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KHHS grad to compete in world moot court competition

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Keystone Heights High School's 2004 salutatorian will represent Florida State University's law school in the world finals of a moot court competition this fall.

Jim Burleson lettered in basketball and tennis while at KHHS. He was on the Florida High School Athletic Association's Academic All-State team.

He later earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Stetson.

Burleson, along with his partner, Jessica Fernandez will compete in the world finals of the 2014 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition in Toronto.

The tournament, in which teams submit briefs and present oral arguments, focuses on the emerging field of aviation and space law.

Burleson said he became interested in the specialty as a

first-year law student when he discovered a new group on the law school campus: the Aviation and Space Law Society.

"So, I first learned of the field there," he wrote in an email, "did some research, and really dove into it. Plus, my teaching assistant for my legal writing and research class 1L year, Tanya Cronau, competed in the same competition in 2011--that's actually how I first learned of it--and her team went on to win the World Finals in South Africa."

Last summer, Burleson served an internship at the Federal Aviation Administration's office of chief counsel, working in commercial space transportation.

In the North American Regional Finals, the teams were presented with the fictional dispute between two countries--Akera and Mheni-- argued before the International Court of

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Jim Burleson of Keystone Heights and Jessica Fernandez of Miami will represent North America during the World Finals of the 2014 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition in Toronto this October. Photo courtesy of Florida State University College of Law.

Faith Presbyterian rededicates sanctuary

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Faith Presbyterian Church rededicated its sanctuary during an April 6 worship service.

Before the ceremony, the congregation gathered outside the building. Judith Bartlett signaled the beginning of the service by sounding a call on a French horn.

Steve Benz, Executive of the Presbytery of St. Augustine then knocked on the front door of the structure and said, "Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter them and give thanks to the Lord."

Clerk of Session Peggy Humbert then opened the doors and proclaimed to the congregation, "This space has been renovated for the glory of God and the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The congregation then entered the building.

During the service, Pastor Terry Robertson recognized the individuals who played a role in the church through the years.

In 1956 James R. Neale Jr. and Elizabeth Neale started planning for a Presbyterian church in the Melrose area. A year later, three families gathered in the Melrose Woman's Club for the congregation's first service.

In 1959, 26 congregants were formally received as the church's first members and the Wallace family donated land for a permanent church site.

In 1960 a fellowship hall was built and the congregation held its first service at its present location, at the corner of S.R. 21 and Southeast 27th Street in Midway, on July 31.

In 1975, the sanctuary was built and the first service in the new structure was held on Thanksgiving Day. Gilbert Hoffman was the architect for the church's first buildings.

In 1982, the sanctuary's faceted glass windows were installed. They were designed by church artist Gayle Anne Bone.

In 1985, Neale retired and was appointed Pastor Emeritus.

In 1995, the bell tower, education wing and church offices were built. They were designed by Alan McKellips an architect and church elder.

In 2009 a memorial garden was established and in 2014, the sanctuary was renovated.

Robertson said the renovation was made possible by the generosity of Hap Flowers and Jane E. Driscoll.

Benz delivered the sermon for the service, entitled "Jesus Sat Down." He read from Micah 6:1-8 and Mark 12:41-44, the account of the widow's mite.

In the Mark 12 passage, Benz emphasized Jesus' act of sitting down opposite the treasury of the temple to watch people putting money into the offering box.

"Jesus sat down," he said. "And I find myself wondering if Jesus still sits down and watches how I contribute my life to the treasury that is Christ's church, marking how well or how little I do in that and I am intimidated by that reality, I think."

In the Old Testament passage,

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Weatherman delivers sunshine for fair opening



WJXT Meteorologist Richard Nunn opens the Clay County Agricultural Fair with help from the fair's board of directors. Fair Manager Pete Sutton said that based on the previous weekend's rain and frigid temperatures, he was worried about the April 3 opening. Pictured are (l-r) Jim Johnson, Sheryl Hartzog, Richard Nunn, Virginia Hall, Tony Tharp, Becky Trexler and Robin Huskey. Also pictured behind Trexler is Sutton. The event runs through April 12.

Melrose veterinarian offers tips to business leaders

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The new owner of the Lake Area Animal Hospital gave Lake Region business leaders tips about pet care during a Northeast Florida Chamber breakfast on April 2 at the Keystone Inn.



Rea

Dr. Amber Rea told a group of around 17 participants at the chamber's member breakfast about her background, education and services she offers through the hospital.

Dr. Shane Henry started the Lake Area Hospital in 1982 in Hawthorne. Henry acquired the original Melrose structure four years later. That building now houses the grooming salon

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Keystone council works to improve communications with advisory board

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Keystone Heights City Council discussed operating rules for the municipality's community redevelopment advisory board during an April 3 meeting.

Most of the discussion centered on improving communications between the advisory panel and city council, which acts as its own community redevelopment agency.

Mayor Tony Brown had said that improving communications between the two panels was his top priority.

However, acting CRAB Chair Maria Gall said the city council bore at least some of the responsibility for a lack of talk between the two boards. She pointed out to Brown that no one from the city sent her an agenda for the April 3 meeting.

"I didn't get an agenda," she

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County Commission hears adult entertainment specialist

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Clay County commissioners voted to hire a First Amendment expert to rewrite their adult entertainment ordinance.

Michael Kahn said he first started assisting communities in regulating sexually-oriented businesses in 1985 when his hometown of Melbourne was writing its own ordinance.

Since that time, he has represented many cities throughout Florida including St. Augustine. He has rewritten the Melbourne statute twice.

Kahn also said he only represents jurisdictions and has never taken on an adult entertainment client.

Kahn told commissioners that their current ordinance, which is an outright ban on adult entertainment businesses is unconstitutional.

"You are like a sitting duck," he told them. "You would have no chance of having a ban, which

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Green Cove Springs outlines goals

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Green Cove Springs City Manager Danielle Judd laid out her goals for the coming year to city council members during the April 1 council meeting.

During a March 18 council session, each of the five members gave Judd their own priority list for the coming year. Judd then combined those in developing her own goals for 2014-2015.

Judd grouped the items into several areas. She did not, however, list any priorities for the police department. She added that the department's pending move, later this month into its new headquarters on Idlewild Avenue is the organization's top priority now. She also said that later this year, Chief Robert A. Musco may explore accreditation options for the department.

Judd said that under the quality of life category, Spring Park, the municipality's parcel on the St. Johns River that includes both the old and new city hall, the soon to be former police station, and the city pier complex is her

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Banking on a tasty education



Johnny Mason of Johnny's Barbecue presents a \$500 check to the KHHS Culinary Arts Program. (L-r) Cory Hedding, Melissa Fain, Brittany Filing, Elin Cornett, Meri-lin Piantanida, Johnny Mason, Dylan Beard, Shelby Harpe, Brandy Dennis and Steven Trimble. Photo courtesy of Keystone Heights High School.

BY MERI-LIN PIANTANIDA
Culinary arts instructor, Keystone Heights High School

Competing in cooking competitions can be costly for high school culinary programs, both in terms of the time it takes to prepare and the cost of food, uniforms, and travel.

Local restaurateur, Johnny

Mason of Johnny's Barbecue recently made the task easier for Keystone Heights High School's culinary arts program. Not only did he mentor the business management team as they prepared to enter the 14th Annual ProStart Culinary Competition in Orlando, but he provided a generous donation

which paid for related expenses.

Mason practiced each week for three months with the program's business management team as they learned the process of creating a restaurant concept and business plan. In addition, the team prepared menu items at his restaurant.

3 cheers for Kiwanis

Mia Gauthier, a coach for the Wildcats cheerleading squad helps team member Savanna Sayers get ready for the 3 Cheers for Kiwanis fundraiser at Johnny's Barbecue on April 5. The event raised money for Kiwanis programs including K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club and Terrific Kids, senior scholarships, annual parades and other civic activities.



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Justice.

"There is an underlying issue in the case of a disputed archipelago between the two countries with a large reserve of oil and gas resources," wrote Burleson.

He added that Akera launched a series of precision navigation and timing satellites to allow its ships to navigate safely through the dangerous waters in and around the archipelago to get to the oil.

A few years later, Mheni launched its own satellites for "testing new communication technology" and shortly thereafter, Akera's satellite signal started experiencing interference. This signal interference allegedly caused an Akeran unmanned aerial vehicle to crash, killing two Akeran military personnel, and destroying a building on a military base.

Mheni denied any responsibility for the interference or the UAV crash. After seeking other international measures for resolution of the issue without success, Akera launched another set of satellites to broadcast a more protected signal to avoid

the interference.

When Mheni's satellite received this signal, it misinterpreted the data which caused the satellite to fall out of orbit and burn up in the atmosphere.

Akera brought claims for damages for the loss of access to its satellite signal and the crash of the UAV and resulting deaths and property damages, as well as a claim seeking a declaration from the court that it acted in conformity with international law when it disabled Mheni's satellite.

During the North American finals at Georgetown University, each of the 14 teams had to submit two briefs, one for each of the parties, and then present oral arguments for each round of the competition.

The Florida State team argued

as Akera in the semifinals against the University of California at Davis. Burleson and Fernandez then had to argue for Mheni in the finals against McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law.

In addition to the pair winning the North American title, Burleson was named Best Oralist for the competition.

While in Toronto the FSU team will face competitors from Asia-Pacific, Europe and Africa.

Burleson said he is particularly excited about the finals because the judges for the competition will be actual judges from the International Court of Justice. According to the Manfred Lachs Moot Court, the participation of the ICJ judges makes the Manfred Lachs competition one of the most prestigious in the world.

