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Bradford deputies charge Keystone man with sexual battery

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office has arrested another individual for sexually abusing a child.

Jeremy Alan Hicks, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested and charged with capital sexual battery on a child less than 12 years of age.

The crime came to light when the victim stepped forward last October and disclosed the abuse.

The victim told investigators that the abuse began around 2005, when the victim was just

8 years old, and continued for several years.

Upon being interviewed on Jan. 29, Hicks reportedly confessed to several counts of

sexual battery against the child. Hicks was still incarcerated at the Bradford County Jail as of press time. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Hicks has an arrest record that includes convictions for battery, dealing in stolen property and issuing a worthless check.



Hicks

Deputies: IT worker sold school equipment on EBay

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested a former school board employee on Feb. 4, accusing him of stealing electronics from the district and hocking them on EBay.

Michael F. Francisco, 53, was charged with one count of racketeering. According to a sheriff's office report, Francisco began stealing electronics from the district in January of 2008 and

continued acquiring computer monitors, televisions, projectors, computer memory kits and other items over the next five years. He sold the equipment on the Internet auction site and used the proceeds to support his lifestyle. He was employed by the district for eight years and investigators believe he stole over \$19,000 worth of equipment from the system.



Francisco

Mayor's race underway

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Qualifying for the Keystone Heights race for mayor ended at noon Tuesday with two candidates qualifying for the March 4 election.

Incumbent Mary Lou Hildreth will face former Vice Mayor Tony Brown in the non-partisan contest.

Both candidates spent the weekend erecting campaign signs throughout the area.

Brown said he spent part of Sunday meeting with community leaders, asking them about the race.

He said one supporter "raked him over the coals" for supporting a city tax increase earlier this year. Brown added that the man said he was still voting for the former vice mayor.

Brown said one other supporter complained about a perceived lack of passion on Brown's part, and encouraged him to show more enthusiasm when making his case on why he



Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth and husband Keith Koehler erect a sign on S.R. 21 while former Vice Mayor Tony Brown plants one of his yard signs in front of a Cargo Way residence.

should be mayor.

"I get things done," Brown said of the criticism. "I'm just more of a behind-the-scenes

kind of guy."

He added, however, that he agreed with the assessment, and said that he may have to adjust

his communication style.

Brown spent much of last

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CCUA completes expansion of Keystone-area water treatment facility



The Clay County Utility Authority constructed a new 500,000-gallon storage tank as part of its Postmaster's Village expansion project. Photo by CCUA.

The Clay County Utilities Authority said it has completed the expansion of its Postmaster's Village water treatment plant, located on C.R. 214 east of Lake Geneva.

The expansion included the construction of two new wells, a new aerator, a new 500,000-gallon water storage

tank and new pumps.

The utility said the improvements will increase water pressure and flow rates to its customers in the Keystone Heights area.

CCUA added that the two new wells at the facility were encased

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Clay school board race: mom out, son in

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

One of the longest-serving school board members in the history of Clay County said she will not seek a seventh term on the Clay County School Board.

When Lisa Graham's current term ends later this year, her 24 years of service on the school board will have tied the longest tenure of any Clay County School Board member.

Graham, who is also employed as a principal of Starke's Southside Elementary School, said that since she was first elected to the Clay school board in 1990, she has served with 14 board members and five superintendents. She added that over that time, graduation rates have increased, career academies have expanded, and Clay County schools have been consistently ranked among the best in Florida.

"Six successful elections, however, are enough for me," she wrote in a statement. "I have decided that I will not seek reelection this year, believing it is time for new leadership and fresh ideas. I thank all who have helped me throughout my career - my family, friends, the amazing

staff of the Clay County School District, as well as the parents, students, and taxpayers of Clay County."

On the same day Lisa Graham made her announcement, her son Brian H. Graham filed papers with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office to run for his mother's seat.

The younger Graham is the community relations coordinator for the Bradford County School District, a member of the Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District and a managing partner in the political consulting firm of Dixie Strategies LLC.

District 5 covers parts of Green Cove Springs, Middleburg and Lake Asbury.

Two other candidates have also filed for the District 5 seat.

Sandra Dunnivant is a retired educator and current substitute

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Graham

Heritage Commission planning Sundays at the pavilion

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The chair of the Keystone Heights Heritage Commission said her group hopes to bring back one of the city's landmark structures back into public life.

Cheryl Owen said the panel is planning to organize a once-a-month, afternoon event called Sunday At the Pavilion. She said the group hopes to feature arts during the events, including music and visual arts at the waterfront structure.

Owen said she plans to recommend the event to the city council in February.

Owen also said that during the group's January meeting, it forwarded its recommendations for Keystone's new, developing sign ordinance to the growth management committee.

She added that the commission also finalized its public relations

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Former adversaries now partners



Former game warden Bob H. Lee (r) and retired poacher Roger Gunter recall Lee's attempts to catch Gunter in the illegal practice of monkey-fishing on the St. Johns River in the 1970s and 1980s. The pair appeared at the Melrose Public Library on Jan. 31 as part of the One Book One Putnam reading initiative. Gunter is a prominent character in Lee's book, "Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden."

Andrews wins KHES spelling bee



Evan Andrews won the Keystone Heights Elementary School spelling bee by correctly spelling the word tomahawk. Andrews said he and his mother Melissa studied at least five words a day to prepare for the event. Andrews also pitches and plays first base for a travelling baseball squad.

County comm. approves Alligator Creek cleanup

Water management district to contribute up to \$100,000 for project

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Clay County commissioners unanimously approved a joint project with the St. Johns River Water Management District to improve water flow in Alligator Creek between Blue Pond in Camp Blanding and Lake Brooklyn near Keystone Heights.

John Fitzgerald, initiative leader with the water management district, told commissioners during a Jan. 28 meeting that his organization wants to clean the creek bed by removing impediments along the waterway that connects Blue Pond to lakes Lowry, Magnolia, Brooklyn, Keystone and Geneva. The cleanup will focus on three sections of the creek between Blue Pond, Lake Lowry, Magnolia Lake and Lake Brooklyn, a distance of around seven miles.

Fitzgerald said the district is willing to contribute up to \$100,000 to the project and wants the county to sponsor the initiative and provide in-kind labor for the cleanup.

"Our goal is to improve the flow through that system so that when water comes down the creek system it makes it to Lake Brooklyn sooner, versus recharging (the aquifer) or evaporating in that creek bed system," he said.

As project sponsor, the county would be responsible for obtaining environmental resource permits from the district and easements from Camp Blanding for the initiative.

Fitzgerald said that he was seeking a show of support from commissioners so he could then secure the \$100,000 funding from the water district's governing board during its Feb. 11 meeting.

He said the next step will be for a water management district contractor to survey the creek, looking for impediments to water flow and making recommendations to improve the current.

After the survey, the county's and district's staff would then negotiate a memorandum of understanding, detailing the obligations of both organizations and outlining specific goals and responsibilities.

Fitzgerald said both boards would then approve the memorandum before going forward.

Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz told commissioners she supported the proposal.

"If you look at my shirt, it says 'Keep Alligator Creek flowing,'" Katz told commissioners, referring to her red, Save Our Lakes T-shirt. "That is the life of the chain. That is the life of (lakes) Brooklyn and Geneva. If you don't keep it flowing, you might as well just fold us up."

Katz also briefed commissioners on last year's six-inch drawdown of Lake Lowry, in which the district pumped 194 million gallons from the lake into Alligator Creek. She showed commissioners photographs of Lake Brooklyn waterfront property before and after the drawdown.

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week laying out his campaign themes. The mayoral hopeful said he stands for managed, responsible growth, maintaining and enhancing the city's beauty, working closely with county and state officials, maintaining an open door policy, always being a servant of the people, and keeping government responsive to the people.

Brown also catalogued his record of public service, listing his experience as vice mayor, a business owner, 30 years as a volunteer firefighter, four years as chair and vice chair for Relay for Life, board member of the Clay County American Cancer Society, logistics team member for the airport's 75th birthday, volunteer for the Clay County Sheriff's Office, chair of the city's growth management board, Kiwanis volunteer, Save Our Lakes member and service to the Reinhold Foundation.

Brown also said he was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Lake Area Ministries food bank and Answers Resource Facility.

Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth said she spent the first days of her re-election effort finalizing campaign literature, giving out yard signs, and assembling and posting larger signs throughout the area. She said a stockpile of 60 yard signs, held over from an earlier campaign, were quickly depleted and she was forced to order additional placards.

Hildreth added that she came up with her campaign theme: "Keep Mary Lou Working for You" during an August vacation in the mountains.

"It just says what I do," she said of the slogan. "Plus, it rhymes."

Hildreth said that even while ramping up her re-election effort, she is still maintaining her mayoral duties, including participating in the American Legion's Four Chaplains ceremony last weekend, and representing the city in an upcoming change of command ceremony at Camp Blanding later this month.

She also said she spent considerable time last week in an activity that has become routine for her over the past eight years: cajoling Florida's Department of

Transportation to make repairs or improvements around the city. Hildreth said that due to her efforts, the state agency recently agreed to repair cracks in sidewalks along Lawrence Boulevard. She described her dealings with FDOT as a relentless series of emails and phone calls, badgering agency officials over and over until they finally come around to her point of view.

Throughout February, Hildreth plans to emphasize what she says is a list of tangible benefits she has delivered to Keystone, including \$100,000 in revenue through the community redevelopment agency, \$650,000 in a community block development grant, and \$500,000 in phase out money, when Clay County terminated its inter-local agreement with the city several years ago.

She also plans to remind voters that she represented the city on several water supply and lakes restoration committees, in addition to the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Urban Forestry Council.

Charter commission rejects term limits for Sheriff, others

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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During a Jan. 27 meeting, the Clay County Charter Review Commission turned away a proposal that would have imposed term limits on the county's constitutional officers, including the sheriff.

Mary Hawkins of Orange Park put forward the proposal. She said she preferred that constitutional officers not be elected at all, but rather appointed by the county commission.

"But as I sat here through the initial (Charter Review Commission) meetings, I realized there was certainly a contingent that was very opposed to the county commission having any more power, so I thought term limits might be a more acceptable alternative," she said.

Hawkins also said she has no complaints about Clay County's current constitutional officers.

"I would assume they are all doing a phenomenal job, but as a voter I actually have almost no

way of knowing that," she said. "I feel that as opposed to the county commission, which does all its work out in public, the school board does all its work out in public, even the sheriff does the majority of his work out in the public, to me the rest of the constitutional officers... as voters, it is very difficult for us to have any feel for how well they are doing their jobs."

"In the recent past, we have had constitutional officers who have essentially worked part-time," Hawkins added.

She also said that the turnover brought about by term limits would bring fresh ideas into county services.

Hawkins also noted that three of the county's five current constitutional officers, Sheriff Rick Beseler, Clerk Tara Green and Tax Collector Jimmy Weeks, had no prior experience in the agencies they were elected to lead when first chosen by voters.

During the meeting, Beseler, Green and Weeks, in addition to

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teacher in the Clay County School District. She served on the Green Cove Springs City Council from 1987-1994 and is also a former mayor and vice mayor of the municipality.

Four days after she filed papers to run for Graham's seat on Jan. 21, Dunnivant took in a \$1,000

campaign contribution from the Clay Education Political Action Committee.

Keith Nichols has also filed papers to run for the seat. Over the past year, Nichols has used the public comments portion of district school board meetings to criticize Superintendent Charlie Van Zant and other administrators.

