garnet Lavan Dukes Jr., 67, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at home, following an extended illness. He was born Sept. 17, 1946, to the late Garnet Lavan Dukes, Sr., and Frances Taylor Dukes.

He is survived by: his son, Joseph Sheehy Dukes of Tallahassee; his long-time partner, Linda Champion; and brother, Terry M. (Debi) Dukes.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1700 N. Meridian Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, or Worthington Springs United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 2, Worthington Springs, Florida 32697.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 7, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was held on Jan. 8, at Elzey Chapel Cemetery in Worthington Springs. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements at graveside.

## Boyd Hall

STARKE—Boyd Wilmot Hall, 67, of Starke died at Bradford Terrace in Starke Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 after an extended illness. He was born in Palatka and lived most of his life in Starke. He was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Calvin and Doris Brown Hall; and brothers, Lamar, Kenny, and Loyd Hall.

He is survived by: sisters, Darlene Evans of Starke and Marion (Claude) Thompson of Gainesville, brothers, Leon (Barbara) Hall of California, James (Mary) Hall of Lawtey, Wayne (Marilyn) Hall of Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler with Bro. Ricky Griffis officiating. Burial followed at Hope Cemetery of Theresa. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Christine Hengl

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Christine June "Chrissy" Hengl, 48, of Keystone Heights died Friday, Jan. 3, 2014. She was born on Sept. 22, 1965 in Jacksonville and was a retired hairdresser. She was of the Baptist faith and was preceded in death by: daughter, Jessica Carroll; father, Charles "Charlie" Carroll; and sister, Patricia "Hope" Carroll.

She is survived by: daughters, Denise Hengl of Marathon and Danielle Hengl of Keystone Heights; mother, Shirley (Williams) Carroll of Florahome; sisters, Debbie Goolsby of Florahome and Lynn Tison of Jacksonville; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Robert Bell officiating. The family will begin receiving friends at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Paran Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Judith Jewell

## Judith Jewell

HAMPTON—Judith Kay Jewell, 59, of Hampton passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2013. She was born Jan. 21, 1954 in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Chester Jewell and Helen Tankersley Jewell. Judy loved life to the fullest. She was very fond of dancing, bowling, playing with her Barbie dolls, her Elvis movie collections, coloring, her many cds, and playing Wii and PlayStation, her membership at Green Cove Springs Church of Christ, and most importantly her family. She touched others deeply with her genuine concern for them. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Fox; brother in laws, Roger Hollenbacher, and Mike Young; and nephew, Chris Young.

Judy is survived by: her sisters, Joyce Ann Hollenbacher, Sandra Helen Young, and Carol Sue (Dale) Miller; her brother, Danny Lee (Mary) Jewell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Grannies Restaurant and Pam for loving Judy and giving her the opportunity to work for her for five years. Judy would always say "I love my job." And she surely did.

A special thanks to my niece, Amy, and husband, Johnny Webb who helped care for Judy and loved her dearly. And also my friend and confidante, Maureen Delois Wooten, who was more than my friend, who helped for Judy in our time of need. Delois, Always remember "who me?" To her sisters, Joyce Hollenbacher and Sandy Young who also helped to care for her through the years. Thanks to

all those that took time to ask about and love Judy. To all her doctors and nurses. Thank you to The Shands Homecare Team. To Gainesville Hospice and a special thanks to the Hospice team, Valorie, Kristina, Dr. Bichier and Brittany. Thank you for all the love and concern you gave to Judy while she was in your care. You are an awesome group.

To know Judy was to know love. She was a blessing to all of us. Always remember the smiles, laughter, and the tears Judy gave us.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Gainesville Hospice in honor of Judy. Be blessed always and when you see a butterfly, think of Judy. Judy, I love you and I miss you deeply and always will!!!

Carol Miller and Family.

PAID OBITUARY

## Sarah Malone

ORANGE PARK—Sarah Pearl Hendrix Malone, 95, died on Monday, Dec. 30, 2013. She was born to James and Ada Hendrix in Bulloch County, Ga. on July 20, 1918. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Lake Butler.

She was preceded in death by: son, Morrill E. Malone, Jr.; and brothers, Joseph, John, and Louis; and sister, Ruth Brandt.