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Dunstone awarded Yard of the Month



Yard of the Month Chair Toni Davis presents the award to Lee Dunstone of 827 SE Fourth Ave. in Melrose. Also pictured is Sue Hamerstrom, Garden Club of the Lakes president. Photo by Jackie Host.

BY TONI DAVIS

Garden Club of the Lakes

Spring has finally come and it is time to get our yards raked, fed, pruned and cleaned up for the growing season.

The Garden Club of the Lakes has re-launched its Yard of the Month recognition program. We give out these awards not only to recognize local home owners, businesses and other organizations for having lovely yards, but also to encourage everyone to put in landscapes that beautify our community.

This month's award goes to Lee Dunstone of Melrose.

Dunstone moved to Melrose five years ago from Las Vegas

and, with his helpful neighbors has turned his yard into a park-like retreat. When he is not gardening, Dunstone enjoys fishing on our area lakes.

Some of the plants in Dunstone's yard are, of course, the large oak trees that set the stage for the other plants. He has azaleas and camellias that were blooming recently. He also has gardenias, queen palms, sago palms, shrimp plant, viburnum, crepe myrtles, day lilies and crinum lilies. The beds are edged with variegated liriope. The lawn is seeded with rye grass.

To nominate a Yard of the Month, contact Jackie Host at

352-473-8095 or Toni Davis at 352-475-3146.

Anyone with an interest in gardening is invited to the garden club meetings at Faith Presbyterian Church located on S.R. 21 in Midway.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

The program for April is "Roses" by Pam Greenwald.



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Tom's Barbecue marks grand opening



Dustin Hoyer downs a barbecue slider during the Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit Barbecue grand opening on April 5. Also pictured is Melissa Griffis. The grand opening featured bounce houses, the Easter Bunny, the Incredible Hulk and displays by community groups and civic organizations.

Business association to elect new officers

The April 2014 meeting of the Keystone Lake Region Business Association will be held on Monday, April 14 at the Woman's Club of Keystone Heights starting at noon.

The entire meeting will be devoted to the nomination and election of the officers and board of directors for the fiscal year 2014.

The current board of directors recommended the following officers and board members for the coming year: President Deborah Strickland, Vice President Tina Bullock,

Secretary Maria Gall, Treasurer Sam Midgett, Board Member Chris Carson, Board Member John Wick, Board Member Harold Gilstrap and Past President and Alternate Board Member Doug Wise.

In addition, any nominees from the floor will be considered.

Lunch will be catered by the Woman's Club and will feature a garden salad, chicken and dumplings, various fruits and a dessert.

This meeting is open to all local business owners and employees. Please RSVP to Debbie Etheridge at Mallard's Dollarama by calling 352-473-4076 or sending an e-mail to klrba@bellsouth.net no later than Friday, April 11 by 3 p.m.

Clay Electric conducting telephone survey

Members of Clay Electric may be contacted by a telephone survey company beginning the evening of Monday, April 14 as part of the cooperative's efforts to evaluate its services and communications. The telephone survey is scheduled to last five to seven days.

"We believe it's important to know what our members think about our programs and services," said Communications Manager Wayne Mattox. "If you receive a phone call from a survey company, FGI Research, we encourage you to participate."

This year's phone survey is similar to the one performed for the cooperative last April by FGI Research, a large market research firm based in Chapel Hill, N. C. Conducting a phone survey helps the co-op learn more about the opinions of members less inclined to respond to written surveys.

"The company will identify itself as conducting a phone survey on behalf of Clay Electric, and we encourage your cooperation," Mattox said.

According to FGI Research, the phone survey takes about 7 to 12 minutes. The calls will primarily be made on weeknights from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. All telephone interviews will be conducted by FGI Research Inc. Professional telephone interviewers will identify themselves as calling on behalf of Clay Electric Cooperative. All telephone interviews will originate from Virginia Beach, Va.

Participants can request that someone from Clay Electric contact them regarding a specific issue or concern.

Theressa convenience store sells



The new owners of a Theressa convenience store are rebranding the location as a Sunoco gas station.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Theressa landmark Tony's Pizza changed hands in March. Homayoun "Tony" and Mojgan Rafati, who built the 2,400-square-foot store in 1998, sold the structures and one-acre parcel, to Shreeji Investments

LLC of Rockledge for \$625,000. Officers of Shreeji Investments include Rajendra Shah, Pradeep Gandhi and Dushyant Gandhi, all of Rockledge.

In late March, workers began remodeling the building and rebranding the canopy and pumps under the Sunoco brand.

Capital City Bank, which has had a mortgage on the property since 2004, financed the acquisition as well as improvements to the property and satisfactions of prior mortgages with a \$950,000 construction loan.

Members with questions about the co-op's survey efforts should call the member and public relations department in Keystone Heights at 352-473-8000, extension 8265.

Boat and RV storage planned near Ravines

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The St. Johns River Water Management District has given notice of its intent to approve a permit for an RV and boat storage facility at the southwest corner of Ravines Road and C.R. 218 in Middleburg.

Plans for Black Creek Boat and RV Storage outline 201 uncovered spaces for watercraft and recreational vehicles on a 5.25-acre site about one mile east of S.R. 21.

About one third of the area will be asphalt, one third gravel and one-third green space. The plans also detail a surveillance hut, message board, a portable toilet facility and a roll away gate.

The new business will be across Ravines Road from an already existing Family Medical Center and north of Briarwood Apartments.

The permit applicants are James C. And Nora M. Evans of Evans Contracting Services.

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said to Brown. "Forgive me, but you stated in the paper that lack of communication was our issue. Well that goes on both parts. You gave a prime example and I don't have an agenda so I couldn't be prepared for anything tonight."

The council had already appointed Council Member Brian Wilson as its liaison to the advisory board. In addition, members talked about whether to require the advisory board chair to attend all CRA meetings. However, the council settled on relying on its staff to handle communications between the two panels.

In other business during its April 3 meeting, the council:

Accepted the city's audit report

Auditor Brad Million, of the CPA firm Reddish and White told the council his firm issued an unqualified opinion on the city's financial statements and the firm could find no internal control problems in Keystone's accounting system.

Million said that last year, his firm listed as a material weakness, the airport authority's recordkeeping of accounts receivable. He said that although the airport has improved in that area, he feels there is room for

further improvement.

Approved a \$38,000 expenditure for resurfacing Triest Avenue

During a March meeting, the council authorized City Manager Terry Suggs to spend up to \$30,000 to resurface a portion of Triest Avenue that had been experiencing reoccurring potholes. However, offers to complete the work from John C. Hipps Construction and the engineering firm of Michael Baker Jr. Inc. totaled \$38,000. On April 3, the council authorized Suggs to go forward with the higher costs. Suggs said that the project was on the city's capital improvement work program, scheduled in two years.

Suggs also said that he and Brown had been in touch with county officials to secure matching funds for the project and had received a positive initial response.

Wilson said he was pleased that the life expectancy of the new surface was 20 years.

Declined to vacate Orange Avenue

A property owner with land adjacent to the city's right of way on Southwest Orange

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REA

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and boarding accommodations after Henry constructed a new building for the hospital in 2008.

Rea purchased the practice, including both locations, in October 2013.

The Tampa-area native said she treats a wide range of animals, including exotics.

She also reminded the audience that now is flea and tick season, and recommended several ways to get pets through the summer pest-free.

Rea also said that rabies shots for cats and dogs are required by state law.

She also advised audience members about how to respond to snake bites. Rea said pet owners should get their animals to the University of Florida's Small Animal Hospital's emergency and critical care facility as quickly as possible after a bite. The facility provides 24-hour service.

Rea also said identifying the snake species is important to properly treat snakebite victims. She recalled that one pet owner used a mobile phone to photograph a snake that had struck her pet, and the image was later useful to hospital staff members when treating the victim.

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is what you have, being declared constitutional.”

That assessment did not sit well with Commissioner Ronnie Robinson, who has maintained since commissioners started discussing it's ordinance last year that the current law is adequate

Last November, commissioners first started talking about its law when a person made an inquiry about opening a sex shop in Clay County. At that time County Attorney Mark Scruby warned commissioners that the current ban might not survive a court challenge.

During a Nov. 12 county commission meeting, the panel asked Scruby to seek advice from constitutional lawyers.

In March, commissioners agreed to hear Khan during its April 8 session.

Khan said he typically drafts three ordinances for his clients: an 80-page code of regulations for adult entertainment businesses, a public nudity law and a locational ordinance restricting where sexually-oriented businesses can locate.

“If one ordinance is attacked,” he told commissioners, “the other two still move along.”

He said the first two ordinances are fairly standard, but drafting the locational law is more of an art form and he relies on an expert to assist him with that phase.

Khan also told commissioners that if they hired him, his fee is \$300 an hour with a \$5,000 retainer. He said his total fees to the county would likely range between \$15,000 and \$17,500.

Clay planning commission approves banner, campaign sign updates

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Planning Commission approved updates to the county's rules governing banners and campaign signs.

The changes would increase

the size limit of campaign yard signs from three square feet to six square feet, allow digital signs to be used for political campaign purposes, hold property owners responsible for illegal campaign signs erected on their property, prohibit signs on parcels used as voting precincts and restrict banners to grand openings or for use by mobile businesses only.

Director of Economic and Development Services Holly Parrish told commissioners that the current rules allow one, three-square-foot yard sign with a maximum height of four feet, on each residential parcel. Signs are limited in number to one per candidate, per parcel. She added that most yard signs are six-square feet.

Current rules also allow signs on non-residential parcels of 32-square feet with a maximum height of eight feet.

All campaign signs must be removed within seven calendar days following the election to which it pertains.

Parrish also said the update would ban signs on any parcel used as a voting precinct.

