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Van Zant hosting LB Town Hall, June 26

State Rep. Charles Van Zant is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to discuss important issues with the public on Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at Lake Butler City Hall.

Topics will include the state budget and spending, Florida online high school and college, your family health care options and more.

For more information, call his office at 386-312-2272.

UC Planning and Zoning Board, June 26

The Union County Planning and Zoning Board will host a hearing on Thursday, June 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the board room of the Union County Courthouse.

Canning Workshop, June 26

Learn the basics of canning and take home what you can at the Union County Extension Office Canning Workshop on Thursday, June 26, at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$5. Register and pay by June 24. Call the office at 386-496-2321.

Free HIV testing, counseling, June 27

The Union County Health Department is sharing the importance of National HIV Testing Day by offering free HIV counseling and testing on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 27.

The health department is located at 495 East Main Street in Lake Butler. Contact them at 386-496-3211 with any questions.

NE Fla. Congressional Update, June 28

Join Rep. Ander Crenshaw, Rep. Ron DeSantis and Rep. Ted Yoho on Saturday, June 28, for a Northeast Florida Congressional Update at the University of North Florida. It's a great opportunity for them to give you a D.C. Update, and more importantly, to listen to and address your questions and concerns on federal issues.

They'll also have Cindy Graves, host of The Cindy Graves Shows, on AM 600 WBOB radio in Jacksonville on hand to moderate the event.

Dinner on the grounds at Morning Star Baptist in WS, June 29

Everyone is invited to attend Morning Star Baptist Church's 5th Sunday Service at 11 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds on June 29. Special music with J.W. and Linda Kitchens will follow the meal.

The church is located on State Road 18, a half-mile west of State Road 121 in Worthington Springs.

Pop Warner sign-ups, July 4

Union County Pop Warner has opened registration for football and cheerleading on July 4. Sign-ups are at the Pop Warner building at the O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex.

Football fee is \$150 for July 5 to 26. Cheerleading is \$175.

Coaches, volunteers and sponsors are needed.

The women are winners

Record turnout gives Redman and Browning a win for Lake Butler city commission seats

	At Polls	Absentee	TOTAL
SEAT 3			
Robert Osborne	138	43	181
Annette Redman	195	61	256
SEAT 4			
Debra Browning	165	55	220
Dallas Ray Crawford	143	45	188
TOTALS	641	204	845



Annette Redman won Seat 3.



Debra Browning won Seat 4.



LEFT: Acting Vice Mayor Fred Sirmones was unopposed for Seat 5. ABOVE: All four candidates campaigned outside of the Lake Butler Community Center on Tuesday during the election for Lake Butler city commission Seats 3 and 4. Turnout was double that of the previous two elections. They join Sirmones, Acting Mayor Jimmy Beasley and Commissioner Randy Jenkins on the board. Each commissioner's salary is \$10,674.54. The term is for four years.

Weekend storms wreak havoc

Flooding, wind damage, accidents and power outages



Saturday's downpour contributed to a three-vehicle accident in front of Dollar General in Worthington Springs. One patient was admitted to trauma unit.

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Over the weekend, Union County was hammered by intense thunderstorms that caused problems for many here and throughout the area.

Torrential downpours flooded yards and a state highway in Lake Butler, and contributed to automobile accidents there in and in Worthington Springs. Wind gusts downed large tree limbs and damaged one resident's roof. Hail was reported in Raiford. Power outages occurred intermittently and knocked out a transformer at a local restaurant. And even a tree caught fire.

Late Saturday afternoon, the first day of summer was marked by heavy rains that quickly flooded yards and even State Road 100 in front of the Union County EMS station, dumping six inches of standing water on the north side of the road. Justin Denunzio, with Streets & Roads for the City of Lake Butler, used a backhoe to push water off of it while Mark Hamlin with EMS and a Union County deputy redirected traffic.

The downpour also contributed to a three-vehicle accident in front of Dollar

General in Worthington Springs. One of the vehicles, a Mercedes SUV, ended up down in the ditch by the entrance, it's front end totaled. A Dodge conversion van had been rear-ended and a Honda Odyssey minivan had minor damage to its front bumper.

Three patients were transported to UF Health Shands Hospital, including a 28-year-old female who was admitted to the trauma unit.

On State Road 100 west of Lake Butler, a man lost control of his Ford F-150 pickup, ending up by the fence north of the road, damaging it before coming to rest.

The wind throughout the area was so strong and directional that some wondered if a tornado had come through. For one resident, it tossed large branches across the yard and tore the top corner of the bedroom roof, though damage was mostly limited to the overhang area—perhaps the result of a microburst.

Many spent the evening and following days clearing downed tree branches and debris scattered by the storm.

The Weather Channel said winds came from the southwest at 19 mph gusting to 32 mph.

Also on Saturday, a transformer was blown at Hardee's on Saturday, knocking out the power for a while.

At the Reception and Medical Center, a tree caught fire near the Work Camp, presumably started by a lightning strike. But it was quickly extinguished.

All that happened "within 45 minutes," according to EMS Director Mitch Andrews, which kept his department, the sheriff's office and others pretty tied up—so much so that even Bradford County EMS was called in to respond to the Worthington Springs wreck. And as standard procedure, the Florida Highway Patrol responded to investigate that accident.

"It was just one of those days," Andrews said.

On Sunday, residents reported brief, intermittent power outages and more rain, adding to an already saturated ground.

In neighboring Bradford County, News4Jax.com reported that trains had to be stopped in Hampton after a tree fell onto the tracks.

In Columbia County, a resident said tree limbs were down there too after what looked like tornado-type damage, and that a power pole snapped in two, dangling in the street and creating sparks. Columbia County deputies blocked it off till the local utility could repair it.

Similar flooding and high winds happened a couple of weekends before in Union County and beyond.

Even though we're three weeks into hurricane season, it seems as though Florida's intense summer storms so far are the ones causing the most concern—and damage.

Lake Butler city employee Justin Denunzio used a backhoe to clear the flooding on State Road 100.



Florida Cabinet honors Sheriff Jerry Whitehead

Nearly 50 attend special resolution presentation in Tallahassee

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

On June 17, six months after Sheriff Jerry Whitehead passed away suddenly at the age of 60 from cardiac arrest following a brief illness, Gov. Rick Scott and his cabinet presented a resolution honoring him for "his 29 years of service and dedication to the Union County Sheriff's Office, and for being the longest serving sheriff in the state."

Attorney General Pam Bondi also told the crowd assembled at the State Capitol that "it's about honoring his family." Over a dozen sheriffs, officials and leaders from Union County, and others joined Whitehead's family in Tallahassee. Afterward, the governor invited the group of nearly 50 up front to take a photo.

Baker County Sheriff Joey Dobson, who was elected in 1996, spoke first, saying it was honor to be there and to know Whitehead. "Not only was he a fellow sheriff, but he was my friend."

"We grew up together in neighboring

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ABOVE: Tammy Whitehead, the widow of the late Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead, holds a framed copy of the resolution presented by Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet honoring her husband in memoriam.



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Union County Public Library summer programs schedule

10 & Under, Thursdays, 10 a.m.
June 26: "Fizz, Boom, Todd Kay" at Lake Butler Elementary School – Juggling with a magical twist!

Teens & Tweens, 11 & Up
July 12, 5-7 p.m.: Game night featuring tournaments and an open game floor.

Visit www.facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.

'Ballad of America' at library, June 30

Back by popular demand, Matthew Sabatella will perform "Ballad of America" at the Union County Public on Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

The program is free and everyone is invited. Hors d'oeuvres, provided by the Friends of the Library, will be served before and after the performance.

Come out for a night full of patriotism and feel free wear your red, white and blue.

Youth bike helmets, child restraint systems and booster seats tax exempt on July 1

Youth bicycle helmets and child restraint systems and booster seats become tax exempt on July 1.

Components or accessories that are sold separately from the child restraint system or from the booster seat remain subject to sales tax.

Bicycle helmets marketed for use by youth are exempt from sales tax. To qualify for the exemption, a helmet must state on a label or packaging, or in its general instructions for use, that it is intended for use as a bicycle helmet for youth. The exemption does not apply to bicycle helmets marketed for adults.

For more info visit www.myflorida.com/dor or call 1-800-352-3671

More activities for kids at LB July 4th Celebration

There will be more activities for children this year at the annual Lake Butler July Fourth Celebration held at Lakeside Park and sponsored by the Lake Butler Rotary Club.

As always, a bounce house will be on hand along with a new rock wall; a first-ever midway featuring a kiddie Ferris wheel, pony rides and crazy worm train; and the Lake Butler new splash park, which will be open all day.

For families there will also be disc jockey and karaoke, a one-mile family fun run, and a 5K run for the more adventurous—or fit.

For adults, the bass fishing tournament starts at safe light and the antique car show starts in the morning.

And of course they'll be plenty of food and fireworks!



Ashli Boatwright, Brooke and Joshua Carr, Paden Clyatt, Ethan Crawford, Ben Crowder, Riggs and Whip Davis, Trip Davis, Hannah Fisher, Chase Gallagher, Lake Harris, Jayda Hendrieth, Trevor Holtzendorf, Jessica Howard, Emma & Kendal Jeffers, Liberty Nice, Kale Oden, Tenli Parrish, Lauren and Kasey Rhodes, Layla Robinson, Joseph Sandridge, Noah Tallman, Tiffani Williamson, and Brandon and Daniel Woods.

UC 4-H'ers enjoy annual trip to Camp Cherry Lake

Thirty-nine Union County 4-H'ers left on June 16 for 4-H Camp Cherry Lake in north Madison County. Camp Cherry Lake started in 1937 and has served the youth of Union County ever since. Our youth enjoyed swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, archery, air rifles and some of Ms. Ida's excellent cooking.

Additionally, the Mad Science and Leadership classes were not only fun but also an excellent opportunity to learn some real life skills. If you get a break, four square is the game of the day, but not

recommended for people over 50.

Our 4-H youth Cabin Counselor's went up Sunday afternoon to get their cabins ready for the younger campers. A super thanks you to Charlie Perry for driving counselors on Sunday afternoon.

The 4-H Youth Leaders this year were: Nathan Boone, John Grant Tallman, Landon, Luke and Rhett Crawford, Marcus Howard, Erin Stidham, Brooke Waters, Tyler Herndon and Noah Wright.

