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## WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

### Wounded Warrior fundraiser, May 9

Lake Butler FFA is partnering up with the Spirit of Union County Tiger Band and Union County High School JROTC to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. They invite everyone to come out and support the inaugural Tigers Forever Strong event and cake auction on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Lake Butler Elementary School cafeteria.

They're calling all Union County veterans to come to attend a special dinner before the event. Please RSVP for the dinner by May 2.

And they're looking for contributions for the cake auction. Additionally, sponsorships are being accepted through April 25.

All proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Come support our veterans.

For more info or to contribute, contact Lake Butler Sr. FFA Adviser Erin Johnson at 386-496-4196 or [johnsone@union.k12.fl.us](mailto:johnsone@union.k12.fl.us).

### Youth revival at CrossRoads, April 23-25

CrossRoads to Victory Church in Lawtey is having a youth revival April 23-25 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Cody Griffis. The church is located at 17913 Northeast 271st Avenue.

For more info, call the church 386-496-1158 or visit [crossroadstovictorychurch.com](http://crossroadstovictorychurch.com).

### Tea party meeting and special speaker, April 24

A tea party meeting will be held on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Union County Commission chambers in the courthouse.

Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Connell will speak on the financial affairs and status of the county.

Everyone is welcome.

### Project G.R.A.D. bake sale & car wash, April 26

Project G.R.A.D. is having a bake sale and car wash on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations accepted. All proceeds go to Project G.R.A.D. for the Union County High School Class of 2014.

### Dinner & swing dancing, April 26, ticket required

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](mailto:dorseyk@union.k12.fl.us).

### UC Food Pantry closing

After five years and serving almost 200 individuals/families, the Union County Food Pantry has had to shut its doors. We're waiting for the good Lord to find another home for us, but so far, nothing.

Thank you to all those who donated food to keep us going. Please keep us in your prayers.

## LB installs historic railroad crossing signal by depot

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Last week the City of Lake Butler installed an old railroad crossing signal as part of its growing historic district. The new addition is located next to the depot building near the beginning of the Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail. It joins an old corn crib/hen house donated by Bobby and Regina Parrish, with other items from antiquity to be added to the growing collection in the future.

"(Former city employee) Ricky Jenkins salvaged the blinking light," City Manager Dave Mecusker said, "and he put it in the Maintenance Department, and it just got put in the back room. And it's probably been in the back room for, good grief, I'd say 40 years."

Director of Utilities Hardy Clyatt gave Mecusker a tour about a year-and-a-half

ago and brought it to his attention.

"And we thought it would be nice to put it up in the historical section of the park," Mecusker said. "I do think it's a neat thing for the citizens to see, as far as part of this area's heritage."

Bill McGill will be donating a sugar cane grinder that will be set up in the next month or two, Mecusker said.

The railroad signal now sits just a few blocks down from where it was originally installed across from Spires IGA and Skip's Deli at the old crossing there on Southwest Sixth Avenue between State Road 100 and Southwest First Street.

The railroad rails and ties were removed in the mid-1990s from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad right-of-way that runs through Putnam, Clay, Bradford and Union counties, where the 47-mile state trail is being developed.



ABOVE: Lake Butler City Manager Dave Mecusker and Director for Parks & Roads Mike Banks stand next to historic railroad crossing signal. INSET: Corn crib/hen house located in growing historic district.



## Residents celebrate Easter in a variety of special ways

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Residents throughout Union County celebrated Easter in a variety of ways—at church, at the library, in the community and of course at home.

Leading up to Easter in Lake Butler, Victory Christian Center and First Christian Church both gave a special communion presentation of the Last Supper based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting by the same name.

First Christian reenacted the painting by giving a live portrayal of it for its Holy Week Communion Service open to the community. Senior Minister Art Peterson narrated the drama, giving a brief biographical sketch of Jesus' twelve disciples as each respective man entered to take his place, and then recounted the scene as recorded in the Bible. "Jesus" then broke bread and passed it around along with the "one cup" from which each man drank.

At one point when Peterson repeated the section in Scripture when Jesus says that someone will betray him that night and the disciples wondered who it was, the men froze in their respective poses to reenact da Vinci's painting. They held that for several minutes while those in attendance took communion.

Victory Christian performed a live dramatization of the painting, having each man describe the respective disciple he represented. Next, Pastor Patrick Maxwell, who portrayed Jesus, appeared on stage and described the events of that evening long ago and "washed" the disciples' feet. The men then served communion to those in attendance and Maxwell went on to preach. They finished with some a cappella congregational singing.

The Union County Public Library held its weekly preschool storytime, focusing this time on Easter, of course. The library welcomed over 50 children and their parents during two programs

on Thursday. Activities included many Easter-related songs, stories, crafts and games. Some of the children's favorite activities included making their own Easter bunny ear headbands, followed by bunny hopping around the library to hunt for candy-filled Easter eggs.

Afterward, the children retreated back to the party room for some Easter treats and finished the party off with an egg toss, where children lined up waiting to toss their eggs through the mouth of the bunny. The library's Tennille Brannen described it as an "eggstraordinary day."

On Friday, the annual Good Friday Service was held at First Christian, with ministers across the county each presenting on one of "The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross." That included Peterson along with Associate Minister David Tompkins, Maxwell, Larry Clyatt from Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Paul O'Steen



O'Steen

and Tim Rose from Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs and Daniel Search from First United Methodist Church in Lake Butler. Buddy Ball from Sardis led the invocation. First Christian's Randy DeShong led congregational singing and Katie Monaghan played piano and sang the song titled "Why" by Nichole Nordeman.

Even students from Union County High School attended as part of Narie Gibson's and Julie Denson's World Religions class.

On Saturday, the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 10082 hosted its Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt where they also served lunch and handed out goodie bags.

Sanderson Christian Revival Center had a clothes giveaway, followed by an Easter egg hunt.

On Easter, Sardis Baptist held a sunrise service and a regular worship service.

The annual Community Sunrise Service was once again held down by the lake at the Lakeside Park pavilion. Afterward, everyone was invited to breakfast at First Christian, packing the Fellowship Hall.

The church then had Sunday School and a regular worship service. The day before they enjoyed their annual Bike Ride and Easter Egg Hunt at the Arnold Farm, with lunch served afterward.

In spite of inclement weather at times that offered some unseasonably cool temperatures and rain, a spirit of celebration and unity was evident throughout Union County.



At the library Caylee Harrison smiles with all her Easter goodies.

TOP: First Christian Church's live portrayal of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper": (L-r) Vincent Alex Brown as Bartholomew, Associate Minister David Tompkins as James the Less, George Ricks as Andrew, Norman Personette as Judas Iscariot, Wayne Metz as Peter, Dan Webb as John, Randy Merritt as Jesus, Jason Sparks as Thomas, David Wells as James, George Metz as Philip, Avery Roberts as Matthew, Jeff Personette as Thaddaeus and Clinton Freeman as Simon the Zealot.

ABOVE: Victory Christian Center's live dramatization of da Vinci's painting: (L-r) Bernard Reed, Steve Kelly, Herman Ridgeway, Joshua Hill, Andre Ross, Randy Odom, Pastor Patrick Maxwell as Jesus, Adrian Tucker, Geordyn Green, George Green, Thomas Webb, Rufus Jefferson and Thomas Webb Jr.

## Florida chooses replacement for FCAT

Common Core opponents express concern over new testing company

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Last month the Florida Department of Education announced that it chose a replacement for FCAT (Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test) 2.0, with testing to be conducted by the not-for-profit American Institutes for Research (AIR) beginning this next school year.

Common Core-aligned English and math exams developed by a coalition of states were initially supposed to replace the FCAT. Those tests are being developed by PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). However, Florida pulled back from both Common Core and its attached tests, meaning the state needed an FCAT replacement.

PARCC will actually have its new assessments also available this coming school year.

However, AIR is providing Florida's FCAT replacement.

"The new assessment will measure each child's progress and achievement on the Florida Standards, which were developed with an unprecedented amount of public input," stated Education Commissioner Pam Stewart in FDOE's release. "This assessment supports our new standards, which emphasize flexibility for teachers to make their own decisions in classrooms while preparing our students to analyze and think."

The Florida Standards are based on the Common Core State Standards.

The release gave some history on the test changes:

Using input from the summit, Governor (Rick) Scott issued Executive Order 13-276, which initiated Florida's departure from the national PARCC consortium as its fiscal agent, to ensure that the state would be able to procure a test specifically designed for Florida's needs without federal intervention.

Governor Scott also set out eight goals for the new assessment to ensure the best outcome for Florida students. Among those eight objectives were an emphasis on prompt reports of results, no significant change in testing time for students, no significant increase in costs of the assessments and an assurance that testing dates be as close as possible to the end of the school year to maximize learning opportunities. This assessment meets those goals.

Governor Scott also requested additional public comments about the standards, which resulted in public hearings around the state and thousands of comments from Floridians. In February 2014, the State Board of Education approved changes to the standards that reflected the input. The new Florida Standards for mathematics

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etc.

**LB Arbor Day Celebration, April 25**

The City of Lake Butler, in cooperation with Lake Butler Middle School and the Florida Forest Service, will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25. Throughout the morning sixth-graders will plant dogwood trees at City Hall. An Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented to Forestry.

**Library board meeting, April 28**

The Union County Public Library Board will meet on Monday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome to attend.

**“Fallen Leaves” author to speak, April 28**

“Fallen Leaves” author Robert Jones will speak at the Union County Historical Society, Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

**UC Tobacco Free Partnership scholarship deadline is May 9**

The Union County Tobacco Free Partnership is offering a college scholarship to qualified SWAT members to receive an award up to \$500 of financial assistance for college. Applicants must be a Union County High School senior, a member of SWAT for at least two years and an active member and plan to attend college.

Applications are available in the guidance office. Submit applications by May 9 to: Tobacco Prevention Program, 495 E. Main St., Lake Butler, FL 32054.

**LBWC scholarship deadline is May 12**

The Lake Butler Woman's Club is offering a scholarship for a female resident of Union County to attend an accredited university or college in the state of Florida. The scholarship will pay \$500 to the individual. If you are interested in applying, you can pick up an application packet from Tangelia Mackey in the guidance department at Union County High School. All applications must be submitted by May 12.

**Ester King scholarship deadline is May 29**

Applications are now available for pickup at Union County High School or the District School Board Office. Deadline for applications is May 29. An ACT score of 18 or higher is required.

Call 386-496-3040 or 386-496-2045 ext. 238 with any questions.

**Delta Kappa Gamma offering scholarship to area women**

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

Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited college or university and near completion of two years (four semesters) of undergraduate coursework.

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

**FBC building a “bridge” between faith and family**

BY STEPHEN WELLS  
Worship Pastor, FBC Lake Butler

One of our core visions of the church is to see authentic faith in every part of our people's lives. Whether you're at home, at work and on the go, authentic faith is being practiced. We believe the Bible teaches that the hub of faith development is not the church but it's the home, or the family (Deuteronomy 6).

As effective as church programs are, no pastor, no ministry and no program has nearly the impact and influence that moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas have on the next generation. Home is where your worldview is formed. Home is where you are who you really are.

It's a continual work-in-progress but it is a blessed and wonderful journey that we're on, bridging the gap between faith and family.

Not long ago First Baptist Church of Lake Butler purchased the building that housed Roberts Insurance and the Union County Times, both of which are now located in the former Maines Insurance offices. We are now executing our vision for the building, and the name truly says it all: “The Bridge.”

The idea behind The Bridge is that First Baptist is committed to partnering with families to bridge faith and family.

We have three ways in which we're setting out to bridge the gap.

**1. Get the Gospel.** The Bridge will house youth Bible fellowship groups every Sunday, and youth worship services every Wednesday.

On Sunday mornings, our



First Baptist Church bought the former Roberts Insurance building next to its current campus. It will house a new vision called “The Bridge” in order to minister to families.

Bible fellowship groups are studying The Gospel Project, which systematically works through Scripture exalting Jesus and the Gospel in every lesson from Genesis to Revelation.