“If you remember the Fleming Island Library last year,” Parrish said, “you could hardly see the library because of all the signs. We had many, many complains about that.”

The county's campaign sign rules also prohibit wind signs, revolving signs, roof signs, signs in the public right of way, signs that obstruct the view of traffic, government signs, or traffic signals, signs affixed to trees and signs erected on property without the permission of the property owner.

Parrish told commissioners that this year, the code enforcement department will increase enforcement efforts relating to campaign signs.

“We are really going to enforce, during election season, the signs-in-the-right-of-way issue.”

One planning board member said he was concerned that the proposal places responsibility for illegal signs on property owners. He said some property owners, who live out of the area, are not aware that signs have been placed on their parcels.

Parrish said that the county's code enforcement department typically issues a 30-day warning letter for any code violations. She said the letter would give out-of-town property owners ample notice to remove

any illegal signs before the county penalized the owner.

Planning Commissioner Marsha Dumler said she was pleased with the proposed limit on banner use. She also criticized the increased use of feather flags.

“They amount to nothing but visual clutter,” she said. Dumler also said banners are dangerous during storms and become tattered, adding to their unsightliness.

“They really are a nightmare,” she said. “We need to go back to a time when we cared about the appearance of our county.”

During the April 1 planning meeting, the commission also:

Expanded allowable home businesses

Under current rules, only administrative and clerical businesses may be operated out of residences. The proposal removes the administrative and clerical limitation. However, the following types of businesses will continue to be prohibited in residential areas: car and appliance repair, welding, beauty and barber shops, carpentry, upholstery and cabinet making, private schools, day care centers with more than six unrelated children, medical and dental offices and direct consumer sales.

The ordinance also prohibits landscape and yard maintenance businesses in residential zones except for agricultural and agricultural/residential.

Also, home businesses must be conducted inside the principal dwelling. However, in the agricultural and agricultural/residential zones, business may be conducted in an accessory building.

The decisions by the Clay County Planning Commission are not effective until approved by the board of county commissioners.

Orange Park chooses new mayor

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Orange Park Town Council elected Steve Howard as the municipality's new mayor, during an April 3 meeting.

A native of Bainbridge, Ga.,

Howard retired in 2007 as a vice president of Florida Rock Industries. He was first elected to the town council in 2008.

The council also chose Gary Meeks as vice mayor. Meeks retired from the Orange Park Police Department in 1989 as captain and assistant chief. He is now employed by YRC Worldwide in security management.

New council member Eugene Nix was sworn in. Nix defeated incumbent Marge Hutton, who was seeking her second term.

In other business during the panel April 3 meeting, the council:

Changed the process for selecting a town manager

Interim Town Manager John Bowles, who is spearheading the interview process, told the council that he suspended the search until new council member Eugene Nix could be sworn in.

Council members started looking for a replacement for retiring manager Cindy Hall in October. The town advertised an annual salary for the municipality's top executive of between \$85,000 and \$110,000.

In January, a citizen's panel narrowed the field of 44 applicants to 10, including Keystone Heights City Manager Terry Suggs.

In February, the council selected its five semifinalists: current Town Clerk Sarah Campbell, Beloit, Wis. Town Administrator Robert A. Museum, former New Port Richey City Manager John R. Schneiger, former Atlantic Beach City Manager Jim Hanson and Brunswick, Ga. City Manager William Weeks.

During the April 3 council meeting, Bowles attempted to secure dates from council members to interview the five semifinalists for the job via Skype the week of April 7-11. The council could then select its three finalists during the April 17 council meeting, order in-depth background checks and schedule in-person interviews

for the top three candidates.

However, before Bowles could arrange for Skype interview dates, Nix expressed reservations about the acceptability of the top five candidates.

Howard and Meeks both complained about the amount of time the process was taking. After discussing the type and timing of background checks it wanted, the preference of Skype interviews or in-person interviews and what questions council members should ask the candidates, the panel voted to scrap Bowles' timetable.

Council members instead voted to immediately order internet background checks on the five semifinalists, draft a list of questions for the semifinalists and identify possible dates for conducting in-person interviews with each of the top five applicants in time for the April 15 council meeting.

Ratified a letter to JEA regarding city of Jacksonville pension costs

Former Mayor Jim Renninger drafted the letter to JEA CEO Paul McElroy. In it, Renninger wrote that recent discussions of increasing the utility's contribution to the Jacksonville budget to cover unfunded pensions alarmed Orange Park officials.

“Orange Park does not feel our community should pay for this additional shared burden when many of these same budgetary challenges are experienced in our municipality,” wrote Renninger.

Changed quiet times for proposed noise ordinance

The city's public safety and public works committee drafted an update to the town's noise ordinance for the council's review on April 3.

Town Attorney Sam Garrison said the current ordinance “is not worth the paper it is written on because it is unenforceable.”

He said the current rule,

which relies on the use of a decibel meter is not practicable because of the town's equipment and budget limitations.

He said the revised ordinance relies on a reasonableness standard.

“That's really tough,” said Garrison, “because what is reasonable to one person is not reasonable to another, and that's what happens when you have a subjective ordinance.”

Garrison said that under the proposed changes, police officers will have to make judgment calls as to whether a noise is unreasonable as defined by the ordinance.

Police Lt. John Jock said officers have already discussed enforcing the new rules, including procedures for obtaining additional witness statements and documenting complaints of loud noises.

He added that most noise complaints are resolved on the first call to a complaint and virtually all of them are resolved by an officer's second visit. He said noise complaints rarely get to the stage of an officer having to issue a citation or making an arrest for disturbing the peace.

Howard and Renninger both said they wanted the time frame for limiting loud noises expanded from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. The council approved the proposed change, however it did not schedule a first reading of the new ordinance.

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top priority.

Judd said she will have several items on the council's April 15 agenda for the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center. She told council members she wants to discuss improvements to classrooms, the cafeteria and ball fields of the former Dunbar High School campus.

Judd said lawyers for the city and Clay County School District are finalizing an agreement for the city's summer camps, likely to be held at the Bannerman

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Avenue had asked the city to vacate the right of way between Southwest Jasmine Avenue and Nightingale Street so he could develop additional lots facing Nightingale Street on the city's western edge.

City staff member Lynn Rutkowski said that if the city vacated Southwest Orange Avenue, it would then be required, under its own ordinances, to expand a cul-de-sac at the end of Southwest Dove Street to a 50-foot radius at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

Suggs told the council that even if the city vacated the right of way, the property owner would still not be able to create two additional lots from his holdings, as he originally intended.



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Lenten lunches underway

Lunch is provided each Wednesday during Lent, and is served at noon followed by music from local talent and dynamic messages from local ministers. A freewill offering will be accepted for the meal provided.

April 16: The host church is ELiam Baptist Church in Melrose, the speaker is Steve Conner of Fresh Start Fellowship and music is by Amy Whalen.

Lenten Fish Fries

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their sixth annual Lenten fish fries at St. William Catholic Church from 4 to 7:30 p.m. every Friday from March 7 through April 11. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit the Lake Area Ministries food bank and the special education department at Keystone Heights High School. The church is located at 210 Peach St. in Keystone Heights. \$8.50 per plate.

Deadline for ordering veterans' bricks: April 15

Organizers of the Veterans Memorial Pathway are accepting brick orders.

For \$35 you can purchase a brick with engraving on 1-4 lines with 18-21 characters per line. You can also have a medal or logo engraved on the brick for an additional \$10 each. Call Joan at 904-894-8411.

Friendship Bible Church blood drive

Friendship Bible Church is having a Mobile Blood Drive on Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: 1155 Orchid Ave, Keystone Heights. Office number is 352-473-2713.

Oil painting classes at Gallery 26

Classes begin April 21 and run for four weeks from 1 to 4 p.m. The instructor is Patrick Rausch. Cost is \$80 and the class is

limited to 10 students. Call 352-475-2924 for more information.

Miss KHHS pageant accepting donations of prom dresses

The Miss KHHS Scholarship Pageant is accepting donations of prom dresses and accessories, including shoes and jewelry for the first annual Prom Expo, scheduled for Friday, May 2, 7 pm in the KHHS cafeteria. This event will offer free prom wear to girls needing a dress to wear to the KHHS Prom, scheduled for May 17. Please donate any used and in good condition prom dresses, evening shoes and jewelry. Donations may be left at the front desk of the high school. Please contact Lynn Dickinson at 352-473-1489 with any questions.

McRae Elementary Spring Book Fair

April 7 - 11, 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family shopping daily 8 -8:45 a.m.

Students may visit during their scheduled media resource time. We have online shopping available to all from March 31 to April 14. The link is available on our McRae Homepage and Destiny-Library.

Freedom Baptist Church installation service

The Pastoral Staff of Freedom Baptist Church, 7207 SR 21, Keystone Heights, cordially invites the community to attend the installation service of our new senior pastor, Jason B. Stephens, Sunday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m., in the church auditorium.

Lake Area Passion Play

The music ministry of Trinity Baptist Church invites you to attend its passion play. All performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday April 11, Saturday April 12 and Palm Sunday April 13. Admission is free and seating is on a first come basis. Doors

open at 6 p.m.

United Methodist Women Fashion Show and Luncheon

The UMW of Keystone UMC will have their annual fashion show and luncheon on Saturday May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the MMC Building. Our theme this year is a Garden Party. There will be food, fashions, shopping, door prizes and special music will be provided. Fashions will be provided by Belk's Gainesville. Our thrift shop will have fashions and accessories on display for purchasing.

You can purchase tickets from any UMW members, Mallards or by calling Marilyn Freeman at 352-473-5158. Tickets are \$12.00. No tickets will be sold at the door.

