



UNION COUNTY TIMES

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Patriotic Fantastic Friday in HS, July 11

Downtown High Springs is hosting a Fantastic Friday event celebrating American and local history on Friday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

It includes an All-American Pie Contest, Chowder Cook-Off and Panning for Gold at Cracker House Bakery and Mercantile.

- Special for children: Huckleberry Finn Mini Fair, American History Coloring Contest, Face Painting and More.

- Added Features: Colonial Tea Room at Vintage Fudge on Northeast First Avenue, Grand.

Opening at Tailgaters Diner & Ice Cream on Northeast First Avenue, Black History Museum and Historical Society Railroad Museum open.

- Variety of sidewalk vendors and entertainments, including live music.

- Scavenger hunt: Pick up your scavenger hunt list at any open business or sidewalk vendor.

- Community Outreach Booth: In front of Sally's Sensibles on Main Street.

- Drop off non-perishable food items or gently used clothing and receive a ticket for prize drawings.

For more information contact Wanda Kemp at 386-454-1224 or wandalk2000@gmail.com or Dot Harvey at 386-454-7610 or dpshadow@aol.com.

Creation seminar at FBC Raiford, July 13

First Baptist Church of Raiford will host a "Creation Science Seminar" on Sunday, July 13.

Steve Levinson of North Carolina will present three exciting presentations: "Creation to Christ" at 10:00 a.m., aimed at children but enjoyed by all ages; "Relevance of Genesis" at 11:00 a.m.; and "Fossils, Flood, Noah's Ark, and Dinosaurs" at 6:00 p.m.

All churches and individuals are invited to attend this eye-opening seminar. For more information on the seminar visit www.campgetaway.org.

'Light Up the Night' 5K run/walk, July 18

Lake Butler's Advantage Point Performance is hosting a 5K glow run/walk called "Light Up the Night" on Friday, July 18. On-site registration begins at 8 p.m. The fee is \$20. (Early registration fee is \$15 through 5 p.m. on July 14.)

Race time is 9 p.m. and will begin and end at Butler Lake.

Bring out your bright colors and glow-in-the-dark bracelets and necklaces. A portion of the proceeds will go to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For registration and additional info, contact Sampson Jackson at 386-266-3063.

Hydroponic Demo Workshop, July 21 & 22

Union County Extension Office is hosting a free Hydroponic Demonstration Workshop on July 21 and 22, from 5 to 6 p.m. Register at 386-496-2321.

Carload shoots gun in air, aims at witnesses

Four land in jail after incidents; no one hurt

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The Union County Sheriff's Office received reports Monday night of four people riding around Lake Butler in a maroon Dodge Intrepid, firing shots while in the neighborhood southwest of Spires IGA and then traveling west on Providence Road (State Road 238).

After stopping the vehicle there, deputies confirmed reports that

four occupants drove through Lake Butler and fired numerous shots in the air and pointed the firearm at witnesses—a man in his mid-30s and a teenage boy. No one was hurt during this incident.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Bret Gill and his K-9 helped the deputies find the firearm the suspects tossed from the right passenger-side window before being stopped—a Kel-tec 9 mm, which had an empty magazine and had recently been fired, according to UCSCO's arrest report. The firearm has been reported stolen

in Bradford County and UCSCO said finding it will solve additional crimes there.

Martavious Antron Albritton of Raiford was charged with aggravated assault, larceny/grand theft of firearm, tampering or destroying evidence—all three 3rd degree felonies—and discharging a firearm from a vehicle – 2nd degree felony. He remains in the Union County Jail under a \$91,000 bond.

Taylor Lynn Crapps of Hogansville, Georgia, was charged with aggravated assault, larceny/grand theft of



See DRIVE-BY, 2A Deputies stopped the suspects on State Road 238.



Lake Butler celebrated the 4th of July better than ever with more teams fishing who landed bigger fish, larger turnouts for the races, a full showing of classic cars, children enjoying the new splash park and first-ever midway, candidates on hand for a meet-and-greet, and of course the fireworks show that goes off in spite of the rain.

4th of July makes a splash



5K Run winners, in order: Samson Jackson (20:14), Chet Croft (21:12) and John Patrick (24:46). The first woman to cross was Vanecia Proctor (29:09), followed by Sister Cline and Sister Crawford who tied (29:19).



Children cool off in the splash park (top) while others bungee trampoline on the midway (above) and Bradley Hall displays his 0.88 pound catch (below).



Classic car show winners, clockwise from top left: Barbara Richards, '57 Chevy – Most Patriotic and Best Car 1st Place; Richard Odom, '38 Chevy – 2nd Place; Eugene George, '36 Ford – Best Truck 1st Place; Don Kelly, '65 Chevy – 2nd Place; Gary and Barbara Sparks, '58 Corvette – Best of Show.

The Big Bass Fishing Tournament and the fish were bigger this year, with 59 boats lining up as early as 12:30 in the morning. The winners:

- 1st: Keith and Wayne Tomlinson – 3.964 pounds, \$500 each (grand prize)
- 2nd: Donnie Evans, Allen Powell – 3.903 pounds, \$287.50 each
- 3rd: Tim Pittman, Andrew Gamble – 3.527 pounds, \$195.50 each
- 4th: Paul and Jonathan Johnson – 3.284 pounds, \$115 each
- 5th: Steven Doss, Travis Bulcher – 3.042 pounds, \$95.50 each
- 6th: Justin and Greg Bennett – 2.116 pounds, \$76.50 each
- 7th: Joe Green, John Green – 1.895 pounds, \$62.00 each
- 8th: Bret Handley, Dean Elixson – 1.653 pounds, \$52.50 each
- 9th: Stanley Thorton, Dalton Sapp – 1.565 pounds, \$43.00 each
- 10th: Joseph Gaskins, Daniel Gaskins – 1.543 pounds, \$33.50
- 11th: Chris Stalnaker, Amy Addison – 1.410 pounds, \$25.00 each

Audit reveals findings for constitutional officers

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

As part of the Union County Board of County Commissioners' recent audit from James Moore & Co., CPAs and Consultants for the county's fiscal year budget ending Sept. 30, 2013, findings were noted for some of the county's constitutional officers.

All findings for Union County from the previous year had been satisfied, and the one finding from this year had already been corrected. However, some findings for several county offices were revealed and are still in the process of being corrected.

The finding for the Clerk of Circuit Court was 2013-01 – "Disbursement Controls." The auditors said, "Expenditures should be properly authorized and documented before payment is processed. ..."

"Two expenditures were paid prior to obtaining proper authorization. However, we did note that these distributions were made under the predecessor Clerk of Circuit Court."

In response to this finding, Clerk of Courts and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Connell submitted a letter on June 16 to the Florida Auditor General's office stating that, "Testing of disbursements found that some were issued without proper authorization by the Clerk. The current administration assumed office on January 8, 2013, three months into the fiscal year. The disbursements in question were all issued prior to that date, and not under the current administration. Upon taking office, internal controls were established to ensure that all disbursements are properly authorized by the Clerk. This deficiency was corrected even prior to the audit, and should not present a weakness in the future."

The finding for the Tax Collector was 2013-01 – "Segregation of Duties." The auditors said, "Internal controls are designed to safeguard assets and help prevent or detect losses from employee dishonesty or error. A fundamental concept in a good system or internal control is the segregation of duties. The basic premise is that no one employee should have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction."

They noted the cause being a "limited number of personnel for certain functions."

In response to this finding, Tax Collector Lisa B. Johnson submitted a letter on June 23 to the Florida Auditor General's office stating that, "I understand the importance of internal controls and my responsibility to design controls that separate employee duties so that no one individual has access to all phases of a transaction. With my limited number of staff, this is not always possible; however, I have begun

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etc.

Union County Public Library summer programs schedule

10 & Under, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

July 10: "Fizz, Boom, Drums" at the library – Featuring the Union County High School Drumline!

July 17: "Fizz, Boom, Loudini" at Lake Butler Elementary School – Be amazed at the Magical Loudini!

Teens & Tweens, 11 & Up

July 26, 7-9 p.m.: Summer Band Night – Featuring local band, With Eyes Alive!

Visit www.facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.

FGC Exploring College event in UC, July 14

Florida Gateway College is going on the road this summer for its Exploring College events. FGC representatives will visit each of the counties in its five-county service district to provide information about enrollment, registration and college programs to those who may have questions about the college.

"Our Exploring College events provide individuals with an excellent opportunity to learn more about what FGC has to offer and how easily they can enroll and begin making strides towards enhancing their education and life-long opportunities," said Sandra Johnston, FGC's director of Enrollment Management. "The information sessions are followed by an informal question and answer session which includes hands-on assistance with the enrollment process."

FGC will be at the Union County Public Library on Saturday, July 14, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

UC Veteran Service Office closed, July 16

The Union County Veteran Service Office will be closed on July 16. The regular hours are every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Barbara Fischer at 386-496-4248 or 904-263-0647.

Beekeeper Meeting, July 24

Union County Extension Office is hosting a meeting for beekeepers and potential ones in Union, Bradford and Baker Counties on July 24 at 7 p.m. Register at 386-496-2321.

Elder Options seeking trainers in July

Elder Options is seeking individuals with one or more chronic health conditions, who want to be able to support and help others learn to take control of their ongoing health conditions by facilitating workshops once a week for 2-1/2 hours for six weeks. Call 352-692-5219.

Substitute teacher training, July 31 and August 26

The Union County School District is offering substitute teacher training for new substitutes and for substitutes that did not substitute teach for at least 10 days during the 2013-14 school year. It will be held on Thursday, July 31, and Tuesday, Aug. 26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Adult Education building.

You only have to attend one of these dates.

Please contact Pam Pittman at pittmanp@union.k12.fl.us or 386-496-2045 ext. 230.

DRIVE-BY

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firearm, tampering or destroying evidence—all three 3rd degree felonies—and discharging a firearm from a vehicle – 2nd degree felony. She was the driver of the car and remains in the Bradford County Jail under a \$500,000 bond.



