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Volunteer VPK, June 11 through Aug. 12

Summer VPK (voluntary pre-K) will run daily, onday through Thursday, June 11 through Aug. 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch provided.

For more info, call 386-496-4884, 2045 or 3047.

Canoe the Santa Fe, June 12

Will leave at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 and a maximum of seven youth. Bring bag lunch.

Menu for one, two or more, June 12

Union County Extension Office at 1:30 p.m. Call to pre-register at 386-496-2321.

WS bake sale, June 14

The Worthington Springs Senior Citizens Activity Program will have a bake sale on Saturday, June 14, at Spire's IGA from 8 a.m. till sold out.

UC commission meeting time change, June 16

The monthly meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners will be held on Monday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

UCHS Class of 1963 lunch, June 21

The Union County High School Class of 1963 is meeting for lunch on Saturday, June 21, at Western Steer in Starke at 12:30 p.m. Friends are welcome. If interested, contact Sharon Berry at 904-272-8891.

Pop Warner sign-ups, June 21

Union County Pop Warner has opened registration for football and cheerleading during select Saturdays: 21 and July 12 & 26—and on July 4. Sign-ups are at the Pop Warner building at the O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex.

Football fees are \$100 for May 23 to July 4 and \$150 for July 5 to 26.

Cheerleading fees are \$125 and \$175, respectively.

Coaches, volunteers and sponsors are needed.

Small Ruminant Workshop, June 21

On Saturday, June 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Townsend-Green Building & Museum in Lake Butler, the Union County Extension Office will host a workshop on sheep and goats. This workshop will provide the most up-to-date information on small ruminant nutrition, pasture management and herd health.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Fiona Maunsell, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine; Tim Wilson, UF/IFAS Bradford County livestock and forges agent; and Basil Bactawar, Union County extension director/agent.

Preregistration is \$10 and due by June 17. If you'd like to attend and/or receive more information regarding this workshop, contact the Union County Extension Office at 386-496-2321. For a detailed agenda and directions, visit union.ifas.ufl.edu.

WS council fills empty seats

The Worthington Springs Town Council unanimously approved the appointment of new members to fill two open seats. Here, Town Attorney Niles Whitten swears in Dylan Hughey and Joan Douglas as Town Clerk Pat Harrell makes note. Hughey is new to the area, having moved there in November. Douglas is a returning member to the council.



UC extends 6-cent gas tax

Commissioners say it's required for DOT paving

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

At the May 19 meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, members extended the local 6-cent gas tax for another five years since the current ordinance expires at the end of this year. Last time, the board approved the tax for three years.

Commissioners echoed Board Attorney Russ Wade's assessment that they "don't have a choice." He said that the tax is required to qualify for the Florida Department of Transportation's two programs that the county relies on: Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) and Small County Outreach Program (SCOP).

"You know, this is Tallahassee telling us, 'We'll quit paving your roads if you don't do this,'" Wade added.

Consequently, Chairman Jimmy Tallman said the board approving the tax "wasn't something we're doing willingly."

The Jacksonville City Council recently approved their 6-cent gas tax for 20 years—two years ahead of time. It pays for road projects and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

Union County receives around \$300,000 annually from the 6-cent gas tax, according to Justin Stankiewicz, chief financial officer for the Clerk of Court. He confirmed that the tax is required for road-paving grants from DOT and added, "Funds received are restricted by statute to be used solely on road expenditures."

Later at the meeting, officials from the DOT Lake City office presented the current road repairs list and said that it was probably the largest budget that they've ever received, adding that SCRAP and SCOP were funded, with a substantial increase earmarked for the latter. Commissioners gave them feedback on projects left off the list, which the DOT will review and adjust accordingly.



On June 3, Lake Butler FFA members Haley Libby, left, and Taylor Wilkins visited the Wounded Warrior Project office in Jacksonville to present the donation check from the Tigers Forever Strong event held at Union County High School on May 9. The event featured performances by the Spirit of Union County Tiger Band and UCHS JROTC. The event ended with a cake auction that raised \$6,087 for the Wounded Warrior Project. (Late sponsorships pushed the grand total to \$6,352.)

FFA shines as one of best ever

BY WILLIAM BROWN
Lake Butler Senior FFA Chapter

April was once again a successful month for the Lake Butler FFA Chapters. Several state contests occurred for a variety of Career Development Event teams, with competitions taking place almost every week during the month. Despite the rigorous schedule of events, nearly every team competing in April finished in the top five.

The first contest of the month was the Livestock Evaluation state contest, which was held on April 5, at the University of Florida. After a grueling nine-hour day of competition, the team, coached by Union County High School agricultural education teacher Amie Imler, finished as the second-place team in the state. Team members were Taylor Wilkins, Randa Conner, Ty Hamilton, Haley Libby and Ashlynn Vaughn. Additionally, Wilkins finished as the fourth high individual, and Conner finished as the fifth high individual for the contest.

One week later, the Poultry Evaluation team competed at the University of Florida in the state contest. The Sr. Chapter team, coached by Lake Butler Middle School agricultural education teacher Britney McGee, finished eleventh in the state. Team members were Nolan Ward, Francisco Gomez and Wyatt Williams. The middle school team placed first in the state, and will be recognized on stage at the Florida FFA State Convention & Expo in Orlando at the end of this month. Team members include Savannah Douglas, Ashley Harris, Nicole Luke, Erin Stidham, Griffin Whiteley and Tori Wilkins. Wilkins was

also the second high individual in the state, Harris was fifth high individual in the state, and Stidham was seventh high individual in the state.

On April 19, the Meats Evaluation team traveled to Gainesville to compete in the state contest. The team, coached by Imler, finished as the state runner-up. Team members included Case Emerson, Ty Hamilton, Kelsey Thornton, Taylor Wilkins and Noah Wright. Wright was the fifth high individual in the state, Emerson was the sixth high individual in the state and Hamilton was eighth high individual in the state.

Nearly one week later, on April 25, both the Agriculture Communications and the Agricultural Sales teams traveled to the University of Florida campus to compete in their respective state contests.

The Agriculture Sales team, coached by McGee, came in first in the state. The team will travel to Louisville to compete at the National FFA Convention & Expo this October. Team members include Savannah Woodall, Kierstin Jenkins, Terah Godwin and William Brown, who was the high individual in the state.

The Agricultural Communications team also placed extremely well, bringing home a second-place finish in the state. In addition to their success at this year's state competition, the Agricultural Communications team and their coach, UCHS ag teacher Erin Johnson, coordinated and planned May's highly successful inaugural event, Tigers Forever Strong. In conjunction with the Spirit of Union County Tiger Band and UCHS JROTC, the event helped raise over \$6,000 for the Wounded Warriors Project.

Williams praises this year's FFA

UCHS ag teacher and FFA adviser Tom "Bub" Williams said that he ranks this year's FFA as a "top three all-time" in its 73 years. He said they placed seven teams in the top five in the state—two state champions, three state runner-ups and two fourth-place finishes—"and we're not done yet!" he added.

Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk concurred. "You are a group that spends numerous hours working with other people," Faulk said. "You spend time away from your family, helping our family and we do appreciate it very much. And you don't know the pride that that program brings to Union County. Thank you very much."

School Board Chair Terra Johnson thanked the students for coming and sharing their success with them.

"That's so exciting," Johnson said. "That is definitely the best part of being on the board is seeing all the many accomplishments."

"And I also would like to thank the parents because I know they wouldn't be able to do it without you."



Juveniles smash 45 mailboxes

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Over the weekend of May 31, juveniles on a destructive mission destroyed and damaged 45 mailboxes located on C.R. 239A, C.R. 239, Southwest 72nd Street, and C.R. 796.

Three juveniles, ages 12, 15 and 16, went joyriding on an ATV and smashed the mailboxes with a baseball bat.

On June 10, Lt. Lyn Williams with the Union County Sheriff's Office said deputies completed their investigation, meeting with over 45 victims with various degrees of damage to their mailboxes. Some was minor and could easily be put back up, while others were completely destroyed, as seen in the photo above.

He said they have 19 victims wanting to pursue criminal charges. Subsequently, UCSCO filed 19 counts of damage property/criminal mischief. The State Attorney will review the case and can file it as 19 separate misdemeanor counts or charge as one felony count due to the amount of property damaged if added together.

UCSCO is requesting a Pick Up Order (PUO), which is the same as an adult arrest warrant, and asking the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to get involved.

Williams said he has heard of at least one of the juveniles working to repair/replace some of the damaged mailboxes. However, the State Attorney will seek restitution to the other victims.



Palestine fire station on its way

On May 19 the Union County Board of County Commissioners approved the \$55,800 bid from Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, Inc. to build an unmanned fire station in Palestine. Located at the Northwest 106 Loop on West State Road 100, the property has already been cleared and heavy equipment is now moving dirt to prepare a foundation.