All our proceeds will go to local charities.

Armarely's Day

The Keystone Heights Jaycees are hosting a fundraiser for Armarely, a baby born with Neuroblastoma. The event will be at 11 a.m., Saturday April 12 at the Jaycees clubhouse. It will feature food, live music and a raffle. Call Duke Marsh at 352-235-4103 for more information.

Melrose Elementary Kindergarten Roundup

Melrose Elementary will be holding a Kindergarten Round Up on Friday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can come by and register your kindergarten student for the 2014-2015 school year. Complete packets must be turned in with your child's birth certificate, social security card (optional), immunization record and physical record prior to starting the school year. Incomplete packets will not be accepted. Registration will continue Monday-Thursday throughout the summer as well. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1st.

PLANS

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Learning Center.

Judd said that under economic development, the proposed community redevelopment district and agency continues to be the top priority.

She added that developing medical facilities in the city, annexation, a cost allocation study and a wage study the council commissioned earlier are also 2014 goals.

Judd said staff members continue to make progress on the electric code revision, and the city has already hired an engineer to develop a master plan for the waste water treatment plant.

The council unanimously approved Judd's priorities list.

In other business during its April 1, meeting the council also:

Passed a resolution supporting a trauma center at Orange Park Medical Center

The Kingsley Avenue hospital opened northeast Florida's second trauma center in early 2012. However, state officials shut down the facility 13 months later, claiming the Hospital Corporation of America-owned hospital filed incomplete paperwork for the trauma center.

Orange Park Medical Center CEO Chad Patrick told council members that during the 13 months it was open, the Orange Park trauma center treated around 1,400 patients and had the lowest mortality rate in the state for trauma centers, less than five percent.

Patrick also said the hospital has yet to appeal the Department of Health's revocation of the

trauma center permit because new rule making, assessing the need for trauma centers, appeared to be going well, pointing to the need for a facility in Clay County.

Patrick said that on March 25, the department changed the rules, definitions and points system it had been developing. The new rules knocked Orange Park out of consideration for a trauma center.

"We were the only hospital that was affected by that change," he said.

He added that in order to recover the points lost with the rules revision, the hospital now needs 25 percent of the 14 municipalities or counties within the trauma service area to pass resolutions supporting Orange Park Medical Center's application.

The council unanimously passed a resolution ratifying a March 27 letter from Mayor Mitch Timberlake supporting the Orange Park trauma center.

The council also: Presented a certificate of appreciation to David Ameen, franchisee of the Green Cove Springs McDonald's, for rebuilding the restaurant in 2014;

Passed a proclamation recognizing the 75th anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1988;

Designated April as National Safe Digging month and urged excavators and homeowners to dial 811 before they dig to avoid damaging underground utilities;

Amended a grant agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to provide funding for drainage improvements on Cove Street and;

Heard an update from City Clerk Lee Bentley on the development of the city's historic archives.

Building was first constructed in 1975



Judith Bartlett sounds a horn call to begin the rededication service.

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Benz focused on the last verse, which contains Micah's answer to the Israelites' question of how they should worship and serve God.

"He has told you, O man, what is good," said Benz, quoting verse eight, "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

LEGAL NOTICES



"The more that government becomes secret, the less it remains free."

James Russell Wiggins

LRM Legals 4/10/14

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Phillip McKinney and Edna McKinney 6787 Spring Lake Village Rd Keystone Heights Fl 32656, joint owner, doing business under the firm name of: Three Legged Dog 6787 Spring Lake Village Rd Keystone Heights Fl 32656, intends to register said fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 4th day of April, 2014, in Clay County. 4/10 1tchg-LRM

VOTER REGISTRATION THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS "SPECIAL" MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2014
City residents who wish to vote in the City of Keystone Heights citywide election on May 6, 2014 must be registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections Office of Clay County by April 18, 2014. Voters who need to register may contact the Supervisor of Elections Office of Clay County via telephone at (904)-269-6350 or visit their website at www.clayelections.com for more instructions and requirements. 4/10 1tchg-LRM

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA REGARDING THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6th, 2014
WHEREAS, the term of office for Council Seat 5 will expire on March 3rd, 2015 and an election is required to be held to fill this vacant seat; and WHEREAS, Section 14 of the City Charter of Keystone Heights, Florida and Section 35.03 of the Code of Ordinances of Keystone Heights, Florida require the Mayor to issue a proclamation containing information regarding the election; now therefore, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida that:
1. There shall be a "Special" municipal election to elect a council member for Council Seat 5 of the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida on May 6th, 2014. The term of Council Seat 5 will com-

mence upon certification of the election results and expire on March 3rd, 2015. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall.
2. Qualifying for Council Seat 5 shall begin at noon on April 7th, 2014 and shall end at noon on April 21st, 2014. The City Council shall meet at a City Council meeting on April 21st, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and certify the names of the candidates qualified to be placed on the ballot for the election to be held on May 6th, 2014.
3. The City Manager will appoint poll workers to conduct and monitor the municipal election of May 6th, 2014. This Proclamation was approved by the Mayor on this 3rd day of April, 2014. 4/10 2tchg 4/17-LRM

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Accepting applications for Citizen Advisory Boards
Community Redevelopment Advisory Board (CRAB) Seats #1 and #2 (1 Year Term); Seats #3 and #4 (2 Year Term); Seats #5, #6, and #7 (3 Year Term): Applicants must have a physical home or own a local business inside the "city limits" of Keystone Heights, Florida. All seats will require a minimum of one meeting per month and additional meetings as necessary.
Keystone Airpark Authority Seat #4 and Clay County Seat: Applicants must live and have a physical home address within the area as described in the City Ordinance 2011-519. The terms of service are three years from May 2014 to May 2017. The positions will require active participation in a minimum of one meeting per month and additional "Special/Workshop Meetings" as necessary. Applicants should have expertise in general aviation and other disciplines of value that would benefit daily operations of the airpark such as business, finance, marketing, engineering, and real estate development. An application may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the internet at www.keystoneheights.us. Call 352-473-4807 for more information. Deadline for submitting applications is April 17, 2014 by 4:00 PM at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, Florida. 4/10 2tchg 4/17-LRM

Clay County Fire Rescue hands out awards



(L-r) Fire Chief Lorin L. Mock, Career Firefighter of the Year Mark Worley, Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Wes Taylor, Administrative Employee of the Year Deputy Chief Richard Knoff and Deputy Chief David Motes. Photo courtesy of Clay County Fire Rescue.

Clay County Fire Rescue conducted its awards ceremony on March 13 at Orange Park's Thrasher-Horne Conference Center. The annual event allows the organization to publicly recognize the achievements and contributions of citizens and members during the past year. Chief Lorin L. Mock awarded Esprit De Corps awards to

volunteer firefighter Terry Kulhwein and volunteer coordinator Richard Darby. Unit citations went to: Battalion Chief Stephen Gilbert, Engine 22 and Rescue 22 C shift members Lt. Thomas Surrency, Engineer Nicholas Hansen, Lt. James McCafferty and acting Engineer Zack Coon

and Communications Division members Quentin Brown and Matthew Brinley. Communications Specialist III Margaret Cummings won the Distinguished Service Award, Mark Worley was the Career Firefighter of the Year, Deputy Chief Richard Knoff was the Administrative Employee of the

Year and Wes Taylor was the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. The department also awarded civilian citation awards to Sean Hendrix, Jason Bright, Austin Pitts, Kasper Grzeszczak, Samuel McVea and Chase Hawkinson.

Gadara Baptist pastor: Be prepared

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The pastor of Gadara Baptist Church urged the 280 people at the April 2 Lake Region Lenten lunch to be prepared for the return of Jesus Christ.

Shawn House stressed the importance of preparation to the crowd gathered at the Keystone Heights United Methodist Church. He said planning and foresight were essential in producing the nearly 300 meals for the lunch, and also reminded the group that John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ's ministry in the first century by warning his hearers that the messiah was coming.

"John was right," said House. "Jesus did come, but let me tell you one more thing, he is coming again. The Bible is very clear that he is going to come back, and so when he comes back, we need to be ready; we need to be prepared. We need to be like John who said prepare a way for the Lord, and we need to say the same message to our loved ones, to our family members and to our neighbors."

House also said that based on Luke 3:1-9, which he read earlier in his presentation, that people should prepare for Christ's return by faith and repentance. "That's not a new message,"

he said. "That's something you've heard, something I've heard, something we need to hear again."

"The reality is," he continued, "the life of a Christian is one of repentance and faith. Not just when you get saved, not just when you ask the Lord for forgiveness, it's a lifelong testimony of dying to yourself, of repenting, of turning away from the temptations of the world and the things that would draw you away from service and love for God."

House said repentance and faith includes a willingness to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow the Lord.

"You become the reality in your life when you understand that you're not God, you don't call the shots, you're not the Lord, not the boss, but Jesus Christ is."

House also warned his listeners against relying upon anything other than faith and repentance when preparing for the return of Christ.

"What are you standing in today?" he asked. "Are you standing in your works? Are you standing in your church membership? Are you prepared when Jesus comes back? I hope so."

Clay County Sheriff's office: April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, there were nearly 39,000 crashes in Florida last year in which a driver was driving distracted.

Those crashes resulted in 201 deaths and more than 33,000 injuries.

Whether it's texting on your cell phone, eating a hamburger between appointments or tuning in your favorite radio station, drivers who take their focus off the road for even a second are driving distracted and the end result could be deadly.

April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month in Florida and law enforcement officers throughout the state are working to bring awareness to Floridians about the dangers of distracted driving. Anything an officer can do

to drive home the message that distracted driving is dangerous and often deadly is crucial to making Florida highways safer.

