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Substitute teacher training, July 31 & Aug. 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.

Tigers football reserved seating tickets on sale beginning July 28

Reserved seating tickets for the 2014 Tigers Football Season will be on sale to last year's ticket holders from July 28 through Aug. 15. You may purchase your tickets at Union County High School, Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tina Smith at 386-496-3040.

QB Club Meeting, Aug. 5

The first Union County High School Quarterback Club Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the school board meeting room at 55 Southwest Sixth Street in Lake Butler. The Quarterback Club works behind the scenes to assist the players and program. Members are given preferred parking at all home games and a cap. Pre-game meals are offered to members and their family in the high school cafeteria for a nominal fee. Head Football Coach Ronny Pruitt will be the guest speaker.

UCHS important dates and info for 2014-15

Listed below are the following dates that each class can begin their selection for parking spaces and lockers. This is a first come, first choice basis within the designated areas:

- Aug. 4 - Seniors
- Aug. 5 - Juniors
- Aug. 6 - Sophomores
- Aug. 7 - Freshman

Lockers and parking permits will be sold during the above dates from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. in the Media Center. These will continue to be sold until Aug. 12 and will not be sold again until Aug. 25.

The cost of the parking permit is \$10. You will need to provide the school with your current driver's license, current registration and current up-to-date insurance card. There is paperwork that has to be signed, so the student that the parking permit is being purchased for must be present. Friends or family members cannot purchase the parking permit for the student.

The cost of the lockers is \$5. These will be sold in the Media Center also during the same dates and time frame as the parking permits. They will accept CASH ONLY.

Orientation night: 9th Grade - Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. We will be discussing policy and procedural changes, student schedules and other items that will be of interest to our students and parents/guardians.

LB Church of Christ hires man on a mission

Missionary, speaker and author Trent Wheeler is here to stay

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

A question often asked of those who move here is, "How did you end up in Lake Butler?" That may be even more apropos for the new minister of the Lake Butler Church of Christ, Trent Wheeler, who has been involved in mission work and church plantings for over 25 years.

He has worked in over 15 countries in Africa, Central America and the South Pacific, serving as president of the African

Christian Schools Foundation since November of 2010 and formerly as development director after joining the foundation in 2007.

Each year he leads one or two campaign teams that work with the local colleges and congregations. In fact, next month he heads to Nigeria for two weeks to visit a couple of schools there regarding their college-level Bible programs.

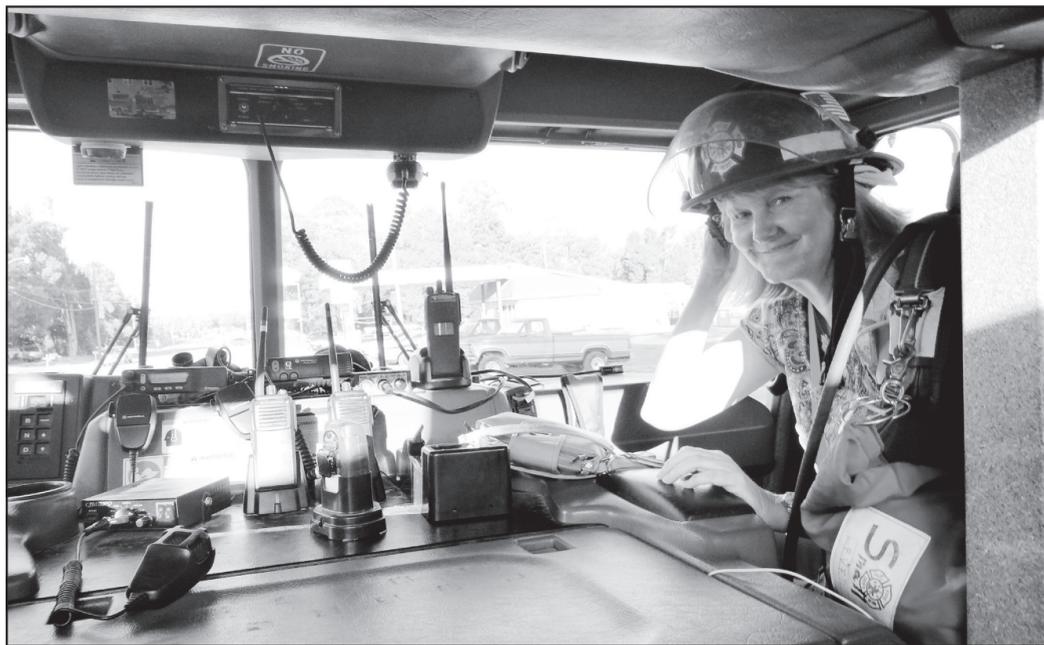
He also concurrently served as director of development for Family Dynamics Institute where

he helped write curriculum and conduct training seminars and assisted with fundraising.

Wheeler, 55, is no stranger to Florida or even the area, having lived in Jacksonville and Tampa and then preached at the Alachua Church of Christ part-time for a couple of stints. And he has family in Florida too - two brothers in Clearwater and one in Venice.

ACSF is based in Nashville where Wheeler lives, though

See WHEELER, 3A New minister Trent Wheeler with his wife Debbie.



Training day

LB considers cutting VFD training stipend while recommending a raise for others

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

At the Lake Butler City Commission budget workshop on July 21, City Manager Dave Mecusker voiced concern about the rising budget of the Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department. Mecusker suggested cutting their training to make things work out while at the same time recommending a 3 percent raise for city employees that the commissioners asked to be included in.

To get a closer look at what the fire department does, newly elected commissioner and vice mayor Debra Browning visited the fire station during its weekly training night - every Thursday starting at 6 p.m. - to see firsthand what the money goes toward.

Fire Chief Mike Banks, who primarily serves as the city's director of public works for parks and roads, took Browning on a tour, showing her the still-new fire station (which opened a year ago January), fire trucks, break room and more. He also showed her a generator that was donated and installed on a poured concrete slab, but that money for actually hooking it up went toward the city's popular splash park that opened this year.

Banks said he doesn't begrudge the splash park and both he and Browning are glad it's there for the children to use, especially during the hot summer

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TOP: Lake Butler Vice Mayor Debra Browning enjoys a ride in Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department's fire engine as Allyson Howell (not pictured) drives and Christian Vineyard (not pictured) rides along. ABOVE: Erik Bernas trains on how to lower a "victim" (the 165-pound dummy) down using the rope method as Samantha Shedd assists from below. Fire Chief Mike Banks provides direction and encouragement.

More mailboxes vandalized

Second wave in as many months

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Two months ago juveniles on a destructive mission destroyed and damaged 45 mailboxes throughout western Union County. Then last week, over the course of Wednesday night and Thursday morning, about two dozen mailboxes were vandalized throughout the county in an unrelated wave of incidents.

At 5 a.m. Thursday morning, the Union County Sheriff's Office was contacted about a man and his neighbor's mailboxes each being damaged within the northeast part of Lake Butler. Further investigation revealed that other mailboxes had also been damaged southwest of the city. There were then reports of damage out toward Worthington Springs and Raiford.

"We are still tracking down possible victims and possible suspects," said Lt. Lyn Williams. "There is no specific area that was targeted; they hit mailboxes all over the city (and beyond). Very random in targeting."

Regarding the prior round of vandalism, three juveniles, ages 12, 15 and 16, went joyriding on an ATV and smashed the mailboxes with a baseball bat. They have since been arrested and sent to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

If you have any leads on this latest round, please contact UCISO at 386-496-2501 or sheriff@unionsheriff.us. Get the latest news and alerts at [facebook.com/unionsheriff](https://www.facebook.com/unionsheriff).

Raiford receives high marks for its first-ever audit

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

At the July 8 meeting of the Raiford Town Council, Clay Lyons from the accounting firm Lyons and Lyons presented the results from its end-of-the-year audit - the town's first ever. The Town of Raiford has been incorporated for over 40 years, but due to not meeting a certain revenue threshold, it has

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etc.

Library summer programs schedule

10 & Under, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

July 31: "Fizz, Boom, Vroom" outside at the library - Vehicles of all shapes and sizes!

Aug. 7: "Fizz, Boom, Splash!" outside at the library - Wear your swimsuits for the end-of-summer bash!

Teens & Tweens, 11 & Up

August 2, 7-9 p.m.: Band Night for teens and up - Featuring local bands, including With Eyes Alive! \$5 donation requested. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit the Junior Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund.

School Supplies for Fines

August only: Bring school supplies in new/original packaging to the library and earn up to \$10 per account toward late fees. Don't have late fees? Donate on behalf of someone else. Help students get a good start this school year!

Visit www.facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.

New River health care board meeting, July 31

New River Community Health Care Board of Directors meeting is being held on Thursday, July 31, at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Union County Public Library located at 250 Southeast Fifth Avenue in Lake Butler.

Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 1-3

Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday is bigger and better this year with some important changes in tax-exempt items. This year, the sales tax exemption for clothing items has been increased to \$100 or less per item (up from \$75 or less per item last year). In addition, the sales tax exemption for personal computers and certain computer-related accessories will be on the first \$750 of the sales price.

Download the complete list at dor.myflorida.com.

VBS at Sardis Baptist Church in WS, Aug. 3-7

Sardis Baptist Church is hosting its VBS Aug. 3-7 from 67 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 10 it VBS Family Day starting at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Agency D3: Discover, Decide, and Defend." Ages pre-K through 12th grade are invited.

The church is located in Worthington Springs on State Road 121. For more info, contact them at 386-496-9783.

Ceramic class, Aug. 5

First Christian Church of Lake Butler is hosting a free ceramics class at 10 a.m. For more info, call David Tompkins at 386-496-3956.

VFD

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months with school is out. But he also reiterated what he told the commissioners, that the fire station was built with a grant on donated land and that their all their fire trucks were either bought with grant funds or loaned. He essentially said it was all acquired by the city for "free," but "sometimes you have to pay the piper."

For instance, the department's older fire truck is so old they had to source parts from a junkyard in Los Angeles to repair its front suspension. Over three decades old, that truck at some point may not pass the pump test. A new truck will eventually have to be purchased to support its newer 6-7 year old truck and to keep the department's respectable ISO 4 rating up, which helps keep homeowner's insurance rates lower.

One issue is a stipend paid to the volunteer firefighters, who get \$10 each week when they attend training and \$15 for each

fire they respond to. Mecusker raised that from \$5 and \$10, respectively, years ago.

Mecusker said the fire department's budget increased by 40 percent due to electricity bills, phone bills, insurance, etc., at the fire station and he is grappling with ways to get things back under control. The budget this fiscal year was \$45,230. The city manager wants to bring it down to \$31,162.

One way he proposed to do that is to reduce the training-and-response budget from \$8,000 to \$3,000 - either through cutting the weekly training to half, or just two nights a month; going back to the \$5 per training night; or "have a volunteer fire department and not have any compensation."

"I don't think this is considered compensation for paying them for what they do," Commissioner Jimmy Beasley responded. He added that the volunteer firefighters were being compensated for gas. "What I'm getting at is, it's not like a salary. I mean they're not living off of



Fire Chief Mike Banks addresses city commissioners regarding budget concerns.

that. I think they ought to be getting something."

Mecusker fretted over "writing checks now for over \$200 every other month." Yet he recommended an across-the-board 3 percent raise for full-time employees because he projected that the city's annual budget of \$815,000 will come in \$10,000 lower - if the city does indeed cut the training budget to less than half - and the raise would cost just over \$9,000.

Banks is the fire department's only salaried personnel at \$6,454 a year or less than \$540 a month. Each city commissioner's salary is \$10,674.54 per year.

Yet, at Beasley's suggestion, supported by Browning, the commissioners asked to be included in that raise.

However, nothing was finalized or voted on since it was simply a budget workshop.

Through Banks' connections, friendships and willingness to help other departments which in turn help him, Lake Butler's fire department receives training even some of its bigger counterparts don't. For instance, volunteers here can rescue someone within minutes using the rope method of lowering them from a second floor, roof, tree, etc. - a skill and the required equipment that many don't have.

The current weekly training rotation includes the following topics: rope, SCBA (self contained

breathing apparatus), pump the truck, fire, water/hose, rescue, foam, pump the truck, hazmat (hazardous materials) and so on.

When asked about cutting the training schedule to reduce the budget, Banks reiterated that it's OK till your house is the one on fire. And he said that you have to train and retrain to keep your skills sharp for when you need them, such as rope training, which is done on a nearly monthly basis.

While visiting the fire station, Browning told Banks she has a personal appreciation for what firefighters do. Her middle son is in Navy Reserve as a medic, and is a full-time firefighter in South Florida. Her youngest son is full-time Air Force as a bioenvironmental engineer in Kansas.

