U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho, congressman for this district, hosted the Lake Butler Elementary School 4th grade safety patrol during their visit to Washington, D.C., the week of June 9-14. The congressman took the children on a personal tour of the U.S. Capitol, including a visit to the floor of the House of Representatives. He also took time to answer questions from the children, including a few who remembered taking care of their animals when he was a vet in that area.

The congressman’s assistants, Brittany Posobiec and Rachel King, were instrumental in orchestrating the 4th graders’ meeting with Yoho. Posobiec personally took them around until the congressman arrived.

Each 4th grader was given a personal tour of the Congress building. The tour guides and security were “kind of looking for a bit to tell Yoho said... Step back, these are my kids from my hometown... just let us through.”

He also added that the man who has served as the tour guide for 10 years in Congress said in all the years that he’s been a tour guide he’s never had a congressional tour come out and take individual photos with the kids and give them a grand tour.

Talman said “It makes me a person like that in Washington. It makes you a little more optimistic.”

Lake Butler Elementary 4th grade safety patrol stands with U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho on the steps of the U.S. Capitol as part of their recent visit to Washington, D.C. Front (l-r) Noah Tallman, Hunter Williams, Colton Cox, Braxton Duques, Brian Kish, Yoho, Jackson Romvat, Paden Cluyt, Hunter Parrish, Brooklyn Williams, Kenny Denson. (Not pictured) Delaney Sweat.

UCI celebrates six promotions

Union Correctional Institution announced the promotions of six officers to various ranks. Capt. Steven Tallman of Lake City joined the UCI staff on June 21. He was an administrative lieutenant before his promotion to captain at Columbia CI when he was chosen to fill the recently vacated position at UCI. He has worked for the Department of Corrections for 18 years after first signing on in 1995.

During his career, he worked at Hamilton CI and Columbia CI before coming to UCI. He first served as an officer and then as a sergeant in charge of a confinement dorm.

Later, as a property room supervisor, he had a big responsibility. Whenever an inmate’s personal property was seized, he was charged with keeping meticulous track of it. Since an inmate’s property is usually stored numerous times for a variety of reasons, this is a generally a very challenging task. Tallman was later promoted to the rank of lieutenant and now serves as an administrative lieutenant before being promoted to captain.

Capt. Lon Con of Glen St Mary was promoted from the rank of sergeant to lieutenant on June 7. Con has worked for DOC since April of 2003, spending his entire career at UCI. Prior to his promotion, he had risen through the ranks to serve as the sergeant in charge of one transport squad. This group organizes and carries out the security aspects of transporting inmates from UCI to other institutions, outside state or in another institution. This highly demanding job helped prepare Con for the critical responsibilities of a lieutenant on A Shift. One of the two duty shifts at UCI.

Also joining the shift supervisory staff at UCI is Lt. Robert Florence of Jacksonville. Florence joined DOC in 2006 at Columbia CI. He moved up through the ranks while serving as a confinement officer and sergeant, a work squad supervisor and a member of the Rapid Response Team.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 2012 at Punta Gorda and served there until transferring to UCI on April 13 of this year. The veteran of 13 years was a security officer at Macclenny was promoted on April 12. She serves on D Shift supervising four general population dorms. D Shift is one of the two night shifts that run the institution after-hours. Conserve began working with DOC in March of 2006 and has spent her entire career at UCI. She worked in a number of capacities at UCI, including specialty roles like keeping up with all the paperwork in the busy main control room and supervising recreational programs for half the institution’s population.

agic Brandon Kivcey of Jacksonville was promoted on May 10 and currently serves as a confinement sergeant in the institution’s mental health division, which is a highly challenging post. He is assigned to B Shift, one of two day shifts serving the institution. He has worked for DOC since February of 2010 and also currently serves on the institution’s Rapid Response Team—which is trained to respond to any type of emergency situation experienced by UCI or any of the surrounding institutions.

See UCI, 2A

4th of July Celebration Schedule at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler

Lake Butler Rotary has sponsored the 4th of July celebration at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler for 10 years. Here is this year’s schedule of events:

3:30 a.m. – Registration at the boat ramp for Big Bass Fishing Tournament, which begins at safe light. Open to everyone 18 years and older. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. A valid Florida fishing license is required. Entry fee is $50 per boat. Minimum motor size is 10 HP. Awarded live well required. Grand prize is $1,000 along with other prizes.

7:00 a.m. – 1-Mile Family Fun Run

8:00 a.m. – SK Run

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Antique Car Show. Car show winners and cash will be awarded.

