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Rises 2.1 percent in first half of 2013, state figures show.

By STEVEN RICHMOND

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement said Columbia County’s crime index has risen approximately 2.1 percent according to the semi-annual Uniform Crime Report released Tuesday.

“The county’s crime index was determined by the number of reported incidents, forcible rapes, shootings, burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts between Jan. 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013. All of the following figures reflect that six month period, as well. There were 1,234 such crimes reported throughout the county, up from 2012’s 1,190 and down from 2011’s 1,411 for the same period.”

However, much of that increase came from the larceny category, according to the report. FDLR reported that forcible rapes, robberies and burglaries all decreased from the year before. Murders, (two, both in the city), aggravated assaults (113) and motor vehicle thefts (25) were the same in the first half of both 2012 and 2013.

Sheriff’s Office

“We’ve had 41 additional crimes reported in 2013,” Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter said. “Certainly we always want the crime rate to go down but if people are reporting more, I’m OK with that. It means we’re more comfortable contacting the sheriff’s office has

The percentage of incidents cleared by the sheriff’s office has

Looking back at A Land Remembered

Patrick D. Smith Jr. speaks at the public library Tuesday night about his father, author Patrick D. Smith Sr., and how he came to write such novels like ‘A Land Remembered.’ Smith retold stories of his father’s life and his inspirations.

Patrick D. Smith Jr. signs a book for Lake City resident Bobbie Godwin following a multimedia show that describes author Patrick D. Smith Sr. and his eight fiction and two non-fiction books. The presentation was held at the Columbia County Public Library Main Branch on Tuesday.

Lake City residents Judy MacGrath (left) and Carole Brown look over a copy of Patrick D. Smith Sr.’s book ‘A Land Remembered,’ while at a multimedia show held at the Columbia County Public Library Main Branch on Tuesday.

Damage control continuing for Obamacare

By TONY BRITT

The streetlights in Emerald Lakes subdivision could be turned off unless at least 75 percent of the subdivision’s parcel owners agree to pay for them.

Tuesday night more than 50 people met with county officials at the Lake City Senior Club building where county officials gave them an outline on which condo own themselves could keep their street lights on if 75 percent of parcel owners agreed to pay for the service. A number of residents in a Westside neighborhood said they were willing to pay a $130 non-ad valorem assessment to keep the street lights on in their neighborhood.

Parcel owners were sent letters from the county Nov. 5 indicating that Florida Power and Light was threatening to turn the street lights off in the neighborhood.

Approximately 215 parcels in Emerald Lakes phase 1A, 2 and 3, and Arthur Green at Emerald Lakes phases 1 and 2; and Kelly Lake require street lights before they can be impacted by the proposal, even though the majority of the people at the meeting seemed to favor keeping the lights on and even having new lights added.

There are 29 existing streetlights and five additional streetlights proposed for the neighborhood.

“Earlier in the year, Florida Power and Light was threatening to turn the streetlights off in the neighborhood,” said Columbia County commissioner Rocky Yust, as he explained the purpose of the meeting. "We thought it was appropriate to send out the notice to see what all you wanted to do.”

Nash said the county

Lights out in Emerald Lakes?

Streetlights may be snuffed out in 3 local subdivisions.

Sebelius in Florida to deflect criticism of botched rollout.

By KELLY KENNEDY

MIAMI — Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Tuesday that eight of 10 people will be able to use the government’s health care website to sign up for insurance by the end of the month.

The Obama administration’s top health care official was in Florida Technical College in Orlando Tuesday morning making her first of two stops in the state to talk up the Affordable Care Act as allotted by the new law.

She was visiting Miami’s North Shore Medical Center later in the day. During the visit, the Obama administration’s counselors from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services talked with students about insurance.

Sebelius said they could purchase on www.Healthcare.gov. Sebelius and President Barack Obama have repeatedly apologized for a disastrous launch of the website, which consumers in 36 states were supposed to use beginning on Oct. 1 to sign up for coverage.