Albritton

Quandrell Xavier Steele of Lake Butler was charged with aggravated assault, larceny/grand theft of firearm, resisting an officer with violence, and tampering or destroying evidence—all four 3rd degree felonies—and discharging a firearm from a vehicle – 2nd degree felony. He was also charged with indecent exposure, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct—all of which are misdemeanor crimes. He remains in the Union County Jail under a \$104,000 bond.



Crapps

John Warren Strickland III of

Starke was charged with aggravated assault, larceny/grand theft of firearm, resisting an officer with violence, and tampering or destroying evidence—all four 3rd degree felonies—and with discharging a firearm from a vehicle – 2nd degree felony. He remains in the Union County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.



Steele

According to the report, Crapps claimed that she was told where to drive since she was not familiar with the area and that "she heard the gun shots and then realized they were coming from her car," though she didn't see who shot the pistol.

Strickland, while being retained in the patrol car, moved his cuffed hands from behind his back to his front, and was ready to kick out the back door in hopes of injuring Deputy Charles Townsend when he opened it.

Strickland was re-cuffed and secured in the patrol car with a seatbelt.



Strickland



Suspects shot a gun in the air and pointed it at witnesses in neighborhood behind Spires IGA.

AUDIT

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implementing segregations of certain job functions. I will continue to look for opportunities to improve controls in the future."

There were two findings for the Supervisor of Elections: 2013-01 – "Segregation of Duties" and 2013-02 – "Controls Related to Payroll Procedures."

These findings are repeats of uncorrected ones from the previous two years, though two of the four findings from last year were corrected.

Regarding the first finding, the auditors reiterated what they said for the Tax Collector, recognizing that the Supervisor of Elections office also has a "limited number of personnel for certain functions."

For the second finding, the auditors said, "Internal controls over payroll are designed to help prevent or detect losses from employee dishonesty or error."

They noted "that some time sheets contained mathematical errors" and "procedures to review and approve payroll are not sufficient"—essentially, "Amounts paid to employees may not be correct."

In response to these findings, Supervisor of Elections Deborah K. Osborne submitted a letter on June 19 to the Florida Auditor General's office.

In regard to the auditors' recommendation under the first finding regarding Segregation of Duties, "Mail should be opened by an employee not responsible for accounting," Osborne responded: "First let me say that I would have appreciated an exit conference with the auditors so that I could understand the basis for this comment. I open all the mail. I review bills received in the mail and initial all bills as approved for payment before giving them to my bookkeeper. Except for the rare grant receipt, we do not receive cash receipts in the mail...."

Under the first finding, responding to the recommendation, "Signed checks should also be mailed without allowing them to be returned to the employee responsible for accounts payable," Osborne wrote, "The checks are prepared by the bookkeeper and given to me along with the previously approved invoice for check signature. Even though I am ultimately responsible for accounts payable, I will mail

the checks, rather than returning them to my bookkeeper for mailing. Due to limited funding, we have a very small staff and it is difficult to have an ideal segregation of duties."

Also under the first finding, with the note that journal entries need adequate supporting documentation, Osborne responded, "General journal entries are generally made to correct errors. I will review all general journal entries and make

sure that there is an explanation provided. As evidence of approval, I will initial all journal entries."

She then responded to the second finding of Controls Related to Payroll Procedures: "I sign off on all time sheets. I would have liked for the auditors to go over me with the time sheets that had mathematical errors so I could appropriately respond and correct the errors if employees were over or under paid."

There were no findings for either the Sheriff or Property Appraiser.

A complete copy of the audit can be requested from the office of the commissioners at 15 Northeast First Street in Lake Butler, behind Archer Funeral Home. Or contact the office at 386-496-4241.

The audit is also available online at www.unionclerk.com/board. Click the button titled, "Fiscal Audits."

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Daniels retires from UC Road Dept. after 42 years

On June 30, Sam Daniels retired from the Union County Road Department after 42 years of service. The Union County Road and Solid Waste Departments, along with county commissioners and the Daniels family, honored Daniels on June 27 with a luncheon to celebrate his retirement.

Capt. Matt Whitehead (top photo, below), with the Department of Corrections, presented Daniels with a certificate of appreciation for all the work he has done

over the years for the Reception and Medical Center. Road Dept. Superintendent Shelton Arnold Jr. (bottom photo, below) presented a plaque and clock to Daniels, who was employed by Union County from June 13, 1972, through June 30, 2014.

He will be missed greatly by his fellow coworkers and all who had the pleasure of working with him over the years. They hope he enjoys his retirement, saying he has earned it.



Murray Ford named UC School District's 2013-14 Business Partner of the Year

Murray Ford Super Store is the Union County School District's 2013-14 Business Partner of the Year. It was also nominated by the school board and subsequently selected by the Florida Commissioner of Education for its 2014 Business Recognition Award. In introducing the awards, Union County High School Athletic Director Ronny Pruitt praised the dealership and its owner, Dale Murray, for personally meeting with him when he first asked for a golf sponsorship a few years ago and for contributing to Union County sports and beyond—even though his dealership is in Bradford County and he lives in St. Augustine. In a video presented at last month's board meeting, Education Commissioner Pam Stewart also congratulated the dealership for its selection for the state award. In its nomination letter, the school board wrote, "Mr. Murray has become a vital part of our school's and community's success over the last four years." The board highlighted his sponsorships, apparel donations, local food drives, vehicle donations, awards, anonymously helping students attend college and camps and providing gifts to needy families at Christmas, purchasing equipment and more. Pictured here are (l-r) Murray Ford's Customer Relations Manager Amy Hoglund and General Manager Amir Asadi along with Pruitt.

LEGALS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2013-CA-000065
 FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA,
 Plaintiff,
 vs. ERIC L. HALL and WENDY DIANE HALL, ET AL,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CPA, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, will on the 21st day of August, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Union County courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash,

the following described property situated in Union County, Florida, to-wit: Exhibit "A"
PARCEL NO. 11, NEW RIVER PLANTATION:
 Commence at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 20 East and run North 87° 40' 11" West, along the South line of the NW 1/4 of said Section, 311.31 feet to the East right of Way of State Road No. S-237, said point lying on a curve concave to the NW and having a radius of 1415.10 feet, Thence run Northerly along said Right of Way curve an arc distance of 152.90 feet to the P.T. of said curve, thence run North 7° 23' 21" East along said right of way 1262.26 feet to the center-line of a 50 foot access easement. Thence run South 75° 36' 39" West along said centerline 840.21 feet to the Point of Beginning, Thence continue South 75° 36' 39" East along said centerline 300 feet, Thence run North 9° 03' 55" East 649.36 feet more or less to an iron pin in the center of Cason

Branch, thence run Northwesterly along said centerline 310 feet, more or less to an iron pin in the center of Cason Branch, Thence run South 32° 59' 18" West 136.26 feet, more or less, to an iron pin. Thence run South 6° 56' 07" West 650.90 feet to the Point of Beginning, Being and lying in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH An Easement for ingress and egress over and across Parcel "B" New River Plantation 50 feet and 75 feet access Easement as follows:
 Parcel No. "B" New River Plantation, 50 foot and 75 foot access Easement: Commence at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 20 East and run North 87° 40' 11" West along the South line of the NW 1/4 of said Section, 311.31 feet to the East right of Way of State Road No. S-237, said point lying on a curve concave to the NW and having a radius of 1415.10 feet. Thence run Northerly along said Right of Way curve, an arc distance of 152.90 feet to the P.T. of said curve. Thence run North 7° 23' 21" East along said right of way 1262.26 feet to the centerline of a 50 foot access easement and the Point of Beginning of said easement, said easement lying 25 feet to the right and 25 feet to the left of the following described centerline:
 Thence run South 75° 36' 39" East 1367.00 feet, Thence run South 9° 36' 39" East 358.99 feet to the NW corner of Parcel No. 7 of New River Plantation, (Unrecorded subdivision) and the end of said 50 foot access easement and the Point of Beginning of a 75 foot access easement lying 25 feet to the Right and 50 feet to the left of the following described line:
 Thence continue South 9° 36' 39"

East along said line 6139 feet. Thence run South 00° 30' 43" West along said line 88.61 feet to the NW corner of Parcel No. 6 of New River Plantation (unrecorded subdivision) and the end of said access easement. Being and lying in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 20 East UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure by Default entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 2013-CA-000065. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 25th day of June, 2014.
 KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CPA
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Union County, Florida
 By: Crystal Norman
 Deputy Clerk

PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is July 3, 2014.
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 The Brennan Law Firm
 Attorney
 Florida Bar No. 467601
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 Personal Representative:
 CAROLYN S. MORGAN
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 Clearwater, FL 33762-3320
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The work includes excavating, transporting, placing, and covering with 1 foot of soil the ACM from the Class III Landfill to the Class I Landfill. All work shall be completed in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and contract requirements included as part of the contract documents. NRRL is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the Administrative Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be ensued. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submittal is Monday, August 4, 2014, 3:00 pm (local time).
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FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA
 PAUL V. SMITH, ESQ.
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 ATTENTION: JEAN SMITH,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 63-2014 CP 0013
 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF DANNY POLSTON
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of DANNY POLSTON, deceased, whose date of death was March 10, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME

UNION COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
 Union County Emergency Management has received an agreement for \$10,900 and is seeking qualified contractors to execute a Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Compliant Exercise. Deliverables:
 The selected contractor will be responsible for conducting three exercise planning meetings, executing a functional exercise and developing and completing the After Action Report and Improvement Plan.
 In addition, the contractor will be responsible for assisting the county emergency management office with completing all required quarterly reports, submitting request for reimbursement and conducting the close out report.
 Basis for Selection:
 Prospective contractors will submit the following by July 25, 2014 to be considered for award:
 1. Proposed completion date (10%)
 2. Previous experience with Union County Emergency Management (30%)
 3. Qualifications of firm (30%)
 4. Minority Contractor (30%)
 Submissions can be made via email to the attention of John Walker, the Emergency Management Director at walkerjr@unionsheriff.us.
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NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) BID # 14-02
NEW RIVER REGIONAL LANDFILL ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL RELOCATION
 The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids (IFB) for the relocation of asbestos containing material (ACM). The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, services, and incidentals required to relocate approximately 3,000 cubic yards of ACM from the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL) Class III Landfill to the adjacent Class I Landfill. The material is located within an approximate 1-acre area though specific types of deposited ACM are unknown; the material may be friable.

