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Education scholarship available to women

The Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering a \$500 scholarship for a Bradford-Union area female graduate and/or resident. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and enable them to obtain a degree in the field of education.

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For more information and an application, please call 904-964-6186 or 352-468-6884.

Classic car cruise-in at the lake, Mar. 7

North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting a classic car cruise-in down by the lake in Lake Butler on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Besides, of course, classic cars from the area, the year's first Friday Fest Cruz will feature train rides, door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, food and music.

There are no entry fees. Learn more at www.starkecruz.com.

St. James AME hosting BBQ, March 8

St. James AME Church in Lake Butler is hosting a barbecue dinner on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m.

Family and friends are invited back on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. for their service.

The church is located behind Spires IGA on Providence Road.

Spring Break for UC schools, March 10-14

Spring Break for Union County schools is March 10-14, which of course coincides with the Bradford County Fair.

Bradford County Fair, March 11-16

The 64th Annual Bradford County Fair welcomes some new looks and changes. The fair opens Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m. and runs through Sunday, March 16. That, alone, is new since the fair is usually 10 days long. Also a new midway provider will bring some excitement to kids of all ages.

Get all the details on the front page of *Regional News*.

Church hosting Wild Game Dinner, March 15

Old Providence Baptist Church is holding a free Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 15, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be various entrées including, but not limited to, deer, gator tail, game birds and fish. There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, and other side dishes, especially for the children and folks who might not find wild game and fish to their liking.

The special guest speaker will be Larry Strickland.

The church is located at 9316 Northwest County Road 245. Everyone is invited.



2014 Strawberry Queen Hannah Tucker and Strawberry Princess Madison Gibson were crowned March 1 at the 52nd annual Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant.

Lake Butler girls take top honors

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Hannah Tucker of Lake Butler became the 52nd Strawberry Queen at the pageant held in Bradford County March 1.

While they are also judged on a preshow interview with the judges, contestants are heard only briefly during the on-stage competition. Tucker made the most of her time, responding to an onstage question about role models by talking about the importance of self-confidence and teaching kids to love themselves. Also propelling her to the top was her vocal and guitar performance of the song "Jolene" by Dolly Parton, which had the audience clapping along.

Tucker was voted Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants, as well.

The 23-year-old is the daughter of Jay and Marcie Tucker of Lake Butler. She is a graduate of Union County High School as well as Florida Gateway College, where she was on the President's List. She is a substitute teacher in Union County who wants to become a flight paramedic.

She was sponsored by Hair Biz and Emerson Nursery and Rental Plants.

Winning trophies in the evening gown and talent competitions was 2014 Strawberry Princess Madison Gibson. Madison danced to "Seeing for the First Time" to reflect her relationship with God.

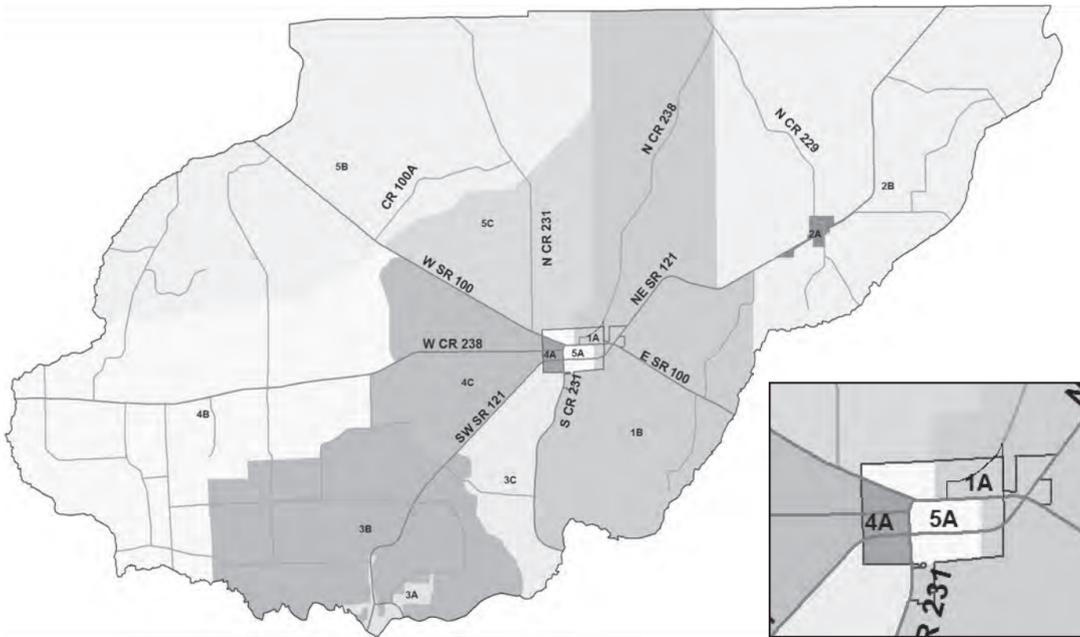
Asked by judges what makes her a good leader, she said she is unique and different, loves God, and helps with her five younger siblings.

Madison is the daughter of Bobby and Narie Gibson of Lake Butler and is in the eighth grade at Lake Butler Middle School, where she is president of the Drama Club.

She was sponsored by Gene and Shary Gordon and GatorForce Technologies.

The princess contest had a runner-up, and it was Lake Butler Middle School eighth-grader Bobbie Grace Barber. Bobbie Grace had the support of the audience, winning the People's Choice Award, and

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Redistricting changes minor for voters

A couple of precincts changed or combined

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Now that the redistricting process that started nearly a year ago is complete, for the 2014 elections most voters will go to their same voting precinct according to Union County Supervisor of Elections Deborah K. Osborne.

Only a few were changed in the redistricting process. Precinct numbers were changed to enhance use of the Electronic Voter Identification (EVID) check-in for the 2014 elections. Some precincts were renamed in order for all city precinct numbers to end with 'A.'

In **District 1**, **1A** includes voters living within the city limits of Lake Butler; **1B** includes voters in the county; both **1A** and **1B** residents will still vote at the *Lake Butler Community Center*.

In **District 2**, **2A** includes voters living within the city limits of Raiford and **2B** includes voters living in the county. Both **2A** and **2B** residents will vote at the *Raiford Community Center*.

In **District 3**, **3A** includes voters living within the city limits of Worthington Springs; **3B** includes voters living out in the county part of District 3; **3C** is the part of District 3 that is actually in the county but close to Lake Butler; **3A** and **3B** residents will vote at the *Worthington Springs Community Center* and **3C** will vote at the *old Suwannee River Economic Council building*.

In **District 4**, **4C** includes the county and voters will still vote at the *Providence*

Community Center; **4B** is the part of District 4 that is in the county but close to town and **4A** is in the Lake Butler city limits; **4A** and **4B** residents will vote at the *old Suwannee River Economic Council building*.

In **District 4** starting at Sprinkle Field and continuing south to Southwest 11th Street, the whole block was changed from precinct **4C** to precinct **5A** and voters will now vote at the *Lake Butler Community Center*. All registered voters in this area will receive a letter explaining the change and a new registration card.

In **District 5**, **5B** includes the old **5A** and **5C** combined and residents will still vote at *Palestine Voting Building* on State Road 100 West; **5A** includes residents within the city limits of Lake Butler and they will vote at the *Lake Butler Community Center*; **5C** includes part of District 5 right outside the city limits and these residents will also vote at the *Lake Butler Community Center*.

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the electoral district lines and boundaries for all levels of government including the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislatures and many local government organizations like county commissioners, school boards and city councils in order to equalize district populations. The purpose of redistricting is to review the districts, and where necessary, redraw districts in order to accommodate changes in population.

Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution requires the federal

government to conduct a census of its population every 10 years, or a decennial census, to attempt to count every person in the country. Based on the latest census conducted in 2010, the Union County Board of County Commissioners is responsible for reviewing commission districts and making the changes required by law. Specifically, Article VIII, Section 1(e) of the Florida Constitution provides that after each decennial census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable.

Once the Board of County Commissioners has drawn the district lines they work with the supervisor of elections to alter or create precincts.

At the county commissioners meeting in April last year, Osborne said that she hopes to combine precincts in order to save the county money.

"Election Day turnout is down due to the increase in early and absentee voting," said Osborne. "Combining precincts will save on printing, poll workers, voting equipment and more."

All registered voters will be mailed a new voter registration card in March 2014. If your name or address has changed, stop by the Union County Supervisor of Elections office and make the changes before election time.

For any other questions or to determine when you can vote early or absentee, contact the office at 386-496-2236 or visit www.unionflvotes.com.

Paper announces election coverage guidelines

Candidates should take note of submission deadlines

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The management of the Bradford County Telegraph, the Union County Times and the Lake Region Monitor

would like to announce guidelines set up for coverage of upcoming elections and election-related events.

All three newspapers have a policy of allowing candidates in local county races to submit one free article announcing their candidacy. The announcement can be accompanied by one photograph. This article and photograph will be run free of charge, but no announcement

will be run for free after the Thursday, June 26, edition.

Preferably, candidate announcements and photos should be emailed to editor@bctelegraph.com, lrmonitor@bellsouth.net or uctimes@windstream.net. Otherwise, articles should be typed and of a reasonable length when submitted directly to one of our offices. (Two



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County moving forward on housing repairs

'Flea market' may reopen, New River Health to rent new location

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Some county projects are moving forward after decisions made during several February meetings of the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

At two special meetings, Feb. 6 and Feb. 27, and its regular meeting on Feb. 17, the commissioners took definite steps to move forward on the housing modification Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) received from the Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity. The \$700,000 grant was issued a year ago, last March, to renovate 10 owner-occupied homes for low- to moderate-income households. More homes can be repaired or replaced if money is left over after the initial 10 units.

The average spent per home can be as much as \$59,000, though projects in neighboring counties show that the average has been as low as \$40,000, according to Scott Koons. He is the executive director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which manages the project.

The key is that the grant requires the county to make all needed repairs, up to replacing a home if necessary, whether site-built or a mobile home. However, replacement home sizes are restricted to the household. For example, the number of bedrooms in the new home would be limited to the number of people in the household.

Repairs have been delayed, with recipients calling commissioners often wondering what the delay is. Some residents have had multiple inspections of their current home without any activity.

"I get calls almost twice a week at least," said Commissioner Morris Dobbs. "And they can't understand why something is not going on and I can't tell them anything."

"This has been over a year that this has been going on," observed Chairman Jimmy Tallman.

One reason for the delay is that because it is a federal grant, the county has to advertise for additional 12 days to solicit woman- and minority-owned businesses after the county had already advertised and lined up contractors. Tallman said he didn't know of such businesses in the area, but said the county is required to make a special effort to find them.

"It's been an absolute nightmare to deal with this," Tallman added.

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LCU Chorale presenting "Road Trip!" at FCC, March 10

Everyone is invited to an evening of music and worship with the Lincoln Christian University Chorale at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, at First Christian Church of Lake Butler.

The Chorale is a select 35-member praise and worship ensemble consisting of LCU students preparing for ministry. They will present a mixed program of Christian music, drama, scripture and video in a multimedia presentation titled, "Road Trip! - Letting Go of Life's Luggage" based on lessons from Psalm 23.

The LCU Chorale was established over 50 years ago. Under the direction of Jeff Colleen, Professor of Worship Ministry at LCU, the Choral will be on tour throughout Florida, March 8-16.

For more information, contact the church office at 386-496-3956. The church is located next to the post office.



Sounds of Liberty concert at Harmony FWB, March 10

The Sounds of Liberty ministry team will be in concert at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church on Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

The Sounds of Liberty is Liberty University's (Lynchburg, Va.) premier traveling ministry team. This group, made up of five vocalists, a five-piece band and an audio technician, performs nearly 100 concerts annually, ministering in some of America's largest churches and organizational events.

"We are privileged to have this group with us. It would be our joy to have you join us," said Larry Clyatt, pastor of the Harmony church.

The church is located in southwest Union County, northwest of Worthington Springs at 6129 Southwest County Road 239.

'J.R.' Rooney running for UC commission

(The following is a statement of intention to run for public office, submitted by the candidate.)

My name is James G. Rooney Jr., locally known as J.R., and I am announcing my candidacy for Union County commissioner of District 4.

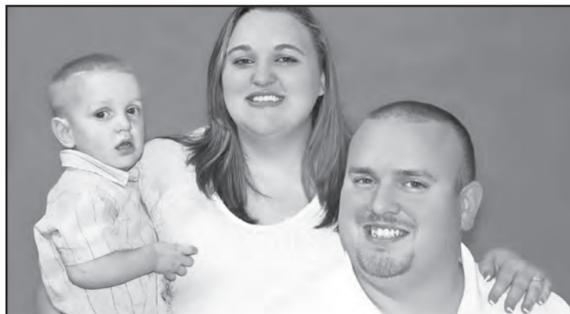
I have lived in Union County since the second grade, growing up in my parents' Providence home with my two sisters. I graduated Union County High School in 2009, later attending Lake City Community College where I received my Basic Law Enforcement Certificate in late 2010. Following this I started at Florida State Prison in 2010 where I earned my Basic Corrections Certificate in early 2011. Shortly after I completed my training I was employed by Alachua County

Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail as a detention deputy, where I am currently still serving fulltime. I have been a member of the Union County Volunteer Fire Department since 2009.

I currently reside in the city limits of Lake Butler where I live with my beautiful wife of almost two years, Sabrina Rooney (Norman), and our son James G. Rooney III.

This is my second time running in hopes of representing you as your county commissioner for District 4. Now more than ever I think it's time—time for new ideas, long-term goals and to represent the community with the utmost honesty. If elected, I plan to serve fulltime as your county commissioner.