Despite the issues with the website that have stymied the rollout, Sebelius inspired students in Orlando to “Come back and see the site again” once it opens.

Sebelius had been traveling regularly as the administration has been in constant need of talking to its health care website and to be seen as someone who could make Americans leery of using it. “The one thing that we have is the confidence of consumers and the American people,” the secretary was working, Sebelius said.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Radio City Santa learning to hydrate

NEW YORK (AP) — The keepers of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular say it's been a couple of years since a celebrity or a politician has starred in their show. "It's just easier to become a part of my life in a huge way," said Santa. "And it's been a huge hit." And it's made its way around the world, from London to Tokyo.

Selfie: declared word of the year

LONDON — Michelle Obama has declared the year of the selfie, saying it is the "year of the self." The selfie, which has been taken by millions of people worldwide, has become a popular way to share photos with friends and family.

Zimmerman bond set at $9,000

SANFORD — A judge has set a $9,000 bond for George Zimmerman, the man accused of killing Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder.

Construction zone

Jeff Robinson, a worker with Union LaSteel, works on the new construction project. "It's kind of what I would have expected," said Robinson. "But usage wasn't widespread until around 2012, when 'selfie' was used more commonly in mainstream media." The selfie is now being used to capture the moment of a famous person or a beautiful landscape.

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Crime

by the numbers: Statewide crime
FDLE reports the following figures for the entire state of Florida between January and June of 2013:

- Total Crime: 1,645,712, down 8.2 percent.
- Murders: 428, down 10.4 percent.
- Forcible Rape: 1,087, down 5.6 percent.
- Robberies: 11,026, down two percent.
- Aggravated Assault: 28,765, down 4.1 percent.
- Burglaries: 68,169, down 9.5 percent.
- Larceny Theft: 655,895, down 7.7 percent.
- Firearm Theft: 6,143, up 1.4 percent.
- Value of all stolen items — $757,557,675.
- Value of all recovered stolen items — $1,732,715,930.

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The city council should abandon City Manager Wendell Johnson's wrong-headed proposal to ban photos during public meetings. Not only is it bad policy, it is against the law.

The proposal would outlaw the taking of photos after and before meetings but not during them, except with permission of the mayor — Monday at a workshop during which this newspaper questioned the legality of such a measure.

The Lake City Reporter later received con-firmation from the city attorney that such a move would in fact violate Florida's open meetings laws.

Simply put, the public has a right to document and discuss what goes on during meetings. Disturbances of city officials' chairs on the dais to get a better view during a meeting. Disturbances of that nature are unacceptable, but they have nothing to do with the functioning of a free press.

If the city wants to solve its problem, it must simply find the courage to confront such disturbances head-on, set reasonable rules, and then enforce them.

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Studies: Kids are less fit than their parents were

By MARYLynn MARdONe
60-61 Column inches

DALLAS — Children’s kids can’t keep up with their par-
ents. An analysis of study mea-
sons in the United States in the around the world they don’t find
their balance. Doctors typically see them as their parents did when they were young.

On average, it takes chil-
dren 30 to 60 seconds longer to run a mile than their contemporaries did 30 years ago. Heart-related illnesses has declined 0.5 percent per decade since 1975 for chil-
dren ages 9 to 17.

The American Heart Association’s 2013 confer-
ence featured the research on the heart-related illnesses the first to show that children’s fitness has declined world-
wide over the last three decades.

“It makes sense. We have kids who are not as active as they were before,” said Dr. Stephen Daniels, a University of Chicago cardiologist and spokesperson for the heart association.

Healthfully recom-
end, Dr. Daniels said in the supermarket and older get 60 minutes of moderately vigorous activ-
ity accumulated over a day. Only 35% of American children do now.

“Kids aren’t getting enough opportunities to build strength, endurance and speed,” he said in his presentation. “The main reason is that we have to perform in all circumstances. In ele-
mentary school, there is a lot of emphasis on the role of schools in a speech to the conference on the topic.

