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## Worth Noting

### C.S. Bennett at Melrose Library

Local author C. S. Bennett will be at the Melrose Library on February 22, at 2:00pm.

Mr. Bennett is a world traveler and is a decorated war veteran and now lives in Interlachen. He has penned 15 books some of which we have on display at the library. He will be discussing the pros and cons of e-publishing, what it is like to be a self-published author, and how he stays motivated to write. Please come and support Mr. Bennett and the Melrose Library. Refreshments will be provided.

### Bellamy Road Presents: Marjorie, Zora and Stetson: How three 1930s Writers Depict life in the south

A lecture by Florence M. Turcotte and Sandra Parks on the lives and writings of Stetson Kennedy, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Zora Neale Hurston will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bellamy Road.

### Friendship Bible Church March Madness

Friendship Bible Church at 1155 Orchid Ave, Keystone Heights is having their "3rd Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament & Family Day" event on Saturday, March 15th, 2014 from 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Registration begins at 8:00AM and the tournament will begin at 9:00AM. Limit 5 per team (3 players 2 subs). Limit of 16 teams total.

### Attention All Former Miss KHHS Winners:

Plans are underway for the 50th Anniversary of the Miss KHHS Scholarship Pageant. It is planned for Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the KHHS Cafeteria. We are inviting all former titleholders to attend this event. There will be a stage presentation of former winners during the program. There will be a reception for former winners at 5:45 pm. During that time instructions will be given for the stage presentation and light refreshments will be served.

Please contact Lynn Dickinson at 352-473-1489 or email lmdickinson@oneclay.net if you are attending so that we can prepare for your participation.

Pre-registration is required. \$15.00 per team, which includes registration and 3 t-shirts. \$5 extra for each additional t-shirt. For more information, call the church office 352-473-2713 (Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-2 p.m.).

This event is free and everyone is welcome.

### Deadline for property tax exemptions approaching

Clay County Property Appraiser, Roger A. Suggs, wants to inform the citizens of Clay County that the statutory deadline to apply for tax exemptions is March 3, 2014.

Qualified applicants who fail to apply by March 3rd may still file an application with the Property Appraiser's office on or before the 25th day following the mailing of the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes, which

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## Hundreds mourn loss of Putnam Hall couple

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Hundreds of mourners packed the Abilene Missionary Baptist Church in Putnam Hall on Feb. 15 while dozens more waited outside the building to remember neighbors lost in a Feb. 1 house fire.

John and Gussie Mae Flowers died within their mobile home on S.R. 100 when a fire consumed the building.

A spokesperson for the State Fire Marshal's Office said that by the time firefighters arrived, the roof of the trailer was already gone and that the single-wide had little remaining wall structure.

Ashley Carr, deputy director of communications for Florida Fire Marshal Jeff Atwater, said the medical examiner's office has completed its investigation and that state fire marshal investigators are awaiting lab results before completing their own inquiry. She added that based on preliminary results,

the fire was likely caused by a portable kerosene heater.

The Rev. James F. Pullings Sr., who delivered the eulogy at the memorial service, said he was overwhelmed by the number of people at the Feb. 15 memorial service and by the spirit they displayed.

In his eulogy, Pullings reminded the crowd of a scene from the Old Testament book of Daniel, when the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar ordered three Israelites thrown into a fiery furnace because the trio refused to worship an image of the monarch.

However, when the enraged king peered into the furnace, he saw not three figures, but four.

"Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire," Nebuchadnezzar said, according to the biblical passage, "and they have no hurt: and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

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John and Gussie Mae Flowers. Photo courtesy of Pinkney-Smith Funeral Home.

## County to settle with crash victim

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Commission's budget, personnel and policy committee approved a \$35,000 settlement with a Jacksonville woman whose car was struck by a county fire rescue ambulance on Feb. 15 2012.

According to an FHP report, Lola Ermadean Padgett, 82 was driving south on S.R. 21 in front of the Middleburg Home Depot and attempted a left turn onto Baxley Road at an intersection.

At the same time, Justin Allen Cone, 29, of Jacksonville was driving the ambulance north with the vehicle's siren and lights on. Cone was transporting an accident victim from Middleburg to Orange Park Medical Center. According to the FHP report, Padgett turned into the path of the ambulance, and Cone ran a red light, striking the woman's car.

A trooper charged Cone with failure to yield right of way.

According to an analysis by the county's claims contractor, Cone slowed down when approaching the intersection but could not prevent the collision because of rain on the road.

The analysis also said the county was 90 percent liable because of Cone's failure to yield the right of way, and that Padgett was 10 percent liable because she failed to yield to the emergency vehicle's sirens and lights.

According to the county's risk management department, Padgett suffered fractures to her sternum and right ribs, spent seven days in a hospital and incurred medical costs of over \$96,000.

Risk manager Reynald DeArriba wrote in a memorandum that all but \$5,494.61 of Padgett's costs were covered by PIP, Medicare and other insurance.

Padgett's attorney, Randall Rutledge of Farah and Farah, at first demanded \$200,000 to cover the claimant's damages. DeArriba wrote that Rutledge later agreed to a \$35,000 settlement offer.

"After review of the circumstances of this claim,"

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## Paul Yates elected new vice mayor of Keystone Heights



Keystone Heights council member Paul Yates accepts a certificate of appreciation from Joan Jones, who volunteered for both last year's Wreaths across America ceremony in Keystone Heights and the Veterans Memorial Pathway. Later in the meeting, Yates' colleagues elected him vice mayor.

## Firm presents plan to bring water to KH lakes

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Officials with GAI Consultants told the Clay County Utilities Authority board of supervisors that the firm has completed the first phase of a project that could bring millions of gallons of water a day to Keystone-area lakes.

Officials with the engineering firm said during a Feb. 18 CCUA board meeting that its plan to harvest and transport storm water runoff from the First Coast Expressway could bring as much as 12 million gallons a day to the lakes.

The infrastructure to transport the water would include horizontal well systems along the route of the proposed roadway between Interstate 10 and the St. Johns River, and transmission pipelines to carry the water from the Middleburg area to the southern part of Camp Blanding, a distance of around 25 miles. The infrastructure would also include a master pump station and recharging facilities.

The next step in the project would be to draft a conceptual design, prepare preliminary cost estimates and a cost/benefit analysis for the Florida Department of Transportation.

GAI officials said the cost for the next round of studies would be around \$800,000. They proposed a cost sharing arrangement similar to the one that funded the first phase of the project with the St. Johns River Water Management District paying for half of the study, the Florida Department of Transportation paying \$200,000, CCUA and Clay County contributing \$40,000 each and the city of Keystone Heights and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection each putting in \$10,000.

The firm estimated that the total cost of the project would be

## Water district approves Alligator Creek funding

The St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board, on Feb. 11, approved spending up to \$100,000 to remove obstructions in Alligator Creek that may be hindering water flow downstream to Keystone Heights lakes.

The board's decision authorizes the district to enter into an agreement with Clay County to perform permissible maintenance activities, including the removal of obstructions, such as fallen trees, debris and vegetation, and the removal of sand berms and silted-in areas on the creek.

"Reducing obstructions in the creek is expected to allow water to flow more freely and could increase flow into lakes Brooklyn and Geneva, which are

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## Hildreth tops \$10,000 in contributions

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth reported total campaign contributions of \$10,280 through Feb. 14 for her re-election campaign. Hildreth's biggest contributions for the period between Jan. 18 and Feb. 14 came from Keystone Village Square (\$500), landlord for Hitchcock's Markets, Family Dollar and other retailers, law firm GrayRobinson (\$250), garbage contractor Advanced Disposal (\$250), Haven Hospice Administrator Deborah Strickland (\$250) and McHenry's Irish Pub (\$250).

Hildreth also collected contributions from Clay County School Board Member Carol Studdard (\$50), Clay County Economic Development Director Bill Garrison (\$75), Fancy Nails and Spa (\$100), Flagler Beach Councilwoman Jane Mealy

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## Charter Commission seeks more Keystone participation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Charter Review Commission grappled with ways to increase future participation in the panel from the Keystone Heights area.

County Commissioners received only two applications from District 4, which includes western Clay County, for service on the current panel. The Charter Review Commission makes recommendations to change the county's governing document.

Charter review commission members Frank Farrell and former member Mary Lou Hildreth recommended changing the way future charter review members are appointed so that

See CHARTER, 7A

## 1 vote separated mayoral candidates in 2006

Redfearn 101 votes  
Hildreth 100 votes

Brown 99 votes

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Three votes separated three candidates in Keystone Heights' last contested race for mayor.

The 2006 campaign featured longtime resident Huntley Redfearn, who served on the city council in the 1970s and again from 2000 to 2005. Redfearn was a past chief of the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department. He also served as vice mayor.

During the campaign, Redfearn said he was the city's lead negotiator when developers

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## Flowers family praised

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The overflow crowd at the Abilene Missionary Baptist Church extended into the church's porch and yard.

Pullings also drew lessons from Genesis 22, the account of Abraham offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice on Mt Moriah.

Pullings added that John and Gussie Mae Flowers were bedrock community members whose children are a living testimony to their character.

"It is very rare, in this day and time, that you find this type of family that displays the power and excellency of God," he said.

John Louis Flowers, 84, was born in Grandin. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from Farm Bureau. He was well known for his collection of scrap metal and other items.

Gussie Mae Flowers, 80, was a long time member of the church.

Putnam Hall resident Walter Mae Stokes said Gussie Mae was a caring member of the community who was constantly checking up on neighbors and

willing to share.

Herbert Williams, a church deacon, said Gussie Mae was a dedicated believer, and a loyal participant in bible studies and other church ministries.

Keystone Heights Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth, a family friend, said that even to those who did not know the Flowers well, their love for one another and for others shone brightly.

"I will always remember their twinkling eyes and huge smiles," Hildreth said. "The Flowers are a caring and sharing family. Always putting the needs of others first. Their generosity and genuine consideration for their fellow man does not go unnoticed."

Pullings said the couple exuded a compassionate spirit. He added that they often patronized his barbershop in Ocala.

He also said the entire community has been shaken by the loss, and that many people in Putnam Hall are asking why the tragedy occurred.

"Why do you take the good ones?" Pullings said many are asking.

Pullings said the tragedy should serve as a call to repentance and worship for the entire Putnam Hall community.

He also declared that throughout the ordeal, God was in complete control, and as the flames engulfed the mobile home the couple was not alone.

"God was aware of everything that took place, which means that when it happened, God was not absent, he was present," said Pullings.

"There were four in the fiery furnace," he continued, "and there were three in that trailer."

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wrote DeArriba, "and mindful of the county's exposure to a potentially larger settlement, staff is recommending that the negotiated settlement of \$35,000 be accepted to avoid further

liability on this claim, as well as future impact on liability insurance premiums."

Approval by the full commission is required to finalize the settlement.

During its Feb. 18 meeting, the budget, personnel and policy committee also:

**Sent a memorandum of understanding to the full board with the sheriff's office in which the sheriff will provide two part-time deputies for security at the county administrative building.**

The administrative building

See SECURITY, 3A

## Airport was issue in 2006

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2006 Keystone Heights mayoral candidates (l-r) Tony Brown, Mary Lou Hildreth and Huntley Redfearn at a Feb. 23, 2006 forum.

built the new Wendy's Restaurant and Eckerd Drugs (now CVS) at the intersection of Walker Drive and Lawrence Boulevard.

He also said that while on the council he reigned in cost overruns and delinquent accounts receivable in the city's trash collection service.

Redfearn also said he supported the extension of Cargo Way to Walker Drive and the construction of the Greenway, a service road that now runs between Walker Drive and a row of businesses that includes Dollar General and Capital City Bank.

The second candidate, Tony Brown, was a former Clay County Electric employee, Clay County Firefighter and Keystone Heights volunteer firefighter.

In 2006 he was a member of the Keystone Heights Code Enforcement Board, the Clay County Charter Review Committee and a manager for Sonshine Cleaning.

During the race, Brown emphasized his low budget campaign, pointing out the large number of his opponents' signs

throughout the area and insisting that his own election effort would be driven by door-to-door canvassing.

He also said he would push Clay County officials to increase the number of rescue units in the McRae and Keystone Heights areas.

Hildreth, who moved to Keystone Heights in 2002 from South Florida, said she offered the city a fresh start. A University of Florida graduate with 18 years' experience in management, Hildreth was an

executive secretary in a large law firm and also handled public relations for a hospital. Based on her South Florida background, Hildreth emphasized the importance of managed growth.

She also said the city must pursue a robust code enforcement program to battle blight and eyesores within the city. Hildreth also said she was concerned about lake restoration and about motorists speeding within the town.

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## Clay County approves capture, neuter, release policy

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Clay County Commissioners approved a policy that animal control officials said will reduce the number of cats euthanized at the county's animal shelter.

Under the new trap, neuter and release policy, most stray cats will no longer be euthanized at the shelter but rather vaccinated, sterilized and released in the area where they were captured.

County Director of Environmental Services Alan Altman wrote in a memorandum that although the county's euthanasia rate for dogs has decreased from 38 percent in 2010 to 12 percent in 2013, the rate among felines only fell from 70 percent in 2012 to 52 percent last year. He added that one-half of the cats euthanized at the facility are feral, also known as community cats, that cannot be adopted through traditional programs.