Don't Drive Distracted is a message that is especially important for young, inexperienced drivers under the age of 20 who have the highest proportion of distraction-related fatal crashes.

Nationally, more than nine people are killed and more than a thousand others are injured each day in the U.S. as the result of a distracted driver.

Texting is one of the major causes of distracted driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at any given daylight moment, there are 660,000 people who are texting and driving. The practice was banned last year in Florida.

The message to all drivers is to keep your eyes on the road, hands on the wheel and mind on driving.

Federal grant funds new recruits for CCFR

Clay County Fire Rescue placed 23 new recruit firefighters into the operations division on March 13 during a graduation ceremony held at the Thrasher Horne Conference Center in Orange Park.

Twenty one of these members were hired under the 2013 federal grant: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response,

which provides funding for the hiring of personnel to improve response capabilities and provide coverage for fire and medical emergencies.

The new firefighters are Michael P. Brogan IV, Italo Carvo, Kyle J. Colley, Troy L. Crews, Travis W. Douglas, Bryan L. Fernandez, Michael A. Fowler, Vincent Garcia Jr., Andrew A. Gieselman, Jarrod C. Hammond, Aubrey M. Higginson, Matthew F. Hollis, Jason M. Hughes, Christopher M. Knoff, Brandon S. Kumm, David A. Nettles, James D. Peacock, Luke J. Powell, Brad C. Rodgers, Troy G. Smith, Blake J. Ussery, Keith M. Watson and Justin C. Webber.

Realtors' bass tournament

The Northeast Florida Association of Realtors (NEFAR) will once again host the NEFAR Bass Tournament at the Palatka City Dock on April 26 to benefit unreimbursed programs and services for Haven Hospice patients and families in the community. Over the last ten years, the tournament has helped raise more than \$185,000.

The \$120 registration fee will include a team of two per boat. The Family Fun Day activities, which are free and open to the public, will include a blow-up slide, children's fishing tank and casting tournament, crafts, food vendors, animal adoptions and much more! Prizes will include a \$2,500 guaranteed payback for first place, a \$1,000 guaranteed payback for the big fish of the

tournament and a \$250 cash drawing for tournament boaters who are present.

Vendors will include the Humane Society, the Camp Blanding Museum and the Keystone Cloudbusters. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn more about the mason child ID program. There will be arts and craft vendors with hand-made gifts for sale and a car show.

All proceeds will benefit the unreimbursed programs and services provided by Haven Hospice in the Putnam, St. Johns and Clay Counties. To register for the event, visit www.nefarbass.org or contact Mike Oglesbee at 386-546-3614. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Glenn East at 904-394-9132.

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- 9:15 a.m. Children's "Parade of Palms"
Contemporary Worship, message – "Never Give Up" by Dr. Craig Moore
- 11:00 a.m. Children's "Parade of Palms"
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Traditional Worship, message – "Never Give Up" by Dr. Craig Moore

Wednesday, April 16th, Wonderful Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study

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- 6:30 p.m. Bible Teaching by Dr. Tom Farmer, Jr., final teaching of the
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teaching, "Agony in The Garden of Gethsemane"

Thursday, April 17th, Maundy Thursday Meditation and Holy Communion

- 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary – Dr. Moore's topic: "Last Supper Conversations"

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday Worship at 12 Noon

- 12 Noon in the Sanctuary – Dr. Moore preaching "Father Forgive Them"

Saturday, April 19th, A Challenge and Call for Prayer (in our homes)

Easter Sunday, April 20th, The Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection!

- 6:30 a.m. Community Sunrise Worship at Keystone Beach Park
Dr. Moore preaching, "Living like the Resurrection Really Happened!"
(sponsored by The Lake Region Kiwanis)
- Dr. Moore preaching "Living Fully Alive" at all three Worship Services
- 8:00 a.m. Son-Shine Worship (traditional) in KUMC's Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship, in KUMC's Multi Ministry Center
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, in KUMC's Sanctuary

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Triest: long career built upon foundation of experience

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

There was a time, not so very long ago, that a man learned his trade from his father and was judged on what he could do, not by how many licenses and certificates he had hanging on his wall.

Local contractor Ernest Triest is one of these men. Born and raised in Bradford County, he learned carpentry from his father and then more advanced construction skills hands-on when he returned home from military service.

Triest was born on a family farm in the Theresa area nearly 90 years ago. Besides general farm work, he worked with his father on carpentry jobs not only on the farm, but for other people as well. At age 19, he left midterm in his senior year at Bradford High School to join the Army and serve his country in the second World War.

"I wanted to volunteer instead of being drafted so I could pick the branch of service I wanted to serve in," Triest said. "I had real bad motion sickness and didn't want to get stuck in and airplane or worse, out on the water."

Triest served as a communications specialist in the 724th Field Artillery Battalion, headquartered in Shelby, Miss., where he trained for 19 months and lost much of the hearing in one ear due to close proximity to a firing Howitzer during training.

After traveling to England by ship from Camp Kilmer, N.J., he spent two months just outside of London, waiting for D-Day. Soon after, his battalion began

the march to Berlin, with Triest setting up phone lines along the way.

After the war, Triest remained in Germany for a year as part of the occupational troops. He remembers boating on the Rhine River with his buddies on weekends and how cold the water was when they turned the boat over. He said he liked Europe and there are a number of places he would like to return to and see again.

Upon returning home after four years of service, Triest completed his senior year of high school and graduated in the same year as his future wife, then Carlie Mae Hall, captain of the BHS women's basketball team.

After graduation, Triest went to work for contactors Merritt, Chapman and Scott, out of New York, building the piers for the "Mothball Fleet" at Green Cove Springs. A number of piers were constructed to serve military ships no longer needed after the war.

"I worked as a carpenter on the first pier," Triest remembers, "and by the time it was complete I had been made pier superintendent. By the time I started working on another one I decided I was interested in going into the construction business for myself."

At the time, there was no formal training or certification requirement to become a contractor, so he started Triest Construction in 1949, working at first out of home offices and later out of offices he built on SR 21, where he remained until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1986.

Triest hit the ground running



Contractor Ernest Triest is pictured with a real-life "girl next door," his wife since 1950, Carlie Mae. Their families owned neighboring farms.

and soon had a thriving business. He concentrated on commercial and, most especially, institution construction, building schools, law-enforcement buildings, hospitals, government buildings, churches and businesses. He said he only built a few houses and made additions to a few more. He preferred commercial work and, most especially, government contracts - county, state and federal.

"When you work for an

individual, you have to do whatever it takes to please that person," Triest said. "You can find yourself in situations where a person thinks they know what they want, not knowing if it's practical or even possible. Then there is always the question of whether or not you will get paid."

"With government work you deal with boards or committees. These are people used to discussion and compromise; they know when to defer to someone with more specialized knowledge about a project. Plus, you know

the money will be there in the end with no problem."

Fifteen years after starting Triest Construction, Triest was finally required by the state to get a contractor's license. He was the 624th contractor in the state to take the test and he was not pleased with the result.

"I had to go to Orlando for the test," Triest said. "I was told that no calculators would be allowed so I didn't take one. I got there and everyone else had one and

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Strawberry Festival: fun and, of course, strawberries

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Downtown Starke hosts the 16th annual Strawberry Festival this Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, welcoming 138 vendors, seven musical acts and, of course, strawberries.

The festival is scheduled for 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 12 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 13.

Pam Whittle, the CEO of the North Florida Chamber of Commerce, which assumed responsibility of the Strawberry Festival in 2005, said no one should have a reason to complain about having nothing to do on the weekend of the festival. The festival has no admission charge and should have something to appeal to anybody's tastes, with vendors offering everything from various crafts and jewelry of all kinds to kitchen items and vacuum cleaners.

"I guess that's the appeal of (the festival)," Whittle said. "If you like something, it'll be there."

Of course, what would the Strawberry Festival be without strawberries? Many vendors sell strawberry-themed items, but if what you want is to taste strawberries, then the festival has you covered. In fact, Whittle said it's almost pointless in going

to the festival and not eating strawberry shortcake.

"Who doesn't like strawberry shortcake?" she asked.

Youth from United Methodist Church of Starke and the Bradford High School softball players will be in their usual spots selling strawberry shortcake. Plus, King's Produce and Norman's Produce will be in their usual spots with their berries. Live Oak's Pat Gaylord of Cakes by Pat will be set up between the two local berry growers, selling sour-cream pound cake, so it's a good opportunity to make your own strawberry shortcake as

well. Several vendors have strawberry goodies. Berrylicious, for example, offers strawberry milkshakes, chocolate-dipped strawberries and a chocolate brownie covered with vanilla ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream.

"It needs about four spoons in it so everyone can share," Whittle said of the brownie-berry treat.

For the second straight year, the festival will offer a set schedule of entertainment at the stage in the downtown square. Tara Tillotson begins the entertainment with a 11 a.m.

performance on April 12. That day's lineup also features Clark Hill at 1:30 p.m., J.J. Strickland at 3:30 p.m. and the Ricky Thompson Band at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's entertainment lineup consists of Clay Brooker at noon, Crossfire Warriors at 1:30 p.m. and Amber DeLaCruz at 3:30 p.m.

Whittle said having musicians perform throughout the festival is a way of ensuring that the food vendors are exposed to the majority of festival visitors. Food vendors have to be typically located at eastern end of Call Street because of electricity

needs. In the past, there was nothing else at that end of the street to entice people to walk that way unless they specifically wanted something to eat.

Now, with the creation of the town square and its stage, musical entertainment will draw a crowd and, hopefully, benefit the vendors in that area, Whittle said.

"What we wanted to do was make a draw and help them as well," Whittle said.