After the tour, seeing the training and understanding the fire department's needs - capped off by a quick ride

around town in the fire truck - Browning left with a new appreciation of its vital role in the city and county.

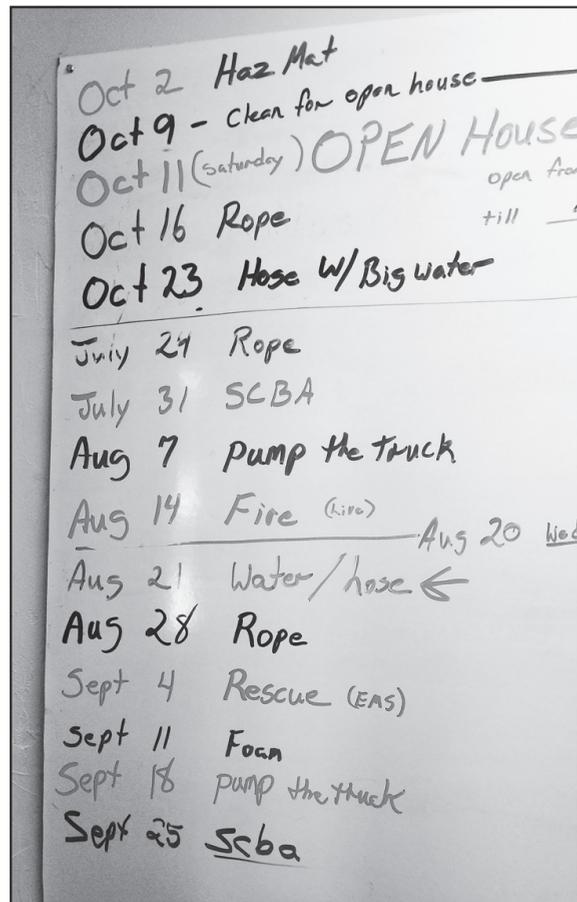
The fire chief commended her for being there to learn more, remarking that he thought she was the only city commissioner to come by, at least on training day.

Banks was named the 2012 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year by the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. Captain Laurie Ash was named the 2011 Volunteer Fire Officer of the Year.

Thanks to Banks, Ash and their team of well-trained volunteers, Lake Butler has a top-notch fire department ready and able to respond at a moment's notice, helping residents rest a little easier at night.

Learn more about LBVFD at lakebutlervfr.com. Contact City Hall at 386-496-3401.

The next city commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 11, at 5:15 p.m.



The Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department trains on a weekly basis to make sure they are prepared for anything.

"ATTENTION"

To all residents of Providence and the surrounding areas, I am Marvin. I worked at the dump site in Providence. I was wrongly fired again. There has been an ongoing dispute with one of the supervisors. I think that I have been courteous and very helpful doing my job.

I would like to have your support. You can write a letter stating how I did my job. Does anybody know a good attorney?

Thanks & God Bless

Please send letters to: **Marvin Arnold**
 P.O. Box 535
 Raiford, FL 32083

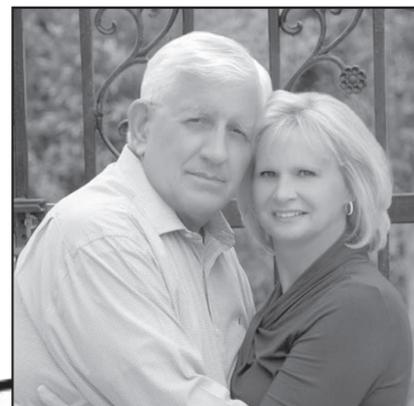
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Open Letter to the People of Union County

Dear Fellow Citizens:
 I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind open-heartedness. I have visited many of you over the past few months. My wife, Brenda, has accompanied me whenever possible. We have both been overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit shown to us by the people of our county. We count it as an honor and privilege that you have given your time and opened your homes to us. Regardless of the outcome of this election, we have so enjoyed reconnecting with folks we haven't seen in a long time and meeting new friends. This and every political race is a grueling challenge, but building connections with you gives us perspective and a sense of peace. Meeting with you, listening to your concerns and hearing your hopes for the future strengthens my commitment. I will continue my door-to-door campaign and hope to see everyone before the November election.

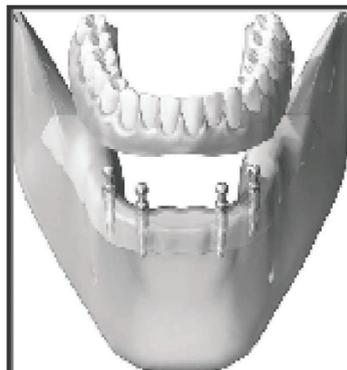
Many of you have told me that you have been given misinformation about me and my intentions for the Office of Sheriff if I am elected. Until I have the opportunity to talk to you personally to set the record straight, please consider this:

- I have made no promises regarding who will be chief deputy or in any other position at the Sheriff's Office. My only promise is to you citizens. I promise that the law enforcement officers under my leadership will be of the highest caliber - qualified, honorable, compassionate, fair and dedicated to the people of Union County.
 - I am not satisfied to just maintain the status quo. Change will come under my administration. I will implement new procedures, programs and priorities. I began my career and that I was not only Sheriff John Whitehead's second-in-command, but also his friend. I learned much from these two great Sheriffs, but I am my own man with my own ideas of how to most effectively serve you in this office. Many existing policies and methods will remain, others will change.
 - I intend to earn your vote for more than one term. I want to be your Sheriff for as long as you, the voters, will have me as such. I intend to fulfill the duties of the position in such a professional and effective manner that I will earn your approval and your vote for re-election!
- I hope to see each of you in the coming weeks, but until I do, please email me at seaygst2494@gmail.com with your questions and concerns. I promise you that I will continue to be straightforward and treat all with respect.

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Mosquito infection reported in Florida

This week there were two cases of chikungunya, a mosquito-transmitted illness, reported in Florida in people who did not travel to areas where outbreaks are on going.

This means that Florida mosquitoes transmitted the virus to the people who became sick. These are the first known such infections in the continental United States.

Prior to this news, there were about 80 cases of imported chikungunya reported in Florida. There are major outbreaks of chikungunya in the Caribbean this summer, with over 300,000 cases reported to date.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, common symptoms of chikungunya virus infection are fever and joint pain. Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling or rash. Symptoms usually begin 3-7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Chikungunya disease does not often result in death, but the symptoms can be severe and disabling. Most patients feel better within a week. In some people, the joint pain may persist for months. People at risk for more severe disease include newborns infected around the time of birth, older adults, and people with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes or heart disease.

There is no medicine to treat chikungunya virus infection or disease.

It is very important for property owners and managers to ensure that there are no containers of standing water on their property. Standing water provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Readers are advised to inspect the area where you stay, at home and at work, to reduce vector mosquitoes from around homes and neighborhoods.

Any container that can hold water needs to be drained and positioned so that it will not fill up when it rains.

Puncturing containers so they drain is an option that should be considered if they cannot be turned over. Typical containers include tires, birdbaths, old flowerpots and even certain plants with cupped leaves like bromeliads.

And don't forget: It is very important to follow the 5 D's in order to avoid being bothered by these pesky critters.

Avoid being outdoors during DUSK to DAWN hours, if you must go outside DRESS appropriately by covering as much skin as possible, for added protection use a repellent with DEET in it and be sure to DRAIN any containers that hold water.

Contact the Union County Extension Office at 386-496-2321 or union@ifas.ufl.edu.

WHEELER

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he works from home and will continue to serve the foundation from here while serving as minister for the church, where his first official Sunday was earlier this month.

After pursuing communications in college, he obtained a Bible degree from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. His first foray into the mission field was to New Zealand in 1988 for two years. He then came back to the states to start a direct mail company in Alachua from 1990 to 1996.

Healing Hands International hired him as a fundraiser and then he started consulting for other non-profits as well. That's when ACSF asked him to help with fundraising.

When their CEO resigned, the foundation asked Wheeler to take over.

For the foundation he travels often, from visiting their schools to helping those in need, even extreme need.

From 1999 to 2003 he made 14 trips to Honduras after Hurricane Mitch, a Category 5 storm, devastated the island on October 29, 1998, to the tune of "damage 10 times the GNP for a year," Wheeler said.

As devastating as the situation was, Wheeler went back time-and-again to help as much as he could, and for good reason.

"I probably enjoyed that work as much as any I've done," he said. "The people in Central America are just wonderful — gentle, kind."

He also has experienced devastation in his own life, as did his wife — both of who came from marriages destroyed by adultery.

Trent and Debbie met in 2007 and got married in 2008, bringing their two children each together from their respective previous marriages.

Trent's oldest, his son Tristan, is 27 and in ministry and pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. His daughter, Alyssa, is 24. Debbie's two daughters are

Autumn, 21, and Anna, 17.

The children all consider each other siblings. There's no "step" this or that. In fact Tristan, blended together quicker than we did," Wheeler said.

So how did they end up in Lake Butler?

"For a couple of years I floated the idea to the foundation that we wanted to retire and wanted to move back south with family," Wheeler said. "I lived in Alachua County for six years ... and always figured I would find my way back to North Florida some day."

A realtor friend found 10 acres of land in Fort White and near Ellisville that Wheeler bought for a song since it was foreclosed on. Without seeing it, his wife trusted Wheeler's judgment to go ahead and purchase it. It has a doublewide mobile home on it that is sound, Wheeler said, but a bit trashed from being occupied by a former drug addict. He and his wife want to build a home on the land and put down their roots here. They're also working on selling their house in Nashville and a rental in Memphis.

"I plan to stay in the area here for the rest of my life," Wheeler said.

Once he bought the land, word got out that he had moved to the area and the High Springs Church of Christ expressed interest. At the time he hadn't actually moved yet and wasn't quite ready to take a ministry there. However, when the Lake Butler church began looking for a minister last fall after Scott Fisher left after serving here over 12 years, one of the deacons on the search committee asked the High Springs church if it knew of anyone available to fill Lake Butler's pulpit.

They pointed them to Wheeler — a self-professed adventure junkie who believes, "If you aren't living life on the edge, you are probably taking up too much space." The avid biker wants to get a local group of fellow riders together to join him and his Suzuki Boulevard on local rides.

His oldest children like life-on-the-edge adventure too.

Tristan is trying to get his dad to go skydiving like he already has. Wheeler says he's ready.

The interview process at the Lake Butler church started in January and, after they finally got to meet Wheeler's wife, they hired him. They agreed that some of his time would continue to be spent serving the foundation as he continues in his role as president. But he took a reduction in salary from the foundation.

But his work doesn't stop there.

Wheeler also authors a blog called Untethered. He recorded a series of devotionals based on African Proverbs that is broadcast to over one third of the world's population through World Christian Broadcasting. And he is the author of two books — one in print and the other "80 percent complete."

On his blog, Wheeler writes, "After 30 years in ministry Trent realized that tragedy and triumph, victory and defeat are twin sons often born of the same circumstances. The line of demarcation between living a full, free untethered life and being bound by the hardship and chains of sin is very thin. As a result of working through his own trials and hardships, and trying to serve others who life kicked to the curb, Trent founded Untethered Ministries in 2010 as a resource to encourage, inspire and serve those who want more from life."

His first book, "Singled Out: How to live a Fulfilled Single Life," was written when he found himself single again after nearly two decades of marriage.

"I was shocked when I started researching singleness," Wheeler said. He discovered that many singles are "compartmentalizing" their Christian values and singles lifestyle.

The book "is a small group study designed to help Christians deal with the complicated playing field of single life (especially for those who find themselves single again)."

Wheeler's second book, "Broken," was scheduled for release late last year, but



Wheeler is a self-professed adventure junkie.

life happens, especially for a globetrotter like him.

"The book is about how we're really supposed to be ministering to the broken, the hurting" Wheeler said.

"When Jesus said, 'Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,' (Matthew 11:28) he meant ALL!" Wheeler writes on his blog. "His call was to adulterers, liars, murderers, prostitutes and what we commonly refer to as the dreges of our society."

He contrasts what the church often does and what the world needs.

"Church is about the status pro," Wheeler said. "Ministry is not about this nice little antiseptic. Church is messy; it's not pretty. Sometimes you're going to get people who are problems."

Apparently the Lake Butler Church of Christ found a man on a mission who is ready to lead them for the foreseeable future, no matter what comes.

"It is so good to be back in a community where people still appreciate old fashion values," Wheeler said. "I hope I'm here a long time."

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The Town received the first one, which is especially noteworthy since this was the municipality's first-ever audit.

Due to limited staffing, the town received a finding for its inability to segregate duties. The

never encountered the audit requirement set forth by the Florida Department of Revenue. That changed when the town received grant funding this past fiscal year.