She is survived by: two grandsons; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Grace Muzzy. During her life she resided in Georgia, Jacksonville, Miami, Lake Butler, and recently, Orange Park. She was retired from Eastern Air Lines.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 4, 2014 at Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler.

## Annie McLellan

DARLINGTON, S.C.—Annie Maude Dowling McLellan, a resident of Bethea Baptist Home, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2014.

Born Dec. 24, 1918, she was the daughter of the late John Rance Dowling, Sr. and Debbie Browning Dowling. Mrs. McLellan earned her BA from the University of Florida and received her Masters of Education at Francis Marion University. She taught fifth grade for many years at Harlee Elementary in Florence and at Pate Elementary in Darlington. She enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, and traveling. Mrs. McLellan was a member of Central Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by: her husband, S.C. (Sam) McLellan; and a grandson, Nick Chrisley.

Surviving are her children: Carol (Wade) Jordan, Nancy (Paul) Vivian, Marsha (Darrell) Johnson, Eddie (Jean) McLellan, Pat (Dana) Chrisley; grandchildren, Wade Jordan III, Scott Jordan, Matthew Vivian, Walker Vivian, Lucy (Kevin) Steele, Lacy (Rick) Manship, Elizabeth (Dylan) Royal, Sam McLellan, Dana Chrisley; great-grandchildren, Simon Perkins, Luke Manship and Brody King.

A funeral service was held Jan. 5 at Central Baptist Church in Darlington, S.C. Burial followed in Florence Memorial Gardens, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

The family expresses their gratitude to the staff and administration of Bethea Baptist Home and Hospice.

A guestbook is available on line at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com)

PAID OBITUARY

## Lee Outlaw, Jr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Lee Wylie Outlaw, Jr., 83, of Keystone Heights died in Palatka on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. He was born on June 19, 1930 in Wrightsville, Ga. to the late Lee Wylie and Emma (Wilcher) Outlaw, Sr. He worked as an automobile paint and body repairman, and has been a resident of Keystone Heights since 1984. He was a member of the Christ Independent Methodist Church of Palatka. His wife of 62 years, Shirley Outlaw preceded him in death March of 2013.

He is survived by: children, Lee Wylie (Kathy) Outlaw, III of Texas, Shirley Deborah (George) Newcomb, Pamela Outlaw (Brian David) Mellone, and Rebecca Outlaw (Mark) Wagoner all of Keystone Heights; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on

Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Michael Hudson officiating. Viewing will begin one hour to services beginning. Burial will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

## Nanazee Pinkston

LAKE BUTLER—Nanazee Thomas Pinkston 85, of Lake Butler died Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 at the Suwannee Haven Hospice with family by her side. She was born in Lacrosse, living most of her life in Union County. She was the daughter of the late Rex D. Thomas and Kate Parker Thomas. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Henry Pinkston; son, Rex Tommy Pinkston; daughter, June Pinkston; and a brother and sister. She was a member of the Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Lake City.

She is survived by: daughters, Nancy Hodgson of Gainesville, Terrie (Angus) Rimes of Worthington Springs, Jean (John) Hampton of Macclenny; sons, Henry Roger (Kay) Pinkston of Lake Butler, Danny L. Pinkston of Lake Butler, Timmy (Patricia) Pinkston of Lake Butler; sister, Ann Pinkston of Worthington Springs; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, in the Archer Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Herman Griffin officiating. Burial followed in Old Providence Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler is in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Rosenberry

LAWTEY—Betty Marie Crawford Rosenberry, 80, of Lawtey died Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 at Windsor Manor Nursing Home. She was born on July 22, 1933 in Starke to the late Jack and Lettie (Edwards) Crawford and moved to Lawtey in 1997 from Jacksonville. Betty was a homemaker and member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lawtey. She was preceded in death by her husband Lester James Rosenberry.

She is survived by: sisters, Gloria Shuford of Lawtey, Hazel (Erwin) Muse of Lawtey, Vivian Scott of Starke; brothers, Jack Merrill (Ann) Crawford of Starke and Leo Darold (Dale) Crawford of Douglasville, Ga. Funeral services were held on Jan. 3 in the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel. Interment followed services in Dyal Cemetery with Reverend Geary Rowell officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher funeral Home of Starke.