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Father's Day Service, June 15

Greater Elizabeth MBC of Lake Butler invite everyone to a Father's Day Service on Sunday, June 15, at 11 a.m. Pastor J.W. Warren will speak on, "Christian men exposed as role models for Christ."

Gospel stage play at UCHS, June 15

M&K Entertainment Enterprise presents the hit gospel stage play, "A Hard Head Makes a Soft Behind," on Sunday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the Union County High School auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door at www.mandkeei.org.

Homecoming, June 15

New River NC Methodist Church will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, June 15, with lunch following the morning service.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy spirit-filled preaching and singing. The church is located on C.R. 125. Rev. Jimmy Scott is the pastor.

Call 386-431-1536 for directions. For more info, call 386-496-3040.

VBS at FCC, June 16

Starting Monday, June 16, and each weekday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., First Christian Church will host its annual VBS program for children, pre-K through sixth grade. Children will have tons of fun learning about God's plan in their lives and how to have faith in him even if we can't see the "long shot" he is taking us on. And they will learn the story of Deborah and how she led God's people to freedom from an evil king. They will also explore what it means to live a life the way God wants us to through humorous angel skits.

For more info, call Associate Minister David Tompkins at 386-496-3956.

Library's summer programs start June 19

10 & Under, Thursdays, 10 a.m. June 19: "Fizz, Boom, Science" at Union County Public Library - Mad science with mad scientists!

June 26: "Fizz, Boom, Todd Kay" at Lake Butler Elementary School - Juggling with a magical twist!

Teens & Tweens, 11 & Up

June 24, 3-5 p.m.: "Electrifying Electricity" workshop. Limited seating; preregistration recommended.

June 30, 5-7 p.m.: "Ballad of America," featuring special guest Matthew Sabatella. Refreshments will be served.

Visit www.facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.

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(L-r) Maj. John Siter, Region 2 CSA Joseph Edwards, Maj. Felicia Chestnut, Maj. Jason Stephens, Col. Steven Klein, Region 2 Warden Brian Riedl, Tyler Yoho, Rep. Ted Yoho, Deputy Chief of Staff Kat Cammack, RMC CSA Edward Winkler and RMC Warden Steven Wellhausen.

Yoho tours RMC

On June 3, Rep. Ted Yoho paid a visit to the Reception and Medical Center along with his son Tyler and Deputy Chief of Staff Kat Cammack. Avery Roberts, who set up the visit, joined Yoho on the tour along with staff from RMC, Department of Corrections

Region 2 and Florida State Prison, as well as DOC Deputy Secretary Tim Cannon.

After a quick lunch of fried ribs, the group toured RMC's ever-expanding farming operation where produce is grown and used to offset costs associated with feeding the inmate population.

Upon arrival at RMC Main Unit the group toured the 52-acre facility much like a new

commitment to prison would, beginning in Transfer and Receiving and moving through Classification, Medical, Dental, Housing Units, as well as Food Service.

In addition, the group visited RMC's on-site and licensed hospital, dialysis center and cancer treatment clinic, which is the only such center inside a prison within the United States.



Region 2 honored for blood drive efforts

On June 5 at the annual banquet of the Florida Association of Blood Banks in Sarasota, the Department of Corrections Region 2 was honored for its efforts that increased participation at blood drives by more than 90 percent during 2013. Here are LifeSouth Community Blood Centers' Koertni Blackketter, Region 2 Warden Brian Riedl, Suwannee Correctional Institution Warden Chris Landrum and Columbia Correctional Institution Warden Monroe Barnes.

FFA



ABOVE: The second place state UCHS FFA Livestock Evaluation team (l-r): Ashlynn Vaughn, Randa Conner, Ty Hamilton, Taylor Wilkins and Haley Libby.

LEFT: UCHS agricultural education teacher and FFA adviser Tom "Bub" Williams with most of the Bub's and Roses group, which included some of the many students who provided entertainment at the annual FFA banquet on May 22.

FFA school year wrap-up

These FFA teams and individuals will compete at the state convention...

LBMS FFA Parliamentary Procedure

Audyn Woodington, Savannah Douglas, Ashley Harris, Tori Wilkins, Erin Stidham, Gage Hendricks, Dawson Johns and Mackenzie Davison.

LBMS FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Timber Underhill, Ashley Harris, Madelyn Kish, Amanda Blanton, Sara Owen, Tori Wilkins, Audyn Woodington, and Alyssa Coyle.

LBMS FFA Poultry Judging

Tori Wilkins who placed second overall, Ashley Harris who placed fifth overall, Erin Stidham who placed seventh overall, Savannah Douglas, Nicole Luke and Griffin Whitely.

UCHS FFA Agricultural Issues

Holly Tucker, Kelsey

Thornton, Noah Wright, Morgan Eddy, Taylor Wilkins, Haley Libby, and Lane Underhill.

This team is educating the public on the best practices for forest management, especially clear-cutting. Each student reads a section, from the history behind harvesting timber to the pros and cons of clear-cutting verses selective cutting of trees. The group was required to make the presentation 10 times in the community. They will then submit a portfolio on the topic. And at the annual state convention they will mimic a town hall meeting to debate the topic.

These teams and individuals have already won at state contests and will compete at the national convention...

LBMS FFA Prepared Public Speaking

Mackenzie Davison

UCHS FFA Prepared Public Speaking

Case Emerson

UCHS FFA Job Interview

Taylor Wilkins

UCHS FFA Food Science

Brittany Cooley, Lane Griffis, Haley Libby who was the high individual at state, Taylor Pate, Savannah Woodall, and Callie Worthington.

UCHS FFA Agricultural Sales

William Brown who was the high individual at state, Terra Godwin, Kierstin Jenkins and Savannah Woodall.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Children's Church 10 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service at 10 a.m.
4900 NW 182nd Way • Starke
(Entrance to Conerly Estates on S.R. 16)
(904) 964-8855 • gslcstarke@aol.com
Rev. Ronald Mueller
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Debra Browning

City Commission, Seat 4



VOTE:
June 24th, 2014



Working Together we can...

- Support keeping city costs down, to save money for all of the taxpayers.
- Support more activities being made available for the children and young people.
- Support the needs of the older adult population, address their individual concerns and ideas.

I am a responsible administrator familiar with business management and budgets. It is important to make the children a priority; I am proud to say that I have a son who was a Marine in Iraq, a son who is a medic in the Navy and a son in the Air Force in Kansas. I have also volunteered my time serving as a health care professional with Alzheimer's and Dementia related support groups. My experience has been assisting distraught families through a most difficult time.

Working together — We will build a better community!

Please support Debra Browning for City Commissioner, seat 4 ...

and I thank you!

Pd. Pol. Adv. paid for and approved by Debra Browning for Lake Butler City Commission, Seat 4

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UC schools improve in FCAT reading, mathematics and science

According to a press release on June 6 from the Florida Department of Education, Commissioner of Education

Pam Stewart recognized school districts in North Central Florida for improved student performance on state assessments in reading, mathematics and science.

"I applaud teachers and school leaders for their focus on increasing student academic performance," Stewart said. "As we transition to new standards and assessments next year, I am confident students will continue to succeed."

• **Alachua County** improved in three of the seven assessment areas announced, led by a six

percentage point increase in grades 6-8 math and a three percentage point increase in grades 9-10 reading.

• **Bradford County** improved in six of the seven assessment areas announced. This includes a seven percentage point jump in eighth grade science and a six percentage point increase in grades 6-8 reading.

• **Union County** improved in five of the seven assessment areas announced, soaring 10 percentage points in fifth grade science, nine percentage points

in grades 9-10 reading, and eight percentage points in eighth grade science.

Overall, statewide student achievement improved in most of the assessment areas released. Compared to last year, students improved in reading by one percentage point in grades 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. In math, students improved by two percentage points in grade 4 and one percentage point in grades 5, 6 and 7. For science, students across the state improved two percentage points in grade 8 and one percentage point in grade 5.

Next year, a new assessment based on the Florida Standards will replace the FCAT 2.0. The Florida Standards for mathematics 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.

Florida's recent academic gains have received national attention. The Sunshine State jumped from 11th to 6th in the nation for educational quality in 2013.

Florida has the highest graduation rate in the nation for Hispanic students. In the past decade, the number of Florida graduates participating in AP courses has more than doubled, and the number of low-income graduates taking AP courses has increased tenfold. And Florida's graduation rate is 75.6% for 2012-13—an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the prior year and up five percentage points since 2010-11.

The 2014 FCAT 2.0 Reading, Mathematics and Science results are available at fcatt.fldoe.org.