Dr. Jennifer Broadhurst, division director of Clay County Animal Control told the county's budget, personnel and policy committee on Feb. 3 that Alachua County has experienced success in its trap, neuter and release program. In 2001 the Alachua County



Dr. Jennifer Broadhurst

Animal Control Department took in around 5,000 cats and euthanized around 4,000. In 2013 it took in 2,732 felines and euthanized 293.

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houses board of county commission departments in addition to the tax collector and property appraiser offices.

Under the agreement, the sheriff will provide 40 hours of security per week in the building at an annual cost of \$47,350.

Commissioner Diane Hutchings said no particular incident triggered the need for

the additional security.

"We just want to be prudent and proactive and provide that service which we did have before the (economic) downturn," she said.

Approved renewal affiliation agreements with Camsen Career institute and Southeastern College for EMT training.

Under the agreement, the two schools' students will ride with county emergency personnel, providing the students with clinical experience. In exchange, CCFR will send a number of its

See TRAINING, 5A

## Pray-for-rain group observes second year milestone



Members of a group that prays for rain in Keystone Heights includes (l-r) Sue Plaster, Brad Caouette, Vivian Katz, Sam Green and Daniel Cooke.

A group praying for rain in Keystone Heights observed its second anniversary recently. Sue Plaster started the group which was at first led by Tom

Farmer and Kristi Overton Johnson. Since then the group has met on Fridays at 8 a.m. in the gazebo at Natural Park, with the exception of January

and February when they meet at Trinity Baptist Church to keep warm. Plaster said she started

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## CREEK

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at the end of the chain of lakes," said District Governing Board Chairman John Miklos. "We are working on longer term projects that will benefit the Keystone Heights lakes and the Floridan aquifer in north Florida, and the board's action funds needed maintenance that will help water move through the creek system

in the short and long terms."

Numerous projects are under way or have been completed in north Florida to help meet current and long-term water supply needs for the region and to protect and maintain springs, lakes and wetlands.

Among those projects was a short-term pilot test conducted last summer that provided needed data on the hydrologic effects of introducing additional

water into the Alligator Creek system south of Lake Lowry. Data collected during the project provided information on seepage of water in Alligator Creek.

Other current projects include a feasibility study on constructing rapid infiltration basins at selected sites in the Keystone region and an analysis of the potential to capture stormwater runoff from the First Coast Outer Beltway.

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(\$50), Windemere Mayor Gary Bruhn (\$20), Leemar Properties LLC (\$100), Keystone Auto Parts (\$25), Wilton Manors Mayor Gary Resnick (\$25) and Hallendale Beach Mayor Joy Cooper (\$50).

She also accepted donations from five members of the USA Aerobic Unlimited Team, which trains at the Keystone

Heights Airport.

Hildreth's opponent in the race, former Vice Mayor Tony Brown, reported \$3,610 in total contributions through Feb. 14.

Brown's largest contributions came from Keystone Heights Downtown LLC (\$400), which owns several downtown buildings, Melrose retiree Mark Frost (\$300), and Jacksonville retiree Susan Register (\$393). Other notable contributors included Keystone

Heights Planning and Zoning Board member Fred Pitts (\$87 in-kind), retired Melrose businessman Charles Lowry (\$100), Jacksonville civil engineers William Schilling Jr. (\$175) and Joseph Mecca (\$125), Clay County Commission candidate Clu Wright (\$100) and attorney Monique Cardenas (\$125), who played basketball for Keystone Heights High School, the University of Florida and the WNBA's Portland Fire.

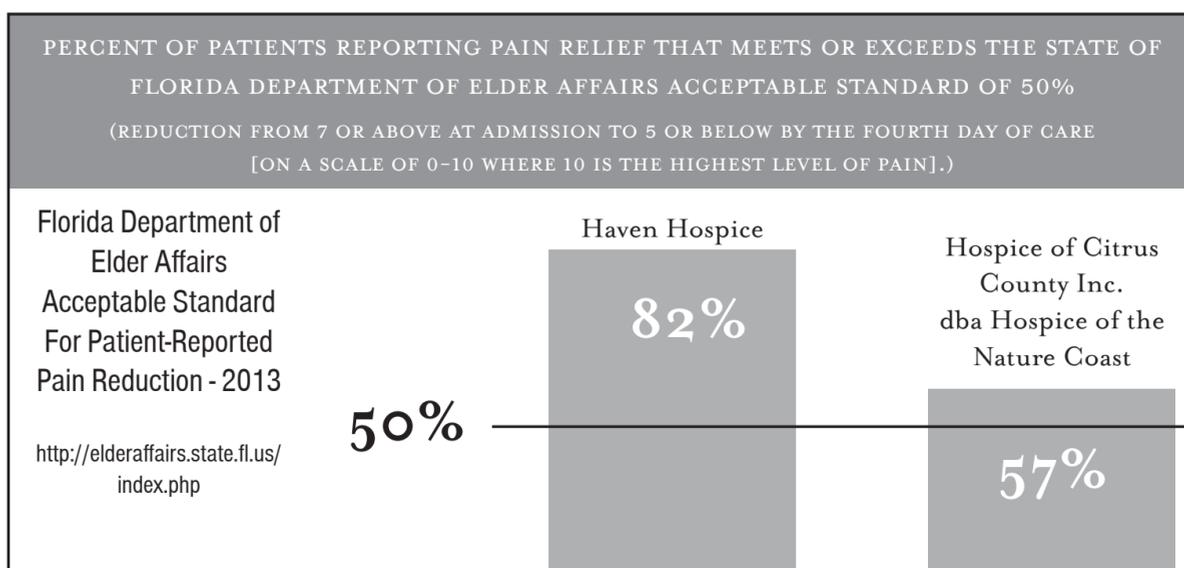
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## KHHS Future Farmers of America chapters observing FFA Week

This week the Keystone Heights FFA chapters will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 15-22. This year's theme is Ignite and it embraces more than 80 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than half a million members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture.

During the week, the KHHS chapters will conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. The Keystone Heights chapters will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in the following activities: Pennies for Patients Community Service

Project, Food Check Out Week Canned Food Drive, Oakleaf High Agriculture College and Career Fair, Dress Up Days, Lunch Activities, Scavenger Hunt, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and it will wrap up with our 3rd annual Big Man on Campus competition.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 579,678 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,570 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



The Keystone Heights High School FFA 2013-2014 Officer Team (l-r) front row: Jerrin Dampier, Katie Sue Walls, Carter Draney, Ellie Wortham, Lauren Hovsepian, Connor Turner, Morgan Gibbs, Bailea Gnann, Carley Dyal, Jacob Jefferson and Makenna Wylie. Back row: Madison Lemmon, Dan Mason, Jared Velazquez and Skye Smith.

### Keystone FFA chapters earn 3 star award



Left to right: Erin Verplanck, Austin Saunders, Jacob Fanton, Dan Mason, Carley Dyal and Bailea Gnann at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. Photo courtesy of Keystone Heights High School FFA.

### Three earn prizes in FFA speech contest

Each year, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership Program sponsors a statewide Youth Speech Contest.

The contest has three levels of competition: county, district and state. The winner of the county contest competes in a district contest and the district winner then competes in the state competition against the other seven district winners.

All three of the young ladies pictured above competed in their county and then at district level held at Duval County Extension Office, and all three walked away with cash prizes.

The state contest is held at Florida Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Meeting.

The purpose of this contest is to promote a stronger interest and clearer understanding of the many aspects of agriculture; to provide opportunities for youth to gain knowledge, appreciation and understanding of agriculture; and to help promote agriculture's



FFA members pictured (left to right) are Bradford County High School senior Brittany Toms, Union County High School junior Savannah Woodall and Keystone Heights High School freshman Charlee Montford.

many values and virtues.

The topic this year was "Over the past 500 years, how has

technology influenced Florida agriculture?"

Submitted by Lisa Tatum.

### Keystone FFA chapter certified

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

The Florida FFA Association has certified the Keystone Heights Senior High School Chapter as a quality Future Farmers of America chapter.

Every year the state association evaluates each school chapter's activities. It awards points for the activities based on standards for leadership events, award

applications, career development events, local activities and membership and enrollment.

Local activities for the Keystone Heights chapter included Florist Angels with the Keystone Heights Garden Club, a booth at the Jacksonville Fair, the Big Man on Campus Competition, animal entries in the Clay County Agricultural Fair and Farm Day with Keystone

Heights Elementary School.

The chapter has 73 students in the program, and its adviser is Erin Verplanck.

In order to qualify as a bona fide FFA organization, chapters must score at least 150 points on the assessment. To qualify as a premier FFA group, a chapter must score 250 points. The Keystone Heights chapter scored 280 points.

The National Future Farmers of America Organization awarded the Keystone Heights High School chapters its three star award. The Junior and Senior FFA Chapters were two of the 23 Florida affiliates that earned the recognition. Oakleaf High School and Lake Asbury Middle School were the only other Northeast Florida chapters to earn the award.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program recognizes affiliates for developing and conducting a detailed program of activities. Each activity provides opportunities for FFA members

to excel in student, chapter, or community development.

Chapter adviser Erin Verplanck and members Carley Dyal, Bailea Gnann, Austin Saunders, Dan Mason, and Jacob Fanton accepted plaques for the awards at the National FFA Convention and Expo which ran from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 in Louisville, Ky.

The national honor follows the Keystone chapters' selection as two of Florida's top FFA programs in June at the state convention in Orlando.

Keystone's group of about 125 students completed several

projects last year including the Nutrients for Life program, Pennies for Patients and the Keystone Garden Club's Florist Angels program.

Chapter members also raised and showed steers, swine, and heifers at the Clay County Agricultural Fair, participated in can food drives for Lake Area Ministries, cultivated school gardens for Keystone Heights Elementary and led Farm Day programs at the elementary school.

Submitted by Erin Verplanck, Keystone Heights High School FFA.

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In the weeks leading up to the election, Redfearn often reminded voters that he was a lifelong resident of the city. Hildreth responded that length of residency did not necessarily equate into effective leadership.

Throughout the campaign, annexation was a major issue, with Brown and Hildreth favoring voluntary annexation. Brown said he supported annexing the Park of the Palms.

Redfearn said he opposed annexing tax-exempt property like the Park of the Palms and also opposed the city taking

in the High Ridge Estates neighborhood, claiming that paving the dirt roads within the area would cost the town millions of dollars.

The relationship of the city council to the Keystone Heights Airport was also a campaign topic, particularly in exchanges between then-airpark board chairman, the late Bob Canady and Redfearn.

During one candidate forum, Canady asked Redfearn if the mayor hopeful planned to disband the airpark authority. Redfearn, in turn accused certain unnamed individuals of planning to dissolve the city so the airport could operate

independently and align itself with Bradford County or other governmental entities.

When elections officials tallied votes on March 7, Redfearn led the way with 101 votes. Hildreth followed with 100 votes and Brown trailed with 99. Brown waived his right to a recount, forcing a runoff between the top two finishers.

In a telephone interview this week, Brown said he did not demand the recount because he was confident the first tally compiled by elections officials was correct.

Hildreth won the March 21 runoff 162-136.

# McRae Elementary School Terrific Kids for January



Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. The Kiwanis Club of the Lakes sponsors the program locally.

Terrific is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

As part of the program, students work with their classroom teacher to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or school work. All students who achieve their goals after a specified time are recognized as Terrific Kids. Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid; a pizza, ice cream or other food-themed party and presentation of certificates and other giveaways. Pictured are the Terrific Kids from McRae Elementary School for January, along with Principal Marcus Dooley. (L-r) first row: Talon Lybarger, Davian Meadows, Emma Recard, Austin Hamilton, Logan Hilton, Heather Jarzanka and Riley Cullingford. Second row: Jasmyn Mizell, Rebecca Edwards, Harmony Geiger, Austin Duve, Jacob Rutkowski, Brayden Miller, Jazalyn Castellanos, Madison Jarzanka, Mandy Guo and Brian Batton. Third row: Jordynn MacKinnon, Seth Davenport, Erik Christiansen, Amaya Hall, Adam Spurlin, Shelby Phillips, Jackie Shaffer and Abigail Stahmann. Back row: Principal Marcus Dooley, Michaela Harris, Dakota Rowland, Colby Hopkins, Ryan Swank and Bobby Eden.

# TRAINING

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employees to the schools free of tuition.

Sent to the full commission an application for a \$191,000 matching grant with the state to purchase a new rescue unit for station 26, Oakleaf in

Orange Park.

If approved, the state will pay 75 percent of the unit's cost.

Assistant Fire Chief David Motes said the county applied for an identical grant last year but did not obtain the funding. Motes said the department has

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**GAI**  
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around \$50 million.

CCUA Supervisor Frank Gerwe said he was ready to support the project. However, fellow board member Mike Vallencourt expressed reservations about the proposal.

"This is way outside of our business model," he said. "It is way outside of the box."