Bryan Sheffield Jr.

## Bryan Sheffield Jr.

STARKE—Bryan Keith Sheffield, Jr., 30, of Starke suddenly died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013. He was born on Aug. 10, 1983 in Gainesville and was a butcher's aide in a meat market.

He is survived by his parents Patricia Ann Jordan of Starke and Bryan Keith Sheffield, Sr.

Memorial services were held on Jan. 4 in the First Christian Church of Starke. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Patricia Carroll

## Patricia Carroll

Keystone Heights—Ms. Patricia Hope Carroll (Hope), 55, of Keystone Heights passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013. Hope was born April 21, 1958 in Jacksonville to Shirley Carroll and the late Charles "Charlie" Carroll. Prior to moving to Keystone Heights, Hope had resided in Lawrenceville, Ga. for over 25 years. During her professional career Hope held the position of Executive Vice President for several IT companies. She enjoyed throwing parties, spending time with her family and baking. She was a passionate and excellent cook and arguably made the world's

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# OBITUARIES

## Fred Stanley

LAKE BUTLER—Fred Van Stanley, 70, of Lake Butler died at the Orange Park Medical Center Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 after an extended illness. He was born in Crestview and lived most of his life in Bonifay before moving to Lake Butler 14 years ago. He was a lieutenant for the Florida Department of Corrections before retiring in 2005. He was the son of the late Ruby and Zirlene Cox Stanley. He is preceded in death by his wife, Christine Stanley.

He is survived by: daughters, Lisa Stanley of Denver, Colo., Melissa (John) Johns of Lake Butler; son, Marvin Stanley of Lake Butler; brothers, Joe Stanley and Tim Stanley, both of Baker; Ted Stanley of Freeport; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 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 is in charge of arrangements.



Michael Waldron

## Michael Waldron

LAKE BUTLER—Michael Hilton Waldron, age 61, of Lake Butler, passed away Dec. 28, 2013 at his daughter's residence. He was born in Fort Pierce on April 19, 1952 to the late Hilton Waldron and Gloria Jean Waldron. Michael was raised in Bradford County and he graduated from Bradford High School. After High School, Michael joined the United States Army where he served for eight years. He spent many years operating heavy equipment and landscaping golf courses. Michael enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Sandra Waldron; and his sister, Wanda Midett.

Michael is survived by: his wife of 24 years, April Hunt Waldron of Lake Butler; his loving children, Jason (Kelly) Hunt, Michael Waldron, and Nicole (Chaz) Crawford all of Lake Butler; his brothers, Charles (Lori) Waldron, Vernon Waldron and Jimmy Goff; and his six grandchildren, Jordyn, Hayley, Brooke, Emily, Karsyn, and Kaylee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the funeral home assist with funeral arrangements. Services are currently pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Barbara Wood

ALACHUA—Barbara Mizell Wood, 80, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 at E.T. York Haven Hospice in Gainesville, following an extended illness. She was born in Jacksonville, on Dec. 13, 1933. She was the daughter of the late Leroy and Alma Mizell. She attended Union County Schools and Florida Southern College. She and her husband at one point owned a crafts shop in Lake Butler. She was a member of Haque United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by one son, John Wood.

She is survived by: her husband, Bill; daughter, Janet of Alachua; sons, Kerry B. (Desni) of Atlanta, Bill R. (Laurie) of Columbus, Ohio, and David A. (Mar Jo) of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands; seven grandchildren; brother, Donald (Doris) Mizell of Daytona Beach.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 4 at Goad Funeral Home in Scottsville, Ky. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to make donations to E.T. York Haven Hospice, 4200 Northwest 90th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida 32606 Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008

## FREEZE

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had been suspected. There was even some budding out in most groves.

That optimistic viewpoint would soon be lost.

Weather-conscious townfolk began watching the skies again when the Telegraph brought news, early in February, of the coldest weather in years up north, with temperatures of 30 below throughout the East. In Wisconsin, it was 59 below on Feb. 7.

The following morning saw almost every Florida record broken. The mercury had plunged from afternoon readings in the 50s to 20 degrees by midnight. Sunrise sent it to almost out of sight, down to 8 degrees at Lake City. Palatka recorded 11, and Starke 13.