Lyons explained to the council there are four categories a municipality can be placed into.

town also received a finding in regard to not properly displaying the year's fiscal budget and the reconciliation of the bank statements.

The bank statements were being completed using an outdated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet rather than through an up-to-date financial software package, which the town immediately purchased, and then also obtained the assistance of a certified public accountant to assist in using the software.

Lyons said that he and Town Clerk Alisha Redding spent a lot of time conducting the audit and that as both he and Redding progressed through it, she reacted quickly and attentively to correct any issues of concern and immediately address the findings.

The town council was pleased with the results of the audit and Mayor Rebecca Bryant voiced her appreciation to both Redding and Lyons.

The council agreed to obtain the services of Lyons and Lyons for the next fiscal year.

In other business, Randall Griffis stated he would like to be on the council. Bryant thanked Griffis and stated the town was in great need of filling the position. She also said the town was hoping to obtain additional letters of interest from citizens.

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



Union County Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk and the school board recently recognized David Rogers who is retiring after 21 years of service.

Pie'd for third

BY TAMMY WILKERSON
Special to the Times

It was quite the sticky situation last month when nine third-grade students at Lake Butler Elementary School earned the privilege to “pie” a teacher or administrator of their choice.

The honor came as a direct result of the students each scoring a Level 5 on both the reading and the math portions of their recent FCAT testing.

Leading the group of students was Katie Wade, the only third-grader to make a perfect score in both subjects.

Other students included Carson Rogers, Hance Jones, Karleigh White, Colby Dukes, Reagan Robinson, Ian Brannen, Jordan Sanderson and Michael Young.

To keep things pleasant, the pies were made from various cans of scented and unscented shaving cream.

“Things tend to get real sour after a few hours of getting hit with whipped cream,” joked third-grade teacher Brenda Lovelace.



ABOVE RIGHT: Colby Dukes slams one on the face of Jason Griffis as Mark Harrison and the fellow “5-ers” watch from the sidelines.

RIGHT: Receiving a new kind of facial, Principal Stacey Rimes was hand-selected by Carson Rogers.

Yoho pulls away on July fundraising report

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Rep. Ted Yoho pulled ahead of its two challengers’ fundraising efforts in the second quarter, according to filings with the Federal Elections Commission.

The Gainesville veterinarian, who was first elected in 2012 to the District 3 seat, took in \$161,426 for the three months ended June 30, bringing his total for the current cycle to \$634,056. Yoho has spent \$291,357 so far, leaving him with a cash balance at June 30 of \$455,805.

Yoho’s Republican challenger, Alachua attorney Jake Rush, took in \$14,965 in contributions during the second quarter. Rush also

loaned his campaign \$36,843 in the second quarter and \$79,928 for the cycle. The campaign has spent \$89,492 leaving a cash balance of \$45,009 at June 30.

In the first quarter, Rush collected \$158,657 and his total contributions for the current election cycle are \$167,901.

Democratic candidate Marihelen Wheeler reported \$19,391 in contributions for the second quarter and a cycle-to-date total of \$26,457. The campaign disbursed \$20,315 through June 30, leaving a cash balance of \$6,053 on June 30.



Kellie Connell earns new clerk certification

Union County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Connell recently completed 240 hours of initial New Clerk training to earn Clerk Certification from Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers.

Clerks are required to have 240 hours of training for the initial certification. After that they are required to attend 36 additional hours per year to maintain their certification.

Connell began her New Clerk training after taking office in 2013, which includes six, 40-hour weeks of training comprised of a well-rounded curriculum helping prepare clerks to perform their duties. Topics for the training

included technology, finance, administration, records, courts and other clerk-related material. A wide variety of experienced speakers and presenters was provided during the extensive training.

Connell holds a Master of Accountancy degree and is a Certified Public Accountant. She previously worked for a CPA firm in Gainesville prior to being elected clerk in 2012.

Established in 1969, FCCC is a statewide, non-profit member association that provides education and accreditation for clerks of the court and comptrollers and offers information and technical assistance to local governments.



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Meet the Candidate



Woody Kitler

Will be hosting a campaign cookout on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at the Raiford Community Center. Woody Kitler, a candidate for County Commissioner for District 2, would like to invite the community of Raiford to join him and his family for a BBQ-luncheon. All food will be provided. Lunch will be served at approximately 1:00 p.m.

All who attend are encouraged to come early to visit.

Any questions, please feel free to call (904) 588-5745.

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Political adv. for and approved by Woody Kitler, Dem. for County Commissioner Dist. 2

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I ask for your continued support of Union County Schools and I ask for your vote. Please contact me at for questions or concerns that you may have (386) 496-1371.

Pd.Pol.Adv. for & approved by Allen Parrish Campaign



SRWMD votes to lower tax rate

The Suwannee River Water

Management District's Governing Board on July 22 voted to reduce the fiscal year 2014-2015 millage rate for property owners. The Board approved reducing the millage rate

to 0.4141 from 0.4143 resulting in a decreased rate that benefits taxpayers. The District will hold two public hearings — Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 —

before the budget and millage rate will be adopted. Both meetings will begin at 5:05 p.m. at the District headquarters in Live Oak. The final budget and millage rate will be

adopted at the Sept. 23 hearing. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information please call 386-362-1001 or 800-226-1066. Or visit mysuwanneeriver.com.

LEGALS

UCT Legals 7/31/14

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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NOTICE UNCLAIMED MONIES

The following list of names and amounts are being held by the Union County Clerk of Court as unclaimed monies. In accordance with Florida Statute 116.21, unless such monies are claimed on or before September 1, 2014, the same shall be declared forfeited to Union County, Florida for deposit into the Union County Clerk of the Circuit Courts Fine and Forfeiture Funds. If you wish to claim any of the below listed monies, please contact the Union County Clerk of the Circuit Court, in writing ATTN: Lynsi Bielling, 55 West Main Street, Room 103 Lake Butler, FL 32054.
EDWARD A. ANSELOWITZ JR 15.00, MILLARD L. BELL 15.00, TONY DANIEL 15.00, MATTHEW J. ELLIOTT 8.00, ANAIS CORTES 5.96, ROOSEVELT GREEN 5.96, ANTHONY SCOTT 17.00, KRISTI HAWKINS 15.00, NATASHA HUDSON 15.00, MATTHEW TOMLINSON 9.56, JAMES V. AMWAKE 5.60, BRANDON HATTLE 5.42, JENNIFER M. PRINGLE 5.72, JAMES CHITTENDEN 6.56, FREDRIC J. GOMBASH III 6.20, SHAWN REEVES 7.88, SHERAN BENNETT 6.56, WAYNE DESMARAIS 9.20, WALTER M. EDWARDS 5.30, MARY WOOD 8.60, LACY HARRIS 6.80, MATTHEW J. COWGER 5.18, ELAINE WOODS 5.60, BRANDY N. SNYDER 6.50, BRIAN A. DERMID 5.30, CHRYSLER CREDIT CORP. 1,031.10, SID-

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to Fletcher Myers Park. The park is located at the intersection of SE 3rd St and SE 6th Ave. The improvements will be funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. The meeting will be held at the City of Lake Butler City Hall located at 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054 on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. For more information concerning this meeting contact Cassa Neta Herndon, Procurement Director at (386) 496-3401.
A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 63-2013-CA-000004
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
TODD D. ELLIOTT; BARBARA D. ELLIOTT A/K/A BARBARA D. ELLIOTT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 10, 2014 and entered in Case No. 63-2013-CA-000004, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and TODD D. ELLIOTT; BARBARA D. ELLIOTT A/K/A BARBARA D. ELLIOTT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, LAKE BUTLER IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 32054, at 11:00 A.M., on the 13th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
PARCEL "U"
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 9 OF SAID SECTION 7 AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 2637.16 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 9; THENCE RUN SOUTH 83 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 825.10 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 06 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 17.65 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 24 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 243.45 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 12 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 279.58 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 489.00 FEET; THENCE

CITY OF LAKE BUTLER CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING NOTICE

ACTING AS THE LAKE BUTLER RECREATION COMMITTEE
The City of Lake Butler will conduct a meeting of its Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) at the City of Lake Butler City Hall located at 200 SW 1st St, Lake Butler, FL 32054 on Thursday August 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. The CATF will meet to review proposed Florida Recreation Development Program (FRDAP) application. The grant application will request \$50,000. The proposed improvements include playground equipment, picnic facilities, restroom renovations and related facility improvements. For more information concerning this meeting contact Cassa Neta Herndon, Procurement Director at (386) 496-3401.
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CITY OF LAKE BUTLER PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO FLETCHER MYERS PARK

The City of Lake Butler will conduct a meeting for the sole purpose of discussing proposed improvements

RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 267.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 76 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 39 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 353.17 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A 60-FOOT GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 13 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 245.05 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 76 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 39 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 357.88 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE 245.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH THAT 1998 EAGLE DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # GAFLV54A81579ET21, TITLE # 75300995 AND VIN # GAFLV54B81579ET21, TITLE # 75300996.
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 23rd day of July, 2014,
KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL
As Clerk of said Court
Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 55 West Main Street, Rm. 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054, Phone No. (352)374-3648 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
Submitted by:
Kahane & Associates, P.A.
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000
Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 63-2013-CA-000014
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTOPHER SWEAT; JENNIFER SWEAT; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 18, 2014, and entered in Case No. 63-2013-CA-000014, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER SWEAT; JENNIFER SWEAT; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, LAKE BUTLER IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 32054, at 11:00 A.M., on the 15th day of January, 2015, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 2 IN BLOCK B OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, PHASE I, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 12 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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TOGETHER WITH THAT 2002 GRAND MANOR DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # GAGMTD07599A AND GAGMTD07599B . A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 23rd day of July, 2014,
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As Clerk of said Court
Crystal Norman
As Deputy Clerk
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Submitted by:
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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 11, 2014, 3:00 p.m. (local time).
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ORDINANCE 2014-03

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE HALF (1/2) MILL TO BE USED FOR THE FUNDING OF THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida has created a Union County Special Library District by Ordinance

SECTION 6, CONSTRUCTION
This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida.
SECTION 7, SEVERABILITY
It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of the Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity unconstitutional shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.
SECTION 8, EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective by law.
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida this 19th day of May, 2014.
APPROVED:
ATTEST:
James A. Tallman, Chairman
Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts
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ANNETTE REDMAN
City Commissioner – Seat 3

Thank You!

Dear families, friends and citizens of Lake Butler, Florida:

On June 24th, you elected me to the position of City Commissioner – Seat number 3. I would like to *"Thank you!"* I will do my very best to be a servant for you, the citizens of Lake Butler. Along with the other city commissioners and the city staff, we will always be working for you!

Thank you, again for your support.

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As Cotton Candy shows the children, (l-r) Sarah Baker, Alayah Boykin, Maddox Wheeler and Jaideen Leet how to spin the balloon in their little hands, Rocket Rod explains centrifugal force and its effect on the coin inside each balloon.



(L-r) Bristol Tetstone, Jaminson Tetstone, Faith Holmes and Ashton Pierce show off their balancing abilities with these blow dryers and ping-pong balls. More children were able to try this experiment out after the performance.

'Fizz, Boom, Cotton Candy'

The Union County Public Library hosted the fun, energetic clown, Cotton Candy, with her scientist sidekick, Rocket Rod, as part of this summer's theme: "Fizz, Boom, Read." The dynamic duo entertained a crowd of about 150 with cool science experiments and their interesting explanations — all with the help of several children.

The library is now down to its final two programs for the summer.

On Thursday, July 31, "Fizz, Boom, Vroom" will feature cars and all kinds of other vehicles. The entire program is outside so those attending should dress for hot weather. The fun starts at 10 a.m.

The "Fizz, Boom, Splash!" end-of-summer bash will be on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to

noon. Children are encouraged to wear swimming attire for playing in sprinklers and pools, and parents are advised to bring towels and maybe even a change of clothes. There will be many vendors, music, free food, games, prizes, candy and lots and lots of fun.

The Junior Friends of the Library is hosting a Summer Band Night on Saturday, Aug. 2. The doors open at 7 p.m. and there is a \$5 donation at entrance. Teens and young adults are welcome to attend. There will be free popcorn and pretzels and other concessions will be on sale. All proceeds for this event will benefit the Junior Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund.

For further information on these programs, contact the library at 386-496-3432 or visit facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.



Trey Owen awarded scholarship to ABAC

Union County High School graduate Trey Owen has been awarded a scholarship from the ABAC Foundation to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia, during the 2014-15 academic year. Owen, a natural resources management-forestry major, received a Tommy C. Perry Scholarship and a Robert L. Miles Scholarship. Owen was part of the UCHS baseball team that won the school's first-ever state championship in 2012. Here he and fellow teammates recounted that experience at the Lake Butler Rotary Club back in March.