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to the Lower Floridan Aquifer instead of the Upper Aquifer. The utility said that by drawing from the Lower Aquifer, its operations will not impact area lake levels.

It also said that the increased capacity at the Postmaster's Village facility, brought about by the improvements, will allow additional residents to hook up to the utility, and stop using their individual wells, which draw from the Surficial, Upper and Intermediate aquifers.

"Reducing the number of individual wells which draw water from these aquifers that are in close proximity to the lakes around the city of Keystone Heights will have a positive impact to those connected natural systems," it said in a statement.

DuPont's earnings from Clay mines division drop by 49 percent

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

DuPont said its 2013 income from continuing operations by its performance chemicals division dropped to \$924 million, down from \$1.8 billion the previous year.

The performance chemicals division operates DuPont's titanium dioxide feedstock mines and processing facilities at Camp Blanding, Lawtey, Clay Hill and Maxville.

The segment's sales decreased by seven percent to \$6.7 billion in 2013, down from \$7.2 billion in 2012.

DuPont said that weakening prices for titanium dioxide and refrigerants, in addition to increases in raw materials costs more than offset ongoing improvements in plant utilization.

The company added that titanium dioxide volume was up 18 percent in the fourth quarter.

Last year, the company said it planned to spin off the performance chemicals division into a separate, publicly traded company.

Overall, DuPont reported net income of \$4.8 billion in 2013, compared to \$2.8 billion in 2012, and earnings per share of \$5.18, compared to \$2.91 the previous year.

DuPont also recorded a \$72 million, pretax charge in the fourth quarter that reflected the settlement of an antitrust lawsuit.

In 2010, two paint manufacturers sued DuPont, along with four of its titanium dioxide competitors, claiming the suppliers conspired to fix prices for the compound.

After agreeing to settle claims by the customers in August, DuPont released the following statement:

"DuPont is pleased to reach a settlement with plaintiffs to resolve a pending civil antitrust litigation matter related to titanium dioxide. We believe that our conduct has at all times been entirely appropriate, and we continue to deny any wrongdoing. We have resolved

this litigation to avoid the distraction and expense of litigation. The terms of the settlement have been submitted to the court for its preliminary approval at a later date."

Calif. city turns down Big League Dreams

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The city council of Selma, Calif., during a Jan. 21 meeting, backed out of a proposed partnership with Big League Dreams to build a recreational sports complex, according to the Selma Enterprise.

The six-field complex, which would have been built 16 miles southeast of Fresno, is similar to a project the Clay County Development Authority is now negotiating with Big League Dreams to develop near Branon Field Road between Middleburg and Orange Park.

According to the newspaper, when Selma officials first started

negotiating with BLD in 2012, the estimated cost of the project was \$25 million. However, recent forecasts now estimate a cost of over \$40 million for the development.

Clay County development officials are proposing a \$19 million bond issue to finance the Branon Field Road project.

Selma City Manager H-B Heusser said he thought the project would have benefited the California community.

"It is hard to predict the exact fiscal impact, but using the experiences from other Big League Dreams projects, and some economic development indicators, we do see that the other sites show an increase in hotel room uses and expansions as well as food services, both fast food and restaurants," Heusser told the Enterprise.

CCUA debates rate structure

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Utility Authority board of supervisors reviewed the utility's

conservation rate structure during a Jan. 21 meeting, and one supervisor said he favored reforming the pricing plan to give customers lower rates.

In October 2010, supervisors adopted a tiered rate structure,

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increasing the amount it charged as customers consumed more water.

Now, in addition to a base charge of \$9.30 per month, the utility charges customers \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons on the first 6,000 gallons consumed, \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons on the next 6,000 gallons and \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons on the third 6,000 gallons consumed. The utility also has a fourth tier in which it charges customers \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons for consumption over 18,000 gallons a month.

In the year ended Sept. 30, 1998, CCUA's average residential connection consumed 139,600 gallons of water a year. By 2013, average consumption had dropped to 74,200 gallons a year.

During CCUA's Jan. 21 board of supervisors meeting, Executive Director Tom Morris told supervisors that 92 percent of the utility's residential customers consume water within the two lowest tiers of the rate plan.

"I think that's a pretty successful statement for our conservation efforts," he added.

He also said CCUA is using nearly 20 percent less water now than in the year ended Sept. 30, 2009, even though it now has over 2,000 more customers than it had four years ago.

Supervisor board chair Al Rizer asked Morris what the utility could do to advance

its conservation efforts even further.

"There are going to be a certain percentage of people out there-it doesn't matter what you do-they are going to pay the rates for the water usage that they intend to use," Rizer said. "The question would be, are we there, at this point? Is there anything that we can do to move people from (tiers) three and four into one and two?"

Morris replied that the utility could offer additional financial incentives to ratepayers. He added, however, that based on national surveys, the best conservation rate the utility can hope for is between 35 and 40 percent.

Morris added that as customers have conserved more water, CCUA's revenues have suffered.

According to CCUA's audited financial statements, over the two-year period ended Sept. 30, 2013, the utility's operating revenues have fallen 7.5 percent and operating income has dropped 40.4 percent.

Morris said that some utilities around the country have had to increase rates because of the drop in flow charges caused by conservation initiatives.

"The utility is in a very uncomfortable position in saying, 'Great job customers, you've done real well. Unfortunately, we don't have enough revenue now to pay the bills and we are going to have to increase your rates.' We want to avoid that," Morris said.

Supervisor Frank Gerwe said he drew a different conclusion from the water use data Morris presented.

"In 2008, the majority of the people buying water from the Clay County Utility Authority were paying probably 50 to 80 percent less than they are paying for water right now," he said. "This utility has improved rates and rate structures that punish the ratepayers and force them to reduce their consumption."

Gerwe added that he thought CCUA should revert back to its 2008 rate structure.

Rizer said he appreciated Gerwe's continued advocacy for ratepayers. However, he said that if CCUA implemented Gerwe's recommendation, the utility would likely have to later increase rates to meet its budget obligations.

In response to a question from Gerwe, a utility staff member said CCUA's budget in 2008 was \$38 million. Its 2012 budget was \$36 million.

In other business during its Jan. 21 meeting, the CCUA board of supervisors:

Approved staff members fast-tracking an agreement with the developer of the Governor's Park development of regional impact.

The proposed 3,267-acre retail, office, residential, industrial and hotel development is located southwest of Green Cove Springs, west of C.R. 15A, west of U.S. 17 and south of S.R. 16.

CCUA staff members and representatives of the project told the board that developers intended to apply to transfer a 195 million-gallons-per-day consumptive use permit from Gustafson's Farm to Governor's Park. They added that the CUP was scheduled to renew in March with the St. Johns River Water Management District and developers wanted to complete the transfer before that time.

Authorized a \$508,034 pre-construction loan application with the state revolving fund.

The money would finance costs to construct the Mid-Clay Reclaimed Water Reservoir and improve the Fleming Island Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The \$5.5 million, 135 million gallon Mid-Clay reservoir is a joint project with the St. Johns River Water Management District. Both organizations have committed to paying half of

the project's costs. The reservoir will be located between Henley Road and the Ronnie Van Zant Park, east of Lake Asbury and will store reclaimed water for CCUA customers' use during dry periods. Now, CCUA's supply of reclaimed water, used for irrigation, is about 60 percent of demand.

Public service commission approves one rate hike for FPL, denies second

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Florida's Public service commission approved a \$113 million base rate increase for Florida Power and Light on Jan. 10.

The increase allows the utility to recover costs for upgrades to its Turkey Point and St. Lucie nuclear power plants. The PSC said the base rate adjustment would result in a \$1.14 a month increase for a typical 1,000 kWh residential bill.

The state agency also denied a request by FPL for a tariff on customers who do not have smart meters.

The utility said it has installed over 4.5 million of the new meters for residential and small business customers, and that the new devices will allow it to gather usage and billing data without sending a meter reader to customers' buildings. It added that the devices, which are equipped with a two-way radio transmitter, also allows customers to monitor their power use on a daily basis.

FPL wanted to charge customers who did not have one of the new meters a onetime charge of \$105 and a monthly fee of \$16. It said the charges were necessary to cover labor, transportation and other costs of sending meter readers to customers with old meters.

The PSC said it disagreed with FPL's cost calculations and denied the request. It added, however, that it would likely approve a similar request if FPL asked for a onetime charge of \$95 and a monthly fee of \$13.

Pritchett among chamber honorees

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The 2014 Board of Governors for the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce was introduced at the chamber's annual meeting and banquet, and several business leaders and supporters were honored, including the late Marvin Pritchett.

Pritchett was posthumously recognized as Citizen of the Year, an award named for former Bradford County Telegraph publisher Eugene L. Matthews.

Emcee Terry Vaughan said Pritchett, born in 1933,

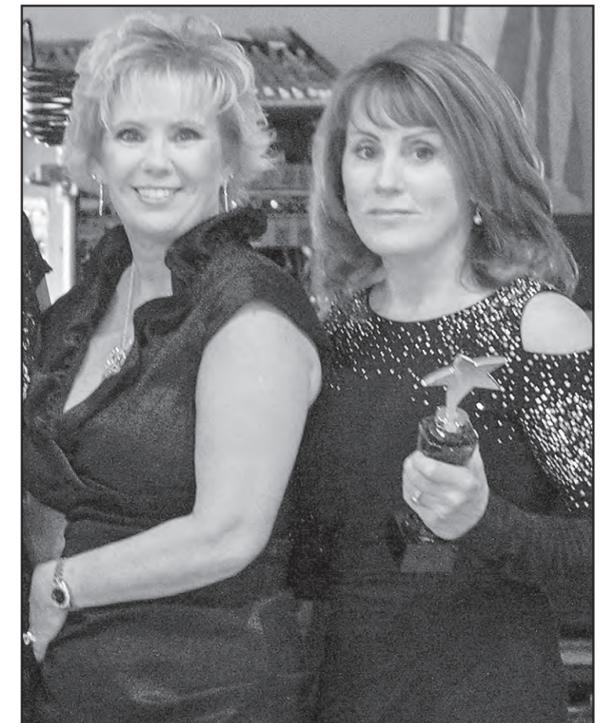
overcame the early loss of his parents, and from a football star at Union County High, he went on to serve his county in the military, his family and his community. Vaughan called him a patriot, a devoted family man, a philanthropist and a respected businessman, who founded Pritchett Trucking in 1973 and Nextran Corporation in 1992. His career also included his role as one of CNB Bank's founders, and his leadership in the farming, cattle, forestry and mining industries.

He was also a community leader, serving as both a county commissioner and school board member.

"Generosity was his trademark as countless school-related and community projects were funded due to his philosophy of giving back, and his many years



Business of the Year award winner Scott Roberts.



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of faithful service to the First Christian Church in Lake Butler is well documented," Vaughan said. "He was the go-to person if something needed to be done and he was always ready to roll up his sleeves and jump in full force."

Gratefully accepting the award on their father's behalf were Jon and Robin Pritchett.

"Many of you knew our dad," John Pritchett said, "and he did love his community. He worked very, very hard. He worked even harder to give back to his community, so Robin, Phillip and I couldn't be more proud to be his children."

The loss of Pritchett and Sheriff Jerry Whitehead made it a trying year for Union County and its neighbors, Vaughan said.

"Two community icons unexpectedly and tragically went on to their reward in heaven," he said. Whitehead's giving spirit and hearty handshake will be missed, he added, saying the Whitehead family legacy would be carried on by his son, Brad, the recently appointed sheriff of Union County.