As always, everyone enjoyed another wonderful year at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake providing our youth the opportunity to learn, grow and experience these opportunities with other youth from around our area.

**Lee retires from UCI after 28 years**

Willie Lee spent 28 years with the Florida Department of Corrections before retiring this year as a sergeant at Union Correctional Institution. The staff at UCI wished him a fond farewell on May 30.

Lee also worked as an auxiliary deputy sheriff for the Union County Sheriff's Office for the past 15 years. He said he may continue to work for UCSO after his retirement from DOC.

His fellow officers, supervisors, friends and family gathered for a retirement luncheon and the line for the hugs was longer than the line for the food—although the food was delicious.

"I appreciate everything all of you have done for me," said Lee. "I thank God for this journey and thank him for all the great people he has put in my life. It's going to be very hard to leave."

Warden Diane Andrews said, "We wish you all the best. We thank you for your many years of dedication to UCI and we will all miss you."

Warden Diane Andrews presented a plaque to Sgt. Willie Lee and spoke about her heartfelt thanks for his service and dedication to UCI.

**Lake Butler Woman's Club awards 2014 scholarship to Miranda Merritt**

The GFWC Lake Butler Woman's Club is pleased to award their 2014 scholarship to Miranda Merritt.

Merritt is a 2014 Union County High School graduate. She has been attending Florida Gateway College and after graduating from Florida Gateway College, she plans to continue her education at the University of Florida to get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She would like to be a criminal intelligence analyst.

The \$500 scholarship is given annually to a Union County woman who is currently graduating from high school or a previous graduate who desires to return to college. LBWC is proud to have awarded this scholarship since 1993 to local women, helping to further their education.

LBWC is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. The local club has been in service for the community for over 100 years.

KEEP
 ★ BRAD WHITEHEAD ★
 SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY

I am the candidate of the people with the diverse experience necessary. I will work tirelessly to keep our county safe and maximize our fiscal resources while working hand in hand with our other law enforcement/correctional professionals. I am humbled and honored to serve as Sheriff and look forward to earning your vote in November. Brad

Pd. Pol. Adv. paid for and approved by Brad Whitehead for Sheriff of Union County.

Annual 4th of July Celebration

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Lake Butler

Lakeside Park on Lake Butler Lake

Friday • July 4 • 2014

BIG BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

at safe light on Lake Butler

\$1000 Grand Prize
 Additional cash prizes

- Registration begins at 3:30am at the boat ramp.
 - \$50 entry fee per boat.
 - 18yrs and older or accompanied by an adult.
 - Valid FL fishing license required.
 - 15hp motor minimum.
 - Must have aerated livewell.
- Weigh-in at 11:00am

Fireworks at Dusk!**Antique Car Show**

9-12pm

12pm Car Show Winners
 Raffle Ticket Prizes

One Mile Family Fun Run

7:00am

5K Run 8:00am

Register at:
 Lake Ave & NW 3 St.

Bungee Trampoline
Pony Rides
Crazy Worm Train
Kiddie Ferris Wheel

Music & Karaoke

Noon to Dusk

VENDORS

Booth rental with tent: \$65

Midway sponsored by
 Spotlight Amusements

A Day of Family Fun!
Games
 Bounce House • Rock Wall
 Buzz Light Year

Sponsored by Lake Butler Rotary

For more information Call 386-496-2541 or email butlertown@gmail.com

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
Everyone Welcome!

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UC increases pull fees for prisons

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

On May 19, the Union County Board of County Commissioners increased the pull fees for four prisons the county services:

Reception and Medical Center, Baker Correctional Institution, Lawley Correctional Institution and Columbia Correctional Institution.

Previously, the fee schedule was \$120 per rental, \$140 per scheduled pull and \$160 per unscheduled pull. The new schedule for the upcoming 2015-16 year is adjusted for distance

from the New River Regional Landfill north of Raiford based on each facility's location. Next year, RMC will be charged \$145, both BCI and LCI \$165 and CCI \$175. All unscheduled pulls will be an additional \$25.

The county claims that without the adjustment it was losing money by not accounting for the different distances traveled.

Burkins Chevrolet earns Mark of Excellence for 2013

Burkins Chevrolet, located in Macclenny, has been awarded Chevrolet's Mark of Excellence for 2013. The award honors the top-performing Chevrolet dealerships that make excellence a priority. This is the first time that Burkins Chevrolet has received the honor.

"We are so excited that our commitment to

providing world-class service before, during and after the sale has been rewarded," said Burkins Chevrolet President Larry Burkins. "This is a tribute to all the employees at Burkins Chevrolet."

Burkins Chevrolet was rated a superior dealership, and was one of only ten dealerships in the Southeast Zone to receive the honor.

In addition to its sales and service, Burkins Chevrolet is a consistent supporter of local community organizations and schools through donations and participation in events.

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NOTICE

The Union County Board of County Commissioners has extended the acceptance of bids for the Wind Retrofit of the Providence Community Center. Interested licensed contractors should send sealed proposals to 15 NE 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL by the extended deadline due date: Monday, June 30, 2014.

Those who previously submitted a proposal do not have to resubmit a new bid. Request for bid packets and all questions should be directed to John Walker at 386-496-4300. Union County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and/or to waive the information is such is deemed to be in the best interest of Union County. The county also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed to perform adequately after having once been awarded a prior bid for furnishing materials similar in nature of this project.

Download the Specification Details: www.unioncounty-fl.gov
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 63-2013-CA-104
THOMAS E. GASSETT and CLAUDIA GASSETT, Plaintiffs,

vs.
JOSHUA PAUL ALIEN ROBIN ELAINE ALLEN, and SHANNON MATHIS CLINE, d/b/a MATHIS BAIL BOND AGENCY Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2014 and entered in Case No. 63-2013-CA-104 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein THOMAS E. GASSETT and CLAUDIA GASSETT, are the

Plaintiffs, and JOSHUA PAUL ALLEN ROBIN ELAINE ALLEN, and SHANNON MATHIS CLINE, d/b/a MATHIS BAIL BOND AGENCY are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 a.m. on the 24th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: SCHEDULE A

The East One Half of Parcel 27 of that certain unrecorded survey of "Worthington Springs Plantation" prepared by Johnson and McLean, Inc., Land Surveyors, 412 NE 16th Ave., Gainesville, Florida, J.M. Book 83, Page 5, dated August 7, 1986. Being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida and run thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes 03 seconds East, 638.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88 degrees 09 minutes 03 seconds East, 622.08 feet to the West right-of-way line of a 60 foot access road, also known as S.V. 111th Lane; thence North 02 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds West, along said right-of-way, 350.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 03 seconds West, 622.08 feet; thence South 02 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds East, 350.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over the roadways within said Worthington Springs Plantation, as described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof

Together with a 2000 GRNDMNR Double Wide Mobile home with Identification Numbers GAGMTD06738A and GAGMTD06738B, which is located thereon.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Us Pendens must file

a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on June 12th, 2014.

KELLIE CONNELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 13000099CAAAXMX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.
DONALD R. CHURCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD R. CHURCH; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2014 and entered in Case No. 13000099CAAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and DONALD R. CHURCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD R. CHURCH; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, LAKE BUTLER IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 32054, at 11:00 A.M., on the 11th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A parcel of land lying, being and situate in Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East line of said Section 27, and South right-of-way line of County Road No. 18-A; thence run South 88 DEG.41MINS.26SECS. West, along said South right-of-way line of County Road No. 18-A, a distance of 1085.65 feet; thence run South 04 DEG.24MINS.26SECS. East, a distance of 564.15 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence run North 88DEGS.39MINS.50SECS. East, a distance of 73.00 feet; thence run South 04DEGS.11MINS.42 SECS. East, a distance of 221.50 feet; thence run South 88DEGS.39 MINS.50SECS. West, a distance of 196.91 feet; thence run North 04 DEGS.11MINS.42SECS. West, a distance of 221.50 feet; thence run

North 88DEGS.39MINS.50SECS. East, a distance of 123.91 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH a 25-foot Road Easement lying West of a line described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of said East line of Section 27, and South right-of-way line of County Road No. 18-A; thence run South 88 DEGS.41 MINS.26 SECS. West, along said South right of way line of County Road No. 18-A, a distance of 1085.65 feet of the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described line, being the East line of a 25-foot Road Easement; thence run South 04DEGS.24MINS. 26SECS East, a distance of 564.15 feet to the end of the description and the terminus of said road easement. All lying, being and situate in the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 27, Union County, Florida. A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 11th day of June 2014.

KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL
As Clerk of said Court
Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 55 West Main Street, Rm.103, Lake Butler, FL 32054, Phone No. (352)374-3648 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000
Plantation, FL 33324

Telephone: (954) 382-3486
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Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2013-CA-000075 MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, Plaintiff

vs.
CHERYL LENORE POST A/K/A CHERYL L. POST; CLARENCE SONS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S)

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2014, and entered in 2013-CA-000075 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for UNION County, Florida, wherein MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and CHERYL LENORE POST A/K/A CHERYL L. POST; CLARENCE SONS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Kellie Hendricks Connell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse 55 W. Main Street Lake Butler FL 32054, at 11:00 AM on August 14, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: EXHIBIT A

APPENDIX A
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 223.27 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY OF CSX TRANSPORTATION RAILROAD (A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY- FORMER RIGHT OF WAY OF ATLANTIC COASTLINE RAILROAD - FORMER RIGHT OF WAY OF SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD); THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 1403.87 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 420.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 177.77 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED PAVED ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS "LITTLE SPRING ROAD"), SAID POINT LYING ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED PAVED ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 284.57 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2872.75 FEET. SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDE BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 49 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, AND A DISTANCE OF 284.45 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 52 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 218.09 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 801.87 FEET; SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDE BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 45 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST AND A DISTANCE OF 217.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 37 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 495.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE

HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 207.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 214.54 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 166.55 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 328.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES, OVER ACROSS AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY 30 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH A 2000 SWEET-WATER MOBILE HOME WITH ID NUMBERS SHGA6287A AND SHGA6287B LOCATED THEREON, AND PART OF REAL PROPERTY. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 11th day of June, 2014.

Kellie Hendricks Connell
As Clerk of the Court
Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: July 15, 2014 at 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: A & A Transport Office located at the Union County Transportation Facility, 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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CAMPAIGN MISSION:

My mission in seeking the office of County Commissioner for Raiford is to ensure that equality reigns true in our district. I vow to be a voice for EVERY citizen and a helping hand to all people. I stand against the raising of community taxes and promise to treat our district budget and district employees with great care and consideration. I wish to instill the same maintenance practices we use to balance our personal checkbooks/budgets to our district budget.