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A hobby with a homey feeling

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford County resident Ronald Goodman recently built his dream house, but he can't move into it—there's no room.

It's not that the house is full of clutter; it's just that it's so small that Goodman can hold it in his hands.

Goodman keeps his hands busy building miniature houses—one of which is named "My Dream House"—a hobby that got its start last year. He spends a little time in his workshop in the morning and devotes a little more time to making the houses later in the day. As soon as he finishes one, such as the aforementioned he's quick to show it off to his wife, Evelyn, asking her, "How do you like this one?"

Recently, Goodman worked on three houses at once, but he doesn't maintain a hectic pace. After all, making houses for family and friends is just a hobby. "I don't want this to be a job," he said.

Most of the time, he uses cedar wood. Goodman said he likes the looks of it and likes the fact it doesn't rot. However, he's willing to use any type of wood someone would like him to use.

"I'll build them whatever they want," Goodman said. "If they want it out of pine, I'll build it out of pine. If they want it out of cypress, I'll build it out of cypress."

Goodman will even build a home out of oak if somebody wanted it, though he said he doesn't have any oak in his possession, so he'd have to buy it.

"If I made one (out of oak) for somebody, the price would have to be a little higher. Anytime I've got to buy something, the price goes up," Goodman said with a



"The Ponderosa" is one of Goodman's favorite houses.

laugh, adding, "That's just like everything else, isn't it?"

Goodman said he's always enjoyed working with wood. He used to carve items out of it and remembered one time when he made two pistols that looked convincingly real. The cylinders had chambers drilled into them and could be removed. The barrels were hollowed out, and the guns painted black, except for the handles, which were painted white.

The finished pieces were taken to the fair in Palatka. The woman accepting exhibition entries was taken aback when she saw the guns.

"She didn't know what to do," Goodman said.

Building houses started last year when Goodman made a train for his daughter.

"I said, 'I'll just make a little depot to go with it.'"

After making the depot, Goodman said he built a bank, a saloon, a jailhouse and a church. He laughed as he described how the buildings all tied in together. People go to the bank, take out money and then go to the saloon. They get in trouble at the saloon and wind up in jail. When they

get out of jail, they're told to go to church.

The hobby continued to evolve as Goodman built birdhouses as part of a family Christmas gift exchange.

A miniature of Bradford Baptist Church, of which Goodman and his wife are members, sits inside the church, but Goodman describes the work

as "amateur." He uses the same adjective to describe three pieces he entered in the arts and crafts exhibition at the 2014 Bradford County Fair. Those three pieces earned him a best-overall rosette.

Goodman said his work is so much better now.

"You learn as you go along," he said. "You learn from your mistakes."

When he first started, Goodman said he just built what he wanted, but he now bases his pieces on real houses, finding pictures on the Internet to go by. He's built a few famous houses, such as the house on "The Waltons" TV show, as well as the real-life Waltons house.

He has given thought to building replicas of local buildings, such as State Farm, Sonny's and Western Steer, saying, "I can build anything I can take a picture of."

One day, he'd like to build the

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Ronald Goodman shows off one of his houses that is also a jewelry box.

Goodman named this creation "My Dream House." It's actually the same as two other houses he built—all during the same week.



Ronald Goodman admires one of his creations, "The Homestead."

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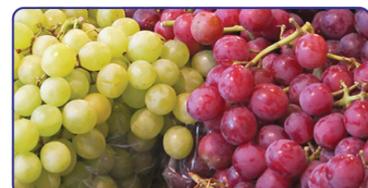
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Elaine Haile: a life of caring and service to the community

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

Becoming a valued member of the community does not require one to be from the area originally. Years of caring and service count for much more than place of origin or other places one has lived. This is especially true of Elaine Haile, matriarch of the Haile family in Starke.

Haile was born in High Springs 81 years ago to Frederick "Henry" and Oleatha (Wildman). She has one brother, Charles, who lives in Gainesville after a career as a typesetter for the New York Times.

She was educated in Alachua County, and then went to New York City (Manhattan) to attend Apex College for cosmetology. In New York, she stayed with an aunt who was expecting her first baby and she returned to High Springs after the baby was born.

When she came back to High Springs on a visit, one of her friends, Pearl Brooks, took her to a high school football game in Gainesville. There she was introduced by her friend to her future husband, a former classmate of Brooks'.

Carl Haile was at the game driving the ambulance in case one of the players got hurt. He was employed by the Chestnut Funeral Home, which provided the ambulance service. He asked Elaine and her friend to meet him at the Elks Rest after the game and they did. They spent the evening talking and dancing.

"I didn't know it, but he told my friends to go ahead and leave so he could take me home," Haile said. "When it was time to go I looked around and they were gone, so he drove me. He was a perfect gentleman and asked if he could see me again. I said yes."

After a few months of dating, Carl proposed, but Haile did not answer right away. The couple courted for about a year while Haile completed her education in cosmetology and business at Jones College in Jacksonville. Then she said yes.

The couple was married on June 26, 1955, at the AME Allen Chapel in High Springs.

"It was the biggest wedding ever in High Springs," Haile remembered. My dress was hand made and everyone looked so nice."

The couple moved to a small house in Gainesville on what is now First Street, about two blocks from the funeral home. They both worked for Chestnut for a time. The couple had three children, Gregory, Aletia and Darryl.

"Carl came from a family where he was one of 14 children," Haile remembered. "He wanted to have a lot more kids than we did, but I hold him he married the wrong wife if he thought I was going to have any more."

In October of 1963, Carl came to Starke to open his own funeral home. He was still working as a mortician at Chestnut during the first year to help out the owner until his son got his mortician's license.

Haile stayed in Gainesville. She had a small beauty shop in her home, was a substitute teacher at Duval Elementary and was active in her church and several women's social clubs. She also wanted her kids to grow up in an area where there were more activities for young people. She would come to Starke in the evenings and on weekends, and he would come see her in Gainesville as his growing business allowed.

In Gainesville, Haile was active in her church, the Greater Bethel AME Church of Gainesville, and a social club called the Starlight Social Club, which was started by her and a dozen friends. The group would

do things together such as taking cruises or going out to dinner. They also were involved in the community, sponsoring children at what was then known as the Sunland Training Center (now Tacachale).

All the kids helped out with the family business while they were growing up, with two, Gregory and Aletia, attending Gupton Jones Mortuary College in Atlanta. After this two-year program, both of them had to serve a three-year apprenticeship and pass both state and national boards to earn their mortician's license. Both served their

apprenticeship with their father at the Haile Funeral Home. Son Darryl works as a truck driver now, but still helps out whenever he can.

Haile moved to Starke for the most part after Aletia finished high school in 1976, but she did not make the move official until 1993. Carl, 14 years her senior, was diagnosed with lung cancer. A lifetime as a smoker, combined with inhaling some of the chemicals used in his work had taken its toll. Haile said he had surgery but the cancer returned in another location. He passed away in 1994 from congestive



Elaine Haile

heart failure. Haile was devastated, but knew

she had to keep the business Carl had built running. She took over the running of the funeral home. Her credentials as a funeral director were grandfathered in. She also was the business manager. Daughter Aletia took over as primary mortician. She was the first female funeral director in the area, with the next closest being in Lake City. At the time, there was not one even in Jacksonville.

Haile became an integral part of the community somewhere along the way. She said that while she has never changed her church affiliation from

her years in Gainesville, she attends many of the churches in Bradford County for both funerals and special events. She also frequently donates to both local churches and community projects.

Haile is also a musician. While she admitted only to "plinking" on the piano and organ, she was once known in the area as a talented gospel singer.

"I am the only organizer of the Bradford Gospel Ensemble still living," Haile said. "They were organized primarily by myself and the late Willie Mae

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Jim, Gloria Holmes celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Gloria and Jim Holmes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 24th 1954 at Dukes, Florida.

They have three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They now reside in Melrose after having lived in Jacksonville, Gainesville and Lake Butler. They were stationed in Beaufort, South Carolina and Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Jim served in Korea, Viet Nam and had numerous tours about ships as an aircraft maintenance officer. He is retired USMC.

Gloria raised the girls and kept the home until they were in school. Then she went to teaching, her last being at Lake City Community College (now Gateway). At the same time owning fabric stores in Lake Butler, Starke and Lake City. They are both enjoying their retirement years.



Shanon Kiser

Kiser prepping for school year in Leon County

Shanon Kiser, a Bradford High School graduate and the son of Emmanuel Joseph and Cassandra Kiser of Lawtey, was featured as part of a July 9, 2014, Tallahassee Democrat story on Leon County school teachers undergoing training to get up to speed on the new Common Core standards.

Kiser, who graduated summa cum laude from Florida State University in May, will be teaching third grade at Springwood Elementary School in Tallahassee. He and other Leon teachers took part in one of six four-day training sessions this summer. Each session was attended by approximately 180 teachers.

Stallings is crowned National American Miss Florida

Erika Stallings, the daughter of Jeff and Susan Stallings of Jacksonville and the granddaughter of Tom and Carolyn Stallings of Keystone Heights, earned the title of 2014 National American Miss Florida on July 6 in Jacksonville.

Stallings, who is also the niece of Carey and Lillian Stallings of Keystone, will represent Florida at the National Pageant at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, during Thanksgiving week.

At the state pageant, 15-year-old Stallings won Best Actress and Most Promising Model awards, and was first runner-up in both Most Photogenic and Miss Personality categories, as well as first runner-up for Most Volunteer Service Hours and second runner-up for Casual Wear Modeling.

She won \$3,000 in cash and prizes.

Stallings has been a home-schooled student, but plans on attending Providence School in the fall. She has participated in volunteer work with her church and local hospital, and enjoys acting, singing and dancing.

It is Stallings' goal to take the skills she has learned by speaking publicly at pageants and in the community and use them to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. She also plans to raise awareness about the importance of positive body image in young ladies.

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Erika Stallings, who has relatives in Keystone Heights, was crowned National American Miss Florida on July 6.

Tryouts for BHS volleyball begin Aug. 4

Tryouts for Bradford High School volleyball will take place Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 4-6, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the school gym. Players must have current physicals.

For more information, please call coach Robbie Best at 352-745-1593.

BMS football tryouts are Aug. 4-6

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.

LBMS football practices begin Aug. 4

Football practice for Lake Butler Middle School starts at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 4, at the school's gym. Practices are 7-10 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays through Aug. 14.

All necessary paperwork needs to be completed and turned in before a student can practice.

If you have any questions, please call coach Lamar Waters at 904-364-6614.

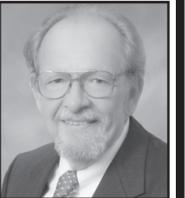
Bradford Pop Warner practices begin Aug. 1

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Florida election to be a barn burner

Florida's General Election in November promises to be another national show as votes are cast on the issue of legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes. The grand melee of prior elections in Florida have provided a civic show, leading the public to expect the unexpected when Floridians go to the polls, and leads voters to wonder if Florida officials can conduct an accurate election.

In the presidential election of 2000, former Vice President George Bush was pitted against former vice president, Al. Gore, in a very close race. The vote count in Miami-Dade County was flawed and had to be recounted, a time-consuming task, delaying the outcome of the election for about a month. Bush was the declared winner and went on to serve two terms, but Democrats were never convinced an accurate count was made.

In the 2002 election, Floridians for Humane Farms obtained signatures and put on the ballot a proposed amendment that would ban restriction of sows while birthing pigs. The amendment passed and became part of the Florida Constitution to the consternation of many people who thought the proposal should have been handled by the legislature.

The sale of marijuana has already been approved by voters in several states for both medicinal and recreational use, but the effect on society has yet to be determined. However, America's experience with prohibition offers some clues for the control of dangerous items.

In 1919, the United States passed a ban on the production and sale of alcohol. In spite of the claim that American women took advantage of men while fighting the war in Europe, the vote in both the Senate and House was overwhelming in support of the amendment. President Woodrow Wilson vetoed the proposed bill and was overridden the next day. Without a doubt, prohibition (as the Volstead Act became known) represented the thoughts of the majority of Americans at the time.

In a very short time, Americans turned against the amendment, not because they wanted the sale of alcohol to be legal again, but because

the government could not control the illegal use, distribution and consumption of alcohol, or at least, was not willing to turn the nation into a police state.

Government at all levels fought the illegal production and sale of alcohol, but at the same time, spread the possibility of illegal activities between bootleggers and officials. Mobs were formed in larger cities, which were divided among overlords. Bootleggers began operating in every town and hamlet, with some people believing it was with the cooperation of local law enforcement officials.