In Lake City, the water mains had burst, and children were skating in the streets. Atlanta was blanketed with 9 inches of snow.

Most citrus growers were leaving the few oranges that had survived the December freeze on their trees until the fear of frozen fruit on the market had passed. Others turned to vegetables in hopes of breaking even for the season—but this second freeze took all.

In the few weeks of unseasonably warm weather between freezes, the sap had risen, and orange trees were budding and blooming. Now they split wide open, dripped sap and froze again.

Most of the trees in those early years of the industry were towering beauties, resembling young oaks in stature. They had been started from seedlings—not the budding process that produces the short, bushy trees of today. Many of the early trees stood over 20 feet tall, and one giant—the famous tree at Fort Harlee, southwest of Hampton Lake—was reported to bear 10,000 oranges in a season.

When spring finally came, and the countryside began turning green again, the outlines of dead orange trees stood bleak against the sky—the barren branches of the once promising orange industry reaching its arms toward heaven. In spite of advice from the newspaper to leave trees standing long enough to be sure they were dead, most growers cut them down and deserted their groves.

Newspapers were filled with classified ads offering farms and groves for sale at giveaway prices, and Starke wasn't the only town in the county to be thrown into a financial tailspin by the freeze—every section of the county had groves, especially around the lakes. A state business directory for 1881 said there were 10,000 bearing trees in Bradford at that time; 200,000 more "in position," but not yet bearing; and several hundred thousand nursery stock. The fine Sundell Grove on the south side of Kingsley Lake was gone with the rest.

Some growers, who too hastily cut down their trees and sold them for firewood, found to their regret that some were still green and might have lived if left in the

ground.

And Jack Frost was not through yet. Four years later, on Valentine's Day, 1899, he made a final 19th-century assault on the orange lands of north-central Florida.

The Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen of Feb. 13 reported a sleet storm reaching the city about dusk the night before, gradually turning to snow as the temperature fell lower during the night. Driven by strong northwesterly winds, the flurry settled down to a heavy fall of white flakes that covered the ground, several inches deep, by morning. It was Florida's share of one of the worst blizzards in history, which swept the East in 1899.

Traces of snow were seen as far south as Fort Myers, Avon Park and Titusville. The heaviest snowfall of 4 inches was recorded at Lake Butler. Lake City reported 2 inches, and Starke reported about the same.

The bitter cold—2 below 0 at Tallahassee, and 10 above in the Jacksonville area—caused the snow to stay unmelted on the ground for several days.

Most of the orange crop had already been harvested, and many of the trees were past the blooming stage. Actual damage was negligible because there was nothing left to hurt; but the freeze of '99 served to warn the few remaining growers that the orange tree was better off farther south.

Today, small groves of trees may still be found in this area around the lakes of the Keystone-Melrose area, and many homes have a few cold-resistant varieties in the backyard. But the orange tree, as a moneymaking crop for the Starke area, has moved south for the winter, probably never to

Col. Comer L. Peek, Starke realtor and promoter, is the man on the sawhorse showing the height of a pre-freeze orange tree. The colonel is holding a fine bunch of fruit, just plucked from the tree.



return.

But something always moves in to fill a vacuum, and new cash crops appeared on the horizon. The Florida Advocate, a contemporary of the Telegraph at the turn of the century, had

this philosophical comment on the freeze: "Bradford's orange moon has set, but another has taken its place. It is the tobacco moon, and is full and shining brightly."



Jacqueline Starnes

## Jacqueline Starnes

MELROSE—Jacqueline "Jackie" Starnes, age 75, of Melrose passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 in Virginia. Mrs. Starnes was born May 7, 1938 in Lynchburg, Va. to the late Bob and Vera (Johnson) Culler and has resided in Melrose since 1985. Jackie was a graduate of The University of North Carolina, and while she was a big Gator fan, the Tar Heels remained forever her team. Jackie's career took her to both coasts, and she served as an Editor at Mademoiselle Magazine, the Director of Advertising and Promotion for Wig Fiber Group of Monsanto Textile Corporation and the Advertising and Promotion Director for a major retailer. Locally, Jackie served as a hospice volunteer. Above all, Jackie was a teacher. She mentored many young people, guiding them to successful careers and lives. Jackie taught at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and the University of Florida.