TAX DEED # 63-2014-TD-0001 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 CERTIFICATE #: 68
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2009
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 10-06-18-00-000-0140-0
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 Commencing at a point on the East line of County Road 241 where said line intersects the South line of public graded road to Hopewell AME Church of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 18 East, and run East 155.57 feet, thence South 210 feet, thence West 155.57 feet to the East right of way line of County Road 241, thence run North on said East line 210 feet to Point of Beginning.
 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:
 Jimmie-Lee Jones
 Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 7th day of August, 2014.
 Dated this 7th day of July, 2014,
 Kellie Hendricks Connell
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Union County, Florida
 Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
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Union County School Board recognitions in June



(L-r) Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk and the Union County School Board recognized Glenda Gunter and Bob Peeling for 20 years of service. Not pictured are Amy Addison, Mark Rapp and Joann Trowell.



(L-r) Faulk and the school board Brenda Smith, Mike Pittman and Duane Archer for 25 years of service. Not pictured are Rhonda Clyatt and Daisy Reeves.



(L-r) Faulk and the school board recognized recent retirees: Diane Saunders – 38 years, Dorothy Green – 21 years, Ruth Sapp – 14 years, Virginia Manning – 22 years, Sheila Hattaway – 30 years. Not pictured are Rosevelt Green – 26 years, Juanita Harden – 16 years, Debbie McMillan – 30 years, Julia Rooks – 9 years, and Dorothy Smith – 12 years.



(L-r) Faulk and the school board recognized his wife Nadine Faulk and Sherry Barnett for 30 years of service. Not pictured is Patsy Fortner.

LBES announces new Safety Patrol members

BY TAMMY WILKERSON
Special to the Times

As part of the end of the year celebrations, a long-standing tradition at Lake Butler Elementary School is to select the fourth grade Safety Patrol for the upcoming year.

To be considered for a position on the Safety Patrol, a student must meet certain criteria which includes maintaining an A/B average during their entire third grade year, displaying positive character traits and leadership skills, and being nominated by a faculty or staff member.

For the 2014-15 school year a total of 47 students were selected to make up the Safety Patrol.

These students include Captains Ella Dicks and Angela Tucker, Lieutenants Kindall Johnson and Karly Ann Raulerson, and Sergeants Ian Brannen and Reagan Robinson.

Additional Safety Patrol members include Blake Agner, Justin Alford, Sarah Archer, Abigail Batson, Danielle Barrick,

Johnny Benefield, Ben Cabral, Leah Clark, Alexis Cox, Ashlenn Crawford, Kennedy Dang, Colby Dukes, Natalie Gay, Ethan Graham, Bailey Handley, Cody Harris, Keaton Holmes, Jasmin Johnson, Matthew Laux, Dylan Lovelace, Hailey Maloney, Michael Mohl, Jaci Patrick, Emma Perron, Emily Richards, Caleb Ripplinger, Carson Rogers, Jordan Sanderson, Aaliyah Sellers, Karly Shatto, Hannah Sherrod, Catalina Sweat, Haylee Tanner, Waylen Tetstone, Katie Wade, Karleigh White, Tristen Woodall, Tamia Young and Caleb Zapp.

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Faulk with Union County High School Science Envirothon team member Case Emerson, who won first place at Regionals and State in Oral Presentation. Not pictured are Kent Coburn, Amanda Snyder, Kaleb DuBose and Andrew Bloomfield.



Faulk with UCHS Science Olympiad team member Rafael Sanchez-Guiterrez, who won first place at Regionals in Anatomy & Physiology and Place Compound Machines.



Faulk with Kayla Freeman, recipient of the Christine Hale Scholarship.



The UCHS Science Envirothon team received third place at Regionals. (L-r) Faulk with Holly Tucker, Kamil Mazal and science teacher Renae Allen. Not pictured are Claire Sivyer, Waylon Griffis and Ashley O'Steen.



(L-r) Faulk with the Union County High School Science Olympiad team: Holly Tucker, Madison Worth, Kyle Taylor, Robbie Parrish, Kamil Mazal and Allen. Tucker won first place in Designer Genes, Entomology and Geologic Mapping. Worth won first place in Experimental Design and Write It/Do It. Taylor and Parrish won first place in Elastic Launched Glider and Medal in Scrambler. Mazal won first place in Experimental Design and Water Quality. Not pictured are Lethia Johnson, Saulius Mazeiko, Michael Riggs, Waylon Griffis, Ridge Smith, Ben Riggs, Crysta Fairfield and Claire Sivyer. Johnson won first place in Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry Lab, Circuit Lab, and Designer Genes. Mazeiko won first place in Astronomy, Compound Machines, and Disease Detectives. Michael Riggs won first place in Astronomy, Dynamic Planet, and Mission Possible. Griffis won first place in Bungee Drop, Circuit Lab and Write It/Do It. Smith won first place in Place Bungee Drop, Geologic Mapping and Mission Possible. Ben Riggs won first place in Chemistry Lab and Mission Possible. Fairfield won first place in Disease Detectives, Rocks and Minerals, and Water Quality. Sivyer won first place in Entomology and Rocks and Minerals.

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UCI



Rex Bailes is "pinned" with his captain's bars by Col. Kevin Box (right) and Major Daniel Manning (left).

UCI promotes Rex Bailes to captain

Union Correctional Institution celebrated the promotion of Lt. Rex Bailes to the rank of captain on Jan. 15.

Bailes now leads the institution's D Shift, one of two night shifts working at the main unit.

Capt. Bailes began his career with the Department of Corrections in October of 1989 when he was hired as a correctional officer at NERCI. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995.

He transferred to UCI as a sergeant and primarily supervised the confinement dorms, working with inmates who are behavioral problems.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 2007 at UCI.

Bailes is certified as a trainer/instructor and, as such, teaches classes to both new recruits and experienced officers. He teaches basic corrections and basic law enforcement and also provides specialized training to experienced officers who are seeking to move up in rank or secure a more specialized position.

At the pinning ceremony held for Capt. Bailes on Jan. 15, Warden Diane Andrews said it was a happy occasion for a very deserving person.

Bailes said he first wanted to thank God for the support and guidance in his life. "I'd also like to thank everyone who worked with me and helped me through the years," he said. "I put this in God's hands and He took care of it."



Union Correctional Institution promoted one lieutenant and one sergeant on Feb. 14. Melissa Black (second from left) was promoted to the rank of sergeant and John Hood (third from left) was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Hood came to UCI from Florida State Prison, while Black was serving as one of the UCI's own prior to her promotion. Both will serve on C Shift, one of the institution's two night shifts, but Black will work at the main unit while Hood will work at the UCI Work Camp. Staff members gathered to watch the new rank insignia get pinned to the uniforms of these two staff members. Congratulating them in the photo are (l-r) Col. Kevin Box, Major Stanley Peterson and Major Daniel Manning.

Union Correctional Institution awarded service pins April 15 to a group of staff members, commemorating their years of service to the state of Florida. BELOW: (L-r) Officer Charity Edwards (5 years), Officer Vernon Lee (15 years), Lt. Edward Kimbrill (20 years), Lt. Julie Thomas (15 years), Capt. John Wheeler (20 years), Sgt. Sandra Watts (25 years), Lt. Maurice Strong (15 years), Sgt. Rick Robinson (5 years) and Sgt. Kevin Walton (10 years). RIGHT: Col. Kevin Box (left) presents a pin to Lt. Michael Brown in recognition of Lt. Brown's 20 years of service. The UCI leadership team congratulated all of these staff members on their continued excellent service to the Department of Corrections.



Union Correctional Institution recently congratulated Sgt. Byron Croft (right) on receiving the pin that commemorated his five years of service to the state of Florida. He was presented with the pin by Col. Kevin Box (left) on Feb. 18. Croft was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2013 and currently serves as a sergeant in the general population housing units on D Shift, one of the institution's two night shifts.



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Keystone's Morgan: a life of the unique and unusual

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the *Telegraph, Times and Monitor*

A passion for the unique and unusual has guided the life of Keystone Heights resident Don Morgan for most of his adult life, and at 83 he said he wouldn't have it any other way.

After a life spent big-game hunting all over the world and running his own alligator farm, among other endeavors, Morgan even found time for a successful career as an architect.

During his career, Morgan designed all of the schools still in use in Bradford County with the exception of Starke Elementary. His first school project was Lawtey Community School in 1963.

Morgan has designed more than 40 schools in seven Florida counties as well as courthouses, jails and even a few churches in a total of eight counties. He stopped architecture as a full-time profession in 2000, although he describes himself as

"semi-retired."

"We work to support ourselves and to have the money to do what we really want to do," Morgan said.

Morgan has hunted all over the world, mainly on a quest to join a small number of international hunters, members of the International Sheep Hunters Association, who can claim to have bagged all of the species and sub-species of wild sheep available for hunting worldwide. At the time, he needed to get members of 16 different species to qualify. He did it, becoming only the 128th person in the world to do so.

To reach his goal, Morgan traveled the globe, visiting Russia, China, Mongolia, Canada, Australia and Europe in search of specific species. While in country, he hunted other animals as they were available, and, on his trip to Africa, he hunted leopard and plains game exclusively as there were no sheep in the part of the continent he visited.

Recently, several countries have opened up to allow hunting that were not options when Morgan was pursuing his goal. It now takes 21 species and sub-species to take the prize, but Morgan said he is satisfied with what he has accomplished.

"I'm happy with my achievement and have moved on to something different," Morgan said. "Besides, the mountains are harder to climb now than they used to be."

Morgan donated all of his mounted trophies, most of which were full-body mounts, to the University of Florida Natural History Museum. The collection was valued at \$700,000.

Along the way, Morgan served as state chapter president of Safari Club International for the Orlando club, then later as president of the National Safari Club International in 1984-85. He is also a past state chapter president of the Wild Turkey Federation.