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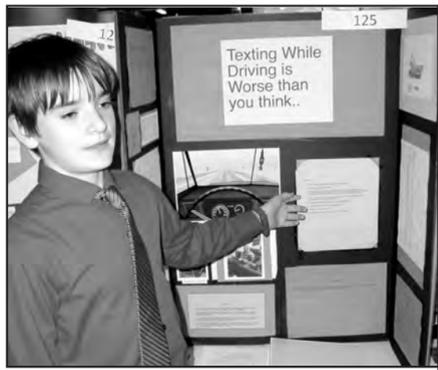
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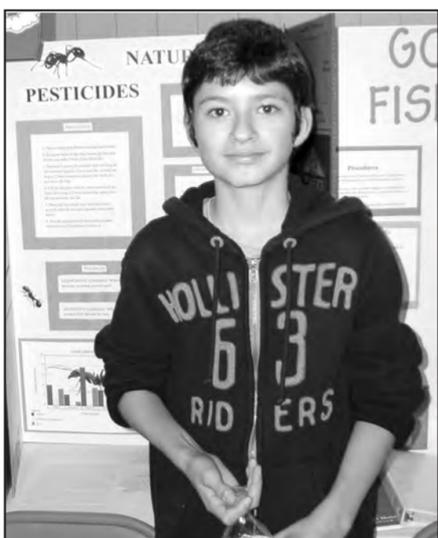
# Keystone Heights students join Clay Science Fair



Caleb Cushman found that simulation drivers did more than twice as badly as they predicted, if driving and texting.



Two older judges admitted they didn't quite understand 9th grader Chase Wesley's video game-based project. He wanted to know whether players were better at puzzles with y,z or diagonal axis.



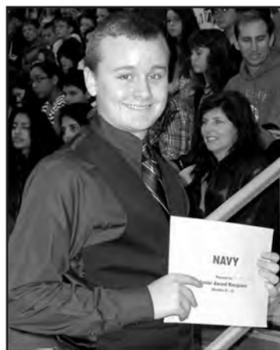
After his science project findings, Jonathan Clark is not convinced that putting dry grits on an ant bed gets rid of the ants, as is widely believed.



Jennifer Goodman's physics project called for a catapult launch, a mouse trap and a spoon, to measure distance and mass, versus distance and weight or maybe even shape. Measuring the catapulted distance of items like dimes, quarters and notebook clips was a little unpredictable, she found.



Right: At the awards ceremony, Brandon Ludwig received a special award sponsored by the U.S. Navy.



Left: Jessie Yeldell received second place in the junior medical/health division.



Dakota Puls received second place in the senior chemistry division.

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BY JAMES WILLIAMS

Special to the Monitor

Clay Science Fair organizer Lillian Bell put together this year's team of 200 judges who interviewed students and ranked their science fair projects. At the school district, Nancy Watson organized the directors, who in turn organized the students in their individual schools. All of them had big jobs.

The school district event took place last Tuesday at the Reinhold Center, Clay County Agricultural Fair Grounds. The presentation of awards was held in the stadium that chilly night. Watson and other presenters struggled with a single cranky wireless microphone in the damp night air.

But still, the 2014 Clay County Science Fair entered the books as a success on a number of counts. Keystone Heights Middle and High School's science fair director and science teacher Ron Hartman said there were 488 projects entered countywide this year with more than 500 students participating. (Some students worked on projects in teams of two and three.) Thirty to 50 of those projects came from the Keystone Heights Middle and High Schools.

Bell added that organizers had trouble finding enough tables to hold all the students with their cardboard trifold displays this year. Some judges worried about not just the crowding but the noise level in the big exhibition rooms, which made it more difficult for older judges to hear the students' youthful voices.

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# GRANT

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 been using a spare unit at the station but is still seeking a new vehicle.

**Recommended the full commission accept a \$49,891.50 bid from Riverstone Construction LLC to provide additional drainage to the Doctor's Lake Drive shared use path.**

The county completed construction of the pedestrian and bicycle path on Doctor's Lake Drive, near the entrance to St. Johns Country Day School, in February of 2012. Since that time, storm water often accumulates on the path, creating a safety hazard.

The modifications to the path, to be performed by Riverstone, will construct an underdrain system to lessen storm water accumulations on the walkway.

**Sent to the full commission modifications to the Henley Road project in the amount of \$30,937.58 for additional drainage work and \$10,000 to cover the completion of legal and expert witness costs.**

County Public Works Director

Jeff Beck said the change order for the drainage covers seven areas along the road where either water is accumulating behind sidewalks, or where grades or driveways need to be corrected.

The additional legal and expert witness costs relate to five parcels along Henley Road the county obtained through eminent domain.

**Sent to the full board a capital improvements request to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority asking the JTA to fund three busses and 10 bus stop shelters at a cost of \$621,000.**

JTA has funds available to assist regional transportation partners in making capital improvements. The request asks the agency to apply some of those funds to Clay County.

**Sent to the full commission an amendment to the county's land development code that would allow additional home occupations.**

Now, the county's code only allows clerical work to be performed in home-based businesses.

Holly Parrish, the county's director of economic

development, said one homeowner in western Clay County wants to operate a firearms repair business from his home, but is prohibited from doing so under the current rules. She added that the proposed code change would lift the restriction of clerical work only for at-home work, but would retain a prohibition on signs and additional traffic.

Parrish said the changes would bring Clay County into line with surrounding counties and that her office regularly fields questions from homeowners about home occupations.

**Approved Commission Auditor Michael T. Price's proposed audit schedule for 2014.**

Price told the committee that since the 2007-2008 fiscal year, he has focused his efforts on the risk of county workers circumventing the board's purchasing and operating procedures. He said that after budget cuts eliminated around 100 county jobs, the risk that some of the remaining staff might cut corners by ignoring board rules was substantial.

Price said that now, since the staff has grown accustomed to leaner budgets and reduced head counts, the risk of workers circumventing purchasing and other rules has decreased.

Price said he proposed shifting his focus back to traditional internal audit studies, focusing on efficiencies and cost savings within county departments. He said that in 2014, he planned to conduct examinations in the public works department, emergency medical services and

fire control.

# CHARTER

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more people from Keystone Heights, Kingsley Lake and Clay Hill would wind up on the commission.

Farrell said county commissioners should have done a better job soliciting applications from District 4.

However, Rosa Price disagreed with Farrell's assessment.

"One of the assumptions that we have made is that the county commission did not do a good job of soliciting applications," said Price. "We don't know that to be the case."

Price also offered another explanation why only two western Clay County residents applied for service on the commission.

"We have called lack of participation from the public apathy," she said. "Is it possible that the people in District 4 didn't apply because they are happy with their government? It is my understanding that Commissioner (Chereese) Stewart sees people all the time. She is active in her community. She is active in her district."

Price also offered one more reason why only two applicants applied for service on the commission.

"It's a long way to drive from Keystone Heights," she said.

Chair Brian Campbell said Stewart did her best to get recruits from her district.

"Chereese was beating the bushes for a long time," he said. "She really understood that it was going to be difficult."

During the discussion, Farrell changed his proposal from a ballot item to a recommendation

to county commissioners that they make their best efforts to recruit future charter review commission members from all districts, including District 4. The charter commission will also recommend that county commissioners ask constitutional officers and Clay County municipal officials to help with recruitment.

In other news from the Feb. 3 meeting of the charter review commission:

**The commission tied on a proposal which would**

**have instituted non-partisan elections for constitutional officers.**

The proposal failed because it did not get a majority vote.

Farrell said that of Florida's 20 home rule counties, only one, Polk, held non-partisan elections for all its constitutional officers. He added that Palm Beach, Lee and Leon counties also elect their supervisor of elections in non-partisan races, and that Palm Beach County elects its

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## LEGAL NOTICES

"Government ought to be all outside and no inside."

President Woodrow Wilson

LRM Legals 2/20/14

### Absentee Ballots City of Keystone Heights Municipal Election

Absentee ballots for the City of Keystone Heights Municipal Election to be held on March 4, 2014 may be requested from City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd. Please contact Terry Suggs, City Manager at 352-473-4807 regarding an absentee ballot.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS City of Keystone Heights

The City of Keystone Heights City Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on March 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard to consider Ordinance 2014-536, Ordinance 2014-537 and Ordinance 2014-538.

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room.

ORDINANCE 2014-536 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 150.01 OF CHAPTER 150, BUILDING REGULATIONS TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (A) ADOPTING LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

AGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2014-537 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE KEYSTONE HEIGHTS' CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 150.05 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PLAN OF CHAPTER 150 AND PART I. FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS OF ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 153 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF TITLE XV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND SECTION 38. PERMITS REQUIRED OF PART I OF ARTICLE IV. PERMITS AND APPROVALS TO ADD AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 65. VARIANCES TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF A VARIANCE WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN; TO AMEND SECTION 69. ACTION ON APPEALS AND VARIANCES TO DIRECT APPEALS OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PERMITS TO CIRCUIT COURT ; TO AMEND THE LIST OF APPENDICES IN CHAPTER 153 TO INCLUDE APPENDIX V; TO ADOPT APPENDIX V. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 153 OF TITLE XV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO WIT: ADOPTING FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, ADOPTING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2014-538 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33, PURCHASING, OF CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances and at the public hearing to consider the request for Use by Exception.

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Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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- Worked with FDOT to get safe routes to school for our children, including the new sidewalk from KHHS to Santa Fe College
- Obtained \$650,000 Housing Rehabilitation grant
- Developing program for downtown landscape project
- Fiscally conservative — reduced the budget by over 30%
- Strong supporter of our troops and veterans — speaking at Camp Blanding deployments and attending veteran's ceremonies, local Amvets and American Legion events
- Instrumental in raising over \$300,000 for Lake Area Ministries Building Fund
- Obtained phase out of county interlocal money, saving taxpayers \$500,000
- Supports our students and schools, brought in a National Environmental Program
- Working to establish a Youth Council with KHHS
- Sponsored resolution to Water District, strongly objecting to lowering levels (MFLs) on our lakes

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# ELECTION FAIR

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property appraiser and sheriff on a non-partisan basis.

Duane D'Andrea withdrew his proposal to reconsider how often the charter review committee meets.

Now, the panel convenes every four years.

William Randall asked that the committee postpone discussion of his proposal to create a Clay County Commission on Human Relations, Diversity and Equal Opportunity.

Randall told the panel he had recently received additional information regarding his proposal and preferred to discuss the idea during the commission's next meeting.

Chair Brian Campbell approved Randall's request.

Travis Christiansen withdrew his proposal to require a transparency code for county commissioners.

Before withdrawing the idea, Christiansen said the code would supplement an already-existing rule in the county's charter that prohibits county commissioners from interfering in the work of staff members. The non-interference rule states that commissioners may only direct the work of the county manager, auditor and attorney.

Christiansen's proposal would have required each commissioner to report to their colleagues whenever they communicated with the manager, attorney or auditor. He said the rule would have prevented the three officials from spending an inordinate amount of time on any particular commissioner's pet projects.

After Charter Commission General Council Wayne Flowers told Christiansen the transparency code might infringe on privileged communications between the county attorney and commissioners, Christiansen withdrew the proposal.

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But, as always, it is the students and their projects that make or break the show. Students in behavioral science included some who studied music's effects on memory; others studied its effects on heart rate. (One student said that because of her science project, she had decided to no longer study while listening to music.)

Using a driving simulation app, KHHS 7th grader Caleb Cushman found texting while driving was even more dangerous than his subjects predicted. A new twist, a two-person team distributed abstracts to each judge, summarizing the work they had done and their results. "Would you like an abstract?" they asked each judge when their interview was over.

Student projects are divided into a variety of math and science categories, such as zoology, botany, chemistry, math, computer science, behavioral science, physics and more. The projects are further divided between junior and senior divisions.

Crowded or not, Bell said as the morning session of judging wound down that she thought it had gone as nicely as usual. Every student was seen and judged; the crowds of judges and students were all fed. Some schools brought their own lunches or ordered out. Orange Park Rotarian Nonnie Larsen's catering business fed the rest.

In fact, the Rotary is a main sponsor of the event, contributing funds and volunteer judges. Other volunteer judges come from the area's military bases, or Clay County Emergency Management. Science-oriented volunteer retirees are also a major presence.

Rotary is by no means the only contributor; all are welcome. Corporations and companies related or even unrelated to

science-like the Vystar Credit Union contribute with judges, funds or special prizes from \$25 to \$100 and sometimes more. The Orange Park Medical Center donated large sums for special prizes for student projects. Clay Electric Cooperative is also a perennial contributor.

Top winners from this week's fair will go on to the 59th State Science and Engineering Fair in Lakeland on April 8, 9, and 10, which can get tricky, given student exams are held around the same time.

At the state event, two students are chosen to go forward to the International Science Fair, to be held in Los Angeles May 11-16.

Award winners from the Lake Region included Lianna Norman - Yale Science & Engineering Association Award; Hannah Wacha -American Meteorological Society Award, U.S. Air Force, 6th-12th Math, Science, Engineering Award, 3rd Place, Senior Physics/Astronomy; Brandon Ludwig-U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research Award; Katlyn Kendrick - 3rd place, Senior Behavioral Science; Dakota Puls-2nd Place, Senior Chemistry; Caleb Cushman -2nd Place, Junior Behavioral Science; Ashton Ludwig - 3rd Place, Junior Chemistry; Krysta Milidantri - 2nd Place, Junior Chemistry; Jessie Yeldell - 2nd Place, Junior Medicine/Health Science; Drew Love, Katie Sue Walls - 3rd Place, Junior Physics/Astronomy and Skye Smith - 3rd Place, Junior Zoology.

and elsewhere. She said many wells were drying up and trees were dying.

"I was having visions of a ghost town," she said. "Looking at my section of Lake Geneva that pours into the big lake, I realized that my section was too low to pour over into the big lake so I determined this problem was purely lack of rainfall. At that time, God told me to gather others to pray for rain and he would honor them, which he has done for two years."

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typically occurs in mid-August. However, applicants must provide sufficient evidence or documentation to demonstrate extenuating circumstances as to why the application was not filed in a timely manner.