Every Wednesday night we have a youth worship service where we worship corporately together. We fellowship, and the word of God is preached and life application is given. These two weekly events are our main efforts to get the Gospel into our young people.

**2. Gather round one table.** The second piece of The Bridge is to gather round one table. This will be a new and exciting piece that the building, The Bridge, will service. What I mean by gather round one table is simply gathering students, parents and other believers in the church and rubbing elbows together,

experiencing life together and passing on an example of Christ-like living.

The reason this building is not simply the youth building, is because the very last thing that we want is to put our students on an island and separate them from the rest of the church.

I will be very intentional to include on our church calendar events that will bring families and the church family together to The Bridge such as fifth-quarters after home football games. I'd love to see our students able to come to The Bridge and bring their unchurched friends with their families for games, fellowship, food and more after games. Family movie nights and game nights are just a few things I'd love to see The Bridge serve the families at First Baptist and the community so that we may

gather round one table to bridge our faith and family.

**3. Grow together.** Growing together is simply connecting parents and students, grandmas and grandpas and students to what's being taught. It's my vision that what happens in The Bridge will be able to equip parents and engage parents in the faith in development of their children. This is a continual work-in-progress.

An example is a family resource center in the front lobby of The Bridge, where at any time you can help yourself to various resources, articles, books and other things that will equip the parent and grandparent to continue to develop faith in their students.

The building will soon begin a complete overhaul to facilitate our purposes for it. We hope to be in The Bridge by mid-summer.

**FCAT**

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and English language arts stress a broader approach for student learning, including an increased emphasis on analytical thinking. With the new and more rigorous standards, a new assessment was needed to measure student progress.

State Board of Education Chairman Gary Chartrand praised the choice too, stating in the release, “The selection of our new assessment tool is a critical step forward. Florida students will be assessed on their knowledge of the Florida Standards, which will prepare them for success in college, careers and in life.”

Some, however, vehemently disagree with the selection of AIR.

In response to FDOE's announcement, Florida Stop Common Core Coalition (FSCCC) stated in an email newsletter to supporters, “Pam Stewart has made an appallingly bad choice for the state test to replace the FCAT. Not only does the American Institutes for Research (AIR) do major behavioral/mental health testing and research and is developing the test for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), but they are very involved in developing briefs and other information promoting acceptance of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) lifestyle for elementary age school children.”

There is a basis for those claims based on AIR's website, where it states, “AIR is one of

the world's largest behavioral and social science research and evaluation organizations.”

It also promotes a toolkit called Standards of Care for LGBT Youth: “What can communities and systems do to create positive outcomes for LGBT youth? AIR has identified key concepts, data, and research as well as the connection between stigma and well-being for LGBT children and youth. This action planning tool assists organizations in identifying prioritized strategies, goals, and actions towards implementing these standards of care and incorporating them into day-to-day practice.”

Additionally, it states, “AIR's Human and Social Development program develops knowledge and understanding about LGBT youth that takes account of their experiences and needs. AIR also enhances opportunities for the healthy development, well-being, and safety of LGBT children, youth and their families by providing workforce training and technical assistance to service providers across systems addressing behavioral health, child welfare, education, juvenile justice and homelessness.”

In response, AIR spokesman Larry McQuillan told PolitiFact Florida that the group does not promote issues.

“We are not an advocacy group,” McQuillan said. “AIR is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization. We do educational assessment, research, health policy research and communication and international development. We have supported many states by providing high-quality assessments of their

specific state standards.”

FDOE spokesman Joe Follick also told PolitiFact, “AIR was chosen for their ability to provide an assessment that aligns with Florida's standards. Not anything else.”

Even Senate President Don Gaetz, a Republican, “supports Commissioner Stewart and is confident that AIR will develop a Florida-specific assessment that will test students based on Florida-specific standards,” spokeswoman Katie Betta told PolitiFact.

Another concern is whether or not the new test is “ready for prime time.” It has only been field-tested in Utah and without similar demographics. However, some items on the tests have been field-tested there, but the two states will have different tests.

“The field-testing informs the vendor with whether or not items are appropriate items, and so we feel very confident in the ability of their field-testing to inform their items moving forward with us,” Stewart said during a media conference call.

Sample items will be available for review later this spring for parents and students to see the kinds of questions that will be included.

Finally, test costs are also a concern. The estimate for the new PARCC assessment, if Florida had gone with it, is about \$29.50 per student for reading, writing and math exams in third through 11 grades, according

to StateImpact Florida. During the media conference call, Stewart said an “apple-to-apples comparison” puts the AIR test at \$18.38 per student. However, the total per-student cost will actually be \$34.23 which includes the additional Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments currently administered and in development—Algebra I, Biology I, Geometry, U.S. History and Civics. The FDOE website states that the cost per scored test, meaning the FCAT, for the 2011-12 school year was \$13.37, and the total cost per student was \$30.59, which

**Extension Service celebrates 100 years**

BY BASIL BACTAWAR  
County Extension Dir. & Agent

This year on May 8 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service. In Florida, Extension allows us all to benefit from the research and education of our land-grant universities, the University of Florida and Florida A&M University.

UF/IFAS Extension has improved the lives of Floridians in many ways. If you've learned how to choose healthier foods, conserve water, save money or start a butterfly garden, chances are you learned it from Extension. If you've ever been to a 4-H camp or gotten help from a Master Gardener, you know Extension.

On our 100th Anniversary, UF/IFAS Extension in Union County is proud of its accomplishments, but we look continually towards the future, finding solutions to the challenges we Floridians will face in the next 100 years and sharing them to make life healthier, happier and more prosperous for you.

includes the EOC's.

With about 2.7 million students in public schools, that puts the total annual cost at over \$92.4 million per year to assess students and schools on their progress.

No name has been drafted yet for the new test.

For more information about the new assessment visit [fldoe.org/eduaccsummit.asp](http://fldoe.org/eduaccsummit.asp).

Learn more about AIR at [www.air.org](http://www.air.org).

Learn more about Common Core at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).

Learn more about FSCCC at [www.flstopccoalition.org](http://www.flstopccoalition.org).

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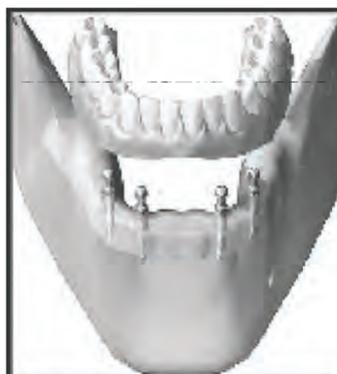


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## DOT installs infrared cameras at S.R. 100 & 121

Replaces wire sensors for changing traffic lights

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Last week the Florida Department of Transportation installed a FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) camera at each corner of the intersection of State Roads 100 and 121. They replace the wire sensors used to change traffic lights.

"They are replacements for the wire sensors which are currently cut into the roadway surface. When

the wires fail, the signal does not detect the traffic correctly, and drivers experience longer wait times," said Sam Middleton in an email. He is a traffic signal systems engineer at FDOT's Lake City Traffic Operations.

He said the FLIR camera—a similar technology used in search and rescue operations—senses the heat of the vehicle (engine, tires, exhaust, headlights) and tells the computer controlling at the intersection that one or more vehicles is waiting for the signal.

The neighboring city of Gainesville uses FLIR technology at various intersections.

The technology has been around for many years in military and law enforcement applications, Middleton added, but has just



**A FDOT technician installs infrared cameras (inset) on all four corners at the intersection of State Roads 100 and 121 in Lake Butler to replace wire sensors for changing traffic lights.**

recently been adapted for use on the transportation system.

"It is one more tool the FDOT has for detecting traffic to actuate traffic signals. As with any tool, it is not a 'one size fits all' and it will be employed when the need warrants their installation," he said.

In Lake Butler's case, FLIR is a much-needed answer to a continuing maintenance issue with the current wire sensors.

"Due to the large amount of heavy truck traffic on State Road 121 and State Road 100, maintaining the wires at this

intersection is a constant task," Middleton said. "They were lasting about six months at a time before they required replacement. In other locations, the wires may last over 10-plus years before requiring replacement."

He added that the current wires will not be removed, but only deactivated. A milling and resurfacing project is scheduled for both state roads in the near future and the loops will be removed permanently at that time.

And time will tell if the new solution does a better and quicker job of changing the traffic lights.



**The current wire sensors embedded in the pavement require constant maintenance, like these at the intersection of State Roads 100 and 121 this past July.**

## LEGLALS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 63-2014-CP-0007

IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ELLEN BATES, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN ELLEN BATES, deceased, whose date of death was January 14, 2014; File Number 63-2014-CP-0007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent

and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: April 17, 2014. Signed on 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 2014.  
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CASE NO. 63-2013-CA-000037 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, PLAINTIFF

VS.  
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DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO**

CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 15, 2014, and entered in Case No. 63-2013-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Dwight W. Regar aka Dwight Regar; Joan Y. Bishop aka Joan Bishop; Terri Regar and Bullard Denune Investment Co., are Defendants, the Union County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054-1600 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

PARCEL 'O' A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, A DISTANCE OF 1680.08 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF 'BREEZY ACRES', AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 58 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID 'BREEZY ACRE' AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF 'COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES', AS PR PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 616.93 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 'COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES'; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 'COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES', A DISTANCE OF 192.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 88 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF 'COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES' A DISTANCE OF 240.30 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 164 PACE 310, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 190.50 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS AND THE INTERSECTION WITH THE APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY MAINTAINED PAVED ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF

88.02 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 156.56 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 199.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY THAT MAY LIE WITHIN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, SUBJECT TO THE LAND USE PLAN OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS, OF RECORD OR NOT OF RECORD, SUBJECT TO THE PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED PAVE ROAD OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE THEREOF TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS; 2008 LIVE OAK VIN#LHOGA10710119A AND VIN#LHOGA10710119B A/K/A 9300 NW 106TH LOOP WAY LAKE BUTLER FL 32054

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 17th day of April, 2014.

Kellie Hendricks Connell  
Clerk of Court  
Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 63-2013-CA-000039 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff.

VS.  
DAVID J SMITH; LAUREN A. SMITH; et al.  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on in Civil Case No. 63-2013-CA-000039. of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for UNION COUNTY, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff, and DAVID J. SMITH; LAUREN A. SMITH: are Defendants.

The clerk of the court, Kellie Hendricks Connell will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Union County at 11:00 a.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK "A", "FOX RUN", ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A PARCEL OF LAND TO BE USED FOR SEPTIC DRAIN FIELD EASEMENT, BEING THE SOUTH 62.00 FEET OF THE WEST 99.00 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK "A", SAID "FOX RUN".

TOGETHER WITH A 2002 HOMD DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH THE ID#S HM02GA0116323A AND HM02GA0116323B WHICH IS LOCATED THEREON.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2014.

Kellie Hendricks Connell,

Clerk of the Court  
Union County, Florida.  
By: Crystal Norman  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case #63-2012-CA-0137

CP-SRMOF Plaintiff vs ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH, et al., Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Mortgage dated April 15, 2014 and entered in Case No. 63-2012-CA-0137 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida wherein CP-SRMOF is the Plaintiff and ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH, et al. are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at front door of the Union County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: THE EAST 150.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 581.50 FEET OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO THE PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROAD, OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH: A 2008 32 X 76 FLEETWOOD DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, I.D. #GAF1834A/B81289. THESE MOBILE HOME TITLES WILL BE RETIRED WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 319.261 AND HEREAFTER ALWAYS A PART OF THIS REAL PROPERTY. Also known as: 7687 NW 137th STREET, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 22nd day of April, 2014.

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LBES is preparing for Union County Ag Literacy Day on May 7. Union County Farm Bureau board members Alvin Griffis and Elery Griffis along with Florida Farm Bureau Field Representative Greg Harden presented a complete set of the agriculture literacy books to the school for use in the media center: (L-r) Reading Coach Rhonda Clyatt, Principal Stacey Rimes, Assistant Principal Christie Whitehead, Media Specialist Jacquie Moseley, Alvin, Elery and Greg.