We are currently facing the health crisis of childhood obesity in our society and the disease in our own children by V.E., — V.E.,...
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SPORTS

Columbia High's Caleigh McCauley, Brandy Morgan and Kayli Kvistad sign softball scholarships on Tuesday.

By BRANDON FINLEY
Columbia High head coach Brian Allen had mixed feelings about letting his trio of seniors sign to college programs on Tuesday. Allen said it's a good feeling for the community to see two of them at home in the playoffs. Over the last three years as far as your own. Before these three came along, we were happy to win districts. Now the goal is to go to the Final Four and win it. They just changed the whole mindset of the program.

For McCauley, the thing that made her a college

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Music Hall Doors Open @ 8pm
X-Factor on The Big Screen @ 8pm

Voting Stations Setup

Columbia High returns for second round.

By TIA FINLEY
Columbia High head coach Tim Kirby had mixed feelings about letting his trio of seniors sign to college programs on Tuesday.

Kvistad (University of Florida), Caleigh McCauley (Valdosta State University) and Brandy Morgan made it official by signing on the dotted line at Columbia High School's administration.

"For them it is an exciting time," Williams said. "It's a day we have to let them go.

Williams is proud of the Lady Tigers and said it all starts at home.

"They bring good parents with them that really contributed to our success as a program and that's where they get their working habits," Williams said. "They've been really good the last three years as far doing things that we need to make us be better, so the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

Williams said that he's a fan of these girls' play for a long time. "I've watched them all play since they were 12," Williams said. "Brandy, the first time I saw her play outfield, I thought she might be the best outfielder I've ever seen. McCauley played on my team when she was 14. The better the pitching, the better she hit it. It's just amazing that she has the knack for hitting good pitching. To me, they're like my own kids. Kayli, you get the reputation of being a good ball player growing up and I try to keep track of these things. Her reputation was she was good, but she's way better than her reputation. She's by far the best hitting ball player I've seen.

Williams said it's a good thing for all involved to watch the girls succeed. "When they sign a college scholarship, it just makes our community, school and program look better," Williams said. "They're just straight up all-American girls. They're the type of kid that you'd be proud to have as your own. Before these three came along, we were happy to win districts. Now the goal is to go to the Final Four and win it. They just changed the whole mindset of the program."

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Home again

Columbia High returns home for the FHSAA Class 6A Region 1 semifinals with head coach Trent High coming into the jungle.

Head coach Brian Allen said it's a great feeling for the team and community to be playing at home. "It's an exciting feeling," Allen said. "We didn't anticipate having that opportunity. It's a good feeling. It's always good to get one or two of them at home in the playoffs. It's an opportunity for the community to see us in the playoffs. Over the last three years, we've only had two losses here. It's a nice feeling as opposed to being on the road.

And the Tigers look to be healthier than they've been in a long time heading into the game with Lonnie Underwood back at full strength. "Looking at that 73-yard run, that was kind of what told me he was back to 100 percent," Allen said. "I wasn't sure he was totally back. He popped that run, turned on the jets and broke a tackle. All those things said he's back and that's what we need at this point in the season. Having him back to form is going to be big for what we do."

Allen also says he's in a good spot with two quarterbacks playing at a high level. "It's been the conversation all year and nothing has changed from that," Allen said. "Going into the week we were going to rotate two to one with Nate (Taylor)." If he's hot, he'll get it. That's how it's going to work."

Allen said it's a good problem for the Tigers to have. "They all do different things that are beneficial to this program." Allen said, "The hot guy will have the opportunity. You don't know who is hot until you put them in. Hopefully the competition will make them both be efficient and help us win football games with them knowing together we can do something special."

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Williams is proud of the Lady Tigers and said it all starts at home.