I would encourage the citizens to express their concerns and questions to me, allowing me to address them to the commission as a whole, bringing to the table the voices and concerns of you, the citizens of Union County. I believe everyone should have a chance to be heard, a chance to



better our great county, while our politicians should strive not to develop personal agendas, but work for the people they represent.

Having served in various public safety roles I feel the safety of our citizens is paramount, therefore, I will work to ensure our county's safety by working with county facilities, supporting the law enforcement and the emergency services of our county.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

I've dedicated my life to public service and I wish to continue to serve my community, as it has been my lifelong dream to do so.

I'm willing to do all I can for you, the citizens of Union County. I would be honored to serve this wonderful community. Thank you for your support and consideration.

Let's work together and make a difference...

James G. Rooney Jr. (J.R.)

for County Commissioner of District 4

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Cell: 386-438-3540

LB man overturns tractor-trailer

According to a media release from the Florida Highway Patrol, on Tuesday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m., Clarence Eugene Peacock was turning southbound onto Interstate 95 from State Road 200 heading towards Lake Butler, where he resides. He was carrying a trailer load of tree stumps, pulled by a 2000 Kenworth. He had a top-heavy load in his trailer causing the tractor-trailer to tip over on its side, spilling his cargo, which covered the entrance ramp on I-95 southbound from S.R. 200.

ActionNewsJax.com said that nearly a week earlier, another driver's log truck overturned at the intersection of U.S. Highways 90 and 301.

and Thad Hamilton is running for the agriculture office. They are all Democrats.

According to the Florida Division of Elections incumbent U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho, a Republican, has some competition from Democratic challengers Aquasia Johnson McDowell and Marihelen Wheeler. The district covers all of Bradford, Union, Gilchrist, Columbia, Levy, Suwannee, Dixie, Lafayette and Hamilton counties, as well as most of Clay and Alachua and portions of Marion and Madison.

State Rep. Charles Van Zant has no declared opposition right now in District 19, which covers Bradford, Union and Putnam counties, as well as much of Clay.

Judges with expiring terms will also be on the ballot.

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double-spaced pages is a good guideline.) Submissions should include a phone number where the candidate can be contacted during business hours in case any question arises.

The final day to qualify for local political office by paying qualifying fees is Friday, June 20, at noon. (The final day to qualify by the petition method is May 19.) Therefore, every candidate should be prepared to announce his or her decision to seek office by the Thursday after that final qualifying date.

No free announcements will be accepted by the newspaper offices after deadline for the June 26 paper. That means the submission deadline is Monday, June 23, at 5 p.m.

We reserve the right to determine when to run these announcements as space availability is a factor.

Other guidelines are as follows:

- No fundraiser for a local candidate will be announced for free or covered by newspaper personnel. Local events where all, or at least most, of the candidates in

any one race are to be present can be announced for free and will likely be covered by newspaper personnel as a news story so long as those events are open to the public.

- Local events where a single candidate for state or federal office is present may or may not be announced for free and covered by newspaper personnel as a news story.

- No letter to the editor from any candidate will be accepted.

- Letters to the editor from others that pertain to the election or political issues will not be accepted to run during the two weeks immediately preceding a primary or general election.

- All other communications from candidates to the public via the newspaper will have to be made in the form of a paid advertisement and must follow state guidelines for such advertisements—including the requirement that they be paid for prior to the date of publication.

Policies on fair and equal coverage are loosely based on the federal guidelines established for radio and television broadcasts and represent our goal to provide balanced and unbiased coverage of political races.

UC offices up for election

School Board Districts 1, 3 & 5

- Number of signed petitions required to run: 13, 20 and 9, respectively.

- Qualifying fee: \$1,010.
- Incumbents: Allen Parrish, Curtis Clyatt and Chairwoman Terra Johnson, respectively.

County Comm. Districts 2 & 4

- Number of signed petitions required to run: 11 and 22, respectively.

- Qualifying fee: \$1,634.
- Incumbents: Morris Dobbs and M. Wayne Smith, respectively.

Sheriff

- Number of signed petitions required to run: 74.

- Qualifying fee: \$6,259.
- Incumbent: Brad Whitehead.

UC candidate deadlines

- May 19 by noon is the last day to turn in petitions to run.

- Qualifying is June 16-20, from noon to noon. Candidates can pay this week to run.

(Qualifying papers will be accepted beginning June 2.)

Election dates

- Primary election: Aug. 26.
- General election: Nov. 4.

Statewide offices

Of the 29 governor candidates with active accounts, most of the attention in the governor's race is on incumbent Republican Rick Scott, and Charlie Crist, the former governor who is now a Democrat. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam and Attorney General Pam Bondi, all Republicans, also have declared opponents. George Sheldon and Perry Thurston Jr. are running for attorney general, William Rankin is running for CFO,

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Doobs asked for clarification regarding those already qualified for a housing modification loan under the CBDG, wondering if they would have to re-qualify after this new wrinkle.

No, they would not, Tallman assured him. "They're still on the list," Tallman said.

The county then called a special meeting on Feb. 27 to have Koons appear before the commissioners to get clarification.

At that meeting, Koons said the county received 29 applications in total; 15 of those met the income eligibility standards to qualify; 11 did not qualify due to income level and/or because the applicant resides within the city limits of one of county's three incorporated towns—Lake Butler, Worthington Springs or Raiford; and 3 have not finished submitting all required documentation to verify eligibility.

He said that NCFRPC has secured a title company to review the first 10 units and that there are title issues on some of them that the respective owners need to clear up.

They've also acquired a lead-based paint inspector to inspect any units built before 1978 to determine if there is any lead paint in those respective homes. If found, they'll move forward with plans to mitigate or remove the paint.

Only two units have been inspected so far, which is required to generate the work write-ups, which should be completed in the near future,

Koons said. A walk-through has not been done.

Koons confirmed that the county does need to advertise again for contractors, and that the solicitation needs to cover a wider geographic area. That means advertising in a regional newspaper, which in the county's case would be The Gainesville Sun. And he confirmed that the county needs to directly solicit woman- and minority-owned businesses, which he said should be done through a direct mailing to them.

The county is moving forward with the required advertising and solicitation, which it will do for each renovation cycle.

In other news, commissioners are also entertaining the idea of reopening the Union County Farmers Market after committing to selling it at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Last summer the farmers market was dying down as growers migrated to nearby Sprinkle Field and even Gainesville to find enough buyers for their fruits and vegetables. However, Sprinkle Field was closed to sellers in January and may not reopen, which means there are few, if any, places for people to sell their produce here. The farmers market property was appraised at \$155,000 with a caution from the appraiser that said it might be inflated because he had trouble finding local commercial comparables or "comps."

Justin Stankiewicz, chief financial officer for the Clerk of Court, said that the county purchased the land in 2003 for \$32,000.

But that may not matter now. "I'd like to see us start renting

out spots like they did at Sprinkle Field and let people have their yard sales there," Commissioner Karen Cossey suggested at the Feb. 6 special meeting. "We could use that revenue and it would help the community as well."

Commissioner Wayne Smith asked if the county was in fact going to sell the property and Tallman had the same thought, suggesting that they go ahead and list it for sale while potentially using it.

Discussion continued regarding a permit fee, and Tallman suggested working with the City of Lake Butler for a combined permit for sellers, just like the city permit that was required for sellers at Sprinkle Field, though it was not enforced.

County Attorney Russ Wade, who has discussed the issue in general with Lake Butler City Manager Dave Mecusker, thought he city would support the idea of a joint sales permit.

"I think the county definitely has a common interest in seeing there be a proper place set up for people to go," Wade said, "because it's kind of become a little messy now."

Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Connell offered to work with the City of Lake Butler on moving forward with this plan.

She did talk to Mecusker and shared at the Feb. 17 meeting the suggestion of charging \$20 per seller, splitting the fee between the city and county.

Smith asked her to see if Mecusker was open to offering a general permit for the year, saying that the \$20 fee was too high.

Connell said that the fee

seemed fair between her and Mecusker because the county was providing the land with liability insurance and the city was handling the paperwork and providing code enforcement.

Smith, though reiterated his position, saying, "People can't pay \$20."

Tallman said that earlier in the day, Tom Jenkins called him with news that he wanted to talk to Mecusker about some property he has in Lake Butler, which he wants to turn into a flea market.

Tallman liked the idea and said the county would not compete with the private sector if it offered a solution like this. The county would "more than graciously bow out and just go on and try to sell the property like we had already planned to do," Tallman said but added that Jenkins was not sure if he could get the necessary permitting required from the city.

The county decided to wait to on proceeding further to see what progress Jenkins makes.

Finally, at the Feb. 27 special meeting, Union County Health Dept. Administrator Joe Pietrangolo asked the county to approve moving the New River Community Health Center, which uses space at the Health Dept. The federally qualified health center operates through the health dept. and in conjunction with it. The center has been in operation for over a year now, providing primary, family doctor-type and preventative care to local residents.

"Currently, this community health center has pretty much taken the bulk of the space at the Union County Health Department simply to operate, in terms of exam rooms, physician

rooms, treatment rooms, waiting room for patients—things like that," Pietrangolo said.

"We have little space to implement or promote public health services through this building now," he said, "because so much of it is taken by the community health center."

He said the board and staff agreed that "it would be optimal for New River not to be located at the health department—both in terms of pursuing a successful business model and in freeing up space at the local county health department for public health services."

They determined that the Robert A. Driggers Building, located at 395 West Main Street in Lake Butler, would work, both in terms of location and workable space.

However, Pietrangolo said the center cannot rent space directly due to Florida Dept. of Health requirements, which does not want to increase its physical footprint regardless of circumstances.

But he offered a solution to the county, to which the commissioners agreed. The county will rent one of two units in the Driggers Building for New River, using the \$25,000 annually earmarked for the health department. The two units available for rent cost \$18,000 and \$28,000 per year, for which New River would negotiate a fee that would be less than \$25,000, minus any monies already spent such as insurance, etc.

New River would pay for its own utilities, repairs, etc., like it already does now.

After assurances from Pietrangolo that next year the county's usual health dept.

budget of \$25,000 would be sufficient, and that Tallahassee approved the arrangement, the commissioners approved the proposal.

Pietrangolo said New River plans to rent space within the next two months.

The next regular meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled on St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m.

To download previous meeting agendas, minutes and recordings, visit the county's website at www.unioncounty-fl.gov.



UNION COUNTY HAS A NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR: Formerly with Bradford County, Union County resident Wilson Whidden has been contracted by the county to serve as its new building inspector, two days a week.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 The administration of the estate of BETTY S. CLARKE, deceased. File Number is 63-2014-CP-00000-3 is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The decedent's Will which has been admitted to probate is dated April 28, 2005. The name and address of the personal representative and of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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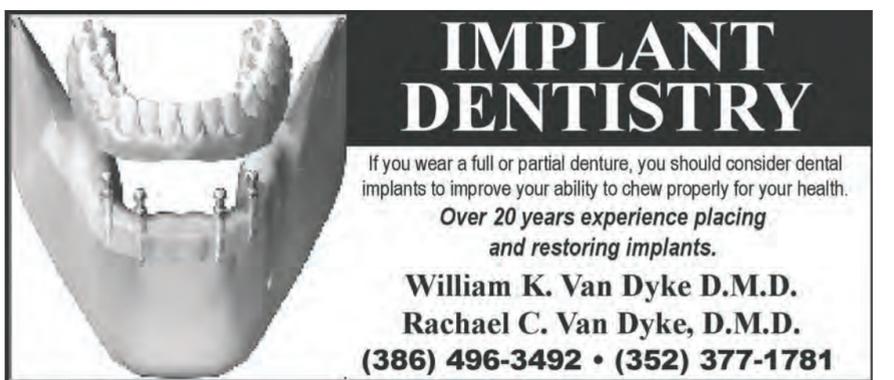
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P.K. Yonge falls to LBMS in baseball

P.K. Yonge Middle School didn't put up much of a fight on Monday, as Lake Butler Middle School cruised to a blowout 9-3 win in six innings.

The Tigers scored three runs in the fourth on a two-run error and a passed ball.

Tate Worrell paced LBMS at the plate. He went 2-3, drove in one, had three stolen bases, and scored one run.

A.J. Russell got the win for the Tigers thanks to six strikeouts. Russell allowed one earned run on three hits and two walks over five innings.

The Tigers didn't relinquish the lead after scoring three runs in the first inning when they scored on an RBI single by Russell.

The Tigers are 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the SMAC. They host Chiefland Middle on Thursday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m.

LBES A/B Honor Roll

SECOND GRADE: Landon Flanders, Tucker Parrish, Bryce Sanders, Lily Thomas, Brooklyn Bingham, Janiah Albritton, Logan Hires, Tom Jenkins, Micah Jordan, Nate Rogers, Blaine Williams, Carena Alexander, Taliyah Harper, Noelle Lindsey, Emilee Benton, Jeremiah Denmark, Michelle Lacey, Ayden Proffitt, Isaiah Thomas, Jayden Jenkins, Vivien Coldiron, Jimmy Cox, Kearnstin Leet, Sean Smith, Mary Grace Crawford, Bradin Goff, Jacob Jenkins, Morghan Lane, Hunter Merritt, Heinrich Smith, Levi Vickers, Kylee Williams, Jacob Alford, Jordan Ditullio, Joseph Trowell, Calista Law, Aliyah Smith, Aiden Bell, Jordan Clarke, Johnnte' Nichols, Jordan Peterson, Georgia Rizer, Kaylee Thompson, Jordan Miller, Chrissy Lynn Quiett, D.J. Castleberry, Brooke Burgess, Kiran Crawford, Dante Johnson, Lily Neal, Patricio Perez, Brody Smith, Sydney Taylor, Kanten Touchstone and Jack Henry Whitehead.