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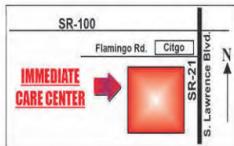
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  - Pakistan - 2002 Earthquake Medical Relief Supervision of Primary Care to Women and Children Marine Corp.
  - Afghanistan - 2009 Physician for Camp of 450 Army Infantry Soldiers at Mazar-e-Shariff, Northern Regional Hospital
  - Okinawa Japan - Family Practice with credentials in Women's Healthcare, Colposcopy, Newborns and Pediatric
  - Associate Professor Uniformed Services University of Healthsciences 2010



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- University of Florida graduate; Master of Science in Nursing, FNP, Dec. 2009 and Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2007.
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**Kimberly Beers Castillo, A.R.N.P.**



**Matt Modansky, M.D.**

### "CHANGES"

With regret after 5 years, Dr. Modansky has left our practice to move closer to his home near Jacksonville Beach. The one and a half hour drive became too much for his family. He will be at The *St. Vincent's Primary Care Center* in Fleming Island and we at *Starke Family Medical Center* will be happy to help with record transfer if you want.

### "GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT SERVICE"

Dr. Charles Franson, D.O. will be covering Tuesday and Thursday in our Starke office and of course Kay Bonett will be here taking care of people everyday!

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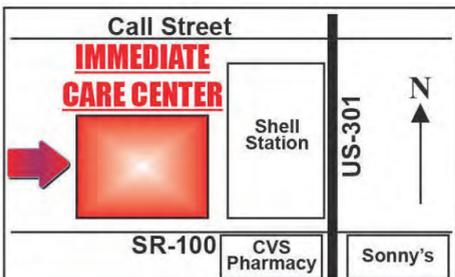
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## Relay for Life: walking for hope, finishing the fight

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

American Cancer Society statistics show that the cancer death rate for men and women combined decreased by 20 percent from 1991 through 2010.

Good news, to be sure, but according to "Cancer Statistics 2014," which was published in the American Cancer Society journal "CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians," it is estimated that 585,720 people in the U.S. will die from cancer in 2014. It is estimated that 1,665,540 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2014.

What the numbers show is that even though there is hope for those who are diagnosed with cancer, cancer is still a prevalent disease that claims a lot of lives.

The quest for a cure continues, and it is that end goal that keeps people walking around the Bradford High School track throughout the night during the annual Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

This year's Relay, which



Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life Chair Linda Lee poses with "Pua the Purple Pig," which was part of just one of many pre-Relay fundraisers.

combines the efforts of Bradford County and Keystone Heights, Saturday, April 26. The theme is: "Walking for a Cure on Hope Island." "We're just imagining the

middle of the track is an island, and the track itself is the beach," said Linda Lee, the event's chair. "We're all marooned on that island, and we're going to keep walking until we find a cure." Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to a dinner—sponsored by Altrusa of Starke and Community State

See RELAY, 4B



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## Cleesen: encouraging others while fighting her own battle

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

The American Cancer Society is encouraging people to help "finish the fight" that began with the organization's start 100 years ago.

Laura Cleesen of Starke has been told she can't finish the fight and become cancer free, but that does not make her any less of a fighter.

"I may have bad days, but I'm going to be here as long as I can," Cleesen said. "As I say to everybody, I may not win the war, but I'm going to win every battle until that point. That's just my mindset."

Cleesen has battled through two bouts of breast cancer and an occurrence of uterine cancer. In March 2013, the discovery of a small lump on the back of her neck led to a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Doctors have told Cleesen she will never again hear the words, "You're cancer free." The cancer is spreading throughout her body, but that hasn't stopped Cleesen from wearing a smile on her face, putting her best foot forward and trying to be an encouragement—an encouragement to her family, friends and even those who don't know her.

That's why Cleesen will be a part of the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life this Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. at the Bradford High School track. (See related story.)

"When you share a story (about cancer), it makes an impact, whether you've gone through it, you've survived it, you've lost someone or you're caring for someone," Cleesen said. "It makes a big difference."

There was a time when Cleesen didn't share with others what she had gone through and was currently going through. However, she met and became friendly with several people



Laura Cleesen

involved in Relay for Life, which

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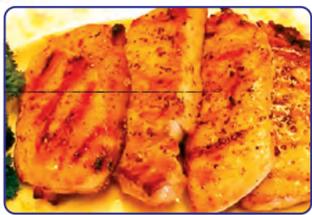
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## Kingsley Kruizers fundraising dinner is April 24

The Kingsley Kruizers are hosting a dinner to benefit the American Diabetes Association on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Dinners, consisting of chicken tetrazzini, salad, green beans, tea and dessert, are \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for children 12 and under. Diners may eat in or take out.

Please call 904-966-1002 or see Christie Torode, Shelley Luke, Josh Luke, Danny Luke, Erin Waters, Lamar Waters, Norma Cox, Darlene Padgett, Guy Padgett or Cassi Smyth for tickets.

The Kingsley Kruizers is a local group that participates in the annual Tour de Cure—a bicycle ride to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association—in Jacksonville. This year's ride is scheduled for May 17.

## Registration now open for College for Kids programs

The Starke campuses of Santa Fe College are once again hosting Jr. College for Kids and College for Kids this summer, and registration is open now.

Jr. College for Kids, which is for rising first-, second-, third- and fourth-graders, is scheduled for June 23-27, 8 a.m.-noon each day. College for Kids, which is for rising fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders, will be held Mondays-Fridays, July 7-18, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Half-day sessions are an option.)

The cost for Jr. College for Kids is \$95, while the cost for College for Kids is \$270, or \$135 for half-day sessions.

Scholarships are available, thanks to generous donors in the community. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Thursday, May 15.

Visit the Santa Fe College Andrews Center to register for either Jr. College for Kids or College for Kids, or to pick up a scholarship application.

You may also call 904-964-5382.

## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 5th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. SE 14-01, a petition by Wilbert E. Thrasher, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.8.5 (Residential Single Family-1) # 11of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for Equine Activities to be located at the property being described as follows:

P/O The NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, being Bradford County Parcel Number's 06001-0-00100, 06001-0-00106 and 06001-0-00107, containing 6.32 acres, more or less.

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

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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## DAR chapter to announce scholarship recipient May 5

This year's recipient of the Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the Monday, May 5, meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at IHOP in Starke at 10:30 a.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Any woman 18 or older—regardless of race, religion or ethnic background—who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between

April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Konnie Beauregard at 352-475-1865 for more information.

## Santa Fe College to host May 17 concert at BHS

A concert featuring Alter Eagles and the three winners of the 2014 Bradford Fest Talent Showdown will be hosted by Santa Fe College on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium.

Alter Eagles is a tribute band

that plays the music of Eagles, the group responsible for such hits as "Take It Easy," "Lyn' Eyes," "One of these Nights" and "Hotel California."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved seats. They may be purchased at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center or the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce.

All proceeds will go to the Santa Fe Foundation to fund scholarships for Bradford County students.

The Bradford County Tourist Development Council is a main sponsor of the event.

For more information on Alter Eagles, visit [www.altereaglesband.com](http://www.altereaglesband.com).

## Airman Ellis graduates from basic

Air Force Airman Joel T. Ellis graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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

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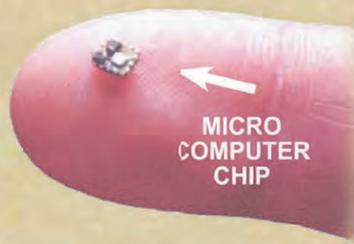
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# Starke to host Bradford-Union Law-Enforcement Memorial May 1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

A special recognition of Jerry Whitehead and the dedication of a new monument area devoted to fallen Bradford County law-enforcement personnel will highlight this year's Bradford-Union Law-Enforcement Memorial Service, which will be hosted this year by the Starke Police Department on Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Starke Square (538 E. Call St.) between S.R. 100 and S.R. 230.

The annual service pays tribute to the officers who gave their lives during service to their respective areas: six in Union County and 19 in Bradford

County.

Starke Police Capt. Barry Warren said attending the service is a great way for people to express their thanks to those who did so much for the place they call home.

"Basically, these are the people who made our community as safe as it is today," Warren said.

Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead, Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith and Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson will pay tribute to Jerry Whitehead, who died Dec. 18, 2013, after a brief illness. He was the longest-serving sheriff in the state, having been elected in 1984 and serving up until the time of his death.

"It's a great opportunity to recognize him," Warren said.

Also planned is the official dedication of a monument area to the 19 Bradford County law-enforcement officers who gave their lives in service. The area, which will include 13 benches, consists of a memorial stone placed in honor of each officer as well as 18 palm trees planted in their memories. (One tree represents both father and son George W. Epperson and Henry W. Epperson, who were both former sheriffs.)

Warren said the idea for such a physical memorial has been in the works for approximately 10 years. Thanks to the support

of donors in the community, the idea has become a reality—a reality that has been overdue, Warren said, pointing out that the first officer killed in the line of duty was Dec. 25, 1885, while the last was July 26, 1995.

"It's time," Warren said. "It's beyond time for these people who served their last call in service to this community."

Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead will perform the roll call for those who gave their lives in service to Union County: Union deputies Hal Croft (May 23, 1961) and Ronald Jackson (May 23, 1961), Department of Corrections officers Paul Jordan (Jan. 24, 1976) and John

S. Dennard (May 5, 1983), Union deputy Renee D. Azure (Aug. 6, 2002) and Department of Corrections officer Adam Sanderson (March 6, 2009).

Bradford County Sheriff's Department Capt. Brad Smith and Lawtey Correctional Institution Warden Barry Reddish will perform the roll call for Bradford County's fallen officers: sheriffs George W. Epperson (Dec. 25, 1885), Henry W. Epperson (Jan. 20, 1890) and David Levy Alvarez (May 30, 1891), Bradford deputy Andrew J. Kite (Feb. 21, 1899), Starke Marshall Jeff Jones (Nov. 19, 1903), sheriffs Everett E. Johns (Dec. 6, 1905), Joe A. Bennett

(Aug. 9, 1907) and J.W. Langford (Aug. 23, 1912), Bradford deputy W.T. Andrews (Feb. 1, 1914), Constable Richard Bennett (March 30, 1925), Starke officer Leonard E. Colson (Dec. 26, 1951), Florida State Prison Assistant Superintendent James G. Godwin (April 4, 1955), Starke officer William Burtis Jackson (April 20, 1956), Department of Corrections officers Howard D. Starling (July 2, 1964), Julie Gabor Caddell (Sept. 22, 1974) and Richard Burke (Oct. 12, 1980), Bradford deputy Hesley Delmar Griffis (May 13, 1992) and Department of Corrections officer Jerome A. Williams (July 26, 1995).

## CLEESEN

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led to her first-ever involvement with the American Cancer Society fundraiser. Cleesen was asked to give a survivor's speech at this year's kickoff party.

"It was very hard to give that speech because I was never open," Cleesen said, adding, "When it was done, I knew I made an impact on some people. They told me it helped them to realize things. If I can do that, then I'm accomplishing something."

"With this Relay, if I can reach out and just help one person through it emotionally, then I know that I'm doing OK."

Cleesen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. It was a shock, of course. Cleesen said the diagnosis left her wanting to "crawl in a hole," but at the same time, she didn't want to let the disease slow her down. Her approach to chemotherapy, for example, was to undergo treatment on Fridays so she could rest on weekends, be "green" on Mondays and then be able to go to work on Tuesdays.

In fact, she told her boss that if she ever called in sick, he was to give her a hard time about it and not to ever let her "give up."

"I was bound and determined I was going to continue working," Cleesen said.

Cleesen, though, because of that determination, was holding all of her emotions in check. When the chemotherapy caused her hair to start falling out, she called her boss to say she wouldn't be in to work that day.

