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LB to raise flag on new pole by lake, April 11

The City of Lake Butler will host a flag-raising celebration on Friday, April 11, at 11:15 a.m., at the new flag pole on "The Loop," down by the lake. Call City Hall with any questions at 386-496-3401.

WS bingo fundraiser and dinner, April 11

The Worthington Springs Senior Citizens Activity Program is hosting bingo on Friday, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. They will sell fish and chicken wings dinner plates at this fundraiser for \$6. They will also have a drawing for two \$25 gift cards. Tickets are only \$1 each.

Women's club hosting an open house, April 12

The Lake Butler Woman's Club is hosting an open house on Saturday, April 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All ladies in the community are invited to visit the historic clubhouse, enjoy light refreshments, meet members and learn about the many worthwhile activities in which the club is involved—from sponsoring scholarships to raising funds for medical charities.

The clubhouse is located at 285 Northeast First Avenue.

UCHS Class of 1954 reunion, April 12

The Union County High School Class of 1954 is holding its 60-year class reunion on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Brown's Country Buffet on U.S. Highway 441 in Alachua. All classmates and friends are welcome.

SAR meeting, April 14

The Lake City Chapter of The Sons of The American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at a new location: Grand China Buffet located at 345 West Duval Street. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, call Ralph Wright at 386-961-9112.

LB Planning and Zoning Board meeting, April 14

The City of Lake Butler Planning and Zoning Board will hold a meeting on Monday, April 14, at 5:15 p.m., to be followed by the regularly scheduled monthly commission meeting. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street.

Call City Hall with any questions at 386-496-3401.

LB Code Enforcement Board hearing, April 15

The City of Lake Butler Code Enforcement Board will be having a code enforcement hearing on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street.

Call City Hall with any questions at 386-496-3401.

Make note of this date change from the city.

American Legion meeting, April 15

The American Legion meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 17, at the Masonic Lodge in Lake Butler has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Butler and Palestine Lake levels near historic highs

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Anyone watching Butler Lake or just dropping by now and then couldn't help but notice that it is awfully high. You can just sit on the U-shaped dock that goes out over the lake and swing your foot in the water. Observers on shore can see the water covering the bottom of the dock cross members. Other docks next to the community center are completely submerged.

And the lake is spilling over

on yards along Third Street, sometimes nearly all the way to the street and encroaching on waterfront homes.

In mid-March, Butler Lake crested at 132.42 feet above sea level, putting it above its long-term median level of 130.65 based on records kept since 1976. It's not quite a record, but within an inch-and-a-half of it.

"This is the sixth highest peak since records began in 1976. The highest was October 1992

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Butler Lake recently experienced its sixth highest peak since records began in 1976.



Special Olympics Torch Run winds through Lake Butler

RMC, UCI and students participate while UCSO opens up the streets

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Florida made its way through Union County Tuesday morning, starting at Lakeside Park, then past Lake Butler Elementary School and Lake Butler Middle School, ending at Union County High School. This was in spite of inclement weather that threatened to delay it, with rain varying from a sprinkle to heavier at times with a bit of wind.

After the run was over, the clouds began to depart and gave way to sunshine and blue skies.

According to the Special Olympics Florida website, law enforcement officers from over 300 Florida agencies (police departments, sheriff's offices, Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Customs, Air Force Police and Marine Patrol) all participate in the statewide torch run to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Florida. Each year, over 5,000 officers carry the torch on a 1,500-mile relay through 67 counties in Florida.

Funds are generated through contributions from individuals and businesses along the way and through sales of the popular Torch Run T-shirts and caps.

This event is held each year prior to Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games, which are played at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando. The intrastate torch relay started at the end of March and will culminate at the Opening Ceremonies in

TOP: RMC's Col. Steve Klein was one of the first torchbearers in Union County. He has been involved with this program since 1986 and is the LETR statewide coordinator for DOC.

RIGHT: Joshua Andrews, a correctional officer at RMC, was the final torchbearer. "I felt good, doing it for the kids."

May. Officers from around the state join together to bring the Flame of Hope into the stadium.

Officers and representatives from DOC, the Reception and Medical Center in Lake Butler and Union Correctional Institution participated in Union County's event while the Union County Sheriff's Office opened up the main streets throughout Lake Butler. Halfway through, the runners were joined by walkers, students and handicapped children at LBES and greeted by students at LBMS and UCHS.

Everyone then gathered for a group photo and then dispersed to go dry off.

One Torch Run was held in Bradford County the day before, and another one commenced in Columbia County the day after. Torch Runs actually happen concurrently in three to four counties each day.

RMC's Col. Steve Klein has been involved with this program since 1986 and is the LETR statewide coordinator for DOC.

"When I say 'involved'... I mean countless, countless hours of his time and giving back to his community, the kids, and you'll see a passion in his commitment," said Brian Riedl, regional warden for DOC Region 2, who introduced Klein back in December at the Lake Butler Rotary Club, when Klein

gave a presentation on the program.

"The whole purpose of it, originally started in 1981 in Wichita, Kansas... The police chief by the name of Richard LaMunyon, did a run—it was about five miles long and he raised \$200," Klein recounted. "And he raised the \$200 for Special Olympics. He had a passion for Special Olympics."

"That same run has kicked off every year and is now in over 33 countries across the world. There are over 90,000 runners."

Klein said that last year at the international conference, LETR Florida raised the most money anywhere.

"We, in Florida, raised \$3.8 million," Klein said, out of a total of \$46 million worldwide. "It's the only grassroots fundraising that has never gone backward in its fundraising."

A goal was set for \$50 million for this year.

According to the Special Olympics website, the organization has grown extensively worldwide with over 97,000 volunteers spanning 46 countries, and raising more than \$461 million for the Special Olympics movement.

The money raised goes toward many programs and meets needs within Special Olympics. One of those

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Savannah Woodall earns trip to D.C.

UCHS junior one of four chosen for annual Clay Electric trip

Clay Electric Cooperative has sponsored a Youth Tour to Washington program and provides one 11th grade student from each of the 26 high schools in its service area an opportunity to participate. This contest consists of a written quiz and a speech. Students receive a two-day all-expenses-paid trip to Tallahassee to compete. Four winners with the highest combined scores (from the quiz and speech contest) receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the week of June 15-20.

Congratulations to Union County High School's Savannah Woodall for being one of those four winners.

TOP: The winners of this year's Youth Tour to Washington contest are (l-r) Brendan Register of Taylor High School, Bailey Creighton of Bradford High School, Taylor Warring of Buchholz High School and Savannah Woodall of UCHS.

LBMS baseball team heads to SMAC Tournament

An all-around effort led the Lake Butler Middle School baseball team past Williston Middle, 10-3.

The Tigers beat the Red Devils at their last home game this past Friday, behind both the bat and the arm of Trevor Rogers. Rogers racked up three RBIs on three hits for the Tigers. He singled in the second and fourth innings and doubled in the fifth inning.

Rogers had an impressive outing against Williston's lineup. The Red Devils managed just two hits off of Rogers, who allowed one earned run, walked three and struck out four during his five innings of work.

Lake Butler blew out Williston thanks

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etc.

'The Last Supper' comes alive at First Christian Church, April 17

At 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, First Christian Church of Lake Butler will reenact Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper."

This unique devotional presentation will help create a reflective mood for Easter. Communion will be served to all present. Everyone is invited. Nursery care will be provided.

Community Easter Services, April 18 & 20

The community Good Friday service will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at First Christian Church. Union County ministers will discuss "seven words from the cross."

The community Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Lakeside Park, followed by a free breakfast at First Christian Church.

Everyone is invited.

Community Egg Hunt at VFW, April 19

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 10082 is having their Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m. at the VFW Post off of C.R. 231. Lunch will be served and there will be an egg hunt.

For more information, contact President Annie Pittman at 386-496-1140 or Treasurer Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647.

In addition the VFW still has bingo every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Post.

Lawn workshop, April 21

The Union County Extension Office is hosting a lawn workshop on Monday, April 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. Learn about maintenance for new and established lawns, fertilization and watering.

Call 386-496-2321 to register for the free program.

Tri-county beef & forage update, April 22

The Union County Extension Office is hosting the tri-county beef and forage update on Tuesday, April 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner is included.

Call 386-496-2321 by April 17 to register.

Free Pre-K screenings, April 22 and June 26

Lake Butler Elementary School is hosting free screenings for children from birth to 4 1/2 years of age (not for those entering kindergarten this fall). Schedule an appointment with Tricia Ranard at 386-496-3047.

Dinner & swing dancing, UCHS Jazz Band, April 26

The Union County High School Jazz Band is hosting dinner and swing dancing on Saturday, April 26, at 5 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

Chicken & rice will be served along with sides and desserts. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance.

For tickets, contact the band office at 386-496-3779 or dorseyk@union.k12.fl.us.

Where does our water come from?

BY BASIL BACTAWAR
County Extension Dir. & Agent

Union County, like all the other counties in the state of Florida, gets its water from the Floridan aquifer. It is one of the several aquifer systems in Florida.

The aquifer consists of limestone caves and caverns. They store water that enters the ground from rainfall. The water levels fluctuate generally with the season of the year. It tends to

rise during the rainy season and fall during the dry season. But, there has been a general decline over the years.

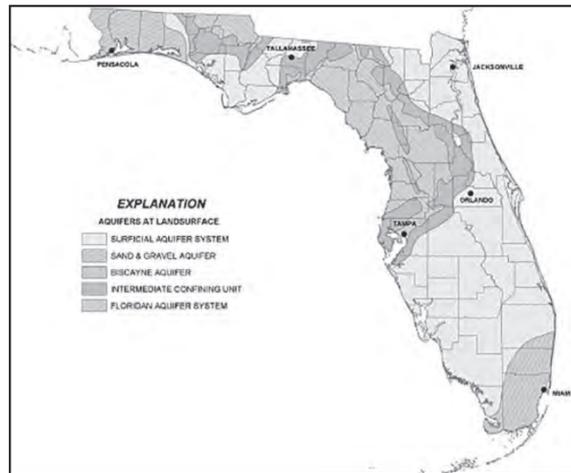
The water in the aquifer is recharged by rainfall. Water from rainfall is filtered by the sandy layers of the ground as it gradually passes through and finds its way in the aquifer. Sediments and silts and decaying organic matter are filtered out as water enters the aquifer. Chemical substances may not be filtered out totally, and so it is absolutely necessary to dispose of these substances according to government regulations. We can protect ourselves by protecting the environment.

If there is not enough rainfall

during the rainy season, then less water finds its way into the aquifer. There is more surface drainage in Florida now than there was many years ago. The surface drainage increases the amount of water that flows into the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, thereby reducing the amount of water that enters the aquifer.

Conservation practices that encourage more water to increase water levels in the aquifer.

To learn more about aquifer recharge concepts, visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com and click on Water Resources > Water Supply Planning > Aquifer Recharge Concepts.



The county's drinking water comes from the Floridan aquifer.



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with 133.87 feet, followed by February 1998, February 1978, September 1988, and September 1985," said Megan Wetherington, P.E., senior professional engineer with the District. "The average level since 1976 is 130.50, and the record low was 126.63 in July 2002"—nearly six feet lower than it is now.

It got pretty low, most recently, on May 23, 2012, at 128.23, putting the lake about four feet below today's levels.

Palestine Lake has experienced comparable levels. It crested at 144.28 feet above sea level in mid-March, putting it above its long-term median level of 143.41 based on records kept since 1975. That's within an inch of its record of 145.24 on October 5, 1992.

Its average is 143.05 feet. A deeper lake means bigger boats can go out on the lake and run into fewer places to get stuck.

And sometimes when the level rises quickly—after a big rain, for instance—fish are apt to move up with the rising water.

All of this has been caused, of

course, by increased rainfall.

According to SRWMD's report of March 7, the February rain total for Union County of 4.51 inches was 24 percent more than its February average of 3.63. In spite of the increase, however, annual rainfall is at the normal level, for a total of just over 54 inches for the year.

District-wide, February rainfall was 4.88 inches, an inch higher than the historic average based on records beginning in 1932.

As a result, groundwater levels continue to improve.