"They bring good parents with them that really contributed to our success as a program and that's where they get their working habits," Williams said. "They've been really good the last three years as far doing things that we need to make us be better, so the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

Williams said that he's a fan of these girls' play for a long time. "I've watched them all play since they were 12," Williams said. "Brandy, the first time I saw her play outfield, I thought she might be the best outfielder I've ever seen. McCauley played on my team when she was 14. The better the pitching, the better she hit it. It's just amazing that she has the knack for hitting good pitching. To me, they're like my own kids. Kayli, you get the reputation of being a good ball player growing up and I try to keep track of these things. Her reputation was she was good, but she's way better than her reputation. She's by far the best hitting ball player I've seen.

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**BASKETBALL**

**NBA schedule**

- **San Francisco** at **Washington**, 8:40 p.m.
- **Denver** at **New England**, 8:30 p.m.
- **New York Jets** at **Baltimore**, 1 p.m.
- **New Orleans** at **Atlanta**, 8:25 p.m.

**National Conference**

- **Toddlers & Tiaras** (3:45)
- **Seinfeld** (5:56)
- **South Park** (:27)
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**BRIEFS**

**Youth Baseball**

- **Lightning 10U travel tryout**

- **Canada**
- **Brazil**
- **Mexico**

**GAMES**

- **Saturday**
- **Columbia High soccer vs. Chiles High, 7 p.m.**
- **Columbia High vs. Leon County High, 7 p.m.**

- **Today**
- **Columbia High soccer vs. PK Yonge School, 7 p.m.**

**FROM staff reports**

- **Travel team has a tryout for the 1999-2000 season.**
- **Details, call Kevin Gray at 365-2096.**
DEAR ABBY

Wife hoping for baby wants husband to stop using drugs

Abigail Van Buren

healthy baby would be for the man to be as clean as possible before he starts to make a child. This is because sperm are preserved for about three months after a man has stopped using drugs.

DEAR ABBY: One of my friends is filing for bankruptcy for the third time. He and his wife recently started to receive disability checks. I believe they are abusing the system. I know she was truthful on her disability application. I work in the health care field and in the past have completed evaluations for disability claims. I have never found subterfuge to be the main reason applications are denied.

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DEAR ABBY: I want to try to become a father. On the other hand, I feel that if I can't do this, I'm not ready to be a father. On the other hand, I feel that he's a hard worker, and I wonder if by asking him to do this I am being selfish. Please give me some other options.

FAIR PLAY IN MIDDLESBORO

DEAR READY FOR MOTHERHOOD: You are wonderful, and if you feel you are being prudent, you are. Relinquishing from expressing affection will help you in the long run. Impulsive moves or a way to express your feelings. You need a creative outlet to execute your plans. A personal and professional environment friendly and welcoming.

The less said, the better.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't let emotions push you over the top. The planets are calling Channel your energy into a productive venture. You may wonder what someone is doing to hurt you, but don't assume anything. Resolving from expressing such attitudes will be of great assistance at any length.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You now have evidence that promotes cultural differences will be a rewarding experience. Educational buying power will enable you to expand your interests as well as find opportunities. You will discover how to help you in the long run. A good deal or joint venture looks promising.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Flexibility and adaptability is what keeps you going. An ability to multitask along with your responsibilities will make it difficult for any opponent to match your wit, versatility and broad blend of intellect and charm.

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I feel an obligation to alert the disability office to her manipulation. My husband agrees that what they're doing is wrong, but he doesn't want me to do anything about it. This has caused a problem between us because I no longer want to go to family dinners. I know if I keep going and have to listen to them laugh about using taxpayer dollars to support their bad habits, they will eventually explode. What do you think about the situation?... SOMEWHERE IN THE USA.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Signs on the dotted line. Whether you are making a personal or financial move, you will have the upper hand. Your insight, coupled with your ability to handle any situation you face, will make transactions easy. Romance is highly suggested.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be expected of you and keep going. If you want to get into an argument with someone you don't feel you want to make it, do so. Allowing for burnout will ruin your appetite. Shamlessness like this should be investigated and the abuses prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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