THIRD GRADE: Lachen Hernandez, Jasmin James, Miranda Martin, Thomas Owen, Americus Schaeffer, Charity Thompson, Madison Johnson, Kloe Crews, Kennedy Dang, Krista Fort, Caleb Ripplinger, Dee Williams, Blake Agner, Danielle Barrick, Ashlinn Crawford, Keirsten Hardcastle, Aaliyah Sellers, Hannah Sherrod, Haydee Tanner, Emilee Webber, Macy Malphurs, Drew Manning, Dayven Sellers, Tamia Young, Blakely Bryan, Ben Cabral, Ella Dicks, Bailey Handley, Matthew Laux, Dylan Lovelace, Karly Raulerson, Karly Shatto, Karleigh White, Emily Wilson, Daniel Woods, Caleb Zapp, Nyasia Williams, Emma Perron, Thomas McBride, Arington Hicks, Zoey Fillyaw, Abygayle Fillyaw, Hayden Crews, Therren Cooper, Colin Barrett, Hailey Bradley, Keaton Holmes, Emma Jeffers, Chelsea Keen, Tre'von Lee, Hailey Maloney, Adam Norcross, Auntrell Ross, Ja'ckyrh White, Stephen Woodard, Alexis Cox, Macy Dillard, Stephany Decueber, Josilyn Jenkins, Abigail Batson, Jaycee Davis, Rayvon Durant, Brianna Reilly, Markus Strong, Tristen Woodall, Hayley Burke, Ian Halfacre, Cody Harris, Darien Jones, Layne Moore, Zackary Norman, Jesse Parker, Catalina Sweat and Daniel Shuler.

FOURTH GRADE: Ashli Boatright, Candace Clifton, Cayden Cutford, Dylan Decueber, Jody DuBose, Triston Foster, Patrick Graham, Akira Jonas, Tracy Medina, Martin Odum, Natalie Waters, Hunter Croft, Hayden Davis, Ayden Elixson, Lily French, De'Auntre Green, Evan Hall, Will Harden, Emily Mangiafico, Laura Park, Ethan Thomas, Jeremiah Bassile, Alauna Brown, Lily Giles, Jessica Hall, Lauren Smith, Jasmine Thomas, Summer Bridges, Sierra Garland, Alaurie McClellon, Peter Merola, Myles Cribbs, John Dekle, Shelle Lockwood, Tahj Merriex, Kimmie Palmer, Jackson Perkins, Tori Polbos, Kinley Smith, Hannah Warren, Megan Parrish, Lauren Coleman, Reghan Dukes, Hailey Fishburn, Morgan Hodges, Lucas Johns, Sabrina Miller, Tenli Parrish, Eli Rogers, Lanie Sargent, James Alford, Abigayle Andrews, Garrett Courson, Ian Culbreath, Hailey Dalton, Haleigh Doughman, Tatiyana Himes, Benji Myers, Cadey Raulerson-Phelps, Alisa Ridgeway, Brookly Crews, Taylor Batson, Jace Bielling, McKenzie Clemons, Josie Croft, Clay Fulgham, William Mello, Zachary Romrell, Morgan Seay, Trevor Holtzendorf, Savon Maxwell, Cyndie Pounders, Cameron Williams and Breanna Williamson.

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2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Of City of Lake Butler

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is two ground water wells from the **Floridian Aquifer**. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatments required are chlorination for disinfection purposes and aeration for odor control.

In 2013, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are no potential sources of contamination identified for this system. The assessment results are available on the DEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp. This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the water plant operator at (386) 496-4853. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held the second Monday of each month, beginning at 5:15pm.

The City of Lake Butler Water Treatment personnel routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 01, 2013 to December 31, 2013**. Data obtained before January 01, 2013 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done. In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.
- Picocurie per liter (pCi/L)** – measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

TEST RESULTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radiological Contaminants							
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	07/2009	N	6.4	N/A	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	07/2009	N	2.9	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	07/2012	N	.0139	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	07/2012	N	5.27	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	07/2012	N	.303	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 to 1.3 ppm.
Sodium (ppm)	07/2012	N	6.2	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Nickel (ppm)	07/2012	N	.00215	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
For bromate, chloramines, or chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA) computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For haloacetic acids or THM, the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations, including initial Distribution System Evaluation (ISDE) results as well as Stage 1 compliance results.							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Monthly 2013	N	1.3	1-1.6	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	07/2012	N	33.9	N/A	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	07/2012	N	23.0	N/A	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	07/2011	N	1.39	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	07/2011	N	0.144	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

What does this mean?

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Lake Butler is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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

Sincerely,
City of Lake Butler Utility Staff

SCHOOL



SECOND GRADE: (Top row, l-r) Kyler Barnett, Cailynn Boggs, Wyatt Chapman, Landen Gibson, Brooklyn Prescott, Konnor Rossiter, Kayli Carlisle and Tanner Connell. (Second row, l-r) Jordan Hendricks, Kiera Hunter, Rylie Parrish, Baler Waters, Kadie Adams, Colby Peacock, Carter Roberts and Sawyer Roberts. (Front row, l-r) Erich Seager and Kody Stalnaker. Not pictured is Abby Gainey and Hayden Holton.



SECOND GRADE: (Top row, l-r) Alyssa Monnett, Makayla Nelson, Drake Weston, Jonathan Edwards, Sheila Thompson, Kora Jones, Lily Young and Miranda Beard. (Second row, l-r) Ashden Johnson, Gracy Parrish, Kameran Paytee, Dawson Crews, Kadence Hawkins, Kersey McSpadden, and Jason Thomas. (Front row, l-r) Lyndee Griffis, Alexus Panozzo, Alayna Watkins, Jewel Dekle, Grant Dicks, Karli Jenkins and Kaylee Tomlinson. Not pictured is Klaryssa Kennington.



FOURTH GRADE: (Top row, l-r) Taryn Norman, Maegan Beatty, Eli Hendricks, Sabrena Howard, Curran Webb and Eli Olivera. (Front row, l-r) Hunter Sherrrod, Logan Richards, Nathan Humphreys, Landon Klein, Makayla McKenzie and Gwenyth Parrish.



FOURTH GRADE: (Top row, l-r) Kyla Boney, Will Odom, Kylee Davis, Andrew Laux, Jake O'Steen and Eli Rimes. (Front row, l-r) James Rogers, Anna Ward, Ciara Woodall and Camrin Hillard.

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Brittney Hall advances toward River Jam

Crewsn Myles wins band competition

Three winners were chosen Feb. 15 at the Fiddler Crab Festival in Steinhatree in the annual Suwannee River Jam Auditions. Starke's Brittney Hall, Greenville's Maddie Norris and Steinhatree's Josh Hage walked away with the honors.

These three will move on to the SRJ final audition April 18 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak where more than a dozen finalists will audition one last time hoping to be chosen to perform at the Suwannee River Jam, April 30-May 3.

Crewsn Myles Band of Lake Butler won the band contest at Steinhatree and will

move straight to the River Jam to perform without further competition.

Hall, a newcomer to competitions, was among the auditioners Feb. 8. Brittney didn't move forward then, but she had the crowd on it's feet, cheering her on in her last song that night. Now, she's made it to the finals with this win and is dreaming of being among the chosen April 18.

For more information about The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park or to find out more about the many exciting upcoming events at the park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.



Local women seek support for mission trip to Haiti

BY QUANESHIA EDWARDS & DOREAN SIRMONES
Special to the Times



God has been doing wonderful things in our lives and we, Quanesha Edwards and Dorean Sirmones, know that he will continue to be faithful to continue the good work he has started in us.

We have been offered an opportunity to go to Haiti from July 29 to Aug. 7, with a youth group from First Baptist Church of High Springs. On this 10-day missions trip, we will be reaching out and spreading the gospel to the Haitian people. We will also learn about the ways of their people and their culture.

We are honored and blessed that God has opened up a door for us to develop a greater heart of compassion for his people around the world. During our time in Haiti we will be putting on a camp called "Camp Alive" which will help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Haitian community. We pray that when we depart from Haiti that with God's help we would have left the Haitian people with a hunger to chase after God and teach what they have learned to others.

We are excited about the opportunity and experience that lies ahead. We hope you see the value in what we will accomplish.

As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from a number of people. We have a financial goal of \$3,175. If you can and will support us in a financial way, we would be very grateful.

Another means of support that will be beneficial to us are your prayers. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in ministry in these countries. Without prayer, nothing will happen.

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If you write a check, please make it out to Victory Christian Center at P.O. Box 363, Lake Butler, FL 32054. Or you can call us at 386-496-2115.

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Dinner and dancing in Lake Butler

The Lake Butler Social Club offers dinner and dancing every Saturday night in an alcohol- and tobacco-free environment at the Lake Butler Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., and a potluck dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed

by dancing from 8 to 11 p.m.

The dress code is dressy casual and special occasion. Join the club for \$14, which includes your first night's admission. Weekly admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for guests. Contributions of food are always appreciated.

PAGEANT

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impressed the pageant directors as well, taking home their special award.

She is the daughter of Robert and Rhonda Barber of Lake Butler, and was sponsored by Decker & Pomeranz Dentistry, and Stan & Bobbie Lehman.

Princess contestant Ciarra Hopkins was judged Most Photogenic, while queen contestant Allayna Norris was best dressed among her

competition, winning trophies for her casual wear and evening gown. (She was also awarded for ticket sales.) Shelby McDowell won the casual wear award in the princess competition.

Also competing were Shannon Rosier, Mykayla McLeod, Farrah Duhart and Ashley O'Steen.

The pageant organization, Bradford County Community Women, recognized Vorease Jones for her longtime volunteerism and support of the pageant. Last year's royals, Kelsey Harrison and Alexa Park, recognized pageant directors Lauren Allen VanDuzer

and Tiffany Rowe Gemelli with gifts.

Amanda Giddens served as emcee, and students from Kelly Christy Dance Academy gave a special performance.

More than \$4,000 in prizes were given away, including a \$1,500 scholarship and \$500 cash prize to the Strawberry Queen and a \$500 prize to the Strawberry Princess.

RIGHT: 2013 Strawberry Queen Kelsey Harrison presents Bobbie Grace Barber the People's Choice Award.



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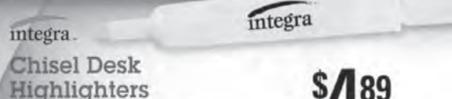
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REGIONAL NEWS

NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION



Dimple Overstreet (front row, far right) has been chosen to represent Bradford County as a Santa Fe College Woman of Distinction. Pictured on the front row with Overstreet are Women of Distinction Margaret Gilliland and Shelley Fraser Mickle; the back row includes Woman of Distinction Yvonne Rawls, Woman of Promise Haley Johnson and Woman of Distinction Patti Fabiani.

Overstreet is 1 of 5 Women of Distinction

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Dimple Overstreet has always been one to get involved in various activities, trying to make the community a better place or helping others, whatever their needs may be.

However, it has never been just Overstreet alone. That's why she doesn't believe she's worthy of being singled out.

Cheryl Canova, who has worked alongside Overstreet in various projects and groups, felt otherwise and successfully nominated her for Santa Fe College's annual Women of Distinction honor. Overstreet and Alachua County residents Patti Fabiani, Margaret Maples Gilliland, Shelley Fraser Mickle and Yvonne C. Rawls, along with Woman of Promise Haley Johnson, will be recognized during a Thursday, March 13, ceremony at the Fine Arts Hall on Santa Fe's Northwest Campus in Gainesville at 5 p.m.

Canova said Overstreet is deserving of the honor because of all the work she does in the community, much of which is behind the scenes.

"She should be recognized for her service to the community," Canova said.

Overstreet said it means a lot that someone like Canova, who does so much for the community in her own right, would consider her worthy of such an honor.

"To know that someone like her, who is fantastic in this community, would've even considered me—that right there was the honor without even going any farther," Overstreet said.

Overstreet, though, just can't see what she's done to earn such an honor.

"I look at it as I do not do anything," she said. "It's the

people I work with that do the work. I just feel like they let me think I'm in charge."

Overstreet laughed at that last comment before adding that it's her husband, Grady, family and friends who allow her to do anything.

"When you're blessed with that, you just get things done," Overstreet said. "I've been very, very lucky to have a support group that has helped me to grow and to expand my world."

It's the same approach Overstreet takes in regard to the Bradford County Relay for Life. She served as the chair of the event in 2012 and 2013,

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This year's fair has some new looks

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

This year's Bradford County Fair includes a bit of the familiar, but manager Laura Theus is excited about what's different this year.

The fair opens Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m. and runs through Sunday, March 16. That, itself, is a change as most recent fairs have been 10 days long.

A six-day fair is more likely to have more people present at any given time, Theus said. That, she believes, will create a buzz and make for a more fun event.

"People will typically come out two, sometimes three, times to the fair," Theus said. "When it's spread out across 10 days, the crowd looks thin. It's always a lot more fun when there are more people."

Another change Theus is excited about is a new midway provider in Deggeller Attractions, the same company that provides the midway for the Clay County Fair. Theus believes Deggeller Attractions will help the Bradford County Fair look better. In time, Deggeller could provide the fair with better rides that people aren't used to seeing year after year, but Theus said it will take the support of the community to help bring that about.

In other words, the community has to show Deggeller Attractions that the Bradford County Fair can grow and be successful.

"It may not be everything they're hoping for," Theus said in regard to the community's response to this year's midway, "but we're hoping to grow. We need people to come out to our fair in droves this year. We need to get our numbers up to where

Deggeller goes, 'Hey, that's going to be a good little fair. Why don't we bring this and this?'"

Still, Theus is happy with what Deggeller Attractions is providing this year—25 rides that include Vertigo, a set of swings that tower over the midway, and bumper cars, which the Bradford County Fair hasn't had in some time, Theus said. (A complete list of rides can be viewed on the website www.bradfordcountyfair.net.)