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## Soccer travel team seeking players

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## How much do you know about the Second Seminole War?

## PRAY

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## Appreciating life through its ups and downs

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

“Why?”  
A one-word question that so easily pops into anybody’s mind during troubling times. It was a question Ryan Reddish of Starke asked himself as a 22-year-old who had received a diagnosis of having a serious heart condition.

Now, 16 years later, Reddish is not asking why. The open-heart surgery he had two years ago and the series of complications he experienced in the hospital in its aftermath has changed his outlook on life, causing him to take stock of what’s really important and to rely more upon God.

“It’s been a blessing in disguise,” Reddish said. “All that has happened was bad, but it’s made me a better person physically and spiritually.”

His life has been quite a story,

starting with having surgery at 10 months of age and later being diagnosed with the same heart condition his older brother, Chad, has.

Barbara and John Reddish have two sons who are alive today and able to experience the joy of their families, but at times, it looked as if that wouldn’t be reality.

“It’s just been an unusual journey,” Barbara Reddish said. “It’s rare that a set of parents comes so close to losing two of their children, yet miraculously they get them both back. I never see either of them where I don’t have an immediate flashback of what could have been.”

“I have a deep appreciation of what the outcome for both of them was. I am still in awe that they’re still here.”

That “unusual journey” in Ryan’s case began with something unrelated to his heart.

‘There is something unusual about his back’

Those were the words of John Reddish after Ryan was born. Despite his concern, the pediatrician assured John and Barbara there was nothing wrong with their son.

When Ryan was 6 months old, he developed pneumonia and was admitted to the hospital. After X-rays, the pediatrician had to admit that something was indeed wrong.

“He had an extreme case of scoliosis,” Barbara said.

The parents were referred to another physician, who said the only option for Ryan was to have surgery. The diagnosis was that he wouldn’t live to see the age of 20 otherwise.

Surgery, which included a spinal fusion, was performed when Ryan was 10 months old. That left him in a full-body cast, plus he also had a cast on his left foot, which had some abnormalities.

Barbara expected her infant son to express his discomfort at having to be in a body cast for the next six months, but she said he actually had a “pleasant disposition” throughout.

“I envisioned nights of not sleeping and probably a lot of discomfort and crying, but he was just delightful,” Barbara said.

A trip to his orthopedic

physician at the age of 14 revealed that Ryan’s spine had started to curve again. Ryan had to have surgery again to insert Harrington rods along his spine.

As you can imagine, this surgery was a lot different for Ryan than the one he had as an infant. He was old enough to be aware of what was going on.

“That was scary,” Ryan said.

Following the surgery, Ryan had to wear a brace, which was uncomfortable and, of course, not the thing a teenager wants to have to deal with.

“You’re in high school, you’re trying to impress girls and stuff, and you’re walking around like a Ninja Turtle,” Ryan said.

Not that he complained. Like the infant in a full-body cast that never fussed, the teenaged Ryan seemed to take it all in stride. His mother said that’s basically been his approach to life.

“Always this wonderful attitude,” Barbara said. “He was never bitter. He was never a child that complained about anything.”

Though scoliosis was Ryan’s concern at that point in his life, he and his family were aware of the fact that his heart never moved from the right side of his chest to the left side prior to birth. However, his heart was functioning fine. Barbara said the joke was that Ryan would have to place his left hand over the right side of his chest when pledging allegiance to the flag.

In time, though, Ryan faced a bigger concern than what side his heart was on.

Not a mistake

Barbara was thinking the doctor must have been confused. Perhaps he was looking at her son Chad’s records.

Ryan was making an annual visit to the cardiologist when he was 22. The cardiologist said Ryan had cardiomyopathy—the same disease his brother had been diagnosed with.

“On the way home, I don’t think we hardly said a word to each other,” Barbara said. “We were just both so stunned by the diagnosis.”

Cardiomyopathy is a hereditary disease that causes the heart muscle to become enlarged. In Chad’s case, the disease caused him to suffer a sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 16. Surviving such an incident is approximately 5 percent, but Chad did survive.

Now, not only was the Reddish family learning that Ryan had the disease, too, but that Ryan’s heart was even more enlarged than his brother’s.

“I was just blown away,” Ryan said. “This whole time I felt so sorry for my brother and what he had gone through. I was terrified for him. Then, all of a sudden, we later learned that I’m worse.”

Ryan was put on the same



Ryan Reddish is pictured with his daughter Sabella while recovering from open-heart surgery.

medication as his brother, and his condition was monitored over the years. Nothing seemed to change in his condition until one night in 2012 when he had trouble breathing. Ryan said he had eaten shrimp that night and thought he was having some sort of allergic reaction.

Finally, at 2 a.m., after trying unsuccessfully to get to sleep, Ryan told his wife, Jennifer, he needed to go to the hospital. That

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Ryan Reddish, who is pictured with his wife, Jennifer, has been no stranger to hospitals, having undergone surgery twice for scoliosis and once most recently for cardiomyopathy.

## Bradford’s Forsyth earns 3rd-place medal at state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford High School senior Jarraid Forsyth claimed a medal at the Feb. 14-15 Florida High School Athletic Association Wrestling Finals in Lakeland, going 5-1 and placing third in the 160-pound weight class.

“It feels kind of good,” Forsyth said, “but I’m not satisfied at all.”

Forsyth took an undefeated record into the tournament and had hopes of winning the championship. In Bradford coach Chris Adams’ eyes, however, Forsyth proved his worth, rebounding from a second-round loss and winning four straight matches.

“He proved he’s a true champion with heart,” Adams

said. After defeating Coral Springs’ Adam Hassanian in the first round, Forsyth was pinned in 53 seconds by Hernando’s Brennan Ertl, who would go on to finish as

runner-up to Suwannee’s Shawn Brown. Adams said Forsyth was up 4-0 before Ertl executed a “lucky move.”

It was a tough loss, to be sure, but Adams told Forsyth, “You

worked so hard to go (to state). Don’t let it destroy you now.”

Forsyth admitted he wanted to give up after the loss, but said, “My friends and family just kept

me going.”

The result was the four best matches he’s ever seen Forsyth wrestle, Adams said. Forsyth pinned the Villages’

Zachary Logan in 2:38 before beating West Nassau’s Michael Dudzinski 9-4. He then defeated Rockledge’s Trace Woxberg 9-0

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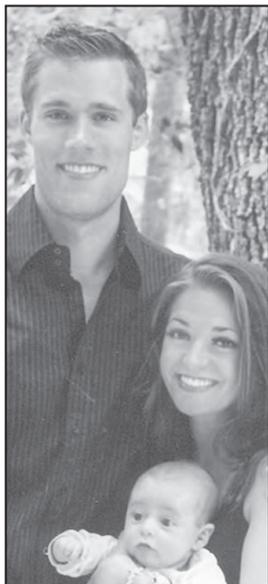
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**Cancer support meeting to be held Feb. 24 at Bradford Library**



Mike Henderson is pictured with wife, Lauren, and son, Eli.

**Henderson earns Ph.D.**

Mike Henderson (Keystone Heights High School class of 2004) successfully defended his doctoral thesis at Yale University on Jan. 22, thereby earning his Ph.D. in neuroscience. His thesis title is, "The Role of Presynaptic Co-chaperone CSP alpha in Neurodegeneration."

Mike, his wife, Lauren, and his son, Eli, will move to Philadelphia in the spring, where Mike will begin a postdoctoral research position at the University of Pennsylvania.

The word "cancer" may have six letters, but so does "strong." Let's come together as a community and support one another.

Come out and meet others who are going through, or who have gone through, battles with cancer at the cancer support meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford County Library. Refreshments will be served.

At this meeting, attendees can share stories and listen to others' stories. Hearing and sharing could make a bigger impact than you think. Sometimes just talking about it makes it easier.

For information, questions or to register for the Relay for Life, please call Laura Cleesen at 352-587-1794 or visit the website [www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl). (Also like us on Facebook.)

**Local DAR chapter to meet March 3**

Norm Myers of the Sons of the American Revolution will present a program on "Writing Your Memoirs" at the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's next meeting, which will be Monday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at IHOP in Starke.

In addition, VetSpace of Alachua County representative Natalie Packnick, accompanied by her service dog, Eiesel, will accept two plarn (plastic yarn) mats made by DAR members for homeless, female veterans. (The Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution three-year project is centered on homeless, female veterans.)

Visitors are welcome to attend this meeting.

Any woman 18 or older—regardless of race, religion or ethnic background—who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership.

Please contact Konnie Beauregard at 352-475-1865 for more information.

**Former BHS coach 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.

**KHHS grad Nadler makes '16 Olympic trials**

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

As a competitor, Enoch Nadler strives to do his best, so when he returned to the sport of long-distance running after a four-year hiatus, he decided to aim high.

Nadler, a 2004 Keystone Heights High School graduate who currently lives in Dallas, participated in January's USA Half Marathon Championships in Houston, crossing the finish line in 1:03:55 and earning a spot in the Feb. 13, 2016, U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

"It feels great," Nadler said. "I started back running and set that goal for myself."

Olympic trial-qualifying races began in August 2013, but last month's USA Half Marathon Championships was Nadler's first attempt in qualifying. He felt confident, though, in his ability to finish with a qualifying time of 1:05.

Nadler did more than reach that time, establishing personal-record 10K and 15K times of 30:06 and 45:04.

"I felt like I had a great shot of achieving it, but I ran faster than I expected," Nadler said.

At KHHS, Nadler participated in both cross country and track and field. As a senior, he was a district runner-up and regional champion in cross country before placing third at the state finals with a personal record of 15:37.

In track and field as a KHHS senior, Nadler was the district champion in the 1600m and district runner-up in the 3200m. He went on to finish as the regional runner-up in the 3200m and place fourth at state in the event with a personal-record time of 9:27.09.

Nadler competed at the University of Florida after high school, setting personal records of 4:09 in the mile, 8:15 in the 3,000 meters, 8:54 in the 3K



Enoch Nadler (far right) qualified for the Feb. 13, 2016, U.S. Olympic Team Trials after posting a time of 1:03:55 at the USA Half Marathon Championships.

steeplechase, 14:24 in the 5,000 meters and 23:46 in the 8K (cross country).

After graduating from UF,

Nadler did not run competitively for four years.

"I felt like I really needed that break," Nadler said.

However, running was one of his first loves in life. Indeed, it's

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Dillon Moyd

**Moyd makes President's List**

Dillon Moyd was named to the President's List at Trinity Baptist College for the Fall 2013 semester by President Mac Heavener, Jr. This honor is the result of earning a 3.80 grade point average or higher for the semester while completing a full-time course load. Dillon is the son of Thomas Moyd of Keystone Heights and Robin Hancock of Kingman, Ariz.

**Andrew Crosby family reunion is March 1**

The Andrew Crosby family reunion will be held Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish to the National Guard Armory on Edwards Road in Starke.

**Birth: Spencer Owen Staats**

Phillip and Kellie Staats announce the birth of their son, Spencer Owen Staats. Spencer was born at NFRMC on Dec. 18, 2013 at 1:42 a.m. He weighed 6lbs 5oz and was 18in. in length.

He joins sisters, Ashtin and Brynlie, and brothers, Gavin, Caden, and Brendan.

Maternal Grandparents are Jack and Vickie Moran of Hampton. Maternal Great grandparents are Betty and the late Lester Dawkins of Homestead. Paternal Grandfather is David Staats of Sterling, Va.

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Members of the Ugandan Thunder perform at Northside Christian Academy.

## NCA hosts choir from Uganda

Starke's Northside Christian Academy hosted Ugandan Thunder, a children's choir from the Royal School and Orphanage in Uganda, Jan. 28-29.

Each year, 20-25 Royal School and Orphanage students, ranging in age from 8 to 16, are chosen to spend six months in the United States, traveling to churches and schools, collecting love offerings, raising awareness of the lack of food in their country and encouraging people to sponsor orphans in their country for \$9 a month.

In June 2013, 21 children at Royal School and Orphanage began practicing eight hours a day for the six months they would be in America. This preparation was much different from that of most touring singers.

Royal School and Orphanage children's purpose was to collect enough love offerings to feed 5,000 children for a year. Uganda is a war- and disease-ravaged country, with many children losing their loved ones to war and AIDS.

Northside Christian Academy students, parents and staff raised \$1,200 for Pennies for Posho in the two weeks leading up to Ugandan Thunder's visit. Pennies for Posho helps feed children at Royal School and Orphanage and 13 other orphanages. (Posho is the staple food of Uganda and other countries in Africa.)

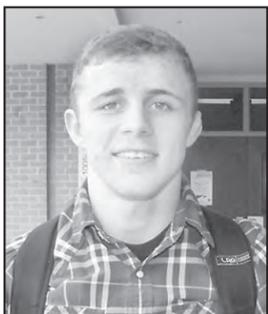
Ted Moody, who founded Pennies for Posho, said the NCA love offering was the largest the organization had ever received from a school.

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before defeating Lemon Bay's Ryan Dodge in the third-place match.

Bradford had two first-time state qualifiers in junior Shayne Kahakua-Lodivero (106 class) and sophomore J.T. Griffis (113). Most first-time state participants are in awe of the immensity of the event and have what Adams said is called "newbie shock." A lot of those wrestlers wind up going 0-2, but Griffis did get a win, which came in the first round. He pinned Somerset Academy's Daniel Valledor in 2:13 before losing 21-9 to eventual sixth-place finisher Jacob Denning of Rockledge.