In the little town where I grew up, there were two openly operating bootleggers, known to everyone. They operated for years and were still active when I entered military service in January 1942. They were gone when I returned in December 1945.

As mentioned earlier, Americans were disappointed with the government's failure to control the manufacture and sale of alcohol, and were not reluctant to let representatives and senators know their views.

While the Volstead Act was passed and entered into the Constitution as the 18th Amendment, support for the ban on alcohol began immediately eroding, ending with its being repealed by the 21st amendment, ratified by Utah on Dec. 5, 1933. Utah was the 36th state to ratify the amendment, bringing prohibition to a close.

American officials learned a great deal from the prohibition experiment, namely, that Americans are law abiding unless the government attempts to cram unwanted rules and regulations that are unfair, unwanted and unworkable. It was a noble experiment with excellent intentions, but the American public wanted alcohol controlled, not eliminated.

Controlling the growth and sale of marijuana may not be a repeat of the prohibition days, but there some similarities, and government control will be difficult.

Buster Rahn
Telegraph editorialist

LETTERS

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Reader's opinions don't change the facts

Dear Editor:

Mr. Arnie Harris's recent letter accusing me of "... mind-bogglingly erroneous assertions..." regarding the current fiasco in Israel needs to be addressed, since Mr. Harris' opinions do not change the facts.

Our current administration in Washington has indeed declared that Israel has the right to defend itself. A meaningless gesture of so-called support since each nation, and, indeed each individual on the planet, has already been granted the right to self defense by our Creator. The Obama-Kerry duet does not grant rights to anyone.

More interestingly, let's look at what our kindly government has granted to the other side of this conflict. The US has given more than five billion dollars to the Palestinian Authority over recent decades. Because in 2011 the PA unified with Hamas terrorists, we are now in effect annually giving \$665 million of our (borrowed) money to an organization which refuses to accept the state of Israel, advocates the conquest of Palestine, desires to cleanse it completely of Jews, and condemns all peace efforts. And now they're asking for \$47 million more.

I question any claim that the US is "four-square supportive" of Israel. We do not demand that Israel's neighbors recognize its right to exist. We contribute trillions of dollars in oil money to governments that then supply terrorists with the equipment needed to kill us and our supporters. We call for a return to the 1967 borders (which would put Israel at even greater risk). We push for a divided Jerusalem, Israel's capital. We have lifted sanctions on Israel's sworn enemy, Iran, and are allowing them to attain nuclear weapons. This schizophrenic policy is a pathetic joke in the world of foreign policy. Let's get real here.

This two-faced administration should either stand with Israel or stand with the people who want

to wipe it off the face of the earth.

Now— regarding who started this latest round of violence. Go back to 1947. When the brand-new Israeli state was established, it was immediately attacked by most of its Muslim neighbors. The Israelis prevailed and, ever since, there has been a continuing effort by many nations to destroy Israel. Several shooting wars have been initiated. All attempts to kill the Jews have failed, but the efforts of these anti-Semitic Muslims have been constant.

If, indeed, the most recent shooting aspect of this ongoing conflict can be laid at the feet of Israeli Defense Force members who shot Palestinian rock throwers, keep these things in mind. 1) A rock the size of a golf ball traveling at 60 mph will impact your head with enough force to bring you down immediately. And if a sling is used—very common in the middle-East—the force nearly doubles. (Recall one David vs. Goliath) 2) Because Israel is run by the rule of law—as we used to be in this country—anyone, soldier or civilian, accused of a crime is liable for punishment. In other words, Israel has a system of justice, and it is used. (When is the last time—or first time—anyone ever heard of the Palestinian Authority punishing someone for harming a Jew?)

Also in regard to "who shot first"—the Terrorists of Hamas have been constantly engaged in the ongoing construction of concrete-lined tunnels going from Gaza into Israel. These could probably be stamped "Courtesy of the US taxpayer" and are not built to speed up someone's daily commute to work. According to Obama front-man Josh Earnest, Israeli military action "...is being conducted against a network of tunnels that Hamas has constructed to try to give them access to Israeli civilians." Access for what? For killing, that's what. So, as far as I'm concerned, these terrorists initiated this latest round of shooting just by virtue of the fact that they have created these tunnels, which any nation, other than the United States, would consider an act of war.

Questioning the assertion that Hamas hides behind civilians is futile. For example, members

of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, in Palestine doing aid work, stumbled across rockets stored in a building being used as a shelter for displaced persons, twice in one week. There are aerial photos available showing rocket launch sites in a mosque, a hospital, a playground, and a cemetery. On Sunday, July 21, John Kerry himself said on CNN that, "The fact is that Hamas uses civilians as shield (sic)." And there is so much more.

Overall, what we have in this absurd situation is a tiny country, founded on the same democratic principles as the United States, fighting for its life, surrounded by other nations that want it completely destroyed. Israel gives notice to Palestinian civilians in advance of a military strike. (Unheard of) Israel removed its own citizens from Gaza and gave that territory to the Palestinians (a grave mistake in my opinion). Israel is a place where all religions thrive; where women have the same rights as men; where over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights as their Jewish counterparts; where people of all colors flourish. This is an advanced, productive, prosperous country.

Opposed to this nation are millions of anti-Semitic, and usually anti-American, neighbors.

People who subscribe to a belief system which seems to have little regard for human life, who target civilians in war; who behead someone who doesn't conform to their religious beliefs; who volunteer to commit suicide; who engage in forced female genital mutilation; who apply 60 lashes to a woman deemed not properly attired in public; who apply the death penalty to gays and lesbians; who engage in "honor" killing; who support the idea that a lie is perfectly justified if it promotes their agenda.

Palestinian civilians are being killed in this conflict because that is what Hamas intends. What other explanation is possible when rocket launchers are placed in the back yard of a home. What is beyond my understanding is how anyone can defend such beliefs and behavior.

Leonard C. Young
Keystone Heights

LETTERS

EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

Voters, wake up for sake of kids' future

Dear Editor:

I just had to say that Doug Stamper was right on with his letter to the editor regarding electing our officials. Bradford voters need to wake up and realize what damage their vote can have on our kids' future. Putting friends in charge helps no one. Experience should count for something.

Jenn Smith

Consider experience, knowledge when voting

Dear Editor:

I wanted to say that I agree with the letter submitted last week by Doug Stamper on electing officials based on their education and experience to do the job. For far too long, we have elected people to positions in Bradford County based on popularity and family ties. Perhaps our governmental agencies and school system would be in better shape if we put more thought into the knowledge and experience the candidates have to do the job instead of favoritism.

Sincerely,
Mark Well

Majority of corrections personnel are honorable, caring

Dear Editor:

I have read the recent news about the 2012 scalding death of one of our South Florida inmates. As the wife of a State Legislator and a person who has spent countless hours volunteering directly with inmates in the prisons, I share the distress over the allegations surrounding this horrific

tragedy. I feel compelled to tell "the rest of the story". There is another face to Corrections that is never presented to the general public. Of the 22,398 employees in the Department of Corrections the vast majority are honorable, caring men and women. I've listened to many inmates tell me about officers like Major Duncan, who "is firm, but very fair, he treats us like he really cares about us." I've watched Assistant Warden Jordan and his team as they've gathered up discarded doors and other materials to build a hydroponic garden for their inmates so they can learn a skill and have the

satisfaction of working with growing plants inside the stark razor wire and hard concrete buildings. In the midst of this horrendous news could we also express appreciation and respect for these unsung public servants, the Correctional Officers who lay their lives on the line daily for long hours and minimal pay while putting their whole hearts into a job, sincerely longing and working to send prisoners back out of prison as productive citizens?

Sincerely,
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Animal rescue, education at the heart of Rooterville

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

A great love of animals, combined with a heartfelt belief that the vegan lifestyle is the most responsible way to preserve the planet, motivates Dale and Elaine West to provide homes for over 300 animals and educational opportunities for local residents at their compound



I love you...do you have treats?

in Putnam Hall. Rooterville, an animal rescue and educational facility, was conceived by Elaine with the full support and encouragement of Dale.

Over 10 years ago, she started working with rescue groups focused on pot-bellied pigs. Sometimes there would be too many rescues for the group to handle, so Elaine ended up taking some of the animals home. Finally in 2004, she and Dale decided that it would be best if they went ahead and became a non-profit rescue organization themselves and Rooterville was born.

Rooterville is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization. According to Dale, this means that it is owned by the community and is meant to be a resource for that community.

"We want to encourage compassion for all animals and enrich the life of the community," Dale said. "We want to show people the health legacy they can give their families through plant-based nutrition."

The sanctuary began in

Archer, but moved to a 30-acre tract in Putnam Hall in 2011. Currently, they have 20 acres in use, with the other 10 now under development. They provide a safe and loving home for over 200 pigs and about 100 other animals, including goats, cows, chickens, turkeys, miniature horses, a pony, dogs and cats. They are at capacity right now and have to turn away requests to place animals two or three times a week.

For every animal on the property there is a story – most ranging from sad to horrific. All the animals are named and given as much human attention as they will allow – which varies according to the animal's history. All of the animals are spayed or neutered to prevent increasing the population.

In one field are two Jersey dairy cows, one cow and a steer. Their names are Holly and Tinsel. They came to Rooterville from Farm Sanctuary, a New York rescue organization that many consider to be the premier animal sanctuary of its kind.

Holly and Tinsel were rescued from a December animal auction in New York. According to Dale, when cows give birth in such places, the calves must stand almost immediately or they are thrown into an area called the dead room. This is what happened to Tinsel and Holly. Luckily, they were rescued and cared for, and the "Christmas cows" are now hearty, healthy animals.

Three huge Tom turkeys rule the roost in one section of the compound. Rescued from a factory farm, they have been bred to grow quickly, and life span is unimportant. Normally slaughtered between 12 and 18 months, these guys are going on four years old and are pushing 80 pounds each.

Pigs are everywhere at Rooterville and are, in fact, the inspiration for the organization's name. There are three types of pig that make up almost all of the sanctuary's population: farm pigs or hogs, piney rooters (feral pigs) and Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs (the largest population).

The pigs come from a wide range of backgrounds. Some were raised as pets, with a few even raised as house pigs or members of the family. Some come from abusive backgrounds or were neglected, while others come to Rooterville because their owners have died or become unable to care for them.

"Pigs are intensely social animals and become attached to the other living creatures around them," Dale said. "This is the same, be these creatures other pigs or human. These animals grieve when taken away from



a home where they have been raised and it sometime takes them a while to recover.

While developing the new area is costly, with the main expense being fencing, just keeping everyone on site fed is a financial challenge. Rooterville's biggest expense is food for the animals; with the largest part of that being hay. The facility uses about \$20,000 worth of hay annually, as well as other foods and supplements.

After food, the next biggest expense is medical, both the routine spays and neuters and the more costly rehabilitation of animals suffering from abuse and neglect. Shelton Veterinary handles routine procedures, while more serious cases are trucked to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where they see an internationally known swine specialist.

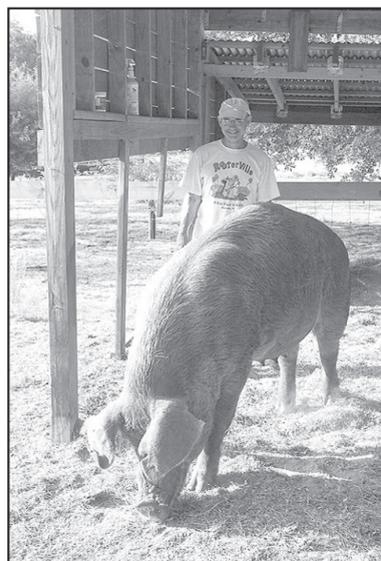
Dale retired from Publix in 2009 and now puts in 120-hour weeks to care for the animals and property. Elaine follows a similar schedule. Rooterville has four people on the payroll and welcomes volunteers; such as those who visit from the University of Florida and local 4-H chapters.

Besides teaching by example through showing the animals in their charge love and respect, Dale and Elaine also work to promote the vegan lifestyle. Such a lifestyle is plant-based and involves the complete avoidance of animal products in one's diet; including eggs, cheese, butter and milk.

"If all Americans would become vegans, it would eliminate all the animal cruelty involved in factory farming, both for meat production and for the production of other animal products," Dale said. "In addition, about 80 percent of all of the food grown in this country goes to feed animals. If Americans became vegans, this country could raise enough food to feed the entire population of the world!"