FAMILY:

I take great pride in my loving family and our family roots which lie in our hometown of Raiford. It is my hope to leave a lasting legacy on this town and to create an environment of equal opportunity and fellowship that all of our families can enjoy for generations to come.

I have been married to my loving husband, Marvin "Homeboy" Griffis, for 21 wonderful years. Between the two of us we have nine children: Chris Southerland, Julie Crews, David Woolley, Marla Miller, Shawn Knight, Jessica Garber, Julie Beigley, Lacey Griffis, Stephanie Griffis, and 17 beautiful grandchildren.

WORK/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

I am a firm believer in being an active part of your community. It is fulfilling to continually give back and invest in future generations. It is my hope that I will have made a lasting impression on my community for decades to come.

Teacher LBMS: I have had the privilege of teaching at Lake Butler Middle School for 16 years as the computer, business, and yearbook instructor. Throughout my time at LBMS I have been blessed to teach your children and grandchildren. It is truly an honor to have a hand in the shaping of young lives in our community.

LBMS Union Representative: I enjoy serving as my school's Union Representative for the teacher's at LBMS. Being a liaison between the teachers and the school board, I am experienced in representing the needs and the voices of the multitude.

Church: Being a devout Christian, I am a proud member of the Sanderson Christian Revival Center. In being a member at my church, I have the wonderful ministry opportunity to pour into the lives of adults by leading Sunday school classes each week. I have also served as our church's treasurer and secretary since 2005.

EXPERIENCE:

If elected to serve as your county commissioner my duties would require me to delegate and oversee the budget, funding, and use of our community's revenue. I hope that my experience in managing finances will reaffirm you of my qualifications and skills.

Treasurer Santa Fe College Student Government: During my two years serving as the treasurer for the Santa Fe College Student Government I oversaw financial standings and executed my duties carefully and accurately handling a budget of over \$500,000.

Treasurer/Secretary Sanderson Christian Revival Center: I have served as the treasurer and secretary of my local church for the past decade. I love keeping track of our finances through savings and investments to better utilize our money for a greater purpose.

EDUCATION: -B.A. Degree, Business Management: St. Leo University
-Minor Degree, Accounting/Mathematics: St. Leo University

CLOSING REMARKS:

It is with the deepest sincerity that I thank you for your time and I ask that you would pray that our Lord would guide you in making the best decision for our community. I hope that you consider my candidacy when you mark your ballot on August 26th.

Warmly,

Nancy Griffis
Candidate County Commissioner, District 2 (Raiford)

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2nd Grade**

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BELOW LEFT: (Back row, l-r) Colby Peacock, Noelle Lindsey, Brycen Boney, Kadence Adams, Brooklyn Prescott, Kyler Barnett, Jason Thomas, Kersey McSpadden and Kadence Hawkins. (Front row, l-r) Sheila Thompson, Erich Seager, Sawyer Roberts and Carter Roberts. Not pictured are Dawson Crews, Cailynn Boggs, Landen Gibson, Tucker Parrish, Konnor Rossiter and Jonathan Edwards.



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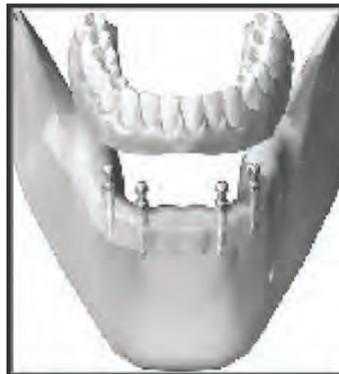
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Over a dozen sheriffs, officials and leaders from Union County, and others joined Whitehead's family in Tallahassee. Here, a group of 50 pose for an official photo to be posted on the governor's website.

JERRY

Continued from 1A

counties, learning from our own fathers—his father serving as sheriff for 32 years in Union County; my father serving 32 years of clerk of the court in Baker County.

"Jerry Whitehead was a living example of what they taught us: You can only serve by caring about people; being able to bend does not break you, it only makes you stronger.

"Jerry Whitehead is missed by all of our fellow sheriffs in Florida and certainly his family.

"Thank you for this resolution." Next up, Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid, called Whitehead "a sheriff's sheriff." Harrell was elected in 1988, four years after Whitehead. "And to this day, if I had a problem, or if I needed an answer to a question, or some advice, Jerry Whitehead was the man I turned to because he had his hand—he had a pulse, or he had a feeling, for people, and he loved the people, he loved the people of Union County.

"And he's got a great family..."

"We lost a great sheriff. But his memory lives on..."

"Thank you all for recognizing him this morning."

Then Bill Cervone, State Attorney of the 8th Judicial Circuit, stepped forward and after a few comments

concluded that, "If it were possible, there would be hundreds, if not thousands, of folks from Union County here to thank you for taking a moment to recognize Sheriff Whitehead who, more than a sheriff, was a friend to all of us.

"Thank you, (Attorney) General Bondi, for taking the lead in this proclamation and your staff for putting everything together."

Finally, Jerry's son, Sheriff Brad Whitehead, was asked to come up, who was brief, telling the cabinet, "I just want to thank you for honoring our father. He was all this, and he was also our dad. And we love him and we miss him.

"Thank you again. We appreciate that."

Afterward, Jerry's widow, Tammy Whitehead, said she and their four children were touched by the resolution and support.

"The governor and his cabinet honored my husband's 29 years of service to the citizens of Union County and his designation as dean of Florida sheriffs," she said. "I was both humbled and honored to accept this resolution in memory of my husband, the late Sheriff Jerry Whitehead."

She also said "it was real emotional, an emotional day for me and the kids. But it was an honor... I was really taken aback" by the sizable group that accompanied her in Tallahassee.

State Of Florida RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, born in Lake City in 1953, Sheriff Whitehead graduated from Union County High School and attended Lake City Community College; and

WHEREAS, he went on to complete the FDLE's Executive Institute and graduated from the FBI's National Academy; and

WHEREAS Sheriff Whitehead was elected sheriff of Union County in 1984, following his father's long legacy as a law enforcement officer and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, he served as sheriff for 29 years, from 1985 until his passing in 2013, earning him the title of Florida's Dean of Sheriffs as the longest serving sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Whitehead received top honor awards from many organizations including, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, Rotary and Florida Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the board of directors for the Florida Sheriffs Association for many years and held positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President; and

WHEREAS, he was very active in the Lake Butler Rotary Club, serving as President from 1989-1990, as well as being a member of the Lake Butler Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Whitehead was a lifelong Union County native and gave his life and service to those in Union County; and

WHEREAS, he was a strong supporter of the Union County schools system and a lifelong member of the First Christian Church of Lake Butler; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Whitehead was respected by all who knew him. A humble sheriff who believed a man was only as good as his word and was dedicated to doing things the right way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida recognize in memoriam

Sheriff Gerald M. "Jerry" Whitehead

for his many years of public service and his many contributions to the state and to his country. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 17th day of June, 2014.

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NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

Union's Wight enjoys world's beauty from up high

Troy Wight climbed Africa's Mount Kilmanjaro and explores U.S. high points with daughter Christine

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

A picture is worth a thousand words.

Multiply that by 13,000, and you'll have how many feet Troy Wight climbed to get a breathtaking photo of a sunrise.

Wight, who lives in Union County and works for Florida Gas in Brooker, recently climbed Mount Kilmanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. He said he probably can't make anyone he knows in this rural community understand why he'd want to do such a thing.

"It's a small town," he said. "It's mainly farmland here and country boys. I'm a country boy, too. I hunt and fish like everybody else, but this is definitely not something that interests a lot of people, I don't think, around here."

Yet if you were in Wight's shoes when he was approximately 10 feet from Kilmanjaro's peak when the sun crested, perhaps

you would understand. The sight, in Wight's words, was "awesome."

"You're actually above the clouds and looking down at all the glaciers," he said.

Wight has been visiting the highest points in the United States for the past three years with his youngest daughter, Christine, who is 18. Admittedly, there isn't much to some states' highest points, but Wight and his daughter did successfully reach the peak of Colorado's Mount Elbert, which is the third highest point in the U.S. behind California's Mount Whitney and Alaska's Mount McKinley.

Mount Kilmanjaro, though, represented a peak that is not only approximately 5,000 feet higher than Mount Elbert, but has approximately 8,500 feet more of elevation gain. It was, Wight said, the toughest climb he's attempted. His friend, Lester Cochram, who's the one who asked Wight if he wanted to make the climb, admitted as much as well, and Cochram has done a lot more climbing outside of the U.S.

"He told me point blank on the summit day on Kilmanjaro it was the number-one hardest day he's ever had," Wight said.

Prior to going, Wight trained for the climb. He said he exercises regularly anyway, but made sure to focus on incline work, whether it was on his NordicTrack or walking up and down the stairs in his house. Those exercises also included wearing a 20-30-pound filled backpack, which would simulate what he and other climbers would be doing on their trek.

"We had to carry anywhere from 20 to 25 pounds each day," Wight said of the Kilmanjaro climb. "That was mainly our water for that day, our snacks for that day and, of course, our hiking poles and any change of gear."

Wight flew from Jacksonville to Washington, D.C., on Feb. 28. After a 14-hour layover, he flew approximately 13 hours to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. From there, Wight flew to Mount Kilmanjaro.

Addis Ababa Bole International Airport is really too small to handle the amount of traffic it does, Wight said. The experience there was hectic and filled with uncertainty.

"It was just chaos, like sardines in a can," Wight said. "You didn't know where you were going. You couldn't understand anything anyone said. Honest to God,



Troy Wight poses for a picture with Mount Kilmanjaro in the background.

until we landed in Kilmanjaro, we didn't even know if we were on the right plane."

It was the right plane, though, so Wight and his friend Cochram were able to begin their climb, which would last seven days. The climb began at an altitude of 6,300 feet. During the first four days, the group Wight was a part of reached 14,100 feet. The fifth day saw Wight reach 15,500 feet, which is higher than any point in the United States with the exception of Alaska's Mount McKinley.

Wight said ice and snow hit the camp at that 15,500 mark, but added the group was lucky in regard to the weather. The weather on McKinley can change in an instant, Wight said, adding that a cloud can blow over and turn 60 degrees to 35 degrees.