Vaughan also talked about the passing of Jerome Johns, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Community State Bank, who served an unprecedented three

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Property Appraiser Roger Suggs and Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, all argued against Hawkins' proposal.

"Constitutional officers are not political animals," Chambless told the Charter Review Commission. "You do not see Clay County constitutional officers jumping from one political bed to the other bed. But rather what you see are individuals who spent the time in their crafts, whether it is in the particular office in which they were elected to, or in the profession where they spent many months, days and years for that."

Suggs also argued that he and his colleagues are professional administrators and subject matter experts, rather than electioneers.

"In my case, I have 33 years of experience in the appraisal and assessment field," he said.

Suggs added that he has a bachelor's degree in business administration, is a certified Florida appraiser, an assessment administration specialist designee and a state-certified general real estate appraiser.

"My point is I'm not a politician," he said. "I am a professional that simply has to run for re-election every four years."

Beseler said Hawkins' term limit proposal was a solution in search of a problem.

"I really wonder what the problem is that we are trying to address here," he said.

Beseler added that term limit proposals and tax cuts are both knee-jerk reactions to the distrust voters have of Washington office holders.

"Term limits have been a terrible experiment," he added. "It has created politicians instead of statesmen. There is more focus on the next office to run for than on doing what is best for the future of our county. I see it in Tallahassee. I see it on the board of county commissioners. The legislative aides and managers develop more power and have better continuity than their bosses, who rotate through the House or the Senate or go from the board of county commissioners to elected state office."

Both Green and Weeks said that their respective Orange Park offices are commonly flooded with Duval County residents because of their staff's superior customer service.

In other business before the Jan. 27 meeting of the Charter Review Commission:

Keystone Heights Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth resigned from the panel.

Hildreth said the CRC meetings, mostly scheduled for the first Monday of each month, conflicted with the monthly meetings of the Keystone Heights City Council. In addition, some CRC meetings were scheduled for the third Monday of some months, which were the same days the North Florida Water Supply Partnership met in Lake City. Hildreth is a member of that group.

Hildreth was replaced by alternate Eddie Clanton of Middleburg. He is a retired AT&T employee, was vice

president of the Communication Workers of America Local 3106 and is a deacon and volunteer for First Baptist Church in Middleburg. He has also served on the board of directors and supervisory committee for 121 Financial Credit Union.

"While honored to be appointed," Hildreth wrote in an email, "I did not feel I was able to sufficiently represent District 4. Plus, knowing they had an alternate who had been regularly attending, I felt he was in a better position to contribute to the process."

Kimberly Martinez-Ward of Fleming Island, director of advancement services for PACE Center for Girls, also resigned from the commission.

She was replaced by alternate Wesley Taylor, a retired cemetery and funeral home worker. Taylor is a board member of the Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District, and has volunteered for Clay County Fire Rescue and the Green Cove Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

Hildreth says sidewalk is latest accomplishment

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Keystone Heights Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth said a sidewalk now under construction between Keystone Heights High School and Santa Fe College's Watson Center is her latest success in delivering funding to city projects.

Hildreth said she made the comments during the Clay County Chamber of Commerce's State of the County event at Orange Park's Hilltop Restaurant on Jan. 30.

For the annual lunchtime gathering, the chamber invites the mayors of all three Clay County municipalities—Keystone Heights, Green Cove Springs, and Orange Park—to give updates about developments in their respective cities. The chair of the Clay County Commission also gives a speech about developments in county government.

In a telephone interview after the event, Hildreth said she gave State of the County participants updates about Keystone Heights' airport, community redevelopment agency, and downtown improvements.

She said one theme of her speech was the amount of time it takes to secure state funding or grants for a particular project, telling the group it took four years of effort for her to convince the Florida Department of Transportation to fund the sidewalk along S.R. 21.

Hildreth added that her efforts to restore water levels to Keystone Heights-area lakes also took a long-term commitment. She said while at the State of the County event, she ran into St. Johns River State College President Joe Pickens, who was a State Representative when Hildreth first became mayor. Hildreth said her encounter with the college president reminded her that she and other Keystone Heights-area leaders have been lobbying the St. Johns Water Management District for eight years to implement recovery projects for the lakes, and those efforts are just now beginning to

bear fruit.

Hildreth also said the time and work in securing money for city projects is worth the effort. She recalled walking through Keystone's Ace Hardware recently when a Keystone resident came up to her in tears, thanking the mayor for the community development block grant the city secured for much needed improvements to the resident's home.

Keystone city manager makes top 10 list for Orange Park job

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

An Orange Park citizens committee included Keystone Heights City Manager Terry Suggs in its list of top 10 candidates for the Orange Park Town Manager job.

The town council charged the committee with whittling down the 44 applicants for the position to 10. The council will later select five finalists.

Former Clay County Clerk of Courts James Jett, Brunswick, Ga. City Manager William Weeks, former North Miami Beach City Manager Lyndon Bonner, Arcadia City Administrator Judith Jankosky, former Beloit, Wis. Town Administrator Robert Museum, former New Port Richey City Manager John Schneider, Mahomet, Ill. Village Administrator Mell Smigielsky, Eric Hanson and John Burnham also made the top 10.

Mayor looks to Clay Electric for city revenue

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Keystone Heights Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth told the city's budget and finance committee, during a Jan. 28 meeting, that the city could increase its revenue by annexing Clay Electric Cooperative property into the municipality and re-enacting a utilities franchise fee.

Now, the co-op's property on either side of Citrus Street is within the city limits and Clay Electric pays around \$4,800 in city taxes on those parcels.

However, the utility's property west of its Citrus Street buildings, between its district headquarters and the Keystone Village Square shopping center, lay outside the city limits.

The 41 acres of land and 108,138 square feet of warehouse and office space are valued at \$3.2 million by the Clay County property appraiser's office. If those parcels were inside Keystone Heights, they would generate around \$9,000 a year in municipal taxes.

Hildreth conceded that since Keystone does not provide the traditional municipal services of water and sewer, nor fire and police protection, convincing the

utility to go along with her idea would be a challenge.

Hildreth also said she has had some discussions with Bob Ross, the owner of the Keystone Village Square shopping center, about annexing his property into the city. Ross' buildings, which house Hitchcock's Markets, Bealls Outlet, Family Dollar and Autozone, is valued at \$3.5 million and could generate over \$10,000 a year in city tax revenue.

The mayor also proposed to the budget and finance committee that the city consider re-enacting a franchise fee on electric utilities.

The city of High Springs approved such a fee in 2013. Under that arrangement, Clay Electric calculates the fee by multiplying each customer's utility bill by 5.5 percent, adds the fee to individual power bills and then remits the tax to the city after the customers pay their bills.

During the Jan. 28 meeting, the budget and finance committee also:

- **Discussed the state of Florida's requirement that all cities adhere to a uniform chart of accounts.**

City Manager Terry Suggs said that in response to the mandate, his staff is now maintaining two sets of accounting records, one that the city uses for the state requirement and an additional set for all other purposes.

- **Received an update on the city's audit.**

Brad Million, audit manager for Reddish and White, CPAs, told the committee that so far, his examination of the city's accounts have uncovered no major adjustments or reportable conditions.

- **Discussed city business licenses and late fees.**

The city now charges businesses \$25 a year to operate within the municipality. The committee discussed state limitations on how the license fee can be increased and also discussed the possibility that the city has overcharged businesses in the past for late fees.

- **Discussed a sale offer for the city's cell tower.**

Bee and Bear



Evanna Sims, 2, pulls her dog Bear through the Bees at the Bay event in Melrose on Feb. 1. Earlier in the day, Evanna helped her grandmother, Sheree Sims, read a book during a storytelling session. The first ever Bees at the Bay festival, produced by the Lake Area Bee Keepers Club and Gallery 26, featured presentations on beekeeping, honeybee biology, making honey mead and growing wildflowers.

City Manager Terry Suggs reported that the city has received an offer to sell its cell phone tower at the cemetery for \$160,000. City attorney Richard Komando noted that both the sale offer and the \$1,200-a-month rental revenue the city now receives for the tower might be well below market values. Suggs said he would research the matter and report back to the committee.

- **Discussed the municipality public service tax.**

Under Florida law, municipalities may impose a tax of up to 10 percent on the

purchase of electricity, metered natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas and water service. The committee asked Suggs to research to what extent Keystone already imposes such taxes and report back to the committee.

- **Discussed operations at the city's Farmer's Market.**

In January, Suggs terminated the contract of market manager Cheryl Owen. During the budget and finance committee meeting, Suggs proposed appointing city staff member Lynn Rutkowski to the manager's post.

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CHAMBER

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terms as chair of the chamber board in addition to his work on economic development.

"This body owes Jerome a great debt of gratitude for his life service, to include a commitment to the chamber few can match," he said.

The J.E. Tomlinson Business Person of the Year Award went to Chrissy Allen Thompson, who Vaughan said was a driving force in the continued development of downtown Starke, most recently moving her restaurant to a larger location and turning The Downtown Grill into a hub of activity.

"Always willing to accommodate, her can-do spirit is always on display. She serves as a mentor to those who work for her, as she has been a great source of inspiration for so many young lives," Vaughan said. He also pointed to her involvement with the chamber, Main Street, Altrusa, Rotary, Kiwanis, scouting, Special Olympics, the school system and other

organizations as proof of her civic commitment.

Thompson said she wasn't sure she alone deserved the award, giving credit to her husband, Ricky Thompson, who is always willing to green light her "crazy ideas." Together they divide and conquer whatever challenge they take on, she said. She said she was proud of her three kids for the great job they do helping out, and she thanked her staff for making her job easier.

Thompson also expressed her appreciation for Virgil Berry for teaching her everything she knows about business.

"You just don't know how special it is to have you guys as family and friends and always supporting The Downtown Grill, Chrissy's and all of the other endeavors we do," she said.

Vaughan compared the chamber's Volunteer of the Year award winner to a Temptations classic, saying B.J. Warwick was like sunshine on a cloudy day.

"Her mischievous laugh and outgoing personality can certainly brighten and warm any occasion," he said. "She has

been a tireless volunteer on a variety of fronts for as long as I have known her, but her amazing efforts on behalf of finding a cure for cancer have been front and center for many years."

Warwick, a cancer survivor, is a driving force behind the local Relay for Life, Vaughan said, and she is organizing a dance for later this month that will benefit the event.

"She has also led the way for so many causes related to her position in conjunction with the National Guard," he said.

Warwick gave credit to her late sister.

"If it wasn't for my sister, Ida Sue, I wouldn't be here to day," she said.

The chamber also honored two businesses, the first being Lake Area Physical Therapy and Aquatics. It has been around and growing for 28 years, and now offers services in Starke, Keystone Heights, Melrose and Gainesville. Owner Laura Hodges lays deep roots in the communities she serves, Vaughan said, pointing to her roles in local business associations and the Lake Area Elder Council.

"Many thankful citizens sing their praises due to the caring and effective work they do in the field of physical, occupational, speech, sports, stroke rehabilitation, and more," he said.

Hodges accepted the award along with Rhonda Hamilton, her marketing director, who she thanked for her enthusiasm, along with the chamber members and staff.

Roberts Insurance was the second Business of the Year recognized. Of Scott Roberts, Vaughan said, "If there is a cause, he stands willing to help

and provide leadership." His affiliations include the chamber, The Arc of Bradford County, Kiwanis, Rotary, the Masonic Lodge, Communities in Schools, the board at Shands Starke and the Bradford County Education Foundation.

Roberts Insurance does business in Starke, Keystone, Lake Butler and now Middleburg, and is one of the most respected names in the field, Vaughan said.