A new visitor's center is under construction at Rooterville which will make it easier for the Wests to present programs about healthy eating to visiting school groups and others. A special event is planned for September, which will be a combination grand re-opening of the facility and a fundraiser to help complete the 10-acre addition to the compound. As part of the

ABOVE: The residents of Rooterville enjoy their breakfast while the humans work on the new visitor's center behind them. RIGHT: Dale West with Reba, the largest pig at the sanctuary. She was a rescue last December. To give an idea of size, West is 5 feet, 6 inches tall.

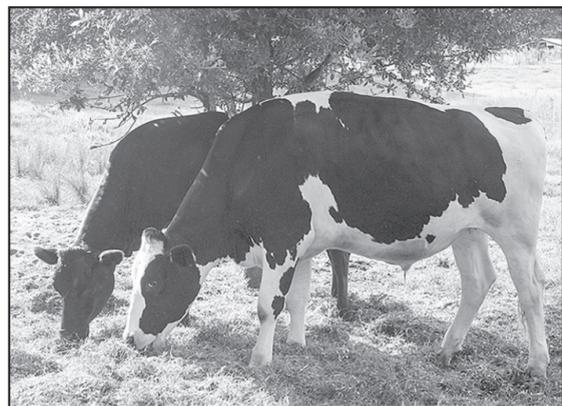


event, a vegan chef will prepare a special gourmet lunch for all attendees.

Both the Wests and the four-legged residents of Rooterville love visitors and have many opportunities for education and family fun available. For more information about tours, the vegan lifestyle or the upcoming special event, they can be reached at www.lifereclaimed.org.



Everybody likes to be scratched where they can't reach on their own, and Dale West knows all the right spots.



Holly and Tinsel, the Christmas cows, enjoy their safe and happy life at the Rooterville sanctuary.

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Tom Tatum: a life devoted to hard work, community and family

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

A good life filled with family, hard work and some good times along the way sums up life so far for one well-known resident of Lawtey.

Tom Tatum Jr. comes from a long line of sawmill owner operators. The family originated in Okefenokee in 1840, when an ancestor named John Tatum killed a schoolteacher. The family moved soon thereafter, finally ending up in Mississippi where they established a sawmill.

Tatum's father, Tom, and grandfather, Paul, opened Tatum Brothers sawmill in Ripley, Mississippi in 1933. The family moved the mill to Bear Creek, Alabama in 1942 and stayed there for about a decade. In 1952 the family moved again, this time to Florida, under the guidance of Tatum's father, Tom Sr. This mill primarily worked with cypress.

Tatum went to Lawtey Community School for grades six through nine, and then traveled to Starke to attend and graduate from Bradford High School. Tatum said he enjoyed the social life of high school and especially loved playing basketball, a sport for which he had a natural talent. Tatum excelled at sports, running the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds, but his father would never allow him to play football. He also played basketball during a short stint at St. John's River Community College (now St. John's River State College).

"I didn't want to go to college," Tatum said. "I always wanted to work at saw milling."

After leaving college, Tatum played on a city cage team. He was often the highest scoring player and helped his team to win the city league title in 1963, defeating, among others, a team known as the "Professors" which was composed of teachers from

Bradford High School.

Tatum also played for a time in the early 1960s on the Lawtey semi-pro baseball team. He remembers traveling around northern Florida with his teammates Bobby Ferguson, Spurgeon "Spud" Massey, Johnny Devore, Johnny Bates and Gary Bennett.

"Every town had a team back then and it was a family affair," Tatum said. "We would all pack up our wives and kids and go play ball. It was a fun time."

Tatum met his future wife, Linda, in 1959 when her family moved to Lawtey. The couple married young, in 1959, and have now celebrated their 54th anniversary.

In 1963, Tatum and his brother Charles opened a small two-man sawmill working with pine. Tatum was working at DuPont for five years while the lumber business was slack, so he was working two jobs. Tatum's wife was the only other worker during those first years – she stacked lumber as it came off the line while keeping track of two sons in a playpen off to the side.

The newest incarnation of Tatum Brothers Lumber thrived and added employees. The expansion of U.S. 301 necessitated the building of a new mill across the street, where the business is still located. The new mill took one year to build and burned after only six days of operation.

"Both Tom and Charles were out hunting and there was a diesel leak, then a problem with an electric motor," Linda recalled. "The mill was burning and neighbors were stopping and trying to help. They managed to pull out and save quite a bit of material and equipment for us."

The mill was rebuilt in a few months and the family continued in the business of sawing lumber.

Tatum was an avid raccoon

hunter for many years, often going out with the late Marvin Rosier and other members of the hunt club he ran in his garage. The club had members from as far away as Lake Butler and was quite active, hunting for sport unless someone called needing help with a nuisance animal.

"Everyone in the club seemed to have more dogs than kids," Linda remembered. "It was really all about the dogs, not the raccoons. They had competitions where the men never even took a gun. The point was to see who had the best dogs – the one which would tree a raccoon first."

Tatum was a fixture in Starke at lunchtime for many years. He and brother Charles would meet Lawrence Mosley, Howard Douglas and Doyle Thomas for lunch nearly every weekday at Sonny's BBQ. This practice continued until Tatum's health would no longer allow him to make the daily drive.

Mosley has hours of stories about Tatum – they were friends growing up and still are. Mosley's uncle worked at the sawmill and Mosley spent hours hanging around the sawmill as a teen. When he got older, Mosley was an active participant in some of Tatum's pranks.

"Tom was always involved in local politics," Mosley said. "He wasn't interested in running himself. He said he saw his greatest purpose in life as a 'stirrer and a strower'. He was non-partisan in the candidates he chose to support. He was loyal to the local people and if he thought someone would be good for the people, he supported them."

Tatum and Mosley would load up in the car, with grandson, Tatum Davis, in tow. They would drive around all night close to the election. They would put up signs and call on people to try and get them to vote for Tatum's choice of candidate.

"We would go down the road to see John Henry, Woodrow Griffis or many other people," Mosley said. "We even let Tatum (Davis) drive once he was old enough to see over the dashboard."

Davis confirmed this story and said he has many good memories of his days politicking with his grandfather.

"I loved it," Davis said. "We would stay out all night, or it seemed that way, and I got to spend more time with my grandfather."

Tatum had a streak of bad luck in his choice of candidates, which even extended to existing office holders who failed to get reelected once he made comments about how good a job he thought they were doing.

In October 1994, Mosley and several more of Tatum's friends decided to pull a huge practical joke on Tatum, which involved the entire community.

Mosley told Tatum that he was planning to run for sheriff and wanted to hold an event at the sawmill. Tatum agreed to support his friend. When the day came, Mosley arrived like a true candidate with a retinue of "supporters." After the singing of the hymn "Precious Memories" by Sylvia Reddish. Rev. James Croft took center stage to present a funeral service for the Tatum political machine. Croft, it seems, was one of the candidates who failed to be reelected once Tatum commented in a restaurant on what a good job he was doing as a Baker County commissioner.

During the "eulogy," a hearse from Archie Tanner Funeral Home pulled up, escorted by a Bradford County Sheriff's Office escort car. Mosley, along with pallbearers Dudley Hardy, Harold Davis, Darrell O'Neal, Dolph Reddish and Marvin Rosier, carried the casket to the entrance of the mill, where a

headstone had been set up for the event. The stone was provided by Rosier and said "Master Tom – Record 0-60." They buried the casket and then let Tatum speak.

"It was a good time," Mosley said. "We all had fun and really pulled one over on Tom. It was his turn after all the tricks he had played on us through the years."

Mosley remembered the hours spent at Sonny's as a time of gossip and jokes played on hapless diners unlucky enough to sit in their vicinity.

"I didn't want to talk about the sawmill and he didn't want to talk about tires, so we had to talk about something," Mosley said. "There was a Mrs. Boatwright who was president of the Florida Bank and was big in the Starke Rotary Club. Those of us from Lawtey always felt that the Starke members didn't feel we were really good enough to join their club, so one day we started a discussion about starting a club in Lawtey."

The conversation was deliberately loud and Boatwright just happened to be sitting right behind them at the time. What followed was a minor uproar, followed by a years-long running

joke about the Lawtey Rotary Club.

"Tom is a unique individual," Mosley said. "I don't really know how he turned out the way he did. Both of his parents were very straight-laced and so is his brother Charles. Tom is special. He has a sense of fun and is a modern day Will Rogers – he has a saying for every occasion."

Tatum had a reputation as a womanizer, but said he really was harmless.

"Of course I would flirt with the waitresses at Sonny's," Tatum said. "I can appreciate a pretty woman, but there was always the thought in the back of my mind – what would I do if any of them ever took me seriously? I wasn't going to go there. The flirting never made it out the door."

Tatum had a heart attack in his early 40s, followed by open-heart surgery in 1992. He felt it necessary to modify his lifestyle somewhat after the surgery, curtailing both his lunches and raccoon hunting.

Tatum and his entire family have always been very involved in the school system, both in Lawtey and on a county level.

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U.S. Capitol, but Goodman said, "It might be a while before I get to that one. That's going to be kind of hard to build."

Actually, when it comes to building any of the houses, there is no easy part, Goodman said. However, he doesn't really look at any of it as hard, saying, "I enjoy doing it."

Goodman has gotten some of his cedar supply from a tree that blew down in his daughter's yard. Plus, he has a nephew who supplies him with wood as well. His nephew makes tables out of cedar and used to throw smaller pieces of wood away.



Ronald Goodman is busy in his workshop.

"I told him, 'Don't throw those feet long.' He's given me most everything I've got right now," Goodman said.

Through his nephew, who also makes pieces utilizing driftwood and coral, Goodman met a man who's interested in taking the miniature houses to shows and trying to sell them.

"He said, 'Well, you could probably get anywhere from \$600 to \$1,200 for these.' I don't know whether he's pulling my leg or telling the truth," Goodman said.

However that venture turns out, Goodman will continue to get joy from studying a photograph of a house and then bringing that house to life in his workshop. In understated fashion, Goodman said, "I like to work with wood a little bit."

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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

William Joseph Aviles, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 27 by Bradford deputies for three charges of possession of drugs-controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana and for probation violation. According to the arrest report, Aviles was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic infraction and was acting extremely nervous. After smelling marijuana coming from the vehicle, the deputy asked the occupants to step out of the vehicle, and a search of Aviles turned up two containers, one with pills in it and the other with a marijuana joint in it. Aviles was arrested, with no bond allowed on the probation violation charge.

Alan Michael Bryan, 24, of Starke was arrested July 27 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Antonio Antwain Butler, 21, of Starke was arrested July 26 by Bradford deputies for two charges of probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Clarence Dewayne Cook of Palatka was arrested July 24 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Gino Miguale Gerding, 41, of Hampton was arrested July 24 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Idlys Concepcion Gomez Pou, 30, of Tampa was arrested July 27 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Elisha Diane Harper, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 27 by Starke police for larceny and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Harper was at Walmart in Starke and put several items in her purse while using her 12-year old child as a lookout. After she paid for some items in a cart, she started to leave the store with the other items, valued at \$30, still in her purse. She was detained by a Walmart employee until the police arrived and arrested her. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charges.

Walter Lee Henderson, 57, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

David Allen Holt, 26, of Archer was arrested July 25 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Lajames Lewis Jamison, 26, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Howard Louis Charrek Johnson, 48, of Starke was arrested July 25 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked-habitual offender. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Carlos Leonard Jones, 42, of Starke was arrested July 23 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of marijuana and for selling marijuana. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Margarita Gomez Juarez, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested July 26 by Lawtey police for operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kassidy M. Keen, 19, of Starke was arrested July 26 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Justen Wayne Kelley, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 25 by Starke police for two charges of larceny and for failure to appear. According to the arrest report, a Walmart employee observed Kelley place a wallet into his pocket and then exit the store through the garden center. When several employees detained Kelley, he handed over the wallet, but refused to return to the security office. One employee attempted to grab Kelley to detain him, but he broke free and fled toward Dickie's BBQ near U.S. 301. Police were called, and after a short search in the tree line south of Dickie's, Kelly was found lying on the ground. He was charged with larceny-petit theft and with resisting a merchant recovering property. Bond was set at \$40,000 for the charges.