Theus is excited about creating different themes for the fair. This year's fair is billed as "The Bradford Big Top" and will feature a circus theme. Helping bring the big top to life will be Nojoe's Clown Circus, which features trapeze performances and, of course, clown acts and activities, such as juggling.

"I saw them at the Jacksonville Fair, and I thought they were really good," Theus said.

This year's fair will include educational opportunities for children. Fifth-graders received "fair passports" at school and will fill them out by visiting the trivia boards in the fair's barns and buildings. Students will turn their passports into their teachers for a chance to win a \$50 savings bond from Capital City Bank.

Children of various ages will get the chance to win

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RIGHT: Vertigo is one of 25 rides that will be supplied by new midway provider Deggeller Attractions. BELOW: This year's theme is "The Bradford Big Top." Helping bring the circus theme to life are the performers of Nojoe's Clown Circus.



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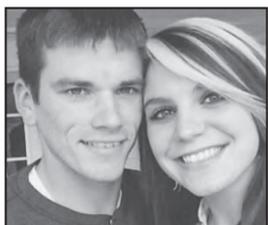
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Dustin Reddish and Haley Anders

Anders, Reddish to wed March 7

Haley Shiann Anders of Starke and Dustin "Dusty" Garrett Reddish of Lake Butler, announce their engagement.

Haley is the daughter of Scotty and Lynne Anders of Starke. She is graduate of Bradford High School, class of 2011.

Dustin is the son of Dean Reddish of Starke and Tracey Starling of Lake Butler. He is graduate of Union High School, class of 2011.

The wedding will be on March 7, 2014 at The Barn at Rembert Farms in Alachua.

Friends and family are invited.



Drew Carroll and Lindsey Smith

Smith, Carroll to wed March 8

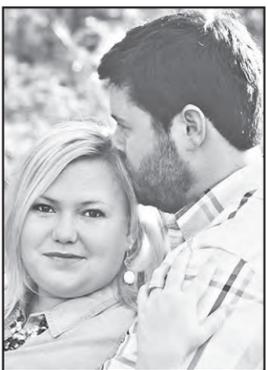
Lindsey Smith of Starke and Drew Carroll of Keystone Heights announce their engagement.

Lindsey is the daughter of Jerry and Denise Smith of Starke. She is a 2003 graduate of Bradford High School, and a 2007 graduate of Santa Fe College in Dental Hygiene.

She is employed by Talisha Cunningham, D.M.D.

Drew is the son of Freddie and June Carroll of Keystone Heights. He is a 2001 graduate of Keystone Heights High School and is self-employed.

The wedding will be March 8, 2014 at the Florida Agricultural Museum in Palm Coast with reception to follow. Invitations have been sent.



Devin Baldree and David Nichols

Baldree, Nichols to wed March 15

Devin Baldree of Starke and David Nichols also of Starke announce their engagement.

Devin is the daughter of David and Tammy Baldree of Starke and graduated from Bradford High School in 2003.

David is the son of Philip and Susan Nichols of Starke and graduated from Bradford High School in 2004.

The wedding will be on March 15 at 6 p.m. with the reception following at the brides' parent's house.

Friends and family are invited.



Christopher Taylor

Taylor is Petty Officer of the Year

The Coast Guard 17th District 2013 Enlisted Petty Officer of the Year is Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Taylor, a Melrose native serving as the engineering petty officer at Station Ketchikan, Alaska.

Taylor's nomination came as a result of his outstanding work maintaining Station Ketchikan's 47- and 25-foot small boats and the time he has devoted to his shipmates and the community of Ketchikan.

"Petty Officer Taylor flawlessly manages his duties as the engineering petty officer," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin Smith, commanding officer, Station Ketchikan. "His work ensures Station Ketchikan has top performing assets able to respond to mariners in distress and he is fully engaged in the mentorship and care for his subordinates, better preparing the next generation of petty officers for leading in the Coast Guard."

"Besides serving as co-chair of the Leadership Diversity Advisory Committee for all Ketchikan units, Taylor personally mentored 40 of his shipmates in physical fitness as Station Ketchikan's unit health promotion coordinator, managed a five-day training period for 22 students of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps and served as an active member of the Coast Guard Enlisted Association. However, Taylor's time wasn't solely devoted to aiding his shipmates."

"Petty Officer Taylor spends an enormous amount of time improving the community of Ketchikan through his many volunteer activities," said Smith. "As an active member of many organizations, he leads by example and is truly leaving Ketchikan better than he found it."

In addition to his many contributions to the Coast Guard, Taylor found time to join the Ketchikan Rotary and the South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department. His dedication to serving the community also inspired him to volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ketchikan and the Partnership

in Education program. Taylor also organized several roadside cleanups, recovering 2,000 pounds of trash from the Ketchikan roadway.

"It's a tremendous honor to be selected from among the many great Coast Guard men and women who serve in this challenging environment," said Taylor. "I'm very lucky to serve alongside the outstanding crew at Station Ketchikan that has made this job so rewarding."

Starke Rotary Beast Feast is March 22

The Rotary Club of Starke's seventh annual Beast Feast will be held Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm in Graham.

There will a live band, raffle and auction items up for bid, plus cash drawings using the event tickets.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the Bradford County Telegraph.

For more information, call Jessie Myers at 352-258-5292 or Kevin Miller at the Telegraph at 904-964-6305.

Funds raised will help the

club support scholarships for Santa Fe College, local Boy Scouts, the Food Pantry, Rotary International efforts in fighting Polio and many other community service projects throughout the year.

Apply for Betty Warren scholarship by March 31

The deadline for the \$1,000 Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is March 31.

Santa Fe College students at the Andrews Center or Watson Center may apply if:

- Their course of study is American history, education or medical and related fields;
- Freshman year (24 credit hours) completed at Santa Fe College;
- Grade-point average of at least 3.0;
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Harold Crews

Crews to celebrate 90th birthday March 8

Harold Crews will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Madison Street Baptist Church. Harold was born on March 16, 1924 in Starke, to Kirby and Carrie Crews. He served in the US Army in World War II and was a Starke policeman for 20 years. Harold was married to Wanda (Crosby) Crews for 49 years.

Friends and relatives are encouraged to come by and celebrate with Harold. No presents please. For more information, persons interested may call or text 352-226-6178.

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Help Food Pantry, enjoy ride special on fair's opening night

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

The 64th edition of the Bradford County Fair starts Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m., and people can gain free admission until 7 p.m. that night with donations of canned goods or non-perishable food items.

Food collected on the opening night will be donated to the Bradford Food Pantry. (People may make monetary donations as well.)

Opening night also features unlimited ride armbands for \$12. Admission to the fair is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children in grades 1-12. (Children 5 and under are admitted free.) Fair passes, which are good for every day of the fair, are available for \$15 each.

Ride armbands are \$18 March 12-14, \$20 on March 15 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and \$25 that same day from 5 p.m. until midnight. Armbands may be purchased in advance at a discount (\$15) and used during any date.

Advance armbands may be purchased in Starke at the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, Community State Bank and Images Salon, in Lawley at Lawley City Hall, and in Lake Butler at Community State Bank and Lake Butler

Hospital.

Hours of operation are 5-11 p.m. on March 11-14, 1 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, March 15, and 1-9 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. (Exhibits will close at 10 p.m. each night.)

Thursday, March 13, is Dollar Day, with all rides requiring just a \$1 ticket, while Sunday, March 16, is Family Day, where a \$10 admission gives you unlimited rides all day.

Nojoe's Clown Circus will present entertainment every day of the fair by the midway stage. Shows will be 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, March 11-14, 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, and 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 16.

The Second Chance Live Reptile Show will be presented several times in Building 2 by the horticulture exhibit area. Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 13-15, as well as at 2:30 p.m. on March 15.

The Bradford-Union Swine Association's 4-H and FFA swine show will take place Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. The awards show will be Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m., with the auction to follow.

The Bradford-Union Cattlemen Association's 4-H and

FFA steer show is Wednesday March 12, at 6 p.m., followed by the beef breed show on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The breed and steer awards will be presented on Saturday, March 15, at 5 p.m., with the auction to follow.

Other notable events on Friday, March 14, include the 4-H and FFA livestock judging contest at 8:30 a.m. and the Bradford-Union Swine Association buyers' dinner at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, March 15, the 4-H strawberry pie contest and auction will be held at 12:15 p.m., while the Sunburst Beauty Pageant will be at 1 p.m. The Bradford-Union Cattlemen Association buyers' dinner is at 3 p.m., while the strawberry auction will be held following the breed and steer auction.

Prior to the start of the fair, the 4-H Youth Goat Show and Little Kids Exhibition will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

For more information on the fair, please visit the website www.bradfordcountyfair.net. This website also includes a link to the fair's Facebook page.

You may also call the fair office at 904-964-5252.



BHS senior Kearris Ardley signs his letter of intent to play football at Ellsworth Community College. He is accompanied by his mother, Aurilla Williams, and BHS assistant coach Josh Burch.

Bradford's Ardley to play football at Iowa's Ellsworth

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

He didn't know if this day would ever arrive, but Bradford High School senior Kearris Ardley finally got his chance, accepting an offer to play football at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Ardley, who signed a letter of intent at BHS on Feb. 26, said he went from crying and praying for an opportunity to getting the good news from BHS head coach Steve Reynolds that Ellsworth was interested in him.

"It's a blessing," Ardley said. Ardley played defensive back and wide receiver at BHS and said he will be a safety at Ellsworth. Bradford assistant coach Josh Burch said Ardley was a huge asset on the defensive side of the ball.

"This season, in particular, he was Mr. Everything for us on

defense," Burch said. "Whenever we needed to make a play, he was the one to do it."

Ardley said he was surprised he didn't attract interest from other schools. Burch said the Ellsworth coaches felt the same way, telling Reynolds they were

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FAIR

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ride armbands by submitting drawings, poems or mini essays. Ten winners will be selected on Friday, March 14.

More information can be obtained once the fair opens at the Bradford County Fair booth.

"It's just to bring about more awareness, promote education and promote a relationship between the fair and the schools since most of the kids spend their spring break here anyway," Theus said.

Despite the changes, some things will be the same. Theus said there will always be exhibits,

local civic organizations and other sights people expect to see year after year at the fair—and that's good.

"There are some mainstays you want to keep to make it have that homey feel," she said.

Theus, though, believes the fair can mix the old and the new and grow into a larger event. That will take some time, though, with community support so critical over the next couple of years.

"We don't want to lose that small-town, homecoming feel, but we do want to grow," Theus said. "I would like to see our attendance be 30,000 to 40,000. I think we can do it. I think that's an achievable goal."

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LETTERS

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Election is 'voice' for 'concerned citizens'

Dear Editor:

In a Letter to the Editor on February 27, 2014, Concerned Citizens of Union County wanted to know if they have a voice in the matter of who is Sheriff in Union County. Yes they do, on November 4, 2014. Due to recent unfortunate circumstances and as stipulated in Florida Statute, the Governor must appoint the person to fill the office until there is an election and has apparently decided Brad Whitehead was most suited for the time being.

Unlike applying for a job as a greeter at Wal-Mart where you apply, interview and possibly get hired, the Sheriff is elected. Minimum qualifications for being a sheriff are that you be 18 years old, a registered voter and a citizen of Florida. In the past, the citizens of Union County have spoken at the polls and elected a father, then a son and the county was well served by both as evidenced by their long years of service. With the current Sheriff having been a law enforcement officer since 1998 as a Fire Marshal and a Inspector General's Office Senior Inspector having conducted criminal investigations on the street as well as in prisons and routinely worked in cooperation with other federal, state and county agencies, I would hazard a guess he knows his way around the legal processes from commission of the crime, through the courts and to the gates of Union Correctional Institution.

His years of experience as an Assistant Warden reveals a demonstrated ability to supervise a much larger group of diverse personnel than found in our small Sheriff's Office. If he has a desire to run in November, I'll vote for him. Everyone else can vote for whom they choose and we'll see how it shakes out. It's the American way, love it or leave it.

Jack Schenk
Lake Butler

Don't base vote for UC sheriff on last name, 'concerned citizens'

Dear Editor:

I want to begin by saying that I was appalled to read an anonymous letter to the editor in last week's edition of the paper. It has been my experience that I had to sign my name in order to get a letter to the editor printed in the paper. This has been the policy and past practice of the

Union County Times/Bradford Telegraph. What happened?

It is my understanding that Governor Scott heard from numerous concerned citizens in Union County via emails, letters, and telephone calls prior to appointing the new sheriff. I for one wrote a letter to the Governor expressing my voice. The questions that were posed in last week's letter to the editor would have been better addressed to the Governor. Only he can answer who was granted an interview, why, and what he based his appointment on.

I mean no disrespect when I say this, but Brad Whitehead is his own man. He is neither his dad nor his grandfather. I appeal to the citizens of Union County to give him a chance. Let him prove himself and not ride on the laurels of his predecessors. I also strongly encourage any concerned citizens to go sit down and talk with the newly appointed sheriff. Let Brad Whitehead share his heart and the direction that he intends to lead the sheriff's office and this county.

In closing, we all have a voice and will have a chance to be heard in the upcoming election. I trust that the people in Union County will vote their convictions based on the job that Brad has or has not done during his appointment.....not based solely on the fact that his last name is Whitehead!

Margie Coburn
Happy citizen of
Union County

To 'concerned citizens': Give sheriff a chance

Dear Editor:

We live in a time where controversy manifests in every thing we do in life. I listen to the News from Jacksonville and other high crime areas around the United States and overseas and count my blessings that I live in "Mayberry" People can make fun of our town if they find that it brings them joy, but when my grandchildren go to school and I see the sheriff's department watching over all the school zones equally and diligently I feel relieved.