LEGALS

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NOTICE

Lake Butler Mini Storage will hold an auction on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 10 AM, located at 1015 SW 3RD Street, Lake Butler, FL. Hwy 121. We have 3 units up for auction #62 10x10, #28 5x10, #27 5x10. 6/5 2tchg 6/12-UCT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will hold a pre-bid conference and walk-thru for the rehabilitation or emergency repair of five (5) single-family dwellings in the Union County SHIP program. This meeting will be held Friday, June 13, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., 665 SE 4th St., Lake Butler, FL. The conference and walk-thru is mandatory, no exceptions, for contractors who plan to bid. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. requires each contractor to be properly licensed, carry general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000.00 and Workers Comp insurance during construction. Bids for these units will be due by 12:00 noon Friday, June 20, 2014, at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd, Bldg. 2, Live Oak, FL. Please mark envelope "Sealed Bid for Name of Homeowner, SHIP." Bids to be opened Friday, June 20, 2014 at 12:05 p.m. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be awarded on the most cost effective basis. Union County is a fair housing and

equal opportunity and ADA employer. Minority and Women Contractors are urged to participate.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on June 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. CPA 14-01, an application by G. W. Hunter, Inc. and/or Daniel Crapps Agency, Inc., as agents for the

Maines-DeVoe Trust, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to COMMERCIAL, as follows: A parcel of land lying within Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of Government Lot 7, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida; thence East approximately 1,300.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of Southwest 12th Avenue; thence North, along the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue, a distance of approximately 270.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North, along the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue, a distance of approximately 230.00 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad right-of-way; thence Northwesterly, along the said Southerly right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad right-of-way, a distance of approximately 480.00 feet; thence South approximately 418.00 feet; thence East approximately 444.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue and the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.30 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 amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, 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 proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact 352.463.3169 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8771.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on June 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. LDR 14-01, an application by G. W. Hunter, Inc. and/or Daniel Crapps Agency, Inc., as agents for the Maines-DeVoe Trust, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) to COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying within Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of Government Lot 7, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida; thence East approximately 1,300.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of Southwest 12th Avenue; thence North, along the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue, a distance of approximately 270.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North, along the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue, a distance of approximately 230.00 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad right-of-way; thence Northwesterly, along the said Southerly right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad right-of-way, a distance of approximately 480.00 feet; thence South approximately 418.00 feet; thence East approximately 444.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of said Southwest 12th Avenue and the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.30 acres, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on June 26, 2014 at 9:35 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-4, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 14-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be

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ABOVE: VANDIVER – (Back row, l-r) Erick Lasseter, Cayden Coarsey, Cash Cox and Carsyn Dukes. (Third row, l-r) Shayna Durrance, Zariya Green, Mason Mobley and Lance Hunter. (Second row, l-r) Elexis Jenkins, John Boyette, Aidan Hancock and Parker Parrish. (Front row, l-r) Brycen Sapp, Ashlyn Thomas and Bailey Varnes. Not pictured is Ayden Williams.

ABOVE LEFT: TUCKER – (Back row, l-r) Hunter Arthur, Jakila Caldwell, Joseph Gilbreth and Addison Graham. (Middle row, l-r) Delani Harden, Kaleb Parrish, Marcos Sanchez-Gutierrez and Gavin Smith. (Front row, l-r) Selah Tompkins, Chelsea Waters and Aidan Welz. Not pictured are Ja'Marcus Cliett and Kaydence Lugenbeel.

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Graduation jubilation

The rains held off until the Bradford High School class of 2014 graduation was finished, but Chance Wheatley (left) let loose a victory yell that rivaled any thunder in the area. He and more than 160 young men and women were ecstatic to finish one chapter of their lives and move on to another. More photos can be viewed at www.StarkeJournal.com. All photos by Cliff Smelley.



LEFT: "We did it!" Cody Bias, Jerica Krol and Christina Troup. ABOVE: "We made it!" James Young.



Valedictorian Wisam Fares



ABOVE: Selfies were a big part of the evening, and many of them were silly as demonstrated by (l-r) Marcus Randolph, Autumn Webb and Kayla Jones. LEFT: Leah Bryant is all smiles after receiving her diploma.



Salutatorian Christopher Shannon

Who's happy? ABOVE LEFT: Katlin Canady is eager to walk across the stage and accept her diploma. ABOVE: Tra'von Thomas plays it cool when it's all said and done. RIGHT: Hayden Balkcom gives a big thumbs-up on his way to the field prior to the graduation's start.



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Murray Ford celebrates renovations, new acquisition

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

The celebration was in full swing June 7 as Starke's Murray Ford Superstore threw a party to introduce several changes and

improvements.

Owner Dale Murray said the celebration was three-fold, acknowledging the grand opening of the newly renovated Murray Ford Superstore and Murray Quick Lane service

center and the recent acquisition of Beck Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram.

The five-hour event offered something for everyone, with more emphasis on having a good time than on making a sale. About 500 people attended the event to enjoy traditional cookout fare from Country Caterers and live music from the Ben Carter Band. The younger members of the crowd found several slides and a bounce house to keep them busy, while their parents perused several informational booths from local merchants and charities such as the Relay for Life and the Food Pantry.

"Murray Ford values the community, and we support several local efforts," Murray said. "We are big supporters of both Bradford and Union County high schools, as well as the police, sheriff's department and Youth Ranch."

Bradford County Sheriff's Office was represented at the event, providing child ID cards and their crash test simulator. The Bradford County Explorers were on hand washing cars to benefit the Youth Ranch. Sheriff

Murray Ford's new Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center allows for quick, routine/light maintenance on all makes and models without an appointment.



Gordon Smith took the hot seat in the dunking booth in the name of raising funds as well.

The renovation of the dealership began in February and was completed in late May with a hefty multi-million-dollar price tag. Director of Operations/Human Resource Manager Frank Bisacky said the process involved the complete refurbishment of both the exterior and the interior of the existing structure and was geared to both improving service to the customers and to making their experience at Murray Ford a pleasant one.

Everywhere one looks, there are details designed to enhance the customer's experience, from granite counter tops in the restrooms to new, high-definition televisions and vending machines (offering a wider range of choices) in the customer waiting area. Also new is the business center, which offers high speed Internet for customers' use while they wait. Wi-Fi is available over the entire lot outside to allow customers to look at the dealership's inventory online while they walk around.

The service department has also been improved and augmented, being the main factor in the cost of the renovation. New lifts have been installed that can handle recreational vehicles up to 53 feet in length. New electronic equipment has been added, which allows the service department to work on any make

and model.

The new Murray Quick Lane Tire Center is designed to serve everyone and carries a full line of tire types and sizes for passenger vehicles.

"We spent a lot of money to give our customers better, quicker and more complete service," Bisacky said. "We have improved the quality and scope of our service department and the breadth and depth of our entire operation. We are part of this community. This is a family owned business, not a big corporation. Our first concern when making any decision is, 'What is the right thing to do?' That is what we do."

"A customer is not just a sale—they are members of our community, and we want to do the best job we can in meeting their needs."

New signs highlight Call Street history

BY JAMES WILLIAMS

Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Northeast Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Development Council wants to attract more attention to Starke and Bradford County history.

What they really hope to accomplish is to highlight Starke and Bradford County history, using resources at hand. Those resources include the Eugene Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum and now plaques highlighting the Call Street historic district.

The Call Street district is included in the National Registry of historic places and covers a large swath of downtown Starke.

Over the last few months, research has been completed, and metal plaques have been added to four buildings with roles in Starke history and Call Street's cityscape. More plaques are planned.

The hope is to have a self-guided walking tour of Starke and Call Street history up and down the blocks.

The first building already identified is the Richard and Pace Building, which sits on the south side of Call Street, right at the railroad tracks. Its companion building, the first Bradford Bank (now housing Tony and Al's Deli), sits right next door and also has a new sign.

Two additional buildings got signs last week: the chamber building, which is also the second Bradford Bank building, and the Magnolia Hotel.

All of those buildings except the chamber building were constructed in the late 1800s. The chamber building was constructed during the early years of the 20th century.

The Richard and Pace building replaced a former wooden frame that may have been victim to a fire. The Bradford Bank was the



Leisa Sims, owner of It's Your Day, said, "This is nice," upon noticing the historic plaque on the west side of her building.

first bank in Bradford County—it moved operations down the street from today's 200 E. Call St. to its second edifice at 100 E. Call St. in 1914.

The Magnolia Hotel was built as a private residence by Adolph von Kirm around 1884. It was later sold to Dr. Albert Freeman around 1915. The Magnolia Hotel's new plaque describes its journey to become a hotel.

A current Magnolia Hotel resident said hotel guests have stopped by to read the new sign. "It's interesting, all that stuff," said the man, who declined to be named.