The website of one Kilmanjaro guide service likens the climb to going from the equator to Antarctica. Wight's group, though, didn't really experience extreme ice or snow conditions until they reached their campsites and were done climbing for the day.

"The weather never got us while we were hiking that much—a little bit here and there, but nothing real bad," Wight said. "It always kind of came at night."

The trek to Kilmanjaro's summit day began at midnight on day six. It is a constant push from 15,500 feet to 19,340 feet.

Wight said his physical training beforehand really helped during the first five days of the climb. The summit day was tough, though.

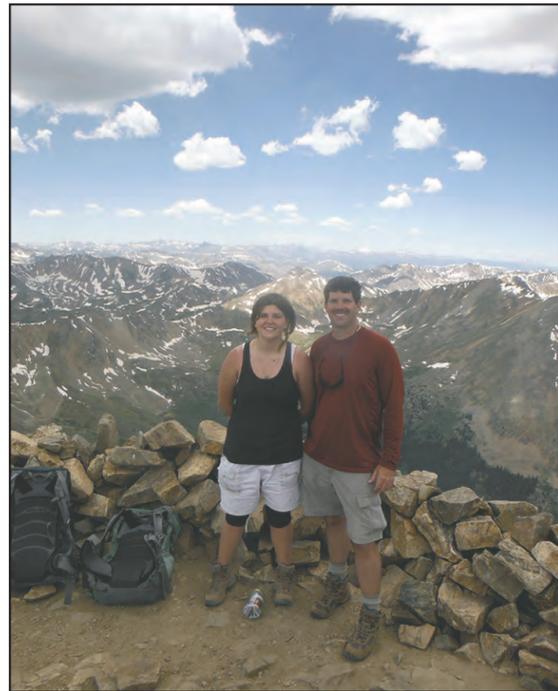
"(The guides) don't want you

take a lot of breaks," Wight said. "I guess if you take a lot of breaks, the altitude will get to you and stuff like that, and you'll

See CLIMB, 10B



Troy Wight took this picture of a sunrise at 19,340 feet—approximately 10 minutes away from Mount Kilmanjaro's summit.



Troy Wight and his daughter Christine stand atop the peak of Colorado's Mount Elbert. Its elevation of 14,433 feet makes it the third highest point in the United States and the second highest point in the lower 48 states. Troy and Christine are attempting to reach every state's high point.

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Dinner is served...be afraid

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Several interesting comments were made at the Bradford County Public Library on June 12, but none of them were, "My compliments to the chef."

It's not known whether those who signed up for the library's annual Food Fear Factor went home with sickening, sour stomachs, but "sickening, sour stomach" was the name of one of the so-called meal's six courses.

Well, seven courses if you include throwing all the ingredients into a blender and serving up in a glass. Not even Jack LaLanne and his juicer could come up with such a creation, but four of the night's participants drank up to break a tie in the children and adult divisions. Hannah Perron chugged her so-called drink faster than Gentry Cooksey could be that Gentry's winning child, while Deborah Owens came out on top over Jaime Cooksey in the adult division.

Antanika Tyson was the winning teen, though she was the only teen entrant and bowed out before the final course could be served.

Who could blame Tyson, though? Believe it or not, a menu consisting of "shiver me liver," "smothered sweet heart,"

Jaime Cooksey looks on in amusement as Jeon Randall gets a whiff of the first course: Sickening Sour Stomach. The smell was enough to force Randall to drop out of the competition.



"ooey gooey polluted lungs," "slimy eyeball smoothie" and "fish-oiled brain," along with the aforementioned "sickening, sour stomach," is not even close to being as appealing as it sounds. In fact, the evening's host, Dr. Bunsen Burner (library director Robert Perone), gave a pre-meal demonstration of how to use the supplied vomit bags.

No one actually needed to use the bags with the exception of Cameron Brosky, who unfortunately couldn't grab his bag in time before he tossed his cookies.

Actually, cookies were not among the night's ingredients, but the ingredients were not

as bad as the entries' gag-inducing names might imply. It was the combinations that made them hard for participants to stomach—or smell. Each participant was asked to take a big whiff of each serving before attempting to consume it. Jeon Russell never even took the first bite, declaring herself out of the competition after smelling the first course, which was "sickening, sour stomach." That dish was made by combining rice, mashed potato flakes, lemon bar mix, Sour Patch Kids, Kool-Aid lemonade mix, vinegar and vanilla yogurt.

The event began with 17 participants, with eight dropping out in the first round. When it was time to serve the fifth course, "slimy eyeball smoothie," which consisted of tonic water, seltzer water, onions, gelatin, applesauce and Spanish olives, only four participants remained.

Despite Owens' remark that the final course of "fish-oiled brain" (sardines, anchovies, clam juice, chub mackerel, unflavored gelatin, evaporated milk, baby clams and tuna) smelled like cat food, she, Perron and Gentry and Jaime Cooksey finished off, setting up the tiebreaker in which every course was blended together. The winner had to finish it off before his or her competitor.

The winner and runner-up in each division received prizes, and what prizes they were—gift certificates/cards good for food at such places as Chili's, Dick's Wings, Dickey's, Olive Garden,



Hope Owens dreads eating this spoonful of Shiver Me Liver.



Library Director Robert Perone as Dr. Bunsen Burner.

Upback, Sonny's and Tony and AI's Deli.

Now that's food someone would actually want to eat, but

RIGHT: Deborah Owens is not saying a blessing for this meal. BELOW: Cameron Brosky (right) is pictured in the aftermath of losing his lunch as Gentry Cooksey looks on.



probably not until first fully recovering from Food Fear Factor. As Jaime Cooksey noted with a smiley emoticon on the Bradford County Telegraph's Facebook page, "Not my best idea."

RIGHT: Gentry Cooksey seems in a state of disbelief in regard to the fact he's drinking Slimy Eyeball Smoothie.



LEFT: Hannah Perron works to keep everything down. Despite what looked like several close calls, she made it to the end. BELOW: Bobbie Burkhardt is not crazy about spinach being one of the ingredients to Ooey Gooey Polluted Lungs.



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Powell, family get through health crisis

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

Dealing with a potentially deadly disease can be a life-changing experience for everyone concerned, both the patient and his family.

Keystone Heights resident David Powell is now on the mend from his terrifying bout with necrotizing fasciitis (see sidebar), a disease that is both deadly and unpredictable in its severity and survivability.

Powell remembers very little of his ordeal. He remembers heading out with his grandson for a day of boating on Dec. 21, 2013. They trailered the boat to Palatka to put in at the St. John's River. His grandson was backing up the trailer, and Powell decided to jump into the boat from the trailer rather than use the ladder in the back. He slipped and went in the water, splashing water into some small cuts and scratches on his arm.

His last clear memories of the day are his grandson pulling the boat back out of the water so Powell could put the ladder down and get in the boat as he usually did, tying it up to wait for his grandson to go park and then turning the boat around and heading south.

Powell remembers nothing of the day spent on the water despite the fact they traveled all the way to Sanford—to Lake Monroe—and back, which is a seven-hour trip. Nor does he remember the next day when he watched a ball game on television and went



David Powell enjoys spending time with stepdaughter Kelly Moore and grandson Connor Roling outside his home in Keystone Heights.

out to eat with members of his family.

According to his wife, Cathy, he got up and went to work at his restaurant (Powell's Dairy Freeze in Starke) as usual on Dec. 23. He came home much sooner than usual after he started feeling ill. Cathy said he came home and told her he didn't feel well and that his arm felt as though someone had poured acid on it.

He asked Cathy to take him to the emergency room at Shands Starke, and he remained there for most of the day. Cathy said she asked them if they had any idea what was wrong with her husband, and they said they did

not. She took him home with prescriptions for cortisone cream and painkillers to care for him herself.

About 5 a.m. the next morning (Christmas eve), Cathy called her daughter Kelly Moore and told her that Powell was much worse. His arm was swollen and bleeding, and his skin was literally dissolving before her eyes. Cathy put him in the car and headed for North Florida Regional Medical Center.

Cathy said by the time she pulled up at the emergency room, Powell was having a hard time breathing. Once inside, the doctors found it necessary to intubate him because the swelling

of the lymph nodes under his arm and in his neck was suffocating him. They knew immediately what they were dealing with and decided it was best to transport him to the trauma unit at Shands, where they were better equipped to handle such a serious case.

At Shands, they had Powell in surgery within an hour. The surgical debridement lasted about 3.5 hours. Then the doctors came to talk to the family.

The doctors told Cathy and Moore that they had removed all of the flesh, some of the muscle, all of the fatty tissue and the dead nerves from the top of Powell's right hand all the way up to his shoulder and the right side of his chest and back. They said that there was a very good chance that Powell would not survive, and if he did, amputation of some or all of the affected areas was a very real possibility.

Christmas day brought another surgical debridement and the same dire warning from the doctors about Powell's prognosis.

"All we could do was wait and pray," Moore recorded in the journal she kept through the ordeal. "It felt as though someone had knocked the breath out of us. It was like a horrible nightmare."

Cathy remembers being in a kind of shock, knowing and understanding what was going on and trying to deal with what decisions needed to be made.

"I was scared, very scared," she said. "I heard what they were saying, but I didn't believe it. I wouldn't believe that I was going

See POWELL, 7B



Jamarian Cummings prepares to point to a location on a globe spun by teacher Colleen Gaffney during this week's Santa Fe Jr. College for Kids in Starke. College for Kids, a program for older students, will begin July 7, so there is still time to register.

Spots are still open for College for Kids program

The Starke campuses of Santa Fe College are once again hosting College for Kids this summer, and there is still room for rising fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders.

College for Kids will be held Mondays-Fridays, July 7-18, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Half-day sessions are an option.) The cost is \$270, or \$135 for half-day sessions.

Visit the Santa Fe College Andrews Center to register.

You may also call 904-964-5382.

What are flesh-eating bacterial infections?

Information for this story was taken from Wikipedia, Medicine.net and Medline Plus websites.

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Monitor and Times

Flesh-eating bacterial infections (also known as necrotizing fasciitis) are rare conditions, most commonly caused by the organism *Streptococcus pyogenes*, the same bacteria which more commonly causes mild sore throats. Other bacteria may also cause such infections, and the exact species must be determined by culture. A related infection called MRSA is caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* in a particularly antibiotic resistant form.