We moved here when I was twelve years old and I had been enrolled in more than twenty one different schools by the seventh grade. My Father was looking for his calling and a place that felt like home. I didn't know it at the time but that was what was happening in our life. He was introduced to a law enforcement officer from this county, Carl Miles, who was the investigator at that time. My dad sold him a motorhome and they became hunting buddies. Well, he offered my dad a job here as a deputy

and he was hooked/ reeled in the boat, and deep fried Lake Butler style. Sheriff John Whitehead and his family took us under their wing and we found "home."

My daddy flourished and became a top notch investigator and interrogator as well. He went to schools and became a finger print analysis expert and as they say, he always got his man or woman as the case may be. He never aspired to be Sheriff, I think it was because working for Sheriff John and then Sheriff Jerry Whitehead my father had too much respect for either of them to even consider doing the job they did wholeheartedly.

So, this brings me to the point which has been thrown out for the wolves to chew on, how did we get our current Sheriff. I believe in a lot of things, and until proven different I stand firm on my convictions/ common sense, and knowledge of small town life. The Sheriff's position is not a monarchy, and you "the concerned citizens" who will not even sign your name to an editorial want us to listen to you, I fear that you believe yourself to be above all others and your excellence in character gives you authority to belittle our newly appointed Sheriff.

He came into the office filled with people who had grown up with his father and worked for his grandfather and on the heels of his father's death, tried to restore continued protection for our county.

You speak that he has no education, well it is a known fact that he has worked in the Corrections Department for quite some time and he is willing and able to attend and learn just like his father did all that is required to fill the shoes of a good and fair Sheriff.

Lake Butler is a small town, a comfortable place where we all know each other. Church bells ring out on Sunday mornings and our community is rich in interest

for our youth and elderly. The legacy of the Whitehead Family is a tradition that has shaped and given our county what's left of the "hope of America." We can let our kids play outside, walk at night the sidewalks, and know all the workers in every business in the county by first name. I don't want to live in a place that you have to have bars on your windows, or can't open your doors and windows for fresh air, and especially not in a town where I can't walk into the Sheriff's office and find smiling faces prepared to help with trivial events.

I am going to close shortly, my husband tells everyone when they ask us where do we live, he says, "In God's Country/" and he means it. If people are not comfortable with small town life then they should move to an area where they can put dead bolts/ slide locks, and a vicious bulldog chained to the steps to keep away criminals who are on the prowl. For the sake of our wonderful community here and our children/ and hopefully one day their children/ let this community give our new Sheriff time to prove that he is me man for the job. Let him show us his aspirations and let him be an inspiration to all our family's in this county. We support him in all that he does/ and we support the Sheriff's office and all of its employees. Open your eyes and look with hope, not hate and malice. If you want a chance to make your voice heard then make an appropriate request for town / county meeting "where we can all gather at appointed time and let your questions be legitimate and formally introduced so that our new Sheriff can give you the answer that you desire.

I pray and find my strength in the knowledge that what will be is in God's plan. Let your prayer be that you can resolve your issues with the Sheriff's department and let our quiet life and respectable

community flourish once again.

Yours truly,
Terri Cochran Wilson

Only question regarding capital punishment: Why does it take so long?

Dear Editor:

I realize that I am slow witted and hard headed, but when it comes to capital punishment for atrocious and vicious murders there should be no guessing or questions about its use. The only question about its use is why does it take so long to carry out the punishment.

To me, it's an abuse of governmental responsibility when it takes ten, fifteen or forty years to carry out such a sentence. It should not take thirty-five thousands a year to keep a prisoner locked up, but it does. To pay this much for one who has been sentenced to die is simply Justice denied.

Our governor is carrying out his responsibility when he signs a death warrant. I believe that a person convicted and sentenced to death for a capital crime should exhaust his or her appeals within three years. Anything more than that is an abuse of taxpayers money.

I realize that there are those who get wrapped in some distorted moral issue or thinks its the Christian thing to do, but is it? Especially when the type of killing is so atrocious that had they been present when it was a member of their own family, they would not be so soft headed.

What really surprises me is for Buster Rahn, who has been involved in the prison system and has read the horrors appearing in a convicted prisoners jacket

would even believe that such a punishment is overdue. Buster, wake up and count the money being wasted.

Malcolm Hill
Morgan Road

Nurse speaks to letter on Medicaid

Dear Editor:

Mrs. Ripka had a lot of information about medicaid in her letter 2-27-14. I thought maybe she would like some to add to her collection.

I am not talking numbers I am giving first hand on the job experience.

I am a retired R.N. with 55 years of experience 45 years of that time working in the operating room. In all that time I never saw a person in need of medical care turned away. In the last 30 years I can't give you a number of times (it was great) that I helped do surgery (sometimes life threatening) for people from Canada, England, Spain & other countries that have Socialized Medicine they were put on a list and if they died before they got to the top of well. I have a friend that's in her 80's that needed a procedure done. She was told due to her age the only thing that was to be done was keep her comfortable, her procedure was too expensive for her age. What good is insurance if a death squad (not medically trained) said "too expensive".

I wonder if Mrs Ripka has a grandmother or older mom that this might apply to? Matthew 25-40 In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me. Could apply here too.

We are talking take a life? Are the elderly the least of these?

P.S. The people from around the world that came to the U.S.A. for help now have nowhere to go.
Doris Sandberg, R.N.

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P.K. Yonge takes early district lead over Bradford

Kalen McGill hit an RBI double in the top of the sixth to give visiting P.K. Yonge a 2-1 win over Bradford in an early-season showdown between two teams with goals of going far in the postseason.

The Blue Wave, regional finalists the past two seasons in Class 3A, moved up to Class 4A this season and into District 5 with Bradford, a state semifinalist from last season. McGill's hit was just one of three off of Bradford pitcher Ashton Adkins, but it was enough to give P.K. Yonge the early lead in the district with a 5-0 record.

Bradford (6-1, 3-1) got an RBI single from Lainie Rodgers, while Lindsey Wiggins was 2-for-3.

Prior to playing P.K. Yonge, the Tornados recorded wins over Gainesville and Providence.

Adkins gave up two hits and no walks, while striking out nine in a 7-0 road win over Gainesville on Feb. 25. Annie Luke was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while Adkins, Rodgers, Jaci Atkinson and Sabina Watson each had an RBI. Adkins and Rodgers each hit a double.

On Feb. 27, Taylor Cruce and Jordan Davis combined to drive in 11 runs as Bradford defeated visiting Providence 13-2.

Davis hit one home run, while Cruce, who was 4-for-4, homered twice and hit a double.

Atkinson, Rodgers and Wiggins were each 2-for-3, with Rodgers driving in a run. Adkins was 2-for-2 with a double.

Shelby Wilkison pitched a complete game (five innings), giving up one earned run on five hits and four walks. She had four strikeouts.

The Tornados played district opponent Santa Fe this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Keystone Heights on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Bradford then travels to Gainesville to play P.K. Yonge again on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m.

DeWitt, Luke go deep in BHS win over Forrest

Zach DeWitt and Jacob Luke each homered and drove in two runs as the Bradford High School baseball team snapped a two-game losing streak and defeated visiting Forrest 7-3 on March 3.

Wyatt Barnes, who hit a double, and Carson Yowell each had an RBI for the Tornados, who improved to 4-5.

DeWitt (1-0) earned the win, giving up one run on one hit and one walk in four innings of relief. He had seven strikeouts.

Prior to playing Forrest, the Tornados improved to 2-1 in District 5-4A by defeating host Interlachen 9-3 on Feb. 25. As in the Forrest game, Bradford had two players hit home runs: Wyatt Collins and Jackson Reddish.

Collins, who was 3-for-4, and Reddish each had two RBI, while Luke and Yowell each had three. Luke was 2-for-2 with a double and a triple while Yowell was 2-for-3 with a sacrifice.

Alex Mejias drove in a run and was 3-for-3 on stolen-base attempts.

Caleb Polk, who hit a double, was the winning pitcher, giving up one run on three hits and three walks in four innings. He evened his record to 1-1.

On Feb. 27, the Tornados traveled to play Suwannee, losing 5-2. Bradford had just five hits, with Luke going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Yowell drove in a run as well.

Bradford got a solid outing from Reddish on the mound on Feb. 28, but the end result was a 1-0 loss to visiting Middleburg on Feb. 28.

Reddish (0-3) struck out 10 batters and gave up just three hits and two walks in a complete-game effort.

As in the Suwannee loss, the Tornados were held to five hits. Reddish went 2-for-4, while Barnes hit a double.

Bradford hosts Ridgeview on Friday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play Bishop Snyder on Monday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. The Tornados then travel to play Eastside on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Keystone edges Santa Fe for district baseball win

Bryce Plummer drove in four runs in the Keystone Heights High School baseball team's 6-5 District 5-4A win over host Santa Fe on March 1.

Keystone (3-3, 1-1) got a game-winning RBI single from Tristan Starling, while Plummer was 2-for-4 with two doubles.

Kyle Hix also had an RBI for Keystone, while Jerrett Tschorn hit a double.

Prior to playing Santa Fe, the Indians lost to Buchholz and Williston.

Buchholz and pitchers David Lee and Andrew MacNeil held Keystone hitless as the visiting Bobcats won 4-0 on Feb. 25.

On Feb. 27, the Indians traveled to play Williston, losing 12-2 in five innings. Hix had an RBI, while Tschorn went 2-for-2 with a double.

Keystone played district opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will travel to play Buchholz on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Ames each hit a double, while Owen went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI. McAlister drove in one run.

Owen started on the mound and earned the win, giving up no runs on two hits and two walks through four innings.

Bryant and Kite combined to give up one hit in relief.

Josh Glover drove in three runs, while Starling and Corey Hersey each drove in two in Union's 15-5 win over district opponent Dixie County on Feb. 28 in Cross City.

Glover and Starling were 2-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Starling and Hersey each hitting a double.

Kite and McAlister were each 2-for-3, with Kite hitting a double and McAlister driving in a run. Caleb Cox, Austin Green and Tyler Lewis each had an RBI, with Cox hitting a double.

Hersey started on the mound and threw three of the game's five innings to earn the win. He gave up one run on not hits and two walks. He had five strikeouts.

Glover and Sam Lovelace combined to give up two hits in relief.

Union travels to play district opponent Chiefland on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

a 400 total, Shannon Jenkins in the 169 class with a 375 total, Clayton Woods in the 183 class with a 400 total, Clayton Cooksey in the 199 class with a 395 total and Toddreke Reed in the 238 class with a 450 total.

In a Feb. 18 meet with Union County and Fort White, Windle, DeSue and Parks each placed first. Windle and DeSue had totals of 250 and 485, respectively, while Parks had a total of 645.

Roderick Broomfield (139 class) and Blackshear each placed second with totals of 330 and 415, respectively, while Reed placed third with a 445 total.

Indians dominate meet against Interlachen

Keystone Heights High School won every weight class but one in a 58-24 win over Interlachen in a Feb. 21 boys' weightlifting meet.

Earning wins were Austin Lester (119 class) with a 285 total, Steve Beverly (129) with a 425 total, Lane Blanton (139) with a 500 total, Josh Knight (154) with a 505 total, Ethan Horton (169) with a 345 total, Chase Musselman (183) with a 560 total, Johnnie Fitts (199) with a 520 total, Daren Gilio (219) with a 580 total and James Anderson (heavyweight) with a 530 total.

Five lifters placed second: Taylor Beall (129) with a 315 total, Dakota Black (139) with a 430 total, Brandon Johnson (154) with a 500 total, Matt West (183) with a 500 total and Nate Pate (199) with a 480 total.

Placing third were Nick McLeod (119) with a 165 total, Dalton Watts (219) with a 470 total, Joe Pace (238) with a 440 total and Matthew White (heavyweight) with a 210 total.

Prior to the Interlachen meet, Keystone finished in a 45-45 tie with Union County on Feb. 10.

Five lifters earned wins against Union: Dakota Hodge (129) with a 400 total, Black with a 440 total, Knight with a 480 total, West with a 480 total and Jacob White (238) with a 490 total.

Placing second were Robert

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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

Eddie John Allen, 19, of Starke was arrested Feb. 28 by Starke police for trespassing. According to the arrest report, Allen was found sleeping in an apartment at The Apartments in Starke, claiming he had permission to do so from a resident of the place. The lessee of the apartment told police he didn't have permission, and when Allen was asked to leave, he became agitated and refused. He was arrested, and the owner of the complex asked the police to place a trespass order against him, so if he tries to enter the complex again he can be arrested. Bond was set at \$500 for this charge.

Craig Detrick Archie, 31, of Melrose was arrested March 2 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Clay and for two charges of resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, officers were at a residence investigating Archie's alleged involvement with a vehicle theft when they discovered the outstanding warrant from Clay County for trafficking hydrocodone within 1,000 feet of a school. When police asked Archie for his Social Security number, he went in the bedroom of the residence, and then dove out the window and fled the scene. Several other officers and a K-9 were brought in, and the K-9 tracked Archie several blocks away, hiding in a boat shell in someone's backyard. Archie was arrested and bond for the resisting-officer charges was set at \$3,000. The bond for the Clay County warrant was \$125,003.

Jennifer Anciletta Bass, 28, of Starke was arrested March 1 by Bradford deputies for failure to

appear and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Rickie Louis Bingham, 59, of Orlando was arrested Feb. 27 by Starke police for trespassing. According to the arrest report, Bingham was observed inside the One Stop Cleaners Laundromat past midnight by an officer that knew he was already trespassed from the facility. He was arrested, with bond set at \$500.

Tessi Shrnez Cooper, 24, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 28 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of marijuana, selling marijuana, cruelty toward a child and public order crime-using a structure for drug activity. The warrant stems from a search conducted by the SPD Street Crimes Unit at the end of January in an apartment at Whispering Oaks. Bond was set at \$17,500.