"He believes that clients deserve to be represented by someone who strives to create a relationship, so if you have that accident or if your home is damaged by a storm, you have a friend you know on a first-name basis to turn to for help," he said.

Roberts thanked his parents, George and Nancy Roberts, and his "incredible" staff, without whom he couldn't get it all done, he said.

Susan Norman was given the Pat Farnsworth Workforce Development Award. She's been at it for more than 14 years, Vaughan said, beginning in customer service and working her way up to program manager. The chamber hired her in 2006 to work on business services and assist employers with finding incentives and grants.

Norman also provides the Florida Basic Abilities Test and Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test to potential law enforcement and corrections employees, and since 2009, nearly 1,500 have been tested. At least half of the applicants were hired to positions with her help.

The chamber bid farewell to Tommy Tomlinson, who was this year's departing board member. Chamber board Chair Jennie Reed (outgoing) said Tomlinson always stepped up when called up and has been a great mentor.

Tomlinson thanked the chamber for the opportunity.

"One thing I've learned over the years, if we will just work with one another in southwestern Clay County, Bradford County and Union County, (it's) how much we can do to bring success to these counties," he said.

The chamber once again hosted the Bradford County Education Foundation's annual silent and live auctions. Foundation President Dimple Overstreet talked about how the money raised benefits schools, including purchasing books for students, and she thanked chamber members for their help.

"I would like say for the whole board, thank you from the deepest part of our hearts, and the children of the schools say thank you," she said.

Speaking of charity to schools, Murray Ford's Amir Asadi and Amy Hoglund presented a check for more than \$5,000 to Bradford High School, raised through a driving event at the school.

Asadi said that while the dealership began at a time of economic uncertainty, the support of the community has resulted in more sales than stores in Gainesville, Lake City and Green Cove Springs. Because of that, they have an obligation to give back, he said.

The Drive 4 UR School event is held annually with the help of the school's teachers and administrators, Asadi said. Money is donated for each individual who goes to the school to test drive a vehicle.

The new chair of the chamber board, Steve Futch of Jones Gallagher Funeral Home, introduced the rest of the 2014 board, including Brad Bishop of Bradford-Union Technical Center (chair elect), Jennie Reed of Community State Bank (past chair), Cyndi Wilisch of A+ Certified Computer Repair (treasurer), Dale Furlong of Clay Electric, Rhonda Hamilton of Lake Area Physical Therapy, Brittany Loper of The Law Offices of Cooper and Loper, Wendy Martin of Shands Starke Regional Medical Center, Jeff Oody of Community State Bank, Kia Paige of the City of Lake Butler, Doug Reddish of

Reddish and White CPA, Paula Register of Hampton Lake Bed and Breakfast, Amber Roberts-Crawford of Swift Creek Realty, Lila Sellars of the Bradford County Commission and Dean Weaver of Watson Realty.

HERITAGE

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campaign for the coming year, and intends to launch the effort during Clay Electric Cooperative's March 20 annual meeting.

Owen also said that one of the Heritage Commission's members is moving to the Villages, and the departure will create a vacancy on the panel.

Any resident with a desire to promote Keystone Heights history, particularly people with a background in history, architecture, design or construction may pick up an application at the Keystone Heights city hall. The application may also be downloaded from the forms section of KeystoneHeights.us.

Rummage sale

The Community Church women's organization will hold a rummage sale filled with like-new and slightly used items Feb. 6-8. The early bird shopping hours are Thursday, Feb. 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family. Regular sales with no admission charges are Friday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Organizers will also hold a dollar-a-bag-day on Saturday. Sale proceeds and unsold inventory will be donated to worthy causes.

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County comm. revises code enforcement procedures

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Commission revised its code enforcement ordinance during a Jan. 28 meeting, speeding up enforcement procedures for repeat violators and creating a method of lien reductions for purchasers of encumbered property.

Under the ordinance in effect until the revision, the county made no distinction between first-time and repeat violators of the county's land development, abandoned properties, animal control, littering, housing, abandoned vehicles, public transportation, vegetation, subdivision and solid waste rules.

All accused violators were given two, 30-day notices to correct violations before the county requested a hearing with a special magistrate. The magistrate could find violators guilty and impose fines up to \$5,000.

Under the revised ordinance, a violator who has previously been found guilty of a code infraction can be brought before a magistrate again without any notice.

A property owner who had a previous violation, but brought the property into compliance, and was found a second time to be in violation of the same infraction will be issued one, 30-day notice before the county

requests the property owner to appear before a magistrate.

Commissioners also added an avenue for purchasers of encumbered property to have code enforcement liens removed.

Under the old ordinance, property owners were required to submit a lien reduction request to a special magistrate only after all violations had been corrected.

Under the revised rules, the potential purchaser of an encumbered property may ask for a lien reduction from the commission before the violations have been cured. Commissioners may then enter into a written agreement with the potential buyer, promising to reduce the lien once the new owner corrects the code violations.

During the Jan. 28 meeting, commissioners also:

- **Approved a grant application to the Keep America Beautiful Bin Grant Program.**

If approved, the grant will fund bins for recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans at five county parks. The Dr. Pepper, Snapple Group provides funding for the program.

- **Awarded a \$96,400 bid to Rowell Contracting of Folkston, Ga. to stabilize a drainage canal in Indigo Branch upstream from Richards Road, west of Doctor's Inlet.**

Commissioners also awarded a \$116,000 bid to R&E Site Development of Lake Butler to stabilize a drainage canal near 1650 Wells Road in Orange Park. Both projects are funded through a grant from the U.S. Agriculture Department's National Resource Conservation Service.

- **Acknowledged 44 years of combined service to the county and the retirements of Donald R. Miller from the county's engineering and public works department and Marne M. Miller from the county's library branch at Middleburg.**

- **Appointed Michael P. Bourre, Marsha S. Dumler, Belinda Johnson and Ralph Puckhaber to the county planning commission.**

Bourre, of Fleming Island, is a general contractor, a graduate of the University of Florida and an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a past president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee for the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the executive committee of the Florida Home Builders Association.

Dumler, of Orange Park, is a current member of the planning commission, chair of the Fleming Island Advisory Committee and a member of the Clay County Republican Executive Committee.

Johnson, of Jacksonville, is the vice president and office manager of Terry Johnson

Construction Inc. She is a member of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, member and founder of the Clay Hill Community Association and a former member of the Clay Hill/Middleburg Advisory Board.

Puckhaber, of Orange Park, is the current chair of the planning commission and a member of the county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Puckhaber is a retired AT&T employee and is currently a technology consultant with Hewlett Packard. He was a member of the 2005-2006 Clay County Charter Review Commission.

Historic Melrose annual meeting

Historic Melrose will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 1 p.m. in the Homemaker's Club, located at the corner of Centre and Park streets in Melrose. The guest speaker will be Armand Caudron, founder of the U.S. Victory Museum in Archer. He will be speaking about WWI memorabilia. Historic Melrose will dedicate its new WWI and

Civil War memorials in Heritage Park following the meeting. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

Garden Club meeting

The Garden Club of the Lakes will meet Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church. A light brunch will be served and the guest speaker is Care Valleau, past president of the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs. The topic will be growing and caring for succulents. The Garden Club of the Lakes serves Keystone Heights and Melrose and the club welcomes visitors and new members. For more information call Terri at 352-871-1747 or visit <http://gardenclubofthelakes.org/>.

Lake Area Singers

Tickets are now on sale for the Lake Area Singers "Gilbert and Sullivan Favorites." The show, in concert format, will reprise favorites from past LAS performances including The Mikado, HMS Pinafore, The

Pirates of Penzance, Trial by Jury, and Patience. The singers will present their farewell performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose.

Tickets are \$10 and all profits will go to charity. Tickets are available at the Trinity Episcopal Church Office, P.O. Box 361, 204 S.R. 26 in Melrose. The church office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To reserve tickets or for more information call the office at 352-475-2177 or call 352-475-2762.

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Counselors are here to help with Health Insurance Marketplace

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Are you confused about Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum plans or advanced premium tax credits?

Maybe you've never had health insurance and are unsure about such terminology as "deductibles" and "out-of-pocket expenses."

Debbie Allen and Staci Griffis are here to help you with your questions about the Affordable Care Act and to help you with your Marketplace application. They are certified application counselors through New River Community Health Care Inc. and have offices at the health departments in Bradford and Union counties.

Griffis said she and Allen

are not to be confused with "navigators," whose efforts are more in the vein of community outreach. Though Griffis and Allen do participate in outreach efforts, their grant-funded counselor positions were created to give people one-on-one help.

"We're here with all your answers and can help you get through it," Griffis said.

Perhaps you attempted to create a Marketplace account via the website HealthCare.gov when it first went online. As you know from experience or most likely heard, the website had quite a few glitches and was unable to handle the traffic at its onset.

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"The benefits of coming (to see us) is the fact the website is fully functional," Griffis said. "It takes about 20 minutes to complete the application."

Of course, you can create an account yourself, but Griffis said people may not properly factor in any of the help they may be eligible for in the form of advanced premium tax credits or cost-sharing reductions.

Plus, sometimes it's just easier to understand when someone goes through the process with you.

"You can hear the term 'advanced premium tax credit,' but it's easier to be able to show them on the screen," Griffis said.

Some people have been surprised to see how much insurance they can actually get for their dollars, no matter what their views of the Affordable Care Act are. Griffis said the latest numbers revealed that 83 percent of Floridians choosing plans through the Marketplace qualified for financial assistance of some sort.

"It has a lot of positive to it," Allen said. "People don't necessarily hear that, but once they come and they sit one on one, we can educate them. They see it through the systems themselves. They see that it really benefits them."

At first, Griffis said most of the people she counseled were those who received letters that their current policies were being



Staci Griffis (left) and Debbie Allen can answer your questions and guide you through the Health Insurance Marketplace and HealthCare.gov at the Bradford County and Union County health departments.

canceled. She cited one example, "I had one gentleman who was though, in which things worked out for the better."

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Bradford High School wrestlers (l-r) Clay Hicks, Brandon Funderburk, J.T. Griffis, Jarraid Forsyth, Shayne Kahakua-Lodivero and Blake Addison are pictured with coach Chris Adams. Funderburk, Griffis, Forsyth, Kahakua-Lodivero and Addison earned the right to participate in regional competition.

5 BHS wrestlers moving on to regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Five Bradford High School wrestlers earned the right to compete at the regional level

after their performances at the District 4-1A meet, which was held at Episcopal High School in Jacksonville last weekend.

Those five wrestlers' performances equated to a

fourth-place finish in the team standings. Bradford finished with 98 points behind Bishop Kenny (164.5), Bolles (151.5) and University Christian (136).

"They were bound and

determined to make a mark," Bradford coach Chris Adams said.

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12 to compete in Feb. 8 Miss Bradford Fest

The fourth annual Santa Fe College Miss Bradford Fest will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Bradford High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5, with children 3 and under admitted for free.

Proceeds will help fund Santa Fe College scholarships for Bradford County students.

Contestants will compete in Western wear, talent, party dress, evening wear, photogenic and on-stage question categories in the following age divisions: 4-7 (Little Miss), 8-12 (Junior Miss), 13-17 (Teen Miss) and graduating high school seniors-22 years old (Miss). The winner of the Miss division could win a two-year Santa Fe College scholarship. (Must meet eligibility requirements for college enrollment.)

Little Miss contestants are:

- Lily Barksdale, the 4-year-old daughter of Matt and Brandy Barksdale. She is sponsored by her parents, brother, Baba and Neena.