About two years ago, Morgan became fascinated with the

A group of Don Morgan's Watusi cows and this year's first calf. The red cow in the front, named Redemption, was determined to get in this photograph, shoving the 2-month-old calf out of the way three times to make sure she did.



native African cattle known collectively as Watusi. (See sidebar.) He was drawn to the interesting history, rarity and, most of all, their impressive and unique appearance.

He began to research the cattle on the Internet and soon discovered the World Watusi Association and, through it, a good friend and mentor in Joy Ryder of Black Walnut Springs, Missouri. It wasn't long until Morgan decided he just had to have some of the cattle.

Ryder helped Morgan buy five animals early in 2013 and six more later in the year. Most of these animals were under 5 years of age, but one, D.H. Lightning was an 11-year-old cow that Morgan said he just had to have because her horn spread was so wide. Among the others was Popeye, a 3.5-year-old tame bull.

The cattle are now producing offspring and thriving on Morgan's C.S.T. Ranch. He said that, in the future, he sees Watusi cattle as providing beef, but for now he is still at what he calls the "cow and calf phase." Since

Morgan's Watusi cattle are all "foundation pure" animals—cattle that are genetically pure and have never been interbred with other types—they are in demand as breeder by other enthusiasts.

The cattle are not cheap, ranging in price from \$1,500 to \$2,000 each. If the animal is tame, the price goes up at least another \$1,000, as it does if the animal is outstanding in confirmation, color, genetics or bloodlines. An animal that excels in all areas can sell for \$25,000 or more. People who have other types of cattle—or even some who keep no livestock at all—are attracted to the unique appearance of the Watusi and call Morgan to see about purchasing one for a pet or, as Morgan puts it, a "field ornament."

"I get a goodly number of calls every week from people driving

by and seeing the cattle in the field and the sign for the ranch," Morgan said. "They usually want to buy just one, but cool quickly when I tell them the price. I haven't gotten any call-backs."

Working with his cattle has led Morgan in another interesting direction on his acreage; growing perennial peanuts. These plants do not produce peanuts, but instead are grown for hay. The plants take about a year and a half to become fully established, with the rizomes forming a ground-covering mat. Once the plants are established, then the hay can be cut every time it reaches 6 inches in height. The plant is self-perpetuating. It can be produced at a cost that is competitive with alfalfa (\$25 for a 50-pound bale) and has just as high a protein content, if not

See MORGAN, 6B



Don Morgan pets Popeye, his foundation-pure Watusi bull. In other words, the bull is genetically pure and has never been involved with interbreeding. See page 6B for more on the Watusi breed.

BHS fans can meet new coach on July 11

The Bradford High School Football Boosters invite Tornado supporters to meet new head coach Corey Green, his family and staff at the Downtown Grill in Starke on Friday, July 11, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

Green, who was previously the assistant head coach at Fleming Island High School, has 12 years of experience at Florida and Georgia schools.

He is the son of longtime coach Danny Green.

Green replaces Steve Reynolds, who resigned after two years and is now an assistant at Oakleaf High School.

The Tornadoes play Buchholz

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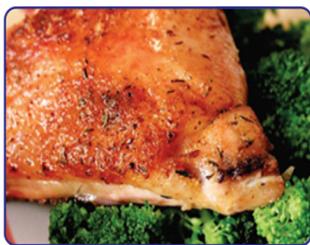
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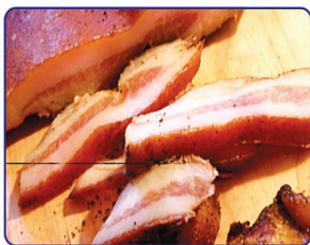
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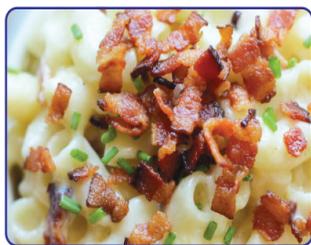
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Tree planted at courthouse in Judge Hobbs' memory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Any time Judge Johnny Hobbs had to temporarily leave what was known as his courtroom—Courtroom 2—at the Bradford County Courthouse, his humorous reply would be to just let him have a big, shade tree to hold court under.

Hobbs has since passed, but he now has his shade tree. A tree-dedication ceremony was held June 17 as a Drake elm tree was planted on the Bradford County Courthouse grounds in honor of the man who served as a county judge in the Eighth Judicial Circuit for 19 years before his death on Aug. 7, 2013, at the age

of 56.

"Judge Hobbs will be remembered every time we pass that Drake elm planted in his honor," Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier said.

Approximately 100 courthouse officials, judges and members of Hobbs' family were present at the ceremony. In a statement given to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, the Hobbs family said, "We understand how unique it is to live in a community that loves and encourages our family on so many levels. The judges at the dedication spoke first-hand about Johnny's courtroom as a well-oiled machine and his ability to make it a pleasant and

positive experience for those he saw. Judges mentioned that he was respectful of everyone and loved doing good for our community. They also spoke of Johnny's family, faith and kindness.

"These are all things that we recognized and loved about him, but we're thankful to know that others also saw the good that he was doing."

Rosier gave the welcoming remarks, discussing the shade-tree story and how Bradford County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Diane Taylor and Karen Jordan, senior court operations consultant with the Eighth Judicial Circuit, were fond of referencing it. Rosier also mentioned that Courtroom 2 at the Bradford County Courthouse would always be "Judge Hobbs' courtroom."

Circuit Judge James Colaw was one of several who spoke during the ceremony. He said the opportunity to speak at such a special ceremony was a privilege, but added it meant even more to do so in honor of a man he "loved as a friend."

"I began my legal career with the State Attorney's Office in 1997 in Bradford County, and Judge Hobbs was the first judge I practiced in front of," Colaw said. "He was my first picture of what a lawyer and what a judge should be."

Colaw said it was Hobbs' practice to offer attorneys the chance to sit with him following a trial and discuss the trial and offer critiques.

"I never missed those opportunities," Colaw said. "We would talk about the trial for 10-15 minutes, and then the conversation would always evolve into hour-long discussions about life and family. He always talked about his family and his boys. It was evident how much he loved them and how proud of them he was."

Hobbs served as an example of what a man and father should be, Colaw said. That is just how Hobbs' family wished



Standing by the tree memorial in honor of the late Johnny Hobbs are (l-r) sister Teresa Hobbs, Sarah Douglas Savage (a former student of Kathy Hobbs who was like a child to Kathy and Johnny before they had children), wife, Kathy Hobbs, daughter-in-law and son Sierra and Christopher Hobbs, son and daughter-in-law Will and Brittany Hobbs, with Brittany holding their son, Peyton, and sister Sharon Hobbs Norman.



Posing for a picture by the tree planted in memory of their father/grandfather are Christopher, Peyton and Will Hobbs.

Daughters of the American Revolution to host genealogy workshop

Do you know who your granddaddy is? Join the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for a free genealogy workshop on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. until noon at Gallery 26 on S.R. 26 in Melrose.

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Students receive awards from local DAR chapter

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented awards to Bradford County, Keystone Heights and Melrose students in May and June.

Each student received an

engraved certificate from Washington, D.C., in a gold-embossed document cover with an engraved medal and chapter check.

Bradford High School students Emily Potter and Lessly Spates received JROTC awards, while BHS student Justin Williams and Starke Elementary School student Nadia Gross received Youth Good Citizenship Awards.

Youth Good Citizenship Awards were presented to the following Keystone Heights students: Rachel Shirley Lee (Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High School), Carter Williamson Drane (KHHS) Sophia Kicklighter (Keystone Heights Elementary School) and Zachary Taylor (McRae Elementary School).

Melrose Elementary student Elena Jolley received a Youth Good Citizenship Award as well.

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to remember him. The family chose the following quote—by H. Jackson Brown Jr.—to be inscribed on a plaque that has been placed beside the tree: "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you."

Rosier, who came up with the idea of planting a tree in Hobbs' honor, said she received help from Jordan, Taylor and a lot of other people in making it a reality.

The Hobbs family expressed its gratitude in being a part of the process. In the statement provided to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, the family said, "When Karen Jordan began working on the tree dedication, we were very pleased to be included in the planning process and are thankful that she used the quote the family chose for Johnny's plaque."



Kathy Hobbs and her grandson, Peyton, look at a picture of Johnny Hobbs.

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Louie Bell Parks: lifetime journey continues at age 108

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Telegraph,
Monitor and Times

Living to be 108 is an achievement that is rarely attained, but greatly celebrated when it does occur. This was true for local resident Louie Bell Parks when she celebrated her landmark birthday at Windsor Manor on Jan. 31.

Although Parks is unable to communicate due to damage from a stroke about three years ago, her family, life and achievements live on in a journal she began in 2001 and in the memories of her son William "Bill" Parks.

Parks is the daughter of well-known early Lawtey farmer "Uncle" Marion D. Carter and his wife, Christina Dohm. Carter was born near Black Creek, about 5 miles north of Lawtey, on Oct. 4, 1873—one of 11 children born to George Washington and Jane Austin Carter.

Marion Carter's wife, Dohm, was one of three daughters of German immigrants. In an old Telegraph interview, Carter said of his wife, "She made me the smartest wife in the world." She was a concert violinist who died of Parkinson's disease in the 1920s. The couple married in 1900.

Carter was well known in the area both as a farmer and, especially in his later years, as a teller of humorous tales. (See sidebar.)

According to her memoirs, Louie Bell was born on Jan. 31, 1906, near Lawtey in a four-room log cabin "with porches all around." The doctor who attended at her birth was Dr. Brown, the family's physician for many years and, apparently a family friend as Louie Bell was named after his daughter.

Her sister Melba followed in 1902.

Parks' fondest childhood memories center around her parents and paternal grandparents.

"I had such good parents and grandparent on Papa's side," she wrote in her journal. "They had so many grandchildren and they had a big place where we would go and play. Grandma would always have lots of cookies for us kids. They had lots of fruit trees—oranges, figs, grapes, persimmons—and always a big vegetable garden besides the farm and horses. Those were the good 'ole days,' so different from now."