Her boss' response was to go pick Cleesen up, take her to her office and give her the OK to have the emotional outburst she was needing.

"He physically came and got me, put me in his car—in my pajamas—took me to my office, shut the blinds in my office, shut the door and looked at me and said, 'Just cry. You haven't cried. You just keep going like everything's OK.'"

"I let it go. I just let it out. Then he took me home, and I



Laura Cleesen (center) is surrounded by (clockwise from top) son Larry, husband Lawrence, daughter Ashley, granddaughter Courtni and daughter Amber. Not pictured: son Mark and grandson Camden.

was OK."

Cleesen said eventually hearing those words, "You're cancer free," was a blessing, but she would later be diagnosed with breast cancer again. She wanted to have a double mastectomy done, but doctors advised against that, saying that the surgery was too risky due to the fact Cleesen has an enlarged heart due to cardiomyopathy.

It turned out to be a true definition of a catch 22. Having a double mastectomy was a risk, but not having it was a bit of a risk as well. In March 2012, Cleesen was diagnosed with uterine cancer. She said it was the result of cancerous breast tissue.

At first, Cleesen didn't suspect the return of cancer. She has diverticulitis and suspected that was what was causing her

stomach to swell.

"I kept getting bigger and bigger in that area," Cleesen said. "I actually looked like I was pregnant."

As it turned out, Cleesen had three tumors the size of baseballs in her uterus.

It was one of those here-we-go-again moments, but Cleesen said she thought of how many other ways she had been blessed in life and decided there was nothing to do but keep fighting.

That mindset was severely tested a short time later with the discovery of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Cleesen had large, cancerous masses on her neck and on the lymph nodes in her throat. She also had a 6.2-centimeter mass under her tongue toward where her tonsils would've been.

She had all the masses surgically removed with the

exception of the one under her tongue. Cleesen said she's not taking a chance getting that removed because she doesn't want to lose the ability to be able to talk to her two grandchildren.

Family has kept Cleesen going, whether it's grandchildren Courtni and Camden, children Mark, Amber, Larry and Ashley, future son-in-law Ross or her husband of more than 20 years, Lawrence. She recalled how a doctor told her she wouldn't be around to see the high school graduation of her daughter Amber. Well, Amber, who is 20, has since graduated.

If Cleesen has her way, she'll be around to see 15-year-old Ashley graduate. However, she has no control over the future. She just focuses her energies on each day as it comes around.

"You know how people say, 'Don't count the days, make the days count?' That's basically what I do," Cleesen said. "I just enjoy every day. I have my kids, my grandkids, my husband and my friends. Basically, I just pour my heart into all of that."

"I can't worry about tomorrow because it's not here yet. I just live every day."

There are bad days, of course. Cleesen said there are some days she doesn't want to get up out of bed.

She thinks of others, though, and says to herself that even though her problems may look bad, there is someone out there with worse problems.

"I've got to get up," Cleesen

said. "I can't feel sorry for myself, and I don't like people to feel sorry for me. I don't want sympathy."

Sympathy, no, but support is another matter. Cleesen said it really means a lot to open an email, for example, and read, "Good morning, beautiful," or, "How are you today?"

"What cancer patients need, more than anything, is support," Cleesen said.

With that in mind, Cleesen

tries to put on a smile every day and do what she can to be an encouragement to others. That's why she's looking forward to Relay for Life. She wants to have that positive impact on people who have cancer, even though she, too, has the disease.

"There's a reason why I'm still here," Cleesen said. "That's the way I look at it. There's a reason why this happened to me. There's a reason why I'm still fighting, and I'll continue to fight."

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Kathryn Henry

**Independent American Party issues statement on ranch standoff**

Dear Editor:  
Justice Joseph Story stated in his Commentaries on the Constitution 3:§§ 1833 the truth that, "The militia is the natural defence of a free country against (1) sudden foreign invasions, (2) domestic insurrections, and (2) domestic usurpations of power by rulers."

The Bundy Ranch Standoff is an example of #3 above. This is where the IAP stands in this fiasco? We stand with Cliven Bundy, who said: "I don't recognize them (the federal government) having any jurisdiction or authority over this land."

In the United States the people are the government; their united voice is the only sovereign that should rule, and only power that should be obeyed. The fact that a desert tortoise is endangered doesn't change this fact. The BLM (Bureau of Land

Management) usurpation in forcing the Bundy's to pay for land that has been in his family for 140 years doesn't change this fact.

For those of us who still labor under the conviction that the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, it must be observed that the only crimes assigned to the federal government in the Constitution for law enforcement purposes are Treason, Piracy, Counterfeiting, and International law violations. That's it! All other law enforcement matters are the purview of the individual states, according to the Tenth Amendment.

Unfortunately, for most of the Twentieth Century the federal government has demanded more and more power and authority that it does not constitutionally possess. And, for the most part, the individual states have sheepishly done little to resist, not to mention (in this case) County law enforcement. All of which has led to the events that are now playing out in Clark County, Nevada.

To coin a maxim from the German pastor, Martin Neimoller: "First, they came for the Randy Weaver family in Idaho, and I did not speak out; next, they came for the Branch

Davidians in Texas, and I did not speak out; then, they came for the Cliven Bundy family in Nevada, and I did not speak out; then, they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out."

*Independent American Party*

**BC children show hope for future**

Dear Editor:

Greetings from the hills and hollows of wild wonderful West Virginia. Just wanted to take a minute to express an opinion and offer a compliment to the folks of Bradford County. I've been coming down you folks way for more than forty years and I intended to write this letter last year but like most other of my good intentions, I procrastinated, got busy and it got away from me. So I will do it now while I'm thinking about it. With all due respect, I believe you folks are blessed in many ways. To name a few, the people I know and run into around the ball fields, neighborhoods and generally out and about are good, honest, hard workin, straight shootin, friendly, country lovin, god fearin solid

citizens. Your children are mannerly and respectful. It's not like that everywhere you go. I think one of the reasons you are blessed is because you work at it. Over the years I've had the great pleasure and opportunity to watch many of your children grow through t-ball/little league to high school JV and Varsity teams. I have great respect for the parents, the coaches and all the others that work long and hard to make this happen for the children. I especially wanted to send my love, respect and best wishes to the boys and girls on the Bradford County High School Tornado baseball and softball teams. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and know you and watch you compete and excel with great success on and off the field. Thanks for the memories!! To the folks that haven't seen the teams play and compete, I would highly recommend it. As Tony the Tiger says, "they're great," and it's money well spent. In closing I would say, that to some of us it appears that the direction our country is taking is worrisome at best and frightening at worst but I take some comfort and optimism when I see and meet some of your children. Raising

them up respectful and with the values that made this country a great country reflects greatly on you. Thank you...and thank you for listening to an old man ramble... May god bless and keep you and the children safe. May God Bless America...

*Sincerely:  
RW Pettit  
Left Hand, WV*

**Let him rest in peace**

Dear Editor:

Mr. Busby, you call it the good ol' boy system but the people of Union County kept Jerry Whitehead, Sheriff for almost 30 years. Sounds like you are saying the people were wrong. You bring up Mr. John, who has been gone for five years. I say let them rest in peace. If you will give Brad a chance the people wilt see that he will take care of them. A true southern gentleman would let them rest in peace so their family can have closure. So let me remind you it's called a democracy, not the good ol' boy system and a real man would know the difference.

*Willum Sullivan*

**Henry to celebrate 90th birthday**

We are having a surprise 90th birthday celebration for Kathryn Henry. We will gather at New River Baptist Church, 16703 SW 144th Ave. Brooker, for a time of socializing from 2-5:00 pm on May 3rd, 2014. Come and enjoy refreshments, photo ops and reminiscing. In lieu of gifts: Donations will be accepted on Kathryn's behalf — with proceeds to benefit Northside Baptist Church "Family Life Center" fund.

**RELAY**

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Bank—at 6 p.m. at the track. Then, once the Relay begins with an opening ceremony that will feature Amber O'Neal performing the national anthem, survivors and their caregivers will walk the first lap.

"Once those survivors get on the track, there's usually not a dry eye," Lee said.

Another emotional moment is the luminaria ceremony, which is scheduled to take place at 9:30 p.m. The ceremony consists of paper bags, containing lighted votive candles, placed around the track, bearing the names of survivors, those who are currently battling cancer or those who have lost their lives to cancer. The track stadium lighting will be turned off so that only the glow of the candles is visible as the names of those the bags represent are read aloud.

The rest of the event will consist of various themed laps (Mardis Gras, pajamas, hula hoop, super hero, etc.), a scavenger hunt, a Zumba class, a "Miss-ter Relay" contest, a dance competition and other fun activities, as well as musical performances by Melissa Mann, Shelby Clark, Jessica Thornton and Lindsey Murphy.

You also do not have to be a member of a team or a survivor/caregiver to attend. People are encouraged to show up because there will be several fundraisers going on at the Relay. Many teams will be serving up delicious items, including such fare as fruit kabobs, boiled peanuts, cotton candy, Teriyaki wings and chicken and rice. The Community State Bank team will even be roasting a whole pig.

"If you go out and eat on Friday night, come down to the track and eat with us," Lee said.

As of April 17, 38 fundraising teams (178 participants) had registered to take part in Relay for Life. Though fundraising takes place at the event, it is really a yearlong effort. That's why teams had already raised \$31,000 as of April 17. Community State Bank, for example, had raised more than \$5,000 with its Pua the Purple Pig campaign, while D. Mosley Trucking, which joined the cause for the first time a few weeks prior to last year's Relay, hosted a golf tournament that raised \$4,500.

Every year, Maria Stephenson raises the most money as an individual, and this year looks to be no different. As of April 15, she had raised \$4,087.

The fundraising effort doesn't begin and end with Relay for Life, which ties in with the American Cancer Society's

mission this year—"Finish the Fight."

"What that means is we want to encourage everyone who is raising funds for this to finish the fight through Aug. 31 when our fiscal year ends," Lee said. "A lot of people think the fundraising ends at the event, but it doesn't. We go on."

Last year's Relay for Life and various fundraisers raised approximately \$72,000, with approximately \$9,000 being raised solely at Relay for Life. Both totals were record numbers, and the goal is to do even better this year. Lee said this year's total fundraising goal is \$90,000.

Participating in Relay for Life and raising funds for the American Cancer Society is near and dear to Lee's heart. Lee, who lost her mother to lung cancer in 1999, said many people with cancer are not benefiting from the various services and programs the American Cancer Society makes available.

"The one thing I have found is a lot of people who have been diagnosed with cancer are not aware of the American Cancer Society," Lee said.

This will mark Lee's sixth year of involvement with Relay for Life. Her fifth year, when she served as team development chair, had one especially memorable moment. Lee was contacted by a woman who had heard about Relay and was seeking more information about it. The two communicated back and forth before Lee met the lady in person at the event.

After the event, the woman told Lee she had a "wonderful" time and said, "You don't know how that changed my life. I was homebound. I was just giving up. I wasn't getting out. It's just completely changed my life."

Moments like that are what make participation in Relay for Life so special.

"If you don't touch but one person, it's worth it," Lee said.

For more information on the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, visit [www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl).

**Wear, show off purple Friday, April 25**

The city of Starke has issued a proclamation to "Paint the Town Purple" on Friday, April 25, in support of the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, which will take place from 7 p.m. on April 25 until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

To show your support in the fight against cancer, wear purple, hang a purple wreath, display purple bows or find other creative ways to show your purple spirit.



Shanon Kiser

**Kiser to graduate summa cum laude**

Shanon Joseph Kiser, son of Emanuel Joseph and Cassandra Kiser of Lawtey will be graduating Summa Cum Laude (the highest distinction of honors) from the Florida State University in Tallahassee on Saturday May 3. He will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As an active member of Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Lambda all honor societies, his GPA is 3.97. Kiser is a BHS graduate.