The infection starts in the tissues just below the skin and spreads along the layers of tissues that separate the muscles and fat. Infection sites are most commonly the arms, legs and abdomen. The infection proves fatal in about 40 percent of identified cases.

Sources of the infection can include the normal presence of the organism on the individual's skin and exposure to waste water, as well as exposure through community contact or in a medical setting. Over 70 percent of cases show one or more of the following: diabetes, cancers, chronic diseases or substance abuse/addiction. The disease only rarely occurs in otherwise

healthy individuals.

The infection begins at a break in the skin, resulting from trauma or surgery. It begins as a painful, inflamed lesion or lump on the skin, which quickly becomes much more painful than would seem appropriate given the size of the lesion. The disease progresses very quickly with increasing pain, inflammation, fever, skin discoloration and drainage. Other symptoms can include nausea, sweats, chills, dizziness and shock. Quick medical attention is necessary as the greater head start the disease gets on treatment, the greater the loss of tissue.

Treatments commonly include intravenous antibiotic therapy, multiple surgical procedures to remove dead tissue and, in severe cases, amputation. Tissue

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Rex Collins is pictured with his wife, Lisa, and his daughter, Chelsey.

Hospice patient gets a father's wish

For Rex Collins, a Haven Hospice patient, a wish to be included in two of the most important events of his daughter Chelsey's life came true when she wore her high school graduation cap and gown and her wedding dress at the Custead Care Center in Orange Park recently.

When Chelsey graduated Bradford High School on June 6, her father was unable to attend. Before the ceremony, Chelsey wore her graduation cap and gown to the Custead Care Center so that Rex could see her in it. The Collins family arranged for Rex to watch the graduation

ceremony from his room that evening via Skype.

Rex also wanted to see how his daughter was going to look on her upcoming wedding day, which was June 21, so Chelsey wore her wedding dress as well.

Haven Hospice is a not-for-profit community hospice organization providing services since 1979 and licensed in Florida since 1980. It has served more than 68,000 patients and families in North Florida.

For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org, or call 800-727-1889.

Value-Added Model: holding teachers accountable despite issues

BY MICKEY AGNER

Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Kim Cook, a first-grade teacher at Irby Elementary School in Alachua County, was selected as Irby's Teacher of the Year in 2012-13. Later in that school term, she received an unsatisfactory evaluation because her students did not take the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test and were administered no other appropriate standardized test. Her evaluation was based on the achievement of third-grade students from a nearby school.

Angered by the perceived lack of fairness, Cook joined forces with seven other teachers in Florida, the Alachua County Educational Association, the Florida Educational Association and the National Educational Association in filing a suit against the Florida Department of Education.

Central to Cook's complaint was Senate Bill 736, which had been signed into law in 2011 by Gov. Rick Scott. The bill used what was called a Value-Added Model to anticipate student academic growth with the use of the FCAT. The anticipated student growth, compared to what students actually did achieve, was used for the purpose

of evaluating teachers.

The FCAT is not administered in every grade level, and the instructions for gathering appropriate test scores for students who are not tested do not adequately address the complications and led to more than a few situations similar to Cook's.

Making the story politically charged is the fact that former Gov. Charlie Crist vetoed a similar bill in 2010.

While the use of test scores for teacher evaluations has been the more controversial component of SB 736, it also targets tenure contracts, eliminating the practice by way of attrition. Additionally, it provides merit pay for teachers who earn a highly effective evaluation.

In total, the bill addresses the issue of accountability for public education teachers.

On June 4, U.S. District Judge Mark Walker dismissed the lawsuit by Cook, the six other teachers and the three teacher associations based upon the idea that the law was "rational within the meaning of the law." In doing so, however, Walker acknowledged that the practice and implementation was "unfair." Nevertheless, it has

See MODEL, 8B

UCHS football greets Spiller, Warren to host youth camp June 27

The C.J. Spiller and Gerard Warren FUNDamentals Camp, a program of USA Football, will take place Friday, June 27, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Union County High School football field.

The camp is open to ages 6-15. Registration is 7:30 a.m. on June 27 and is open to the first 300 children.

All participants should wear athletic footwear and apparel. T-shirts and equipment will be provided.

Spiller, a 2006 UCHS graduate, went on to star at Clemson University and is currently a member of the Buffalo Bills, who took him with the ninth overall pick of the 2010 draft. Warren, a 1997 UCHS graduate, played at the University of Florida and was the number-three overall selection of the 2001 NFL draft. Warren played 11 seasons in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns, Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders and New England Patriots.

Please send email queries to donneldavis111@gmail.com, or call 850-673-9533.

Spiller-Warren golf tournament to benefit at-risk youth

The second annual Gerard Warren and C.J. Spiller Celebrity Golf Tournament will take place at the Country Club at Lake City on Saturday, June 28, beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help at-risk youth in Union and Columbia counties.

Player entry cost is \$75, which includes lunch. There will be an awards presentation, and every player will receive a gift at check-in.

To register, please contact Donnell Davis at donneldavis111@aol.com or 850-673-9533.

LETTERS

County opposed to Starke growth

Dear Editor:

The Telegraph article concerning further talks about economic development in the county made me laugh. It is ridiculous to keep having these meetings and talking about economic development when it is obvious the county officials will continue to bend over backward to prevent the City of Starke from growing. In the twenty years I have lived in the city of Starke, I have seen no cooperation from county officials if the city made any effort to advance and grow. Rather, the county has had its hand out demanding that the city give them something, either money or fire department, police department or free recreation for county children. The recent brouhaha about annexation, I believe, was raised by county officials who are still grouching about the city not paying for the county's animal control operation. What the county officials seem to forget is that city resident pay the same amount in taxes to the county each year as do county residents so they should not feel like the city is obligated to pay them anything for county operation. The city provides services to its residents including police and fire protection, utility services including electricity, water, sewer and garbage and trash collection. I prefer to live in the city to enjoy these benefits, and so far they have met my expectations. City residents pay for these services and ask for no contribution from the county. Also, the city provided county-wide recreation for many years at a high cost with the county refusing to give any financial support even though eighty to eighty-five percent of children in the recreation programs lived in the county, not in the city. When the recreation cost came near a million dollars a year or

more it had to be discontinued as the city simply could not afford the cost. County officials and residents complained but none of them offered to help support the program financially. One of the former county commissioners proposed a county fire department be created by taking over the city's fire department, stating the county could not afford to start a fire department otherwise. At the time, he also proposed building two fire stations in the county to house such a department but neither of them would have been in the city. The county was to just take the fire department with no compensation to the city for equipment, etc. Then the Sheriff wanted to take over the Starke Police Department, in much the same manner, just take the equipment, etc., with no compensation from the county to the city. As with the fire proposal continued coverage to the city and its resident would have been scanty. To add insult to injury, the Sheriff wanted the

city to then pay him a million dollars a year, or more, for two officers to police the city. There was no guarantee that he would not up the cost every year. He seemed to forget city residents were already helping fund his office through the county taxes we pay. Eighty to ninety percent of my property taxes each year go to the county or the school system. The remaining little bit goes to the city. As I travel the southeast and see other states and area gaining businesses such as auto plants I wonder why not Bradford County or other areas of Florida. I have reached the conclusion that our leaders are afraid such businesses would cause increases in wages paid, and (gasp) result in employees actually expecting decent benefits. In closing I salute Mayor Carolyn Spooner for the way she recently stood strong for the city when attacked by county officials.

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McCollum graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jordan B. McCollum graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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McCollum earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Kenneth A. Steele of Starke, and Theresa P. McCollum of Newport News, Va.

He is a 2013 graduate of Menchville High School, Newport News, Va.



Taylor Pruss

Pruss graduates from basic training

Specialist Taylor Pruss of Fort Lauderdale graduated from United States Army Basic Training at Fort Jackson on June 19, 2014. SPC Pruss successfully completed an intensive nine-week program with the 3rd Platoon of Delta Company 2/39. His training included military discipline and courtesy, physical fitness, instruction on basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill

and ceremony, basic first aid and field training exercises. Pruss achieved Expert Grenade and Sharpshooter recognition during training.

SPC Pruss will report to Fort

Eustis in Newport News, VA for Military Occupation Specialty training. He is the son of Bill and Karen Pruss of Melrose, and a 2002 graduate of Keystone Heights High School.

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Marie and Eddie Oden

Odens celebrate 60 years

On June 27, Eddie and Marie Oden of Lake Butler will celebrate 60 years of marriage. Eddie and Marie met in Jacksonville even though neither of them lived there at the time. Marie was studying at Piedmont Nursing School in Atlanta and Eddie was in the Army stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Each was home visiting their parents, who introduced the pair at church. After a brief courtship, they returned to Jacksonville to be married. After a two-year deployment to Germany, Eddie returned to the U.S. and the young couple settled in Jacksonville. There they raised two sons, Buck and Chuck.

Eddie was employed as an

electrician for over 42 years through IBEW Local Union 177 and retired from Paxon Electric. Marie served as an Assistant OR Supervisor at Baptist Medical Center and, later, as an OR Supervisor at Bradford Hospital after receiving her BSN from the University of North Florida.

Retirement for the Odens has been spent operating the New River Ranch and traveling. They recently traveled to Paris and Normandy in France as well as Hawaii. Their current adventure is an RV trip to the West Coast. The Odens also spend time with their four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. There will be a family celebration of their anniversary on June 29th.

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Gene and Faith Murphy

Murphys celebrate 50 years

Gene and Faith Murphy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 17 at Bible Baptist Church fellowship hall.

They have three children, Theresa, Martha and Gene, Jr.; six grandchildren; and two great-

grandchildren. The celebration was given by their children, granddaughters and daughter-in-law, Kim. They celebrated with family and friends. Gene and Faith attend Bible Baptist Church.



Barbara and James Balkom

Balkcoms celebrate 50 years

Thursday, June 26th will make 50 years James and Barbara Balkcom have been married.

James and Barbara met at a New Year's Eve party during their freshman year of high school and became high school sweethearts. They continued to date two years after school before getting married. They both lived and worked in Jacksonville until 1972 when the now family of five moved to the New River area of Bradford County. James continued to serve his country working at the Air National Guard in Jacksonville as well as beginning a hog farm here in Bradford County. Barbara worked at the farm until their children were older. She then worked for Dr. Whiffen and

later became the secretary at the Methodist Church for many years. James continues to work for Jackson's Building Supply and is an active member of the Fair Board in our community. James and Barbara are members of New River Baptist Church. They have raised their family in a Godly, loving home and shared it with their family. They have three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mama and Daddy we want to thank you for all the love you have shown us and shared with others and also giving us the example of a Godly marriage. We Love you and Happy 50th Anniversary, Randy, Annette and Tommy.