Parks' memories of a simpler time include passing her childhood hours cutting out paper dolls and making paper

Louie Bell Parks, who celebrated her 108th birthday on Jan. 31, is pictured with her son William and his wife, Claudia, who were visiting from Blairsville, Georgia.



houses for the dolls to live in. She remembers walking 3 miles each way to school, starting at age 6, despite "rain, cold, frost and icicles; it didn't matter. We never seemed to get sick or have to stay home."

She recalled that when she and her sister got a little older, they came home to face chores.

"When we got home we had to change our school clothes and put on our everyday clothes to do some work on the farm."

She said they did things like picking strawberries and picking up corn stalks.

As the girls got older, they were able to participate in more

social activities, such as cane grindings, playing games and even "having boyfriends."

The family attended what was then known as Clay Hill Baptist Church. (The name was later changed to Long Branch Church.) The pastors were not formally paid, but subsisted on the collections taken up when the hat was passed at services and on the largess of the community. For several years, the pastor was L.W. Kicklighter from Kinsley Lake.

Parks recalled her church experiences with candor.

"We would have a week of church revivals—we would

always like that," she wrote. "We only had one building for out church. The men would sit on one side and the women and children on the other. They would pass around one of the men's hats to collect the offering, which wasn't much. Mama taught a class and was the church secretary."

She further recalled, "The pastor would come in on Saturday morning and pick out the best place to stay—sometimes until Monday morning. It was always our house or Gladys' (a first cousin) parents' house; the home of the late Oscar Carter. I guess we had better food. The preacher lived in a little town not too far away, but we still didn't have church every Sunday."

Parks remembered when her family was the only one around to have a car except for some local doctors. Her father bought a 1914 Ford touring car, and the girls kept it clean and polished. Parks particularly remembered the cars features.

"It had straight fenders, carbide lights and a crank you had to turn by hand. The radiator was trimmed in brass and looked like gold. If the top was down, and a rain came up quick, you would get soaked putting the curtains up because it took time."

Parks remembered the Depression and said her family

did not seem to have as hard a time as many people did. They had plenty to eat and no major money problems, despite the fact her father lost "several thousand dollars" in a bank failure. The only hardship she remembered from the time was the rationing of gasoline and sugar.

She married King William (Bill) Parks on March 10, 1934. The couple lived in Cross City for a while, and then moved south to Palm Beach County. Bill was one of the first highway patrolmen in the state, working in 1936-37 in Homestead for the short-lived Florida Road Patrol, which only lasted one year.

Parks said she can remember him getting ready for work, putting on boots and Jodhpur pants to ride his motorcycle. She remembered the funny stories he would tell her about the things he ran into on the job.

In Homestead, the family rented a "downstairs apartment." Parks remembered weathering a hurricane with her children at her landlord's house next door—it had proven able to withstand storms in the past—while Bill was out working on his motorcycle. She also remembered having an active social life, including attending dances in Miami.

See PARKS, 8B

National convention memorable for local DAR chapter

Col. Samuel Elbert chapter members Konnie Beauregard (regent/delegate) and Judy Jull (historian/librarian) had good news to report after their trip to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's 123rd Continental Congress, June 24-29, in Washington, D.C.

On June 24, Jull was presented with the second-place award in American Heritage Fiber Arts for her hand-loomed blanket called "Threads of Time." Her award represents the 177,000 members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

While in Washington, Beauregard was contacted by Janet Messer, the chairman of the Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Committee. Messer said Caitlyn

Sanders, who received the Col. Samuel Elbert chapter's 2014 Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship, was chosen by the Florida State Society to receive a \$750 scholarship that is renewable for four years if she maintains a GPA of at least 3.60.

Beauregard attended all of the Continental Congress' business sessions as a voting Florida delegate as well as four evenings of special events at Constitution Hall. She also attended Celebrate America Night at the Grand Hyatt with President General Lynn Forney Young.

Bradford Athletic Assoc. football, cheerleading starts July 14

Children can still sign up for participation in United Youth Football and Cheer through the Bradford Athletic Association, with practices set to begin Monday, July 14, at 6 p.m. at the R.J.E. fields.

Football consists of five age divisions: 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U. All teams are unlimited weight, with no restrictions. Age-determining date is July 31, 2014. The cost is \$100, which includes jersey, pants and socks.

Cheerleading consists of three age divisions: Tiny Tots (4-6), United 9 (7-9) and United 13 (10-13). The age-determining date is the same as football. The cost is \$150, which includes uniform, shoes and pom-poms—all of which the child keeps.

For more information, or to sign up, please call Stephanie Scott at 904-364-6642 or Dana Britt at 904-364-3268.

Tigers of the past to be part of UCHS alumni game

The Union County High School Boys Basketball Team would like to invite everyone to an alumni basketball game for men and women, as well as alumni cheerleaders, on Saturday, July 26, at the UCHS gym.

The women's game will tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

This planned annual event will go back 20 years to 1994, plus another 20 years on top of that to 1974, for participants. (A year will be added for each successive year of the game.)

There will be a \$10 participation fee, which will include a T-Shirt for the event. Teams will be split up as purple (even years) and gold (odd years).

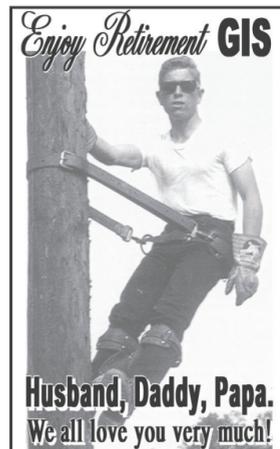
There will be a \$5 admission for all non-participants. The concessions stand will be open. For more information, contact

Rufus Jefferson at 352-318-0790.

BMS football tryouts start Aug. 4

Tryouts for the Bradford Middle School football team will be held Aug. 4-6 at 8:30 a.m. Players must have a current FHSAA physical on file with the school before trying out.

If unable to attend, please call coach William Brewington at 352-234-9743.



LETTERS

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Mother wants justice for Shane

Dear Editor:

On April 11, 2014 our whole lives changed as our son was taken from us in a traffic homicide. Until this day, no charges have been brought on this man, a Clay County bus driver who has never once said he was sorry but could hit and kill my son and return to work on that following Monday morning like he did nothing wrong. Shame on you Clay County for letting him climb back on a school bus after this. Clay County Sheriff's office say he just said C.R. 214 was dark that morning well that's why we have headlights, and why is it that I can sit on Ranchette Road on those school mornings and see the young lady that he saved walk from her front door all the way to the bus stop? My son walked from our house to that bus stop so she would not have to be there alone. Shame on Clay County Transportation for changing her bus stop for a week and then wanting her to go back to the other and having to walk by there everyday and having to have all those horrible memories

come back. It is hard for me to drive by there, I cry every time I go by. There needs to be justice for Shane and this man needs to be charged and reminded everyday of what he has done. We did not get to see him walk across that stage, his name was called followed by "in memory," never see him become a chef, open his own restaurant, or get married and become a father. I am tired of the run around and the idea that he thinks he can just kill a child and act like he did

nothing wrong. He was the rock for all his peers he helped so many and now they wonder what are they going to do. His was son, brother, grandson, cousin, uncle and friend who has truly earned his wings and be called a HERO he deserves JUSTICE. I just want to know what is taking so long. This Friday, July 11, it will be three months and I think that is long enough, too long.

Melissa Savoy
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NOTICE
The New River Community Health Center Board of Directors will meet July 16, 2014 at the Union County Library, located at 250 SE 5th Ave, Lake Butler, FL 32054 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

Bradford

Jennifer J. Barnett, 26, of Lawley was arrested July 2 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of drug equipment.

Rosa Lee Bruce, 54, of Starke and Brian Sean Copeland, 40, of Keystone Heights were arrested July 3 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Bruce and Copeland, who are related, got into an argument over Bruce cooking dinner. Copeland pushed Bruce down onto a couch, and Bruce scratched Copeland on the chest. Both were arrested for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$7,500 each for Bruce and Copeland.

Tamara Lee Burgess, 22, of Waldo was arrested July 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Paul A. Byrd, 41, of Starke was arrested July 1 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

John Lamar Crews, 44, of Starke was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Christopher Dewayne Fowler, 21, of Lawley was arrested July 3 by Bradford deputies for two charges of probation violation.

Rockey Arnold Gardner, 50, of Hampton was arrested July 2 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Gardner and his girlfriend had been arguing for several hours, when she left his residence before returning later in a vehicle. The gate to the residence was locked, and the victim waited until Gardner drove up to unlock the gate. After unlocking the gate, the victim stated Gardner came over to her vehicle and started to choke her after she explained where she had been, squeezing her neck until she almost passed out. After he stopped choking her, he walked away, but told the victim things were going to start happening to her. Law enforcement and was called and arrested Gardner. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Randall Michael Edwin Gordon, 22, of Lawley was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Gordon went to a female cousin's home to ask to borrow money. Gordon first grabbed the cousin by the arm during an argument and later grabbed her arm again, raising his fist and threatening to do her harm if she raised her voice again toward his girlfriend, who was at the home with him and involved in the argument, too. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

George Robert Jackson, 35, of Raiford was arrested July 5 by Bradford deputies for burglary of an occupied dwelling, grand theft larceny, stalking and criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Jackson had been calling and texting a woman he had a prior relationship with during the past month. He had also been driving by her residence, and law enforcement was called to her home June 21 when he was banging on the door and the windows, yelling and asking to be let in the home. He was asked to leave at that time, but wasn't arrested. On July 5, the victim came home and saw Jackson's vehicle drive by her home before she exited her car, so she went to stay with her mother. When she returned several hours later, her home had been broken into, with several TVs destroyed, a fish aquarium overturned and her bedroom in disarray. A PlayStation 3 was also missing. In earlier texts and messages to the victim, Jackson stated he had paid for the PlayStation, and that "he would get her back." Jackson was located later,

arrested and taken to jail. At the jail, during a search of Jackson, a small packet of cocaine was discovered in his wallet, leading to additional charges against him of possession of cocaine and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Bond was set at \$280,000 for the charges.