Upper Floridan aquifer levels rose slightly in February, improving for the second month in a row. Overall, levels increased from near the 70th percentile in January to the 78th percentile by the end of February, based on records beginning in the 1970s. Sixty-three percent of monitor wells were above the 75th percentile, considered high. Twenty percent were above the 90th percentile, considered very high. Only four wells had levels lower than their long-term median.

The U.S. Drought Monitor report of March 4 showed no drought conditions in North Florida or

South Georgia, an improvement since December when abnormally dry conditions existed in the upper Suwannee basin.

However the District stated that a Phase I Water Shortage Advisory remains in effect. Users are urged to eliminate unnecessary uses. Landscape irrigation is limited to twice per week during Daylight Savings Time (between March 9 and November 2, 2014) based on a water conservation rule that applies to residential landscaping, public or commercial recreation areas, and public and commercial

businesses that aren't regulated by a District-issued permit. www.mysuwanneeriver.com and click on Water Resources > Water Supply Planning > Aquifer Recharge Concepts.

To view all the numbers, visit SRWMD Water Data Portal.



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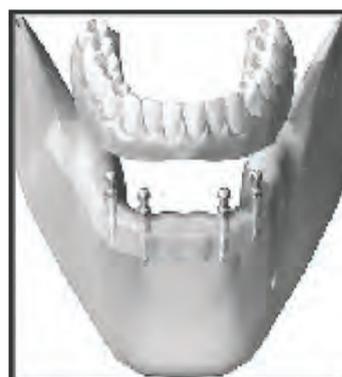


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Spring into healthy homes

BY SAMARA DEARY
County Extension Family Agent

As we adjust to warmer weather the moment will arrive when we pack away the heavy comforters and sweaters and break out the shorts and flip-flops because spring is here! Just as we prepare for the warm sunny days to return are tips to prepare our homes for spring and summer.

If you are like me you like to open your windows on a sunny day to take advantage of the fresh air. During the winter our windows stay closed in order to keep in the heat. Did you know that your health starts from inside your home?

Here are some simple tips to follow in order to make the most of the seasonal change.

Household chemicals: How often have you read the instructions on household cleaning supplies? If you have ever been at home cleaning and began to feel dizzy get a headache or feel nausea, chances are those chemicals are being used in the wrong proportions. Be sure to read the product label for proper use and risk factors. If you do not like the smell of harsh chemicals, vinegar, baking soda and hydrogen peroxide are great alternatives.

Avoid mold: Mold can exist anywhere there's moisture especially in the bathroom and kitchen. Make sure to keep these areas clean, dry and well ventilated at all times. Mold can also exist in the

toilet, closets, bed sheets, upholstery and curtains. Proper ventilation will help eliminate moisture and control mold.

Changing your filters: Do you know there are benefits to changing your air conditioning filter? Changing your filter every 30 days (or per the manufacturer's recommendations) will increase air conditioning efficiency, extend the life of the unit and your home will have cleaner air. All filters are not created equal. When purchasing filters look for the MERV rating; it is used to scale the efficiency of a filter. The scale goes from 1-16. The higher the rating the more particles the filter captures. These particles range from pollen, dust mites and cockroach debris to animal dander, bacteria and viruses. The more particles caught the cleaner the air in your home.

Cigarette smoke: Secondhand cigarette smoke can still cause wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing, sinus problems and even asthma attacks, or make allergies worse. Even if you smoke outside the home smoke particles such as tar and ammonia still attach to clothing, skin and hair. These travel inside the home and can affect others as well as the air quality in the home. If this is a concern for you the best measure is to take steps to quit smoking. It's healthier for your body as well as your home.

As we prepare our homes for the changing season keep these tips in mind to make sure that your home is a healthy home. Look for future programs offered at the Union County Extension Office on ways to create healthy energy efficient homes.

Contact Deary at 386-496-2321 or sdeary@ufl.edu. Learn more about the extension office at <http://union.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Union County School Board recognitions in March



ABOVE: Superintendent Carlton Faulk and Lake Butler Elementary School Assistant Principal Christie Whitehead recognized Diane Marko (center) as the LBES Senior Volunteer of the Year.



BELOW LEFT: Faulk recognized Union County High School students Holly Tucker and Case Emerson, here with their sponsor, science teacher Renae Allen, for their many accomplishments after they presented their science fair projects to the board.

Holly Tucker

- Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair:**
- 1st Place Botany Project
 - Association of Women Geoscientists Award
 - UF-IFAS Award of Merit
 - U.S. Air Force Award
 - Genius Science Olympiad Trip Winner (New York)
 - State Science Fair Delegate
 - International Science Fair Delegate – Los Angeles
 - Best Overall Project Award from Florida Gateway College

FFA National Convention:

- 4th Place Agriscience Award

And other awards...

Case Emerson

- Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair:**
- 1st Place Behavioral & Social Sciences Project
 - Florida Association of Science Teachers Award – \$25, Certificate
 - Lindsey Saunders Outstanding Presentation Award – \$100, Certificate
 - U.S. Air Force Award- Laptop backpack and accessories
 - State Science Fair Delegate
 - International Science Fair Delegate-Los Angeles, California

FFA National Convention:

- 3rd Place Agriscience Award

And other awards...

TORCH

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programs is called Fit Feet.

"You or I, we don't think about, if our shoes don't fit right, our feet hurt and we tell somebody about it," Klein explained. "Some

of the Special Olympics athletes that have intellectual disabilities can't tell you the shoe's too tight. And so, part of the program is that they have podiatrists who go down to the athletes and make sure they're wearing the right-sized shoes, and they said that this has been a tremendous

program. They've seen a lot of results from it."

According to the website, up to 50 percent of Special Olympics athletes experience one or more preventable or treatable foot conditions that can affect their sports participation.

Klein said Special Olympics has many other programs that go beyond the games and athletics, impacting, preparing and even rescuing the lives of those that Special Olympics serves.

"There was a baseball player whose son, the doctors told him, 'You need to put him in a home,' because... he was so mentally challenged they said that he will not survive... 'Just put him in a group home,'" Klein said.

"But he got involved with Special Olympics and this child went to grow up to be able to live on his own. And this took years and years of training, and this was through Special Olympics through this Global Messenger program," Klein added.

"Special Olympics will teach them how to live on their own—they will get them jobs and things like that."

Special Olympics International Global Messengers are athletes with intellectual disabilities who



In spite of the rain, Klein said this was one of the better turnouts he has seen in years.

represent Special Olympics and their countries during a special term. It teaches them to speak publicly and present in front of others—skills beneficial to anyone.

Laura Collins, manager for LETR, said this is Florida's 31st year. During the Torch Run in Union County, she rode in the special pickup truck that leads the group throughout each community. At lunchtime she spoke at the Lake Butler Rotary Club to a large group—many of whom participated in the Torch Run just hours earlier.

While sponsors such as Publix and TD Bank provide major support in the millions, she said that "statewide, our law enforcement raises over half a

million dollars doing just little things."

Collins said that one of Special Olympics' old marketing campaigns used the slogan, "Training for life."

"And that's what we're trying to provide."

"Part of our mission says that we give, that we're there to give people opportunities to experience joy, to share the gifts that they have and to demonstrate courage," Collins. "And I've always liked that part the best: 'Demonstrate courage.' And working with law enforcement, I know that this is something that is important to you as well."

"It's in us; it's all there," she added, "and you just need the opportunity to show it to

somebody.

"And the people that we serve are, typically, the ones that are told what they aren't going to be able to do, the first thing that parents are told is what they will not be able to accomplish and all the difficulties they're going to have through their lives," she said.

"But this is an opportunity for them to get out, to show what they can do, to be physically fit, to participate in community, to show people what they can do, and be part of that community. And that's our ultimate goal: To produce people, to give them opportunities to do these things, to be active and contributing members of their community," she added. "So, that's what you all are helping us do."

In spite of the rain, Klein said this was one of the better turnouts he has seen in years.

The final torchbearer in Lake Butler was Joshua Andrews, a correctional officer at RMC, who volunteered to carry the torch while the group was in front of the middle school.

"I felt good, doing it for the kids," Andrews said. "It was exciting. I enjoyed it."

Learn more by visiting www.specialolympicsflorida.org.

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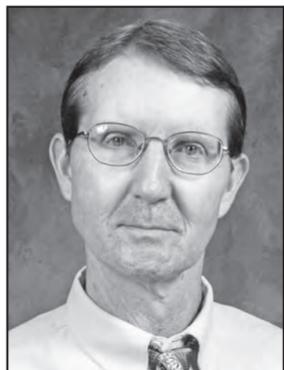
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Carl Drake running for UC School Board

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

My name is Carl Drake and

it is a privilege to announce my candidacy for the seat of Union County School Board District 1. I am a graduate of Union County High School and have lived most of my life in Union County along with my family members.

I graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. Also, I received my Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University in education administration and supervision.

I began my teaching career at Lake Butler Middle School, teaching math and science. In between teaching science and math, I was a physical education teacher at Lake Butler Elementary School. During my 12 years of teaching, I coached high school and middle school football and basketball, and then after my years of teaching, I became assistant principal at LBES for a total of 13 years and

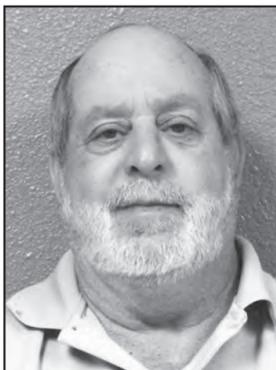
one year as assistant principal at Bradford High School. As well as being a school-level administrator, I served as a district-level administrator for six years (supervisor of student support services) in Union County.

Since my retirement from the Union County School District in 2010, I have been an active volunteer at LBES (receiving Volunteer of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year).

Because of my nephews, nieces and cousins still in school, I have a vested interest in seeing that the Union County School District successfully services the students in our county.

With 30-plus years' experience in education, I would like to serve as your school board representative to help continue a successful future for our students.

Thank you,
Carl Drake



Ray Crawford running for LB commission

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

Hi, my name is Ray Crawford. I would like to announce that I am a candidate for Commissioner Seat 4 for the City of Lake Butler.

I was a former city commissioner in 2006-2010, at which time I was mayor, and then retired. I now have a lot of time to devote to my city commission duties for the betterment of the city.

Thank you and please vote for Ray Crawford for better city government.

Ray Crawford



Worthington Springs announces town council seat vacancies

The Town of Worthington Springs has two vacant seats on the town council and is seeking interested residents of the town to apply for these appointed seats.

Contact Town Clerk Pat Harrell on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sign an affidavit and show proof of residency.

The clerk can be contacted at 386-496-1006 on Wednesdays or 352-316-6776.



Parrish running for reelection to UC School Board

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

To ALL Union County Citizens, I, Allen Parrish, take this opportunity to formally announce my candidacy for reelection as the District 1 School Board Member.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve you as the District 1 school board member for the past 12 years. I sincerely thank each of you for allowing me to

serve as your District 1 school board member.

Twelve years ago, I committed myself to provide accountable, accessible, and responsible leadership to all Union County citizens as your District 1 representative on the Union County School Board. As your school board member, I have had the opportunity to receive your input concerning our school district's academic performance, extracurricular performance and financial performance. I have used this input to make informed decisions regarding financial management of your tax dollars and the policies that govern our school district. As a direct result, the Union County School District continues to provide an opportunity for all students to be successful in the classroom, athletic fields, the workforce and at the college level.

Today, I stand firm on my commitment to serve the citizens of Union County and the experience that I have gained during the past 12 years. I look forward to the opportunity to visit with you during the upcoming months. I continue to believe that your school board member must be accessible, accountable, and must provide professional leadership for all citizens, faculty, students and parents of Union County.

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Pitcher Trevor Rogers was key to Tigers' win.

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to 11 hits, including two extra base hits. The Tigers scored five runs in the fourth on an RBI single by AJ Russell, an error, an RBI single by Rogers, an RBI single by Gavin Dukes and a passed ball.

The teams traded runs for most of the contest, leading to

five lead changes in the game.

It didn't take long for the Tigers to answer as they scored two runs of their own in the second. Lake Butler scored on an RBI single by Dukes and an RBI single by Marcus Howard.

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Maintenance resurfacing starts this week in UC

Maintenance resurfacing of various sections of state roads in Union County is scheduled to begin this week and take about two months to complete, weather permitting.