Julian Alan Courson, 51, of Lawtey was arrested March 1 by Bradford deputies for disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence in Lawtey due to a fight between Courson and Carl McKinley. Both were arrested, and bond was set at \$1,000.

Chuckie Detroy Covington, 24, of Starke was arrested Feb. 25 by Starke police for assault. According to the arrest report, the victim (a relative) came home and saw Covington outside his home with what appeared to be a knife in his hand. He asked Covington what he was doing, and Covington threatened to kill the victim and his family. The victim called the police, and they encountered Covington a few blocks away and arrested him—the second time he has been arrested for threatening the same family member by SPD. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Joshua Don Crews, 30, of Starke was arrested Feb. 28 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Marc Howard Duncan, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 27 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Duncan was observed at

Walmart in Starke removing his tennis shoes and putting on a pair of boots, and then placing his tennis shoes in the box and leaving them in the shoe department. Police were called and found Duncan waiting at the pharmacy in Walmart for a prescription. The tags from the boots had been removed and placed in the box with the tennis shoes, but Duncan claimed he wasn't stealing the shoes, he was just trying them out. He was arrested, with bond set at \$500.

John Mason Folsom, 23, of Starke was arrested March 3 by Starke police for possession of marijuana. According to the arrest report, an off-duty SPD officer was leaving Walmart when he observed a vehicle almost strike a person in the crosswalk and continue driving. The vehicle went by the off-duty officer, and the officer could smell marijuana coming from it. The officer watched the vehicle continue to drive around the parking lot with little regard for pedestrians, and when it went by him again, he observed Folsom smoking a marijuana cigarette. He stopped the vehicle, identified himself as an off-duty police officer and called for an officer on duty to come to Walmart. The cigarette was positively identified as marijuana, and Folsom was arrested. Folsom told the officer he was on lunch break from a nearby restaurant and thought he would slowly cruise through the parking lot while he smoked the marijuana.

Regina Melissa Foster, 32, of Starke was arrested Feb. 26 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$82.19.

Levi Zebulon Gaylord, 33, of Starke was arrested March 3 by Bradford deputies for probation violation, with no bond set.

Timothy Allen Gray, 36, of Middleburg was arrested Feb. 25 by Bradford deputies for battery and for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, Gray was beating on the door and window of a residence looking for someone. When

the homeowner came out, Gray pushed him against the door and said he wasn't leaving until the person came out. The homeowner asked his wife to call police, and Gray finally left. He was located later and arrested, with bond set at \$4,000.

Marklee John Harris, 32, of Starke was arrested Feb. 28 by Bradford deputies for two out-of-county warrants from Clay for failure to appear for original charges of burglary and grand theft. Bond was set at \$45,015.

Jamie Leigh Israel, 36, of Starke was arrested Feb. 27 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Ricky Romero Johnson, 46, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 27 by the Florida Highway Patrol on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$1,502.

Autumn Lafferty, 33, of Lancaster, Ohio, was arrested March 2 by Starke police for larceny and resisting an officer, and by Bradford deputies for disturbing the peace and fraud by impersonation. According to the SPD arrest report, Lafferty was staying at the victim's residence and took the victim's vehicle without permission. She eventually left it at the Kangaroo Store in Starke on S.R. 16, later telling officers she was too intoxicated to drive. (She was arrested at the same Kangaroo Feb. 21 for disorderly intoxication.) During the investigation, she gave a false name to both SPD and BCSO. Bond was set at \$4,500 for the recent charges.

Sylvester Lott, 58, of Starke was arrested Feb. 28 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Michelle Faile Lovell, 46, of Starke was arrested March 2 by Starke police for two charges of hit and run-property damage. According to the arrest report, Lovell first struck a vehicle in the parking lot of Captain D's, told

the owner of the vehicle she had to get insurance information and then fled in reverse behind the store and over to the Taco Bell parking lot. She became stuck on a curb, then started rocking the vehicle back and forth before coming unstuck and striking a concrete block and another car in the Taco Bell lot. She then left the parking lot and fled on U.S. 301 North. Two Taco Bell employees witnessed the incident, and with the tag information, police were able to identify and arrest Lovell

at her home in Starke. When arrested, she had a strong odor of alcohol on her, according to the report. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Carl Frances McKinley, 33, of Lawtey was arrested March 1 by Bradford deputies for disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence in Lawtey due to a fight between McKinley and Julian Courson. Both were arrested and bond was set at \$1,000.



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CRIME

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
Jennifer Irene Rhoden, 27, of Hampton was arrested Feb. 28 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jarvis Anton Sampson, 26, a DOC inmate, was arrested Feb. 28 by Bradford deputies for lewd and lascivious behavior-committing sex act in presence of a correctional facility employee. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Joseph Michael Starling, 40, of Hampton was arrested March 2 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Starling had been drinking and started arguing with a female victim before pushing her down and getting on

top of her and trying to rip her thumb off. He was arrested, with bond set at \$1,500. He was later charged in jail with two counts of withholding child support, with bond set at \$2,122.

Justice Lee Steele, 52, of Gainesville was arrested Feb. 28 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Gerome Gerald Stevens, 50, of Starke was arrested March 1 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Eddie Lee Thompkins, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 26 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Lauren Nicole Trouard, 19, of Ponte Vedra Beach was arrested March 3 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and for two charges of possessing counterfeit driver's licenses. According to the arrest report, Trouard was stopped by a deputy for speeding and failing to maintain her vehicle in a single lane. After undergoing a field

sobriety test, she was arrested for DUI. A subsequent search of her vehicle turned up two Georgia driver's licenses with her information, showing her to be 21 years old. Several open cans of beer and vodka were also in the vehicle.

Brittany Veltri, 22, of Sarasota was arrested Feb. 27 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, she was observed in Walmart putting jewelry on, placing several items in her purse and then paying for several other items before attempting to leave the store. She was detained until police arrived. When asked why she took the items, she stated, "I'm stupid," and that her credit card had "15 grand" on it. Bond was set at \$500.

Sean Joseph Whelehan, 37, of Starke was arrested March 1 by Bradford deputies for aggravated assault and obstructing justice. According to the arrest report, Whelehan threatened the victim with a knife after she refused to let him use her vehicle. The

victim (a relative) had picked Whelehan up from work when he became angry and made the threats on the way to the victim's home. When the victim tried to call police, Whelehan took the phone from her, followed her inside and unplugged the phone jacks. The victim was able to call police from inside her locked bedroom, and Whelehan was arrested, with bond set at \$25,000.

Keystone/Melrose
Patrick Coleman, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 28 by Clay deputies for illegal dumping.

Mitchell Brown, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 3 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Joshua Crews, 30, of Starke was arrested Feb. 26 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Kristi Dodd, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 3 for failure to appear.

Donald Herndon, 30, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 26 by Clay deputies for burglary of an automobile, burglary of a residence and two counts of grand theft.

Morrissa Monroy, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 27 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Jeffery Syndenstricker, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 26 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Emily Thompson, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 26 by Clay deputies for battery.

Kyle Wilkinson, 32, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 26 by Clay deputies for principal to a burglary of an automobile, burglary of an automobile, burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

Union
Misael Lopez, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested March 2 by

Union deputies for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. According to the arrest report, Lopez was pulled over for going 65 mph in a 45 mph zone just outside of the city limits. He told the deputy he didn't have a license because he is in the country illegally and had been previously arrested in Alachua County for the same charge.

Bo James Dampier, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested March 2 by Union deputies on a warrant from Bradford for criminal mischief-property damage, resisting an officer and trespassing. At the Bradford jail, bond was set at \$18,000.

Deven Aaron Bryan, 21, of Worthington Springs was arrested March 1 by Union deputies during a traffic stop for probation violation from Bradford County.

Deryl Eugene Beckton of Palatka was arrested Feb. 28 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

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with the money raised those years surpassing stated goals. In fact, the \$72,000-plus raised last year was the most ever raised in Bradford County.

"Here I'm the one who gets to take the credit," Overstreet said, "but actually it's the board, the teams and the county who should have the credit, not me."

Instead of talking about her role as the event chair, Overstreet would rather tell you

just how special Relay for Life is. The American Cancer Society fundraiser has people walking around the Bradford High School track throughout the night, but Overstreet said it's worth it when you get the chance to interact with cancer survivors and their caregivers.

"When it's Relay for Life and it's 1 in the morning and this survivor comes up to you and says, 'Thank you,' you're no longer tired. You're no longer sleepy. You're no longer exhausted. You know that you're there and you have given another person another birthday."

Overstreet added, "It makes you know that every little thing you've done is worth it."

The Bradford County Education Foundation and Altrusa International of Starke are two groups Overstreet is a part of. She is currently serving her second year as president of the education foundation.

"I am extremely proud of us because there is not a school or a child that the Bradford County Education Foundation does not help," Overstreet said.

She has not been a member of the foundation since its inception in 1990, but she has supported it since the beginning by virtue of donating items to its annual silent auction.

Sylvia Tatum, who Overstreet described as a "special person," asked Overstreet to join the foundation. That was the start of an eye-opening experience—seeing what all the foundation does for the county's schools.

Overstreet has especially enjoyed seeing the proposals teachers submit as part of the foundation's mini-grant program, which funds educational projects

in the classroom. She said it has shown her just how much teachers in Bradford County care about their students.

"These teachers in these schools are dedicated to teaching the children," Overstreet said. "Watching and seeing what they feel is a need—their heart is in teaching. Their heart is in helping a child."

Some of Overstreet's fellow Bradford County Education Foundation members are also members of Altrusa, which is a "wonderful" group, Overstreet said.

"When I think of Altrusa, I think of a body of women that is absolutely the most fantastic group you could ever be with," said Overstreet, who is the group's current first vice president. She has served as second vice president in the past as well as chairing several of the group's events.

Altrusa participates in so many "special" projects throughout the year, Overstreet said, citing Healthy Start as one example, while the group also supports literacy programs and endows

Santa Fe College scholarships.

"Altrusa reaches out and touches so many lives in our community that I don't think people realize just how many lives Altrusa does touch," Overstreet said.

Overstreet enjoys working with another special group of women through her involvement at First United Methodist Church of Starke. She is a member of United Methodist Women's Group 5 and is currently the group's treasurer.

Group 5 supports various needs throughout the community as well as supporting missions and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

"I am very proud of Group 5 because of how our little group of women work," Overstreet said. "They put time and effort into the church as well as into the community."

Overstreet has been a member of First United Methodist Church of Starke for 42 years. During that time, she got to know several influential ladies, such as Oleeta Hardenbrook and Eloise Loudon. In fact, Loudon was the reason she joined the church.

Many special memories are now attached to the church, where she has served on almost every committee and was financial secretary for more than 20 years. Her daughter, Catrell, married Mike Cooney there, while her three grandchildren—Morgan, Zach and Harrison—were baptized there.

Overstreet has been a resident of Bradford County only slightly longer than she's been a member of the First United Methodist of Starke. She and her family moved from Crestview 51 years ago. Overstreet's father was at Camp Blanding during the war and had a desire to later return to the area.

"It was a whole new thing," Overstreet said, "but being the

people person that I am, it didn't take long to feel I was part of the community. People were very kind to me here. They made me feel welcome and at home."

It was while shopping for groceries at Winn-Dixie that Overstreet met Grady, the man who would become her husband. He was stocking shelves at the store and asked Overstreet out for a date when he saw her. By their second date, Grady asked her to marry him.

They've been married 49 years. Overstreet said her husband has been extremely supportive of her endeavors and deserves a lot of the credit, too, for the things she does.

"I'm the talker, and he's the silent one, but he is that rock I need," Overstreet said. "I think if a person does not have that rock, that support, it makes it tough. He has been there."

In other words, Grady is just one of many who've helped support Overstreet and have worked alongside her in various projects. That's why Overstreet will tell you she hasn't done anything to earn an individual honor.

"I just don't see myself as special," she said. "I'm just me." The annual Women of Distinction ceremony recognizes outstanding female service in Alachua and Bradford counties, and was created by the Women's History Committee at Santa Fe College in 1987.

Women of Distinction has honored more than 100 outstanding women in the community since its inception.

Tickets to this year's ceremony are \$35 per person and are available online at www.sfcollege.edu/inearts or through the Santa Fe Box Office at 352-395-4181.

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Cottom (119) with a 190 total, Beverly (139) with a 415 total, Fitts with a 530 total, Watts with a 440 total and Pace with a 440 total.

Five earned third-place finishes: Beall with a 320 total, Blanton with a 470 total, Brandon Johnson (169) with a 480 total, Pate with a 470 total and Anderson with a 525 total.

Tigers take 2nd in 4-team meet

Union County High School improved to 3-1-1 in boys' weightlifting after a second-place finish in a four-team meet that also included winner Fort White, third-place finisher Bradford and fourth-place finisher Oak Hill.

Leading the way for Union were Dylan Bass (129 class), Alden McClellon (169) and Phillip Lillie (199), who each won their respective weight classes.

The Tigers opened the season with a 71-13 win over Santa Fe, taking first in eight of 10 weight classes. Winners were: Craig Slocum (119 class) with a 250 total, Bass with a 330 total, Darian Robinson (154) with a 445 total, McClellon with a 475 total, Andrew Jones (183) with a 485 total, Lillie with a 425 total, Jonathan Besso (219) with a 450 total and Josh Smith (heavyweight) with a 500 total.

In a 45-45 tie against Keystone Heights, five lifters placed first: Slocum with a 265 total, McClellon with a 515 total, Lillie with a 530 total, Besso with a 455 total and Smith with a 535 total.