11:00 a.m. – Weigh-in for Big Bass Fishing Tournament.

Dusk – Fireworks!

Neon to Dusk – Enjoy karaoke, music, water park, bounce houses, train rides, games, and of course food.

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WORTH NOTING

Middle school volleyball

Lake Butler Middle School

Gym: July 29-31 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. for girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Must bring completed medical authorization form to participate.

Jacksonville University Volleyball Camp at LBHS: August 13-19 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Cost is $99 and includes instructions from JU volleyball players and staff. T-shirt, lunch, snack. Must register by July 18 at the LBHS office. Space is limited.

LBHS Volleyball Tryouts: August 12-13 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for girls entering 7th or 8th grade. Required forms are available in the LBHS office from. are due upon arriving at tryouts.

UC Food Pantry needs donations

The Union County Food Pantry, located at 125 E Main St. in Lake Butler, is accepting food donations.

The pantry is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Donations may be dropped off at the pantry, Roberts Insurance, or at the Union County Times.

July is Recreation and Arts Month

The Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection’s Florida State Parks and Office of Greenways and Trails series visitors and residents to visit state park and trail resources for outdoor recreation, events and family fun throughout July. This year’s focus is for outdoor recreation, events and family fun throughout July. This year’s focus is

Lake Butler Middle School Volleyball Tryouts

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Bookmobile

The public library bookmobile is in Union County on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week and makes stops around the county and in Lake Butler.

Books and DVDs are available for adults and children. You must use your library card or register for a card on the bookmobile.

Call the library for the time of a stop near you at 386-496-3342.

Dental bus schedule

The Baker County dental bus will be parked at the Union County Health Department the second week and the Bradford Health Department the third week of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Call the Baker County Health Department at 1-877-808-4269 or 904-259-2901 ext. 2411 for more information and to check eligibility. Now accepting new patients ages 3-20.

Hay Field Day set

The UF/IFAS Northeast Florida Livestock AgriGroup will be hosting an educational meeting for hay producers in Northeast Florida. The Hay Field Day will be held Wednesday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will be held at the Santa Fe River Ranch in Alachua County.

Topp seed presented include: hay testing, integrated pest management, body condition scoring, pasture weed management and new bahia grass varieties. TifQuik and UF Riata.

Substitute training set

Substitute training is set for new substitutes and for current subs that did not participate in an in-service during the 2012-2013 school year. The training will be held July 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the adult education building. You must attend one of those days.

If you attended training last year and submitted in a classroom for at least 50 hours during the 2012-2013 school year, you will not need to attend training again this year.

Call Pam Pittman at 386-496-2621 ext. 230 to sign up if you have any questions.

Second Grade


ABOVE: (Back row, l-r) Sarah Archer, Leah Clark, Colby Andersen-Davis, Ben Cabral, Jill Alie and Colby Andersen. (Front row, l-r) Reagan Raulerson and Caleb Ripplinger.


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Lake Butler Elementary School straight A’s: Grades 2, 3 & 4

Ruby Macaluso, second-grade teacher, said Friday that Lake Butler Elementary School is going to have 3 straight A’s in grades 2, 3, and 4 at the end of this school year.

Thirteen students, consisting of girls and boys from second and third grades, will receive their achievement awards.

The students will be honored at the school’s awards ceremony on Friday, May 24, 2013.

The students are:
- Lily Williams
- Emily Simpson
- Tyler Davis
- Avery NASA
- Taylor Batson
- McKenzie Clemmons
- Jordie Croft
- Ayden Eknas
- Laura Park
- Tori Polk
- Lane Sargent
- Hunter Sherrard
- Natalia Watera
- Makayla McKenzie

The students were chosen based on their academic performance and their contributions to the school community.

The awards ceremony will feature speeches by the students and their teachers, as well as recognition from the school administration.

The ceremony will be held in the school’s main auditorium, and it is open to all students, parents, and staff.

The ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM, and it is expected to last for approximately 30 minutes.

The students and their families are encouraged to attend and celebrate this important accomplishment.

Lake Butler Elementary School is located at 701 Lake Butler Boulevard, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The school can be contacted at (386) 496-2000. The school’s principal is Mr. John Smith.
Protective gear saves victim’s life, Lake Butler Hospital saves his hands

Dr. Kaustubha Qanungo, popularly known as Dr. Kos Q with the students at Trident Technical College (TTC) in Charleston, S.C., was racing at the Jennings GP motorcycle track in Jennings, Fla., in March when he wrecked. The motorcycle Qanungo was opening approached turn one at speeds in excess of 120 mph when the steering handle began to shake. He lost control and was thrown from the bike.