At the Richard and Pace building, It's Your Day gown, tuxedo and bridal shop owner Leisa Sims said she hadn't even noticed the sign yet—perhaps because it was placed on the side of the building that also houses the Let's Do It Studio.

Sims deals in formal dresses and gowns—new, layaway, consignment and custom made. Last Monday, she was adding cammo to a wedding dress and said she gets custom customers from as far away as North Carolina.

Downtown shop owners will be invited to place signs on their buildings once the research is complete.

The Richard and Pace building housed one of Starke's earliest department stores. It and another building tucked away behind it were significant because they stored much of the merchandise delivered to and from Starke on the railroad during Starke's formative years.

"This is nice," Sims said as she scanned the new Call Street historic sign. She added that she knew the building was old, but wasn't aware of the role her shop's building had played in Starke and Bradford County history.

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While most people think of World War II-era military service in terms of battles, marches and invasions, there were many who served in support positions both during and after the conflict. These jobs were just as necessary and sometimes carried more responsibility than the combat positions. As one longtime Bradford County resident put it, "Someone had to clean up the mess and see that problems didn't start up again."

Woodrow Griffis Sr. was born on Jan. 26, 1929, on his parents' farm, located about 1 mile from where Camp Blanding's A gate is now. His father, Leonard, and grandfather, Henry, had adjacent 40-acre homesteads. Both men farmed to feed their families and were accomplished "horse traders," which had less to do with horses as it did with bartering for needed items.

"It was during the Depression, so no one had any money," Griffis remembered. "You had something someone needed, and they had something you needed, so you just made it work. A lot of people survived that way."

Griffis remembered the hard work required on the farm, but he also has fond memories of Saturdays, when he could go to Starke with a quarter in his pocket and go the Ritz Theatre, where he could buy a bag of popcorn, a drink and a ticket to see the show.

Griffis enlisted at age 16, lying about his age to do so. (He should have been 17 to be allowed to join the Army.) He did so with his parents' approval, after spending a little time talking his mother into it.

"I was the oldest of 17 children (five girls and 12 boys, one of whom dies at 1 month of age), and someone had to help out," Griffis said. "I was working for 50 cents a day, and the Army was paying \$21 a month, plus they gave you room and board as well as all your clothes."

Griffis was assigned to the 383rd Lightening Security Police, receiving training at Kewana, Miss. It was there he met his two best buddies, who worked with him for the next two years: Lewis Gresset and a man named Guererro, who was originally from Mexico. The trio arrived in France in early 1944, missing the

fighting, but just in time to join the occupying force. They moved on into Germany after two weeks in France.

"The war in Europe was over, but it was still smoking when we arrived," Griffis said. "They were still fighting in the Pacific, but that really didn't affect us."

Spending two and a half years in Germany, Griffis worked picking up and delivering prisoners and helping to chase down SS members still at large.

"Most of the German people were not Nazis, or if they had joined them, it was in name only," Griffis said. "Many of them were forced to join the party to keep their families safe. As for the SS, most of the 'big guys' had gotten out of the country, but there were still quite a few of the lower-ranking men to the rounded up."

Griffis saw service all over Germany in places like Mannheim, Darmstadt and Frankfurt. He said the German people were a little unfriendly at first, but over the time he was there they seemed to become easier to get along with.

While Griffis and his friends were kept busy, they never were subjected to the horrors of the concentration camps. They also found time to do a little sightseeing on their time off. Griffis remembered seeing the world's largest wine keg in Heidelberg.

"The thing was so huge it had never been totally filled up," Griffis said. "They said that a king one time filled it up about half way. It was so big that there was a dance floor built on top



Woodrow Griffis Sr.

of it. We also got to see a lot of castles and old, historical places and things."

When he arrived home from Germany, Griffis wasted no time in going to work. Hampered by his lack of education (he was only able to complete the second grade due to family responsibilities), he bought a truck and went to work in the scrap metal business. Some time later, he went to work as a mechanic for Shorty Livey at his garage in Starke at the corner of Pratt Street and U.S. 301, where he said he worked on a lot of vehicles from the Hercules Powder Company.

Griffis married Olga Pauline Michaelchuck in 1947. The marriage lasted 57.5 years and produced five children: Viola, Victor, Woodrow Jr., Lucille and Eleanor. Griffis now presides over a large family, which includes 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

"Family is the most important thing to me," Griffis said. "I value greatly any time I can spend with them."

In 1961, Griffis started out in

the field of business in which he would excel. He went to work for Jimmy Moore at Moore's Sun Spot in Starke, located where Walgreen's is now. Moore built fiberglass boats and sold Mercury outboards. Griffis quickly found a niche in the business.

"People were making boats and selling boats, but nobody was repairing fiberglass boats so I learned how to do it," Griffis said.

Griffis worked for Moore "a long time" for minimum wage until one day he asked for a 15-cent raise. When Moore refused, Griffis gave his two weeks' notice.

Griffis had taken over the \$18,000 mortgage on a piece of property owned by his father at the behest of Bud Mizell of Southern Discount (now CT City Financial). He rebuilt the house on the property and built a workshop to start his own business making fiberglass boats.

Griffis and Sons opened for business, producing Stumpknocker Boats in several styles. Named after a small panfish in the bream family known for being stubborn and mean, the boats were an immediate success.

"The boats were really nothing fancy," Griffis said. "They were just Cracker fishing boats, but people seemed to like them."

Son Woodrow Jr. took over the main running of the business, but Griffis did not completely retire until about three years ago. The Stumpknocker name and assets were sold in 2004 to All Craft Marine. In 2009, Woodrow Jr. went back into the business as Griffis Fiberglass and has been successful working with St. Augustine Marine. Woodrow Jr. said he owes everything to his father.

"He taught me everything I know about fiberglass and building boats," he said.

Griffis now spends his days feeding a yard full of squirrels and four goats and keeping his numerous bird feeders well stocked. He also enjoys watching Westerns on television and listening to vintage country music, especially the music of Hank Williams Sr. Despite all this, he is occasionally restless in his retirement.



Woodrow Griffis, at age 16, newly arrived in immediate post-war Mannheim, Germany, circa 1944.

"I kick myself every now and then for ever stopping working," Griffis said. "I miss the work and the satisfaction that comes from building something."

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Woodrow Griffis and best friend Lewis Gresset served together all the way through training and two-and-one-half years in Germany in the 383rd Lightening Security Police, helping to track down former SS members.

Congratulations



Georgia Ellyn Green

graduated with high honors on Saturday May 31, 2014 from St. Johns Country Day School.

The graduating class of 50 students elected Georgia to be the student commencement speaker. She was the recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence, the Florida Bright Futures scholarship, the Spanish Award, the Leadership Award and the PTL Service Award. She also was awarded with the Roddey R Fisher Award and the Clay Electric Youth Scholarship award. Georgia is also a member of the National Honor Society and Cum Laude Society.

Georgia Ellyn Green will attend Mercer University in Macon, GA in the fall on several academic scholarships. She will study International Health Sciences.

Georgia is the only daughter to Mr. and Dr. Lex Green of Starke. She is granddaughter of Sandra Green and the late Buzzy Green of Penny Farms.

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4 UCHS baseball players get college opportunities

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Four recent Union County High School graduates are getting the chance to play collegiate baseball, with Chris Starling signing a letter of intent to play at Milligan College in northeast Tennessee, while Corey Hersey, Cole Kite and Colten McAlister all signed with Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville.

"It's a great opportunity," Starling said. "It's always been my dream to play at the next level."

Hersey said, "It feels good to go to the next level and play," with McAlister adding, "It's something I've always wanted since I was a little boy."

Kite admitted that words couldn't describe his feelings, but did say, "I never really thought I had a chance to play at the next level."

Union head coach Brian Tomlinson said the four players always remained loose and knew how to have fun, but they took the sport seriously. They did what they needed to do to be successful and did what their coaches asked of them.

"Those four were instrumental in us winning state two years ago," Tomlinson said. "The fact those guys get to go on and play at the next level says a lot about them and all the hard work they've done."

For Hersey, Kite and McAlister, it's a chance to remain teammates.

"It feels good to have all your friends on the same team," Hersey said, with Kite adding, "I feel pretty good. I get to play with my friends and play ball some more."

Trinity Baptist will have quite the local appeal, having signed Wyatt Collins and David Hall from Bradford High School and Blake Richardson from Keystone Heights High School.

"That's pretty cool," McAlister



Union County High School baseball players Colten McAlister (left) and Chris Starling sign letters of intent to play at Trinity Baptist College and Milligan College, respectively. Corey Hersey and Cole Kite also signed letters of intent to play at Trinity Baptist at a separate signing ceremony, but the Telegraph-Times-Monitor was unable to obtain photos.

said. "I've played against them most of my life."

Hersey said he looks forward to the level playing field at Trinity Baptist. It is a first-year program, so there are no established positions.