Griggs named to Provost's List

Autumn Griggs of Melrose has been named to the 2014 Spring Semester/Term 4 Provost's List at Troy University, Alabama.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

Bradford

Charla Chrystal Baker, 57, of Middleburg was arrested June 19 by Bradford deputies for larceny and for fraud. According to the arrest report, Baker wrote a check from her daughter's closed checking account back in November 2013 to pay rent at a home in Country Club Woods of Starke. Bond was set at \$7,500 for the charges.

Rhonda Lynette Clayton, 38, of Sanderson was arrested June 22 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Ashley Renee Corning, 27, of Woodbine, Ga., was arrested June 17 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Robert Lee Crews, 24, of Starke was arrested June 19 by Starke police for aggravated battery and for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, Crews and his girlfriend got into an argument, and he poked her in the head, pushed her and threatened further harm from him and some family members. Once he was arrested by police, Crews, who had been drinking, started shouting outside the residence, causing neighbors to come out of their residences. Bond was set at \$12,500 for the charges.

William Franklin Crumbley, 48, of Green Cove Springs and Johnathon B. Hall, 34, of Green Cove Springs were arrested June 17 by Starke police for trafficking in drugs-controlled substance and possession of marijuana. Hall was also charged with possession of drugs-synthetic cannabinoid. According to the arrest report, the two were passengers in a vehicle pulled over in Starke because the brake and tail lights weren't functioning. The driver of the vehicle, Gary A. Brock III, 27, also of Green Cove Springs, was arrested on a warrant out of St. Johns County once his information was run through dispatch. A search of the vehicle turned up the drugs in the backseat, where Crumbley and Hall were seated, resulting in their arrest. Bond for Crumbley was set at \$62,000, while bond for Hall was set at \$24,000.

Shawn Tracy Dewdney, 49, of Starke was arrested June 20 by Starke police for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Lisa Ann Dexter, 33, of Starke was arrested June 21 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of drugs-controlled substance without a prescription and driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$35,000 for the charges.

Kyle Leon Dick, 24, of Starke was arrested June 17 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for fraud, use of ID of another and resisting an officer without violence. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Melissa Marie Dorough, 22, of Middleburg was arrested June 21 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

John Mason Folsom, 23, of Starke was arrested June 22 by Bradford deputies for four charges of aggravated assault with a weapon and for obstructing justice-intimidate/threaten victim, witness or informant. According to the arrest report, Folsom and the victim were traveling west on S.R. 100 from the Keystone area when he pulled up behind the victim, driving erratically and then pulling beside her in an attempt to force her off the road. The victim eventually pulled into Tony's convenience store off S.R. 100, with Folsom pulling up beside her and then verbally threatening to come get her, her brother and her family. The victim later told law enforcement that she was an

informant in a narcotics case at Edwards' grocery earlier in the year, and Folsom had been an employee there. The victim told the deputy she and her brother were in fear for their lives. The victim also had her 3-year-old child and another 4-year-old child in the vehicle when Folsom forced them to pull off the road. The next day, deputies were able to locate Folsom at a friend's residence on C.R. 21B near the Santa Fe Lake boat ramp and arrested him. Bond was set at \$250,000 for the charges.

Andrew Scott Fulkerson, 29, of Starke was arrested June 21 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, an officer encountered a wounded man in the Walgreen's parking lot late at night who stated he had been in an argument with Fulkerson several hours earlier. The victim said Fulkerson struck him several times in the head, and he was having blurred vision. EMS was called and transported the victim to Shands Starke. Approximately an hour later, the officer went to Shands and located Fulkerson in the waiting room and arrested him.

Audrey Fuller Graham, 35, of Lake Butler, Michael Glenn Starks, 32, of Starke and Michael Dewanye Thornton, 28, of Starke were all arrested June 22 by Bradford deputies for battery after fighting broke out between people in two neighboring homes on Southeast 125th Street in the county. According to the arrest report, one of the homeowners told deputies there had been an ongoing feud between the neighbors. On the day of the arrest, both parties had been drinking and yelling at each other before punches were eventually thrown by the three arrested. Bond was set at \$10,000 for Thornton's charge, while bond was set at \$5,000 for Graham's charge.

Beau Matthew Harrell, 27, of Worthington Springs was arrested June 21 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Rolanda Maneat Heard, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested June 22 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Henry Calvin Hendrieth, 29, of Bradford County was arrested June 19 by Lawtey police for battery. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Rodney Eric Keen, 42, and Jody Marcus Jade Keen, 20, both of Hawthorne, were arrested June 19 by Bradford deputies for dealing in stolen property and for fraud-false statements. According to the arrest report, an Alachua County deputy was at Curtis Recycling in Hampton investigating the Keens as suspects for a burglary and grand theft in Alachua County. The Alachua deputy had learned the Keens had sold a hay trailer earlier in the day to Curtis Recycling, and was there when the Keens returned again with more metal items. They were detained, the owners from Alachua identified the metal items and the Keens were arrested by Bradford deputies for dealing in stolen property and for defrauding a

secondary metal recycler-less than \$300. Charges will be forthcoming from Alachua for the burglary and grand theft. Bond for Rodney Keen was set at \$100,000 in Bradford, while bond for Jody Keen was set at \$10,000 in Bradford.

James David McDaniel, 48, homeless, was arrested June 21 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana, for disorderly intoxication, drugs-health or safety and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Antonio Leo Monroe, 28, of Starke was arrested June 22 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Tara Meghan Palmer, 25, of Starke was arrested June 19 by Bradford deputies for three charges of child neglect and a charge of battery. According to the arrest report, one of the victims, a mom, was sitting in her home with her two children when someone knocked on the door on June 12. The victim asked who it was, and the person answered "T." The victim asked again who it was, got the same answer, then told the person to come in. When the person—later identified by the victim as Palmer—entered, she started spraying mace in the room and on the victim and her two children. The victims were transported to the hospital for evaluation, and Palmer was later identified by the adult victim in a photo lineup. A week later, Palmer came to the sheriff's office to be interviewed about the case and denied being at the victim's home when the incident happened, but was arrested due to the victim's statements. Bond was set at \$8,000 for the charges.

William Elzie Sanders, 31, of Starke was arrested June 18 by Bradford deputies for cruelty toward a child. According to the arrest report, Sanders got mad at his stepchildren, ages 5 to 10, over the loss of a pet turtle. Sanders sent the children to their room, but then picked the youngest one up by her hair and threw her to the floor, causing her to land on a suitcase that was on the floor and fracturing her arm. According to the report, Sanders has been arrested several times in the past three years on domestic violence charges toward the children's mom. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Sandra Danielle Stemm, 26, of Brooker was arrested June 23 by Bradford deputies on warrants issued in April for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, larceny-grand theft over \$300 and less than \$5,000, five charges of fraud-pawnbroker transaction fraud and five charges of dealing in stolen property. Stemm was transported from the Alachua County jail to the Bradford jail to face the charges. Bond was set at \$120,000 for the charges.

Yvonne Sharise Taylor, 23, of Macclenny was arrested June 22 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Lindsey Ann Templeton, 28, of Starke was arrested June 19 by Starke police for petit theft-shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Templeton

attempted to leave Walmart in Starke with various items in Walmart bags—most of them not paid for. The value of the items came to approximately \$290. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Anthony Maynard Watson, 21, of Starke was arrested June 18 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Watson got into an argument with his sister over her using his phone charger and struck her several times in the head with an open hand. Once he was transported to the jail, he was also charged by Bradford deputies with probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000 for his charges.

Henry Wimberly, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 22 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Keystone/Melrose

John Brown, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 20 by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Casey Marie Gaffney, 33, of Melrose was arrested June 23 by Putnam deputies for dealing in stolen property, child neglect and larceny.

Bruce Allen Guthrie, 50, of Melrose was arrested June 22 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

Megan Howell, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 19 by Clay deputies for non-support.

James Shepard, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 20 by Clay deputies for possession of crack cocaine.

Christopher Wanton, 31, of Melrose was arrested June 22 by

Clay deputies for resisting a law enforcement officer.

Union

Billy James Belford, 60, of Lake Butler was arrested June 17 by Union deputies during a traffic stop for speeding, possession of drugs-cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic equipment.

William E. Wells, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested June 17 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication and for resisting an officer.

Justin Shoumond Johnson, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested June 23 by Union deputies on two warrants for failure to appear-felony offense.

Kenneth Troy Thomas Jr., 28, of Atlantic Beach was arrested June 20 in St. Johns County on two warrants from Union for failure to appear-felony offense.

Frederick L. Williams, 46, of Glen St. Mary was arrested June 18 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Baker for failure to appear-misdemeanor offense.



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OBITUARIES

Ann Brown

MIDDLEBURG—Ann Stevenson Brown, 83, of Middleburg died at her home Thursday, June 19, 2014. She was born in Portland, Maine on May 28, 1931 to the late George Stevenson and Thelma (Harding) Hunt. Prior to retirement, she worked in nursing homes as a L.P.N. She was of the Methodist Faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Brown and her daughter, Mary Starke both in 1999, also preceding her in death is her brother, Allen Hunt.

Survivors are: children, Roxanna Berry of Middleburg, Janet Johnson of Lake Butler, Karol Williams of St. Louis, Mo., George Brown, Jr. of Lawtey, and Harold Paul Brown of Keystone Heights; brothers, Walter Hunt of St. Augustine and Robert Hunt of Rhoden, Maine; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 22 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, of Keystone Heights.

Leigh Bryan died Thursday, June 19, 2014 after a long illness with pancreatic cancer. She retired from the Department of Corrections and later was employed at Bayview Rehab and Flagler Hospital.

She is survived by: two sons, Kevin Sprow, and Daren Williams; a sister, Sandi Stoiber; and a brother, Ted Bryan.

A memorial service will be held at Craig Funeral Home in St. Augustine on Sunday, June 29 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Community Hospice/Bailey Center.

Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.