- Kenslee Phillips, a Keystone Heights Elementary School student who is the 6-year-old daughter of Dwayne and Krystie Phillips. She is sponsored by Charnelle Whittemore Realty and Apex Home Health Care.

Junior Miss contestants are:

- Jaelyn Jackson, a sixth-grade student at Cornerstone Academy and the 12-year-old daughter of Britt and Jejetta Jackson. She is sponsored by Community State Bank of

Starke.

- Muskaan Patel, a sixth-grade student at Bradford Middle School and the 10-year-old daughter of Rocky and Smita Patel. She is sponsored by Best Western Starke and America's Best Value Inn.

- Simran Patel, an eighth-grade student at Bradford Middle School and the 12-year-old daughter of Rocky and Smita Patel. She is sponsored by Best Western Starke and America's Best Value Inn.

Teen Miss contestants are:

- Bethany Bryan, an eighth-grade student at Bradford Middle School and the 13-year-old daughter of Glenda Wheeler. She is sponsored by Ideas on Hold, Capital City Bank and Starke Golf and Country Club.

- Ashley Harris, an eighth-grade student at Lake Butler Middle School and the 13-year-old daughter of David and Donna Harris. She is sponsored by The Shoppes at Thompson Street.

- Caitlain Morgan, a seventh-grade student at Northside Christian Academy and the 13-year-old daughter of Roy Morgan and Frances Barber. She is sponsored by her father.

- Ronda McCormick, a junior at Bradford High School and the 16-year-old daughter of Ronald and Tammy McCormick. She is sponsored by Pritchett Trucking.

Miss contestants are:

- Kelsey Harrison, a student at Florida Gateway College and the 18-year-old daughter



Lily Barksdale



Kenslee Phillips



Jaelyn Jackson



Muskaan Patel



Simran Patel



Bethany Bryan



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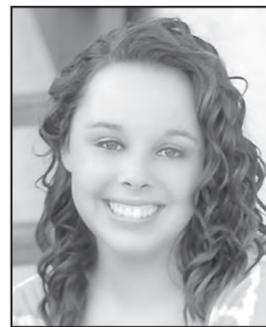
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Maegan Robinson

of Richard and Tammy Harrison. She is sponsored by Royal Homes.

- Daisy Pyle, a high school senior who is dual-enrolled at Santa Fe College. She is sponsored by Mosley Tire, Gator II,

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- Maegan Robinson, a Virginia College student and the 20-year-old daughter of Mike and Amy Robinson. She is sponsored by her grandparents.

Register to be honored at Boy Scouts dinner

Lennard Register will be presented with the first-ever Distinguished Citizen Award from Starke at the Boy Scouts of America's American Values Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the National Guard armory on Edwards Road in Starke.

Casey Jones will be the event's keynote speaker. Jones

was a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549 that crashed into the Hudson River in New York on Jan. 15, 2009.

A social is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

Register, who was a longtime coach in Bradford County schools, earned the rank of

Eagle Scout in 1943 and was the first person in Hamilton County to achieve such a rank.

There is no admission, but those interested in attending are asked to consider a \$150 donation to support Scouting in Bradford County.

Please RSVP by calling Barry Warren at 352-494-3326 or

Terry Vaughan at 904-966-6266.

Important info for Bradford Co. Fair...

Vendor applications are now being accepted through the end of February for the Bradford County Fair, which is scheduled for March 11-16. (The side gates of the livestock barn will be open on March 8 for the annual 4-H goat show.)

Vendors can apply online by visiting www.bradfordcountyfair.net

[bradfordcountyfair.net](http://www.bradfordcountyfair.net)

Rabbit and poultry entries will be accepted on March 8, while home division and arts and crafts entries will be accepted March 10 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The theme of this year's fair is "Bradford Big Top." Circus-type shows will be held twice daily and three times on Saturday on

the midway.

This year's fair also features a new midway provided by Deggeller Attractions, which also provides the midway for the Clay County Fair.

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We're pleased to welcome Dr. Anubha Gupta to our staff!

Dr. Anubha Gupta received her family medicine training from Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in New York City and her fellowship training in geriatric medicine from the VA Medical Center in Gainesville. She received her medical degree from Terna Medical College, Navi Mumbai, India. Dr. Gupta will be joining the staff of PALMS MEDICAL GROUP facilities in Starke every Tuesday, Williston each Monday & Thursday, and Gainesville on Wednesday & Friday. **She will be seeing pediatric and adult clients for routine health maintenance and sick visits.**

Dr. Gupta's husband is attending the University of Florida with a Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology & Pediatrics ICU.

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Eastside eliminates Indians 2-1 in regional semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School got the rematch it wanted, but in the end, it was Eastside coming out victorious again as Tyler Miller-Jones scored a pair of second-half goals in an approximate three-minute span to lift the host Rams to a 2-1 win over the Indians in a Class 2A boys' soccer regional semifinal match on Feb. 4.

"We played well enough to win," Keystone head coach Trevor Waters said. "It just didn't happen."

Keystone (22-4-2) lost 1-0 to Eastside in the District 5 championship match, but the Indians went on the road and

defeated Mount Dora 3-1 in the regional quarterfinals to return to Citizens Field and get another shot at the Rams.

Miller-Jones, who scored the lone goal in the District 5 championship match, fired off a rocket of a shot after the first-half water break, but Keystone goalie Eric Wood was able to make a save. Approximately eight minutes later, the Indians' Nacho Grimaldo passed the ball downfield to Wyatt Graziano, who launched a shot over the challenging goalie to put Keystone up 1-0.

That would be the only score for the Indians, who were playing their second straight match without leading scorer

Wyatt Graziano scored Keystone's lone goal in the loss to Eastside. The Indians were making their first appearance in the regional semifinals since 2008.



Cory Hedding, who was out with a foot injury.

"Not an excuse," Waters said. "Eastside played very well tonight."

In the 57th and 60th minutes, Miller-Jones misfired on a couple of shot attempts. However, he found the mark in the 61st minute to tie the score before adding another goal in the 64th minute.

"He's just a superstar," Waters said of Miller-Jones. "He can play anywhere. He's the fastest kid I've ever seen play high school soccer in this area."

Waters said he was proud of his team's effort—not just against Eastside, but also in the quarterfinals against Mount Dora.

"When you lose in the district finals, it's very disappointing to the whole team," Waters said.

"It's very hard to come back and win that next game. It's so much easier if you win the finals. Then you come back, and you're on top of the world."

"This team showed me such great heart."

Eastside (20-6) will host Bishop Moore for the Region 2 championship on Friday, Feb. 7.

Visit www.starkejournal.com to view more photos. (Membership required.)

Hawkins' goals lift KHHS in quarterfinals

Zach Hawkins scored all three goals in Keystone's 3-1 win over host Mount Dora in the Class 2A boys' soccer regional quarterfinals on Jan. 30.

Hawkins moved from his outside mid position to take the injured Hedding's striker



Keystone's Ray Trimble (center) fights for the ball between two Eastside players.

position. He produced, scoring two assists from Juan Grimaldo (2) and Shaw Fuller.

It was the Indians' first regional quarterfinal win since 2008.



Keystone's Juan Grimaldo (right) kicks the ball upfield in the Indians' 2-1 loss in the Class 2A regional semifinals. Grimaldo had two assists in the Indians' previous match—a 3-1 quarterfinals win over Mount Dora.

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won the championships of their respective weight classes: Shayne Kahakua-Lodivero in the 106 class, J.T. Griffis in the 113 class and Jarrai Forsyth in the 160 class.

It was a relatively quick tournament for Kahakua-Lodivero, who pinned Bishop Kenny's Ryan Timmons in 48 seconds in the 106 finals. The result was similar to all his other matches in the tournament—pins that took little time.

"He probably spent no more than a minute and a half total on the mat," Adams said, adding, "He was just going out there with a mission."

Kahakua-Lodivero, a sophomore, improved to 27-7 on the year. Boasting a similar record is teammate Griffis, a sophomore who is 32-4. All four of Griffis' losses have come against opponents who are ranked in the state.

Griffis, who placed third at last year's district meet, was one match away from the state finals last year. Adams said, "I have high expectations he'll place this year."

A 12-9 win over Duval Charter's Daniel Porter propelled Griffis one step closer to state. Griffis, who pinned all of his opponents leading up to the final match, has more heart than any wrestler he's ever seen, Adams said. The coach described Griffis as someone who makes no excuses for what goes wrong in a

match. He merely watches video afterward and then does what he needs to do to "fix it."

"I have high expectations he'll place (at state) this year," Adams said.

Forsyth is no stranger to the stage at state. The senior has qualified the last two years, so it's probably no surprise that he seems to be on his way to a third appearance. His first step was winning the District 4 championship in the 160 class by pinning University Christian's Daniel Folkner in 4:20.

It was Forsyth's third straight district championship.

"He's handled expectations well," Adams said of Forsyth, who is 33-0 and seeded second at the state level in his weight class.

Forsyth has a tough matchup waiting for him at the regional meet in Suwannee's Shawn Brown, who is seeded number one in the state. However, Forsyth sounds as if he's not going to let anyone stand in his way of getting back to state. He had a disappointing showing last year due to illness and is determined to win it all this year. Adams said that's what Forsyth has been telling him every day.

Joining the three district champions at the Region 1 meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at Jacksonville's Bishop Snyder High School, are Brandon Funderburk and Blake Addison. Each placed third in his respective weight class.

Funderburk, a senior who is 28-7, defeated Florida Deaf and

Blind's A.J. Rice 13-7 in the 120 class to qualify for regionals. Adams said Funderburk has a lot of heart, and he expects him to get to state.

"Even if he's down by points, he doesn't stop," Adams said. "He's determined to get a victory."

Addison is a freshman who is 14-15. He earned his third-place finish in the 132 class by pinning University Christian's Dale Glies in 3:00.

"He hasn't placed in a tournament (all season)," Adams said, "but when it mattered, he stepped up."

Addison, who had two additional pins leading up to the consolation finals, has been good at soaking up everything he needs to know during his first year of wrestling. Adams said if Addison sticks with the sport, he'll eventually be a state champion.

Who makes it to this year's state finals remains to be seen, but as you can probably tell, their coach has the utmost confidence in their abilities.

They have his admiration as well.

"I love these boys with all my heart," Adams said.

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LETTERS

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Dwell on accomplishments, not negativity

Dear Editor:

One thing is increasingly clear about elections these days—voters overwhelmingly dislike negative campaigning and are troubled by its widespread use.

In the Monitor two weeks ago, Keystone Vice Mayor Tony Brown kicked off his campaign for mayor by opening with a negative personal attack on his opponent, incumbent Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth.

Brown stated his negative remarks and then closed by making the claim he was going to run a “positive” campaign. Well, it is already too late for that.

Candidates should carefully consider that when negative campaigning aims at something outside what voters consider to be relevant and fair, the effect is likely to be just the opposite of what was intended.

At the end of the day, a strong record of accomplishment is more important than negative remarks, and voters will be the final judges of what is fair and relevant in a political campaign.

Terry Brant
Melrose

Former farmers market manager says experience was a pleasure

Dear Editor:

The headline in last week's edition saddened me. I found it puzzling that a personal matter should need to be discussed in such a public place, especially when I had no input in the article, given the fact that the editor phoned at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening and, receiving no return call, published anyway. The events described therein aren't necessarily truthful.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the manager of the Keystone Heights Farmers Market for these last four years. I want to thank the city and the community for the opportunity to do so. It has been a wonderful experience. I have met a great group of people in the vendors and the public. The market has been successful because of

them. The vendors are some of the most creative, caring and committed people I have met, and, at the market, I have really come to know the wonderful people that live in the Lake Region.