Jarraid Forsyth

Griffis was eliminated when he was pinned in 49 seconds by Anclote's Brandon McQuinn, who was ranked in the top two in the state, but suffered an upset loss before he faced Griffis.

Adams couldn't say enough

about Griffis' heart, which shows in the way he wrestles, and how he should experience great success in the future.

"In two years, he will be a state champion if not a two-time state champion," Adams said.

Kahakua-Lodivero started the tournament with a loss to Tampa Bay Christian's Cullen Telfer, an experienced senior who went on to place third. Adams said he was impressed with Kahakua-Lodivero's mindset. Kahakua-Lodivero's mindset, he said, was to forget about the outcome and just focus on putting forth his best effort.

It showed. "He wrestled great," Adams said.



Enoch Nadler

## NADLER

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a sport you have to love, Nadler said, when one considers the amount of time one puts in on his or her own in training.

"I was hungry again and really wanted to run," Nadler said.

The return was in March 2012 at the age of 26. Since then, Nadler has posted many highlights, placing first in various races in 2012 and 2013.

In December 2013, Nadler and his wife, Angela, took a two-week trip to Cuenca, Ecuador, where Nadler trained for the USA Half Marathon Championships.

In one of his blogs on his website, [www.runwithenoch.com](http://www.runwithenoch.com), Nadler wrote, "This was my first time going to a new continent, and it opened my eyes to what the world has to offer as long as you are willing to put yourself out there and be adventurous."

Now, Nadler has plenty of time to train in preparation for the Olympic trials, which will be held in Los Angeles. It will be a different type of training, though. Nadler was specifically training to run a half marathon for last month's qualifying race, but he will have to run a full marathon at the Olympic trials. He said he will probably participate in his first full marathon this fall in a city like Chicago or New York.

At the Olympic trials, Nadler said he would have to finish in the top three to qualify for the U.S. marathon team. He admitted that's a long shot, but that doesn't mean he won't be going all out to

do the best he can.

"I'll be competing and pushing myself," said Nadler, who said he'd like to at least earn a top-10 or top-20 finish.

If you'd like to keep up with Nadler, please visit his website, [www.runwithenoch.com](http://www.runwithenoch.com), which also has a link to his Facebook profile.

## Bradford Parents Athletic sign-ups are underway

The Bradford Parents Athletic Association is now signing up children for T-ball, baseball and softball. Registration will be held at the Edwards Road facility in Starke on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. until noon. You may also register online at <http://starkebradfordleague.baberuthonline.com>.

New registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

Teams will be drafted on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Late registrations will not be accepted.

## Starke Rotary Beast Feast is March 22

The Rotary Club of Starke's seventh annual Beast Feast will be held Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm in Graham.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the Bradford County Telegraph.

For more information, call Jessie Myers at 352-258-5292 or Kevin Miller at the Telegraph at 904-964-6305.

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION

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## Capital punishment in Florida: time for a new look?

The state of Florida executed another inmate on Feb. 12, and while it made front-page news in the Gainesville Sun, it hardly made a ripple in the news elsewhere. Certainly, the residents of Union and Bradford counties were unaware of the incident, unless they traveled along S.R. 16 during the time of the execution and saw the people standing in the field across the highway from Florida State Prison.

In Florida, the death sentence is performed with clock-like efficiency from experience gained through executing 83 convicted murderers since 1972. Department of Corrections personnel carry out the executions in Florida State Prison, on the banks of New River, in Bradford County. As of today, 399 inmates remain on Death Row, awaiting final disposition of their cases.

There are always two groups of people standing on the north side of S.R. 16 when an execution is scheduled, representing the pro and con of capital punishment. The groups remain segregated, and there has never been a problem between them while on state property.

Inmate Juan Carlos Chavez, 26, was a South Florida farm worker in September 1995 when 9-year-old Jimmy Ryce failed to return home after getting off the school bus. A diligent and thorough search of the community yielded no clues to his disappearance and the case remained in limbo for lack of information.

The Ryce family was devastated as they lived through the Thanksgiving season without a word from or a trace of Jimmy. Not knowing the whereabouts of their son, who seemed to have dropped off the face of the earth, was nerve-racking beyond comprehension. Death from accident or illness could have been accepted and dealt with, but the disappearance of their son, without a trace, was far more difficult. In addition, Christmas, 1995 was just around the corner.

In December, almost three months after Jimmy vanished, and after law enforcement had failed in its searches, the break came that would provide a sad closure to the Jimmy Ryce case. Chavez lived in a trailer in the area, but he was not a suspect, since there was nothing suspicious about his life or actions to attract attention until some weeks later.

The owners of the property on which the Chavez trailer was located realized some items were missing and suspected Chavez of having stolen them. During the search of the Chavez trailer, Jimmy's backpack and books were found, and law enforcement officers were notified. Interrogation followed and a full confession obtained.

Chavez had picked up Jimmy at gunpoint after he had gotten off the school bus, carried him to the Chavez trailer and shot him in the back as he attempted to escape. Jimmy had been violated in a most inhumane way, and after being killed, his body was cut into small pieces, placed in large pots and buried under cement. Officials,

confirming the details of the confession, later dug up the pots.

Officers had never seen a case as gruesome as the Jimmy Ryce case.

Chavez came to trial, was convicted of the murder of Jimmy Ryce and sentenced to death. He remained on Death Row for almost 20 years before the sentence was consummated in February 2014.

If ever a person deserved to die for his crime, it was Juan Carlos Chavez, admitted killer of Jimmy Ryce, in a hideous murder of an innocent child. It was a situation which no parent should ever experience, and while the sentence didn't restore Jimmy or bring him back, it brought a sense of closure to the family and community. It's difficult to impossible to find anything good in this terrible situation that inflicted pain on a family and on a community that will remain for years to come.

Juan Carlos Chavez is dead. He has paid his debt to society, but what was the cost and what was accomplished? Certainly, society was avenged, but vengeance is not a legitimate reason for capital punishment. Families of victims usually say they have found "closure" after an execution, and that statement is difficult to refute, but a life sentence without possibility of parole punishes the inmate every day for as long as he lives, wherein an execution ends the punishment then and there. Believe me, life on the inside of a prison, with no hope of release, is punishment that continues day in and day out, until terminated by death. It is the ultimate penalty for crime.

Capital punishment is practiced for one of two reasons: (1) Punishment of the perpetrator; (2) as a deterrent to others. Obviously, the death sentence, once carried out, is the ultimate punishment for murder and other serious crimes, and is 100-percent successful in individual cases.

As a deterrent, the long wait between the commission of the crime and the punishment loses any value it may have in deterring others from committing crimes. When an inmate is executed, the public can no longer remember the case without refreshing its memory. Western European nations have abandoned capital punishment, and it may be time for Americans to take a look at the pros and cons of the death penalty. In fact, it is highly probable that inmates have been put to death who are innocent of the crimes. In Georgia, a woman was executed for murder, and afterward, the court issued an opinion that she should have been charged with manslaughter rather than with murder. Execution is so permanent, and there is no reversing it.

There may be an alternative to capital punishment. If so, let us move forward into a new era in which the sacredness of life is paramount, even for those who do not share our values.

*Buster Rahm  
Telegraph editorialist*

## LETTERS EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

### Another reader wonders, 'Where did all the Americans go?'

Dear Editor:

I read Mr. Rice's letter, "Where did all the Americans Go," with great interest. I have often wondered the same thing.

I did watch The State of Union Address. I was curious to hear what lies he was going to tell this time. The beginning was a whopper of a lie. He stated that the war was over. Then he continued on with his greatest excess, his gift to gab.

He knows that as long as he tells the American people what they want to hear they will believe him, whether he lives up to his promises or not. Unfortunately, we Americans have a tendency to forget and to believe everything we are told or hear.

He said these wars are to protect the United States against terrorist. I disagree. They have been to protect Iraq and Afghanistan. In the beginning when Bush took \$70 billion from Social Security, money we worked and put in Social Security to take up a cause his dear old daddy didn't follow up with. He tried to prove that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. He only proved that Saddam was robbing the Iraq people of their possessions. Still the war goes on. Obama took up where Bush left off. Obama does not know anything about being a leader of The United States. I agree with Mr. Rice, Our President will destroy us if we

don't do something to stop him.

At the end of his speech, he stated how many military personnel was sent over there and said that 60,000 had been sent home. Last year he stated that all our military personnel would be back home by summer of 2014. Now he says that it will be the end of 2014. In my opinion, he broke his word to our military, their families and we Americans. In fact, I sent him a email asking him why he broke his word? I asked him how he could look at the ones who have come home with arms, legs, eyes, ears and minds missing, and still leave them over there. I told him that someone is killed here in the United States everyday, a child is abused and killed everyday. Seems to me that terrorist is alive and kicking right here in the United States. The laws of today

are written for the criminals, not the victims.

As far as I am concerned, Barack Obama and his whole cabinet needs to be walked out of the White House. In my seventy-five years of life I have never known the United States to be in the position we are in today. People without jobs and can't get Unemployment money to buy food, pay their bills. These are people who have always worked and supported the United States. I don't see Obama, or his cabinet doing without their paychecks.

Until we Americans take back our rights, nothing will change. In the end we will be the losers. Freedom as we know it will be no longer. We need to DEMAND that our military be brought home NOW not a year from now.

*Sincerely,  
Norma Greene*

## LETTERS EDITOR@BCTELEGRAPH.COM

### President or king of deception?

Dear Editor:

If there was a Super Bowl of Hypocrisy or an Olympic medal for Hypocrisy on Ice, there is no question that the winner by default in both cases would be Barack H. Obama.

Certainly every human being exhibits some symptoms of the affliction of hypocrisy, but I have never encountered anyone in the same class as our current, though unqualified, President. He takes the cake, the medal, the ribbon, the trophy, and anything else that's out there.

At the recent National Day of Prayer Breakfast, the President gave a speech which included these words (and, although out of context, they can stand on their own). "...around the world freedom of religion is under threat" and "...the killing of the innocent is never fulfilling God's will; in fact, it's the ultimate betrayal of God's will."

It just so happens that I know of a world leader who has foisted a healthcare overhaul on his own people that severely threatens the religious freedom of his people. That same world leader has also done more than any other previous leader of his country to ensure that unborn children will continue to be killed in his country, even though they are innocent of any wrongdoing.

Is President Obama proud of his law that threatens religious freedom in the United States?

Is he tremendously satisfied with knowing that he is wholeheartedly protecting a woman's right to "the ultimate betrayal of God's will?" Where does he really stand on these issues?

Personally, I don't believe that he has a real opinion about any subject. What he says is not a reflection of what he believes

because he only says words that will gain him votes or the affirmation of a certain class of people. He is a pathological liar, so everything he says, whether contradictory or not, is simply "true."

If this hypocrite had a shred of decency, he would immediately resign from office and enroll in the nearest Fraud and Sham Rehab class. The only consolation I have is knowing that I didn't vote for this King of Deception.

*Leonard C. Young  
Keystone Heights*

### God help America

Dear Editor:

I have to compliment the Monitor for having the guts to print what people express in your column "Letters."

As I read the long letter that the man from Lawtey wrote, the feeling that it was words that came from a person who did not have his head in the ground like an ostrich.

Many people ask the question "how can God allow these things that happen"-happen? What is the basis of the founding fathers of our country? GOD, and Country! In his first talk as president of the United States, George Washington said these words, "A nation without God, is doomed to failure."

We have taken God out of our schools, out of public affairs, out of the liberal media, and yet they ask, "where is God on 9-11?"

What we send to Heaven, is what God sends back to us. I too could not watch that liar in his speech on the nation, and what worries me even more, is the degree of his tearing asunder the Constitution of these United States. The bumper stickers that I see on cars, "God Bless America" are a joke, they should say "God help America."

"If my people will turn to me

and repent of their sins, I will heal their nation." I didn't make that up- God said it!

*Frank the Baker  
Keystone Heights*

### Please don't dissolve the town of Hampton

Dear Editor:

With all the bad press lately and the extreme financial stress on the town made by others (we won't mention names, of course), I feel it's a little extreme to shut our little town altogether. I feel that Mr. Van Zant and Mr. Bradley should seriously reconsider this measure, as it's not the fine citizens of Hampton's fault. Why should they shut it down? It's a city that's been incorporated since 1870.

When I was a council member and then later the mayor, we went through our ups and downs financially, but always survived the storm, and it wasn't from any of the crap I'm reading now in the newspaper and on the Internet, either.

It breaks my heart to see a town I proudly represented for a total of 12 years, going through all this embarrassment and shame. We are probably the laughing stock in the state right now.

So as a concerned citizen, please don't strip our town away from us. The town's people don't deserve that. We can rebuild with new blood in city hall—folks who want Hampton to remain and not be dissolved by the state.

I urge our citizens to contact our state representatives and audit committee to reconsider presenting this measure in the 2015 legislature.

*Sincerely,  
Proud Hampton citizen and  
former mayor  
Jim Mitzel*

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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 areas) counties:

**Bradford**

Shelby Lynn Binczak, 20, of Starke and Eric Antione Lane, 29, of Starke were arrested Feb. 13 by Starke police. According to a release from SPD Capt. Barry Warren, on Feb. 13 at approximately 8:21 a.m., the Street Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at Pine Forest Apartments #N-5 due to illegal narcotics being sold from the apartment.