The short sections, which may only be one lane in certain cases, were identified as needing minor resurfacing to help extend the life of the pavement until a full resurfacing project is scheduled.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) hired V.E. Whitehurst & Sons Inc. of Williston to do the work. The 12 locations are:

- State Road 100 eastbound lane, approximately half a mile east of Northwest 134th Drive, for about 500 feet
- State Road 100, both lanes just west of Northwest 124th Avenue for about 1,500 feet
- State Road 100, both lanes just east of the forestry tower for about 850 feet
- State Road 100, both lanes just west of Northwest 140th Avenue for about 450 feet
- State Road 100, westbound lane just east of Nestsia feed store for about 350 feet
- State Road 100, westbound lane east of Northwest 140th Avenue for half a mile
- State Road 100, westbound lane at County Road 231 for 930 feet
- State Road 100, westbound lane one mile west of County Road 100A for 820 feet
- State Road 121, northbound lane at County Road 125 for 150 feet
- State Road 121, northbound lane almost a mile south of Tri-County Landfill for 920 feet
- State Road 121, southbound lane at County Road 18 West in Worthington Springs for 300 feet.

The contract also includes one 100-foot section of a roadway in Columbia County on State Road 47, one mile south of Herlong Road for about 100 feet. Only the northbound lane and shoulder will be resurfaced. The total cost of the contract is \$234,435.

Follow FDOT District 2 on Twitter at @MyFDOT_NEFL or visit www.dot.state.fl.us.



Rotary Club adds another Paul Harris Fellow, inducts sheriff

Earlier this year, the Lake Butler Rotary Club recognized President Scott Roberts as its newest Paul Harris Fellow. There are members who contribute at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The award is named after Rotary's founder On Tuesday, the club inducted Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead.

LEFT: (L-r) Roberts is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Past President Zack Smith and President Elect Joyce Crawford.

BELOW: Whitehead speaks to the club after being inducted by Area Governor Darrell O'Neal, who is seen listening.



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DOC Secretary Crews suspends six staff at UCI

Florida Department of Corrections Director of Communications Jessica Cary released the following Statement from Secretary Michael D. Crews late Friday afternoon:

Earlier today, I instructed Union Correctional Institution (UCI) Warden Diane Andrews to place six staff members from UCI on administrative leave pending the outcome of an ongoing, active investigation into alleged criminal activity that compromised the safety of both staff and inmates.

The Department of Corrections has zero tolerance for illegal, inappropriate and unbecoming behavior by our officers

and staff. This type of behavior is a distraction from our primary mission of public safety and cannot be allowed to dishonor the reputations of thousands of hardworking officers who daily go in harm's way to ensure the safety of Florida families.

This alleged incident remains under investigation by the Florida Department of Corrections and we cannot comment further on any details at this time.

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Case No.: 63-2013-CA-000056

Section:
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v.
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Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 63-2013-CA-000056 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 24th day of April, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the front lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:
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The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Executive Committee Members on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 10:00 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW Live Oak, Florida.
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Library's storytime benefits children

BY MARY C. BROWN
Library Director

Attending storytime and visiting the library can be very beneficial for young children. The Parents' Choice list of "Tips for Teaching Kids to Enjoy Reading" includes the importance of setting aside time for reading each day, talking about the books with your child, and visiting the library. Learn more at www.parents-choice.org.

Preschool Storytime is offered at the Union County Public Library on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children are introduced to many wonderful stories, songs and activities. Children have the opportunity to interact with other children while learning to love books.

A recent storytime featured information and fun about bears. The children went on a bear hunt, growled like bears, shared their own teddy bears and created a bear-face craft. They had a beary-good time!

The next program, "The Emperor's New Clothes," included stories, costumes, crafts, songs and trying on many hats.

For more information, call 386-496-3432 or visit www.newriver.lib.fl.us.

And please join us in celebrating April as Library Appreciation Month.



LEFT: Peyton McRannolds puts together a puzzle.



BELOW LEFT: Suniyan Henderson shows off her craft as well as her giant teddy bear.

BOTTOM: Kynley Tomlinson, Eli and Carter Perkins, Rachel Harris, and Emma Richardson gathers with Katie Oden.



ABOVE: Newcomer Ashlyn Ferris had a blast trying on all the different hats, including this top hat.



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Triest: long career built upon foundation of experience

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

There was a time, not so very long ago, that a man learned his trade from his father and was judged on what he could do, not by how many licenses and certificates he had hanging on his wall.

Local contractor Ernest Triest is one of these men. Born and raised in Bradford County, he learned carpentry from his father and then more advanced construction skills hands-on when he returned home from military service.

Triest was born on a family farm in the Theresa area nearly 90 years ago. Besides general farm work, he worked with his father on carpentry jobs not only on the farm, but for other people as well. At age 19, he left midterm in his senior year at Bradford High School to join the Army and serve his country in the second World War.

"I wanted to volunteer instead of being drafted so I could pick the branch of service I wanted to serve in," Triest said. "I had real bad motion sickness and didn't want to get stuck in and airplane or worse, out on the water."

Triest served as a communications specialist in the 724th Field Artillery Battalion, headquartered in Shelby, Miss., where he trained for 19 months and lost much of the hearing in one ear due to close proximity to a firing Howitzer during training.

After traveling to England by ship from Camp Kilmer, N.J., he spent two months just outside of London, waiting for D-Day. Soon after, his battalion began

the march to Berlin, with Triest setting up phone lines along the way.

After the war, Triest remained in Germany for a year as part of the occupational troops. He remembers boating on the Rhine River with his buddies on weekends and how cold the water was when they turned the boat over. He said he liked Europe and there are a number of places he would like to return to and see again.

Upon returning home after four years of service, Triest completed his senior year of high school and graduated in the same year as his future wife, then Carlie Mae Hall, captain of the BHS women's basketball team.

After graduation, Triest went to work for contactors Merritt, Chapman and Scott, out of New York, building the piers for the "Mothball Fleet" at Green Cove Springs. A number of piers were constructed to serve military ships no longer needed after the war.

"I worked as a carpenter on the first pier," Triest remembers, "and by the time it was complete I had been made pier superintendent. By the time I started working on another one I decided I was interested in going into the construction business for myself."

At the time, there was no formal training or certification requirement to become a contractor, so he started Triest Construction in 1949, working at first out of home offices and later out of offices he built on SR 21, where he remained until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1986.

Triest hit the ground running



Contractor Ernest Triest is pictured with a real-life "girl next door," his wife since 1950, Carlie Mae. Their families owned neighboring farms.

and soon had a thriving business. He concentrated on commercial and, most especially, institution construction, building schools, law-enforcement buildings, hospitals, government buildings, churches and businesses. He said he only built a few houses and made additions to a few more. He preferred commercial work and, most especially, government contracts - county, state and federal.

"When you work for an

individual, you have to do whatever it takes to please that person," Triest said. "You can find yourself in situations where a person thinks they know what they want, not knowing if it's practical or even possible. Then there is always the question of whether or not you will get paid. "With government work you deal with boards or committees. These are people used to discussion and compromise; they know when to defer to someone with more specialized knowledge about a project. Plus, you know

the money will be there in the end with no problem."

Fifteen years after starting Triest Construction, Triest was finally required by the state to get a contractor's license. He was the 624th contractor in the state to take the test and he was not pleased with the result.

"I had to go to Orlando for the test," Triest said. "I was told that no calculators would be allowed so I didn't take one. I got there and everyone else had one and

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Strawberry Festival: fun and, of course, strawberries

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Downtown Starke hosts the 16th annual Strawberry Festival this Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, welcoming 138 vendors, seven musical acts and, of course, strawberries.

The festival is scheduled for 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 12 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 13.

Pam Whittle, the CEO of the North Florida Chamber of Commerce, which assumed responsibility of the Strawberry Festival in 2005, said no one should have a reason to complain about having nothing to do on the weekend of the festival. The festival has no admission charge and should have something to appeal to anybody's tastes, with vendors offering everything from various crafts and jewelry of all kinds to kitchen items and vacuum cleaners.

"I guess that's the appeal of (the festival)," Whittle said. "If you like something, it'll be there."

Of course, what would the Strawberry Festival be without strawberries? Many vendors sell strawberry-themed items, but if what you want is to taste strawberries, then the festival has you covered. In fact, Whittle said it's almost pointless in going

to the festival and not eating strawberry shortcake.

"Who doesn't like strawberry shortcake?" she asked.

Youth from United Methodist Church of Starke and the Bradford High School softball players will be in their usual spots selling strawberry shortcake. Plus, King's Produce and Norman's Produce will be in their usual spots with their berries. Live Oak's Pat Gaylord of Cakes by Pat will be set up between the two local berry growers, selling sour-cream pound cake, so it's a good opportunity to make your own strawberry shortcake as

well. Several vendors have strawberry goodies. Berrylicious, for example, offers strawberry milkshakes, chocolate-dipped strawberries and a chocolate brownie covered with vanilla ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream.

"It needs about four spoons in it so everyone can share," Whittle said of the brownie-berry treat.

For the second straight year, the festival will offer a set schedule of entertainment at the stage in the downtown square. Tara Tillotson begins the entertainment with a 11 a.m.

performance on April 12. That day's lineup also features Clark Hill at 1:30 p.m., J.J. Strickland at 3:30 p.m. and the Ricky Thompson Band at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's entertainment lineup consists of Clay Brooker at noon, Crossfire Warriors at 1:30 p.m. and Amber DeLaCruz at 3:30 p.m.

Whittle said having musicians perform throughout the festival is a way of ensuring that the food vendors are exposed to the majority of festival visitors. Food vendors have to be typically located at eastern end of Call Street because of electricity

needs. In the past, there was nothing else at that end of the street to entice people to walk that way unless they specifically wanted something to eat.

Now, with the creation of the town square and its stage, musical entertainment will draw a crowd and, hopefully, benefit the vendors in that area, Whittle said.

"What we wanted to do was make a draw and help them as well," Whittle said.

The creation of the town square also gives the festival an area to offer all types of fun activities geared toward children.

Whittle said the area will offer pony rides, bounce houses and a small Ferris wheel among other activities for the younger festival attendees.

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's sure to be something at the Strawberry Festival that will make for a fun-filled—and tasty—time.

"We have everything," Whittle said.

For more information, please call the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce at 904-964-5278.

SOCIALS



Natalie Wood

Natalie Wood celebrates 80th birthday

Natalie Wood of Jacksonville will celebrate her 80th birthday on April 12, 2014.

She has four children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Daniel Salvatore Rigano

Rigano to graduate from Florida Southern

Daniel and Louanne Rigano proudly announce the graduation of their son, Daniel Salvatore Rigano, from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. He will receive his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

We would like to invite all friends and family to attend Daniel's Graduation Celebration the following Saturday, May 10, at the Worthington Springs Community Center located on State Road 121 in Worthington Springs from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please join our family as we pridefully celebrate Daniel's latest/greatest accomplishment as he travels through life's amazing adventures.

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THIS IS FORD COUNTRY

On Call: notes on Starke's historic architecture

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

According to a My Florida website of notable figures, Richard Keith Call came to Florida in 1814 as an aide de camp to Andrew Jackson. Call made Florida his home and served on the legislative council. He was a delegate to Congress and was the third and fifth territorial governor.

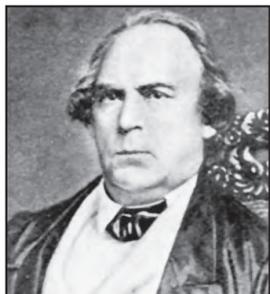
He led the Florida militia in fighting the Seminoles during his first term, which overlapped with the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). During his second administration, he moved the territory closer to statehood. Call died at his estate—the Grove, near Tallahassee—in September 1862.

Call is likely to have visited the Bradford/Union area at some point, since a great deal of Native American unrest during the Seminole Wars was centered in what became those two counties. There was a Fort Call in what is now Union County, and even today, a Fort Call Cemetery remains.

Starke's entire downtown area was designated as the "Historic Call Street District" in 1985. The historic area is bounded by Jefferson, Cherry and Madison streets, and Temple Boulevard. Within the 120-acre area are 23 buildings and one structure according to the registry.