She is survived by: her husband of 31 years, Milton Starnes; her aunt Rose Karam of Charlotte, N.C., and a group of 1st cousins and their children with whom she had very close and special relationships.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. Jackie's family would like to thank the many medical professionals who helped extend her life after a liver transplant 12 years ago. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to either of the following: St. Jude Children Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942; Haven Hospice, 6400 St. Johns Ave. Palatka, FL 32177; or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights, FL 32656. 352-473-3176. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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## Hunters today may find doves of several types

Hunters generally do not have any difficulty identifying their game birds. Quail hunters look for quail, and when they find them, they find a covey, because birds of a feather generally flock together.

That has become more of a challenge, however. Since the passenger pigeon was killed out during the early 1900s, the morning dove has been the primary target for dove hunters. That story is at least becoming more complicated in some ways.

Today, dove hunters are likely to find some doves with a lateral, white strip across the shoulder of their wings. These birds are actually a different sub-species of the morning dove known as the white wing dove. The birds actually originated in Central

Roger Chilson took this photograph of an Eurasian collard dove near his home in Keystone Heights.



America and migrated into the United States by way of Texas.

Additionally, in 1959, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission imported a large number of the birds in hopes of providing bird hunters more quality and quantity for wing hunting. The birds were subsequently re-caught and transported north as far as Gainesville. The birds did take hold and subsequently spread throughout Florida and into other southeastern states.

Today, these birds are treated by FWC the same as morning doves. A bag limit of doves might include both birds, but the limit is still the same.

The birds-of-a-feather issue

continues to change with the inclusion of a new invasive species, the Eurasian collard dove. These birds were originally imported into the Bahamas and subsequently made their way to the Florida mainland. From there, they spread faster than any previous invasive species, moving west and north all the way to Alaska. The only United States location not holding populations of the new birds is the northeastern.

The issue of the collard doves has not been addressed by FWC, but Idaho has labeled the birds as invasive, and hunters are allowed to hunt them year round without any limits. The potential threat of the birds is also

undetermined. They are larger than the morning and white wing doves and appear to be lighter in color. As per their name, the black collar that runs part of the way around their necks can also identify them.

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Roger Chilson, who photographs and studies birds as a hobby, provided the attached photograph and much of the preceding information. He posts many of his photographs on his website, [www.skyblue43.wordpress.com](http://www.skyblue43.wordpress.com).

Okeechobee, anticipates that the cooler weather will turn the bite up a notch after they relocate.

Randy Harris tells us that the cold weather tends to run the inshore reds to the deeper inland and river holes, which should hold true for both the east and west coasts.

Noel Kuhn suggests that the surf bite will most likely turn off totally if the water cools any more. The pompano have already moved south, leaving whiting as the main surf attraction

Overall, the east coast inshore action has slowed, and the catch size for most species is small. The one exception is sheephead, which currently seem to be the biggest inshore attraction on the east; consequently, many east coast bait shops are selling record numbers of fiddler crabs. The number and size of the east coast sheephead catches are currently described with many euphemistic adjectives.

Deer and other wildlife have been alerted to the point that they have honed their avoidance skills to a fine edge.

The mild winter had not been sufficient to herd robins from their northern locations into our area.

Before long, the crappie bite

will wane, and the bass bite will be resurrected. There are already some reports of bass fanning where the spring runs pour into Lake George. Of course, the spring water is somewhat warmer than the lake and river water, and maintains a consistent temperature of 72 degrees.

Watch out for the onset of spring, because it is right around the corner.

Tight lines, safe hunting, a happy new years.

## 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;
- Year round, rabbits and wild hogs.

*If you have a story, idea or photo to share, please contact Mickey Agner via email at [mka@maoutdoors.com](mailto: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.*

## Tornadoes pull out 2-point district win over Santa Fe

Joquez Ivey and Caleb Jones scored 13 and 11 points, respectively, as the Bradford High School boys' basketball team defeated visiting District 5-4A opponent Santa Fe 49-47 on Jan. 4.