I will remain at the market as a vendor with my own business. I fully support the market and the city of Keystone Heights as it continues to operate the market. The market has an important role to play in the community. I hope you will continue to come to the market and visit me now that I will have more time to talk.

Thank you for all your support and friendship.

Love and best wishes,
Cheryl Owen

Where did all the Americans go?

Dear Editor:

I confess I did not watch the State of The Union address (on Jan. 28). I couldn't stand to watch the dog return to its vomit again. For five long years we have watched this man spew his anti-American, treasonous vitriol, and, amazingly, we have allowed it to continue. Never mind if you call yourself Republican, Democrat, conservative, liberal, Christian, atheist, gay or straight; I believe, when asked our nationality, most say with some pride, American. But are we still?

Francis Scott Key said America is the “land of the free and the home of the brave,” and we were when he penned those words. Men had sacrificed everything they had, including their lives, to form this country, and Mr. Key wrote those words after watching men again sacrifice to maintain it in 1814. These men all were patriots, and we were all taught in civics and history class, until recently, that to be patriotic was a good thing, that the Tea Party was a good thing.

Yet today, those who attempt to identify with our forefathers with these terms are vilified. What is even more astounding is that many Americans don't even go as far as to call themselves such out of fear of nothing more than negative labels and rhetoric. It's just as well. If that is all it takes to stop you, then you're not up to the task of being a patriot. I have been no better. I've simply called myself conservative, but

to even deserve that title I must attempt to conserve what made America America. Hence, this little article.

Historically, the words “American” and “patriot” were synonymous. Most without even thinking about it much and many would not have been able to express it with such eloquence, assented in heart with the words of Carl Schurz, “My country, right or wrong; if right, to be kept right; and if wrong, to be set right.”

Today, however, we sheepishly allow a man on the world stage to apologize for being the greatest nation in the history of the world. Sure, we got some things wrong, but we've gotten a hell of a lot more right than all other nations combined. Our Greatest Generation saved most of the other nations and asked nothing in return; simply because it was the right thing to do. I apologize to my father, who was a part of those valiant men and women and died in 1970 by his own hand. In hindsight, I can see now that he suffered many years with what did not have a term then, post-traumatic stress disorder. Even though I have served in the military, I have not done enough to honor that generation of patriots or the ones before.

My title question asks, where did all the Americans go? With the exception of the men and women who enlisted after Sept. 11, 2001, and only because, collectively, we will never know their names, and those four highly trained heroes in Benghazi, the last four average American patriots died on flight 93. Four men, all different, one Christian, one gay, one CEO and one Jewish, but all American, made the decision that if they were going to die or others on the ground were going to die, then it would be while on their feet fighting. We will never know for sure if they took the plane into the ground or the hijackers, getting their asses kicked, took it down, but we do know Muhammad's dupes weren't planning on an open field.

After that day there was a surge of patriotism in America, but it was quickly squelched from the inside as the PC police, in the name of tolerance, told everyone that “not all Muslims are terrorists.” However well meaning this may have been, it defied the logic of “no, but all the terrorists are Muslim,” and the rest condone the actions with their deafening silence.

Tolerance, then, became the mantra. It became hip. It became cool. Once it became cool to illogically tolerate such a self-defeating idea as to embrace people whose single passion is your destruction, the door was open; you must tolerate everything. And you must have that label of being tolerant. Without it, you can't get a job, you're socially shunned, your life is ruined without the beast's mark of tolerance.

Then along comes a man from the shadows. A man of whom little was known. Oh, but he was a senator, some argue. A senator whose voting record stuck pretty close to safe issues; things that wouldn't draw attention. A man who spoke words of encouragement. Who promised openness and clarity while sealing all his past from view and answering direct questions with obfuscation. No matter how illogical it was to support such an unknown entity as this man was, it did not matter. The trap had been set. He was half black, and you had to be tolerant.

So, here we sit, being tolerant sheep while he and his ilk destroy the Constitution and, with it, your freedom. Once the Constitution falls, America is gone. The Constitution is the heart of what we are; a constitutional republic. We were not designed to be a democracy, a majority ruled form of government, for two reasons: The majority is not always right (i.e., Jim Crow) and, as Rome discovered and now us, the majority soon figures out ways to vote themselves your stuff.

This is not an American ideal. An American ideal is, “I'm responsible for me and mine, you are responsible for you and yours, and once we've taken care of that, we'll get together on our own to help each other; not waiting for someone to do it for

you.” It does not “take a village to raise a child,” it takes parents. The village is a cop-out way to get you to believe it's society and the government's job to take care of you and yours.

Where are all the Americans like Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, Tom Burnett and Jeremy Glick, who when seeing that un-American idealists have taken over the plane and are hell bent on crashing that plane into your very way of life, stand up and decide we're taking these bastards out and say, “Let's roll!”

If I am wrong and all patriots are not gone, I leave you with a word of warning from the past, but this time the enemy is within:

“It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, ‘Peace, peace,’ but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”—Patrick Henry

Thomas Rice
Lawtey

SOCIALS



Gordon Newmans and Wendy Sullivan

Sullivan, Newmans to wed in March

Wendy Ann Sullivan of Starke and Gordon Newmans of Hampton announce their wedding.

Wendy is the daughter of Ed and Janie Sullivan of Starke. She graduated from Bradford High School in 1985 and is a member of Madison Street Baptist Church. She is employed by the City of Starke.

Gordon is the son of Don and Treva Newmans of Starke. He graduated from Bradford High School in 1980 and is a member of the Madison Street Baptist Church. He is employed by Dupont.

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No area girls' teams make regionals after 54-42 BHS loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Despite a 14-0 run that began late in the third quarter, the Bradford High School girls' basketball team could not overtake Santa Fe, losing 54-42 in the semifinals of the District 5-4A tournament on Jan. 30 at P.K. Yonge in Gainesville.

Bradford (13-12) was the only area team to advance beyond the first round of districts, with Keystone Heights losing 40-33

to Fort White in the quarterfinals of the District 5 tournament and Union County losing 52-32 to Dixie County in the quarterfinals of the District 7-1A tournament.

Tracey Kemp scored nine of her team-high 15 points in the second half. She had four points, a steal and two assists during the 14-0 run that pulled the Tornados to within 43-39.

Santa Fe, though, was able to maintain a lead it held since early in the first quarter thanks to five points from Dymeria Clayton



Meghan Woods (right) puts up a shot in the lane for Bradford.

and seven consecutive turnovers by Bradford late in the game.

The Tornados, who were attempting to earn their third regional playoff appearance in four years, got off to a good start, with Kemp grabbing a defensive rebound and going the distance for the game's first points. Mackenzie Gault took a pass from Nyasia Davis and scored on

a layup to put Bradford up 4-0. After Bradford went up 5-3 on a free throw by Davis, the Raiders scored 13 of the game's next 15 points to go into the second quarter up 16-7. Santa Fe benefited from the play of Tasha Robinson, who made three 3-pointers and scored 11 points in the first quarter.

Santa Fe built a 23-11 lead, but the Tornados were able to pull within five. Kemp had two straight baskets, hitting a pull-up jumper after her own steal and later sinking a floater in the lane. Davis had a layup off of a Kemp inbound pass, while Keshanna Ardley had a free throw to make the score 23-18.

The Raiders increased their lead again and would go into the half up by 10 when Aprella Ford made a 3-pointer off of an inbound pass as time expired.

Bradford trailed by 18 when Faith Anderson was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 31 seconds left in the third quarter. Anderson made all three free throws to make the score 43-28. Ardley knocked down a 3-pointer after a steal by Kemp before Kemp scored on a drive to the basket as the Tornados closed the quarter

with eight straight points.

Gault, with an assist from Kemp, scored on a layup before Kemp added a layup of her own in transition to pull Bradford to within 43-37. A layup by Davis—set up by Kemp's drive into the lane—made it a four-point game.

The Tornados could get no closer. Santa Fe doubled its lead before Bradford committed turnovers on seven straight trips down the floor in the final 2:30.

Davis finished the game with 13 points while Ardley and Gault had five and four, respectively. Anderson had three points, while Danique Hudson had two.

Santa Fe would go on to lose 56-50 to P.K. Yonge in the Feb. 1 championship game.

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Nyasia Davis works underneath the basket.

BHS advanced with easy quarterfinal win

Bradford put itself into the district semifinals with a 62-33 win over Interlachen in a Jan. 28 quarterfinal game.

The Tornados, who outscored the Rams 22-1 in the opening quarter, got a game-high 18

points from Kemp, while Davis poured in 15 points. Meghan Woods and Hudson scored eight and seven points, respectively, while Ardley had six. Gault added four points, while Anderson and Zahriah Collins each had two.



Tracey Kemp (left) looks to dribble past Santa Fe's Tasha Robinson in the Tornados' 54-42 loss in the District 5-4A semifinals.

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BHS boys advance, KHHS season ends

The District 5-4A boys' basketball tournament, which is

being hosted by Bradford High School, began this past Tuesday, with Bradford defeating Interlachen 47-44 and Keystone Heights losing 76-37 to Santa Fe.

Two semifinal games will be played Friday, Feb. 7, with second seed P.K. Yonge playing third seed Santa Fe at 6 p.m. and fourth seed Bradford playing top

seed Fort White at 7:30 p.m. The championship game will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

Tigers play district semifinal game Feb. 7

Union County High School is hosting this year's District 7-1A tournament, which began this past Tuesday with Dixie County defeating Newberry 59-44. Dixie will now play top seed Chiefland on Friday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. Third seed Union will play second seed Williston at 7:30 p.m.

The championship game is set for Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

Bradford

Thomas Gerald Alderman, 52, of Hampton was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana.

Vincent Banville, 55, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Jonathan Tyrone Bass, 31, was arrested Feb. 1 by Starke police for battery and aggravated battery. According to the incident report, the charges stem from an early November attack on neighbors after Bass and his girlfriend were asked to keep the noise down at their home. According to the report, Bass and Jeannetta Merriweather came over, and Bass started attacking the male victim. While the men were engaged outside, Merriweather kicked the front door open, and started attacking the female neighbor after throwing a child out of the way. Both males entered the house, and fighting ensued until Bass and his girlfriend fled the home.

Police were not able to locate the two suspects that day, so warrant affidavits (sworn complaints) were forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for the charges. A warrant was issued for Merriweather's arrest at the end of December, and she was arrested Dec. 31. The warrant for Bass was issued several weeks later and he was arrested Feb. 1 with bond set at \$60,000.

Shamal Ike Battice, 28, of Ocala was arrested Jan. 29 by Bradford deputies for grand theft auto and driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, the Sheriff's Office received a BOLO for a stolen vehicle from Marion County that day, and while on patrol, received a call from the Hampton BP station that someone was panhandling for gas money. The description of the person and the vehicle matched the Marion County BOLO, but when deputies arrived, the suspect had left the store.

A short time later Battice was spotted at Edwards' Grocery on S.R. 100 in the 2009 Pontiac G6 and arrested. Battice apparently stole the vehicle from a car dealership in Ocala, according to a report in the Gainesville Sun. The Sun story said Battice, a paraplegic who uses a wheelchair, asked a salesman if he could look and sit in the Pontiac that was on the lot. The salesman assisted him into the vehicle, and then Battice locked the door and started the vehicle

and drove away. Deputies in Marion and Alachua counties chased Battice, but decided to stop at their respective county lines and notify Bradford and other counties with the BOLO. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Thomas Albert Baugess, 24, of Starke, and Albert Cornelious Baugess, 45, of Starke were arrested Feb. 2 by Bradford deputies and charged with battery. According to the arrest report, the father and son got into a verbal and physical argument with each other, with police called by another family member.