Kendrick K. Martin, 27, was arrested July 26 by Starke

police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Hannah Mercy McClellan, 23, of Brookings, Oregon, was arrested July 27 by Starke police for aggravated assault with a weapon and for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, McClellan and an unidentified man were outside of the Kangaroo on U.S. 301 and Market Road in Starke when two people pulled up to the store. The female driver entered the store to make a purchase, during which time McClellan got into a verbal altercation with the male passenger in the vehicle. McClellan called the male passenger a name because he wasn't wearing a shirt. When the female driver returned to the vehicle, she heard McClellan calling her friend names and then saw the unidentified man with McClellan pull a knife from his pocket. The two left the store and called police, but then returned to give the police statements. Before police arrived, the female victim stated that McClellan and the unidentified man approached their vehicle, with McClellan also pulling a knife from under her shirt and saying, "You don't want to make me do this." The two left the store again, with McClellan spitting on the vehicle as it exited the parking lot. When the victim returned again, without the male passenger, the police were there, but McClellan and the man were gone. The police found McClellan walking on U.S. 301 north by the fairgrounds, and she admitted to the altercation, saying the male passenger had been disrespectful toward her since his pants were hanging below his waist and he wasn't wearing a shirt. McClellan, who said she is hitchhiking to New York, didn't know the male hanging out with her at the store. He was gone when police arrived, and McClellan said all her belongings were gone, too, from the side of the store. Bond was set at \$21,000 for the charges against her.

William Charles Miller, 45, of

Starke was arrested July 23 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for battery and for criminal mischief-property damage of \$1,000 or more. Bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Robert Lawrence Schneider, 18, of Hawthorne was arrested July 25 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Schneider was observed by a Walmart employee selecting movies in the electronics department, then unwrapping the movies in the hardware area before putting them in his pocket. He then picked up some shampoo and body wash and paid for those at the garden center register. He was detained by the employee after he left the garden center area with the movies in his pocket, valued at \$175. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kwadwo Nkrumah Sefah, 21, of Gainesville was arrested July 25 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

John Daniel Shuford, 25, of Lawtey was arrested July 22 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

David Allen Tyree, 37, of Gainesville was arrested July 25 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Willie B. Tyson, 66, of Starke was arrested July 24 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Keystone/Melrose

Karl Baer, 43, of Melrose was arrested July 28 by Clay deputies for a writ of attachment.

Steven Flaherty, 36, of Keystone Heights, was arrested July 27 by Clay deputies for domestic assault.

Lucas Fullwood, 36, of Melrose was arrested July 28 by Clay deputies for video voyeurism. According to an arrest report, on

June 13, the victim discovered a small video camera on top of a bedroom cabinet, surrounded by other items to conceal it. The device was pointed in the direction of the bathroom.

Marklee Harris III, 33, of Starke was arrested by Clay deputies on July 28 for burglary.

According to an arrest report, the victim reported power tools and a generator stolen from two separate locations. Investigative sources eventually led to Harris.

Travis Mizel, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 26 for burglary. According to an arrest report, witnesses saw Mizel taking weights and a weightlifting bar from the front porch of a neighbor after the neighbor had left for his job in Jacksonville.

Travis Wright, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 23 by Clay deputies for burglary. According to an arrest report, the victim was walking home from a relative's house when he saw Wright and another man leaving the victim's residence with a Sony PlayStation 3, Sony PlayStation 4 and 25 Blu-ray discs. After demanding that the men return his property, the victim then called the sheriff's office.

Union

Shaun Steven Morris, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested July 22 by Union deputies for two probation violations. No bond was allowed for the charges.

A 14-year-old male from Lake Butler was arrested July 24 by Union deputies on a warrant for felony vehicle theft.

James Cleveland Perry, 50, of Lake Butler was arrested July 24 by Union deputies for contempt of court-violating an injunction against repeated violence.

Robert Lee Webb, 77, of Lake Butler was arrested July 26 by Union deputies for driving under the influence.

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Adult General Education, GED, & Applied Academics	Rudoj	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/19/14	M - F	1,2,3 or 4 hrs daily from 8 am-noon; Th 4-7pm	unlimited
Applied Welding Technology	Geiger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9
Automotive Service Technology	Rensberger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9
Carpentry	Scholl	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2-4 hrs daily from 9am-1pm	1200
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Computer Systems and Info. Technology	Ledger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9
Cosmetology	James	Beginning 8/4/14	Course begins 8/18/14	M - F	M,T,W,F: 9am-3pm; TH: 9am-7pm	1200
Medium & Heavy Duty Truck/Bus Tech (Diesel Mechanics)	Rensberger	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M - F	2,4, or 6 hrs daily from am-3:15 pm	9
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Pusateri	CLOSED	Class begins 8/11/14	M - TH	8 am - 4 pm	1350

EVENING CLASSES

Adult General Education, GED, & Applied Academics	Harden	Beginning 8/4/14	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/20/14	M,W,TH	M,W: 6-9pm and TH: 4-7pm	unlimited
Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.)	Pusateri	Beginning 8/4/14	Course begins 8/18/14	M, W	4 pm-9 pm	165
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)	Johnson	CLOSED	Course in Progress	M - TH	5 pm-9 pm	1350

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Hunter Education	FWC	online FWC	8/14/14	TH	6 pm-9 pm	3
Hunter Education	FWC	online FWC	9/11/14	TH	6 pm-9 pm	3
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Miller	Open	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/18/14	M, W	4 pm-5 pm	unlimited
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Bridgman	Open	Open Enrollment Beginning 8/19/14	T, TH	5 pm-6 pm	unlimited
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OBITUARIES

Harvey Baker

STARKE— Harvey "Stalker" Haines Baker, 60, a lifelong resident of Starke died on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Gainesville on Aug. 24, 1953 to the late Harry William Baker and Edith Bowden Baker. He was employed as a truck driver. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his brother, Harry Baker; and his sister, Edith Baker.

He is survived by: children, Veronica Burke of Starke, Buddy (Melissa) Baker of Texas, William Burke and Kyle Burke both of Washington; sister, Elva Jean (William) Spencer of Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Glen Brown

Glen Brown

ALACHUA— Glen Randall "Randy" Brown, 55, resident of Alachua, died Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his home, following a long illness, surrounded by his family.

Randy was born on Jan. 20, 1959 in Orange Park. He grew up in Altamonte Springs, finishing school at the Harry Lundberg School of Seamanship, serving in the Merchant Marines, and later began a career in heating and air conditioning. Graduating with a degree in HVAC from Santa Fe College, he spent many years working for Bounds Heating and Air, most recently working as service manager. Randy even spent time as a civilian contractor working in Iraq from 2007 to 2009. Later in life, he enjoyed remote control airplanes and helicopters, spending time teaching his grandchildren how to operate them. He loved his animals, but most especially spending time with his family. He was a man of strong convictions, a generous nature and was always quick with a joke.

He is survived by: his wife of 28 years, Judith Ann Brown; two daughters, Anna Renee Brown and Sara Lauren Brown; one son, James Randall Brown; two grandchildren Michael Joshua Pate, Jr. and Eli Randall Pate, all of Alachua; his parents, Glen and Shirley Brown, of Micanopy; sisters, Connie Greenlee, of Lawrence, Kansas, Karen Herring, of Irmo, South Carolina, and Carol (Richard) Solze, of Starke; brother, Duane Brown, of Irmo, South Carolina, along with three nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Mt. Pisgah AME Church with Rev. James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 3 -4:00 p.m. Friends 5-7:00 p.m. Visitation also held one hour prior to service at the Church.



Arthur Bellamy

Arthur Bellamy

STARKE— Arthur Bellamy, 61, of Starke died Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Windsor Manor Care Center. Born in Starke on March 31, 1953 He was a life long resident of Starke. He was a common laborer. He was of Baptist Faith and attended the local schools of Bradford County.

He is survived by: wife, Marsha Bellamy; stepson, Andrew Booth; brothers, Jerome Bass, Vernon Griffin, Horace Griffin, Curtis Griffin, Izell Wilson and Andrew Lee; and sister, Gloria Harrison.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Mt. Pisgah AME Church with Rev. James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 3 -4:00 p.m. Friends 5-7:00 p.m. Visitation also held one hour prior to service at the Church.

Louie Best

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Mr. Louie Arthur "Sonny" Best, Jr., age 72, of Keystone Heights passed away, Monday, July 28, 2014 in Jacksonville at St. Vincent's Medical Center following an extended illness. Mr. Best was born in Ruffin, South Carolina on Dec. 5, 1941 to the late Louie and Cornelia (Danelly) Best, Sr. and was in the Army Reserve. Prior to retirement, he was an owner and operator of James F. Tullis & Associates Insurance Company; he had also been a loan officer for many years in the banking industry. In 2005, Mr. Best moved to Keystone Heights from the Atlantic Beach area. He was raised Methodist and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, boating, reading and taking care of his seven cats.

Survivors are: his wife of 20 years, Sammie (Byars); and five children, Danette (John) Hall of Jacksonville, Selena (Jerry, Jr.) Ferg of Keystone Heights, Debi (Karl) Becker of Deland, Teresa (Patrick) Meehan of Rockingham, North Carolina, Thomas "Tommy" Best of Sanford; and one sister, Jane (Vic) Warren of Summerville, South Carolina. Also left are his grandchildren, David, Jerry, Megan, Zach, Alicia, Juliet, Josh, Samantha, Victoria, Clay, Emily, Miles, Casey and two great-granddaughters, Alexis and Kaylyn Hall.

Funeral services will be Thursday, 1:00 p.m. July 31 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Steve Atnip officiating. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr., Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176. jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Henry Dommon

Henry Dommon

STARKE— Henry L. "Buck Wheat" Dommon, 65, of Starke Pleasant Grove Community died Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Shands at University of Florida Hospital Gainesville. Born in Lulu on March 28, 1949 Henry was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. He was employed at Camp Blanding as a painter. He was a member of Greater Allen Chapel AME Church of Starke, was a graduate of the RJE High School.

He is survived by: his wife, Sandra Dommon of Starke; children, Norman Van Easley, Jerlene Dommon, Shonda Easley, Connie Easley and Zoya Davis all of Starke; sisters, Dora Dean and Rosa Thomas both of Starke; brothers, Ulysees Dommon of Pensacola, Anthony Dommon of Cambridge, Maryland and Howard Johnson of Lawtey; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Aug. 2 in the Greater Allen Chapel AME Church of Starke with Rev. Cynthia Bailey Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family 2-3:00 p.m. Friends 4-7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held at the church one hour prior to services.

Johnnie Hart

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Johnnie Lee Hart, 92, of Keystone Heights died at her home, Thursday, July 24, 2014. She was born in Megs, Georgia on March 17, 1922 to the late William M. and Nola Estelle (Fulford) Bass and was a homemaker.

She is survived by: children, Jerry Wayne Hart and Melba Diane Marple both of Keystone Heights and Dondru Hart of Plant City.

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

Alda Hill

WORTHINGTON SPRINGS— Alda "Ruth" Hill, 52 of Worthington Springs died Thursday, July 10, 2014 at her residence. She was born Feb. 10, 1962 in Jacksonville to the late Ovin Lee and Hattie Mae Williams Edge. She lived most of her life in Macclenny and Worthington Springs.

She is survived by: Charlie Hill; brother, Daniel Edge; and sisters, Juanita (Randall) Benton and Rebecca (Billy) Hodges.

Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Luree Jackson

STARKE— Luree Bryant Jackson, 88, of Starke died Monday, July 28, 2014 at Shands at University

Hospital Gainesville. Born in Jasper on Jan. 8, 1926, she was a lifelong resident of Starke. She was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church Starke and the American Legion.

She is survived by: sons, Donnie Jackson and Coy Jackson both of Starke; daughter, Denise Jones of Starke; Special neice/daughter, Janie Scott of Daytona Beach; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. James Wilcox Eulogist conducting the services. Interment will be held in Oddfellow Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family hour 4 -5:00 p.m. Friends 5 -7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the Church. The Cortege will form at 12:30 p.m. at the Home of Mr and Mrs. Donnie and Joanne Jackson 4583 S.E. 143rd Terrace, Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke.

Harriett Mallory

LIVE OAK— Harriett Vera "Jackie" Mallory, 81, of Live Oak died Friday, July 25, 2014 at Doctors Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by mother, Lois Lockler; father, Herbert Roberson; step-father, Broward Crawford; and son, Ralph Amick. She worked for the Division of Forestry as a fire tower watcher for 10 years. She was Pentecostal.

She is survived by: children, Dale Messer of Live Oak, Vickie (Randy) Messer Hogan-Sparrow of Lake Butler, Teressa Hutchinson Durden of Perry, Bobby (Annette) Hutchinson of Crawfordville, and James (Juliett) Amick of Live Oak; brother, Lester Roberson of Rivera Beach; sister, Bobbie Green of Hickory, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Francis Roberson of Cross City; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held July 29 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery. Arrangements were placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home of Cross City.

Rhonda McKinney

ROCHELLE, GEORGIA — Rhonda Eugenia Moreland McKinney, 46, of Rochelle, Georgia died Thursday, July 17, 2014 in Green Cove Springs. She was born on Dec. 23, 1967 in Ashburn, Georgia and attended the Turner County High School where she was a majorette in the high school band. She was preceded in death by her father Gerald Moreland.