The Tornadoes (4-9, 3-2 in District 5 prior to Jan. 7) outscored the Raiders 12-3 in the fourth quarter to force overtime. Bradford held an 8-6 advantage in overtime.

Kearis Ardley and Alex Mejias each added nine points for Bradford, with Ardley also blocking four shots. Kenny Dinkins, who had four rebounds

and three assists, scored five points, while Oliver Griffin added two points.

Bradford played district opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent P.K. Yonge on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The Tornadoes host Union County on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. before hosting district opponent Interlachen on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

## KHHS girls defeat visiting Panthers

Caiylen Gonzales scored 11 points for the Keystone Heights High School girls' basketball team, which defeated visiting Ridgeview 32-20 on Jan. 6.

The Indians (8-11 prior to Jan. 7) were coming off of an 0-2 performance in the second annual Blue Devil Holiday Classic, losing 47-28 to Paxon and 55-27 to White. Against Ridgeview, Keystone outscored the Panthers 22-5 in the second and third quarters.

Caroline McCormick and Bailey Zinkel each scored seven points against Ridgeview, while Sierra Moore and Alexa Born had four and three points, respectively.

It was the second time the Indians defeated Ridgeview this season, with a 40-31 win occurring on Dec. 19 in Orange Park. Moore led all scorers with 14 points, while Born had 11 points and 13 rebounds. Gonzales and Karla Casas each scored five points, while Abbigail Winters and McCormick scored three and

two points, respectively.

Keystone, which played District 5-4A opponent Santa Fe this past Tuesday, will travel to Starke on Friday, Jan. 10, to play district opponent Starke at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Indians host district opponent Fort White at 7 p.m.

## KHHS boys' soccer team beats Palatka, girls play to tie

The Keystone Heights High School soccer teams traveled for a double-header against Palatka on Jan. 4, with the boys' team winning 10-2 and the girls' team settling for a 1-1 tie.

For the boys' team, Wyatt

Graziano and Cory Hedding scored three and two goals, respectively, as the Indians (16-1-1 prior to Jan. 7) won their 16<sup>th</sup> straight match. Graziano scored off of assists from Hedding, Juan Grimaldo and Nachol Grimaldo, while Hedding scored off of assists from Juan Grimaldo and Zac Holman.

Holman, who had an unassisted goal, had three assists in all as he also set up goals for Juan Grimaldo and Ben Jones.

Michael Carroll scored off of a Hedding assist, while Ray Trimble scored off of a Zac Fairbanks assist.

In the girls' matchup that preceded the boys' match, Keystone avoided a 1-0 loss when Cheyenne Riddling scored off a Hanna Crane assist in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Keystone boys' team will

host District 5-2A opponent Newberry at 7 p.m., then travel to play Nease on Friday, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. The boys return home for 6 p.m. matches against Fernandina Beach on Monday, Jan. 13, and Palatka on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The Keystone girls will cap the regular season with a road match against Nease on Friday, Jan. 10, at 7:20 p.m.

Keystone is the number-two seed in the girls' District 5-2A tournament, which will be played at Citizens Field in Gainesville. The Indians will play seventh seed Newberry on Monday, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m. If they win, the will play the Jan. 14 winner between third seed Eastside and sixth seed Crescent City on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m.

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"Of course, they told me to go home and have it repaired, but I didn't have any money. I just waited and went back. The next doctor passed me. I was shipped to MacDill (Air Force Base) in Tampa. They called me out, sent me to the hospital and repaired my hernia."

In March 1943, Rahn was promoted to buck sergeant and assigned to the 27<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group's photo lab as a photographer and dark room technician.

It was also during that month that Rahn returned home and married his fiancée, Atalyne Taylor, whose father was the Union County tax collector.

Rahn was transferred from Tampa to Venice, Fla., before then moving to Augusta, Ga., and San Antonio in preparation for overseas duty. He boarded a ship for Naples, Italy, in April 1945. His son, Charles, was born in the midst of Rahn shipping out.

"It was kind of mixed feelings," Rahn said. "I wanted to go overseas. I wanted to see what was going on over there, but I hated to leave my family right at that time. It was an inopportune time for leaving them, but they made it fine. (Charles) was 8 months old when I got back to the States."