Architect and architecture historian Ron Haase, a Melrose resident, said recently that the architectural terms "American Mercantile" and "American Commercial Style" are rather vague. Buildings in those categories may use elements of many styles, but Haase thought most buildings in Starke's business district might fall into the broadest interpretations of the terms.

There are subsets of the commercial style: Western Mercantile buildings are usually those wooden feed stores and dance halls you see in dusty,



Call Street was named after Richard Keith Call, Indian fighter, plantation owner and third and fifth governor of territorial Florida.

western movies.

Starke architect Spyros Drivas cited two influences on Starke's cityscape, the first of which he called "Cracker Vernacular." This is not a pejorative term, but rather a term noting that most buildings from the 1800s were designed by a building's owner and his or her contractors, with input from Florida's early carpenters and brick masons who built them. Sometimes the buildings were "designed" on the fly as they were being built.

Officially, the term "American Mercantile" refers to multi-story commercial structures built in Chicago around the turn of the 20th century. It was a post-Civil War movement that influenced the design of commercial buildings in cities nationwide, including Starke, Drivas said. There might be a little Victorian influence here, a little Classical Greek or Roman there, even some early Frank Lloyd Wright prairie architecture tucked into the Chicago School's American Commercial Style.

The Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission said, "While the purest description of Commercial style buildings most fits early skyscrapers, many much shorter buildings are sometimes described as Commercial style. These one-to four-story brick buildings date from the same era,

were designed for commercial use, have large pane windows on the ground floor and flat roofs, often with decorative parapets... The subtype of the style is a more vernacular version that is more prevalent in Pennsylvania than the true high-style Commercial style skyscrapers." That description is also true of buildings on Call Street in Starke.

Photographic evidence shows early buildings along Call Street were built of wood, like in western movie towns. A prime example was the Starke House Hotel, which was built around 1895 and survived until the 1940s. However, early photographs and insurance maps of Starke indicate that brick was also used in some of Starke's earliest buildings.

There are a number of reasons for Starke's gradual transformation from wood to brick—and occasionally stone—during the late 19th century: the first was the arrival of railroads, which could deliver heavier building materials near or into the downtown area and in large quantities. The railroad didn't so much arrive in Starke; it's more accurate to say that the Yulee railroad came to the piney woods, and Starke grew up around it.

A major reason for the transition from wood to brick was the great Chicago fire of 1871, which left that vast, largely wooden city burned almost to the ground. Starke, too, had a fire that burned two blocks of the city in 1895. The great Jacksonville fire in 1901 may also have prompted Starke's city fathers to discourage wooden structures in the downtown commercial district. Insurance companies and city ordinances combined to push for sturdier, more fire-retardant structures. It's not that the Chicago fire influenced Starke alone; it changed urban commercial architecture all over the United States.

Haase suggested that the move from wood to stone and brick structures was also due to a growing trend toward big-city-style window shopping, especially in ladies' commercial districts. This called for street-level windows and larger cutouts in outer walls. Stronger I-beams and posts became necessary to support walls with less footage holding them up at street level.

Whatever style Starke's early commercial buildings incorporated on Call Street, they had common characteristics. For one, wooden and one or two brick buildings in Starke had tall facades with shorter buildings behind them.

"This is actually a holdover from the Italianate Gothic style," Haase said. "From the street at least, tall facades made the buildings look bigger and grander than they actually were." This idea came to America with immigrants and wealthy commercial classes taking grand,

This 1800s photo shows the Call Street block between Walnut (at left of photo) and a portion of what came to be called the brick Dover Building at the corner of Call and Thompson streets. Note the wooden-frame American Western Commercial-style buildings in the center.



European tours. There are two such brick buildings in Starke that illustrate this style: a gray, empty building across from the Bradford County Telegraph and Starke's Masonic Lodge on Orange Street.

During the transition from wood, where did all those bricks come from? Probably from Starke.

An early advertisement in an 1883 East Florida Telegraph is headlined, "Bricks! Bricks!" The rest of the ad is unreadable in today's available sources. The vendor was apparently Mac Williams and Brown in Starke.

Former Bradford resident Mrs. Jay S. Brown remembered that when her family—the L.C. Hull family—arrived in Starke in 1878, her father started their homestead from scratch, clearing land, sawing timber and making bricks. Her older brother located clay on a parcel of land he purchased near a local creek; the Hull family built a kiln and made brick molds. At first, they turned out enough bricks to build their fireplace and a kitchen flue.

L.C. Hull, general store owner and brick maker, was advertising his bricks in the East Florida Courier by March 1888. By 1890, Hull and his son "Newt" had bricks for sale and advertised them in local newspapers. "Bricks available at the depot or kiln," the ads read.

Decorative wooden corbels—European scrollwork gimcracks that support or appear to support windows or ledges—were found

on many of Starke's wooden buildings, but the style didn't transfer to brick structures, although cement versions of the filigree existed.

However, while classical corbels aren't found, decorative corbelled brickwork parapets are an almost universal feature on many of Starke's historic structures.

Call Street visitors may also notice a penchant for taking an existing building and wrapping

it in plaster or stucco. This may have been an unreliable attempt at fire retardation.

Early photos of the Hemingway Building at the northeast corner of Call and Walnut show it as wooden clapboard. By now, it has long since been plastered over. While the Dover Building at Thompson and Call is entirely brick, it also got a new plaster skin in the 1940s. Stucco was

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These four buildings viewed right to left, are almost a timeline of some of Starke's brick structures. The distant building at the extreme right, now the Downtown Grill, features a gabled roof, where once it was flat. The Dover Building (third from right) was once a livery stable with a gabled roof or façade, later removed.

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LETTERS

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Response to 'Time for a change'

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure why Mr. Busby directed his letter (Time For A Change) to me. However, since he did I will reply.

I've not seen or heard of any complaints about the response time or service from the UC Sheriffs office. While I'm sure there have been some, they've certainly not made the front page.

Mr. Busby wants change. There has been change. John H. Whitehead and Jerry Whitehead are no longer the sheriff of Union County. Brad Whitehead is now serving out the remainder of his late fathers term. There will be an election in November and the voters of Union County will decide who will continue to serve as sheriff. I support Brad Whitehead.

I truly support Mr. Busby's right to his opinion and freedom of speech. However, I will continue to condemn those who spout out useless and unproven facts, ie. (Good Ole Boy System, and Family Business) to describe the Union County Sheriffs Office. The real facts are the voters of Union County elect our sheriff at the ballot box. Have in the past and will continue in the future. To describe our electoral system in this manner is totally asinine.

Get involved, work for and support the candidate of your choice. But let's be civil while doing so.

Thank You
Jack Sapp

State teacher raise not what was expected

Dear Editor:

I love my job. Teaching children in Bradford County has been rewarding for me in too many ways to count. I thank God for it often. Last year the governor of Florida said he was giving each county \$2500 for each teacher a raise. Sounded good to me. After about five or six years of literally no raise and even a cut with the 3% taken for retirement and increased insurance payment my monthly salary went down about \$200 a month. So you can see how good the governor's deal was to me and many other teachers in this county. Well, I saw county after county getting their money and for many that exact amount. These are counties that pay more to begin with. I see the proposal now is we get \$1400 of that amount. That math says we get about 56% of what the state intended. Seems sort of insulting after going half a decade with nothing and then seeing the intended money "disappear" like that. To go one step further. Teachers at the beginning of their careers get a much higher raise percentage wise than some in this configuration. A first year teacher essentially gets a 4% raise while those of us at the other end (twenty eight I believe) get a 2.5% raise.

Honestly, I did not go into teaching for the money. I figured if you go to college to get the degree that allows me to work with kids the compensation would be enough. I have discovered

that teachers with a masters degree in education are lower paid than most professionals with a BS degree. I have learned to live with that. I love my job. But when big brother (the state) finally says here is the money, I have to be a little disappointed when a little over 50% makes it to us. I do appreciate all the work that went into negotiating these raises but I thought it was pretty much cut and dried with that money allocated for us.

Sincerely,
Steve Acree
Brooker

More tax dollars should go to helping and healing

Dear Editor:

I'm unhappy to learn that 40 cents of every one of our 2013 federal tax dollars went to fund current and past wars, according to the Quaker advocacy group the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

We have some critical needs as a country -- how to respond to the effects of climate change, how to repair our crumbling bridges and roadways, how to bridge the growing divide between rich and poor. I would like to see more of our tax dollars going to these priorities rather than to the profit driven military contractors and pentagon. What do we as a Christian country not get about Thou Shalt Not Kill. If we spend as much tax money on helping and healing, as is spent on killing, torturing, and crippling physically and mentally, the

world would not only be a much better place, the USA would not be in such a dangerous position, due to the terror we have inflicted on the rest of the world, since 911.

I hope that my senators, Rubio and Nelson, will work to make this happen in the coming year. They can start by eliminating the more than \$100 billion war profiteering of military contractors. If we die trying to help and heal and try to bring peace in peaceful ways, we will gain everlasting life. The way we are going now, not only insures torture, destruction and death, on our enemies, but also for ourselves. Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself for the love of God. He also said Love Thy Enemy. By doing this according to His Word, we will be saving our own lives here on earth, as well as for eternity.

Sincerely,
Marie Fitzsimmons

Riding club: Thanks for support in raising \$5,000 for benefit ride

Dear Editor:

The Union County Riding Club coordinated its 17th Annual Saddle Up Event to raise funds for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital's children and families.

We the members would like to personally thank the community for all the support. We couldn't be successful without our good folks from Union and surrounding counties.

website www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl.

Even if you have no fundraising team affiliation, you are invited to participate in the Relay. Teams will have food, beverages and other items for sale at the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Kiwanis golf tournament is Good Friday

The 11th annual Kiwanis of Starke golf tournament will be held Friday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams.

The entry fee is \$50 per player/\$200 per four-person team. That includes cart, lunch and goody bag.

Applications are available at the Starke Golf and Country Club clubhouse.

Contact Cheryl Canova (cheryl.canova@scollege.edu or 904-964-5382) or Barry Warren at (352-494-3326) for more

information.

Shelia Miller Poker Run is April 12

The sixth annual Shelia Miller Benefit Poker Run, which raises money for the American Cancer Society and the B, will take place Saturday, April 12. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Walgreens located at 9125 N.W. 39th Ave. in Gainesville.

The ride, which has stops at Alachua Sports Bar and Grill, Full House in Lake Butler and Knuckle Draggers in Starke, will end at Timbuktu in Starke. The best poker hand turned in at Timbuktu will result in winnings

of \$500 in cash and prizes. Entry is \$15 per motorcycle and \$10 per additional rider.

For more information, visit the website www.sheliamiler.org.

Bradford-Keystone Relay for Life is April 25-26

The Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place at the Bradford High School track from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

If you would like to register a team or obtain more information, please visit the

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applied to other buildings during renovations of the 1980s.

As a rule of thumb, gabled buildings—wooden or brick—were an earlier style than flat-roofed buildings, the 1902 courthouse being one of several exceptions. Gabled roofs made more sense in snow-bound climes up north, but less so in Florida. The slippery slopes of pitched roofs were more expensive and more difficult and expensive to maintain. However, flat roofs required good drainage and conscientious care and

maintenance. Comparing 1800s photos with Call Street buildings today reveals buildings that changed from gabled to flat roofs—and vice versa—over the century.

The buildings in the Historic Call Street District were restored or renovated during a downtown revitalization program carried out with a \$500,000 grant around 1986. A Community Redevelopment Plan for the historic area was put into place in 2007.

During those renovations, many buildings were tied together with a false façade, stucco, paint job or an awning to make two or more buildings appear to be a unit, though they didn't start

out that way. In some cases, urn-shaped decorations and filigree atop building parapets were removed, presumably for safety's sake, a level skyline or changing tastes.

A walking tour of Call Street starting at the railroad and moving toward U.S. 301 illustrates a number of Starke's architectural trends along Call Street over the years. During normal working hours, visitors might drop in at 100 E. Call to the Northeast Regional Chamber of Commerce—the second Bradford Bank building—and pick up a map of notable buildings in the Call Street Historic District.