Marissa Molina

**Molina to graduate magna cum laude**

Marissa Evelyn Molina, daughter of Mary Ann Lester of Elmira, N.Y. and the late Julio Molina will be graduating Magna Cum Laude (second highest distinction of honors) from the Florida State University in Tallahassee on Saturday May 3. She will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As a member of WEB Dubois, Golden Key and Phi Eta Sigma, all honor societies, her GPA is 3.89. Molina is a BHS graduate.

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# FINS, FUR & TAILS

## Talkin' big bass—past and present

The recent large bass caught in Kingsley Lake have created a lot of talk among local fishermen. This is the second year in a row that 14-plus-pound bass have been caught in Kingsley. In 2013, Len Andrews pulled into a dock on the western bank of the lake and weighed one that went over 14 pounds. Afterward, he released the fish unharmed.

This year, two fish over 14 pounds have been landed, weighed and released. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission accepted the 14-pound, 9-ounce bass that Brooks Morrell caught, placing him at the top of the FWC Trophy Catch Program. Brooks indicated that he has landed nine bass over 9 pounds, four over 10 pounds and two over 13 pounds—all in Kingsley Lake. He is also aware of three others that have been caught that were over 13 pounds.

Kingsley Lake is no stranger to large bass. In 1967, Benny Zoltoski was trolling around Kingsley with two bass in his livewell that weighed about 10 pounds each. However, when he passed what was then Kingsley Beach and headed to the Officer's



**LEFT: Buddy Wright with his replica that matches his 18-pound, 13-ounce bass both in length and girth. BELOW LEFT: Brooks Morrell shows off a 10-plus-pounder taken in Kingsley Lake.**



Club at Camp Blanding, he had a huge hit, which he thought was a hang-up, until the line-water intersection began to move outward, indicating that the hook was moving toward the surface.

Making a long story short, it was not a hang-up, but a 16-pound, 6-ounce bass that was eventually mounted, hanging on the wall of Strickland's Store for years.

The history of big bass in North Central Florida does not

center entirely around Kingsley Lake, however. Buddy Wright, a current resident of Keystone Heights who has always fished from a 12-foot jon boat and has never fished in a bass tournament, was having a good day on the St. Johns River south of Palatka in April 1987. He had a couple of nice catches under his belt that weighed over 5 pounds each.

His last catch of the day—caught on a Bill Norman Weed Walker lure—was a monster that weighed in at 18 pounds, 13 ounces. Unfortunately, the fish lost a lot of roe before its first weight on a certified, accurate scale. The fish was subsequently frozen and thawed out for another certified weight. However, the FWC would not recognize the fish because a wildlife officer did not get to Wright's home until two weeks after notification and after the fish was frozen, thus depriving Wright of a Florida record.

All was not lost, though, because the International Game Fish Association did recognize the catch as a world record for a 16-pound-line weight catch, and Wright has that plaque on his wall beside the replica.

Believe it or not, the largest bass landed in Bradford, Clay or Union counties, according to this research and in recent history, came from Brooklyn Lake in Keystone. In 1966, "Forest and Stream" magazine, which later became "Field and Stream," published an article about an 18-pound, 2-ounce bass caught by Hugh Paul.

Though there have been larger bass caught, the gold standard for record largemouth bass is still the 1932 George Perry bass that weighed 22 pounds, 4 ounces, with a 32.5-inch length and 28.5-inch girth. Manabu Kurita caught a 22-pound, 4.97-ounce bass in Japan on July 2, 2009. (Despite bettering the Perry bass by almost an ounce, IGFA rules consider the catch a tie with the Perry bass.) In 2006, Mac Weakley foul hooked and landed a 25-pound, 0.01-ounce bass that was photographed, weighed and released.

Paul Nosca has done a significant amount of research on the 25 largest bass ever caught, and he makes several good observations about record largemouth bass. Many of the larger Florida bass have been

very long and comparatively light in weight. Bill Whipple caught what is considered to be the world record longest bass in 2002 on Lake Toho. The bass was 33 inches in length, but weighed only 14 pounds and 6 ounces. Certainly bass caught in the spawn and full of roe would have a significant weight advantage over fish caught while not spawning.

Nosca's research on the largest 25 bass ever caught can be found online under his name.

### Fishing outlook

Despite some reports to the contrary, especially on Newnans Lake, the specks should be moving to deeper water as they finish their spring spawn. Shellcrackers and bluegills should be swapping places with the specks as they prepare for their first spawn. The initial spawn for the shellcrackers will be their primary bedding season for the year, while the bluegills will bed continuously throughout the summer, especially around full and new moons.

The "big fish" and comprehensive weights at the local tournaments have shown a little decline, which would suggest that the bass spawn is beginning to wane somewhat. It might show a brief spark after the traditionally cool Easter, but this yearly phenomena will also soon begin to close ranks. When

that occurs, the quest for bream and bass will begin to compete equally for the remainder of the summer.

The better part of the sheepshead spawn on both inshore coasts, but the stripped and toothy creatures will continue to hang out around the rocks, oyster bars and bridges over the summer. As the coastal waters warm, pompano and whiting will take up residence on the beaches, and the kings will move in to the beaches in time for the big kingfish tournaments on the east coast.

### Local tourney results

The results of the April 16 Bald Eagle Bass Tournament are: Drew Carroll and Chris Hollingsworth in first, Chris Kadlec and Glenn Barnes in second, Wayne Geiger and Zach Smith in third and Ryan Gonzales with the big fish.

The results of the April 17 Sampson Lake Tournament are: Braden Gray and Cason Noles in first, Ronny Pruitt and Matthew Elixson in second and Elixson with the big fish.

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

# Tigers put together an almost perfect junior varsity season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

It was a season to be remembered and a good sign for the future of Union County High School baseball as the junior varsity team went 12-1, with its lone loss coming by one run against Williston.

"Our varsity program certainly has some promise," Union head coach Bret Dukes said.

The Tigers scored an average of 11 runs per game, while allowing an average of just four per game. Their last game—a 17-1 win over Dixie County—"was a good way to put the icing on the cake of an unbelievable season," Dukes said.

Offensively, sophomore Willie Rogers and freshman Phillip Joyner provided a spark, batting .520 and .470, respectively, in the lead-off position and number-two positions.

"Hitting and getting on base is almost contagious," Dukes said.

Though Rogers and Joyner led the team, Dukes said it was hard to really single out any player from the rest of the lineup, which batted a cumulative .360.

"We were so consistent in our lineup," Dukes said. "It did not matter who was coming up. You had confidence the kid was going to get it done."

Dukes said the Tigers had several players who could throw

strikes, including freshman Taz Worrell, who led the team. Worrell went 4-0 and had a 2.30 ERA.

Dukes, though, singled out freshman J.C. Lovelace for providing consistency as one of several middle relievers as well as sophomore Casey Driggers, who got in a zone the last couple of weeks of the season and pitched "lights out."

The Tigers opened the season by defeating Interlachen 10-5 and followed that with a 6-3 win over.

In their third game, however, the Tigers got off to a slow start and committed six errors in the first two innings. Visiting



The UCHS junior varsity baseball team is: (front, l-r) J.C. Lovelace, Phillip Joyner, Taz Worrell, Dylan Thornton, Seth Hendricks, Stephen Milner, Garrett Ritch, Dalton Teston, (back, l-r) assistant coach Chance Bailey, Willie Rogers, Casey Driggers, Jarrett Shadd, Matthew Jobin, Garrett Williams, Kyle Davis and head coach Bret Dukes.

Williston would go up 5-0 before hanging on for a 7-6 win.

Rogers and Worrell batted 2-for-3 and 2-for-2, respectively, while freshman Seth Hendricks went 2-for-3 to help Union rally. The Tigers had the tying run on third base in the last inning, but Dukes said the Williston shortstop made a great play on a ball that would've normally been a hit in most cases.

The Tigers responded to the loss by winning all 10 of their remaining games, including a 6-5 win over Williston.

That second matchup against Williston saw Union take a 6-0 lead into the seventh, but an approximately 30-minute injury timeout after two Williston outfielders collided seemed to take something away from his

team, Dukes said. Williston scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh, but Lovelace entered the game and did a good job on the mound, Dukes said. Lovelace forced the Devils to hit a couple of ground balls before Williston hit a dribbler back to the mound for what would be the game's final out.

Worrell started the game, giving up one hit and striking out five in five innings. At the plate, Joyner was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Lovelace was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

After avenging their only loss, the Tigers won their final five games by an average score of 14-3. They defeated Interlachen 7-4, Bell 10-5, St. Francis 25-0, Hamilton County 9-7 and Dixie County 17-1.

In the season finale against Dixie, Rogers and Joyner were 4-for-4 and 4-for-5, respectively, while sophomore Garrett Williams was 3-for-4. Worrell was 2-for-2, while Driggers and sophomore Dalton Teston were each 2-for-3.

Also contributing to the best season Dukes can ever remember were sophomore Kyle Davis and freshmen Matthew Jobin, Stephen Milner, Garrett Ritch, Jarrett Shadd and Dylan Thornton.

"There were not many games that all 14 did not in some way contribute," Dukes said.

The Tigers also excelled in the classroom, with each player maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA. Half the team had weighted GPAs of 4.0 or higher.

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## OBITUARIES



Vera Aaron

### Vera Aaron

STARKE—Vera Jean Aaron 59 of Starke died Thursday April 17, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center Gainesville. A lifelong resident of Starke, she was a member of Truevine Outreach Ministry Church and served in her community. She attended the local schools of Bradford County.

She is survived by: mother, Zerline Aaron of Starke; sisters, Barbara Aaron Bennett and Pamela Kimmons, both of Starke; goddaughter, Mariah Monroe; brothers, Alfred Griffin and Anthony Aaron both of Starke, Bernard Carter and Calvin Aaron of Waldo, and Morris Aaron of Lawley.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 26 at the True Vine Outreach Ministry Church with Elder Ross Chandler Eulogist conducting the services under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Church 3:30-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday one hour prior to the services. The Cortege will form at the home of Aaron at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday 14647 S.E. 44th Avenue "Lincoln City". In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: North Fla. Foundation for Cancer 7000 NW 11th Place Gainesville, FL 32605.



Muriel Bradley

### Muriel Bradley

HAMPTON—Muriel Marie Bradley, age 91, of Hampton, passed away Saturday April 12, 2014 with her loving daughter and granddaughter by her side. Marie was born in Belize, Central America on Nov. 20, 1922 to the late James Bradley and Kelly Caroline Phillips Bradley. Throughout her life Marie lived in Belize, Central America, Queens, New York, Edentown, New Jersey, and Miami before moving to Hampton eight years ago. She was a resident of Bradford Terrace where the staff affectionately referred to her as "Mamacita". To her family, she was known as "Nin" or "Nin Nin" and can be remembered for her love of gardening and flowers, especially orchids. Marie was passionate about music and singing. Her favorite song was "Amazing Grace". She also loved to dance. Marie was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Marie is survived by: her daughter, Gail (Theodore) Gonzalez of Hampton; brother, William Bradley of Eatontown, N.J.; sister, Olga Bradley of Starke; four grandchildren, Sheralyn (Gary)

Frisbey of Mobile, Ala., Suzette (Guitian) Gilbert of Miami, Theodore "Casey" (Shannon) Gonzalez of Miami, and Christopher Gonzalez of Miami; seven great grandchildren, Adrian, Eric, Jillian, Brittany, Brandon, Mason and Gavin.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 11:00 am at St. Edward's Catholic Church with Father Conrad Cowart officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date in Our Lady of Mercy - Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Miami. 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](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



Carol Brunson

### Carol Brunson

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Carol Ann Brunson, 74, of Keystone Heights passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014 following an extended illness.

Carol was born on Aug. 15, 1938 and was raised in Gloucester, Mass. She has lived in the Lake Region area for more than 30 years. Carol loved wildlife and enjoyed the squirrels and birds that frequented her yard. Her favorite was the hummingbirds. Carol had many interests including playing tennis, twirling the baton and drinking root beer floats. She found joy in everything and was the life of any party with her contagious smile, laughter and positive outlook on life. Her motto was "Young at Heart." Carol was a wonderful and loving sister, mother, friend and role model.