"It's pretty exciting," Hersey said. "We all get the same chance to see how good we are."

Hersey said he looked at several schools in Pensacola and Enterprise, Ala., before receiving an offer from Trinity.

"I figured that wasn't a long ways from home," he said.

Hersey was a catcher and in the pitching rotation at UCHS. Tomlinson said Hersey is a player who not only understands the game, but one who can play anywhere. Trinity Baptist, really, is getting nine players in one, Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson said at the catcher position, Hersey excelled at blocking balls that other catchers can't.

"He's a grinder," Tomlinson said. "He's going to get dirty

back there behind the plate."

His experience behind the plate helped him on the mound.

"He understands how to approach batters," Tomlinson said, adding, "He's able to throw any pitch he has for a strike at any time."

Hersey said he's not sure where Trinity coaches want him to play, but it doesn't matter to him.

"I'll play anywhere they need me to," he said.

Offensively, Hersey has good control of the bat and is able to lay down bunts for singles, Tomlinson said. The coach added that Hersey doesn't have "blazing" speed, but is capable of stretching singles into doubles.

Kite wasn't looking to play anywhere until Union assistant coach Lamar Waters informed him of Trinity Baptist's interest in him.

"I wasn't really planning on going to college to start with,"

See SIGN, 10B

Bradford Fair annual dinner is June 16

Want to be a part of the Bradford County Fair, but don't know how? Why not be a fair member?

Membership dues are \$15 per person, which includes a membership card with free admittance to the 2015 fair and an annual dinner.

This year's annual dinner—a fish fry—is Monday, June 16, at 6 p.m. in Building 1 at the fairgrounds. Please call 904-964-5252 to RSVP.

Andrews Center presents 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.

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.

Keystone girls' basketball/softball camp starts June 30

A girls' basketball/softball camp will be held at the Keystone Heights High School gym from

8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. starting June 30 and running through July 2.

A session will be offered for girls in second through fourth grade, while another will be offered for those in fifth through seventh grade.

The cost is \$130 (or \$65 for those who want to do only one sport) and includes lunches, drinks, T-shirts and awards.

Applications may be obtained at Keystone Heights Elementary School.

For more information, please call Keystone Heights Elementary School at 352-473-4844 and speak to either Jessica Carter (ext. 2315) or MaryAnne McCall (ext. 2270).

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LETTERS

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Common Core attackss are 'baseless'

Dear Editor:

As a twenty year Navy veteran and former Clay County Public High School History teacher of 18 years, I am tired and disgusted with the nonsensical, baseless attacks against Common Core State Standards, known in our State as the Florida Standards, running rampant in Clay County.

The Florida Standards are straightforward, academic benchmarks in Math and English-Language Arts outlining the basic skills and knowledge our children in Florida's public schools should master by each grade level.

While Florida's previous statewide academic standards were more rigorous than those in most states, they were not rigorous enough.

How do we know? Graduates who enroll in Florida State College at Jacksonville immediately after graduation require remediation for skills they should have mastered in high school. Worse, more than 20 percent of Florida high school graduates cannot pass the military entrance exam.

When ill-prepared students take these remedial courses, fail to join the military or complete vocational training, you and I as taxpayers foot the bill, and we're talking billions of dollars every year.

How? They earn significantly lower wages over the course of their lifetimes, and worse, become more likely to go on means-tested, taxpayer-funded government assistance. This translates into billions of lost wages and taxpayer dollars from our economy on an annual basis.

Detractors would have you believe that these standards are the Armageddon for public education, yet they ignore these simple facts by spreading irrational rumors and fear tactics.

They have no solutions or better alternatives. And even though they had ample opportunity to voice their concerns more than four years ago when our state board of education openly and constitutionally reviewed and adopted these stands over the course of several month, none was to be found.

Let me be clear: These standards are not a political manifesto. They do not usher in a national curriculum. They are not forced upon our state. And for God's sake, they do not influence children's sexual preferences!

You can read them for yourself at <http://www.fldoe.org/BII/curriculum/SSS/>.

If you as a parent or citizen are concerned about political bias in our classrooms, then direct your concerns to local education officials. They are the ones, after all, who are deciding what textbooks and materials our children are using in the classroom, not Washington.

I stand in solidarity with all who oppose a federal takeover of education. However, when a few dozen states get together to standardize standards, that makes perfect sense to me as a parent, retired educator and taxpayer.

In America, the land of opportunity, a child's zip code should not be the deciding factor for what expectations are leveled against him at school.

It seems opponents of these new standards should rather embrace complacency and the status quo's mediocrity instead of raise the bar for what we expect of our students.

I thank Governor Scott, the state board of education and the legislature for choosing to keep these high stands in place. I also commend any local education officials who are committed to faithfully implementing these standards in our classroom. After all, their success depends on your good work.

The scare tactics must stop. Our children, their future, and our state's long-term prosperity depend on us rising above the

madness so they can have a shot of success.

Sincerely,
Roy Lyons
Middleburg

Veterans' health care is better use of money

Dear Editor:

I had a thought (a semi-annual event, I admit). -Why don't we take the \$338 billion that our states and federal government are annually spending on those persons who came into this country without our permission, and spend it on something else. There are many possible places to divert these funds, but the one I had in mind was...USE IT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR OUR VETERANS!!!!!!

Perhaps the scandal involving the denying of care to our real American heroes is not about sufficient funds. Maybe it has to do with incompetence-or a simple lack of gratitude-or a combination of the two. But if it does boil down to money, then, for me, it's a no-brainer. (Of course every citizen will see the same kind of "problems" that the VA is experiencing as our government moves to take control of all the healthcare in this country.)

Wake up America!! We should all be ashamed of ourselves. We have elected the people responsible for such things, or stayed home and failed to vote at all. In either case, it is our government, our country, our ultimate responsibility. We are failing to support our military, those who have enabled us to take advantage of the boundless opportunities that exist in this land. We are becoming a disgrace to the human race.

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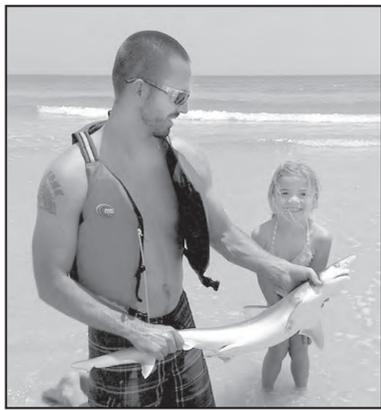
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Riley Shuford, 5, and her father, Brandon, hooked this 3-foot spinner shark at Flagler Beach, 200 yards offshore from their kayak. Once on shore, Riley completed the catch by reeling in the shark.

Now is the time to start deer preparations

Deer feeding plots near next year's stands should be planted at this time in order to lure next year's target deer.

Also the Florid Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has published the schedule for next deer season:

- Sept. 13-Oct. 12—bow and crossbow season (with and without antlers).
- Oct. 13-17—bow and crossbow season (antlers only).
- Oct. 18-31—muzzleloader, bow and crossbow season (antlers only).
- Nov. 1-Jan.18—gun season (antlers only).
- Nov. 22-28—bow, crossbow, muzzelloading and gun (antlerless).

Outdoors outlook

Bass and crappie are seeking cooler water and present more difficulty in locating. Panfish (blue gills, shellcrackers, redbellies) are more prevalent along shoreline cover. Look for all three to cluster bed around the next full moon around June 12.

Afternoon showers have been commonplace, and they will have an impact on the fish bite. The May 29 Sampson Open Bass Tournament was almost rained out, but clear skies appeared just in time to save the event. It was lucky for the participants because the winning catch was over 20 pounds, which was one of the heavier weights all year. Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May made that catch, but most of the entries were higher than normal.

Dolphin, snapper and grouper reports have been productive on both coasts recently.

Bass tourney results

John and Michelle Acree placed first at the May 28 Bald Eagle Tournament, with Chris Searcy and Adam McClendon placing second. Josh Wisham and Travis Lanes placed third. The team of Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy may placed first at

FINS, FUR & TAILS



Tyler Moran displays the June 5 Sampson Open Tournament's big bass, which was caught by Brandon Soring.

RIGHT: Shane and Sebastian O'Neal show off the May 28 Bald Eagle Tournament's winning catch. Shane also teamed up with Stanley O'Neal to win the June 4 Bald Eagle Tournament.

BELOW: Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May with the winning catch at the May 29 Sampson Open Bass Tournament.



the May 29 Sampson Lake Open Tournament and also landed the big fish. Jonathon Nash placed second, while Brandon Soyryng and Tyler Moran placed third and landed the big fish also. Billy Starling and Steve Shumack placed fourth.