The club would also like to name the following supporters who gave of their time and resources: Mr. Avery Roberts, for the meal and facilities, Spire's IGA, Union County Sheriff's Dept., Ms. Alice Ellington, David Johns and Johnny Lee and crew for preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs, plus all the fixings to go with the meal. For the prizes that were raffled at the end of the ride we want to greatly thank: Ms. Susan Nichols, Mr. Ralph Parrish, Robbie Thornton and family, Clinton Gay and family, Union Riding Club, Hillandale farms, Lake Butler Farm Center,

Gold Key of Starke, Purple Gator of Starke, Gator II Farm supply of Starke, Cat Ring Power, Central States Feeds of Lake City, Smitty's Western Wear of Lake City, Southern Comfort Hair Salon, and Hitchcock's of Alachua.

We are still collecting funds raised and if you would like to contribute to this benefit call coordinator, John Johns at 352-222-0203. Who would also like to keep everyone in mind that we have this event annually every 1st Saturday in March so looking forward to next year. Thanks again!

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TRIEST

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was allowed to use it. Needless to say I failed the test.”

Returning home, Triest resolved to try again. “I had two men working for me as estimators; one was a University of Florida graduate in building construction and the other held the same degree from Auburn. I caught them in the office and told them that at least one of the three of us was going to have to pass that test.

“We had ‘school’ in the office in the evenings after work,” Triest said. “We went to Tampa for the next exam, carrying calculators, briefcases and everything else we could think of and all three of us passed that time.”

Triest scored high and kept his license through the rest of the life of his business and for about 15 years after his retirement, finally allowing his certification to go to the inactive list for about eight years before finally letting it go when he discovered how time consuming it would be to get it reinstated.

Triest married Carlie Mae,

literally the ‘girl-next-door,’ in 1950. Her family had the farm right next to his, but she says she has no memory of him until he returned home from the war. While staying home as a homemaker and mother, she quickly learned that she would be affected by the business as well.

“Ernest would get up, sometimes very early, and leave the house no later than 6 a.m.,” Carlie Mae said. “He would be gone all day and never get home before 6 p.m.” This went on for many years, sometimes seven days a week. Although she had little direct contact with the business, she found that she sometimes had to provide support services of a sort.

Triest worked on a large number of projects, as many as 28 at a time. Not only did he have to oversee all of this, he was constantly seeking more work, making bids and attending meetings. Sometimes he said he felt he needed to be several places at a time. Since this was not possible, he did the next best thing: He drove fast and encouraged others to do the same on his behalf.

“I was in Palatka checking on a project and had to be in Madison as soon as I could, so off I went,” Triest said. “I saw a Florida Highway Patrol officer with several cars pulled over to the side and he motioned for me to join the line to get my speeding ticket. I took my ticket and went on my way. The very next day I got up at 4 a.m. and headed for Madison. I had it rolling pretty good when I got stopped again for speeding. It was the same FHP officer who, when he looked at my license, asked me if he hadn’t written me a ticket just the day before.”

Another time, Triest needed to get to a bid opening, for which he was unprepared, in Gainesville. He talked his brother-in-law into driving him so he could ride and finish up the work on the bid.

“We were running really short on time, so I told him to do whatever it took to get me there and that I would come get him out of jail if necessary,” Triest remembered.

“We got on Main Street in Gainesville at 23rd Street with a city policeman right behind us. I kept telling my brother-in-law not to stop, just keep going, so we ran on down the road, maybe 15 or 20 mph over the speed limit. We pulled up outside the bank,

where the bid opening was, with several cars with lights and sirens going pulling in right behind us.

“I grabbed my briefcase and ran inside, getting there with only about 30 seconds to spare. When I came back out the police had my brother-in-law in custody and he had explained what was going on. The officer told me that it was a good thing that I was running into the bank with the briefcase rather than out because then he would have shot me. As it was, I had to pay for a ticket and a fine.”

Eventually Triest had his driver’s license suspended for speeding, so Carlie Mae had to add chauffeur services to her list of wifely duties.

“She would drive me during daylight, business hours,” Triest said, “but when it was really early in the morning or after dark I still pretty much drove myself.”

Triest worked on hundreds of construction projects over the years, working in 15 Florida counties and sometimes employing as many as 150 people at one time. He completed 69 projects just in Bradford County, including the first county health department building (\$34,000 to build and three times that to renovate 40 years later), the first courthouse on US 301 (torn down

to make room for the one now in use), the first six buildings of Southside Elementary School, the first two phases of Bradford High School, a wing at Shands Starke (which was torn down to make room for a new addition about 10 years ago) and two banks, including Community State.

After his retirement from Triest Construction he still stayed busy. He went to work for Bradford County and the Bradford County School Board as a consultant and project manager. He worked on the controversial project at the new Starke Elementary, where problems with the contractor, G.H. Johnson plagued the project with substandard work and costly delays. He then went on to a project at Bradford Middle School, then the county safety complex. He was made county construction specialist for the courthouse addition project, which he said was another difficult one.

“I was originally hired by the county for eight months for the courthouse additions,” Triest said. “The project ended up running about two years over the time limit, causing the total project to take three years to complete. Once again, most of the issues were with the

contractor.”
Triest is still keeping busy, despite the fact he will turn 90 in May. Most recently, he served as project manager for the construction of Orange Heights Baptist Church, where his son-in-law is pastor. He will soon be playing that role again when the church breaks ground on a family life education center.

Besides enjoying time with his bride of 64 years and his brood of two children (having lost a son to leukemia many years before), three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Triest also likes to fill his days with ‘honey-dos,’ gardening and eating what he grows. He also likes to cook, and both he and his wife love to fish in both fresh- and salt-water. Although never a hunter, he is still a good shot, and last year shot a couple of squirrels so his great-grandkids could see what they tasted like.

“They really weren’t too sure about it,” Triest said, “but once they tasted them, it was all over; they loved it.”

Asked for a philosophy of life, Triest simply said, “I like to stay busy, to try new things and, most of all, I love a challenge.”

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District softball tournaments begin April 14

The District 5-4A and District 7-1A softball tournaments will begin Monday, April 14, with Keystone Heights High School playing on the first day of its tournament and Bradford and Union County not beginning play until Tuesday, April 15.

Santa Fe High School in Alachua is the host of the District 5-4A tournament, which will include Keystone and Bradford. Keystone, the fourth seed, will play fifth seed Fort White at 5 p.m. on April 14. Following that game, at 7 p.m., third seed Santa Fe will play sixth seed Interlachen.

On April 15, second seed Bradford will play the winner between Santa Fe and Interlachen. If the opponent is Interlachen, the game will be at 5 p.m., but if the opponent is Santa

Fe, the game will be played at 7 p.m.

The winner between Keystone and Fort White will top seed P.K. Yonge on April 15 at either 5 p.m. or 7 p.m., dependent upon whether Santa Fe advances past its first-day mathcup.

The District 5 champion will be determined on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Seeding for the District 7-1A tournament, which will be hosted by Newberry High School, hasn’t been finalized yet because Chiefland had three district games remaining prior to April 8. Union will be either the second or third seed, depending upon whether or not the Tigers defeated Chiefland this past Tuesday.

The tournament begins with fifth seed Newberry taking on whoever the fourth seed will be on April 14.

Union, regardless of its seeding, will play on April 15 at 5 p.m. Top seed Dixie County will play the April 14 winner at

7 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 17.

Tornadoes go 0-4 in talented Kissimmee Klassic field

It was an 0-4 showing, but the Bradford High School softball team lost each game by an average of just two runs as the Tornadoes got the chance to see where they stood compared to some of the best teams in the state at the annual Kissimmee Klassic, which was held April 3-5.

Bradford played three defending state champions in a loaded Blue Division that also featured fellow District 5-4A member P.K. Yonge and defending Class 6A champion Columbia, which won the

tournament.

The Tornadoes opened with a 3-0 loss to defending Class 7A champion St. Thomas Aquinas, a team that returned five all-state players from last season. One of those players is pitcher Meghan King, who held Bradford to two hits.

Bradford pitcher Ashton Adkins struck out nine and gave up just one run through the first five innings, but the Raiders added two runs in the sixth off of three hits and a wild pitch.

Defending Class 2A champion Canterbury was Bradford’s next opponent. The Crusaders returned the bulk of their state champion team, which consisted of six eighth-graders, two freshmen and two sophomores, but the two teams were locked in a 1-all tie until Canterbury took advantage of two errors and a single to score the winning run in the seventh, handing the Tornadoes a 2-1 defeat.

Mackenzie Gault and Taylor Cruce went 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively, for Bradford. A single by Cruce in the third inning scored Jaci Atkinson, who reached on a bunt single with one out.

Adkins allowed one earned run on seven hits and no walks. She had four strikeouts.

Bradford’s next opponent did not win a state title last year, but Class 7A Niceville lost just two games last season and returned seven starters, including two all-state pitchers. Annie Luke

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FINS, FUR & TAILS

Weather, its effects and recent bass tourney results

The old saying is, "March wind and April showers," and we have already experienced the showers. Additionally, you might keep an eye out for the few bobwhite quail that inhabit our woods and will start mating. Most snake species will be mating during April as well. Hummingbirds will return from South America, and black bears will become more active following winter.

The weather disruptions from two weeks ago have mellowed

into a typical spring season. The local bass tournaments indicate as much. The overall weights at the tournaments have resumed the levels that reflect the spring bass spawn. The representation of the large female bass in the tournament catches will soon diminish, and the secret to finding the big ladies will become water depth and cover.

Acknowledging the obvious spring weather, the specks that prefer cooler water are moving to the deeper depths, and the bluegills are moving to the shoreline cover. The next full moon—or at least the one after the next—will likely trigger the bluegill, redbreast and shellcracker spawn.

On the saltwater front, the big action on both coasts should

be red drum, black drum and sheepshead.

Local lake levels

One of the greatest natural resources in Bradford, Clay and Union counties are the numerous lakes that dot our landscapes. It follows that the plentiful rain this area has experienced over the last summer and winter has been a great benefit to the levels in those bodies of water.

What has been a godsend, however, to all of our lakes during the last year could possibly have a divided impact to different areas in the future.

The accompanying photograph of the Hampton Lake home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt shows the water level to be 3 to 4 feet below the bottom of their lakefront door. Excessively heavy rains in a short period of time could have an adverse impact on Hampton Lake, Sampson Lake and downtown Lake Butler residents.

Conversely, the accompanying photograph of the Lake Brooklyn bowl that must be full before water will flow from it to Lake Geneva is totally dry.

That is not to say that the Keystone Lake levels have not made significant improvement over the last year, because they have. The accompanying photograph of water under the Highway 21 bridge over Brooklyn Lake shows a small



Despite the recent rainfall, the section of Lake Brooklyn that feeds overflow water to Lake Geneva has yet to fill.

This photograph of the Highway 21 bridge over Lake Brooklyn shows significant improvement over last summer.



The Hampton lakefront home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt illustrates the water levels associated with last winter's and summer's rainfall.

Luke drives in 5 in Bradford's 14-5 win

Jacob Luke homered and drove in five runs as the Bradford High School baseball team defeated District 5-4A opponent P.K. Yonge 14-5 on April 4 in Gainesville.

Luke, Zach DeWitt, Matt Stanwix-Hay and Carson Yowell each went 2-for-4 for the Tornadoes (13-7), who improved to 7-2 in District 5. DeWitt had four RBI, while Stanwix-Hay and Yowell, who doubled, each had one.

A.J. McNeal and Cody Tillman each had an RBI, while David Hall hit a double.

Caleb Polk (3-1) earned the win, giving up no runs on three hits and no walks in 3.1 innings of relief. He had six strikeouts.

Bradford (13-7 overall) played district opponent Fort White and Ridgeview prior to the P.K. Yonge game, getting a win in each.

The Tornadoes got a sacrifice RBI from Luke and a 2-for-3 performance from Hall in defeating Fort White 2-1 in eight innings on April 1. Polk earned the win, giving up one hit in three innings of relief. He had five strikeouts.

Starter Jackson Reddish gave up just five hits and one walk through the first five innings.

On April 3, Luke recorded 10 strikeouts as he helped pitch the Tornadoes to a 5-0 win over Ridgeview. Luke (2-1) gave up one hit and three walks in six innings.

Polk earned the save, striking

out three in one inning.

Luke and Hall each went 2-for-3 at the plate, with Hall hitting a double and driving in a run. "Doot" Brown hit a triple and drove in two runs, while Alex Mejias added an RBI as well.