Left to cherish her memory is: her twin brother, Donny (Joanie) Enos; younger brother, Kenny (Elaine) Enos; Vivian (Ivan) Gouldthorpe; Nathan (Angie Clines) Womble; Lisa (Scott) Darnall; Karen (Bill) Pruss; Barbara Campbell; and her second husband Al Brunson. "Nana Carol" was adored by her 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Helen Enos, and late husband, Ray Womble.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 5pm. Please call 352-475-5855 for details. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution in her name to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

PAID OBITUARY

### Shirley Campbell

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Shirley Christine Campbell, age 82

of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, April 18, 2014, at the Orange Park Medical Center. She was born in Hoxie, Kan. on Oct. 4, 1931, to the late John and Aurelia (Shalz) Schumaker and was a resident of Orange Park before moving to Keystone Heights 18 plus years ago. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Campbell was a Dental Assistant along with being a homemaker and an active volunteer. Mrs. Campbell was a member of St. William Catholic Church and read her devotionals daily along with saying the Rosary. She loved to watch old black and white Westerns on TV along with "Wheel of Fortune," "American Pickers" and "Paw Stars." Before she became sick, she enjoyed fishing and riding behind her husband on their motorcycle throughout the United States. She and her husband Robert traveled extensively in the United States and abroad and Mrs. Campbell proved herself to be a most adventurous lady.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by: her husband of 64 years, Robert L. Campbell; and her daughter, Mary (John) Westmoreland of Keystone Heights; two grandsons, Robert Scott Gilbert and Christopher Jon Gilbert both of Middleburg; and one great grandson, Bradley Jon Gilbert of Orange Park. She also leaves behind a brother, John Schumaker of Riverside, Calif. and a sister, Maxine Monsen of Oroville, Calif.

Funeral services for Mrs. Campbell were held April 22, in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Father Mike Williams presiding. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to St. William Catholic Church, P.O. Box 721, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights.

PAID OBITUARY

### Curtis Crawford

STARKE—Curtis Lamar Crawford, 55, of Starke died Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Hospice Custeard Care Center in Orange Park. He was born in Starke on Aug. 17, 1958, and was a Lieutenant with the Gainesville Fire and Rescue Department. He was an active member of Kingsley Lake Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by: his father, Gerald Crawford; and brother, Steve Crawford.

Survivors are: his wife of 30 years, Ronda (Stern) Crawford; three children, Ashley (Derek) Browning, Amber (Hunter) Reichert, and Austin Crawford all of Starke; mother, Aline (Crews) Crawford of Kingsley Lake; brother, Dennis (Joan) Crawford, and his father and mother in law, Roland and Lucinda Stern all of Starke.

Funeral services were April 19 at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church with Pastor Zeb Cook and Pastor Jeremy Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions please be made to the Kingsley Lake Baptist Church in memory of Curtis, 6289 Mary Dot Lane, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

### Joyce Epling

STARKE—Joyce Irene Epling, 81, of Starke died Tuesday, April 15,

2014. She was born on Dec. 20, 1932 in Marion, Ind. to the late Walter and Margaret (Lemons) Voland and moved to Starke seven years ago. Prior to retirement she worked as a beautician for over 40 years.

Survivors are: children, Andrea Weston of Starke, Pam Lovings of Arizona, and Raymond Purtee of Indiana; sister, Nancy Saenz of Arizona; nine grandchildren; twenty six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorial services and interment will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



LaVaughn Fraser

### LaVaughn Fraser

GAINESVILLE—LaVaughn "Von" Hodges Fraser age 76, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born in Doerun, Ga. on Feb. 22, 1938. Von was the eighth child born to Wallace and Sallie (Hodges) Fraser. He was raised in a large family in a small, rural town with a strong work ethic. At age 12 he was a telephone switchboard operator and worked a paper route. On summer breaks he picked cotton, cropped tobacco and stacked peanuts while completing his high school education. When questioned about stacking peanuts he replied, "Anyone who grew up in rural Georgia in the 1950's can tell you what that means!" He inherited his love of conversing with others from his mother. With her nine children gathered around the dinner table on Sundays, she enjoyed sharing stories of growing up in rural Georgia. When questioned why he talks fast, Von replied, he had to talk fast to get a word in edgewise with eleven people at one table. After a tour of duty in

the United States Army as a Non-Commission Officer, Von attended the University of Florida where he earned his BSBA in Accounting in 1969. In 1992, he received a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of North Florida. Von was hired in 1977 by the Alachua County Clerk of Court as a Supervisor of Finance and Accounting. He was hired in 1981 by the Alachua County Tax Collector's Office where he held the position of Assistant Tax Collector until 2000 when he was elected Tax Collector. During his tenure as a public servant, Von used his inherited talent for conversation from his beloved mother to reach out to thousands of people in all walks of life to help them with tax issues or personal concerns. He often said "no tax payer's concern is too small or too large; they deserve my undivided attention."

Von's extraordinary commitment to service was evidenced by the many positions of leadership he held both locally and statewide. His involvement included but was not limited to: Florida Tax Collector's Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion, Military Support Group, Florida Credit Union, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Gainesville Alumni Association, Cotton Club Museum and cultural Center, League of Women Voters, African American Accountability Alliance, Florida Cattleman's Association, NAACP, PTA, A.L., Mebane Alumni Association, Inc., Arts Council of Elementary Schools, and the Gainesville Lion's Club. Most

notably, among all honors, awards and accolades, Von was elected and ordained Honorary Deacon at two local churches, Third Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by: brothers, Warren Fraser, Wendell Fraser, Wallace Fraser, and Arthur DeLacey Fraser.

Survivors are: sisters, Sadie King of Gainesville, Evelyn Chesser of Dinsmore, Mary O. (Raymond) Hunt of Starke, Joy (Glen) Edmunds of Albany, Ga.; sister-in-laws, Nell Fraser of Dublin, Ga. and Lucille Fraser of Valdosta, Ga.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 Nona Street in Starke on Saturday, April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be an additional viewing on Sunday, April 27th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave., Gainesville, 32653 with funeral services beginning at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow services in Rock Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, County Road 231, in Brooker with Pastor Roswell Henderson and Pastor Jim Sandlin officiating. A reception will follow the graveside service at Rock Primitive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for family and friends. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com).

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# OBITUARIES



Robert Griffin, Jr.

## Robert Griffin, Jr.

LAWTEY—Robert Rollin Griffin, Jr. "RJ" age 23, of Lawtey, passed away April 14, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. RJ was born Feb. 10, 1991 in Jacksonville, to Robert Griffin, Sr. and Barbara "Barbie" Griffin. He resided in Lawtey for most of his life before moving to Baker County two years ago. RJ was a graduate of Middleburg High School and attended the police academy in St. Augustine. He has worked as a Corrections Officer at Columbia Correctional in Lake City for the past two years. Prior to becoming a Corrections Officer, RJ worked with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, four wheeling, watching Georgia Bulldog games, and spending time with his family and friends.

Robert is survived by: his father, Robert Griffin; his mother, Barbara "Barbie" Griffin; brothers,

Clint Austin Griffin and Steven Norman; fiancé, Amber Cernik; grandparents, Richard (Linda) Norman, Kay (Linda) Sands, Homer (Billie) Griffin and numerous aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on April 19 at Highland First Baptist Church in Lawtey, with Daniel Padgett officiating. Interment followed in Highland First Baptist Church Cemetery. The arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, 250 North Lowder Street, Macclenny. (904)259-5700. Visit [www.ferreirafuneralservices.com](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Emiko Gunn

MELROSE—Emiko Muria Gunn, 82, of Melrose died Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the Robert's Care Center in Palatka. She was born in Kouousa, Japan on July 5, 1931 and became a U.S. Citizen in 1954. She had lived in Gainesville before moving to Melrose and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by: her husband of 42 years, Koin D. Gunn; and children, Junji Brown of Lake City, Jannet Brown of Keystone Heights, Maki Brown of Gainesville, and Mary Deukuffny of Orange Park.

There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

## Janice Kelley

LAKE CITY—Janice L. Kelley, 56, of Lake City died Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at her residence after a brief illness. She was born on Aug. 20, 1956 in Lake Butler to the late

Sidney and Letha Ellis Todd. She was a LPN until ill health forced her to retire. She was raised in Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs.

She is survived by: her husband, David Allen Kelley; sons, Gregory Kelley, Joseph Kelley, and Christopher (Tabitha) Kelley; two grandchildren; brothers, Sidney Todd, George Todd and Charles Todd; sisters, Shirley Taylor and Lanita Combs.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 25, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, burial to follow in Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Family invites friends for visitation Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 pm at Archer Funeral Home.



Christine Lawson

## Christine Lawson

STARKE—Christine Stringfellow Lawson, 100, of Starke, died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Shands Hospital in Starke. She was born in Headland, Ala. to the late Nathaniel Stringfellow and Mary Catherine (Molly) Owens Stringfellow on Aug. 20, 1913. She moved to Starke in 1947. She was one of the charter members of Madison Street Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 74 years, James (Jim) Thomas Lawson; her daughter, Patricia "Patti" Sue (Neil) Crawford; and son, Hal Thomas Lawson.

She is survived by: daughter, Alice "Aliese" Louise (Tom) Harding of Odenton, Md.; eight grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 24, from 6 pm to 8 pm in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am at Madison Street Baptist Church with Rev. Justin Kirksey and Brother Charles Warren officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby

Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## Tommy Linzy

LAWTEY—Tommy Kendrick Linzy, 66, of Lawtey, died Tuesday April 22, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Starke on May 31, 1947 to the late Hayward Randolph Linzy and Lois Rose Linzy. He served in the United States Army. He was employed by Merita Bread Company as a Salesman. He was a member of Smyrna Baptist where he served as a Deacon. He is preceded in death by: his parents; his brothers, Benjamin Linzy and Kenneth Linzy; and sisters, Wanda Sapp and Betty Deese.

He is survived by: his wife of 48 years, Virginia Cruce Linzy; sons, Thomas Kevin Linzy of Lawtey, and Brian (Kimberly) Keith of Grover, N.C.; sister, Elsie Carlton of Raiford; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, April 25 at Smyrna Baptist Church in Starke with Pastor Charles Starling officiating. Interment will follow at Sapp Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

## Verna Mathews

LAKE BUTLER—Verna Florence Mathews, 92 of Lake Butler died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Shands of UF in Gainesville. She was born in Brewer, Maine on March 30, 1922 to the late Edward and Marie Rose Georgine DeGrace Pooler. She lived most of her life in Leesburg and came to Lake Butler in 2005. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lake Butler Ward. She is preceded in death by her husband Harold Franklin Mathews.

She is survived by: her sons, Bill (Johanna) Mathews of Lake Butler, Vernon Edward (Regina) Mathews, of Roseville, Michigan and John (Pam) Mathews of Leesburg; daughters, Merline Sanders of Umatilla and Marilyn Mathews of Daytona; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am in the Lakeside Memory Gardens, in Eustis. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 386-496-2008.

## Robert Mitchell

MELROSE—Robert "Bob" Allen Mitchell, 87, of Melrose died Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Willey Manor ALF home in Keystone Heights. He was born on Aug. 12, 1926 in Hooksett, N.H. and retired as an electrician with the telephone company. He served in the United States Navy with the Seabees during World War II. His

brother had preceded him in death. He is survived by: son, Gregg Mitchell of Melrose. There are no scheduled services at this time. Interment will follow at a later date in California. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Diana New

## Diana New

STARKE—Diana Marie New, 54, passed away April 17, 2014. She was born to the late Myron and Dorothy Bartholomew, Aug. 11, 1959 in Rochester, Mich. She was a former driver for the Suwannee River Economic Council. Mrs. New was a devoted Wife, Mother, and Grandmother who loved spending time with her family.

Diana is survived by: her husband, Anthony New; daughter, Christia New; son, Glenn (Ashley) New and beloved Grandson, Myron.