A week after arriving in Naples, Rahn's group moved to Foggia, Italy, and what had once been an old German airbase. Old German planes were pushed out of the way by bulldozers and robbed of gas lines and valves. Fuel was used to heat the servicemen's huts, Rahn said.

Rahn was eventually assigned to a B-17 bomber group,

installing cameras on planes and processing photos of raids.

"When I was assigned to my squadron, I was assigned to a headquarters squadron," Rahn said. "I found a young photo officer—Capt. Dan McCormick—who was my age and came from Jacksonville. We had a great deal in common, and he was very good to me. As a matter of fact, he turned a photo vehicle over to me, and I had transportation the whole time I was over there. I was stationed about 7 or 8 miles outside of Foggia."

Rahn returned home in December 1945 and was discharged from Camp Blanding on Dec. 8.

## A varied post-war career

In 1946, he opened a store in Brooker—something he had envisioned doing ever since working at Harrison's Store. His wife, though, never acclimated to Brooker, Rahn said, and he closed the store in 1949 and eventually went to Cottonwood, Ala., to meet an old Army friend and his wife—Joe and Miriam Christmas. Joe Christmas was in a partnership with a Pontiac GMC dealership in Malone, Ala.

"They offered me a job as office manager," Rahn said. "I spent the next six years in the automobile business."

He enjoyed some of the aspects of the automotive business, but Rahn watched production catch up with public demand, which caused small dealers in small towns to go out of business.

Rahn moved from the automotive business to insurance, working for Gulf Life until 1960, when his brother told him there was an accounting position open at Florida State Prison. He applied and was hired



**Buster Rahn is pictured on a beach along the Adriatic Sea with a K-20 aerial camera. Rahn shipped to Italy in April 1945 and was eventually assigned to a B-17 bomber group, installing cameras on planes and processing photos of raids.**

as an industries accountant.

"Eighteen months later, the chief accountant accepted a position with Baptist Hospital, and I was promoted to chief accountant of Florida State Prison," Rahn said.

At that time, FSP was what is now Union Correctional Institution. The present-day FSP was constructed in 1961, with the business office at the old FSP handling transactions for both FSP and what would become UCI. Rahn said when the legislature approved full staffing for FSP, he transferred there as business manager.

Raymond Massey was the new institution's first full-time superintendent. He transferred to UCI to assume the same position and asked Rahn to assume the business manager's position at UCI. Rahn worked there until he retired in 1980.

"Working at the prison was one of the most satisfying jobs I ever had, but I only came in contact with a handful of the inmates," Rahn said, adding, "I don't think

I could've handled prison work down inside the institution."

In 1981, Rahn attended a meeting at the Starke Golf and Country Club and asked to see a financial statement. No such statement existed, so Rahn said he offered to take over the club's record keeping and manage the pro shop, which he did for a year and a half.

While at the Starke Golf and Country Club, Rahn also took on the responsibility of writing a monthly newsletter for country club members. Writing was nothing new for Rahn. He did a lot of as a Department of Corrections employee. Part of his responsibility at the prison was preparing annual budgets he received from 25-30 department heads. Each department head had to write a budget justification.

"While they were specialists in their field, their budget-writing talents were limited," Rahn said. "Essentially, I had to rewrite justifications for budgets. That whetted whatever ability I had for writing."

What Rahn did at the Starke Golf and Country Club was enough to impress Bobby Ferguson, a former publisher of the Bradford County Telegraph. Rahn went to the newspaper office one day to place an ad when Ferguson asked him if he would be interested in writing for the paper.

Thus, in 1982, Rahn's Telegraph career began.

"I covered all the commission meetings for Starke, Lawtey and Brooker for 10 or 12 years,"

Rahn said.

It was in the late 1990s, he believes, that he began writing editorials. Rahn said he told current Telegraph publisher John Miller, "I've got a lot of opinions. I don't mind writing them."

Sharing one's opinion in a small, close-knit community, may not sound like an ideal thing to do, but Rahn said it never got him into much trouble.

"On occasion, I had people disagree with me," he said. "We'd have long telephone conversations about it, but as far as I know, I never made anybody mad enough to threaten me or anything of that sort."

"My columns, overall, I think, were well received."