After gaining entry, Binczak and Lane were arrested, and a small child was located in the apartment. A search of the apartment yielded powder cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana packaged for distribution and drug paraphernalia.

Both Binczak and Lane were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and child neglect due to the narcotics being openly displayed within the reach of the small child. Lane, who was already on probation for the sale of cocaine, was additionally charged with violation of probation.

Both suspects were transported to jail, with Binczak's bond set at \$495,000 and Lane's bond set at \$500,000 for all the charges except the probation violation charge, in which no bond was set. The small child in the apartment was released to a neighbor at the mother's request, and DCF was notified about the case.

Dale Robert Bridwell, 44, of Starke was arrested Feb. 15 by Bradford deputies for resisting an officer during questioning about a traffic accident near the Slab at Sampson Lake. According to the arrest report, Bridwell refused to answer any questions about a vehicle he was a passenger in hitting a tree near the Slab. When the deputy arrived, Bridwell admitted he was in the vehicle and suffered a laceration on his head from the crash. He said his 17-year-old nephew was driving, but wouldn't tell the deputy what actually happened or where his nephew was located. The deputy advised Bridwell he was obstructing justice in a hit-and-run accident with injuries, then arrested him after he refused again to cooperate.

Troy Allen Deming, 43, of Hawthorne was arrested Feb. 12 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, drugs and drug equipment, driving while license suspended or revoked and for an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for failure to appear. According to the arrest report, Deming was observed driving without a seat belt by the deputy, but stopped at a residence before the deputy pulled him over. Deming walked up to the

residence, leaving his vehicle door open, where the deputy could observe the drugs in the center console. A further search of the car turned up a pipe and a measuring scale with marijuana residue on it. Bond was set at \$22,000 for all the charges.

Christopher Dewayne Fowler, 21, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 12 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop in Lawtey for possession of drugs. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Christy Michelle Goodkind, 44, of Alachua was arrested Feb. 17 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-state fugitive charge. According to the arrest report, Goodkind was stopped on a traffic infraction on C.R. 18 in Hampton by the deputy. After running a check on her driver's license, it was found she had a warrant from Nevada for 32 counts of use of a credit card without owner consent in Las Vegas. Bond was \$180,000 from the out-of-state warrant.

Emanuel Hampton, 40, of Starke was arrested Feb. 12 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine and for selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a defined area. He was also arrested on a warrant for obstructing justice-tampering with or harassing a witness, victim or informant and for a charge of intimidation-threat to kill or do bodily injury. Bond was set at \$550,000.

Bryant Edward Hankerson, 33, of Starke was arrested Feb. 11 by Bradford deputies for two charges of aggravated assault with a weapon-without intent to kill and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Hankerson threatened several family members with a knife and threatened to burn their house down after drinking alcohol most of the day. Deputies were called, and after a brief struggle, they were able to subdue Hankerson and arrest him. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Mary Katherine Horsley, 40, of Starke was arrested Feb. 16 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Michael Ellis Jenkins, 63, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 13 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Jenkins put multiple items in a shopping cart at Walmart in Starke, paid for just a few of the items, then tried to leave the store with the cart. He was detained by Walmart personnel until the police arrived. The 10 items he didn't pay for totaled \$223.32 in value. Jenkins had over \$290 on him, along with a checkbook, when he was arrested.

Catrina Lee Johnson, 36, of

Starke was arrested Feb. 15 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Pamela Kay Lee, 61, of Starke was arrested Feb. 13 by Bradford deputies for smuggling contraband into a detention facility. According to the arrest report, Lee and her son Aaron Copeland, who is currently an inmate at the Bradford County Jail, conspired for her to try to bring contraband into the jail. Bond for Lee was set at \$2,500. Copeland was also arrested in jail and will face the same charge of smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Robert A. Lusignan, 54, of Starke was arrested Feb. 16 by Starke police for cruelty toward a child. According to the arrest report, Lusignan is accused of approaching a 12-year-old victim at a park in Starke and putting his hands around the child's neck and threatening to beat him up if he ever lays a hand on Lusignan's grandson again. In the report, the victim's mother told the police her son had a confrontation with Lusignan's grandson during a football game the previous day. The 12-year-old victim had a visible red mark on his neck area when interviewed by the police.

Jordan Austin Manning, 22, of Gainesville was arrested Feb. 12 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked and for an out-of-county warrant from Flagler for child support. Bond was set at \$1,070.

Gerard Richard Mondestin, 34, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 15 by the Florida Highway Patrol for driving under the influence.

Anthony Franklin Nichols, 22, of Bryceville was arrested Feb. 15 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of synthetic narcotics. According to the arrest report, Nichols had several packages of K2, a synthetic marijuana, and two pipes in his possession.

Sherry Williams Pawlowicz, 51, of Starke was arrested Feb. 14 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Polk for failure to appear for original charge of grand theft.

Dennis Devaughn Pugh, 46, of Tampa was arrested Feb. 14 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Hillsborough for misdemeanor traffic capias-attaching tag not assigned. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Christina Rose Schiering, 25, of Waldo was arrested Feb. 13 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Shawn Hardy Shepherd, 43, of Starke was arrested Feb. 14 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Jeremy Randall Stephens, 32, of Starke was arrested Feb. 14 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Stephens works at Krystal on U.S. 301 in Starke and was cleaning in the office near the store's unlocked safe when he took a deposit bag containing

almost \$600 in cash from the safe and put it in his pocket. He was observed taking the deposit on the store's surveillance video when they realized a deposit was missing. The police were called, and while the officer was at Krystal, Stephens pulled into the parking lot in a vehicle. When he saw the patrol car, he fled north on U.S. 301, but the officer was able to catch up to Stephens a few blocks away. Stephens admitted to taking the money, saying he needed it to pay his electric bill. The police recovered \$155 from the deposit, with Stephens saying he also bought beer, gas and cigarettes with the money after paying his electric bill. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Jeffrey Scott Sydenstricker, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 14 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Thomas Lepread Williams, 34, of Hawthorne was arrested Feb. 12 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Williams was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation. Bond was set at \$15,000.

**Keystone/Melrose**

April Ann Anderson, 40, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 14 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court and a probation violation.

Cori Brander, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 14 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license and leaving the scene of an accident.

James Coleman, 61, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 16 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Joseph Duke, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 14 by Clay deputies for obtaining property with a worthless check.

Eric Mortimer, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 12 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Michael Oshields, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 11 by Clay deputies for trafficking in hydrocodone.

Catherine Sanders, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 14 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Robert Lionel Stafford, 58, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 13 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

Linda Thompson, 61, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 14 by Putnam deputies for failure to appear.

Edith Wolf, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 12 by Clay deputies for contempt of court, resisting an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

**Union**

Tyler Mackenzie Boyle, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested

Feb. 6 in Columbia County on a warrant from Union County for sex offense against a child-fondling, victim 12-16 years of age, and for kidnapping a minor-interfering with custody. According to the UCSO, Boyle was stationed in Pensacola in the Navy last November when he lured the teenage victim in Union County via Facebook to eventually meet with him for sex. Bond was set at \$60,000.

Wendy Beth Kimble, 45, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 12 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant from Alachua, with bond set at \$663.

Eugena Geneva Finley, 31, of Macclenny was arrested Feb. 11 by Union deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

David Leon Ellis, 44, of Fort White was arrested Feb. 10 by Union deputies for driving under the influence.

Dillon Lee Elixson, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 10 by Union deputies for assault-threat to do violence. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a disturbance at a home where Elixson lives with the victims as he was tearing up stuff in the home and threatening to hurt everyone. Elixson also threw the stove out of the house and then left the property on foot before a deputy arrived and arrested him.

William Kevin Croft, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 11 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for probation violation.

John Erkson Keen, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 11 by Union deputies for larceny, burglary and possession of burglary tools. According to the arrest report, a reserve deputy happened to spot a vehicle with a trailer attached at the Union County Solid Waste Collection site in the Lulu area at night on Feb. 11 when it was closed. The trailer had a large amount of scrap metal in it, and the vehicle was registered to Keen's father, who lives near the site. When another deputy arrived, they were able to locate Keen hiding in the collection site with a flashlight. Keen admitted to taking the scrap metal and throwing it over the collection site fence, then loading it onto the trailer by climbing over the fence. The value of the metal on the trailer was estimated to be \$300.

Patricia Herrin Peraino, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 15 by Union deputies on a warrant for larceny-theft of motor vehicle parts and for dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, Peraino was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic infraction by a deputy. While the deputy was talking to the driver, Peraino became unruly and began to curse the officer. The officer ordered Peraino to calm down, which she refused to do. When the deputy ran her name through dispatch, the warrant came up and Peraino was arrested and taken to jail. Bond was set at \$5000.

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 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 in Starke every Tuesday. 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. The joy in the doctors lives is their toddler son. They are making their home in Gainesville, for hopefully a very long time!

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# FINS, FUR & TAILS

## Murphy's Law: Fish for a good cause

Starke Police Sgt. Stephen Murphy enjoys fishing, though he is not an avid fisherman. However, he has some good friends who are. A couple of those friends include Brooks Morrell and Chris Kadlec, who competitively will match up well with any bass anglers in North Florida.

For the past few years, Kadlec and Morrell have served as directors of the Murphy's Law, Relay for Life Bass Tournament, which is traditionally held at the Little Santa Fe Lake boat ramp in March. Many local fishermen look forward to this tournament each year.

Murphy speaks gratefully of the people who work so hard to make the tournament a success, including Kadlec, Morrell, his wife, Audrey, his sisters-in-law Virginia Autry and Ester Massey, his mother, Helen Haverty, and his mother-in-law, Abbie Massey.

"They work hard for a good cause and ask nothing in return," he said.

Relay for Life represents the American Cancer Society and its goal of curing cancer. The organization raises millions of dollars each year in more than 20 countries, with the help of more than four million people.



**Brooks Morrell and Chris Kadlec not only organize the Murphy's Law Relay for Life Bass Tournament, but they fish it quite well, as this photo from last year shows.**

Murphy has earned his name in the title of the bass tournament by his two-time victory over cancer. He successfully battled leukemia as a child and recently overcame kidney cancer.

Today, he is cancer free. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Pre-registration is underway, and all potential fishermen should contact tournament directors Morrell (904-491-8476) or Kadlec (904-364-6668).

All registered fishermen must meet at the Little Santa Fe ramp at 5 a.m., where they will pay the \$70 entry fee and optional \$10 "big bass pot." Donations of \$250 or more will purchase expedited boat entry, though

most of those positions have already been obtained.

Boats will launch at safe light, and weigh-in will begin at 3 p.m. Joey Tyson of Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle will be responsible for the weigh-in.

### Outdoors outlook

Noel Kuhn, who guides surf fishermen on Florida's northeast coast, says the surf temperature is approximately 53 degrees, which is a little too cool for good spring fishing. In order to really attract the inshore species, the water needs to be around 60 degrees.

The first location to warm up will be the shallow holes in the inland waterways with muddy bottoms, and then the warmer

water will gradually move to the surf.

The same thing holds true in our local lakes. The ones that are shallower and darker in color will warm first, and the warm temperatures will spread to the deeper lakes with clearer water. The first of our local lakes to warm enough to stimulate the bass spawn should be Crosby and Rowell. Next to the last should be Santa Fe, followed only by the deeper and clearer Kingsley Lake.

Ed Allen fished the maiden cane around Sampson Lake last week and landed about 30 buck bass, and he indicated that only a few were of keeper size. He thinks the smaller, male bass are moving into the shallows looking for places to fan. Once they establish their bed depressions in the sand, they will romance the larger females to move in shallow and join them for the spawn. This should be the trend we will see over the next month, with Kingsley Lake being the last to complete the bass spawn.

David Davis of the Tackle Shack in Middleburg indicates that fishermen are catching specks along the shoreline cover of tributaries to the St. Johns, such as Black Creek. He says the water in the lower St. Johns is cooler than the local lakes; consequently, the speck spawn in those waters tends to be the last of the year. Having said that, Santa Fe, Newnans and even Orange Lake are giving up good

numbers of spawning specks.

Saltwater action on both coasts is giving up good inshore action. Joey Tyson says that Randy Harris can put you on the reds or trout anytime in the Steinhatchee area. On the east coast, black drum and sheepshead action is good around rocks and bridge pilings. The drum will hold in deeper water, however, than the sheepshead.

Tight lines until next week.

### Outdoors calendar

- February, small mammals are breeding (watch out for them on highways at night);
- February-March, crocodiles mate in South Florida;

• Feb. 20, Crosshorn Ministries meeting, 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

• Feb. 27-March 2, Florida Challenge at Bradford Sportsmen's Farm.

• March, turkeys and quail begin breeding in North Florida;

• March 2: Florida's Zone C squirrel and quail season ends.

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## Tornadoes defeat Indians 17-0 for district win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

A two-run home run by Lainie Rodgers and a bases-loaded triple by Jaci Atkinson were just a few of the highlights for the Bradford High School softball team in its 17-0 District 5-4A win over host Keystone Heights on Feb. 14.

The Tornadoes (3-0) have yet to give up a run this season and have now beaten two district opponents by a combined score of 32-0.

Bradford scored 13 runs in the first inning off of nine hits, including two RBI doubles by Taylor Cruce. After hitting her first double, Cruce scored on a single by Ashton Adkins to put Bradford up 2-0. Consecutive singles by Rodgers and Mackenzie Gault loaded the bases before batters Shelby

Wilkinson and Lindsey Wiggins were each hit by a pitch to force a run home.