Memorial services for Mrs. New will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Starke Community Nazarene Church, 1:00 pm. Officiating for her service is Pastor Mike Meek.

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## Cherie Rangler

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Cherie Lynn Rangler, age 68, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday April 14, 2014 at the Acosta-Rua in Jacksonville. She was born in Manchester, Mich. on May 14, 1945 to the late Harold and Leona Belle (Smith) Roberts, and has been a resident of Keystone Heights for 15 years. Cherie worked as an Assembler for the Ford Motor Company and was also a member of the Keystone United Methodist Church. She was involved with the Make A Wish Foundation at Amvets Post 893 in Rockledge and the Ladies V.F.W. Auxiliary. Her husband, David Rangler has preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her three children, Laura (Dorsey) Turner of Clinton, Mich., Stormy (Matthew) Wimberly and Christopher (Jessica) Rangler all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind are her loving grandchildren, Destiny and James Norton of Deland, Thomas Christopher and Theresa Rodriguez of Tecumseh, Mich., Dylan and Dixie Black of

Keystone Heights, Shelby Rodriguez of Clinton, Mich., Bobby Bates, Dakota Black, Cheyenne Rangler, Tully Rangler, and Christian Rangler all of Keystone Heights; great-grandchildren, Aiden Lindemuth, Ryleigh Norton, Kayden Rodriguez, Devin Black and Emmalyn Black.

A memorial service for Mrs. Rangler will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 26 at the Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore officiating. The family will be receiving friends immediately following the services in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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Jewel Sellers

## Jewel Sellers

KINGSLEY LAKE—Jewel Faye "Jackie" Sellers, 86, of Kingsley Lake died Monday, April 21, 2014. She was born on Nov. 2, 1927 in Jacksonville to the late Rufus and Esther (Lee) Parnell. Prior to retirement she worked as a lab technician in the Medical field. She was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Starke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert S. Sellers, Jr.; daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Holder and Susan Faye Sellers; sister, Ynez Marsh; and brother, Eddie Parnell.

Survivors are: sons, Herbert S. (Tana) Sellers III, of Kingsley Lake, James A. (Beth) Sellers of Middleburg; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 24, at 11:00 am in the First Christian Church of Starke with Pastor John Faulkner and Charles Soper officiating. Interment will follow at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## Carolyn Thornton

STARKE—Carolyn Marie Thornton, 66, of Starke died Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the ET York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born March 18, 1948 in Starke to the late Aaron and Rosie Muse Sumner, living most of her life in Raiford and Starke. She was a member of the Morgan Road Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard A. Thornton.

She is survived by: her sons, Tim (Tammy) Thornton of Starke, Les (Michelle) Thornton of Starke, Travis Thornton of Starke and Steven Thornton of Starke; daughter, Tammy (Roger) Tetstone of Starke; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Carl Sumner of Keystone Heights; sisters, Evelyn Booth of Starke and Nancy Jacobs of Brooker.

Graveside funeral services were held April 23 at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford, with Rev. Al Paulson officiating. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Card of Thanks

We, the families of Steve and Curtis Crawford would like to thank everyone from the Gainesville, Bradford and Clay County Fire Departments for their loving support in our time of loss and sadness! We are also very thankful to the Kingsley Lake Baptist church family for their prayers, food and support!

We are so grateful to Pastor Zeb Cook for his constant love, prayers and presence! We appreciate the Bradford County Sheriffs Department for their support during Steve's funeral.

So many people have been so kind and giving over the past few years, we apologize for not mentioning everyone, but we are so blessed by everyone's love and support!!

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## CRIME

### Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

#### Bradford

Shane Allen Arnett, 21, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Arnett started arguing with his brother and then began to hit him in the head with his fist. The victim told deputies Arnett knew he couldn't fight back due to a medical condition, including a dialysis port on the side of his chest.

Joshua Bryan Coffman, 33, of Starke was arrested April 16 by Starke police for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Brian Sean Copeland, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 20 by Bradford deputies for larceny and for loitering. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the Kangaroo store on S.R. 100 and Griffiths Loop in Starke about two suspicious men hanging around out front. When the deputies arrived, the men went into the woods, but Copeland was stopped and arrested. The other man wasn't located, but video from the store showed both men shoplifting items, including beer and wine. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charges.

Mario Correa, 53, of New Haven, Conn., was arrested April 16 by Lawtey police for driving without a valid license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Travis Dekon King Covington, 27, of Starke was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Covington was stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charges.

Chuckie Detroy Covington, 24, of Starke was arrested April 18 by Starke police for assault and for simple assault. According to the arrest report, Covington threatened to kill a family member and then threatened to attack and beat up the police officer when they were called to the area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Maria T. Davis, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for two out-of-county warrants from Union for probation violation for original charges of grand theft.

Roosevelt Chevelt Ferguson, 29, of Gainesville was arrested April 17 by Lawtey police for carrying a concealed weapon, for possession of marijuana and drug equipment and for driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Ferguson was stopped by an officer because his windshield was broken on the driver's side and he wasn't wearing a seat belt. When the officer asked for his license, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana. He then asked for his registration and observed a pistol in a tote bag Ferguson

was looking in. A further search of the bag revealed a loaded .45 Taurus pistol, several bags of marijuana and an electronic scale. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Terrius Germaine Green, 22, of Starke was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for destroying evidence. According to the arrest report, Green was in a vehicle stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Joaquin Guerrero, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested April 19 by Lawtey police for driving without a valid license. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Linda Hankerson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 19 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jennifer Renee Harris, 22, of Lawtey was arrested April 16 by Bradford deputies for two probation violations.

Denise Nicole Hengl, 25, of Hampton was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for not having a valid registration for her vehicle. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

William Christopher Kahakua, 37, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Kahakua was at the Kangaroo store on Morgan Road and got into an argument at the gas pump. He then hit the victim's vehicle with his fist, leaving a large dent on the passenger side. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Eunice Ann Langford, 35, of Waldo was arrested April 16 by Starke police for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, Langford was causing a disturbance at a home in Starke, yelling loud enough to bring neighbors out of their homes. She refused to calm down with the officer and was arrested. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Carl Frances McKinley, 33, of Lawtey was arrested April 16 by Lawtey police for burglary, larceny and three charges of dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, McKinley went to Guide Metals on U.S. 301 three times in the past several weeks with loads of stolen items from a resident of Lawtey. He sold the items for scrap metal. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Monique Lashay Newman, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested April 21 by Starke police for probation violation.

Terri Lynn Palmer, 30, of Hampton was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for felony child neglect. According to the arrest report, law enforcement was called after a neighbor of Palmer's encountered a 3-year-old boy walking down the road and picked him up. The deputy took the child and went down to a nearby trailer, where he encountered an 11-year-old girl

and four other children younger than her in her care. The 3-year-old was her brother, and she told the deputy her parents were in town grocery shopping. While the deputy waited for the parents to come home, the 11-year-old proceeded to cook dinner for the others, boiling water for hot dogs. When the parents, Terri and Christopher Palmer, showed up, Terri Palmer said this was the first time they had left them alone. The deputy stated he had been told otherwise, at which point Terri Palmer started to have a negative attitude, according to the deputy. She also stated she knew she was going to be arrested, so he should just go ahead and arrest her. In the report, the deputy noted that Palmer never seemed upset or remorseful, and she made it seem like it was the children's fault the deputy was out there arresting her. The children were left in the custody of their father.

Wendy McMaster Pettit, 48, of Middleburg was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies on three charges of failure to appear.

Mava Grace Proctor, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 18 by Starke police for possession of drugs. According to the arrest report, Proctor was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over for a faulty tag light. The officer stated the driver and Proctor appeared nervous and asked if they had anything illegal in the vehicle and if he could search the vehicle. The officer found four hydrocodone pills in Proctor's purse, which she didn't have a prescription for. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Felicia Matasha Richardson, 23, of Gainesville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for destroying evidence. According to the arrest report, Richardson was in a vehicle stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Sherri Foreman Roberts, 50, of Starke was arrested April 15 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Roberts was in a vehicle with three other passengers when they got into an argument about which convenience store to stop at. They stopped near the Veterans Memorial Park in Starke, and Roberts got out of the vehicle and continued arguing through a back window with a passenger before striking the victim in the face. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Don Edward Rosier, 51, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Starke police for three charges of felony child neglect and three charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Rosier purchased three "dime" bags of marijuana for his 11-year-old son and two other juveniles who are 9- and 11-year-old brothers. Rosier and the three juveniles then smoked all the marijuana at Rosier's residence. The brothers went home and got sick, and their mother called law enforcement after they told her what happened. When arrested at his residence, Rosier admitted

to purchasing the marijuana and smoking it with the juveniles. Bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Walter Edward Schneider, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 16 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for failure to appear for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,550 for the charge.

Bethany Jessica Smith, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Timothy Joshua Staten, 30, of Dade City was arrested April 20 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Timothy Jerome Stewart, 22, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Reginald Bernard Trumpler, 37, of Palatka was arrested April 17 by Starke police on a warrant from the Florida Parole Commission for a parole violation out of Putnam County. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Shannon Marie Vansyckel, 34, of Starke was arrested April 16 by Starke police for larceny and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Vansyckel and two juveniles were observed placing items in their purses at Walmart by an employee. The employee was able to detain the two juveniles, but Vansyckel left the store and then left the area on a bicycle. The juveniles, one of whom is related to Vansyckel,

had also come to Walmart on bicycles and were able to tell the police where Vansyckel lives. Vansyckel was located and arrested, but denied knowing the juveniles and assisting them by placing items into bags, so she was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. With eight other theft convictions in her past, Vansyckel's theft charge was upgraded to felony larceny (instead of petit theft). Bond was set at \$7,500 for the charges

against her. Walmart declined to press charges against the juveniles.

Matthew Carter Wells, 31, of White Springs was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

James William Young, 41, of Hampton was arrested April 18 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for contempt of court from original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$355 for the charge.

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## CRIME

### Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

#### Keystone/Melrose

Kenneth Baldinelli, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

Adam Boyd, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

Mathew Cemer, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief.

Casey Marie Gaffney, 33, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for child neglect and dealing in stolen property.

Michael David Lavane, 38, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for child neglect and dealing in stolen property.

Frederick J. Martin, 18, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief. According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Martin, Baldinelli, Boyd, Cemer, Gaffney and Lavane were part of a theft ring that committed over 50 residential and commercial burglaries in Putnam, Clay, Alachua and Bradford counties.

Charles Chamberlain, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 18 by Clay deputies for

child abuse without great harm.

Summer McKinnon, 18, of Starke was arrested April 18 by Clay deputies for petit theft.

#### Union

Julian Demetrius Merriex, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested April 8 by Union deputies for kidnapping a minor-interfering with custody, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, child neglect, failure to appear and felony escape. According to the arrest and offense reports, a 14-year-old runaway from Columbia County stayed with Merriex at his mother's home in Providence for four nights and five days before a deputy located her at the residence in mid-October of last year. The runaway was returned to her family, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Merriex. When deputies returned to the Providence area several days later to arrest Merriex, the same runaway was with him again, and they tried to elude the officers by fleeing into the woods. They were tracked and located several hours later by the canine unit. The runaway had a lot of superficial wounds on her body from being dragged through the brush and woods by Merriex trying to elude the deputies. Merriex was handcuffed and placed in a patrol car and transported to the jail, but he apparently worked his hands from behind his body to the front of his body during the trip. When the deputy went to remove

him from the vehicle at the jail, Merriex kicked the door and knocked the deputy down and took off running. He was able to elude law enforcement and the canine unit, which tracked him for several hours in Lake Butler and toward Providence before stopping. Merriex was arrested in Columbia County several weeks later in November 2013 on unrelated charges from Columbia and has been in jail since then. He was transported to the Union County Jail on April 8 to face charges in Union, where he is still being held.

Georgia Gail Massey, 29, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Union deputies for probation violation.