James Earl Jameson, 59, of Melrose was arrested July 5 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Jameson is accused of kicking the victim—his wife—in the buttocks after they were playing golf and drinking, and getting into an argument later in the day. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Mark Joshua Klepfer, 35, of Middleburg was arrested July 3 by Bradford deputies for larceny. According to the arrest report, Klepfer was a driver for Williams Brothers Trucking in Starke and had picked up a load of pine bark valued at \$1,000 in Hoboken, Georgia, on July 1. It was supposed to be delivered to Elixson Wood Products in Bradford County, but the operations manager at the trucking company checked the GPS log and saw that it was never delivered there. Instead, the GPS log showed the truck went to Maxville and stayed at an address for several hours before returning to Kelpfer's home in Middleburg on July 2. Eventually, it was discovered the load of bark was dropped off at the residence in Maxville, and Clay deputies were called in to assist in the investigation. Klepfer was interviewed by law enforcement the following day and admitted to dumping the pine bark in Maxville, stating he did so because his truck got stuck in the sand. He stated he didn't notify Williams Brothers Trucking of the incident and knew it was a criminal act to dump the load, but didn't think anyone would find out that he didn't deliver the pine bark to Elixson's. He was arrested, and bond was set at \$3,000 for the charge.

Ryan David Kornegay, 23, of Winter Park was arrested July 1 by Bradford deputies on probation violation.

Thomas Eugene Lee, 61, of Starke was arrested July 1 by Bradford deputies for cruelty toward a child. According to the arrest report, Lee was at the Kangaroo store on Griffis Loop in Starke with a 2-year-old child and a 29-year-old woman who was babysitting the child. According to several witnesses and video from the store, Lee exited the store with the child and walked toward the dumpsters, trying to get the child to follow him. The child wouldn't and was walking away from him when he turned around, walked up to the child and struck her across the head and face with his left hand. The force of the strike caused the child to fall against a metal cage with propane tanks and her head during the fall. The child then ran to the woman babysitting her, who appeared to be laughing at the incident, according to several of the witnesses. When deputies located Lee at his residence later, he refused to answer any questions and was arrested. The babysitter stated that the child

had been chewing some paper at the store and refused to stop. Since the child wasn't listening, the babysitter said that Lee approached the child, and the child kicked him, at which time he hit the child. According to the sheriff's office, there is an open investigation against the babysitter in the incident. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge against Lee.

Wardele James Mayes, 22, of Gainesville was arrested July 5 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Tonya Patricia McClain, 52, of Orlando was arrested July 4 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Billy Frank McDaniel, 28, of Lawley and Mandy McDaniel, 33, of Lawley were arrested July 7 by Bradford deputies and charged with battery and producing marijuana. According to the arrest report, the married couple got into an argument—which turned physical—over a window blind. They struck each other with their open hands. Mandy McDaniel then called law enforcement, while her husband fled into the woods by their residence. After law enforcement conducted a short search of the woods, Billy McDaniel came out and proceeded to tell the deputy his wife had two marijuana plants growing in plastic pots behind the home. After verifying there were two marijuana plants behind the home, the deputy questioned Mandy McDaniel about them. She said she had planted the seeds, but that her husband took care of the plants since he has the "green thumb" in the family. Both were arrested after more questioning, with bond set at \$1,000 each for the charges.

Joseph Lee Mitchell, 45, of Starke was arrested July 4 by Bradford deputies for simple assault. According to the arrest report, Mitchell harassed the victim at his residence several times in the past week, crawling through a window and waking her up, screaming, snatching her car keys from her mother's hand and pushing an AC unit out of a window to gain access to the home. Apparently Mitchell used to live at the residence with the victim, but hasn't for the past six months. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Justin Daniel Mobley, 31, of Glen St. Mary was arrested July 5 by Bradford deputies for burglary, two charges of larceny and fraud-illegal use of credit cards. According to the arrest report, Mobley is accused of stealing a laptop computer, a bank bag with \$50 in cash, a gas can and a credit card from the truck of a former employer he was fired from a month ago. The employer kept a key to the truck hidden, and Mobley was one of a few people who knew of the key. Law enforcement was also able to obtain video from the Kangaroo store in Lake Butler that showed Mobley purchasing gas with the stolen credit card. With the assistance of the Union County Sheriff's Office, deputies were able to locate Mobley at a friend's home in Lake Butler

and arrest him. Bond was set at \$300,000 for the charges.

Diane Karrie Lee Newham, 37, of Starke was arrested July 6 by Starke police for larceny and on a warrant from Suwannee County for failure to appear for petit theft. According to the arrest report, Newham was observed by a Walmart employee putting several items in her purse before passing all points of sale to leave the store. She was held until police arrived, at which time the out-of-county warrant was discovered through dispatch. Bond was set at \$10,500 for the charges.

Kori Jo Reed, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Jerry Dwayne Smith, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested July 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Alvaro M. Vargas, 36, of Charlotte, North Carolina, was arrested July 5 by Lawley police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Leroy Warren, 52, of New Orleans was arrested July 7 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Julius Jamal White, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested July 2 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Keystone/Melrose

Sally Cruz, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 3 by Clay deputies for battery.

Marlene Gladieux, 52, of Hampton was arrested July 2 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

According to an arrest report, deputies arrested Gladieux, Charlene Griffis, David Grubb and Robert Martin after discovering they and associates had attempted 223 purchases of pseudoephedrine between April 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014. Pseudoephedrine is an essential chemical in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Deputies also found evidence of methamphetamine manufacturing while rummaging through the suspects' garbage and while observing Grubb purchase Sudafed 24 at the Keystone Heights Walgreens.

John Goodwin, 19, of Melrose was arrested July 2 by Putnam deputies for a probation violation.

Charlene Griffis, 55, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 2 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

David Grubb, 48 of Keystone Heights was arrested July 2 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Charles Lee Johns, 34, of Starke was arrested July 2 by Putnam deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Robert Martin, 43 of Keystone Heights was arrested July 2 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine.

Shirley McIntire, 78, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 2 by Clay deputies for uttering a worthless check over \$150.

Jeannie Marie Piper, 33, of Melrose was arrested July 7 by Putnam deputies for a probation violation.

Jerry Ralph Sneed, 43, of Melrose was arrested July 4 by Putnam deputies for criminal mischief with property damage.

Union

Brandon Joseph Croft, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested July 1 by Union deputies for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$1,070 for the charge.

Kelvin Marcel Edwards, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested July 6 by Union deputies for battery, petit theft, resisting an officer and disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence near the library in Lake Butler about a disturbance. Edwards had taken the keys to a vehicle of a friend and wouldn't give them back. He threatened the deputy with violence when the deputy asked for the keys and had a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. After the deputy got the keys from Edwards, he continued to yell, scream and threaten the deputy, who then attempted to handcuff him and put him in the patrol car. Edwards elbowed the deputy and kicked him while he was wrestled to the ground, handcuffed and eventually put in the patrol car. The owner of the vehicle stated she wants to pursue charges for the theft of her vehicle keys.

Thomas Shayne Faircloth, 26, of Glen St. Mary was arrested July 6 by Union deputies on a warrant from Clay County for petit theft and driving while license suspended or revoked.

Lucy Foster, 31, of Brooker was arrested July 5 by Union deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, she intentionally struck a 29-year-old female.

Manuela Martha Hernandez, 45, of Lake Butler was arrested July 5 by Union deputies for aggravated battery-using a deadly weapon. According to the arrest report, Hernandez struck a 27-year-old male with a glass bottle and then cut him with a broken piece of the bottle. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Steven Larone Keith, 31, of Macclenny was arrested July 5 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked-habitual offender. According to the arrest report, Keith's license was suspended in 2009 and canceled indefinitely this year.

Thomas Blade Lemay, 17, of Lake Butler was arrested July 2 by Union deputies for vehicle theft-felony grand theft and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Lemay took a relative's vehicle without permission after making a copy of the key, also without permission. When a deputy went to investigate, Lemay had returned the vehicle, but fled on a bike into a wooded area when he saw the deputy, who was trying to question him about the vehicle. The deputy spotted him a short while later behind some apartment buildings, but Lemay ran into the woods again and escaped questioning. Eventually, Lemay called the sheriff's office, and the deputy met him at an apartment. He was arrested after admitting to making the key and taking the relative's vehicle without permission.

Luke Smith, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested June 30 by Union deputies on four warrants for distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a public park or school and possession of drugs-controlled substance without a prescription including over 20 grams of marijuana. Bond was set at \$240,000 for the charges.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Ashley

MELROSE— Ruby Slade Ashley, 91, of Melrose died on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at E T York Haven Hospice Care Center in Gainesville. She is survived by: sisters, Irma Wilkes, Margaret Dean and Jeanie Slade; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and caregiver and friend, Tony McSweeney. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 14 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose with Rev. Tony Powell officiating. A private interment will take place at Eliam Cemetery in Melrose. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home in Melrose.

Julius Eunice

BRADFORD COUNTY—Julius Dwight Eunice, 66, of Bradford County died Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. He was born in Starke on Feb. 20, 1948 to the late James Harold and Edith Gertrude (Godwin) Eunice, and retired after 30 years of service with the Bradford County Law Enforcement. He had lived most of his life in Bradford County and then moved in 2003 to Middleburg. He was of the Baptist Faith. Survivors are: siblings, Connie Browder of Middleburg, Gene Eunice, Emory Eunice and Sammy Eunice all of Lawtey, Phil Eunice of Lake City, and Roger Eunice of Arizona; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. The family will receive friends in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel on Thursday, July 10 between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 11 at Long Branch Cemetery with Emory Eunice officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-

Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Dora Hixson

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Dora Hixson, 95, of Keystone Heights died on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in Orange Park. She was born in Coaldan, Virginia, on Aug. 12, 1918, to the late Nannie (Coleman) and James Griffith. She moved to Detroit at the start of World War II and became a Rosie the Riveter, working on P3s. She was a member of Hope Baptist Church in Theresa. She is survived by: children, Bobby White, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan; Tim Hixson, of Orange Park; sisters, Betty Young of Jewell Ridge, Virginia, and Ann Patrick of Graston, Virginia; six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Westland, Michigan on July 8. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Robert Koon, Sr.