With the bases still loaded, Atkinson ripped a triple into center field to put the Tornadoes up 7-0. Cruce's second RBI double and a two-RBI single by Adkins put Bradford up 10-0 before Rodgers took a pitch deep over the center-field fence for a 12-0 lead.

Wilkinson's RBI double ended the scoring for the inning.

Cruce finished 4-for-4, while Adkins, Atkinson and Rodgers were each 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Annie Luke added another RBI for the Tornadoes.

Keystone's only baserunner in the three-inning game was

Taylor Morris, who was hit by a pitch. Bradford starting pitcher Adkins (3-0) gave up no hits and no walks, while striking out three in two innings.

Wilkinson gave up no hits and no walks in one-inning of relief.

Bradford, which reached the state semifinals last season, opened the season with a 1-0 win over Oakleaf and followed that with a 15-0 win over district opponent Fort White on Feb. 11 in Starke.

Cruce drove in three runs against Fort White, going 2-for-3. Gault, who was 2-for-2, and Alexis Shealy (in her only at-bat) each drove in a run. Atkinson hit a triple, while Adkins hit a double.

Adkins gave up one hit.

## KHHS gets 5-3 win over Fleming Island

Pitcher Brittany Schellpepper gave up just three hits, while Cece Buckley and Taylor Morris each drove in two runs in the Keystone Heights High School softball team's 5-3 win over visiting Fleming Island on Feb. 13.

Buckley, who hit a double, was 2-for-3, while Morris was 3-for-4.

Keystone had 12 hits in all, with Karla Casas going 2-for-4.

Prior to playing Fleming Island, the Indians hosted District 5-4A opponent P.K. Yonge, losing 16-0.

Kaitlyn Shepard went 2-for-3 and had Keystone's only hits.

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# OBITUARIES

## Barbara Bowers

GAINESVILLE—Barbara Jean Bowers, 85, of Gainesville died at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2014. She was born in Avon Park on Jan. 21, 1929 to the late James and Lillian Bridges. She worked for the University of Florida College of Nursing as an Administrative Assistant, and was also a homemaker. She was of the Methodist Faith. Two daughters, Debbie Bowers and Kitty Friedlin and one grandson, Chris York had preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her daughters, Teri (Ben) Bracy of Orlando, Beckie (Jeff) Davis of Keystone Heights, Kandi Crosier of Gainesville, Kristie (Mike) Hill of Earleton, Karol Chase of Gainesville, and Katrina (Randy) Jones of Oregon; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Feb. 13 at the Keystone Heights Cemetery with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to be made to: Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Mary Campbell

## Mary Campbell

STARKE—Deaconess Mary Jo Campbell, 83, of Starke died on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 at Mayo Hospital Jacksonville following a brief illness. She was born in Aline, Ga. on Aug. 14, 1930. She moved to Starke from Atlantic Beach. She was a retired nurse's assistant at Beaches Hospital Jacksonville. She was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church Starke. She was preceded

in death by her husband, Deacon Albert L. Campbell, Sr.

She is survived by: Albert L. (Jewel) Campbell Jr. of Washington D.C.; Allen D. (Sherri) Campbell of Starke; daughters, Thelma (James) Fletcher of Palm Coast; Barbara (Leotis) Williams of Bingham, Ala.; Betty (Bryant) Harris of Atlantic Beach, Charlene Campbell of Starke, and Mary D. Campbell of Atlanta.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, in the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Starke with Rev. Everett I. Brown conducting the services. Interment will be held at Oddfellow Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of McKinney Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Family viewing will be held on Saturday, February 22, at McKinney Funeral Home, 6507 West Beaver Street Jacksonville. Family Hour 5-8:00 p.m.

## Lonnie Combs

LAKE CITY—Lonnie Jackson Combs, 67 of Lake City died Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born March 6, 1946 in Lake City to the late Russell Jackson Combs and Ella Corine Raulerson Combs. He worked for the Fruit Grower Express for 40 years. He was a member of the TCU local 6553 and of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by: his wife, Lanita Todd Combs of Lake City; daughters, Ronda (Mark) Hartley of Glen St Mary; Kristen Michelle (Ben) Douglas of Norfolk, Va.; sons, Gregory (Julie) Combs of Glen St Mary, Tony (Dawn) Rizer of Lake Butler, Robert (Robin) Barker Jr. of Denver, Colo.; nine grandchildren; one great granddaughter; brothers, Louis (Mary) Combs of Taylor, Wendell Ray (Janice) Combs of Taylor, Donald Neal (Kay) Combs of Maccleenny; and sister, Lavin Baxter of Raiford.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Ralph Durham officiating. Burial will follow at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the Funeral Home for visitation, Thursday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 8 pm. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Pauline DeVore

LAWTEY—Pauline Futch DeVore, 91, of Lawtey died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at Windsor Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Lawtey, Oct. 29, 1922 to

late Robert H. and Minnie (Griffis). She was a housewife and a lifetime Baptist. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 36 years, John DeVore and ten siblings.

Survivors are: her children, Johnie (Rita) DeVore of St. Petersburg, Linda (J.R.) Adkins of Starke, David (Ginger) DeVore of Las Vegas, and Teresa D. (Bobby) Patterson of Lawtey; sister, Margaret Pauley of Lawtey; eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Feb. 1, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Ricky Norman officiating. Interment followed at Lawtey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## Michael Higginbotham

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mr. Michael F. Higginbotham "Higgy", age 57, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2014 at his home following an extended illness. Higgy was born in Waycross, Ga. on July 14, 1956, and was raised in the Waycross and Nahunta area before moving to Keystone Heights in 1992. Higgy served two years in the United States Air force and retired from the Clay County Water Management Department as a meter reader. As a 20 year volunteer with the Keystone Heights Jaycees, Higgy had served twice as local President, Regional and District Director, and was honored as a State Jaycees Senator in August 2002. He would help organize and cook for local fund raisers, which would include Poker Runs along with having served many years on the "Our Country Day" board. Additional involvements Higgy had with our community were Toys for Kids, Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch in Palatka, and the Project Play playground at Keystone Beach. Higgy loved life, his family and friends; and he especially loved riding Harley's with his wife. His father Everett Earl Higginbotham, Sr. and his brother Everett Earl Higginbotham, Jr. both preceded him in death.

Survivors are: his wife, Janean and her two children, Catherine and Cameron all of Keystone Heights; a sister, Angela Spofford of Orange Park and her two children, Ashley and Ian; his mother, Doris (Strickland) Holton of Orange Park; one step grandson, Christian; one of many precious Aunts, Pamela McElroy of Trenton, and a half brother.

A memorial service for Higgy will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the home of Tommy and Hilda Manning, 5943 CR 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to University of Florida Foundation in memory of Michael Higginbotham, Attn: Gift Processing P.O. Box 14425, Gainesville, FL 32604. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Eula King

## Eula King

LAWTEY—Eula Mae King, 92, of Lawtey, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 at Bradford Terrace Nursing Facility. Born on Sept. 1, 1921 she was a lifelong resident of Lawtey. She was a housekeeper at Camp Blanding. She served on the Stewardess Board and Trustee Board at her church Mt. Zion AME.

She is survived by: sons, Richard King and Christopher King both of Atlanta, and Horace King of Lawtey; daughters, Brenda King Butler, Hazel King and Patricia Brown, all of Lawtey; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church with Rev. Charles Cloy Pastor and Rev. Izell Jenkins, Eulogist. Interment will be held at Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey. Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 21 at the Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel. Family hour 3-4:00 p.m. Friends 4-7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to funeral services.

The Cortege will form at the home of Mrs. Eula Mae King at 12:30 p.m.

## Henry Payne

JACKSONVILLE—Henry Van Payne, 67, of Jacksonville, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 in Jacksonville. He was born on Aug. 22, 1946 in Lake Butler to the late Walter Payne and Shirley Knight Payne. He lived most of his life in Jacksonville and Starke while working in construction.

He is survived by: wife, Elizabeth Payne; son, Eric (Candy) Payne of Briceville; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 19 at Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler, with Brian Johns officiating, burial followed at Oak Grove cemetery in Lake Butler. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lawrence Smallwood, Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Lawrence Edward Smallwood, Sr., 77, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 at Shands in Gainesville. He was born on Feb. 19, 1936 in Kentucky to the late Oles and Mary (Mullins) Smallwood. Prior to retirement in 1998 due to health related issues, he worked at several car dealerships in his career, including owning and operating Les/Cash Auto Sales.

Survivors are: children, Rose (James) Burnell, Larry (Lynn)

Smallwood, Jody Smallwood, Roshella "Rocky" (Jim) Sexton, Steven Smallwood, and August (Robin) Smallwood; sisters, Mary Ruth and Barbara; ex-wife: Christine Smallwood; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 5674 Indian Trail, Keystone Heights. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## LeRoy Stalvey

LAKE BUTLER— LeRoy Stalvey, 83, of Lake Butler died Friday evening, Feb. 14, 2014 at Haven Hospice in Lake City after an extended illness. Mr. Stalvey was born Oct. 30, 1930, to Perry Stalvey and Lillie Lee McMikell Stalvey. When he was 4 months old, his father died and his mother later married Marvin Tyre, Sr., who accepted the role of father. Mr. Stalvey has lived in Lake Butler the past 42 years. He proudly served his country in both the U. S. Army and the Coast Guard. Following his military service, Mr. Stalvey worked as an Officer for a State Road Prison in Columbia County, Truck Driver for the Copeland Company, a Farmer, a Scrap Metal Business owner, and the Union County School Board. He retired from the School Board in 1994. For the past 25 years and up until his death, Mr. Stalvey proudly served as City Commissioner for the City of Lake Butler, serving as Mayor for eight of those years. He received recognition twice for this service by the Florida League of Cities. Mr. Stalvey stated numerous times that he was both proud and honored to have been allowed to serve the citizens of Lake Butler. He served on the Federal Housing Board for two and one-half years. Mr. Stalvey was a member of the following organizations: a Charter Member of the Union County Library Board, serving on the Board for seven years; he was a lifetime member of the Lake Butler V.F.W. Post 10082, and was a former Post Commander. He was a member of Lake Butler Church of God. Mr. Stalvey was a man that loved his family, and enjoyed family gatherings. He also enjoyed gardening and had some of the most beautiful flower gardens.

Mr. Stalvey had five children from a previous marriage that he was proud of, and willingly accepted the role as a father to four daughters, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter from his wife's previous marriage.

Mr. Stalvey was preceded in death by: his parents, Perry Stalvey, Lillie Lee McMikell Tyre and Marvin Tyre, Sr.; three sisters, Doris Shipp, Mary Lou Feagle, Sylvia Brantley; four brothers, James Tyre, Marvin Tyre, Jr., Johnny Mack Tyre, and Hubeart Tyre; daughter, Teresa Hart; and three grandchildren, Justin and Staci Eaves, and Faith Gray.

Mr. Stalvey is survived by: his loving wife of 42 years, Shirley A. Stalvey of Lake Butler; a great-granddaughter, Anistin Arvin that lived with him and his wife; two sons and six daughters, Roy P. (Cherri) Stalvey of Indiana, Timothy Stalvey of Lake City, Anneliese (Rickey) Stafford of Glen St. Mary, Deborah Dean of Jacksonville, Denise (Victor) Fundora of Lake City, Merrell (Evon) Colchiski of Ocala, Deborah Hart of Ocala, and Shawn (Keith) Gray of Texas; 20 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Irita

(Roger) Richerson of Lake Butler, Dorothy M. (Dick) Nolan of Lake City, Evelyne Fipps of Lake City, and several nieces, nephews, dear friends and co-workers in Union County.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Lake Butler Church of God, with Brother Lemuel Lane and Brother Danny Foreaker (from Trinity Baptist Church) officiating. Interment followed at Decker Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of the arrangements, 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

## Carl Streitenberger Jr.

HAMPTON— Carl E. Streitenberger Jr., 65, of Hampton, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 at E. T. York Hospice Center with family by his side. He was born in Washington Courthouse, Ohio on April 12, 1948 to the late Carl Ellsworth Streitenberger, Sr. and Edna Haines Streitenberger. He retired from the United States Army where he served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was preceded in death by: his parents; and his brothers, Jessie and Robert Lee Streitenberger.

He is survived by: his wife of 20 years, Evelyn Streitenberger of Hampton; children, Robert Streitenberger of Groveport, Ohio, Jeffery and Bryan Streitenberger of Cynthina, Ky; Lynis Hendrix of Cynthina, Ky, and Lori Jean Evans of Oahu, Hawaii; step-children, Annette Cutchins of Tallahassee, Teresa Turner of Gainesville, and William T. Bauldree, Jr. of Tallahassee; brothers, Marvin of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Loy Lott of Hillsboro, Ohio; sisters, Maxine Dray of Orlando and Kathy Kearns of Washington Courthouse, Ohio; and many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Feb. 19 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

## Leo Turner Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Leo Kenneth (Kenny) Turner Sr., 93, of Keystone Heights, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. He was born in the New River section of Bradford County. He was the son of the late Roan and Phyla Renfro Turner. He served in the U.S. Army and was a fireman in Sanford until he retired as captain after 35 years of service. He was a Mason with Lodge #52 in Lake Butler. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Collins Turner; one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by: his companion of 23 years, Delores Wynn of Keystone Heights; daughter, Mary Jean (James) Henson of Albany, Ga.; son, Leo Kenneth (Karen) Turner, Jr. of Crestview; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and brother, Wilbur Turner of DeBury.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18 in the chapel of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler, with Bro. Art Peterson officiating. Burial followed in Orange Springs Cemetery.