The creation of the town square also gives the festival an area to offer all types of fun activities geared toward children.

Whittle said the area will offer pony rides, bounce houses and a small Ferris wheel among other activities for the younger festival attendees.

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's sure to be something at the Strawberry Festival that will make for a fun-filled—and tasty—time.

"We have everything," Whittle said.

For more information, please call the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce at 904-964-5278.

SOCIALS



Natalie Wood

Natalie Wood celebrates 80th birthday

Natalie Wood of Jacksonville will celebrate her 80th birthday on April 12, 2014.

She has four children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Daniel Salvatore Rigano

Rigano to graduate from Florida Southern

Daniel and Louanne Rigano proudly announce the graduation of their son, Daniel Salvatore Rigano, from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. He will receive his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

We would like to invite all friends and family to attend Daniel's Graduation Celebration the following Saturday, May 10, at the Worthington Springs Community Center located on State Road 121 in Worthington Springs from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please join our family as we proudly celebrate Daniel's latest/greatest accomplishment as he travels through life's amazing adventures.

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On Call: notes on Starke's historic architecture

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

According to a My Florida website of notable figures, Richard Keith Call came to Florida in 1814 as an aide de camp to Andrew Jackson. Call made Florida his home and served on the legislative council. He was a delegate to Congress and was the third and fifth territorial governor.

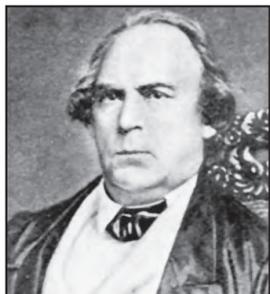
He led the Florida militia in fighting the Seminoles during his first term, which overlapped with the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). During his second administration, he moved the territory closer to statehood. Call died at his estate—the Grove, near Tallahassee—in September 1862.

Call is likely to have visited the Bradford/Union area at some point, since a great deal of Native American unrest during the Seminole Wars was centered in what became those two counties. There was a Fort Call in what is now Union County, and even today, a Fort Call Cemetery remains.

Starke's entire downtown area was designated as the "Historic Call Street District" in 1985. The historic area is bounded by Jefferson, Cherry and Madison streets, and Temple Boulevard. Within the 120-acre area are 23 buildings and one structure according to the registry.

Architect and architecture historian Ron Haase, a Melrose resident, said recently that the architectural terms "American Mercantile" and "American Commercial Style" are rather vague. Buildings in those categories may use elements of many styles, but Haase thought most buildings in Starke's business district might fall into the broadest interpretations of the terms.

There are subsets of the commercial style: Western Mercantile buildings are usually those wooden feed stores and dance halls you see in dusty,



Call Street was named after Richard Keith Call, Indian fighter, plantation owner and third and fifth governor of territorial Florida.

western movies.

Starke architect Spyros Drivas cited two influences on Starke's cityscape, the first of which he called "Cracker Vernacular." This is not a pejorative term, but rather a term noting that most buildings from the 1800s were designed by a building's owner and his or her contractors, with input from Florida's early carpenters and brick masons who built them. Sometimes the buildings were "designed" on the fly as they were being built.

Officially, the term "American Mercantile" refers to multi-story commercial structures built in Chicago around the turn of the 20th century. It was a post-Civil War movement that influenced the design of commercial buildings in cities nationwide, including Starke, Drivas said. There might be a little Victorian influence here, a little Classical Greek or Roman there, even some early Frank Lloyd Wright prairie architecture tucked into the Chicago School's American Commercial Style.

The Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission said, "While the purest description of Commercial style buildings most fits early skyscrapers, many much shorter buildings are sometimes described as Commercial style. These one-to four-story brick buildings date from the same era,

were designed for commercial use, have large pane windows on the ground floor and flat roofs, often with decorative parapets... The subtype of the style is a more vernacular version that is more prevalent in Pennsylvania than the true high-style Commercial style skyscrapers." That description is also true of buildings on Call Street in Starke.

Photographic evidence shows early buildings along Call Street were built of wood, like in western movie towns. A prime example was the Starke House Hotel, which was built around 1895 and survived until the 1940s. However, early photographs and insurance maps of Starke indicate that brick was also used in some of Starke's earliest buildings.

There are a number of reasons for Starke's gradual transformation from wood to brick—and occasionally stone—during the late 19th century: the first was the arrival of railroads, which could deliver heavier building materials near or into the downtown area and in large quantities. The railroad didn't so much arrive in Starke; it's more accurate to say that the Yulee railroad came to the piney woods, and Starke grew up around it.

A major reason for the transition from wood to brick was the great Chicago fire of 1871, which left that vast, largely wooden city burned almost to the ground. Starke, too, had a fire that burned two blocks of the city in 1895. The great Jacksonville fire in 1901 may also have prompted Starke's city fathers to discourage wooden structures in the downtown commercial district. Insurance companies and city ordinances combined to push for sturdier, more fire-retardant structures. It's not that the Chicago fire influenced Starke alone; it changed urban commercial architecture all over the United States.

Haase suggested that the move from wood to stone and brick structures was also due to a growing trend toward big-city-style window shopping, especially in ladies' commercial districts. This called for street-level windows and larger cutouts in outer walls. Stronger I-beams and posts became necessary to support walls with less footage holding them up at street level.

Whatever style Starke's early commercial buildings incorporated on Call Street, they had common characteristics. For one, wooden and one or two brick buildings in Starke had tall facades with shorter buildings behind them.

"This is actually a holdover from the Italianate Gothic style," Haase said. "From the street at least, tall facades made the buildings look bigger and grander than they actually were." This idea came to America with immigrants and wealthy commercial classes taking grand,

This 1800s photo shows the Call Street block between Walnut (at left of photo) and a portion of what came to be called the brick Dover Building at the corner of Call and Thompson streets. Note the wooden-frame American Western Commercial-style buildings in the center.



European tours. There are two such brick buildings in Starke that illustrate this style: a gray, empty building across from the Bradford County Telegraph and Starke's Masonic Lodge on Orange Street.

During the transition from wood, where did all those bricks come from? Probably from Starke.

An early advertisement in an 1883 East Florida Telegraph is headlined, "Bricks! Bricks!" The rest of the ad is unreadable in today's available sources. The vendor was apparently Mac Williams and Brown in Starke.

Former Bradford resident Mrs. Jay S. Brown remembered that when her family—the L.C. Hull family—arrived in Starke in 1878, her father started their homestead from scratch, clearing land, sawing timber and making bricks. Her older brother located clay on a parcel of land he purchased near a local creek; the Hull family built a kiln and made brick molds. At first, they turned out enough bricks to build their fireplace and a kitchen flue.

L.C. Hull, general store owner and brick maker, was advertising his bricks in the East Florida Courier by March 1888. By 1890, Hull and his son "Newt" had bricks for sale and advertised them in local newspapers. "Bricks available at the depot or kiln," the ads read.

Decorative wooden corbels—European scrollwork gimcracks that support or appear to support windows or ledges—were found

on many of Starke's wooden buildings, but the style didn't transfer to brick structures, although cement versions of the filigree existed.

However, while classical corbels aren't found, decorative corbelled brickwork parapets are an almost universal feature on many of Starke's historic structures.

Call Street visitors may also notice a penchant for taking an existing building and wrapping

it in plaster or stucco. This may have been an unreliable attempt at fire retardation.

Early photos of the Hemingway Building at the northeast corner of Call and Walnut show it as wooden clapboard. By now, it has long since been plastered over. While the Dover Building at Thompson and Call is entirely brick, it also got a new plaster skin in the 1940s. Stucco was

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These four buildings viewed right to left, are almost a timeline of some of Starke's brick structures. The distant building at the extreme right, now the Downtown Grill, features a gabled roof, where once it was flat. The Dover Building (third from right) was once a livery stable with a gabled roof or façade, later removed.

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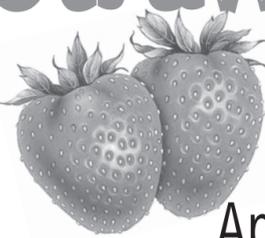
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LETTERS

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Response to 'Time for a change'

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure why Mr. Busby directed his letter (Time For A Change) to me. However, since he did I will reply.

I've not seen or heard of any complaints about the response time or service from the UC Sheriffs office. While I'm sure there have been some, they've certainly not made the front page.

Mr. Busby wants change. There has been change. John H. Whitehead and Jerry Whitehead are no longer the sheriff of Union County. Brad Whitehead is now serving out the remainder of his late fathers term. There will be an election in November and the voters of Union County will decide who will continue to serve as sheriff. I support Brad Whitehead.

I truly support Mr. Busby's right to his opinion and freedom of speech. However, I will continue to condemn those who spout out useless and unproven facts, ie. (Good Ole Boy System, and Family Business) to describe the Union County Sheriffs Office. The real facts are the voters of Union County elect our sheriff at the ballot box. Have in the past and will continue in the future. To describe our electoral system in this manner is totally asinine.

Get involved, work for and support the candidate of your choice. But let's be civil while doing so.

Thank You
Jack Sapp

State teacher raise not what was expected

Dear Editor:

I love my job. Teaching children in Bradford County has been rewarding for me in too many ways to count. I thank God for it often. Last year the governor of Florida said he was giving each county \$2500 for each teacher a raise. Sounded good to me. After about five or six years of literally no raise and even a cut with the 3% taken for retirement and increased insurance payment my monthly salary went down about \$200 a month. So you can see how good the governor's deal was to me and many other teachers in this county. Well, I saw county after county getting their money and for many that exact amount. These are counties that pay more to begin with. I see the proposal now is we get \$1400 of that amount. That math says we get about 56% of what the state intended. Seems sort of insulting after going half a decade with nothing and then seeing the intended money "disappear" like that. To go one step further. Teachers at the beginning of their careers get a much higher raise percentage wise than some in this configuration. A first year teacher essentially gets a 4% raise while those of us at the other end (twenty eight I believe) get a 2.5% raise.