LAKE BUTLER—Robert L. Koon, Sr., 67, of Lake Butler died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Shands of UF in Gainesville after a brief illness. He was born Nov. 27, 1946 in Branford to the late Norman and Zell Adkins Koon. Living most of his life in Macclenny, Raiford, and Lake Butler, he retired from the Florida Department of Corrections as a correctional officer at UCI. He was a Navy Veteran. He is survived by: his partner of 20 years, Iris Garland of Lake Butler; daughter, Amie (Gustavo) Hernandez of Lake City; son, Robert L. Koon, Jr. of Macclenny, stepchildren, Tommy (Kelly) Woods, Christopher (Leslie) Woods, and James Garland; three grandchildren;

and sister, Ginger Spooner. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 pm in the Archer Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at a later date. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Hilda Johnson

Hilda Johnson

STARKE— Hilda Delores Johnson, age 78, of Starke passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at her residence with family by her side. She was born on Aug. 18, 1935 in Jacksonville to the late James Crosby and Myrtle Crosby Merrett. Hilda was raised in Jacksonville where she attended school. Most of her life she resided in Melrose until moving to Starke in 2011. Hilda retired from her career as a Surety Agent after 20 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed shopping and spending time with her family. Hilda was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of 50 years, Norman K. Johnson. Hilda is survived by: her loving children, Brenda Roberts Highsmith, Susan Roberts Christmas, and Floyd E. Roberts, Jr. all of Starke, Grady N. Johnson and Keith W. Johnson both of Melrose, and Patricia Johnson Hinds of Lawtey; her brother, Leslie Merrett of Jacksonville; her sister, Deborah Merrett of Louisiana; her 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on July 9 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Scott officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

James Register

LAWTEY— James Richard Register, 58, of Lawtey, died on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at the Suwannee Health Care Center in Live Oak after an extended illness. He was born on Oct. 4, 1955 in Lake City to the late Louis Carlton Register and Inez Sistrunk Register. He lived most of his life in the North Florida area and was a trucker for many years. He was of the Christian Faith. He is survived by: sisters, Lena Carolyn (Marion) Hinson of Lawtey and Brenda Register Trogdon of Starke; and several nieces and nephews. Family graveside services were conducted on July 9 in the Riverside Cemetery in White Springs. Interment followed. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Dee-Parrish Family Funeral Home of Lake City.



Carolyn Simmons

Carolyn Simmons

STARKE— Mrs. Carolyn Thomas Simmons, age 63, transition to be with heavenly angels on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Shands @ UF. She attended Bradford County High School and graduated from RJE High School in the class of 1969. Mrs. Simmons received a degree from Santa Fe Community College. She was employed with the Bradford County School District for over 30 years. Mrs. Simmons was a member of Mount Moriah United Methodist Church. She leaves to cherish her precious memories: husband Rev. Albert James Simmons, Sr.; children, Reginald (Dray) Leverson of Lake City, Christopher (Robyn) Cummings, Officer Alex (Rashaunda) Cummings, Albert (Erica) Simmons, Jr., all of Strake; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Alferd Thomas, Starke; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren and treasured friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carolyn Thomas Simmons were held 1:00 PM on July 1, 2014 at Bradford High School Auditorium. Interment immediately followed in OddFellow Cemetery. Rev. Edward Hines, Eulogist. Professional services were entrusted to J. Hadley Funeral Home, 2030 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. (904) 368-0210.

PAID OBITUARY

Scott Stone, Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Scott Edward Stone, Sr., 69, of Keystone Heights died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Shands UF. He was born on December 2, 1944 in Newport, New Hampshire to the late Walter and Jennie (Jennison) Stone and moved to Keystone Heights 14 years ago from Deltona. Prior to retirement he was a mechanic in the United States Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. Survivors are: his wife of 22 years, Lynne (Rommel) Stone of Keystone Heights; children, Michelle Bevilacqua, Lori Hodgdon, and Scott Stone all of Newport, Robin Chattin of Melrose, Ron Bentley of New Smyrna Beach, and Danielle Bentley of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be at his residence at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

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Timothy Wilkerson, Sr.

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BRADFORD COUNTY— Timothy Russell Wilkerson, Sr., 66, a lifelong resident of Bradford County died on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville. He was born in Lawtey on March 4, 1948 to the late Leon Wilkerson and Ruby Francis Lowery Wilkerson. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a truck driver who drove for more than 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Raymond F. Wilkerson and Willie Edward Wilkerson.

He is survived by: his wife of 44 years, Lou Ellen Wilkerson of Starke; children, Kenna Wilkerson of Starke, Terry (Lamar) Anderson of Lawtey, Rhonda Manning of Interlachen, Charmin Wilkerson of Jacksonville, Robin (David) Christ of Jacksonville, Timothy (Dana) Wilkerson, Jr. and Michael Wilkerson, both of Starke; brothers, L.G. (Diana) Wilkerson, David (Sandra) Wilkerson, and Earl (Sylvia) Wilkerson all of Lawtey; sisters, Jo Ann (Harold) Jones and Linda (Rodger) Meadows both of Lawtey; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

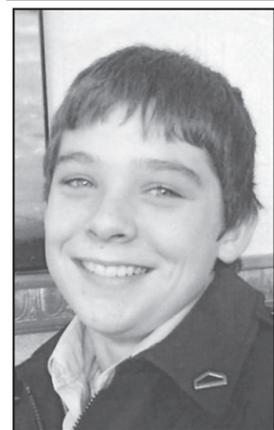
Funeral services were held on July 5 at Highland First Baptist Church with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery with military honors. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Card of Thanks

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Reggie, Chris,
Alex and A.J.

Card of Thanks



Steven Toms

On March 27, we had to say good-bye to our Steven. He is forever 15, sweet, handsome, always smiling, smart, goofy, a friend to everyone and now an angel in heaven. Our family would like to publicly thank everyone who has helped us during this most difficult time. We have been humbled by all the support. We deeply appreciate family, friends and strangers that have reached out to us from the moment of our need.

We wish we could personally name each and every person involved, but we don't even know all of them. Just know that our family has prayed for and thanked God for all of you. We are extremely grateful to this community that we are proud to be a part of. We wish we had never needed this support because then our Steven would still be here. However, reality for us is that Steven is no longer with us. We are greatly comforted knowing that Steven is completely healed and with God in Heaven. Our faith in God is sustaining us through the heartache and grief that we feel daily.

We smile knowing that Steven is sharing his personality and smile with everyone that has trusted Jesus Christ and left this world for their Eternal Home. We that have trusted and believe in Christ will see Steven again.

We want everyone to know that the life lived on earth is not the end. Eternity never ends. Please know where you will spend it! Read John 3:16-18. We look forward to seeing Steven when our time comes to leave this temporary home. We love and miss you always Steven. Today, July 10 is your birthday. Have an awesome day in Heaven! You are greatly loved and greatly missed.

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Starke Academy dancers show off winning moves at national event

A dance of celebration would have been appropriate after Starke Academy of Dance's performance at the July 24-29 Platinum Nationals in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Cailynn Boggs and Kennedy Smith both received platinum awards in Petite Intermediate solos. Boggs was asked to return and compete for Best of the Beach Intermediate 11 and under.

Kylee Davis and Annabelle Kuhne both received platinum awards in Junior Elite solos. Davis placed third overall for her jazz routine "Werk," and Kuhne placed fourth overall with her jazz routine "Sassy." They were also asked to return and compete for Best of the Beach Elite 11 and under.

Emma Theus and Alyssa Griffis received the only platinum-plus of the day with their elite junior lyrical duet. They placed first overall and were first-overall Grand Champion Best of the Beach out of all the Elite 11-and-under routines. Their routine was choreographed by Stephanie Borglum.

Junior Company (Kylee Davis, Annabelle Kuhne, Alyssa Griffis, Meg Gieselman, Cailynn Boggs, Kennedy Smith and Aubrie Muse) received two platinum awards for their jazz and lyrical groups and placed second and third overall. Brittany Guillen

also received the Choreography Award for the Junior company's jazz "Another Cha Cha." The company also won a special "Spicey" judge's award.

Jenna Williams and Sabrina Kerr both received platinum awards for their Teen Elite solos. Williams placed ninth overall with her lyrical "Falling in Love."

Platinum awards were earned in Teen Elite Duo/Trio by Hailey Thomas and Kylee Davis, and Thomas and Jenna Williams. Thomas and Williams placed third overall for their lyrical "The Minnow and the Trout." Emma Theus and Morgan Mann received the only platinum-plus and placed first overall for their jazz routine "Tangled Up."

Teen Company lost a member (Alexandra Chappell) due to a broken wrist at a June 21 recital. They had to re-block their routines, but still received gold awards in Teen Elite Small Group. The company consisted of Ashley Hicks, Sabrina Kerr, Jenna Williams, Lindzie Gray and Haley Liem.

Emma Theus received two platinum-plus awards for both of her solos, placed first and second overall, and won the title of Teen Miss Platinum Nationals. She also received a trophy for the highest score out of all the Elite routines in the competition,

including solos, duo-trios, small groups, large groups and productions. She was asked to return to the Best of the Beach 12 and older, where she won first-overall Grand Champion with her solo "Roxie," choreographed by Borglum.

Keiondra Payne received a gold and a platinum for her jazz and lyrical solos, as well as the award for "Best Emotional Execution." She placed second overall in Senior Elite Solos.

Senior Company received three platinum-plus awards, placed first in the jazz and lyrical category and placed first, second and fourth overall in Senior Elite Small Groups. Borglum received two choreography awards for their jazz "Slip" and their contemporary "Slow Down." Their lyrical "Holding Out for a Hero" was asked to return to compete for the Elite 12 and over Best of the Beach.

The company production "Skip to the Bip" also received a platinum plus in Teen Elite Large Groups and placed second overall. Borglum also received a choreography award for this routine.