Willie Lee Gainey, 58, of Lake Butler was arrested April 14 by Union deputies for larceny, disorderly intoxication and resisting property recovery from a retail merchant. According to the arrest report, Gainey was at the CVS in Lake Butler when he attempted to conceal a bottle of wine in his pants and leave the store. The manager followed Gainey out to get him to stop, but he didn't until an unidentified customer stopped him. When the officer arrived, Gainey stated he had been drinking all day and ran out of alcohol at his house, but didn't have the money to pay for the wine, so he thought he would just take it from the store.

James Alan Simmons, 29, of Starke was arrested April 11 by

Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500 for the failure to appear charge.

Matthew Aaron Dover, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Union deputies for burglary and for petit theft and on an out-of-county warrant from Suwannee for probation violation of a domestic violence injunction. According to the arrest report, Dover showed up at a relative's residence uninvited and plundered through a bedroom, stealing a gold-rod chain valued at \$200. Law enforcement was called, and he was located and arrested for the theft and the out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$835 for the probation violation charge.

Joshua Oneal Perry, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested April 16 by Union deputies for possession of a weapon on school property. According to the arrest report, during a routine search at the UCHS alternative school, a knife was found on Perry under his waistband.

Zachery Weldon Robertson, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested April 16 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for probation violation on a driving-under-the-influence charge. No bond was allowed for the charge.

A 15-year-old was arrested April 16 by Union deputies for

disturbing the peace at the UCHS alternative school.

Jimme V. Lewis, 49, of Alachua was arrested April 19 by Union deputies for two charges of false imprisonment and two charges of burglary. According to the arrest report, Lewis went to an ex-girlfriend's home late at night and barged his way in after someone answered the door. He refused to leave and then started to tear up and throw several items in the home. The victim then gathered up her infant child and tried to leave, but Lewis wouldn't allow her to. The victim finally shoved Lewis against the door and ran out of the house to her mother's home across the yard and called law enforcement. Lewis was located in Alachua and arrested.

Shawn Matthew Eiserman, 25, of Lawtey was arrested April 18 by Union deputies for hit and run, distribution and possession of marijuana, possession of drugs public order crime-using two-way device to facilitate a felony. According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to the Hungry Howies in Lake Butler about a traffic crash. Eiserman told the deputy he backed into a car on the other side of a gas pump, but was acting very nervous and stuttering and shaking when he was getting out his driver's license. The deputy asked him to get his registration from the vehicle while he interviewed the owner of the car Eiserman hit. Instead of getting his registration,

Eiserman went behind Hungry Howies and jumped in a vehicle parked there with an acquaintance of his in it. He then threw what appeared to the deputy to be a bag of marijuana on the driver's side of the floorboard. The deputy had both men exit the vehicle, retrieved the marijuana from the acquaintance and arrested Eiserman. A later search of his vehicle turned up a brown bag with a over 50 grams of marijuana in it and a pill bottle with cocaine.

The acquaintance, Joseph James Lacy, 32, of Lake Butler, was also arrested and charged with resisting an officer, possession of marijuana and possession of drugs, using a vehicle to sell or store drugs and public order crime-using two-way device to facilitate a felony. After his arrest, Lacy told deputies that Eiserman was on his way from Starke to meet him to "make a deal" for the marijuana. When Eiserman had the accident at the gas pump, he called Lacy, and Lacy came to the store. Lacy stated that Eiserman went over and gave him the marijuana right before the deputy arrived. When Lacy was ordered out of the vehicle along with Eiserman, he refused several times to place his hands on the vehicle so the deputy could pat him down for weapons. He only did so after the deputy told him he would be tasered if he didn't cooperate. The deputy also found a bag with cocaine in it during his search of Lacy.

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# Tornadoes rally in 7th, defeat Blue Wave for district crown

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Mackenzie Gault capped a three-hit night with a single that scored what would prove to be the winning run in the Bradford High School softball team's 2-1 win over P.K. Yonge in the District 5-4A championship game on April 17 in Alachua.

It was the second straight district championship for the

Tornadoes (18-7), who played District 6 runner-up South Sumter in a regional quarterfinal game on April 23.

Bradford, the tournament's second seed, had lost its previous two matchups with top seed P.K. Yonge by one run each.

"It's an indescribable feeling," pitcher Ashton Adkins said. "It's amazing just knowing that we've struggled with them the past two times. This win meant so much

to me and my team. It's just tremendous."

The Tornadoes had three hits entering the top of the seventh, but lead-off batter Annie Luke hit a single, while a throwing error on Jaci Atkinson's ground ball to the shortstop gave Bradford two on with no outs. After P.K. Yonge recorded the inning's first out, Lindsey Wiggins hit a hard single up the middle to score courtesy runner Taylor Crawford



Posing with the District 5-4A championship trophy are: (front, l-r) Jordan Davis, Lindsey Wiggins, Ashton Adkins, Mackenzie Gault, Lainie Rodgers, Taylor Cruce, (back, l-r) Alexis Shealey, Chelsey Thomas, Shelby Wilkison, Annie Luke, Kaylen Chitty, Jaci Atkinson, Sabina Watson and Taylor Crawford.

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Gault, who doubled in two of her previous three at-bats, followed with another single that scored Atkinson.  
"I didn't hit it where I wanted it, but, hey, a single will work for me," said Gault, who was 3-for-4.  
Adkins gave up seven hits and five walks, but pitched the Tornadoes out of several jams. P.K. Yonge (21-3) loaded the bases twice, but failed to score in each instance, and also had innings where it failed to score when it had runners in scoring position with one out.  
Of Adkins' 10 strikeouts, five ended innings.  
"We always say it's one versus

nine—nine players against that one batter," Gault said, "but (Adkins) really held us in this game. She worked her heart out. She pitched great."  
For her part, Adkins said, "I just knew I had to focus and concentrate on our main goal, which was to not let them score hardly any runs so we could have a chance to win this game."  
Gault got the Tornadoes off to a good start when she doubled to lead off the game. However, P.K. Yonge pitcher Kalen McGill retired three straight batters to leave Gault stranded on third.  
Two hits and a walk loaded the bases for P.K. Yonge with just one out in the bottom of the inning. A baserunning miscue

by the Blue Wave after a force-out at home allowed Bradford to get out of the inning without surrendering a run.  
P.K. Yonge put two on with no outs in the second, but Adkins recorded two strikeouts as well as holding the two base runners in place after fielding a bunt before throwing to first for an out.  
Adkins recorded her fifth strikeout of the game to end the third inning after the Blue Wave loaded the bases with two outs.  
"(Adkins) always gives great effort and shines every time she goes on the mound," Bradford head coach Daniel Davis said.

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## BHS, UCHS to play for baseball titles

Bradford and Union County extended their seasons and will play for the championships in their respective district tournaments, while Keystone Heights saw its season come to an end in its district semifinals.  
Second-seeded Bradford (16-9) defeated host and third seed Santa Fe 2-1 in the April 22 semifinals of the District 5-4A tournament and will play

fourth seed Fort White for the championship on Thursday, April 24, at Santa Fe High School at 7 p.m.  
Fort White advanced to the championship game by defeating top seed Keystone 3-1.  
In Williston, second seed Union defeated third seed Newberry 3-2 in the April 22 semifinals of the District 7-1A tournament. The Tigers (15-6)

will play top seed Williston for the championship on April 24 at Williston at 7 p.m.  
Championship game participants will advance to the regional playoffs. Bradford will play its first regional game on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m., while Union won't play its first regional game until Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

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## Region champ Ardley, 2 BHS teammates heading to state finals

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Ardley won the high jump by clearing 6-2. He will be joined at the May 2 Florida High School Athletic Association Finals at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville by teammates Diontre Jonas and Kenny Dinkins. Jonas was the Region 2 runner-up in the 200m dash with a time of 22.22 seconds and was fourth in the 100m with a time of 10.84. Dinkins was third in the 400m with a time of 50.45.

The top four placers in each event earned the right to compete in the state finals.

Bradford competed in the boys' 4x400m relay, placing 10<sup>th</sup> with a time of 3:38.80, while Sarah Frederick was 14<sup>th</sup> in the 1600m with a time of 6:18.54.

## Union's Cook places 10th at regionals

Union County High School will not be represented at the Florida High School Athletic Association Track and Field Finals, but Kristen Cook did earn a top 10 finish at the Region 2-2A meet on April 16 in Orlando.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to move on to state. Cook placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the shotput with a distance of 28-4.75.

Nancy Slocum also competed for Union, placing 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200m with a time of 30.13.

## Bradford pulls out 5-4 win over Suwannee

Zach DeWitt and Carson Yowell each went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI as the Bradford High School baseball team closed the regular season with a 5-4 win over visiting Suwannee on April 17.

David Hall and Matt Stanwix-Hay each drove in a run, while pitcher Jacob Luke (3-1) earned the win, giving up two hits and one walk in three innings.

Starter Jackson Reddish gave up one hit in three innings, while DeWitt gave up no hits in one inning.

On April 15, Bradford traveled to Forrest, losing 6-1. Only two of the five runs scored against starting pitcher Wyatt Barnes (4-3) were earned. Barnes gave up five hits and one walk in 4.1 innings.

At the plate, Reddish hit a double.

## Keystone falls to Clay 9-2

Visiting Clay held the Keystone Heights High School baseball team to five hits as the Indians lost their regular-season finale 9-2 on April 17.

Morgan Bass and Cory Taylor each went 2-for-3, with Taylor hitting an RBI single in the fifth inning. That scored Morgan Smith, who reached after getting hit by a pitch.

Blake Richardson hit an RBI single in the second, scoring Tristan Starling, who reached on a walk.

Prior to playing Clay, the Indians (14-11 prior to April 22) defeated New York's Iroquois 2-1 in eight innings on April 15 in Keystone.

Starling scored the winning run, hitting a single to lead off the bottom of the eighth, moving to second when Richardson was hit by a pitch and stealing third before going home on an error.

Starling finished the game 3-for-4, while Kyle Hix hit an RBI single that tied the score at 1-1 in the third inning.

Bass pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and one walk, while striking out 12.

## Union wins last 2 regular season games

Union County High School's baseball team bounced back from its 11-1 loss to Suwannee by defeating Interlachen 10-0 on April 15 and then capping the regular season with a 6-4 win over Crescent City on April 17.



Keaaris Ardley won the District 5 and Region 2 titles in the high jump and will advance to the Class 2A state finals with Bradford High School teammates Kenny Dinkins and Diontre Jonas. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

The Tigers got a complete-game (five innings) performance from pitcher Corey Hersey in the win over Interlachen. Hersey allowed just two hits and struck

out six. Offensively, Garrett Hersey was 3-for-3 with a double and three runs scored, while Colten McAlister was 3-for-4 with a

double and an RBI. Trey Owen was 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Chris Starling and Cole Kite were 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively. Starling and Kite each had two RBI, with Kite hitting a double

and a triple. Corey Hersey drove in a run as well. The Tigers traveled to Crescent City to earn their second win in a row heading into this week's

District 7-1A tournament. (The Telegraph-Times-Monitor did not obtain stats of the Crescent City game by deadline.)

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"I'm very fortunate to have her. She keeps you in games."

P.K. Yonge finally took advantage of an opportunity when a walk and an error put two on with one out in the fourth. Kaitlyn Burke hit a double to score a run, but Adkins also had two strikeouts to prevent any more damage.

"They were very resilient

tonight and pushed through some tough spots to pull out the win," Davis said. "It was a great team win."

If Bradford advances to the Tuesday, April 29, regional semifinals, it would host either P.K. Yonge or the Villages. The game time would be 7 p.m.

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## Bradford defeats host

## Santa Fe in semifinals

Gault drove in two runs, while Adkins gave up four hits and two walks in the Tornados' 5-1 win over third seed Santa Fe in the District 5 semifinals on April 15.

Luke was 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Adkins and Jordan Davis each hit a double and had an RBI. Lainie Rodgers was 3-for-4 with two doubles.

Adkins had five strikeouts in earning the win.

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