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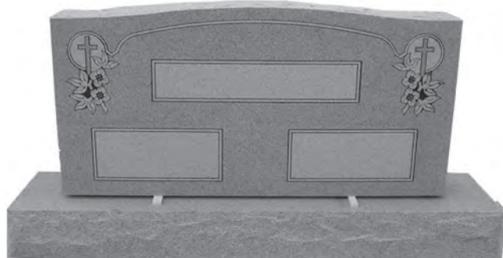
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### Bradford drops district opener in baseball

The Tornados scored nine runs on five hits, but it wasn't enough as the Bradford High School baseball team lost 10-9 to host Fort White in its District 5-4A opener on Feb. 14.

Jacob Luke went 2-for-2 with a triple as the Tornados fell to 1-2.

Bradford opened the season with a 12-2 road win over Middleburg on Feb. 10. Carson Yowell drove in three runs, going 2-for-4 with a home run, while Wyatt Barnes, David Hall and Jackson Reddish each drove in two runs. Hall was 2-for-3 with two doubles, while Barnes and Reddish were each 2-for-5, with Reddish hitting a triple.

Matt Stanwix-Hay went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while Wyatt Collins was 2-for-5.

Barnes (1-0) earned the win on the mound, giving up one run on two hits and two walks in four innings. He had five strikeouts.

Caleb Polk pitched three innings of relief, giving up one run on four hits and no walks.

On Feb. 13, Bradford traveled to play Creekside, losing 9-1. Luke and Yowell, who was 2-for-3, each hit a double, but the Tornados were limited to five hits.

The Tornados played Gainesville this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Santa Fe on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. Bradford returns home to play Ridgeview on Friday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Interlachen on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

### Indians bounce back for 10-0 win

Keystone Heights High School was held to no hits in a season-opening loss to Clay, but rebounded with a 10-0 win over visiting Ridgeview on Feb. 13.

The Indians (1-1) scored three runs each in the first and second innings, with Morgan Bass hitting an RBI double in the first.

Storm Miller, who hit a solo home run in the fourth, went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Bryce Plummer was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Kyle Hix, Tyler Keaton, Tristan Starling and Jerrett Tschorn each had an RBI, while Morgan Smith hit a double.

Starling (1-0) earned the win on the mound, giving up three hits and no walks in four innings. He had nine strikeouts.

Plummer and Dean Dukes each gave up one hit in one inning of relief.

Keystone played St. Augustine this past Tuesday and will travel to play District 5-4A opponent Interlachen on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Indians host Buchholz at 7 p.m.

### Union remains undefeated after 14-0 win

Cole Kite, who had two triples, and Colten McAlister each drove in three runs for the Union County High School baseball team, which defeated host Melody Christian 14-0 in five innings on Feb. 14.

Kite and McAlister were 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively, as the Tigers improved to 3-0. Trey Owen drove in two runs, while Caleb Cox, Josh Glover, Corey Hersey, T.J. Rogers and Chris Starling each drove in one.

James Ford (1-0) started on the mound, giving up no hits in one inning of relief, while Glover gave up one hit in one inning.

Rogers gave up no hits in one inning of relief, while Glover gave up one hit in one inning.

Union opened the season with a 4-2 road win over Interlachen on Feb. 11. Glover and Owen, who was 2-for-4 with a double, each drove in a run, while McAlister and Hersey were 3-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively. One of Hersey's hits was a triple.

Owen (1-0) earned the win, giving up two runs on four hits and one walk in four innings. He struck out five.

Jordan Bryant threw two innings of relief, giving up two hits and no walks, while Ty Cook earned the save, giving up no hits and no walks in one inning.

In the Tigers' first home game,

Hersey pitched a shutout over five innings of a 2-1 win over Suwannee on Feb. 13.

Hersey (1-0) gave up two hits and struck out six, while Cook recorded his second save of the season, giving up one run on one hit and one walk in one inning.

Ford also pitched, giving up one hit and no walks in one inning. He had three strikeouts.

Kite, who drew two walks, scored one run, while Starling, who was 2-for-2 on stolen-base attempts, scored the other.

Union was limited to three hits, but Suwannee committed five fielding errors.

Union played District 7-1A opponent Williston this past Tuesday and will host Class 4A Fort White on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. The Tigers travel to play Hamilton County on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. before traveling to play Bell on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Tigers return home to play Crescent City at 5 p.m.

### Baldwin hands Tigers 4th straight softball loss

After opening the season with a 15-0 win, the Union County High School softball team has lost four straight, with the latest loss coming by a score of 9-4 to host Baldwin on Feb. 13.

Kayla Andrews hit a home run in the loss to Baldwin, but the Tigers (1-4) were held to five hits.

In the season-opening win over visiting Hamilton County

on Feb. 4, Katie Zipperer was 2-for-2 with three RBI, while Kaylan Tucker was 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Andrews, Jordyn Driggers, Jordan Howe, Kalyn Ingram, Kendallyn Johns and Devin Lewis each had an RBI.

Holly Tucker earned the win, giving up no hits and striking out five in three innings.

Kaylan Tucker also pitched, giving up no hits and striking out two.

The Tigers committed seven errors and had no hits in a 14-1 loss to visiting Hilliard on Feb. 6. Zipperer, who was hit by a pitch, scored the lone run.

Hilliard took advantage of seven walks against pitchers Holly Tucker and Kaylan Tucker. Nine of the Flashes' runs were unearned.

On Feb. 10, the Tigers traveled to play Interlachen, losing 5-4. Johns and Zipperer were each 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

The Tigers played their first District 7-1A game on Feb. 11, with visiting Dixie County taking a 7-3 win.

Andrews, Ingram and Zipperer each had an RBI, while Howe, Lewis and Kaylan Tucker were each 2-for-4. Madison McClellan was 2-for-2, while Johns hit a double.

Union played Suwannee this past Tuesday and will host district

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trip resulted in a diagnosis that Ryan found hard to believe—congestive heart failure.

"I said, 'My what?' I almost started laughing," Ryan said, adding that he felt perfectly fine at that time.

Ryan was transported from Starke to Gainesville, where he underwent more testing. He was told the congestive heart failure was due to a worsening of his cardiomyopathy.

Barbara said she was amazed when she saw Ryan's chest X-rays.

"I always said he had a big heart," Barbara said, referring to Ryan's personality, "but he literally has a huge heart. On the X-ray, the lungs were amazingly small looking to the human eye because the heart was so big."

Ryan was set to undergo yet another surgery, this time a myectomy to actually trim the heart muscle so that it's not blocking blood vessels. Ryan said his condition was comparable to someone with 40-50-percent blockage of the arteries.

Part of the surgery would entail stopping Ryan's heart and keeping him alive on a machine. He told the doctor who was to perform the surgery he wasn't too wild about that idea.

"He made me laugh," Ryan said. "He said, 'Your heart has been working hard for 36 or 37 years. Why don't you let it rest for 45 minutes?' I thought that was funny."

The surgery was supposed to last three to four hours. It was actually 11 hours.

Barbara said the support of family and friends was certainly a big help during that length of time, but it didn't ease the anxiety over why the surgery was taking so long.

"That experience is almost surreal," Barbara said. "You have to remove yourself from your body. Maybe that's a coping skill that helps us to deal with the fear and the unknown outcome. I felt almost a numbness for those 11 hours."

When one of the surgeons finally greeted the family in the waiting room, he said there was good news and bad news. The good news was that the surgery was a success. The bad news was that Ryan's cardiomyopathy was the worst case he and the other surgeon had seen. The surgeon told the family the surgery had bought Ryan some time, but that he would probably need a heart transplant in the future.

In the meantime, Ryan's recovery was a bit rocky, though there was a silver lining to his ordeal.



Ryan Reddish is pictured with his family: wife, Jennifer, 1-year-old daughter Sabella and 11-year-old daughter Alyssa. Ryan and Jennifer are expecting a son, whose due date is April 29.

## Recovery and renewal

He was anticipating a hospital stay of approximately five days. Instead, his stay lasted 51 days.

For starters, Ryan's chest could not be closed following the surgery because of swelling. His chest remained open for four days. Ryan said he didn't realize that was possible, but then again, he wasn't aware of any of it.

"Much of the time, of course, he was intubated," Barbara said. "In the first few days following surgery, he was very medicated. We were just so distraught. The nurses assured us, 'He will not remember all of this. You will be the ones who will remember it.'"

While he was in the hospital, Ryan's sodium levels dropped to such low levels he was not even allowed to drink water. At one point, it appeared as if he was going to have to go on dialysis because his kidneys were failing. He also developed a blood clot in one of his legs as well as in his lungs.

During that time, Ryan was receiving prayers from multiple

churches. Barbara said people she didn't even know were praying for her son.

"It's at a time like this that you appreciate the fact you live in a small town," Barbara said. "People rally behind you whenever you are in need."

Ryan and his family will tell you his recovery is an example of God's work. Take for example how Ryan's kidneys were functioning normally the day after doctors had decided he was most likely going to have to start dialysis. The doctors couldn't explain the turnaround, Barbara said.

Ryan said his faith strengthened after all he went through. He said he wasn't a "heaven" by any means, but admitted that his faith going into the surgery was more in the doctors' abilities than it was in God. Ryan said he hardly prayed prior to the surgery.

"I didn't think about what was really important and what I should be thinking about," he said.

Ryan said he had trouble

breathing at one point during his hospital stay. He was convinced he had blood clots in his lungs or something that was causing him to labor so when taking a breath, but hospital staff seemed convinced he was having a panic attack. (It was discovered several days later that Ryan did have blood clots in his lungs.)

At night, Ryan said he had a heart-to-heart talk with God. He admitted that he had a great life and that if he was to die that night, he would die a happy man. In fact, Ryan said he was almost convinced that he was going to die. He made it a point to call his wife just so he could tell her he loved her one last time.

The following morning, Ryan woke up and felt fine. As the sun shone through the window, he whispered to himself over and over again, "Praise God."

Ryan said he was in no way the same kind of person as Charles Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge, but said he went through a similar transformation. He described that morning as "the switch," which was the moment he said to himself that he was going to

take a good life and make it even better.

"I feel like I've been taught a lesson by God—don't be too cocky about things," Ryan said. "I've been humbled. I think it has definitely helped me in my faith. I feel like I'm a better man because of it."

## Living life to the fullest

Ryan may not be skydiving, mountain climbing, riding a bull or participating in any similar sort of dangerous endeavor, but he said he can relate to the Tim McGraw song "Live Like You Were Dying." He feels like he's been given a second chance.

"I'm not saying I'm doing anything crazy, but I'm going to be a lot happier about my life," Ryan said. "I just appreciate things a lot more. I let go of things more."

"I'm just glad I'm here. I'm glad I can walk. I can jump. I can run...a little bit. I need to lose a few pounds—I'm the heaviest I've ever been—but I physically feel the best I have ever felt in my adult life."

Why not enjoy life? Ryan said he's got everything he needs, including a family he loves very much. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters: Alyssa (11) and Sabella (1). Plus, a son is due to arrive at the end of April.

And what about that "bad news" that was delivered following Ryan's surgery? Ryan said he hasn't given much thought to the possibility of needing a heart transplant. He said he's been told that could be 15-20 years away.

Ryan feels too good right now to be concerned. Plus, he considers himself blessed, no matter what he's gone through and what his future holds.

"Whenever you feel sorry for yourself, you can look around, and I guarantee you will find somebody way worse off than you are," Ryan said.

As Ryan put it, "God's been too good to me." That attitude can't help but affect those who know Ryan.

"He has been a blessing to me, to my family and to everyone who knows him," Barbara said. "He has inspired me."

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• Basic round ring binders with two triggers on the ring mechanism that provide easy access to your documents • Two inside pockets for extra document storage • PVC free • Contains 35% post-consumer materials • 11" x 8 1/2"

ITEM	CAPACITY	SALE PRICE
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**\$52<sup>89</sup> CT**

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• Stacking weight up to 350 lbs. • Sturdy corrugated construction for strength and value • String and button box closure • Contains 60% recycled content • Letter size • 12" x 24" x 10" • Packed 12 per carton

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• Open-end style with metal clasp • Superior gumming on flap • 28 lb • Brown Kraft • Packed 100 per box

ITEM	SIZE	SALE PRICE
BSN 36660	6" x 9"	\$7.19 BX
BSN 36663	9" x 12"	\$6.59 BX
BSN 36666	10" x 15"	\$15.79 BX

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• Nontoxic cleaner for use in classrooms and conference rooms • Certified AP Nontoxic formula conforms to ASTM D4263 • 8 oz.

ITEM: SAN 81803

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• Includes Easy Apply Label strips for laser or inkjet printers • 11" x 8 1/2" • Contains 30% post-consumer materials • Includes Box Tops for Education coupon • Packed 25 sets per box

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ITEM	INK COLOR	SALE PRICE
BSN 25050	Black	\$2 <sup>19</sup> DZ
BSN 25051	Blue	

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• Fits most 3" core dispensers • Resists moisture, abrasion and splitting • 1.6 mil • thickness • 1 1/2" x 54.7 Yds. • Packed 6 per pack

ITEM: BSN 32951

**\$5<sup>59</sup> PK**