Emma Theus is currently vying for Dancer of the Year at the Tremaine Nationals in Orlando.



Posing with the trophies and medals they won at the Platinum Nationals are Starke Academy of Dance members: (front, l-r) Alyssa Griffis, Meg Gieselman, Kylee Davis, Annabelle Kuhne, Cailynn Boggs, Aubrie Muse, (middle, l-r) Alexandra Chappell, Jenna Williams, Emma Theus, Hailey Liem, Kennedy Smith, Keiondra Payne, (back, l-r) Hailey Thomas, Darien Moore, Sabrina Kerr, Morgan Mann, Ashley Hicks and Lindzie Gray.



Don Morgan feeds Popeye watermelon he grew on his ranch.

MORGAN

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higher. Morgan is experimenting with 10 acres, which will be used for his cattle.

"Florida brings in about \$330 million worth of alfalfa hay from out west every year," Morgan said. "Most of this hay goes to horses. This hay can be produced in-state and, if it catches on, can keep all or some of that money here."

Morgan also grows his own corn for his cattle and also grows watermelons. Growing melons has led him to the art of beekeeping, which he got into to ensure his melons were pollinated.

When not working with his

animals or crops, Morgan said he enjoys nature photography—still hunting, but taking trophies without a gun. He also spends a great deal of time with granddaughter Baylee Sheppard, who lives on the ranch with her family. Sheppard is in FFA and has a young Angus steer she will be showing next year. (The FFA will not allow show steers with horns, so that excludes her grandfather's Watusi.)

Morgan is enjoying life and loves his unique cattle, even when Popeye flips him over the food trough just by turning his head.

"You have to watch out for the horns," Morgan said. "It's like getting whacked with a baseball bat, but it's OK. He doesn't mean any harm."

Watusi: an adaptable, hardy breed of cattle

The information provided here comes from local Watusi cattle rancher Don Morgan and the World Watusi Association website, watusicattle.com.

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

Imagine a breed of cattle that has been around for about 8,000 years and that were kept by the ancient Egyptians even before the building of the pyramids. Make them disease resistant, capable of thriving despite sparse nutrition and water and make them adaptable to a wide range of temperatures (120 degrees down to 20 degrees). While you're imagining, make these cattle capable of pretty much taking care of themselves, even defending themselves and their calves against lions and jackals.

The best part of all this is that imagining is not necessary; these cattle exist and can be found in the breed known collectively as Watusi.

The forefathers of this breed were known as the Egyptian or Hamitic Longhorns. Around 2000 B.C. they were interbred with humped cattle, called Longhorn Zebus (the ancestors of today's Brahma cattle) from

the Indian sub-continent. These animals spread around eastern Africa and became known by many regional names (with some regional differences in the cattle themselves as well).

In Uganda they are known as the Sanga variety called Ankole. In Rwanda and Burundi the cattle are known as Watusi and are considered sacred by many indigenous people. These animals are rarely killed, but kept for milk production since an owner's wealth is measured in cattle. The giant horns which give the breed its distinctive appearance are not only a indicator of value, but also the reason for the animals' heat tolerance—the horns are honeycombed inside with an extensive blood supply so they act as radiators, helping the animal's body repel heat.

In 1929-30, the Schulz family exported 42 head of Watusi cattle, including 14 bulls and 28 cows, to Germany, with six more brought in by Hermann Ruche in 1939. These 48 animals are the basis for all of the Foundation Pure animals that exist in the world outside of Africa. All went to zoos and game parks in Germany, Sweden and England for display.

As taste in zoo animals

changed, and World War II left much of Europe in shambles, interest in the animals as exhibits decreased, and some were sold to private individuals as several private herds were started. The first cattle to come to the United States arrived in the 1960s.

In 1983, a group of people—many of whom were already working with the cattle—got together in Denver to form the Ankole Watusi International Registry to keep track of breeding information and conserve the breed.

Interest in this breed continues to grow, not only as purebred animals, but also as a useful contributor to hybrids. While Watusi are not good for dairy cattle—most give only 2 pints of milk a day to the detriment of their calf—their milk is rich

in butterfat (about 10 percent), and some farmers are crossing Watusi with dairy breeds to increase their milk's butterfat content.

While not as large as some cattle used for beef production, meat from Watusi cattle is very low in fat and cholesterol, much more so than other breeds—opening up possibilities for hybridizing as well.

It seems the Watusi have found a home and are here to stay, both as their own unique selves and as contributors to hybrids with other breeds to improve products and increase hardiness. There is a reason they have survived so long in their inhospitable natural environment, and they will continue to do so in their new roles.



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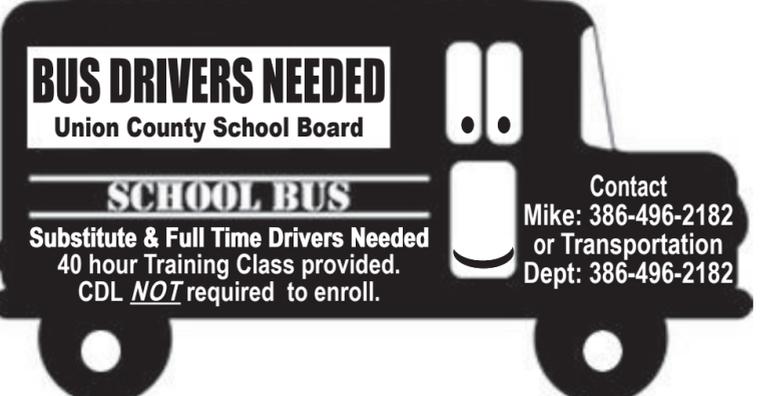
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'Uncle' Marion D. Carter and the 'good, old days'

The following are excerpts from articles in the Bradford County Telegraph on Louie Bell Parks' father, "Uncle" Marion D. Carter.

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

"Uncle" Marion D. Carter was a well-known and prosperous farmer in the Lawtey area during the late 1800s and early 1900s. He owned a 10-acre farm "just up the road from Buddy Norman's place," which was later owned by Bill Reddish. It came with a log cabin built by Ervin Norman. He worked the farm from 1900 until he retired in 1947.

In his youth, Carter lived outside of Lawtey near Black Creek. He remembered attending school about 5 miles from his home. The teacher—a Mr. Dowling from Lake Butler—would sometimes carry him across Black Creek.

"The school year lasted four

or five months, and we had spelling, writing and reading," Carter said in an interview in the 1950s. "I still remember the old blue-backed speller and the third-grade reader we used, and we all had a writing tablet. Some of the boys who went there at that time were Sam Norman, Francis Norman, Candace Norman, Lige Mosley, Son Mosley and Boshier Mosley."

After settling on his own land, Carter set about making money. He said he grew cotton until the boll weevil made its appearance. He raised rice, strawberries, corn, peanuts, "soldier" beans

and even eggplants, all of which sold because he said they did not know how to cook them. He also raised his own cattle, hogs and chickens, and kept the meat in his own smokehouse.

Carter remembered clearly what market day in Starke was like in the early 1900s.

"On Saturday, we'd take our cotton to market at Starke, using the old road east of the railroad tracks to get there," he said. "We'd sell it at old Alvarez's cotton gin and then spend the day in Starke, visiting and buying supplies. There'd be a right smart number of people there. Seemed

like the whole county come in to trade in those days. It was a lively place then."

Carter remembered horses being traded, buying flour in 100-pound barrels and bacon selling for 5 cents a pound.

"Those were the good, old days, I declare," he reminisced. "Lots better than now. Seems like everyone was happy then, but today it looks like everyone has a dread on his mind."

Some of Carter's other observations on life were:

- On food: "They've kept improving this and improving that until, I declare, it isn't fit to

- eat.
- On having fun: "We'd have frolics and dances all night. Sometimes it would be a log rolling, house raising or a fodder pulling, and it would generally be on a Friday night because we would go to town the next day anyway and didn't have to worry about staying up late."
- On snow: "There was the one and only time I ever saw snow in my life. It was the big freeze of the late '90s (1890s). It came on a Sunday night; snowed during the night and blew in under the door and was all over the bed in the morning. There

was snow on the porch that lasted for two days then. Man, but that freeze killed everything. It got all our fruit, including some fine pears that we used to ship to New York by the barrel and get good money for. It froze rutabagas in the ground so tight we couldn't pull them out."

- On living to be a ripe, old age: "Work hard: It'll do you good; take a chew of tobacco, it's good for your innards; eat salty meat and drink lots of water."
- On the future: "Tell (the readers) I'm looking for a widow woman. Anything under 65."

PARKS

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Bill worked in a jobs program through the Civilian Conservation Corps, building the Florida Cross-State Canal in 1939. The couple then farmed, first with Bill's parents near Boynton Beach and then on their own land. They settled in on their land, but still made trips north to see family in Starke.

The couple had two sons: Bud, born in Palm Beach County, and Bill, born in Starke. Bill remembered growing up on the farm and remembered how hard his mother worked on the farm.

Parks divorced in 1957 and returned north to Bradford County in 1958. She lived alone in a small house on Cypress Street in Starke. She joined the Shands Starke auxiliary, of which she was a member for over 30 years. She also was a poll worker until she was 98, but it wasn't her age that made her resign.

"That was when there were all the questions about Bush and election accuracy," son Bill said. "She said she was getting out of it because she was not going to get blamed for something."

Parks continued to drive until she was 98 as well. She continued to live alone on Cypress Street, in a house with no air-conditioning—she took a window unit her son bought for her out of the window because she said it just didn't look right—until she fell while doing yard work in 2010, when she was 103.

"She cracked her pelvis and had to be admitted to rehab," her son remembered. "She fell again at age 106 and broke her leg just above the knee, requiring surgery."

"The doctor said he had never operated on someone as old as she was."

Parks recovered well from the surgery, but then had a minor stroke, which still gives her problems communicating today.

"I'm so glad she started writing about her life," her son said. "If she hadn't written down those few pages, we would have lost those memories. She had an interesting life, and I'm very glad I have had the chance to read her own words about it and share them with others."

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