Wiley Clark

Wiley Clark

HAWTHORNE—Wiley Richard Clark, age 72, of Hawthorne passed away from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident Sunday, June 22, 2014. Mr. Clark was born in Deland, Feb. 13, 1942, to the late Wiley and Carrie (Oglesby) Clark and was a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Leesburg. He moved to Hawthorne two years ago from Keystone Heights where he had been a longtime resident. Mr. Clark was the Chief Investigator for the State Attorney's office in Gainesville before his retirement 16 years ago. He loved working on his

boat, listening to country music and working with livestock. Most of all, Mr. Clark enjoyed being a wonderful husband and father. His first wife and the mother of his children, Judith "Judy" Ann Clark preceded him in death.

Survivors include: his wife of 36 years, Bonnie Louise (Griggs); four wonderful children and their spouses, Terri Elizabeth (Thom) O'Donnell of Jacksonville, James "Jimmy" Richard Clark of Daytona, Billie Sue (Lavant) Durden of Swainsboro, Ga. and Jennifer Lynn (Jeffrey) McClellan of Lawtey; three siblings and their spouses, Edward (Sherril) Clark of Melbourne, Robert (Barbara) Clark of Gainesville, and Anna (James) Defoe of Tacoma, Wash. Also left behind are his five precious grandchildren, Michael, Heather, Mitchell, Rylee and Cole; along with four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 26, in the First Baptist Church, Keystone Heights, with Reverend Daniel Findley officiating. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The Salvation Army. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights. www.jonesgallagherfh.com (352) 473-3176.

PAID OBITUARY



Elizabeth Coakley

Elizabeth Coakley

LAKE BUTLER—Elizabeth Ann Coakley, 68, of Lake Butler passed away Monday, June 16, 2014 at her residence after an extended illness. She was born July 10, 1945 in Buchannon, W.Va. to the late William B. and Nine R. Coakley.

She is survived by: her daughters, Cynthia A. Rooney and Lesa R. Fox; ten grandchildren; Janell Graham, J.R. (James) Rooney, Lance Fox II, Mistee Rooney, Logann Fox, David Watson, T.J. Rooney, Kevin Fox, Elizabeth Watson, and Jonathan Watson.

She will be missed by all her family and extended family, she thought of as family, sister: Becky Watson; grandchildren: Shylo Sheffield, Laura W. Sheffield, Chris Bemis, and Bryan Bemis. All loved her very much.

Services for Ms. Coakley will be held on Saturday, June 28, at 3:00 p.m. at New Beginnings Church at 3243 Southwest HWY 242, Lake City. 386-752-3805. Family invites friends for visitation at 2:00 p.m. an hour prior to services. Dinner will follow the services at the church.

PAID OBITUARY



Rex Collins

Rex Collins

STARKE—Mr. Rex Donovan Collins, age 49, of Starke passed away Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Haven Hospice Custead Care Center in Orange Park. Mr. Collins was born on Aug. 17, 1964 in Jacksonville and moved to Starke 24 years ago from Keystone Heights. Rex attended Madison Street Baptist Church, was a member of Union County Riding Club and the Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch. He was a Vocational Instructor for the Florida Department of Corrections at FSP and worked over 25 years with Master's Construction Company as a carpenter. Preceding him in death was his father Clinton Collins.

Survivors are: his wife of 25 years, Lisa Marie (Lawson) Collins of Starke; children, Clinton David Collins and Chelsey Marie Collins (Davin) Crews all of Starke; his mother, Zedra Montrell (Jordan) Collins of Keystone Heights; siblings, Steve Collins of Atlanta, Ga., Lynette Stucka of Greenville, S.C., Marlane (Thomas) Padgett and Lisa (Kevin) Dugger both of Starke; mother and father-in-law, David E. and Patricia Lawson of Starke, many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home with funeral services beginning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Reverend Mark McDowell officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch, P.O. Box 2000, Boy's Ranch, FL 32064. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Margaret Klug

STARKE—Margaret Elizabeth Klug, 99, of Starke died Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Bradford Terrace Nursing Home in Starke. She was

born on Sept. 14, 1914 in Buffalo, N.Y. to the late Andrew J. and Amelia Irene (Tharby) Ries. Prior to retirement she worked as office support staff in city government. She was preceded in death by her husband Nicholas Klug.

Survivors are: nephew, Greg Allen of Alexandria, Va. and niece, Barbara DeWeede of New York.

Memorial services and interment will be at a later date at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, N.Y. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Lawrence Koonce

RAIFORD—Lawrence Koonce, 51, of Raiford died Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Shands U of F in Gainesville after an extended illness surrounded by his family. He was raised by Bill and Walter Lee Brinson. He lived in Raiford all of his life and graduated from Union County High School. He was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Raiford and was a painter retired from North East Florida State Hospital.

He is survived by: his partner for 28 years, Nettie Mae Stokes of Raiford; father, Elcano Reeves of Raiford; mother, Dorothy Mae Koonce of Largo; sisters, Alberta (Otis) Miller of Raiford, Laura Nichols of Largo, Patricia Brinson of Largo, Lisa, Tisa, Kinnie, and Angelee; brothers, Todd, Benard, and Curtis Koonce.

Services will be held Saturday June 28, at 11:00 at the New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church of Raiford. Burial will follow at Five Sapplin Cemetery on CR 229 N Raiford. Family will receive friends Friday, June 27, for visitation from 6-8 pm at Archer Funeral Home. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Faith. He graduated from the local schools of Bradford County.

He is survived by: mother, Catherine Davis of Starke; father, Rev. James McNeal of Waldo; sister, Chrisoundra Y. McNeal of Starke; brothers, Tommy L. Covington, Jr. of Macclenny, Aaron Joshua McNeal and James Jonathan McNeal both of Waldo; grandmother, Rutha Mae McNeal of Gainesville.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 28, in the Greater Allen Chapel AME Church with Rev. Cynthia Bailey conducting the services. Interment will be held in Waldo Community Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Viewing will be held on Friday, June 27, at Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel Family Hour 3-4:00 p.m. Friends 4-7:00 p.m. and 1 hour at the church prior to the services. The Cortege will form at: 112 North Myrtle Street Apartment 1 Starke.



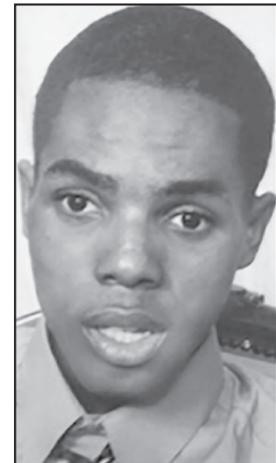
Jacob Johns

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JACKSONVILLE—Jacob Keith Johns, 32, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville died Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Orange Park Medical Center. He was born on Nov. 2, 1981 to Susan McKenzie Dyer and the late Jefferson Jacob Luther Johns, Jr. He attended Evangel Temple. He was preceded in death by his father; his brother, Matthew Johns; and his maternal grandfather, Jasper Lee McKenzie.

He is survived by: his mother, Susan McKenzie Dyer and his step-father, Natividad Barahona of Jacksonville; his daughters, Alexis Marie Evans and Brecauna Lynn Lied both of Jacksonville; his brother, Barry Johns of Jacksonville; his half brothers, Jeff Johns of Jacksonville, and Michael Lynn (Jennifer) McKenzie of Starke; his half-sisters, Lynn (Eldy) Flores of Jacksonville and Jennifer Johns of Bradenton; his maternal grandmother, Willie Mae McKenzie of Starke; and his girlfriend, Marie Parrish of Jacksonville.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 27, at 12:00 pm at Archie Tanner Funeral Services with Brother Dean Hollingsworth officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the funeral home to assist with expenses.



Chris McNeal

Chris McNeal

STARKE—Chris A. McNeal, 29, of Starke died Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at ET York Haven Hospice Gainesville. Born in Gainesville on June 7, 1985, he was a member of The Greater Allen Chapel AME Church Starke. He was of the Methodist



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POWELL

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to lose David, so I just decided that I wasn't and worked from there."

By Dec. 27, the spread of the infection seemed to have stopped, and the doctors were a little more optimistic that perhaps Powell would be able to keep his arm, but with a great or total decrease in mobility. By Dec. 28, the family was told that if Powell continued to improve, he would be moved to the burn unit in a few days to begin skin grafts. Powell had regained consciousness by this time and showed that he did have some

mobility in his arm.

On Jan. 2, the first skin graft took place, taking about 2.5 hours. Things went well, and another graft was scheduled for the following week. Doctors also began the process of weaning Powell off the ventilator, which was still assisting in his respiration even though he was breathing on his own.

Powell began both physical and occupational therapy the next week, starting on a slow road to recovery. In total, Powell has undergone 15 surgeries, debridements and skin grafts. He was in the hospital from Dec. 24 until late February. He is now undergoing outpatient physical and occupational therapy and

will continue for many months to come.

"I really don't remember much at all from the time I got into the boat until I woke up in the hospital," Powell said. "I was heavily medicated there for a while and that, along with the pain and infection, probably accounts for it."

Powell said he was just glad to be alive and to have more time with his family. He said he had never been a religious man, but has changed his mind some since his ordeal.

"I found out that I was on all these prayer lists at churches all over Bradford and Union counties, as well as here in Keystone Heights," Powell said. "All these people, many of whom may never have met me, were praying for me to live. There is a sort of power there and, since according to the doctors I'm really not supposed to be here, makes me think more about where that power comes from."

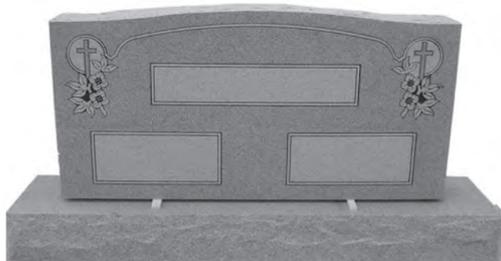
Powell said he wants to thank all of the people who prayed for him and those who lent their support to his family during their ordeal. He said he is deeply touched by the caring showed them by the community.

Powell has had to make a few lifestyle adjustments since his illness due to the fact that his use of his right arm will at best be reduced by 75 percent. He has given up his motorcycle and his straight-drive Corvette; trading both for a Corvette with an automatic transmission. He does plan to continue in his passion for speedboats, but that he will no longer boat in fresh water.

"When I'm up to it, maybe in a month or two, I'm going to take my boat down to the Keys and visit some friends," Powell said. "I look forward to getting back out on the water, so long as it's the ocean this time. No more freshwater for me."