Shane O'Neal and Stanley O'Neal placed first at the June 4 Bald Eagle Tournament, with Marshall Walker and Brock Lackey placing second. Jason McClellan and Clint Sheppard placed third, with Jimmy Mosley and Johnny Mosley landing the big fish.

The top two teams at the June 5 Sampson Lake Open Tournament were David Davis and Caleb Manning in first and Trevor Corbitt and Drew Rogers in second. Brandon Soring and Tyler Moran placed third, while Eddie Smith and Dillon Crews placed fourth. Tim Alford and Steve Shumack placed fifth.

Rotationally molded coolers

In 2006, Yeti Coolers came out with a series of outdoor coolers that changed the industry. Previously, fishermen who made a large catch of crappie could place the fish in a cooler and leave them overnight to be cleaned the next day. With the Yeti Coolers, fishermen can ice the fish down and leave them for a week before doing the dirty work. Fishermen can place the coolers in the boat and stand on them for a better view of the water. They were promoted as especially being

"grizzly tough," and when filled with food and exposed to grizzly bears, they proved to be just that.

The coolers are essentially made by a rotationally molded process, where plastic materials are placed into a mold under pressure and continually rotated until the molded form takes hold. The mold is cooled, and the material shrinks so that it can effectively be removed from the mold. Obviously, the plastic materials are tough in nature, and they also form a seamless material, which adds to the toughness and insulation. Additionally, the coolers are provided with additional insulation.

Actually, the roto-molded process has been around for some time, expanding into the recreational area with the construction of kayaks.

Yeti actually does such a good job of promoting their coolers that many outdoorsmen think of them as the only coolers with

such qualities. However, a June/July "Outdoor Life" review would suggest otherwise. The magazine selected coolers from seven different manufacturers that used the same roto-molded process, and they assessed coolers of similar size according to 12 different criteria.

One cooler was given an exceptional grade of four stars—Igloo. Four manufacturers received three and a half stars: Pelican, Canyon, Yeti and Coleman. Engel and K2 coolers received three stars.

Recommended retail prices range from Canyon's low of \$400 to Yeti's high of \$500.

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

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Landowners can apply now for pine-beetle assistance

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam announced on Friday that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service is now accepting applications for the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program.

The sign-up period will run from June 6 through July 18 and is available for non-industrial private forest landowners.

"The southern pine beetle is one of the most destructive forest pests in the Southeast," Putnam said. "By taking preventative measures now, Florida's private landowners can greatly reduce their risk of timber loss during future outbreaks."

Periodic outbreaks can rapidly kill millions of pine trees and

deplete tens of thousands of acres of timber resources. The most recent series of major southern pine beetle outbreaks resulted in an estimated \$59 million in timber loss between 1999 and 2002.

"The best way to minimize timber losses from southern pine beetle and other bark beetle attacks is by reducing stand susceptibility through active forest management", said Jay Tucker, senior CFA forester with Florida Forest Service. "Management practices such as thinning stands before they become overstocked, reducing understory competition, planting less-susceptible pine species on appropriate sites and harvesting diseased or stagnant stands can greatly improve the health and vigor of pine stands and decrease

the likelihood of outbreaks."

The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance Program is offered for private lands in 44 northern Florida counties.

The program provides incentive payments for the following:

- Conducting a first pulpwood thinning.
- Conducting prescribed burning operations.
- Conducting mechanical underbrush treatments.
- Planting longleaf or slash pine.

"Since 2005, we have assisted many private forest landowners through this program," said Jim Karels, director of the Florida Forest Service. "More than 150,000 Florida acres have been treated for southern pine beetle prevention."

Qualified landowners may apply for no more than two approved preventative practices per year. Funding requests may not exceed \$10,000 annually. All qualifying applications will be evaluated and ranked for approval.

This program is supported through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

To learn more about this and other landowner assistance programs and to obtain an application form, contact your local Florida Forest Service office or visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention.

In Union County, landowners can contact Tucker at 386-496-2190 or Jay.Tucker@freshfromflorida.com.

For landowners in Bradford County, contact Andy Lamborn at 904-964-2461 or Andy.Lamborn@freshfromflorida.com.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

Bradford

Middle Geraldine Alley, 42, of Middleburg was arrested June 7 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 \$323 for the charge.

Tyler Keith Arthur, 20, of Starke was arrested June 3 by Starke police for fraud and for dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, Arthur pawned several guitars that were apparently stolen by or came into possession of Arthur's mother's boyfriend. Arthur pawned the guitars for \$150, of which he received \$10 from the boyfriend for completing the transaction. The boyfriend has not been located yet by Starke police. Bond for Arthur's charges was set at \$3,000.

Joshua L. Bailey, 24, of Starke was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license, weapon offense-throwing an object at a vehicle and criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Bailey and another vehicle were traveling south on U.S. 301 in Starke near McDonald's when they both switched lanes at similar times, leading Bailey to become angry and make an obscene gesture, according to the victim. Bailey then passed the victim's vehicle and threw a large bottle, hitting the passenger-side door. The victim and his passenger followed Bailey into the Walmart parking lot and called the police, while Bailey went inside the store. When Bailey came out, the officer questioned him, and he eventually admitted to throwing a baby bottle of formula at the vehicle. He was arrested, with bond set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Ryan Michael Curl, 30, of Clearwater and Janzie Matthew Fedorchak, 35, of Palm Harbor were arrested June 6 by Starke police for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment during a traffic stop. During the stop, the officer asked to search the vehicle and found marijuana and glass pipes for smoking it. Bond was set at \$7,000 for both Curl and Fedorchak for the charges.

James Christopher Donaldson, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested June 7 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charges.

Terrance M. Ellison, 33, of Tavares was arrested June 5 by Starke police for driving without a valid driver's license.

Ronald Lee Ford, 48, of Starke was arrested June 4 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation and for withholding child support. Bond was set at \$1,070 for the withholding support charge, while no bond was allowed for the probation violation charge.

Marilyn P. Gamble, 52, of Starke was arrested June 5 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Robert Conner Godwin, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Michael Wilson Hall, 52, of Starke was arrested June 5 by Bradford deputies for battery and for battery on officer/firefighter/emergency personnel. According to the arrest report, the victim came home from class and found Hall in her home, intoxicated from drinking alcohol that was in the victim's refrigerator. When the victim started to remove the alcohol so Hall couldn't continue to drink it, he became angry and dragged her by the hair down a wheelchair ramp off the home's front porch. The victim struck Hall with a bottle and was able to get away and go into the home and call the police. When the officer arrived, he called EMS to treat Hall's wound, but Hall was belligerent toward the paramedics, shoving one and later attempting to kick one in the ambulance. Bond was set at \$20,000 for Hall's charges.

Lawrence Blair Isgette, 59, of Melrose was arrested June 4 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Justen Wayne Kelley, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 4 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 42, of Starke was arrested June 6 by Starke police for probation violation.

Edward George McCandlish, 50, of Beverly Hills was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Tianna Nicole Nelson, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Nelson was at Walmart in Starke and placed several items in a cart from the pet care area. She then went to another part of the store and placed the items in her purse before attempting to leave without paying for the items. A Walmart loss-prevention employee confronted Nelson at the exit and had to grab her when she attempted to run outside. Nelson then went back inside with the employee to wait for the police to arrive. Total value of the merchandise was approximately \$170.

Kyle Matthew North, 28, of New Port Richey was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Eric L. Peterson, 61, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 6 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for sex offender violation-failure to report name

or residence change. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Lexus Marvin Pornovets, 24, of Jacksonville was arrested June 8 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Wesley Michael Seaton, 32, of Starke was arrested June 8 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Savannah Victoria Serrano, 24, of Palatka was arrested June 4 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Amber Briann Terrell, 28, of Raiford was arrested June 9 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Stanley Keith Varnum, 38, of Hampton was arrested June 3 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charges.

Keystone/Melrose

Ruby Boone, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for child abuse without great harm and aggravated battery.

Justin Crouch, 20, of Melrose was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Jacob Murrhee, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested

June 4 by Clay deputies for trespassing.

Derick Phillips, 23, of Melrose was arrested June 3 by Clay deputies for child abuse.

Emily Thompson, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 9 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Robert Von Roberson, 48, of Melrose was arrested June 7 by Putnam deputies for battery and contempt of court.

Union

Rico Demond Lee, 38, of Union County was arrested June 5 by Union deputies and a U.S. Marshals' task force on an out-of-county warrant from Pasco for sexual battery-capital felony, two charges of lewd and lascivious molestation-life felony and lewd and lascivious battery. Lee is being held on no bond ad the jail until he is transported to Pasco County.

Richard Verdell Blount, 41, of Tampa was arrested June 6 by Union deputies for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$2,560 for the charge.