Jajuan Akeem Biggiers, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested Jan. 31 by Starke police for three charges of possession of marijuana, two charges of selling marijuana, two charges of public nuisance crimes-storing drugs and for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, the SPD Street Crimes Unit executed a search warrant for an apartment in Whispering Oaks in reference to an active narcotics investigation. Biggiers was inside the apartment along with several other people. Inside the apartment, police discovered the drugs, drug equipment and paraphernalia, and various amounts of cash and computer equipment. Bond for Biggiers was set at \$35,000.

Also arrested was Stevie Desue, 24, of Starke for giving false information to a law enforcement officer during an investigation. According to the report, Desue first told police his name was Floyd Barnes, until officers found a wallet in the apartment with ID showing his real name. Bond was set at \$2,000 for Desue.

The third person in the apartment could be facing charges at a later date through the State Attorney's Office.

Latonya Nathalee Brown, 38, of Starke was arrested Jan. 28 by Starke police on a warrant for two charges of possession of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area-school and for two charges of selling crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area-school. Bond was set at \$80,000.

Elizabeth Kasey Croft, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 30 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from St. Johns County for probation violation.

Kevin Roy Eldridge, 24, of Starke was arrested Feb. 1 by Starke police for contempt of court.

Deseree Jacqueline Evans, 30, of Starke was arrested Jan. 31 by Starke police for probation violation.

Allegra Cashun George, 39, of Starke was arrested Jan. 28 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and distribution of cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Anthony Glenn Gravely, 62,

of Starke was arrested Feb. 1 by Bradford deputies for disorderly intoxication. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Michael Wilson Hall, 52, of Starke was arrested Feb. 2 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Nicholas Gray Harrison, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested Jan. 28 by Starke police for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Donald Joe Herndon, 30, of Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jeremy Alan Hicks, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 29 by Bradford deputies for sexual assault. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Aaron Harris Holley, 34, of Starke was arrested Jan. 29 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, marijuana, opium or a derivative, drug equipment and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Holley was at a residence in Lincoln City when agents with the drug task force went to the home to conduct surveillance due to complaints of possible drug activity. When they arrived, the front door was open, and as agents approached the front door, Holley fled out the back door before being apprehended on foot. In the home, agents observed various drugs and drug equipment, and obtained a search warrant to gather evidence. Holley's bond was set at \$20,000.

Mary Katherine Horsley, 40, of Starke was arrested Feb. 2 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$4,000. Horsley was also arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Gary Frank Horsley, 33, of New Port Richey was arrested Feb. 2 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and felony larceny-grand theft. He was also arrested for failure to appear. According to the offense report, Horsley was involved in the theft of several items from a Bradford County residence at the end of July 2013. The items included a trailer with a Ford motor on it, two toolboxes and a Ford transmission. Some of the items ended up at Guide Metals on U.S. 301 north of Starke and sold for scrap metal. From video footage and records from Guide Metals, investigators were able to determine there were several people involved in selling the stolen items. Warrants for their arrests were issued, and Horsley was located Sunday during a traffic stop and arrested. Bond was set at \$24,000.

Earl Johnson, 21, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 28 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Carlos Leonard Jones, 20, of

Starke was arrested Jan. 31 by Starke police on a warrant for larceny and fraud. According to the arrest report, Jones attempted to cash a fraudulent cashier's check from a credit union in Texas for \$1,975 at a local convenience store in Starke last November. When the clerk called the credit union to verify the check, Jones left the store. Police were able to identify Jones from video surveillance from the store, but were unable to locate him at the time.

Charles Edward Lee, 50, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 29 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Marion Tyrone Lee, 57, of Starke was arrested Feb. 3 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of prescription drugs and two charges of possession of opium or derivative, possession of marijuana, all charges with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver. According to the arrest report, Lee was arrested at the Keystone Heights BP on S.R. 100, and a search of him and his vehicle turned up \$248 in cash, approximately 9.1 grams of marijuana and several pill bottles with Oxycontin, Oxycodone and Morphine Sulfate in them. Bond was set at \$225,000.

Bryant Steven Malcolm, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 3 by Bradford deputies for felony probation violation.

Austin Clarence Parkinson, 40, of Port Charlotte was arrested Jan. 29 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$765.

William Levator Ryles, 30, of Gainesville was arrested Feb. 3 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

David Carlton Starnes, 40, of Gainesville was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Shantel Monique Sylvester, 32, of Starke was arrested Jan. 28 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Amber Briann Terrell, 28, of Raiford was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Regina Levis Tisdale, 39, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 2 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Amelia Dawn Wilkison, 24, of Starke was arrested Jan. 31 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Wilkison was at the Family Dollar in Starke when she was observed by the manager removing tweezers and brownie packages from shelves and walking to the back of the store. She then went to the front of the store to leave, but the manager detained her and asked where she had put the tweezers. Wilkison said she put them on the shelf near the brownies, but when they walked to that part of the store, the manager observed her removing the tweezers from her jacket and placing them on the shelf. The police were called, and a box of brownie mix was also found in Wilkison's pants during her arrest. Bond was set at \$500.

Bryan Keith Williams, 24, of Starke was arrested Jan. 30 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Stephen David Wolfe, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 31 by Putnam deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Keystone/Melrose

Bobby Ray Channell, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 31 by Putnam deputies for a probation violation.

Zackery Holman, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 2 by Clay deputies

for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Jackson, 59, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 3 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Marcus McDaniel, 27, of Melrose was arrested Jan. 30 by Putnam deputies for sexual battery.

Donald Shadd, 31 of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 1 by Clay deputies for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana.

Union

Brandi Michael Norsworthy, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 28 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Christina Mae Stalnaker-Robinson, 29, of Lake City was arrested Jan. 29 by Union deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Stalnaker-Robinson got into a verbal and physical altercation with her boyfriend at a home on West C.R. 18 in Union County. She left the home and was walking toward Columbia County on C.R. 18 when the boyfriend came in his vehicle to bring her back. She began to hit, shove and slap him again on the side of the road, so he left without her. She was then picked up later by a deputy after UCSO was called and returned to the home before being charged with battery.

Three juveniles, ages 13, 15 and 17, were arrested Jan. 28 by Union deputies and charged with burglary, larceny and petit theft. According to the arrest reports, the juveniles broke into several vehicles in January in Lake Butler and stole various items, including cash, a Walmart gift card and an iPad. A fourth juvenile, age 14, was arrested Jan. 28 for failure to appear, and apparently was involved with the vehicle break-ins, too.

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OBITUARIES

Johnnie Brown

STARKE—Johnnie Bell Brown, 82, of Starke died Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 at Shands at the University of Florida. She was born in White County, Tenn. on Jan. 17, 1932 to the late John Price and Lena Bell Stover. She has been a resident of Bradford County most of her life. She was a seamstress and worked for Big Dad Sewing Factory for ten years. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Earl Cecil Padgett of 17 years and Shy Brown of 24 years; and her brothers, Jack and Buddy Price.

She is survived by: daughters, Linda (Roy) Bryant, Shirley Clark and Patty (Rocky) Thompson all of Starke; sons, David (Judy Thornton) Padgett of Starke and Brad Brown of Milton; sisters, Ruby Hasbrouck, Jeannie Stover and Sue Howard all of Orlando; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Marvin Sellers officiating. Interment followed at Brown Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Timothy Bryan

Timothy Bryan

STARKE—Mr. Timothy Alan "Timmy" Bryan, age 52, of Starke

passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at Shands University Hospital in Gainesville, with his family by his side. He was born on May 11, 1961 to the late Loyd and Beverly Bryan of Starke. He is preceded in death by his sister, Cathy Taylor; and his brother, Micheal "Mike" Bryan.

Timmy can be remembered for his horsemanship, in his younger years. He showed his barrel horse "Strawberry" at the Local Bradford Roping Club and the Bradford 4-H Horse Club, which he won state in pole bending and cloverleaf. He loved his fish pond behind his house. He was a Florida Gator and Nascar fan, his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt, Sr. He was a big fan of John Wayne.

He worked for Terrwilliger Motors, Jim Martin Tires of Jacksonville, and he was self employed in construction.

Timmy is survived by: his wife of 30 years, Sharon Bryan; his son, Alan Micheal Bryan; sisters, Sharen Bryan Mcmillan of Waldo, Cindy Bryan (Alan) Wilkerson of Clay Hill; brothers, Loyd (Marian) Bryan Jr. of Lawtey, John Bryan of Starke, and Donnie (Sheila) Jackson of Raiford.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 pm at the Church of God in Lawtey.

PAID OBITUARY

Deborah Chase

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Deborah "Debbie" Thomas Chase, 55 of Keystone Heights died Tuesday, Jan., 28, 2014 at the St. Vincent's Medical Center in Middleburg following an extended illness. She was born in Jacksonville, Oct. 30, 1958 and became a resident of Keystone Heights in 1998. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors are: her husband of 24 years, David H. Chase; children, Robert Adkinson, Lisa Jones, and Crystal Wilson all of Jacksonville; sisters, Deloris Lane of Valdosta, Ga. and Diane Jones of Jacksonville; and five grandchildren. The family will have a private memorial service

at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Frankie Frazier

STARKE—Frankie M. Frazier, 68, of Starke died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014 at Shands Medical Center Gainesville. Born in Williston, on Oct. 2, 1945 and moved to Starke. She was a member of Church of God by Faith in Starke and was a homemaker.

She is survived by: sons, Steven G. Frazier, Levern Frazier, Ronnie Frazier, Everett Frazier all of Starke, and Todd Jerome Frazier of Gainesville; brothers, David Hadley of Starke, and Preston Lee Williams of Avondale; sisters, Feenie Mae Turner, Estella Brookins, Minnie P. Jones and Mary J. Jones all of Starke; 36 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Church of God by Faith in Starke with James E. McKnight, Eulogist. Interment will be held in Clark Cemetery Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Family hour 2-3:00 p.m., Friends 3-7:00 p.m.

Viewing also held 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. The cortege will form at the home of Mrs. Frankie Mae Frazier at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Earnest

Jones, Jr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Earnest "Leonard" Jones, Jr., Keystone Heights, 81, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014 at North Florida Regional Hospital following a long illness. Leonard Jones was born on Nov. 2, 1932 to Earnest Leonard, Sr. and Mattie Futch Jones in Orlando.

Leonard owned and operated

Leonard's Outboard Shop for 48 years. He also served in the United States Navy and spent several years in Law Enforcement as a State Trooper for the Florida Highway Patrol, Deputy for the Clay County Sheriff's Department and Chief of Police for the City of Keystone Heights. Leonard was very active in the community and was a life-long member and held many offices in the Keystone Heights Lions Club and was also a member of the American Legion. Leonard also served for many years as the Director of Clay County Civil Defense.

He is survived by: his wife of 61 years, Sharon McGraw Jones; his brother, Ted (Pat) Jones of Jacksonville; two daughters, Debbie (Steve) Heptinstall and Christy (Ronnie) Harper; four grandchildren, Jessica (Jeremiah) Groff, Rebecca Chapman, Renee Potter and Matt Heptinstall; six great-grandchildren, Ryan Potter, Breanna Heptinstall-Ricks, Lauryn Potter, Hayden Groff, Blake Chapman and Haylee Groff all of Keystone Heights; his "adopted" son, Mike (Debbie) Taylor of Jacksonville and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and so many very dear friends.