Survivors are: sons, Justin Clark and Dustin Clark; mother, Jean Daniel; brothers, Tracy Moreland, Danny Godwin and Craig Godwin; and three grandchildren. A graveside service was held at the Morningside Cemetery in Rochelle on July 27.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Marie McRae

FLORIDA KEYS— Marie Teresa McRae, 91, of the Florida Keys died Thursday, July 24, 2014 at Shands at Starke Hospital. She was born June 5, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Walter and Mary (Krawczyk) Wojan, and due to health reasons, was spending time with her family in Starke. She was a homemaker but also worked part time as a waitress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald E. McRae.

She is survived by: sons, John (Brenda) McRae of Port Orange, William "Bill" (Kathy) McRae of Orlando and Dennis (Terri) Keller of Starke; sister, Jeanie Goode of Gainesville; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will be having a memorial service in the Florida Keys at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Patricia Parks

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Mrs. Patricia Darlene Parks, age 55, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home, Monday, July 28, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville on Aug. 29, 1958 to the late William Frank and Marie (Coleman) Brunson. Darlene has been a resident of Keystone

Heights for 30 years and worked for Clay County as a school bus driver for 15 years. She enjoyed gardening, spending time at the beach, and was a huge Elvis fan; but most of all she loved being with her family and friends. Her precious granddaughter, Trinity Rasmus had preceded her in death this past November.

Darlene is survived by: her husband of 38 years, Redus "Sparky" Parks; and two children, Tina Parks and Redus Parks, III; along with one grandson, Ty Rasmus all of Keystone Heights.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, July 31 from 6-8 p.m. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1 at the Keystone Heights Cemetery with Reverend Tom Tver officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Looking back at '13 football season...

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

High school football practices are set to begin, so with anticipation in the air, here's a brief look at some numbers and trends from 2013 for the Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County teams.

Bradford

It was a struggle for the Tornadoes, who finished the season with a 3-7 record. They did qualify for the playoffs after earning the runner-up spot in District 4-4A, but their postseason matchup against Raines resulted in a 58-6 loss—Bradford's sixth loss by double digits.

Bradford scored an average of 17 points per game, while opponents averaged 30. The

Tornadoes' average margin of victory was 11 points, while their average margin of defeat was 23 points.

The most points the Tornadoes scored were 27 twice in a 37-27 loss to Fort White and a 27-14 win over Umatilla.

Raines had the most points by an opponent, while the Villages had the fewest in Bradford's 25-8 win.

That win over the Villages gave Bradford its largest margin of victory, while its closest win was 14-12 against Interlachen.

The loss to Raines was Bradford's biggest margin of defeat, while its 21-20 loss to Keystone Heights was its smallest.

Bradford held a halftime lead four times, coming away with a win three times. It was tied at the half once, with the final result being a loss.

In six of their seven losses, the Tornadoes trailed by an average of 18 points at halftime.

Bradford's offense generated

23 touchdowns, with 17 of those coming through the air. The combination of quarterback Jacob Luke and wide receiver Kenny Dinkins was by far the Tornadoes' major offensive threat. Luke threw for 16 touchdowns, with each scoring toss averaging 38 yards. Dinkins caught 11 of those scores, averaging 46 yards per touchdown.

Jarvis DeSue rushed for four of Bradford's six touchdowns on the ground.

The Tornadoes also had touchdowns on an interception return, a kickoff return and two fumble recoveries.

It was Bradford's defense that turned in the longest scoring play of the season, with Don Jeffers returning an interception more than 80 yards. Tra'Von Thomas has the longest touchdown run (80 yards). The longest touchdown pass was 76 yards twice, with Dinkins catching one of those from Luke and Jeffers catching the other from Dinkins.

Opposing offenses scored 40 touchdowns, with 28 of those coming on the ground. The longest scoring play by an opponent was a 74-yard pass by Wakulla. The longest run by scrimmage by an opponent was 60 yards by Fort White.

Bradford opponents also scored touchdowns on a fumble recovery, an interception return and a punt return.

Keystone

In 2013, Keystone Heights scored an average of 22 points per game, while opponents scored an average of 18. The Indians held halftime leads in five of their games, while trailing at the half in four.

Perhaps that's not too surprising, given the Indians' 5-5 season that included winning the District 4-4A championship and advancing to the playoffs.

Keystone's average margin of victory was 25 points, while its average margin of defeat was 15.

The most points scored by Keystone came in a 49-0 win over Interlachen, while its fewest points came in losses of 21-7 to Union County and 34-7 to Santa Fe.

Santa Fe and Newberry, which defeated Keystone 34-24, scored the most points against the Indians. The fewest points allowed came in the shutout win over Interlachen, as well as a 19-0 win over Wildwood.

The win over Interlachen gave the Indians their largest margin of victory. Their closest win was 21-20 over Bradford.

Santa Fe handed Keystone its worst loss. The Indians' closest loss was 16-12 against Eustis.

Keystone's offense produced 19 rushing touchdowns, with

Anton Noble accounting for eight of those. Noble averaged 22 yards per touchdown run, and his 68-yard run in a 35-7 win over Umatilla was the team's longest score on the ground.

Quarterback Blake Valenzuela threw 10 touchdown passes, with Micah Brown catching six of those. Valenzuela's average per touchdown pass was 15 yards, while Brown averaged 18 yards per touchdown reception.

The Indians' longest touchdown pass was 49 yards from Valenzuela to Brown in the win over Bradford.

Noble had the Indians' longest score overall with an 85-yard kickoff return.

The Telegraph-Times-Monitor did not have complete stats in regard to Keystone's opponents, but a 67-yard kickoff return by Newberry was the longest score against the Indians.

Union

One thing of note during the season for the Union County Tigers was that they usually had a comfortable halftime lead. The Tigers, who were 10-2, led at the half 10 times, with six of those leads by at least two touchdowns. Three times, they had leads of 21 points or more.

Union held a one-point halftime lead twice, defeating Hamilton County 35-6 in one of those games and losing 30-20 to Dixie County in the regional playoffs in the other.

The Tigers averaged 31 points per game, while opponents averaged 12. Union's average margin of victory was 26 points, while its average margin of defeat was 14 points.

The most points the Tigers scored came in a 56-18 win over

Eagle's View, while the fewest points came in a 30-12 loss to Dixie County.

Dixie County, which handed the Tigers both of their losses, scored 30 points in each matchup. The fewest points by an opponent was zero twice: 34-0 against Potter's House and 39-0 against Interlachen.

Union's largest margin of victory came in the win over Interlachen, while the smallest margin occurred in a 13-10 win over West Nassau.

The Tigers' offense accounted for 46 touchdowns, with 31 of those coming on the ground. Running back Daquin Edwards led the team with 12 rushing touchdowns.

Quarterback Caleb Cox threw 14 touchdown passes, with Geordyn Green and Isaiah Johnson each catching three scoring tosses.

The Tigers' longest touchdown came on an 80-yard pass from Cox to Andrew Jones in the win over Interlachen. The longest scoring run was 70 yards by Green in a 41-13 playoff win over Crescent City.

Green also had the longest score on special teams, returning a punt 70 yards in the win over Eagle's View.

The Tigers also had touchdowns on a blocked punt and a fumble return.

Opposing offenses scored 14 touchdowns (eight rushing, six passing), while opponents also added touchdowns on a fumble return, a kickoff return and a safety.

Newberry had the longest scoring play on a 79-yard kickoff return. Union won that game 49-14.

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Haile recalls when the New Bethel Baptist Church was planning a memorial service on the first anniversary of the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

"Herman Johnson talked me into singing at the service," Haile

recalled. "I sang a song that was sung at King's funeral, 'If I Can Help Somebody.' I gave it everything I had and even hit the high note just right. After the service, the Rev. Saul Hankerson looked at me and said, 'You never told us you could sing.' I suppose they just never asked."

Haile retired from the Haile Funeral Home in 1997 but still goes in almost every day.

"There is just some of the paperwork that the kids and grandkids haven't got the hang of yet — like the forms for Social

Security," Haile said.

Haile's daughter Aletia DeSue is now the funeral director in charge and the licensed mortician. Other family members handle the other duties around the office. Haile keeps apprised of what is going on, however, but said she enjoys having more time to enjoy life than she did before her retirement.

Part of her time is spent with longtime companion John H. Hudson, a widower (late wife Louise) who accompanies her to church activities, dinners and the movies. He has also been known to pitch in around the funeral home if needed.

Haile said she is also glad to have the time to spend with her six grandchildren (some of which are already helping out in the family business) and her three great-grand children.

Haile is set to be honored by the Alachua County Alumni Association as an outstanding graduate of the Alachua County School system on Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Best Western Motel in Gainesville.

"I have had a full and wonderful life," Haile said. "I have worked hard and always tried to help people when they needed it and have been repaid many times over. I have no regrets and hope I have many more years to spend with my friends and family in this wonderful community."

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The family bought Starke Golf and Country Club in 2004 with hopes of adding a back nine holes to the course. They had acquired the property and were making plans for the addition when the housing market bubble burst and the recession began. The business was hit earlier than many when the building industry collapsed since they were a producer. All are glad the market is slowly recovering, but the golf course plans are on hold indefinitely.

Tatum and his wife have three children: Tom III, John and Robin. Tom III and his wife Lisa have two children: Thomas and Tymber. John and wife Christina also have two children: Chelsea and Jackson.

Robin's son, Tatum Davis, is a graduate of Samford University School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, where he practiced law with a large firm before returning home in early February to help care for his grandfather as well as to handle the business' legal work.

On Oct. 8 of last year, Linda woke up at 2 a.m. to find Tom fumbling around in the dark. Then he fell and could not get up, even with her help. When she turned on the lights she said she knew what had happened just by looking at him – he had had a stroke.

"I called 911 and they came so fast that I hadn't even had time to find a robe to put on," Linda remembered. "The EMS and fire department both came and they were wonderful."

Lawtey EMS transported Tatum to Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Linda said that she and the family were told that the doctors didn't know if Tatum would even live through the night.

"It was the scariest night of my life," Linda recalled. "I believe in prayer and I was praying hard. Part of me never really believed I would lose him, while another part was scared that I would."

Tatum made it through the night, but the doctors were less than encouraging when talking to the family. Tatum had had a massive bleed affecting his left side. Over time his brain was swelling and with each increase in pressure came more loss of function.

The doctors questioned whether or not he should be put on a ventilator when he started having difficulty breathing, saying that not many people recover when they are his shape, but the family was adamant and the ventilator was used.

Tatum was in ICU for 10 days. Linda said that with the continual brain swelling and other issues

that the family was having a hard time keeping their hopes up.

"It was wearing on us all," she remembered. "We all loved him so much, it was really hard to see him in the shape he was in. Then, one day, one of the nurses was walking by his bed and he reached out and patted her on the rear end. We all knew he was going to be all right after that."

Tatum was sent to Select Hospital, a skilled nursing facility, straight out of intensive care. At the time, the family was told that Tatum was not in good enough shape to send to rehab. He could not even sit up on his own. Linda said she felt like they were just setting him up to finish his life in a nursing home.

"We worked with him ourselves," Linda said. "His sister came in and worked with him every day on his speech, helping him relearn how to pronounce words. We all worked to help him with his movement."

Still being told that rehab was not a viable option, Linda took matters into her own hand and called Shands Rehab herself. She asked them to come and do an evaluation on Tatum and they agreed. Once this happened he was transferred to rehab by the end of the week.

"One thing I tell everyone is not to give up," Linda said. "Don't just go by what other people say. Check things out for yourself and don't take no for an answer."

Tatum came home the week before Christmas. He still has problems with his left side, but is regaining his strength. His hearing is affected in the left ear and there is damage to the left side of both optic nerves, but he is still able to see. He can walk on his own and is mentally himself.

Tatum's illness pulled an already close family even closer. Children and grandchildren not involved in the family business visit or check in more often. His brother, sons and grandchildren are working hard to keep the business running smoothly to avoid causing him any worry.

Everyone is focused on helping him recover. Davis gets him out of the house. Daughter Robin comes by often to cook for her parents. Tom III comes to the house every night to help Linda get his dad settled in bed.

"Tom has become the main focus of the family, a cause to get behind," Linda said. "It's wonderful. We are so blessed. I feel like God has a plan for this man and is keeping him here to fulfill it. We all want him to make a full recovery and come back to what he was."

In the management of the sawmill, Tatum is the detail man. He know what parts all the machines may need, where

to buy them, where in the supply of spare parts a particular item is kept and when to order more so as to always have necessary parts on hand.

"I know every bolt in that mill," Tatum said. "I want to get back to it. I miss working out there with everyone and hope I can get back to it soon."

Tom Tatum Jr. (center) is pictured with his brother, Charles, and his wife, Linda.



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