Bradford played Eastside this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Santa Fe on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes travel to play Jacksonville Forrest on Tuesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

Indians fall 9-2 to Middleburg

Pitchers Tyler Ricketts, Dean Dukes and Austin Bass combined to allow just three earned runs, but the Keystone Heights High School baseball team committed six errors in a 9-2 loss at Middleburg on April 4.

Ricketts gave up five hits in 2.1 innings, while Dukes gave up two hits in two innings. Bass

allowed no hits and struck out three in 1.2 innings.

Jerrett Fowler drove in one Keystone's runs, while Morgan Bass hit a double.

In prior action, the Indians (11-9) defeated host St. Augustine 20-7 in five innings on April 1. Jerrett Tschorn led off the game with a home run, while Bryce Plummer homered twice as part of a 10-run first inning.

Plummer went 2-for-3 with four RBI, while Blake Richardson was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Morgan Bass, Gage Hall and Kyle Hix each drove in two runs, with Bass and Hix each going 2-for-3 and Hall going 2-for-2. Bass hit two doubles.

Cory Taylor drove in a run, while Tristan Starling went 3-for-4.

Austin Bass started on the mound, giving up four hits in two innings. Dukes gave up three hits in the final three innings.

On April 3, Hix drove in three runs as the Indians defeated visiting Interlachen 3-2 for a

District 5-4A win.

Hix hit a two-run single in the first and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly in the third as Keystone improved to 7-3 in the district.

Miller went 2-for-3 with two doubles, while Tschorn added another double.

Interlachen pulled to within one with a single, a double and a walk with two outs. The Rams had the tying run on third, but

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UCHS lifters placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the Suwannee Conference meet were: (front, l-r) Peyton Powell, Cody Church, Avery Drawdy, (back, l-r) Darian Robinson, Andrew Jones, Princeton Alexander, Alden McClellon, Austin Dukes, Austin Long and Darrell Crim.

Union repeats as Suwannee weightlifting champion

Union County High School placed in every weight class and won four, winning the Suwannee Conference Weightlifting Championship for the second straight year.

"The championship is a reflection of the hard work that

our young men have put in year round," coach Steve Hoard said.

Cody Church (119 class), Austin Long (129), Alden McClellon (169) and Andrew Jones (183) were first-place finishers for Union, while the following lifters were runners-up: Avery Drawdy (119), Darian Robinson (154), Darrell Crim (169) and Princeton Alexander (219).

Peyton Powell (199) and Austin Dukes (219) earned third-place finishes, while Dylan Bass (129), Zac Crews (139), Jonathan

Besso (199) and Josh Smith (heavyweight) earned fourth-place finishes. (Bass actually shared the second-highest weight total in the 129 class, but placed fourth due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.)

Kell Galloway (183) and Sifoa Robbins (238) each placed fifth, while Josh Scott (heavyweight) placed sixth.

Hoard wished to express his thanks to coach Bryan Griffis for all the hard work he's put in with the lifters and for going the extra mile for the program.



Mike Clemmons has a trophy catch of 9-plus pounds at the April 3 Sampson Lake Tournament.

RIGHT: Timmy Finnley proudly displays his team's big catch at the Sampson Lake Tournament. BELOW: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith take big fish and first place at the April 2 Bald Eagle Tournament.



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over the last year has been a great boon to the great sport of fishing and other water-related recreational activities in the local areas.

Bass tourney results

The Bald Eagle and Sampson Lake tournaments have resumed their seasonal schedule. The Bald Eagle tournaments take place Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., while the Sampson Lake group meets on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These are open tournaments so that any fisherman can simply pay the entry fee and fish.

The Bald Eagle Tournament results from April 2 were: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith in first with a catch of 16-plus pounds,

Michael Murrhee and Winston Kicklighter in second and Chris Hollingsworth and Drew Carroll in third. Crews presented the big fish of 5.67 pounds.

The Sampson Lake Tournament results from April 3 were: John Mihalik and Justin Jordan in first, Ronnie Seay and David Silcox in second, Mike Clemmons and John Mobley in third, Matt Elixson and Ronny Pruitt in fourth, Steve Nipper Sr. and Steve Nipper Jr. in fifth and Sam Sibley and Donnie Brooks in sixth. Mike Clemmons had the big fish, weighing in at more than 9 pounds.

Tight lines until next week.

Outdoors calendar

- April 20, last day of spring turkey season;
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Tigers sweep district foe Chiefland

Chris Starling homered and drove in three runs for the Union County High School baseball team, which defeated last year's Class 1A runner-up and fellow District 7 team Chiefland 3-2 on April 7 in Chiefland.

It was the second straight win for the Tigers (10-5, 4-3 in District 7) over Chiefland, with Union winning 9-4 in an April 3 home game.

Ty Cook (4-0) earned the win in the April 7 matchup, throwing six innings and allowing four hits and three walks. He had three strikeouts.

Jordan Bryant earned the save, throwing one inning of no-hit

ball.

The Tigers started the previous week with a 7-1 loss to visiting Hamilton County on March 31. Austin Green had an RBI, while Cole Kite and Corey Hersey hit a triple and a double, respectively.

On April 1 in Lake Butler, Cook and Trey Owen combined to pitch a one-hitter as the Tigers defeated district opponent Dixie County 12-0 in five innings.

Cook had four strikeouts, giving up one hit and one walk in four innings. Owen gave up no hits and no walks in one inning of relief.

Starling went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, while Josh Glover drove in a run as well. Cook hit a double, while Kite went 2-for-3 with a triple.

Cook hit a two-run double as part of a six-run sixth inning as the Tigers defeated visiting

Chiefland 9-4 on April 3.

The Tigers entered the bottom of the sixth tied at 3-all, but got an RBI single from Brandon Ames and a run scored by Hersey on a steal of home while the Indians were attempting to get a baserunner out between first and second. Cook and Kite also scored runs on wild pitches.

Cook and Garrett Hersey each had two RBI. Kite hit a double, while Owen went 2-for-3.

Starting pitcher Corey Hersey (3-0) gave up three hits through 6.2 innings, striking out eight.

Bryant got the final out of the game, striking out Chiefland's Payton Parnell with two runners on.

Union played Fort White this past Tuesday and St. Francis on Wednesday, April 9. The Tigers travel to play district opponent Newberry on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Suwannee on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, April 15, Union returns home to play Interlachen at 6 p.m.

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Hix, in relief of starter Morgan Bass, forced a groundout to end the game.

Bass gave up four hits across 6.2 innings.

The Indians, who played Bishop Snyder on Wednesday, April 9, travel to play district opponent Fort White on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Keystone travels to play Ridgeview on Monday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. before returning home to play New York school Iroquois at 7 p.m.

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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

Edwin Elisha Baker, 27, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of drug-controlled substance without a prescription and for selling opium or derivative within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charges.

Robert Lee Bettis, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Chad Austin Carpenter, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Carpenter asked a person that lives on the same property he does on C.R. 229 West in Bradford County to borrow money for gas and cigarettes. When the person refused to give him money, he walked away, then returned shortly and started to yell at the victim. He struck the victim in the chest with his fist and grabbed him around the neck with his arm. He also left a bruise on the victim's arm when the victim attempted to get away and Carpenter grabbed him on the arm. When the victim told Carpenter he was going to call the cops, Carpenter ran to a shed he lives in and locked the door. Deputies were called and arrested Carpenter for battery.

Shericka Irene Cooper, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Sarah Jane Marjorye Drawdy, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Ana Berthamacias Farias, 46, of Melrose was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for driving without having a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Jerry Dean Feltner, 47, of Lawley was arrested April 5 by Lawley police for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, police were called to a residence about a domestic dispute. While the officer was interviewing the victim, Feltner came out of the residence extremely intoxicated, according to the report, and began to get angry and ordered the officer off his property several times. Feltner then had to be restrained from charging at the officer by several deputies that had arrived at the residence, and he was arrested.

Amy Brooke Franssen, 35, of Gainesville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jessica Lauren Hall, 22, of Monticello and Hayden Andrew Hall, 21, of Keystone Heights were arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, the couple were

staying at a relative's home in Bradford County when another relative discovered needles and spoons with burn marks on the bottom in the bathroom of their room. The sheriff's office was called, and both Halls admitted to using cocaine and injecting Suboxone with the needles, and they were arrested.

Nicole Renee Hampton, 21, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant from Clay for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Ronald Davison Hoffner, 30, of High Springs was arrested April 3 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Tasha Feon Johnson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Erik James Knize, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested April 2 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for violation of probation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Bonnie Lee Lafaso, 48, of Palatka was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for passing worthless checks. Bond was set at \$632 for the charge.

Earl Antonio Lee, 31, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of cocaine, selling cocaine, two charges of possession of marijuana and for selling marijuana. All of the charges except one marijuana possession occurred within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$140,000 for the charges.

Bruce Lavell Perry, 49, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Ronald Eric Sawyer, 42, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Genesee Noel Stone, 22, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report Stone verbally threatened a family member during an argument, at which time the police were called. While another person went outside to wait for the police, Stone attacked the family member, knocking her to the floor and hitting her several times in the face while sitting on her. Stone was arrested once police arrived and transported to jail.

Eddie Lee Thompkins, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested March 31 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area, and for selling cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Stacie Colleen Thornton, 40, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Thornton was observed at Walmart by an employee placing several packages of curtains and bottles of air freshener in her bag. She paid for several other items in the garden section, but was detained when she started to leave the store with the items in her bag. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Stephen M. Winekoff, 57, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Winekoff pulled the victim to the ground after she attempted to stop him from getting something out of her vehicle as it was being towed away for repairs.

Keystone/Melrose

Lisa Bruno, 34, and Susan Cavender, 36, both of Keystone Heights, were arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for practicing health care (massage) without a license.

According to a sheriff's office report, the agency began receiving information in January that the two were possibly engaging in illicit activities in the Keystone Heights area.

Investigators discovered advertisements on the website Backpage.com from the two, promoting "companionship and guaranteed satisfaction" with variable hourly rates of pay for their services.

A deputy wrote in a report that he explained to Bruno that "by offering, advertising, communicating or holding herself out for a massage or 'back rub' in exchange for payment, she was practicing a health care profession without a proper license."

After interviewing both suspects, deputies booked them into the Clay County Jail.

Henry Blake Bussey, 35, of Melrose was arrested April 6 by Putnam deputies for aggravated battery, false imprisonment, sexual assault and on an out-of-county warrant.

Larry Hartley, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for making written threats to kill.

According to a sheriff's office report, Hartley was upset because his ex-girlfriend had begun dating again. He allegedly sent messages from his mobile phone to the woman's phone threatening to kill her. After interviewing Hartley at home,

deputies booked him into the Clay County Jail.

Nicholas Janowitz, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

James Logan, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

William Parker, 48, of Melrose was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Kimberly Osborne, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

David Rose, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Union

Jose Dean Gonzalez, 20, of Worthington Springs was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for domestic battery.

Kenneth Lee Clark, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the Kangaroo store in Raiford about Clark, who had told the clerk he was parking at the store until he could sober up. Clark kept going into the store when the clerk was alone and asking if she needed any help, which made the clerk uncomfortable. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Trevor Wes Parrish, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication and for criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence where Parrish resides in a camper behind the home, with the victim stating he was beating on her door and dumping dog food all over her yard. Parrish was arrested for disorderly intoxication at that point. The next morning, the owner discovered that Parrish had destroyed cabinets, shelving, boxes of chicken quail eggs and five incubator units, as well as

overturning animal cages in a trailer behind the home. He had also dumped out bags of animal feed, damaged a washing machine on the home's back porch and punctured two tires of the victim's vehicle with a knife. He was then charged with criminal mischief-property damage of \$1,000 or more.

Lloyd Randle Hunt, 47, of Lake Butler was arrested April 6 by Union deputies for assault on medical personnel and for a warrant for felony probation violation. According to the arrest report, Hunt was a patient at Lake Butler Hospital, threatening staff and asking for pain medication. The staff told the deputy that he was intoxicated and that he threatened to hit one staff member in the head so they would "know how he feels." He was arrested with no bond allowed for the probation violation.