A Celebration of Leonard's life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 1:00 pm at the Keystone Heights Lions Club. The family invites each of you to speak a few words or share any of your stories or memories concerning your relationship with Leonard at the Celebration.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Sanford Maxwell

Sanford Maxwell

JACKSONVILLE—Mr. Sanford Albert "Sam" Maxwell, age 87, of Jacksonville passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014 at the St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He was born in Jacksonville on Sept. 19, 1926 to the late Cecil and Ossie (Forsythe) Maxwell and had served in the United States Army Air force.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Maxwell had owned and operated Maxwell Insurance Agency in Jacksonville and had been very active with the Gideons International. He was a longtime resident of Keystone Heights and member of the Keystone Heights First Baptist Church prior to moving to Jacksonville where he attended The Jacksonville Assembly Church. Mr. Maxwell is preceded in death by his first wife, Jeane.

Survivors are: his wife of 20 years, Misty (Thompson) of Jacksonville; one daughter, Sharon Maxwell (Tim) Hill of Raleigh, N.C.; one son, Mark (Lori) Maxwell of Keystone Heights; one step daughter, Alyssa (Brandon) McElroy of Jacksonville; and nine grandchildren, Morgan, Madysen, Miriah, Sawyer, Sharidan, Alice, Ava, Anna, and Ariel.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Jacksonville Assembly Church, 6350 Old Kings Road N, Jacksonville, FL 32254. Graveside services followed at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 104, Starke, FL 32091 Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

PAID OBITUARY

Alice McKinney

STARKE—Alice Mae McKinney, 100, of Starke died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014 at her residence. She was born on July 27, 1913 in Pictures, N.Y. to the late Ray and Mattie (Elsworth) Wheelock. She was raised a Methodist and moved to Starke in 1975 from Jacksonville. Prior to retirement she worked as a bookkeeper. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Washington McKinney and is survived by her close friend and caregiver Marty Anderson of Richmond Hill, Ga. Interment will be at a later date in Brown Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Robert Smith

HAMPTON—Mr. Robert Earl Smith, age 88, of Hampton passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014 at Windsor Manor following an extended illness. He was born on Jan. 30, 1925 in Hawthorne to the late Kirby and Pearl (Gay) Smith. Robert was a member of the First Christian Church of Starke and served in the United States Army during World War II. Prior to retirement he worked for E.I. Dupont as an equipment operator. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Mary

Elaine Colson Smith; sister, Dorothy "Dee" Bourgeois; brothers, Kirby Shi Smith and Bernard Smith.

Survivors are: his son, Robert Andrew "Andy" Smith of Hampton; and many nieces and nephews. Services were held at the First Christian Church in Starke on Feb. 1. Interment followed in Santa Fe Cemetery with Pastor Charles Soper and Pastor John Faulkner officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Robert Strickland

MELROSE—Robert Dean "Bobby" Strickland, 79, of Melrose, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014 following a brief illness with his wife of 51 years by his side. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

He served in the United States Navy and worked for the family business, Economy Printing, until his retirement in 2000.

He is survived by: his wife, Sherry Margaret Strickland of Melrose; sons, Robert (Michelle) Strickland of Jacksonville, Tim (Deborah) Strickland of Keystone Heights and Joseph (Emily) Strickland of Tampa; four sisters; and two grandsons.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 11:00 a.m., at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. A reception will be held immediately following at Community Church of Keystone Heights in the Family Life Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Community Church of Keystone Heights, 345 SE Palmetto Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 or to Haven Hospice, The Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. John's Ave. Palatka, FL 32177.

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Talking turkey: the Osceola and hitting the 'grand slam'

Florida is one of the hotter places in the United States when it comes to turkey hunting, and the reason for it is the Osceola wild turkey. It is one of the four turkeys a hunter must bag to score the coveted grand slam of turkey hunting, which consists of also bagging the following wild turkeys: Rio Grande, Merriam's and Eastern.

All of the other targeted sub-species of turkeys cover a relatively broad area, but the Osceola is located only on the Florida peninsula. As a matter of fact, the northern boundaries of Bradford, Union and Clay counties are considered the geographical habitat boundary between the Eastern wild turkey to the north and the Osceola to the south. So with very little travel, a hunter can claim one half of the grand slam honor.

When it comes to



This turkey taken by Russell Norman illustrates the black and white feather bands on the wings that essentially distinguish the Eastern sub-species from the Osceola turkeys.

distinguishing between the two sub-species, there is no better authority than Dr. Thomas A. Webber, the collections manager at the Florida Museum of Natural

History. Additionally, Webber holds a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Florida.

Webber generally describes the Osceola turkey as slightly smaller, with longer legs, longer spurs, darker coloration and more distinct white bands on the wing feathers. Actually, the Osceola is considered the smallest sub-species of wild turkey. The clearest distinction between the two is the black and white bands on the wing feathers. The Osceola has much more black than the Eastern. As a matter of fact, the white bands on the Osceola are much less distinct and do not make a clear continuous band across the feather.

These differences are very difficult to determine on the northern habitat boundary of Union, Bradford and Clay counties. However, proceeding south as far as Orlando, the characteristics are much clearer. The reason for the difficulty along the recognized border is due to hybridization. To facilitate this distinction, hunters consider turkeys shot in Union, Bradford, and Clay counties to be Osceolas. Contrastingly,

birds shot in Nassau, Baker or Columbia counties to the north are considered to be Eastern turkeys.

In talking to some avid turkey hunters, the ambition of a grand slam seems to bring more hunters to Florida than taking Floridians to other places. Lamar Williams, Russell Norman and Jeff Fitts have shot the two local sub-species, but have not traveled west for the other two sub-species. However, Norman does take advantage of the trend by swap hunting. Norman makes contact with hunters who want to bag an Osceola turkey and agrees to host them during the season. In return, they agree to host him in their northern/western homes to hunt their big deer.

Outdoors outlook

Hunting season continues to wind down, with squirrel, quail, rabbits and hogs being the only hunting targets that remain open.

Spring turkey season will open during the second and third weeks of March. Crossshorn Ministries is timing its March meeting (Feb. 20, 7 p.m., at the Starke Golf and Country Club) appropriately by having Lamar Williams as its guest speaker. Williams, of course, will build his subject around turkey hunting.



Bailee Sheppard bagged an 8-point deer this hunting season, and now she is showing off her recent trophy bass. The fish was caught in a small pond near Bailee's home.

The inconsistent fish bite locally is certainly due to the inconsistent weather trends. Regardless, spring is around the corner, and the bass and bream will be fanning their beds soon. There are already reports of bass fanning on the west side of Lake George, where the warm spring runs dump into the St. Johns.

One thing that is consistent, at least with last summer, is the

amount of local precipitation. Gary Simpson indicates that Orange Lake can now be accessed by most of the major boat launches, and a lot of fishermen anticipate it producing some good bass by this summer if the trend continues.

Bailee Sheppard and her father, Clint Sheppard, were just practice casting in a backyard pond, and she ended up landing the nice bass in the accompanying photo. So the large females will continue to bite even if they are not spawning.

The best inland saltwater bet at this time is probably sheepshead on the east coast. Bridge pilings, rocks and oyster beds have been providing a good consistent bite. The toothy creatures are hard to hook, however. One humorous, but interesting, suggestion is to "set your hook a little before you feel them."

Tight lines and safe hunting until next week.

If you have a story, idea or photo to share, please contact Mickey Agner via email at mka@maoutdoors.com, or by phone at 904-964-1488. Photos may also be submitted in person at the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times or Lake Region Monitor.

HEALTH

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a single man in his 60s," Griffis said. "He was paying \$1,400 a month with an individual policy. He was able to enroll in the Marketplace for \$400. He had \$1,000 a month in savings.

"He might have been a little bit upset about his cancellation, but he did not have any days of being uninsured. We enrolled him into a policy with no gaps in coverage."

Griffis cited another example in which a woman thought she had talked to a Marketplace representative, who said she and her family could get a policy for \$800-plus a month. That was simply too much money. The woman has a part-time job, while her husband recently went on unemployment. They support two young children, one of which has some health issues.

As it turned out, the woman had not spoken to a Marketplace representative, but with a Florida Blue agent. The woman, at her sister's insistence, went to talk to Griffis and Allen. She and her family were able to get a policy for \$28.33 a month when factoring in financial assistance.

"She came in tears and left very happy," Allen said.

Griffis said you'll hear people talk about high deductibles that come with Marketplace plans, but she said that really depends upon what level of plan you enroll in. For example,

someone might qualify for a Bronze-level plan that has a monthly premium of \$110, but a deductible of \$6,000. However, if that person can afford to pay \$257 a month, they could possibly get a Platinum-level plan that has no deductible.

So, just what are the different levels of plans? They are defined by the percentage of the plan's medical benefits they cover. Bronze and Silver plans pay 60 and 70 percent of costs, respectively, with Gold and Platinum paying 80 and 90 percent, respectively.

Bronze plans will have the lowest monthly premiums, but higher deductibles and out-of-pocket costs. Premiums increase, but deductibles and out-of-pocket costs decrease, as you move up to each successive level.

Again, the original premium can be lowered if one qualifies for advanced premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. To be eligible for advanced premium tax credits, which can be applied directly to monthly premiums, the household income of an individual or family must fall between 100-400 percent of the federal poverty level. Some examples of incomes qualifying for tax credits are:

- Family of four: \$23,550-\$94,200;
- Family of three: \$19,530-\$78,120;
- Family of two: \$15,510-\$62,040;
- Individual: \$11,490-\$45,960.

Cost-sharing reductions can be used to lower out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, co-insurance and co-payments, but are available with Silver-level plans only.

Since the HealthCare.gov website is functional, Griffis encourages people to log on and see the types of plans that are available before creating an application. By remaining anonymous and entering some general information, a person or family can see the types of plans they'd be eligible for. Go to the website's home page and click on "See plans before I apply."

Please keep in mind that if you see Griffis or Allen to set up a Marketplace account and to enroll in a plan, you do not have to discuss your medical history.

"We do not ask any medical questions," Griffis said. "You cannot be denied for preexisting conditions anymore. That is just a wonderful benefit."

All Griffis and Allen can do is show you what plans your eligible for. It is up to the individual and/or family to decide what's best for them or if they even want to enroll in a Marketplace plan.

"We're not agents," Allen said. "There's no commission or benefits for us."

Well, there are benefits, but they are in the form of seeing someone be able to obtain more affordable insurance or seeing someone who was previously uninsured now be enrolled into a plan.

"The benefit is to know that we have helped someone," Allen said.

One does not need to go through the Marketplace to obtain an insurance policy, but all policies—in meeting Affordable Care Act guidelines—must cover what are deemed the 10 "essential" health benefits:

- Ambulatory patient services;
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- Hospitalization;
- Maternity and newborn care;
- Mental health and substance use disorder services (including behavioral health care);
- Prescription drugs;
- Rehabilitative services and devices;
- Laboratory services;
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management;
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care; pediatric oral services may be provided by stand-alone plan.

Open enrollment through the Marketplace is open through March 31.

To schedule an appointment with Griffis, whose office is at the Bradford County Health Department, call 904-964-7732 (extension 1603). To schedule

an appointment with Allen, whose office is at the Union County Health Department, call 386-496-3211.

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