Honestly, I did not go into teaching for the money. I figured if you go to college to get the degree that allows me to work with kids the compensation would be enough. I have discovered

that teachers with a masters degree in education are lower paid than most professionals with a BS degree. I have learned to live with that. I love my job. But when big brother (the state) finally says here is the money, I have to be a little disappointed when a little over 50% makes it to us. I do appreciate all the work that went into negotiating these raises but I thought it was pretty much cut and dried with that money allocated for us.

Sincerely,
Steve Acree
Brooker

More tax dollars should go to helping and healing

Dear Editor:

I'm unhappy to learn that 40 cents of every one of our 2013 federal tax dollars went to fund current and past wars, according to the Quaker advocacy group the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

We have some critical needs as a country -- how to respond to the effects of climate change, how to repair our crumbling bridges and roadways, how to bridge the growing divide between rich and poor. I would like to see more of our tax dollars going to these priorities rather than to the profit driven military contractors and pentagon. What do we as a Christian country not get about Thou Shalt Not Kill. If we spend as much tax money on helping and healing, as is spent on killing, torturing, and crippling physically and mentally, the

world would not only be a much better place, the USA would not be in such a dangerous position, due to the terror we have inflicted on the rest of the world, since 911.

I hope that my senators, Rubio and Nelson, will work to make this happen in the coming year. They can start by eliminating the more than \$100 billion war profiteering of military contractors. If we die trying to help and heal and try to bring peace in peaceful ways, we will gain everlasting life. The way we are going now, not only insures torture, destruction and death, on our enemies, but also for ourselves. Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself for the love of God. He also said Love Thy Enemy. By doing this according to His Word, we will be saving our own lives here on earth, as well as for eternity.

Sincerely,
Marie Fitzsimmons

Riding club: Thanks for support in raising \$5,000 for benefit ride

Dear Editor:

The Union County Riding Club coordinated its 17th Annual Saddle Up Event to raise funds for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital's children and families.

We the members would like to personally thank the community for all the support. We couldn't be successful without our good folks from Union and surrounding counties.

website www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl.

Even if you have no fundraising team affiliation, you are invited to participate in the Relay. Teams will have food, beverages and other items for sale at the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Kiwanis golf tournament is Good Friday

The 11th annual Kiwanis of Starke golf tournament will be held Friday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams.

The entry fee is \$50 per player/\$200 per four-person team. That includes cart, lunch and goody bag.

Applications are available at the Starke Golf and Country Club clubhouse.

Contact Cheryl Canova (cheryl.canova@scollege.edu or 904-964-5382) or Barry Warren at (352-494-3326) for more

information.

Shelia Miller Poker Run is April 12

The sixth annual Shelia Miller Benefit Poker Run, which raises money for the American Cancer Society and the B, will take place Saturday, April 12. Registration is from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Walgreens located at 9125 N.W. 39th Ave. in Gainesville.

The ride, which has stops at Alachua Sports Bar and Grill, Full House in Lake Butler and Knuckle Draggers in Starke, will end at Timbuktu in Starke. The best poker hand turned in at Timbuktu will result in winnings

of \$500 in cash and prizes. Entry is \$15 per motorcycle and \$10 per additional rider.

For more information, visit the website www.sheliamiler.org.

Bradford-Keystone Relay for Life is April 25-26

The Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place at the Bradford High School track from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

If you would like to register a team or obtain more information, please visit the

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applied to other buildings during renovations of the 1980s.

As a rule of thumb, gabled buildings—wooden or brick—were an earlier style than flat-roofed buildings, the 1902 courthouse being one of several exceptions. Gabled roofs made more sense in snow-bound climes up north, but less so in Florida. The slippery slopes of pitched roofs were more expensive and more difficult and expensive to maintain. However, flat roofs required good drainage and conscientious care and

maintenance. Comparing 1800s photos with Call Street buildings today reveals buildings that changed from gabled to flat roofs—and vice versa—over the century.

The buildings in the Historic Call Street District were restored or renovated during a downtown revitalization program carried out with a \$500,000 grant around 1986. A Community Redevelopment Plan for the historic area was put into place in 2007.

During those renovations, many buildings were tied together with a false façade, stucco, paint job or an awning to make two or more buildings appear to be a unit, though they didn't start

out that way. In some cases, urn-shaped decorations and filigree atop building parapets were removed, presumably for safety's sake, a level skyline or changing tastes.

A walking tour of Call Street starting at the railroad and moving toward U.S. 301 illustrates a number of Starke's architectural trends along Call Street over the years. During normal working hours, visitors might drop in at 100 E. Call to the Northeast Regional Chamber of Commerce—the second Bradford Bank building—and pick up a map of notable buildings in the Call Street Historic District.

The club would also like to name the following supporters who gave of their time and resources: Mr. Avery Roberts, for the meal and facilities, Spire's IGA, Union County Sheriff's Dept., Ms. Alice Ellington, David Johns and Johnny Lee and crew for preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs, plus all the fixings to go with the meal. For the prizes that were raffled at the end of the ride we want to greatly thank: Ms. Susan Nichols, Mr. Ralph Parrish, Robbie Thornton and family, Clinton Gay and family, Union Riding Club, Hillandale farms, Lake Butler Farm Center,

Gold Key of Starke, Purple Gator of Starke, Gator II Farm supply of Starke, Cat Ring Power, Central States Feeds of Lake City, Smitty's Western Wear of Lake City, Southern Comfort Hair Salon, and Hitchcock's of Alachua.

We are still collecting funds raised and if you would like to contribute to this benefit call coordinator, John Johns at 352-222-0203. Who would also like to keep everyone in mind that we have this event annually every 1st Saturday in March so looking forward to next year. Thanks again!

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TRIEST

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was allowed to use it. Needless to say I failed the test.”

Returning home, Triest resolved to try again. “I had two men working for me as estimators; one was a University of Florida graduate in building construction and the other held the same degree from Auburn. I caught them in the office and told them that at least one of the three of us was going to have to pass that test.

“We had ‘school’ in the office in the evenings after work,” Triest said. “We went to Tampa for the next exam, carrying calculators, briefcases and everything else we could think of and all three of us passed that time.”

Triest scored high and kept his license through the rest of the life of his business and for about 15 years after his retirement, finally allowing his certification to go to the inactive list for about eight years before finally letting it go when he discovered how time consuming it would be to get it reinstated.

Triest married Carlie Mae,

literally the ‘girl-next-door,’ in 1950. Her family had the farm right next to his, but she says she has no memory of him until he returned home from the war. While staying home as a homemaker and mother, she quickly learned that she would be affected by the business as well.

“Ernest would get up, sometimes very early, and leave the house no later than 6 a.m.,” Carlie Mae said. “He would be gone all day and never get home before 6 p.m.” This went on for many years, sometimes seven days a week. Although she had little direct contact with the business, she found that she sometimes had to provide support services of a sort.

Triest worked on a large number of projects, as many as 28 at a time. Not only did he have to oversee all of this, he was constantly seeking more work, making bids and attending meetings. Sometimes he said he felt he needed to be several places at a time. Since this was not possible, he did the next best thing: He drove fast and encouraged others to do the same on his behalf.

“I was in Palatka checking on a project and had to be in Madison as soon as I could, so off I went,” Triest said. “I saw a Florida Highway Patrol officer with several cars pulled over to the side and he motioned for me to join the line to get my speeding ticket. I took my ticket and went on my way. The very next day I got up at 4 a.m. and headed for Madison. I had it rolling pretty good when I got stopped again for speeding. It was the same FHP officer who, when he looked at my license, asked me if he hadn’t written me a ticket just the day before.”

Another time, Triest needed to get to a bid opening, for which he was unprepared, in Gainesville. He talked his brother-in-law into driving him so he could ride and finish up the work on the bid.

“We were running really short on time, so I told him to do whatever it took to get me there and that I would come get him out of jail if necessary,” Triest remembered.

“We got on Main Street in Gainesville at 23rd Street with a city policeman right behind us. I kept telling my brother-in-law not to stop, just keep going, so we ran on down the road, maybe 15 or 20 mph over the speed limit. We pulled up outside the bank,

where the bid opening was, with several cars with lights and sirens going pulling in right behind us.

“I grabbed my briefcase and ran inside, getting there with only about 30 seconds to spare. When I came back out the police had my brother-in-law in custody and he had explained what was going on. The officer told me that it was a good thing that I was running into the bank with the briefcase rather than out because then he would have shot me. As it was, I had to pay for a ticket and a fine.”

Eventually Triest had his driver’s license suspended for speeding, so Carlie Mae had to add chauffeur services to her list of wifely duties.

“She would drive me during daylight, business hours,” Triest said, “but when it was really early in the morning or after dark I still pretty much drove myself.”

Triest worked on hundreds of construction projects over the years, working in 15 Florida counties and sometimes employing as many as 150 people at one time. He completed 69 projects just in Bradford County, including the first county health department building (\$34,000 to build and three times that to renovate 40 years later), the first courthouse on US 301 (torn down

to make room for the one now in use), the first six buildings of Southside Elementary School, the first two phases of Bradford High School, a wing at Shands Starke (which was torn down to make room for a new addition about 10 years ago) and two banks, including Community State.