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- Remember sun protection when outside.
- Ticks, chiggers, yellow flies and mosquitoes are abundant. Use protection.
- As the bass and crappie slow down for mid-summer, fish for bream.
- Offshore saltwater fishing remains hot all summer.
- Remember to fish pompano, whiting and sharks on the east coast surf.
- Tend your food plots near deer stands.
- Seek shelter from lightning when it rains outside.
- Make sure your guns are cleaned before their long summer rest.
- Remember that bream fishing is great for kids' short attention spans.
- Remember that Florida has some of the most beautiful spring runs in the world.
- Snakebites on people are rare, but they are much more common on outside dogs. Antivenin for dogs is very expensive.
- Frequent evening rains make dramatic temperature changes in our environment, causing snakes to seek more comfortable areas. Be considerate of the non-

RIGHT: Paul Akridge and John Breton display the big bass from the June 18 Bald Eagle Tournament. BELOW: Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May won the June 12 Sampson Open Tournament.



venomous ones and avoid the poisonous ones.

- Follow safety precautions when your family swims.

Outdoors outlook

The numbers and sizes of the bass caught in our local tournaments have decreased with the onset of the midsummer heat.

This is to be expected, but as the bass and crappie seek cooler temperatures in deeper locations, the bluegills and redbellies are much more available.

Bluegills will bed on and off most of the summer, but they will collect in larger cluster beds around new and full moons. Look for the pungent smell of their

beds, and fish upwind until they start biting. When the panfish are located, the bite is relentless and frequent, making them a favorite for kids.

If the small size of panfish discourages you, think saltwater. Having made that suggestion, though, it is not the best time to fish for the big three: flounder, trout and reds. Flounder migrate offshore in the fall and are heavily fished at that time. Trout and reds are more abundant and easy to locate in cooler weather. However, they can be caught, and there are some more abundant varieties at this time of the year.

Whiting, blues, pompano and permit can often be found on the eastern surf. If you have a chance to go farther south, snook fishing will be great. Sheephead are not as large as in the spring, but readily available around structures. If you are really ambitious, tarpon are big inshore targets through the full moon in July.

Offshore fishing will remain hot all summer. Remember to watch the tidal changes. The moon movements have a much more significant impact on saltwater fish.

Bass tourney results

At the June 11 Bald Eagle Tournament, Billy Renaldo landed the big fish and finished in first place. Jeff Humphrey and Scott Smith placed third, while Jason McClellan and Clint Sheppard placed third.

Jeremy Dohrn and Buddy May won the June 12 Sampson Open Tournament, with Eddie Smith and Dillon Crews placing second. Hunter Dugger and Caleb Manning landed the big fish and placed third, while Johnathan Nash and Nicky Gay placed fourth.

RIGHT: Stephanie Smith stayed at the boat launch when her boy friend, Bubba Durrance, fished the June 12 Sampson Tournament. She proudly proclaimed her catch to be better than Bubba's. BELOW: Billy Renaldo won the June 11 Bald Eagle Tournament.



On June 18, Chris Kadlec and Mark Roberts won the Bald Eagle Tournament. McClellan and Sheppard placed second, while Evan Hurst and Joe Yarborough placed third. Paul Akridge and John Breton landed the big fish.

Mike Rhoads and Randal Alvarez teamed up to land the big fish and win the June 19 Sampson Open Tournament. Nash and Richard Kingsberry placed second, while John Starling and Matt Anderson placed third. Timmy Durrance and Sam Sibley teamed up for a fourth-place finish, while Cason Noles and Brandon Gay were fifth.

'Project Appleseed' is topic of June 26 Crosshorn meeting

The June 26 Crosshorn Ministries, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club, will feature guest speaker Glen Smoak of Project Appleseed. The introduction on the Crosshorn Ministries website reads: "Glen will be sharing the values of



their excellent marksmanship program, as well as how-tos on civic involvement. One of their main goals is to teach traditional American marksmanship skills, especially to our youth. Here's a quote from their website: 'Why teach marksmanship? Because good shooting requires learning positive traits, such as patience, determination, focus, attention to details and persistence.'

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already been reported that the Florida Educational Association is in the process of appealing the ruling.

Public school administrators in the local area tend to acknowledge some continuing issues with the Value-Added Model, but also indicate that assessment and teacher

evaluations are more valid today than previously. Barry Sams, director of human resources for the Union County School District, said requirements for SB 736 have been amended to allow local assessments to supplant FCAT scores when FCAT scores are unavailable. Consequently, the process is more functional.

Lisa Graham, the principal at Starke's Southside Elementary School and a school board member in Clay County,

indicated there are still some issues with the process, but also acknowledged that it is running much smoother.

Thomasenia L. Adams, the associate dean of research for the University of Florida's Faculty Development and Graduate Education Office of Educational Research College of Education, said there are clearly some issues with the Value-Added Model and its implementation,

but also said accountability in public education is here to stay. Not only is it a relevant issue in the secondary system, but it is also an issue in her workplace. Apparently, the professors for UF's College of Education are also being evaluated according to the success of their graduates.

Betsy Regor, service unit coordinator for Florida Educational Association, is less understanding of the Value-Added Model and referenced the "ridiculous" nature of the

formula that is used to project anticipated student achievement. She also referenced the fact that it is totally "unfair" to "evaluate teachers on the student progress of students that they do not even have contact with."

Despite the Florida Educational Association's immediate appeal of the court ruling, public school teachers will continue—at least for the time being—to be held accountable by way of their student test scores even though it

fosters a perception of unfairness. It is true that engineers do not have their pay regulated according to the bridges that fail, or attorneys according to the number of cases they win, or physicians according to the number of patients they heal. Of course, those professions are not paid with tax funds. Public education will continue to be accountable to the public.

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just finally mentally give up on it.”

It took more than six hours to reach the summit, Wight said. After the first two to three hours, everything everybody possessed was frozen.

“If I ever had to do it again, I’d be more prepared,” Wight said. “I actually took CLIF (energy) bars with me. I had about four CLIF bars I saved just for the summit day. Well, CLIF bars are already hard as a rock. We got in that cold weather, and it was harder than steel. You couldn’t eat it.”

“All the water was gone. For probably 80 or 90 percent of the summit day, we had no water and no food. It was just tough.”

Wight was rewarded with the sight of that sunrise, as well as the accomplishment of making it to the top. However, climbers don’t spend much time on the peak once they get there.

“Once you make it, you’re really kind of out of it,” Wight said, adding, “You definitely don’t jump up and down. You don’t exert yourself that much because you’re already so whipped, and the air is so thin.”

Once on the summit, Wight took his gloves off and tried to break up the ice his water had become so he could drink something.

“My hands have never been that cold in my life,” he said.

From the peak, climbers make a quick descent. Wight said it took four to four and a half hours to get back to the camp at 15,500 feet. The group continued to hike 7 miles to reach a low camp. On the seventh day, the group finished the expedition with a hike of more than 11 miles.

During their time on the mountain, Wight and his group members had meals prepared for them by accompanying porters, who would set up camps and serve the meals there. After three or four days of that food, though, Wight’s stomach wasn’t feeling so hot. He said the same held true for the other climbers.

“We weren’t used to the food,” Wight said. “It was really hard to eat. They’d bring you the same stuff. You’d try your best to eat it.”

At the end of the climb, well-known junk food seemed like a grand feast.

“Once we got off the mountain that seventh day and got down to the main check-in point, there were actually little convenience stores down there,” Wight said. “We didn’t expect to see anything we knew, but they had Pringles, Kit-Kats, Snickers, Cokes and Nehi orange drinks. We devoured them.”

Though she didn’t accompany him on the climb due to its expense—approximately \$4,000 for the guided hike and the flight—Wight’s daughter Christine is usually a constant companion when attempting to reach a high point.

“The main reason I do it is to spend time with my daughter, make memories with her and just see the country,” Wight said.

Wight and his daughter are attempting to reach the high points of each of the 50 states, adding that no father-daughter team has ever accomplished the feat, though several are currently trying.

The U.S. high-points goal began with an unsuccessful attempt to reach the 11,239-foot summit of Oregon’s Mount Hood. Weather caused the duo to turn back, but the experience was enjoyable. Wight suggested he and Christine attempt all of the United States’ high points, and they shook hands on it.

“We’ve done 30 of them,” Wight said.

Every state high point is not comparable to an attempt on Mount Hood’s summit. Florida’s high point, which is the country’s lowest high point, is Britton Hill—an elevation of 345 feet. A walk of approximately 50 feet from a parking area gets you there.

Wight said the first high point of some difficulty was North Carolina’s Mount Mitchell, with a peak elevation of 6,684.

“It was about a 12.5-mile round-trip hike,” Wight said, adding, “Both of us got leg cramps pretty bad.”

Wight and his daughter have taken several trips on which they attempted multiple high

points. Last year, for example, they tackled six on one trip: Guadalupe Peak (Texas), Wheeler Peak (New Mexico), Panorama Point (Nebraska), Mount Sunflower (Kansas), Black Mesa (Oklahoma) and Mount Elbert (Colorado) in another.

One trip he really enjoyed, Wight said, was spending 12 days to do Backbone Mountain (Maryland), Jerimoth Hill (Rhode Island), Katahdin (Maine), Mount Mansfield (Vermont), Mount Washington (New Hampshire) and Mount Marcy (New York).

“In New York, that Adirondack Mountains area up there is beautiful,” Wight said. “I always thought of New York as being

New York City, but it’s not. It’s gorgeous up there.”

Christine is starting college, and that, along with a job, will make it harder for her to go on such trips. Wight, though, is hopeful they can attempt Borah Peak (Idaho) and Kings Peak (Utah) later this year.

“She and I have such a blast doing this stuff,” he said. “We’ve gotten to see so many pretty sights.”

Though he traveled outside the country to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Wight said he has no desire to attempt climbing some of the world’s highest and toughest mountains, such as Everest. The goal, really, is not to climb mountains, but to simply take in the world around him. It’s

a desire Wight said was fostered in him by his grandparents, who did a lot of traveling in a motorhome. He remembers looking at pictures of such places as Yellowstone, Yosemite and Glacier national parks.

“Even though they didn’t climb mountains, it was just that wanting to go and see the country,” Wight said. “I just enjoy it. I don’t know how else to say it. I love to travel and stuff like that, and see places I haven’t seen before.”

This is a picture of Wight’s Kilimanjaro campsite at 14,100 feet. The tents can be seen in the foreground.



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