Finishing in second place for Union were Austin Long (129) with a 390 total, Robinson with a 475 total, Darrell Crim (169) with a 490 total, Isaiah Johnson (183) with a 435 total and Josh Scott (heavyweight) with a 535 total. Third-place finishers were: John Tucker (119) with a 160 total, Chase English (139) with a 340 total, Kel Galloway (183) with a 420 total, Khris Wimpy (219) with a 375 total and Sifoa Robbins (238) with a 415 total.

BHS gets top-5 finishes from Ardley, Dinkins

Bradford High School's track and field teams had five top-10 finishes at the Feb. 28 Danny Brown Invitational at Bishop Snyder High School, with Keaaris Ardley and Kenny Dinkins earning second- and fifth-place finishes, respectively.

Ardley was the runner-up in the high jump, clearing 6-2, while Dinkins took fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 40-11.5.

Diontre Jonas placed sixth in the 400m with a time of 52.75, while his time of 23.21 in the 200m was good for seventh place.

The boys' 4x800m relay team of Alec Nazworth, Greg Kersey, Kristopher Padgett and Scotty Peirce placed ninth with a time of 9:19.81.

Other boys' results included: Kersey 5:21.88, Nazworth 5:24.97, Padgett 5:52.04 and Peirce 6:40.08 in the 1600m; Chris Barron 23.78 in the 200m; Barron 56.58 and DeQuan Blount 1:01.56 in the 400m; Ardley 18-8 in the long jump; Alec Harden 37-9 in the shotput; and Harden 109-4 in the discus.

Bradford girls' team members had the following results: Sarah Frederick 6:20.24, Tessa Ricker 6:41.65 and Taylor Rehberg 6:56.58 in the 1600m; Brooke Shireman 53-4 in the discus; and Shireman 22-1 in the shotput.

UCHS has 10 top-10 finishes at Ron Riddle

Josh Scott won one event, while Kristen Cook and the boys' 4x100m relay team each earned a second-place finish at the Feb. 28 Ron Riddle Invitational at Clay High School.

The boys' and girls' teams each placed seventh. Scott took first in the shot put with a distance of 43-10.5. It was one of five top-10 finishes for the boys' team.

The 4x100m relay team of Phillip Lillie, Andrew Jones, Geordyn Green and Anthony Hendrieth finished second with a time of 45.4, while the 4x400m team of Richard Crim, Kainen "Chase" English, Spencer Williams and Darrell Crim was fifth with a time of 4:02.82.

Hendrieth earned a fifth-place finish also with a distance of 19-6.5 in the long jump.

Daquin "Buddy" Edwards placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 39-6.

No official times or places were recorded for the boys' 100m because of an issue with the starting gun. However, handheld times kept by the Union coaches had Hendrieth running the race in 10.45 and Jones finishing in 10.87.

Other boys' results were: Scott 99-1 and Case Emerson 81-10 in the discus; Darrell Crim 57.88, Richard Crim 1:00.04, Tarek Walker 1:01.89 and Craig Solcum 1:09.17 in the 400m; and Logan Morneau 3:58.98 in the 800m.

On the girls' side, Cook was runner-up in the shot put with a distance of 33-6. It was one of five top-10 finishes for the girls' team.

Cook placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 90-6, while Nancy Slocum was fifth in the 200m with a time of 28.21.

Jessica Brown placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 28-2, while Slocum placed eighth in the 400m with a time of 1:08.7.

Other girls' results were: Slocum 13-2.75 in the long jump; Jakia Green 23-0 and Zorria Corbett 20-10 in the shot put; and Wendy Crim 3:46.9 in the 800m.

The Tigers opened the season at the Eastside Invitational on Feb. 15, with Cook winning the discus (94-3) and Edwards winning the shot put (40-1).

Cook also earned a second-place finish for the girls' team in the shot put (30-7). The event also featured a third-place finish by Brown (27-3).

Slocum placed second in the 200m (28.59) and third in the long jump (13-11.75). She took sixth in the 400m (1:10.35).

Green also competed for the girls' team, recording a distance of 21-9 in the shot put.

For the boys' team, Scott was third in the shot put (37-10), while the 4x400m team of Richard Crim, English, Williams and Darrell Crim was fourth (3:54.97).

The 4x100m team of Lillie, Jones, Green and Hendrieth was also fourth (45.5), as was Hendrieth in the long jump (19-1.5). Hendrieth placed seventh in the 100m (11.82), while Richard Crim was eighth in the 400m (59.61).

Crim also placed ninth in the discus (64-8). Earning 10th-place

finishes were Jones in the 100m (11.96) and Lillie in the long jump (16-9).

Other boys' results were: Darrell Crim 6:18.57 in the 1600; English 2:25.76 and Morneau 2:45.38 in the 800m; and Williams 25.31 in the 200m.

On Feb. 25, Union participated in a meet at West Nassau High School, with the boys' team defeating the host team 54-41.

The boys' team had the following wins: Lillie 18-5 in the long jump, Edwards 41-7 in the shot put and 95-5 in the discus, Green 5-4 in the high jump, Richard Crim 12.4 in the 100m, Williams 24.8 in the 200m, Walker 1:00.38 in the 400m and English 2:38 in the 800m.

Second-place finishes were: Green 18-2 in the long jump, Scott 40-8.5 in the shot put and 93-8 in the discus and 4x100m (Morneau, Emerson, Edwards, Williams).

Earning third-place finishes were Morneau in the long jump (14-10) and 800m (2:49), Lillie in the high jump (4-6), Walker in the 100m (12.53) and 200m (27.13) and Richard Crim in the 400m (1:01.34).

Also competing were: Emerson in the discus (65-4), Richard Crim in the discus (65-2) and Slocum in the 800m (2:50).

West Nassau defeated the girls' team, but Union's Cook won two events. She threw the discus a distance of 94-8, while also recording 32-4 in the shot put.

Brown was runner-up in the shot put with a distance of 30-3.

Green and Corbett also competed in the shot put, recording distances of 23-7 and 23-5, respectively.

KHHS has 7 top-10 finishes at Ron Riddle

Sabriya Bacote earned a third-place finish, which was one of seven top-10 finishes the Keystone Heights High School track and field teams had at the Feb. 28 Ron Riddle Invitational at Clay High School.

Bacote's third-place finish occurred in the 400m with a time of 1:07.27.

The race included two other girls' team members, who both placed in the top 10. Farrah Hicks was sixth with a time of 1:07.80, while Naomi Proctor was ninth with a time of 1:08.58.

Cheyenne Singletary and Jessica Yeldell placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in the 300m hurdles with times of 59.19 and 59.93. Caitlin Cumbs placed sixth in the 800m with a time of 2:47.5.

The boys' team had one top-10 finish with Joel Michel's seventh-place performance in the 1600m. He had a time of 5:11.46.

Keystone placed ninth in the girls' team standings and also had the following results: Yeldell 14.93 and Mindy Montane 17.56 in the 100m; Yeldell 31.12, Victoria Bannon 33.12 and Lucy Montford 38.77 in the 200m; and Jennie Getz 7:21.71 in the 1600.

Other results for the boys' team, which placed 12th, were: Earl Hall 16-2 in the long jump; Hall 19.65 and Dylan Stack 20.15 in the 110m hurdles; Conner Getz 6:25.93 and Caleb Cushman 7:10.6 in the 1600m; Jason Dillard 1:00.47 and Hall 1:01.89 in the 400m; and Dillard 52.08 in the 300m hurdles.

OBITUARIES

Willis Brewer

STARKE—Willis Dean Brewer, Sr., 74, of Starke died Sunday, March 2, 2014 at his residence following a brief illness. Born on Dec. 26, 1939 in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of the late Nathan and Ethel (Graham) Brewer. Prior to retirement he was employed with the Department of Correction as a Correctional Officer. After retirement he worked as a site attendant for Bradford County Solid Waste Department.

He was of the Baptist faith and served with Florida National Guard in the 1960's. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Ann (Bashman) Brewer and his son: Donald Lee Brewer.

Survivors include: daughters, Melva Pirtle of Hilliard, Ohio and Mary Randall of Starke; son: Willis D. Brewer, Jr. of Starke; siblings, Betty Slone of Johnstown, Ohio, Joyce Moore of Circleville, Ohio, and Beverly LaForce of Va.; his companion, Linda Harrell of Starke; 11 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held on Thursday evening at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke from 6 to 7 pm with funeral services following at 7 o'clock. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Evelyn Bright

LAKE BUTLER—Evelyn Joyce Bright, 72, of Lake Butler died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 at Shands at UF. She was born March 2, 1941 in Brighton, Tenn. to the late Roy L. and Effie Smith Hopkins. She retired as a medical record specialist from the Florida Department of Corrections. She was also a member of the Faith Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

She is survived by: her husband of 44 years, William "Bill" Bright of Lake Butler; daughters, Janet Adamson of Salt Lake City, Utah and Joan (Chuck) Lintz of Lake Butler; son, Jimmy L. Pugh of Jacksonville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Micheal J. (Debbie) Hopkins of Atoka, Tenn. and Gerald (Shirley) Hopkins of Covington, Tenn.; sister, Carol (Jerry) Edward of Brighton, Tenn.

Funeral services were held March 4 at the Faith Baptist Church in Lake Butler, with Bro. Ralph Durham officiating. Burial followed at McKinney Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sandra Callan

GAINESVILLE—Sandra Marie Callan, 59, of Gainesville, died Friday Feb. 28, 2014 at Shands UF in Gainesville. She was born on May 29, 1959 in Jacksonville. She

was a counselor for Meridian in Gainesville and a volunteer at the Gainesville Opportunity Center.

She was preceded in death by her father, Woodrow Callan and her brother Mickey Callan.

She is survived by: her mother, Virginia M. (Rinearson) Callan; daughter, Catrina Latrice Cole of Gainesville; brothers, Joe (Janet) Callan of Ga. and Danny (Patty) Callan of Merritt Island; half-brother, Derrick Callan; and half-sister, Pamela Callan both of Lawtey; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 4 with Pastor Dan Wunderlich officiating at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Jack Clark

Jack Clark

STARKE—Jack Dempsey "J.D." Clark, 94, of Starke, died Tuesday March 4, 2014 at his residence with family by his side. He was born in Hinesville, Ga. on May 22, 1919 to the late Hollis Clark and Leslie Saults Clark. He has been a lifelong resident of Starke and a longtime member of the Northside Baptist Church. Jack retired after 19 years of service from Clay Electric as a Lineman. At retirement he was a poultry and agriculture farmer for 45 years. He was preceded in death by: his wife of 64 years, Alma Clark; brother, Foy Clark; sister, Retha Crews; and brother-in-law, Owen J. Southerland.

He is survived by: his children, Betty J. Southerland (Gary) Stephens of Lawtey, Mary (James) Hall of Lawtey, and Shirley Strickland of Starke; step-daughter, Martha Ahrens; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 7, at 3:30 pm at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Larry Finley and Brother Doug Tackett officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 6, from 6-8 pm at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Jackie Gentry

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Reverend Jackie Donald Gentry "Jack", age 61 of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Starke. Jack was born in Asheville, N.C. on May 25, 1952 and was a 1970 graduate of Asheville High School. He received his B.A. Degree in Religion from Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N.C. and then continued his education by receiving his Master's of Divinity Degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Jack was endorsed as a Home Missionary by The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also served on the statewide Church Training Committee of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and Moderator/Interim Director of Missions of the Avery Baptist Association in Newland, North Carolina.

Rev. Gentry was licensed to preach by the Calvary Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C. He was ordained into the ministry in 1975 at the First Baptist Church in Starke where his is also a member. Prior to moving to Keystone Heights, Jack pastored the following churches; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Cromwell, Ky.; Pineola Baptist Church, Pineola, NC; Penderlea Baptist Church, Wallace, NC; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Carthage, NC and Woodward Baptist Church in Chester, S.C.

In 1992 Jack and his family had moved to Keystone Heights and he began his 20 year career in 1994 as Chaplain for the Department of Corrections. He attended the First Baptist Church in Keystone Heights and enjoyed history, reading, writing music and spending time with his son, Samuel. Jack was preceded in death by his mother Delma Gentry and is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nancy Marie (Gay) Gentry; son, Samuel C. Gentry, wife Kelsey and their daughter Addie; father, Colman R. Gentry all of Keystone Heights; one daughter, Rhonda Gentry Sizemore of Enka, NC and her sons, Corey and Andrew; sister, Angela Sue Gentry of Asheville, NC; and a brother-in-law, Greg Gay of Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were on March 1, in the First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights. Rev. Ben P. Bryant and Rev. Daniel M. Findley officiated and the burial followed at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

The family has asked to please omit flowers and make contributions to: First Baptist Church, designated for North American Mission Board, 550 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

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Patricia Hearst

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Patricia Ann Hearst, 72, of Keystone Heights died at her home Sunday, March 2, 2014. She was born in Mount Pleasant, Pa. on Feb. 22, 1942 to the late Leo and June (Adams) Mentzer and was a homemaker. Her husband of 21 years, Max Ray Hearst preceded her in death one week ago.

Survivors are: sons, Jeff Reboy and James Reboy both of Indiana; siblings, Nancy Faust of Pennsylvania and Terry Mentzer of Indiana; and one grandson, Dominic Reboy also of Indiana.

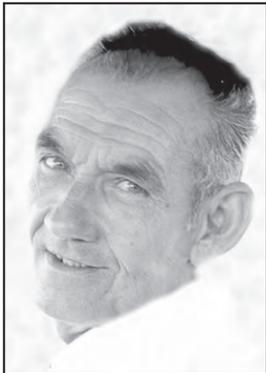
The family held a memorial service at their home, Sunday, March 2. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

track races and spending time with his pets, Tinkerbelle and Cowboy. He had passion, love and loyalty to his customers. Henry was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Gertrude McClellan, his sister Adalene Wall, one great-grandchild, Sienna Marie Sanguine and his beloved pet Scooter of 17 years.