Clarence Griffin, 79, of Lake Butler was arrested March 31 by Union deputies for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony for aggravated battery using a deadly weapon, for carrying a prohibited weapon openly, for two weapon offense charges-commit third-degree felony with a weapon and using firearm under the influence of alcohol, and for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Griffin got into an argument with a male victim near West Side Park in Lake Butler over some dogs. Griffin hit the victim with a chair, then threatened to get a gun and shoot him when the victim went to retaliate with a chair he picked up. When the victim saw Griffin open his vehicle trunk and retrieve a gun, he ran from the area and was picked up by a friend in her vehicle. Griffin started to follow them in his car, and the friend called 911. Griffin was stopped by deputies at gunpoint before entering the Kangaroo store, and a search of his car revealed a Winchester 30-30 rifle in the trunk. Griffin told deputies he didn't have a weapon in the vehicle when they stopped him and refused to go to the ground when ordered to do so. The rifle was loaded with a round in the chamber and five

rounds in the magazine. He was handcuffed and arrested, and later told deputies that he had all intentions of killing the victim when he retrieved his weapon at the park and then went looking for him in his vehicle. After his arrest, Griffin was additionally charged with failure to appear for a felony offense and failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense.

Hector Rodriguez-Cruz, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested March 30 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, a deputy encountered Rodriguez-Cruz walking his bike down C.R. 231 near the old Clark's Grocery store. He was stumbling and swaying, and appeared intoxicated. The deputy knew he lived nearby, and ordered him to go home since he was too impaired to walk on the roadway. Rodriguez-Cruz turned back toward his home, but 20 minutes later, the deputy spotted him at the Kangaroo store in Lake Butler, leaning on the ice machine to keep in an upright position. He was then arrested for disorderly intoxication.

Sylvester Warren, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and possession of narcotic equipment. According to the arrest report, Warren was walking on Southwest Ninth Avenue and was stopped for questioning by a deputy that had spotted him earlier sitting on the porch of a residence while the owner was not at home. Warren kept his hands behind his back during the questioning, and the deputy discovered he had a metal pipe and several pieces of crack cocaine in them. He was arrested and transported to jail.

A 15-year-old was arrested at the UCHS alternative school for assault and disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, the juvenile was cussing and threatening teachers about work he was assigned to do, and gestured at one teacher with his fist as if he was going to hit her. He was also uncooperative with the deputy when he arrived and asked him to leave the classroom.

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy Altman

Dorothy Altman

STARKE—Dorothy “Dot” Louise Altman, age 78, of Starke passed away Saturday, April 5, 2014 at her residence. Dot was born in Jacksonville on Sept. 11, 1935 to the late George W. Hall and Inez D. Price Hall. She was a resident of Jacksonville for many years and moved to Starke in 1985 where she became a member of Bayless Highway Baptist Church. Dot was passionate about her church and being a Sunday school teacher. She loved attending church and helping others. She also enjoyed being a homemaker because she loved taking care of her husband and children. Dot was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ernie, John Wesley, and Herman Hall; her sisters, Nellie Lang and Mildred Baldwin; her sister-in-law, Cora Hall; and brothers-in-law, Jimmy Anderson, Charles Lang, and Elmer Baldwin.

Dot is survived by: her loving husband of 61 years, Donald Leonard Altman, Sr. of Starke; her

children, Don (Debbie) Altman, Jr. of Jacksonville and Amanda Altman of Starke; her brother, Herbert Hall of Starke; her sisters, Barbara Anderson and Frances (Mike) Gullubske both of Jacksonville; her grandchildren, Donald (Katie) Altman, III and Jacob Altman; her great grandchildren, Emily and Austin Altman; many step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 9 at Bayless Highway Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Stading officiating. Interment was held at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 14397 US Highway 301 South, Starke. 904.964.5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Carlotta Armstrong

STARKE—Carlotta Wurst Armstrong, 75 of Starke died Friday, April 4, 2014 at Bradford Terrace. She was born on Feb. 3, 1939 in Kansas City, Kan. to the late Carl and Hattie Ellamae (Justice) Wurst and was a longtime area resident. She was a homemaker and a Protestant. Preceding her in death was her daughter Kara Zackery.

Survivors are: daughter, Robin Hundley of Nokomis, Ill.; sons, Phillip Czarowitz of Hampton and John Czarowitz of Arlington, Texas; 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Helene Brewer

Helene Brewer

JACKSONVILLE— Helene Elmas Brewer, 93, passed away on Thursday April 3, 2014 in Jacksonville. She was born in New

York City on Nov. 8, 1920 and raised in Chicago prior to moving to Jacksonville in 1944.

She is survived by: two sons, John D. (Judy) Brewer and Randall D. Brewer; two daughters, Sylvia Diane Luckett and Reva “Janie” Hamilton of Keystone Heights; a brother, Dan Momjian. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Amy, Daniel, Kirt and Alex, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 4 pm in the Evangel Temple fellowship hall at 5755 Ramona Blvd with Pastor John Harwell officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Eternity Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

PAID OBITUARY



John Callahan

John Callahan

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mr. John Paul Callahan, age 39, of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday April, 2, 2014 in Gainesville following a brief illness. He was born in Woodbury, N.J. on Nov. 6, 1974 and became a resident of Keystone Heights in 1985. John was a Superintendent for American Refrigeration and was also of the Catholic Faith. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing music on his guitar. He was also very artistic when it came to welding and airbrushing. John was preceded in death by his sister, Colleen M. Callahan in 2008.

Survivors are: one son, Aedan Callahan; parents, Jim and Norma Callahan; and two brothers, Scott (Tania) Callahan, and Jim (Megan) Callahan, all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind is John's Maternal Grandmother, Pauline B. Paranto of New Jersey and his 101 year old great Aunt Wilhelmmina of New Jersey; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and his girlfriend Becca Wall of Orange Park.

The family will receive friends in the St. William Catholic Church on Thursday, April 10, between 5 and 7 p.m. The Rosary will begin at 7 p.m. following the visitation. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, in St. William Catholic Church with Father Mike Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Cemetery immediately following Mass. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Lucille Davis

FT. LAUDERDALE—Lucile Walker Davis died Wednesday April 2, 2014. She was born on April 20, 1942 in Hampton to James Walker and Lizzie J. Walker-Sullivan. She attended the public schools

of Bradford County and later attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and Williams Memorial C.M.E. Church.

She was preceded in death by: husband, Leroy Walker; and three siblings; Terry L. Sullivan, Johnny P. Sullivan and Larry G. Sullivan.

She is survived by: husband, D.C. Davis of Ft. Lauderdale; son, Leroy (Donae) Walker of Orlando; daughter, Kimberly (Joseph) Walker of Ft. Lauderdale; seven grandchildren; brother, Fredrick Walker; sisters, Joyce (Harold) Mitchell and Gail Carroll.

Services will be Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 am at the Macedonia Baptist Church East State Road 18, Waldo. Interment will follow at Hampton Community Cemetery in Hampton. Arrangements under care of James C. Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale.



Harold Epps

Harold Epps

STARKE—Harold Wesley Epps, 78, of Starke went home to be with his Lord Saturday, April 5, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Epps was born June 27, 1935 in Nettleton, Ark. to the late Elmer and Marie Epps, he was raised there until he moved to Starke in 1954 where he married and raised his family. Mr. Epps was a dedicated Member and full time technician employee of the Florida Army National Guard for 39 years, retiring with the rank of CW4. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Starke for many years and also a charter member of Madison Street Baptist Church. Mr. Epps was on the Starke City Commission, and served as mayor. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 56 for many years where he enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow members. Mr. Epps enjoyed his daily morning coffee run to Hardees. He was a loving, caring husband, father, pawpaw, brother and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Joan Silcox Epps, brothers, Bill Epps and Jerry Epps and three grandchildren.

Mr. Epps is survived by: his wife, Phyllis Epps of Starke; sons, Bobby Epps of Starke and Gray Williams of Loudon, Tenn.; daughters, Angela Haynes of Lake Butler and Sharon Williams of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Corey Blocker, Wesley Mann, Jessica Epps, Andrew Barber, Brandon Williams, Savanna Epps, Chrissy Barber, Mikayla Williams; three great grandchildren; sister, Helen Crumby of Jonesboro, Ark.; brothers, Jimmy Epps of Starke and Tommy Epps of Jonesboro, Ark.; and several nephew and nieces.

Mr. Epps' funeral service will be held Thursday, April 10, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Hudson and Rev. Kyle Harrison officiating. Burial will take place following the services at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008

PAID OBITUARY

Alpha Fraser

MELROSE—Alpha Thomas Fraser, 85, of Melrose died Monday, March 31, 2014 at Lake Butler Hospital and Hand Surgery Center. He was born on April 7, 1928 in Avon Park to the late Roma Thomas and Eleanor (Branning) Fraser. He was a plant manager for the manufacturing industry before retiring. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Melrose. He served in the United States Air Force. He is preceded in death by: his wife of 62 years, Willonell “Willie (Barrows) Fraser.

He is survived by: children, Andrew Fraser of Melrose, Patricia Fraser of Berkeley, Calif., and Robert (Debra) Fraser of Augusta, Ga.; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 1 pm at the family home in Melrose. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Sarah Holmes

Sarah Holmes

PROVIDENCE—Sarah J. Holmes, 99, of Providence died on Friday, April 4, 2014 at her Residence. Born on Nov. 10, 1914 in Union County, she attended school at Hopewell and St. John. She worked as a home health nurse and cook. She was a member at Hopewell Church of God by Faith.

She is survived by: daughters, Dorothy Grimage, Fannie Riggins, Minnie and Ruth Holmes all of Lake Butler, Jannie Jones of Avon Park; sons, Albert Holmes, Morris Holmes, Clyde Holmes, Roy Holmes, Wesley Holmes all of Lake Butler and Otto Holmes of Saudi Arabia; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 12, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith under the direction of Bishop James McKnight Sr and Interment will be held at St. John Cemetery in Providence. Under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith form 5-7:00 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the services.

Edward Register

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Edward David Register, 64, of Keystone Heights died in Gainesville on April 1, 2014. He was born in Seattle, Wash. on Oct. 6, 1949 to the late Ralph and Dorothy (Barber) Register, and served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights and had retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include: his wife, Penny

Register; and stepson, Max Osborne both of Keystone Heights; brothers, Carl Register of Melrose and Randy Register of Keystone Heights; and sister, Barber Hunter of Florahome.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Amvets Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Eva Shuford

LAWTEY—Eva Durban Shuford, 103, of Lawtey died Monday, April 7, 2014 at Shands Starke. She was born on Jan. 26, 1911 in Lawtey to the late David and Emma (Estell) Durban and was a lifelong area resident. Eva was a homemaker and the oldest living member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lawtey. She was preceded in death by her husband George P. Shuford.

Survivors are: daughter, Esther S. (John) Hall of Starke; sons, Glenn D. (Helen) Shuford and James P. (Betty) Shuford all of Lawtey. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Thursday morning, April 10, at 11 o'clock in Lawtey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Homer Tew Sr.

STARKE—Homer Leon Tew Sr., 91, of Starke died Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center with family by his side. He was born in Slocumb, Ala. on April 22, 1922 to the late Oscar H. Tew and Annie Estelle Hinson Tew. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He retired as a quality assurance manager from Ford Motor Company at the Norfolk Assembly Plant. After retirement, he relocated to Starke and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Laurie Blanch Sapp and Annie Ruth Grubbs.

He is survived by: his wife of 70 years, Jessie Bunn Tew of Starke; sons, Homer Leon (Theresa) Tew, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Mich. and David Edmund (Donna) Tew of Starke; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 8 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Brother Harry Hatcher, III officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Masonic Rites. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, 3350 State Road 60 East, Bartow, FL 33830. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Matthew Tracy

INTERLACHEN—Matthew Fabain Tracy, 4 months, of Interlachen died on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Putnam Community Medical Center. Matthew was born in Orange Park on Nov. 4, 2013 to Shawn Timothy Tracy, II and Brittney Leeanne Shaw of Interlachen. Matthew was preceded in death by his uncle, William Ellison.