Qanungo was wearing protective gear to include a full face helmet, full leather suit, spine and chest protector, riding boots and gloves, which saved Qanungo from head and body injuries. His hands however were not so lucky.

Qanungo was transported by rescue to a Lake City hospital for treatment and then transferred to Lake Butler Hospital Hand Surgery Center (LBH) for treatment of his injuries. Emergency surgery was performed at LBH to repair Qanungo’s two broken fingers, one dislocated finger, one matild finger and several deep complex lacerations involving tendons.

“The injuries were extensive, but we are very pleased with the outcome,” said Richard Neumich, M.D. “Dr. Kos took a proactive approach in his care and was determined to get optimal results. It’s always a pleasure to work with patients like him.”

Although living in South Carolina, Qanungo was adamant about continuing his care with Dr. Neumich and Rehabilitation Director Lori Keen. He has traveled to LBH for his follow appointments since his accident. “I was amazed by the quality of staff, especially the involvement of Lori,” said Qanungo. “The care I received was worth the drive. I have seen many bigger hospitals and it is hard to find the quality of care comparable to Lake Butler Hospital.”

After the accident, Qanungo learned that a durable protective motorcycle glove typically undergoes wear after dry cycles due to dry sweating. The corrosive salts from sweat deposited inside the gloves over time actually make the seams brittle and unable to withstand the impact with asphalt. This emphasizing the importance of replacing protective gloves on a regular basis.

“The gloves I was wearing wore 2 years-old,” said Qanungo. “The severity of the injuries may have been prevented or lessened if I’d changed my gloves sooner, but I had to learn this lesson the hard way.”

Qanungo teaches microbiology and Anatomy and physiology to health sciences students at TTC. His wife is a research scientist at the Medical University of South Carolina. LBH accepts emergency transfers from surrounding hospitals and treats non-emergency conditions in its Lake Butler and Gainesville offices. Lake Butler Hospital is a critical-access hospital providing 24-hour emergency services, urgent hospitalization, swing bed inpatient rehabilitation, and weight loss services to the residents of Union and surrounding counties. LBH specialists in hand surgery and is committed to the treatment of hand injuries and diseases.

For more information visit www.LakeButlerHospital.com.

Above: Lori Keen, Director of Lake Butler Hospital Rehabilitation Center, places a splint over the PIP joint of Dr. Kos Q’s ring finger at his most recent rehab appointment.

Right: Dr. Kos Q racing his motorcycle in full protective gear.

‘Dig into’ library’s summer program

July 11 – Tracks at the Library
July 18 – Taiko Drums at Lake Butler Elementary School
July 25 – Bugs at the Library
August 1 – Summer Fun at Library

All programs start at 10 a.m. Don’t forget to bring your reading logs to the library to earn great prizes. Thanks to Hardee’s for their contribution by the reading program.

Next teen program is Beneath the Surface with Arts and Crafts featuring duct tape crafts and more. Tues., July 9 at 6 p.m.

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FGC student chosen as FCS Student of the Month for June

Florida Gateway College student Stephanie Lansford has been chosen as the Florida College System Chancellor’s Student of the Month for June.

The dual major student is heavily involved in FGC activities – in addition to serving as the current president of her college Student Government Association, she is also the past president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a member of the All-Academic Team, a member of FGC’s Brian Boll team that competed at the national tournament this year, and a Coca-Cola Leader of Promise Scholar. Lansford was nominated by former FGC Professor Kim Farnsworth.

“I am honored,” Lansford said. “My involvement on campus and in my community is my way of giving back and setting the best example I can for my children. I do these activities whole-heartedly, positively affecting where I can.”

Stephanie Lansford is a gifted and talented student who has proven herself by being president of Phi Theta Kappa and now president of the Student Government Association.”

FGC President Dr. Charles Hall said. “Not only that, she’s a top student grade-wise, she’s a leader of people and having her chosen as student of the month is just another honor given to a person who works very hard and achieves at a very high level.”

Florida Gateway College President Dr. Charles Hall congratulates Stephanie Lansford for being chosen as the Florida College System Chancellor’s Student of the Month for June.

Church News

Grace Christian Fellowship homecoming

Grace Christian Fellowship will host its 11th homecoming on Sunday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds. Everyone is invited.

The church is located at 4948 SW 107th Avenue in Lake Butler. For more information call 386-496-2859 or visit www.grcfbc.org.

First Baptist VBS on July 14-18

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