He is survived by: his son, Farelton (Rose) McClellan; daughters, Cheryl (Steve) Wynn and Aleica "Lisa" McClellan all of Starke, and Sue Fili McClellan of Lawtey; brothers, Calvin (Joanne) McClellan and James (Lillian) McClellan both of Rutherfordton, N.C.; Eugene (Lorraine) McClellan of Brooker, and Dewey (Margie) McClellan of Hampton; grandchildren, Joshua McClellan and Kyle Wynn both of Starke, and Lindsay Sanguine of Gainesville; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Madison, and Graceyn McClellan, Easton and Amber Wynn, Alayna and Sophia Sanguine.

Funeral services were held on March 5, at Sampson City Church of God with Reverends Gene Bass and Alton Coleman officiating. Interment followed at Wynn Family Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Henry McClellan

Henry McClellan

STARKE—Henry Paul "Peck" McClellan, age 83, of Starke, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014 in Gainesville. He was born in Mitchell County, N.C. on Sept. 14, 1930 to the late Joseph Arnold McClellan and Martha Thomas McClellan. He moved to Starke in 1960 from Spindale, N.C. He was a charter member of Sampson City Church of God and loved socializing with people. He and his wife worked side by side for many years, they owned and operated McClellan Recycling. Mr. McClellan was always lending a helping hand and enjoyed playing practical jokes. He enjoyed attending the local short

Springs; sister, Madeline Andrews of Orlando; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives also survive.

A memorial service for Grace is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel in Starke.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Grace's memory.

Banister Funeral Home of Dahlonega, Ga. and Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, are in charge of the arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY



Marjorie Starling

Marjorie Starling

LAWTEY—Marjorie Ollie Starling, 86, of Lawtey, died on Monday March 3, 2014 at Shands Starke. She was born in Jacksonville, on Sept. 20, 1927 to the late Archiebald Smith and Ollie Smith. She was raised in Jacksonville. In 1963 she married and moved to Lawtey. She was a homemaker. She attended Grace Community Fellowship and Harvest Christian Fellowship for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Steve Starling, Jr.; brothers, Cecil, Leroy, Lloyd, and Bill Smith; sister, Barbara Abercrombie; son-in-law, Steve Cubbedge; and step son, Mitchell Starling.

She is survived by: children, Alton P. (Barbara) Crews of Lawtey, Ron J. Crews of Lawtey, and Linda Cubbedge of Graham; step children, Joy (Bill) Carter of

Hartwell, Ga.; Barbara Kicklighter of Gainesville, Karen (Preston) Sullivan of Hawthorne, and Pam (Don) Hall of Orange Park; brother, David (Glenda) Smith of Tenn.; her sisters, Melba Smith of Jacksonville, Jewel (John) Sheppard of Ga., and Norma (Don) Thompson of Ky.; 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 7, at 11:30 am at Grace Community Fellowship Church with Reverend Greg Pusateri officiating. Interment will follow at Lawtey Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Nolie Tisdale

Nolie Tisdale

STARKE—Nolie Mae Hall Tisdale, 57, of Starke died on Wednesday Feb. 26, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center in Starke. She was born in Washington County, Ga. on Nov. 2, 1956 and graduated from Bradford High School in 1974. Nolie was employed at Windsor Manor for over 20 years.

She is survived by: her husband Willie Tisdale of Starke; mother, Annie P. Hall of Starke; sisters, Freddie Grant, Helen Johnson, Vonda Akbar all of Jacksonville, Dorothy James, Debbie Warren,

Carol Williams, Dawn Hall all of Starke, and Joan Chandler of Gainesville; brothers, John Hall, Jr. and Kerry Hall of Roanoke, Va, Ronnie Hall Sr of Starke; stepsons, Lanard and Las of Green Cove Springs.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministries with Rev. J. W. Warren, presiding and Dr. Freddie Grant, eulogist. Interment will be held at Oddfellow Cemetery in Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 7, at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 2-3 p.m. Friends 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to funeral services. The cortege will form at the home of Annie P. Hall at 10:30 a.m.



Donald Welch

Donald Welch

BROOKER—Donald E. Welch passed away Feb. 25, 2014 at his home in Brooker, (New River Area); he was with family at his home. Donald was known to be a hard working man. He was always going 90 miles a minute at anything he did. He was known for saying, "Daylight is burnin' darks a comin, " and that is how he lived his life up until his last days. It gave him great joy to know he would soon be going home.

Donald worked for 13 years for Bradford Furniture in Starke in his early life. He farmed all of his life in some way. He was known for many years as being a hog farmer while he lived in Union County, on the farm he grew up. In 1977, he and his family moved to Bradford County

in the New River Area, where he bought a chicken farm. He was a chicken farmer until 1992. Also during this time he started driving a semi with his nephew, Johnny Welch and they went all over the United States making deliveries. In 1992, he began vegetable farming and in 1993 he started driving for Pritchett Trucking in Lake Butler and continued working until he became sick in April of 2013. During those 20 years he still was farming: raising goats, hogs, chickens, ducks, geese, and always had a huge vegetable garden in the spring and summer. During his life in Brooker a family came to work for him in 1982 and part of them have continued to work for him. Rachel was his caregiver during the 10 months he was sick, and Ernie has been his right hand man since he was 4 yrs old.

Donald married Beverly Green from Brooker on April 7, 1960 at New River Baptist Church. Together they had four daughters. Donald was a loving husband and father, a good provider, and a wonderful teacher about life lessons. He raised his daughters to always love, care, and help everyone no matter if they were rich or poor and the persons race was never to be a question as to if you helped them. Donald, in his late 20's preached at Graham Baptist Church in Graham. Donald loved Jesus Christ and tried to always display Christ. We are thankful for grace & that he is in heaven now.

Donald is survived by his family who loved him very much. His wife is Beverly G. Welch, his four daughters, Robin (Michael) Dukes, Zona Sue Welch (aka Susie), Priscilla (Randy) Conner, Rebekah (Pete) Huffman; and 11 grandchildren, Will (Shannon) Dukes, Amanda Futch, Maci Dukes, Charlie Futch, Brandon Futch, Kayla (Jesse) Alvarez, Melissa (Tim) McNeal, Seth Dukes, Randa Conner, Hanna Conner, Emily Huffman; and six great-grandchildren, Gabe McNeal, Eli Dukes, Konner Futch, Huck Alvarez, Ayda Jean McNeal, and Lily Dukes.

Donald was preceded in death by his father - Charlie Welch, Mother-Jessie Mae Welch, brother-Robert (Rob) Welch and brother John Welch.

Mr. Welch is being taken care of by Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler, and his funeral was at New River Baptist Church on Feb. 28. He will be laid to rest at a later time.

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The HCA junior varsity boys' basketball team is: (front, l-r) Bradley Henderson, Wyatt Thomas, Logan Miller, Adam Bellis, Tyler Thomas, (back, l-r) Luke Stanwix-Hay, Eli Hanson, Jacob Boyette, Timmy Searle, Lane Murphy, Sawyer Maxwell, Blane Workman, Tyler Noble, John David Schenck, Jordan Daugherty and coach Tony Bellis. Photo by Brenda Thornton.

The HCA girls' basketball team is: (front, l-r) Sumerlin Byrd, Harley Davis, Lindsey Murphy, MaKena Morgan, (middle, l-r) McKenzie Crawford, Carly Stallings, Cristina Christian, Emily Davis, Rebecca Blakney, Victoria Denmark, (back, l-r) coaches Wes Bland, Carey Stallings and Lillian Stallings. Photo by Brenda Thornton.



HCA boys finish as West champs and conference runner-up

BY VIRGINIA DENMARK
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Hope Christian Academy varsity boys' basketball team recently won the Southeastern Christian Conference West district championship and went on to earn runner-up status at the conference playoffs in Madison.

"The boys played as a team all season," said Gary Walker, HCA athletic director and SECC president. "(It was) a great accomplishment in the conference."

Coaches were John Mitchell

and Aaron Morgan. Senior players Andre Canady and Garhett Wilson were named all-conference.

The HCA girls' basketball team earned third place at the SECC West district playoffs and, for the second year, was awarded the Christian Sportsmanship Award at the conference playoffs.

"I'm very proud of the girls' unity and Christ-like spirit," Walker said.

The team was coached by

Carey Stallings, Lillian Stallings and Wes Bland. Players Carly Stallings and Lindsey Murphy were named all-conference.

The boys' junior varsity team earned second place in the SECC West district.

"This is our second year having JV, and the boys have come a long way," Walker said. "I'm proud of them."

The team was coached by Tony Bellis.

ARDLEY

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"shocked there aren't more guys out there drooling over this kid because he has the ability to do it all."

Ellsworth coaches were looking for a player with specific skills to fit their scheme, Burch said. They found that player in Ardley.

"I think they're really excited to get him," Burch said. "They know that he's a steal."

Ardley welcomes the chance to shine for Ellsworth and show others what they missed out on.

"I'm ready," Ardley said. "The (Ellsworth) coach sent me

a workout to do right now for camp. I'll do that, go in, hope to grind and be playing when I get there. All those who overlooked me will be wishing they had gotten me."

The goal is to eventually play for a four-year school—hopefully one at the Division I level, Ardley said.

"After two years there, I plan on going to UCF if God wills it," Ardley said. "If not, I'll just take any opportunity."

Ardley said he will focus on improving his quickness, as well as gaining more weight, in preparation for playing at the next level. He'll also have to get used to the fact that he's moving quite some distance from home.

It makes him a little nervous, Ardley admitted, but added, "I'm going to get an education one way or another."

He may have had hopes of getting the chance to go to a bigger school, but Ardley will

make the most of any opportunity given him. That comes from his self-described passion for playing football.

"No matter where you play, just play with your heart and love it," Ardley said.

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Shed hunting: an experience for the whole family (and dogs)

Paul Landry, who is never too far from his archery equipment, a hunting conversation or a hunting idea, reminds us that we are in the middle of the shed season. Around this time of the year in North Florida, bucks are in the process of shedding their antlers. These craggy remains are symbols of the male deer's virulence as well as the esteem that many hunters hold for the trophy representatives of their species.

Shed hunting is actually more popular in northern locations due to the less dense undergrowth and the fast recovery of the undergrowth as spring presents itself. Additionally, the spring reappearance of snakes and insects present objections to the activity. However, for those willing to confront those negative aspects, the activity holds a lot of assets as an outdoor activity.

Without the necessary safety precautions that dominate hunting season, shed hunting is a great activity in which all of the family can participate. It can be a great opportunity to expose the younger members of the family to the great outdoors. Furthermore, it can provide the hunter a good assessment of a property's potential for the following hunting season.

Landry also reminds the prospective shed hunter that shed traps can increase one's potential shed find. Shed traps can be made out of tin or fence wire. Wire stretched over a zig-zag pattern with a bottom gap can easily ensnare the loose antlers when the buck attempts to take the baited corn that is placed under the wire.

Fence lines are also a good place to search. The landing jolt after jumping the fence is often enough to trigger an instant shed.

Another aspect of the activity that has gained a lot of footing recently is its compatibility with the family dog. The great physical demand of actually trailing and chasing the deer by



Kyle Busby with a large overslot red caught in Mosquito Lagoon.

dogs requires the gameness of specially bred hounds. However, locating and finding antlers are much more relaxed challenges that many family dogs can adjust to learning quickly. As a matter of fact, the North American Shed Hunting Dog Association was recently organized to encourage the training and performance of dogs at finding and retrieving shed antlers.

Various clubs have been organized around the country, and regional contests have been scheduled to recognize the canine skills of shed hunting.

The North American Shed Hunting Dog Association has a descriptive and informative website (www.sheddogtrainer.com). It seems that many of the dogs used to compete in association events have good retrieving instincts.

Outdoors outlook

Spring is on our doorstep. Frogs will soon be laying eggs that will shortly turn into tadpoles. Snakes and other reptiles will soon be crawling. Purple martins and hummingbirds will be returning from Latin and South America. Meanwhile, many of our seasonally winter birds will soon be gone.

Youth turkey days (March 8-9) are nearly here, and spring turkey season will follow on March 15. This will be the last opportunity of the 2013-14 hunting season, unless you happen to be hunting rabbits or feral hogs.

Joey Tyson says the crappie bite is waning, and more people are fishing bass beds in the shallows. Once the water

challenge for bird hunters.

If you are interested in participating, Alvarez can be reached at 352-745-2724.

Tight lines until next week.

Outdoors calendar

- March, turkeys and quail are now breeding in North Florida;
- March 8-9, youth spring turkey season;
- March 12, Bald Eagle bas tournaments at Lake Santa Fe begin;
- March 15, Murphy's Law Relay for Life Bass Tournament, 5 a.m. at Little Lake Santa Fe boat ramp;
- March 15, spring turkey season begins.

temperature turns 58 degrees, which most of our lakes have, the smaller bucks will start fanning beds. Once the bed is formed, they will try to attract the larger females to join them.

Len Andrews, our seasonal ladder fisherman on Kingsley Lake, recently indicated that he has not located any spawning females in Kingsley yet, and he will know at the same time as the ospreys that search that lake.

Kingsley, however, is a cooler-water lake and should follow Sampson, Rowell, Crosby and even Santa Fe in order.

Kyle Busby is the inshore fish guide behind the "No Big Reel" guide services on the east coast, north and south of Palm Coast. Busby suggests that inshore fishermen on both coasts fish the deeper holes for trout, reds, flounder, sheepshead and snook during the periods of heavy rain that we have recently experienced.

Unlike the freshwater fish that tend to migrate upstream during wet weather, the salt-water fish will seek saltier water in deep holes due to all the freshwater drainage.

For inshore guide services on the east coast, Busby can be reached at 352-745-1266. He especially enjoys putting fishermen on the snook bite.

Alvarez to host last pheasant shoot

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