Bryan Randall Elixson, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested June 6 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for contempt of court-violation of injunction and aggravated stalking after injunction. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Louis Herschel Sparks, 30, of Worthington Springs was

arrested June 3 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Hernando for displaying obscene material to a minor.

Joshua Eugene Crump, 28, of Immokalee was arrested June 8 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the S&S in Worthington Springs about a disturbance involving Crump. Crump's wife told deputies they were driving with two children, and Crump had been drinking all day when he started breaking and hitting things in the back seat. She pulled into the S&S to stop the vehicle for their safety. Crump then exited the car, slashed a tire on it with a knife and then changed it out for the spare. He

then started asking for the car keys and chasing his wife around the vehicle, attempting to get them. When law enforcement arrived, they found Crump across the street and eventually arrested him.

Nicholas Andrew Causey, 51, of Gainesville was arrested June 3 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Gadsden for burglary and assault. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Nicole Rae Parker, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested June 6 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for failure to appear on original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$507 for the charge.



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OBITUARIES

Alice Beck

STARKE—Alice Beck, 58, of Starke died Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at Shands at UF. She was born Dec. 18, 1955 in Starke to Jim David Beck and Bertha Lee Kersey Beck. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joan Davis.

She was a resident of Starke for all of her life and most recently resided at Gainesville Healthcare Center. Alice was a member of Destiny People Worship Center.

She is survived by: her uncle, Earl Kersey of Alabama; and her nephews, Don (Cheri) Davis and Ronald (Valery) Davis of Starke.

Funeral services were held June 7 in the chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Ragan officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Lula Crawford
Lula Crawford

LAWTEY—Lula Mae Crawford, age 79, of Lawtey passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at E.T. York Hospice Center with family by her side. She was born in Raiford on May 5, 1935 to the late Maxie Wilkinson and Effie Mae Harris Wilkinson. Lula Mae was born and raised in Union County where she graduated from Union County High School and played basketball. She married the love of her life, Cecil Edward Crawford, Jr. on July 28, 1956, and they moved to Bradford County where they raised their children. Lula Mae was a dedicated member of Evergreen Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and Savior and always put God first. She enjoyed being a homemaker, taking care of her family and raising her children. Lula Mae also enjoyed cooking, watching her great grandson play baseball on the North Florida Gators, and watching her great granddaughter play softball on the Inferno Softball team. Lula Mae loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Cecil Edward Crawford, Jr.; her sisters, Audrey Cawthon and JoAnn Wilkinson; and her brothers, Kenneth and J.L. Wilkinson.

Lula Mae is survived by: her loving children, Karen (Ricky) Moorhouse and Randall (Dee) Crawford both of Lawtey; her brother, Douglas (Anita) Wilkinson of Raiford; her sisters, Marjorie Dobbs of Raiford and Gloria Dean (Bill) Hickman of Mississippi; her grandchildren, Kristeen (Daiquiri) Duncan, Pam (Jason) Davis, Joshua (Jessie) Crawford and Jordan Crawford; and her six great-grandchildren, Tripp, Jaycee, Lindsey, Matthew, Ethan, and Jacob.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 13 at 10:00 am at Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey with Pastors Kenneth Herring and Chris Elkins officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery in Starke. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book. 904-964-5757.

PAID OBITUARY

Curtis Edwards

STARKE—Curtis Guy Edwards, 81, of Starke passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at the E.T. York Hospice Center in Gainesville. Curtis was born on Feb. 10, 1933 in Starke to the late Guy Curtis Edwards and Elva Lee Andrews Edwards. Curtis was an active member of the Starke Church of Christ and was known as a man of faith. He frequently performed random acts of kindness in an effort to help those in need in his community. Curtis was a local business owner for many years and was a past member of the Keystone Heights Sportsmen Club. Curtis in his spare time enjoyed hunting and

deep sea fishing. Curtis is preceded in death by: his wife, Velmarie Edwards; his brothers, Ted Edwards and Darrell Edwards.

He is survived by: his daughters, Rhonda (Brian) Pulling of Lakeland, and Shan (Tom) deNeergaard of Atlanta; his sister, Ruth Rich of League City, Texas, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 10 in the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel with Brother C.L. Overturf, Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona Street, Starke is in charge of arrangements. (904) 964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Priscilla Edwards

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Priscilla Deane "Cilla" Edwards, age 66, of Keystone Heights passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville following an extended illness. She was born in Savannah, Ga. on March 1, 1948 and has been a resident of Keystone Heights since 1969. Mrs. Edwards was an EEG Technician at Putnam Community Hospital in Palatka before retiring following 23 years of dedicated service. She loved jewelry and shopping and along with traveling with her husband in their R.V. At one time she would do cross stitching and sewing. Her father Leroy Shearouse preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her husband of 45 years, Hugh Edwards, Jr.; two daughters, Kim (Shane) Richards of Billings, Mont. and Shellie (Andrew) Kilgo of Albany, Ga.; her mother, Laura (Hagee) Sherouse-Finck; and a sister, Cheryl (Gary) Johnson, all of Waldo. Also left behind are her precious grandchildren, Ashlee Richards, Abbee Richards, Anilee Richards, Madison Kilgo, Taylor Kilgo, Jessalyn Morey, Andi Douglas, and Kaitlyn Cody with the addition of many nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held June 10 at Keystone Heights Cemetery with Pastor Tony Heafs officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Lung Cancer Alliance, P.O. Box 418372, Boston, MA 02241.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive Keystone Heights, FL 32656. (352) 473-3176 www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



James Griffiths
James Griffiths

STARKE—James Griffiths, 68, of Starke died Sunday, June 8, 2014 at his home with his family by his side. He was born Sept. 23, 1945 in Raiford to the late Gordon and Alma Tendel Griffiths. James was a life-long resident of Bradford County. He was an electrical contractor, owning and operating James Griffiths Electric for the past 50 years.

He is survived by: his children, Denise, Tammy and Greg; his brothers, Johnnie and Vernon; his sister, Sue; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Archie Tanner Funeral Services on June 11. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie

Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

William Holmes, Jr.

LAKE BUTLER—William Holmes, Jr., 71, of Lake Butler died Monday, June 2, 2014 at his residence. He was born on Oct. 20, 1942 in Salisbury, Md. to the late Willie Lester Holmes and Rosetta Holt Holmes. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by: daughters, LeoNeddra Stewart, LaSonya Scrivnes, Tomyka Donaldson all of Brooksville; sons, Gregory Holmes of Virginia, Christopher Brown of Orlando, Minister Ygenio Booker of Brooksville; brothers, Sinclair Holmes of Gainesville, Noah Holmes of Rochester N.Y., David Holmes of Bristol, Anthony Holmes of Sanderson; sisters, Earline Hallman of Hollywood, Rosamae Rice of Ft. Lauderdale, Imogene Keith of Orlando, Diane William of Hawthorne; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 7 in the Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Minister Ygenio Booker officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.



Milton Johnson Sr.
Milton Johnson Sr.

Milton Johnson Sr., 91, died June 6, 2014. He was a member of Faith Deliverance Out Reach Church, Baldwin.

He is survived by: son, Milton (Adrium) Johnson Jr.; step-sons, Ivan (Loise) Smith, Marvin Smith, Ray C. (Juanita) Smith; daughter, Lillian Davis; sisters, Iola Lamb of Tallahassee; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He may be viewed at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, 450 S. 8th Street, Macclenny on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. and the interment will be held 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 16 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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Bridgett Norman
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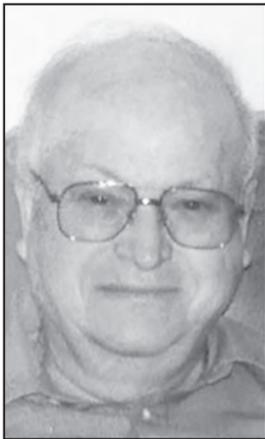
LAWTEY—Bridgett Ann Norman, age 15, a lifelong resident of Lawtey passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center. Bridgett was born on Feb. 2, 1999 in Gainesville to

Edwin G. Norman and Stacy Young Norman. She loved riding horses, shopping, and taking pictures. Most of all, Bridgett loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was preceded in death by her maternal great grandfather, Larry Wilhoit.

Bridgett is survived by: her loving parents, Edwin G. and Stacy Norman of Lawtey; her three brothers, Jacob, Garrison, and Randsom Norman all of Lawtey; her paternal grandparents, Robert and Debbie Norman of Lawtey; her maternal grandfather, Irving (Amanda) Young of Hampton; her maternal grandmother, Liz Young of Olustee; her paternal great grandparents, Carl (Linda) Griffis, Sr. of Lawtey and Leatha Higginbotham of Starke; and her maternal great grandparents, Irving and Irene Young of Hampton, Ann McIntire of Lawtey, and Maxine Wilhoit of Olustee.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 11:00 am at Bradford High School Auditorium with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. Interment will follow at Manntown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. The family will receive friends on Thursday an hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



Royal Jones
Royal Jones

ORMOND BEACH—Royal Reece Jones, 81, of Ormond Beach, died June 7, 2014 at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, Daytona Beach.