## Family life and travel

Rahn and his wife, Atalyne, had three children: Charles, Cynthia and Carol. All graduated from Union County High School. Charles is retired from the Orlando Police Department, having put in 20 years of service, while Cynthia is retired from Rinker Materials/CEMEX. (CEMEX acquired Rinker in 2007.) Carol is a teacher in the Orange County school system and has three years until retirement.

Though the majority of his life has been spent in this area, Rahn—who has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren—has taken the time to travel elsewhere. In 1969, he bought his first travel trailer, and he owned an RV of some kind for the next 30 years. In 1985, he, his wife and other couples formed the New River Ramblers camping club, which disbanded a couple of years ago. It consisted of approximately 45 couples, who ventured out once a month to various places, such as the Carolinas. Club members even went to Nova Scotia one summer.

"That's a lot of fun—to be 700 or 800 miles from home and with 40 or 50 of your best friends," Rahn said.

Rahn and his wife enjoyed 50 years of marriage until, unfortunately, Atalyne was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the spring of 1993. She died less than a year later in January 1994.

In 1995, Rahn married Atalyne's sister, Ruth Mizelle. Ruth died in 1999.

Then, things came full circle, if you will. Back in 1939, Rahn had dated Mary Edwards Mixon, but Mary eventually moved to Jacksonville to attend business school.

"That ended our romance, such as it was," Rahn said.

However, in December 2005, Rahn gave Mary a call and asked her out on a date. (Mary's husband, Rex, had died in 2003.) She accepted the offer.

The romance that began and ended when Rahn was in the midst of working his first full-time job was rekindled, with the couple marrying in June 2006. They are still married some seven and a half years later.

It has certainly been a full life, one consisting of various work experiences, military service and loved ones. Rahn experienced some health problems with his kidneys in 2013, but in discussing his health for this interview, which took place in December, he said, "I have the benefit of the best medical care available. My health is better now that it was earlier in the year."

Looking at Rahn, it can be difficult to believe he will soon turn 96. Whether or not it was all those years of walking the golf course, he does appear fit.

In other words, though it has been a full life, it appears as if Rahn's not done adding to it.

At the very least, maybe he's got another opinion or two he'd still like to share with Telegraph readers.

## Parents association to host Jan. 10 softball, baseball meeting

The Bradford Parents Athletic Association will hold its 2014 Starke recreation baseball and softball coaches meeting on Friday, Jan. 10, at the Thomas Street office at 6:30 p.m.

There are new requirements related to background checks, so please make plans to attend this important meeting.

The association's 2013 financials and 2014 budget will also be discussed.

## Miss Bradford Fest postponed until Feb. 8

The Santa Fe College Miss Bradford Fest, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, will now be held Feb. 8 at the Bradford High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

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

An orientation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Friday, Jan. 24. Entry forms may be obtained via email. Please send email requests to thorn99@embarqmail.com.

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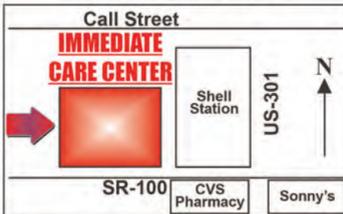
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- Afghanistan - 2009 Physician for Camp of 450 Army Infantry Soldiers at Mazar-e-Shariff, Northern Regional Hospital
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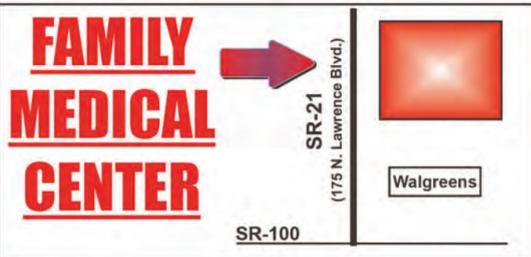
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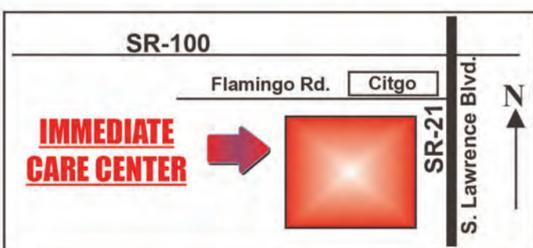
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