Matthew is survived by: sister, Ellise Tracy of Interlachen; maternal grandparents, Harlan and Leona Shaw of Ohio; his paternal grandparents, Shawn and Debbie Tracy of Keystone Heights, and his aunt and uncle, Shawna and Shaun Keen of Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held on April 7 at Gadara Cemetery with interment following. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

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Lady Indians finish 2nd in district

The Keystone Heights High School girls' tennis team posted a 5-3 season that included wins over Bradford (2), Clay, Interlachen and Oakleaf. Team members Jazzy Budny, Kathy Nguyen, Hannah Fox, Crystal Alonzo and Jessica Grimaldo then led the Indians to a second-place tie with Ridgeview in the District 4-2A tournament. Pictured (l-r) are coach Pam Wells, Peyton Collins, Kathy Nguyen, Johanna Hires, Jazzy Budny, Hannah Fox, Jessica Grimaldo, Anna Fields, Crystal Alonzo, Jolene Miller, Brittany Smith, Chloe Harris and coach Betsy Sullivan.

Union's Dukes, Green to play at Atlanta Sports Academey

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Union County High School seniors Austin Dukes and Geordyn Green have dreamed of playing big-time football since they were kids playing together in the yard, Dukes making believe he was Brian Urlacher and Green pretending he was Deion Sanders.

They hope Atlanta Sports Academy will get them closer to that dream, signing letters of intent to play there during a March 26 ceremony in the UCHS



Linebacker Austin Dukes signs his letter of intent as his father, Bruce, looks on. Photo by Lola Lacy.

media center.

The players said they had offers from Division II schools,

but they believe a year at Atlanta Sports Academy can put them in the position to play at a bigger school.

"We had smaller, D-II offers," Green said, "but we knew we had the ability to do more than D-II, so we're going to go there, take this opportunity and advance on it."

Dukes said, "I'm extremely excited about this opportunity. I really am."

Though Atlanta Sports Academy can be viewed as a prep school, Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said his players' decisions to go there were no way based on a need to improve academic performance. Dukes and Green both could've been accepted to larger schools because of their grades and become walk-ons, Pruitt said.

This opportunity is all about improving as athletes and hopefully earning athletic scholarships to larger schools.

"I think it's going to help them and give them a little more time to develop physically and, hopefully, open a door at the next level to what they're looking for," Pruitt said.

Dukes said, "I know I'm not developed fully. I know this extra year will be really good. It's basically like a redshirt year at a major college."

Green said the decision to turn down offers from smaller schools wasn't easy, but in the end, the path he and Dukes have chosen seems to be the best for what they want to accomplish.

"You think about playing time and all the opportunities you'd have at D-II," Green said, "but after weighing the goods and bads of each, it kind of made the decision a lot easier to swallow."

Dukes has played on the offensive line, but linebacker is where he has made his mark, earning first-team all-state honors this past season. Pruitt said Dukes' play at middle linebacker was the key to the overall defense's success and allowed the team to take chances on the outside with its defensive ends.

"We can't do a lot of that stuff without knowing that we're going to be secure up in the middle," Pruitt said. "Austin allowed us the opportunity to gamble and do things that otherwise might be unsound, but we had athletes out there who could make it happen. We knew that he could plug the middle."

Pruitt said Dukes also brought emotion to a defense that really featured quite a lot of quiet kids. One of those players who didn't seem to show a lot of outside emotion was Green, who earned second-team all-state honors at defensive back.

Green's play on the field, though, makes quite a statement. "Whatever position he gets put in he'll make some noise at," Pruitt said.

Green also made plays happen on the offensive side of the ball, lining up at running back and wide receiver. Pruitt believes offense is where Green will have his biggest impact at the next level. The coach described plays where it seemed Green was going backward or about to be tackled, only to realize a few seconds later he was sprinting downfield.

"He's one of the more dynamic players when he gets the ball in his hands," Pruitt said.

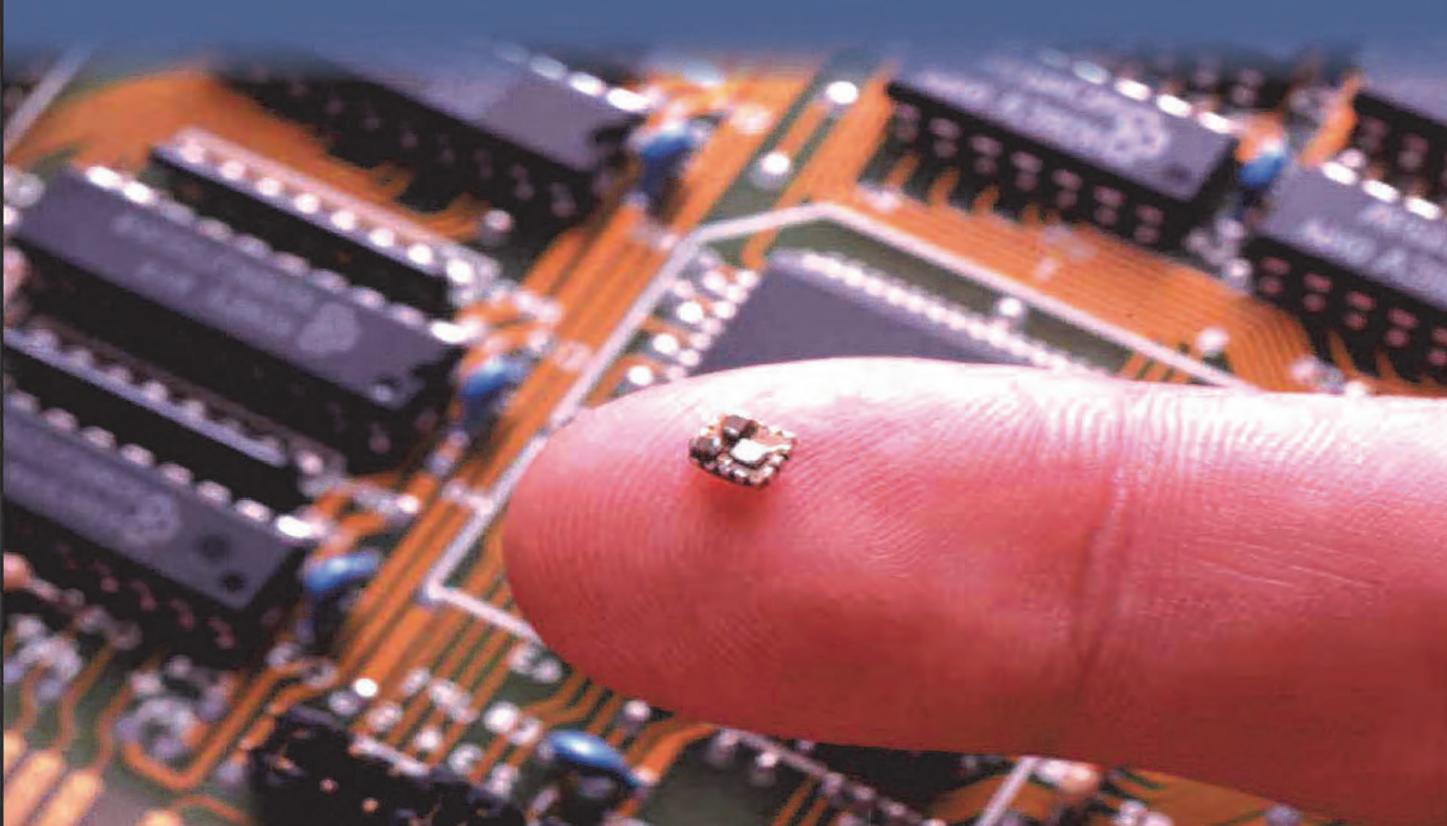
Green said he can envision himself as a slot receiver or scat back at the next level, which he said would be a lot of fun.

However, it doesn't matter where a team decides to play him. The opportunity is all he asks for.

"It's all about getting the chance," Green said. "It doesn't matter what side of the ball you put me on. I'm going to compete to highest of my potential."

When the players were asked what their dream school would

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be, they both replied, "Florida," with Dukes adding that playing at any SEC school, really, would be a dream come true.

It's a dream that began early in life.

"I remember back in Pop Warner days, (Green) used to come over to my house," Dukes said. "We used to always dream about playing somewhere big—I'm talking big time."

Perhaps Atlanta Sports Academy will make that dream a reality. At the very least, it gives Dukes and Green at least one more team to play together on.



Geordyn Green signs his letter of intent as his mother, Natasha, looks on. Green played multiple positions on both sides of the ball for UCHS. Photo by Lola Lacy.

"That's the best feeling in the world, playing with your best friend," Dukes said.

Pruitt said Dukes and Green are like brothers, so he knows they are looking forward to the opportunity to still be teammates.

"This gave them the opportunity to both be together and accomplish the same goal," Pruitt said. "It's a win-win situation for them."

Keystone loses lead late in 6-1 district loss

Keystone Heights High School held a 1-0 lead through the first five innings, but visiting Santa Fe scored three runs each in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Indians 6-1 in a District 5-4A softball game on April 3.

Tiffany Brown went 2-for-2 for Keystone, which fell to 4-6 in the district. Karla Casas hit a double.

Keystone (6-11) will begin play in the District 5-4A tournament on Monday, April 14. (See related story on page 5B.)

giving up six hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

Union (8-10) participated in the Santa Fe Raider Invitational March 7-8, defeating Bishop Kenny 11-1 and Bell 13-5, while losing 7-1 to Santa Fe and 13-5 to South Carolina school Bluffton.

On March 25, the Tigers lost 10-3 to visiting Suwannee. McClellan went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Lewis was 3-for-3. Andrews added an RBI.

McClellan and Jordyn Driggers each drove in two runs in the Tigers' 6-3 District 7-1A win at Williston on April 2. McClellan, Zipperer and Kyaln Tucker each hit a double, with Zipperer driving in a run. Howe

and Kalyn Ingram went 2-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Ingram driving in a run.

Holly Tucker started in the circle, giving up five hits and one walk through six innings. She had seven strikeouts.

Kaylan Tucker struck out three and gave up no hits in one inning of relief.

The Tigers played district opponent Chiefland this past Tuesday and will close the regular season at home against Baldwin on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

Union begins play in the District 7 tournament on Tuesday, April 15. (See related story on page 5B.)

Lewis, Seay homer in Union win

Devin Lewis drove in four runs, and she and Valerie Seay each hit a home run as the Union County High School softball team won its second straight game, defeating visiting Interlachen 16-4 on April 7.

Lewis and Seay, who had two RBI, finished 2-for-2 and 3-for-4, respectively. Kendallynn Johns drove in three runs, while Jordan Howe and Madison McClellan each drove in two. McClellan hit a double, as did Katie Zipperer, who finished 3-for-3 with an RBI. Kayla Andrews was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Pitcher Holly Tucker threw a complete game (five innings),

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went 2-for-3, but the Tornados managed just one other hit in a 3-0 loss.

Niceville scored all of its runs in the second inning, taking advantage of two walks, a double and an error.

Bradford pitcher Shelby Wilkison gave up four hits.

In Bradford's tournament finale, Luke had another big game, but it wasn't enough in a 3-2 loss to defending Class 8A champion Coral Reef.

Luke went 3-for-3, while Lindsey Wiggins went 2-for-3.

Gault hit a lead-off single to start the game and advanced to third on a single by Luke before scoring on an error. The Barracudas, off of two singles and a triple, answered with two

runs in the bottom of the first.

Coral Reef hit three straight singles with two outs to score another run in the second.

Luke singled in the third. Kaylen Chitty, who entered the game to run for Luke, eventually scored on an error.

Adkins pitched the final four innings, giving up no hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

P.K. Yonge, which has defeated Bradford twice and stands atop the District 5-4A standings, went 2-2, defeating Niceville 7-2 and Canterbury 8-7. The Blue Wave lost 5-4 to defending Class 4A champion Gulliver Prep and 13-3 to Class 7A Tate.

Bradford, which played Gainesville this past Tuesday, closes the regular season with a home game against Palatka on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

The District 5-4A tournament begins next week. (See related story on page 5B.)



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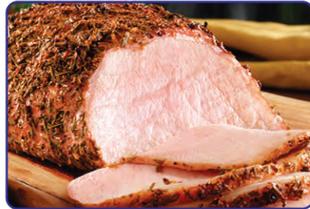
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