Born Dec. 29, 1932 in Armathwaite, Tenn., to Roy L. Jones and Stella Marie (Terry) Jones, Royal grew up with his parents and nine siblings in Fentress County, Tenn. He attended Alvin C. York High School before serving in the U.S. Army in Alaska during the Korean Conflict. June 24, 1955 Royal married his high school sweetheart, Joyce King in Muncie, Ind. They lived happily together for 55 years, raising three children in Ohio, Alabama, and Florida.

Royal's life revolved around the love of and dedication to his large family, his career as an entrepreneur, inventor, and innovator, and an unending generosity toward others. His work in the rendering industry allowed him extensive travels across America and to various international locations, including Russia, Central America and China. His life as a business owner was a source of much enjoyment for him. He continued actively working throughout his life. A most generous person, Royal was always concerned about those around him, whether family members or acquaintances. After Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras in 1998, he and Joyce spearheaded a large relief effort to aid those affected. Royal's life touched many people. He was predeceased by: his wife, Joyce King Jones, and his siblings, Ralph Jones, Wanda Jones, Reed Jones, Rudy Jones, and Ronnie Jones.

Royal is survived by: his three children, Natalie Jones (Darrell) White, Sylvia Marie Jones, and Timothy Royal (Tisha) Jones; grandchildren, Monica (Andy) Winegarden, Amy Powers, Nickolas

Powers, Dustin (Keri) White, Logan White, Miranda Jones, Rachel Jones, Anna Jones, and Christina Jones; and a great-grandchild, Malia McNally. He is also survived by: his siblings, Betty Reagan, Roger Jones, Fred Jones, and Darlene Gentry.

Visitation and viewing will be held on Friday, June 13th from 6-8 p.m. at Lohman Funeral Home; 733 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, Saturday June 14th at Christ Presbyterian Church, 1035 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, there will be a viewing from 10-10:30 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made in Royal's memory to Fun Coast Down Syndrome Association 3601 East Moody Blvd. Bunnell, Florida 32110, www.funcoastdownsyndrome.com

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Ormond.

PAID OBITUARY



Linda Roznowski
Linda Roznowski

STARKE—Linda Crews Boatwright Roznowski, age 76, of Starke passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014 at her home. Linda was born Jan. 11, 1938 in Lawtey to Commodore Roosevelt Crews and Mamie Bradley Crews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Warren Boatwright and Dan Roznowski; her daughters, Melba Boatwright and Linda "Lyndee" Boatwright Garland Lane; her siblings, Markeylee Crews, H.C. Crews, Cleon Crews, Bunt Crews, Glen "Sweat Pea" Crews, and Hilda Woodard. Linda was a life-long resident of Bradford County. She was a dedicated school bus driver for Bradford County School District for many years.

Linda is survived by: her sister, Vera Crews (Tommy) Clayton; her grandchildren, Chad Boatwright, David Garland, Jr., and Crystal Garland; five great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 10 in the chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Home with Dr. Terry Gore officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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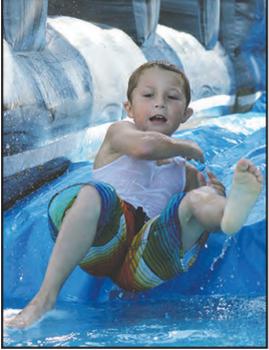
NCA celebrates year's end with wet fun

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

For most of the year, students at Starke's Northside Christian Academy soak up knowledge.

On June 5, they were just soaked.

To celebrate the end of the year, the school hosted a fun day, which included lots of wet fun,



including inflatable slides that led into pools of water, water guns, sprinklers and water-filled sponges.

There was a designated soak-free zone, but for the most part, everybody who wandered onto the field behind the school were setting themselves up for a drenching.



ABOVE: Who's next? Karmen Johnson looks around for victims as she holds two water-filled sponges. RIGHT: Hunter Starling squirts one of his classmates.



Kayla Hipps squeezes a sponge with every bit of effort she has in order to soak unsuspecting teacher Jamie Garrison.

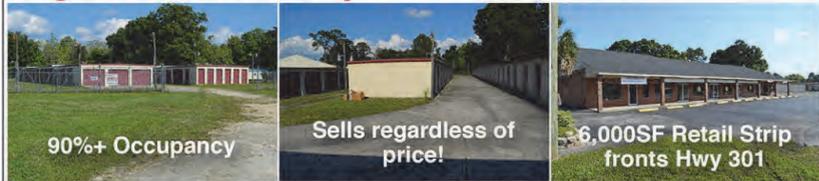


ABOVE LEFT: Kole Wilkinson slides into the water. ABOVE: Aniston Pilcher closes her eyes while plunging into the water. LEFT: Teacher Linda Fowler was a popular target, but she gets a little payback here against student Mackenzie Bradley.



Heads up! Wyatt Konkel is about to get hit with teacher April Pilcher's water gun.

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It wasn't all water-related fun. Brent Hipps (left) and Kayla Hipps enjoy the bounce house.

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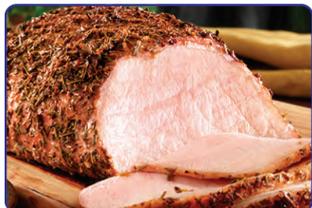
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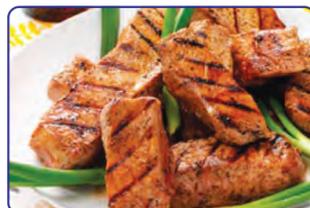
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Kite said. Tomlinson said Kite, who played center field for the Tigers, has the one thing that coaches at any level can't teach—speed. It was rare for an opposing batter to hit a ball over Kite's head, he added.

"He was probably, by far, the fastest player on our team," Tomlinson said.

Because of his value in center field, Kite didn't get a lot of chances to show off what he can do on the mound, but Tomlinson said pitching is something Kite can also do and do well.

"He has a strong arm," Tomlinson said. "He actually could've pitched a lot more for us."

Speed is an asset for Kite when batting as well. Tomlinson said Kite is not going to hit home runs, but sometimes all he needs to do is put the ball into play as he's capable of beating out infield grounders for hits.

McAlister said he received no interest from other schools, so he "jumped on" the offer Trinity Baptist made.

"I'm excited to see how it goes," McAlister said.

Tomlinson said he is proud of all four players, but added that it felt really good to see McAlister get a chance. McAlister wasn't always a starter and had to fight through injuries, but the right fielder made his mark.

"He's worked hard and battled through adversity," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson said McAlister worked hard to improve his batting, and it showed this past season. McAlister batted over .500 at the start of the season and finished with a team-leading .339 average.

"That says a lot about him getting ready for the next level," Tomlinson said.

McAlister also achieved something not every player does, Tomlinson said. He was able to evaluate his own play and determine what it was he was doing wrong without coaches having to tell him.

"He got to the point where he could say, 'I know what I did wrong. I know how to fix it.' I think that kind of stood out to me," Tomlinson said.

Unlike his teammates, Starling is heading out of state for his chance to keep playing, but there is some familiarity involved with Milligan College. Starling said his grandfather went to school there, while an uncle knows Ray Smith, one of the assistant coaches.

Starling said he liked the coaches and the players when he got a chance to meet them.

"I got to go up there on a visit," he said. "It felt like family up there."

Tomlinson said Starling, who plays shortstop, is really no different from Hersey, Kite and McAlister in that he doesn't accept failure. He works hard to be successful and expects the same of his teammates. He may not be vocal when he first arrives at Milligan, but it won't take long for Starling to become a leader, Tomlinson said.

Milligan may not realize what a versatile player it's getting in Starling, Tomlinson said, alluding to the fact that Starling can play in the outfield if need be.

"He's fast enough," Tomlinson said. "He has the arm to play defensively in the outfield."

As for his usual position at shortstop, he has a range that makes him successful.

"He can cover some ground," Tomlinson said. "He has the arm to make the throws from deep in the hole."

Tomlinson said Starling has shown in practice that he probably should hit more home runs than he does, but with his speed he can turn any hit into the gap into a triple.

"He's going to battle at the plate," Tomlinson said. "He does some have some pop in his bat."

All four players said they will be working hard over the summer. Kite's mindset probably sums up what each player thinks.

"I'm a decent ball player," Kite said, "but I can always get better."

It's sure to be quite a mixture of emotions when the players get to step onto the field for the first time as college players. Starling said it will be "a little overwhelming, but I'm going to take it one step at a time."

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