After his retirement from Triest Construction he still stayed busy. He went to work for Bradford County and the Bradford County School Board as a consultant and project manager. He worked on the controversial project at the new Starke Elementary, where problems with the contractor, G.H. Johnson plagued the project with substandard work and costly delays. He then went on to a project at Bradford Middle School, then the county safety complex. He was made county construction specialist for the courthouse addition project, which he said was another difficult one.

“I was originally hired by the county for eight months for the courthouse additions,” Triest said. “The project ended up running about two years over the time limit, causing the total project to take three years to complete. Once again, most of the issues were with the

contractor.”
Triest is still keeping busy, despite the fact he will turn 90 in May. Most recently, he served as project manager for the construction of Orange Heights Baptist Church, where his son-in-law is pastor. He will soon be playing that role again when the church breaks ground on a family life education center.

Besides enjoying time with his bride of 64 years and his brood of two children (having lost a son to leukemia many years before), three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Triest also likes to fill his days with ‘honey-dos,’ gardening and eating what he grows. He also likes to cook, and both he and his wife love to fish in both fresh- and salt-water. Although never a hunter, he is still a good shot, and last year shot a couple of squirrels so his great-grandkids could see what they tasted like.

“They really weren’t too sure about it,” Triest said, “but once they tasted them, it was all over; they loved it.”

Asked for a philosophy of life, Triest simply said, “I like to stay busy, to try new things and, most of all, I love a challenge.”

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District softball tournaments begin April 14

The District 5-4A and District 7-1A softball tournaments will begin Monday, April 14, with Keystone Heights High School playing on the first day of its tournament and Bradford and Union County not beginning play until Tuesday, April 15.

Santa Fe High School in Alachua is the host of the District 5-4A tournament, which will include Keystone and Bradford. Keystone, the fourth seed, will play fifth seed Fort White at 5 p.m. on April 14. Following that game, at 7 p.m., third seed Santa Fe will play sixth seed Interlachen.

On April 15, second seed Bradford will play the winner between Santa Fe and Interlachen. If the opponent is Interlachen, the game will be at 5 p.m., but if the opponent is Santa

Fe, the game will be played at 7 p.m.

The winner between Keystone and Fort White will top seed P.K. Yonge on April 15 at either 5 p.m. or 7 p.m., dependent upon whether Santa Fe advances past its first-day mathcup.

The District 5 champion will be determined on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Seeding for the District 7-1A tournament, which will be hosted by Newberry High School, hasn’t been finalized yet because Chiefland had three district games remaining prior to April 8. Union will be either the second or third seed, depending upon whether or not the Tigers defeated Chiefland this past Tuesday.

The tournament begins with fifth seed Newberry taking on whoever the fourth seed will be on April 14.

Union, regardless of its seeding, will play on April 15 at 5 p.m. Top seed Dixie County will play the April 14 winner at

7 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 17.

Tornadoes go 0-4 in talented Kissimmee Klassic field

It was an 0-4 showing, but the Bradford High School softball team lost each game by an average of just two runs as the Tornadoes got the chance to see where they stood compared to some of the best teams in the state at the annual Kissimmee Klassic, which was held April 3-5.

Bradford played three defending state champions in a loaded Blue Division that also featured fellow District 5-4A member P.K. Yonge and defending Class 6A champion Columbia, which won the

tournament.

The Tornadoes opened with a 3-0 loss to defending Class 7A champion St. Thomas Aquinas, a team that returned five all-state players from last season. One of those players is pitcher Meghan King, who held Bradford to two hits.

Bradford pitcher Ashton Adkins struck out nine and gave up just one run through the first five innings, but the Raiders added two runs in the sixth off of three hits and a wild pitch.

Defending Class 2A champion Canterbury was Bradford’s next opponent. The Crusaders returned the bulk of their state champion team, which consisted of six eighth-graders, two freshmen and two sophomores, but the two teams were locked in a 1-all tie until Canterbury took advantage of two errors and a single to score the winning run in the seventh, handing the Tornadoes a 2-1 defeat.

Mackenzie Gault and Taylor Cruce went 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively, for Bradford. A single by Cruce in the third inning scored Jaci Atkinson, who reached on a bunt single with one out.

Adkins allowed one earned run on seven hits and no walks. She had four strikeouts.

Bradford’s next opponent did not win a state title last year, but Class 7A Niceville lost just two games last season and returned seven starters, including two all-state pitchers. Annie Luke

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Weather, its effects and recent bass tourney results

The old saying is, "March wind and April showers," and we have already experienced the showers. Additionally, you might keep an eye out for the few bobwhite quail that inhabit our woods and will start mating. Most snake species will be mating during April as well. Hummingbirds will return from South America, and black bears will become more active following winter.

The weather disruptions from two weeks ago have mellowed

into a typical spring season. The local bass tournaments indicate as much. The overall weights at the tournaments have resumed the levels that reflect the spring bass spawn. The representation of the large female bass in the tournament catches will soon diminish, and the secret to finding the big ladies will become water depth and cover.

Acknowledging the obvious spring weather, the specks that prefer cooler water are moving to the deeper depths, and the bluegills are moving to the shoreline cover. The next full moon—or at least the one after the next—will likely trigger the bluegill, redbreast and shellcracker spawn.

On the saltwater front, the big action on both coasts should

be red drum, black drum and sheepshead.

Local lake levels

One of the greatest natural resources in Bradford, Clay and Union counties are the numerous lakes that dot our landscapes. It follows that the plentiful rain this area has experienced over the last summer and winter has been a great benefit to the levels in those bodies of water.

What has been a godsend, however, to all of our lakes during the last year could possibly have a divided impact to different areas in the future.

The accompanying photograph of the Hampton Lake home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt shows the water level to be 3 to 4 feet below the bottom of their lakefront door. Excessively heavy rains in a short period of time could have an adverse impact on Hampton Lake, Sampson Lake and downtown Lake Butler residents.

Conversely, the accompanying photograph of the Lake Brooklyn bowl that must be full before water will flow from it to Lake Geneva is totally dry.

That is not to say that the Keystone Lake levels have not made significant improvement over the last year, because they have. The accompanying photograph of water under the Highway 21 bridge over Brooklyn Lake shows a small



Despite the recent rainfall, the section of Lake Brooklyn that feeds overflow water to Lake Geneva has yet to fill.

This photograph of the Highway 21 bridge over Lake Brooklyn shows significant improvement over last summer.



The Hampton lakefront home of Jimmy and Lisa Prevatt illustrates the water levels associated with last winter's and summer's rainfall.

Luke drives in 5 in Bradford's 14-5 win

Jacob Luke homered and drove in five runs as the Bradford High School baseball team defeated District 5-4A opponent P.K. Yonge 14-5 on April 4 in Gainesville.

Luke, Zach DeWitt, Matt Stanwix-Hay and Carson Yowell each went 2-for-4 for the Tornadoes (13-7), who improved to 7-2 in District 5. DeWitt had four RBI, while Stanwix-Hay and Yowell, who doubled, each had one.

A.J. McNeal and Cody Tillman each had an RBI, while David Hall hit a double.

Caleb Polk (3-1) earned the win, giving up no runs on three hits and no walks in 3.1 innings of relief. He had six strikeouts.

Bradford (13-7 overall) played district opponent Fort White and Ridgeview prior to the P.K. Yonge game, getting a win in each.

The Tornadoes got a sacrifice RBI from Luke and a 2-for-3 performance from Hall in defeating Fort White 2-1 in eight innings on April 1. Polk earned the win, giving up one hit in three innings of relief. He had five strikeouts.

Starter Jackson Reddish gave up just five hits and one walk through the first five innings.

On April 3, Luke recorded 10 strikeouts as he helped pitch the Tornadoes to a 5-0 win over Ridgeview. Luke (2-1) gave up one hit and three walks in six innings.

Polk earned the save, striking

out three in one inning.

Luke and Hall each went 2-for-3 at the plate, with Hall hitting a double and driving in a run. "Doot" Brown hit a triple and drove in two runs, while Alex Mejias added an RBI as well.

Bradford played Eastside this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Santa Fe on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes travel to play Jacksonville Forrest on Tuesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

Indians fall 9-2 to Middleburg

Pitchers Tyler Ricketts, Dean Dukes and Austin Bass combined to allow just three earned runs, but the Keystone Heights High School baseball team committed six errors in a 9-2 loss at Middleburg on April 4.

Ricketts gave up five hits in 2.1 innings, while Dukes gave up two hits in two innings. Bass

allowed no hits and struck out three in 1.2 innings.

Jerrett Fowler drove in one Keystone's runs, while Morgan Bass hit a double.

In prior action, the Indians (11-9) defeated host St. Augustine 20-7 in five innings on April 1. Jerrett Tschorn led off the game with a home run, while Bryce Plummer homered twice as part of a 10-run first inning.

Plummer went 2-for-3 with four RBI, while Blake Richardson was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Morgan Bass, Gage Hall and Kyle Hix each drove in two runs, with Bass and Hix each going 2-for-3 and Hall going 2-for-2. Bass hit two doubles.

Cory Taylor drove in a run, while Tristan Starling went 3-for-4.

Austin Bass started on the mound, giving up four hits in two innings. Dukes gave up three hits in the final three innings.

On April 3, Hix drove in three runs as the Indians defeated visiting Interlachen 3-2 for a

District 5-4A win.

Hix hit a two-run single in the first and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly in the third as Keystone improved to 7-3 in the district.

Miller went 2-for-3 with two doubles, while Tschorn added another double.

Interlachen pulled to within one with a single, a double and a walk with two outs. The Rams had the tying run on third, but

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UCHS lifters placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the Suwannee Conference meet were: (front, l-r) Peyton Powell, Cody Church, Avery Drawdy, (back, l-r) Darian Robinson, Andrew Jones, Princeton Alexander, Alden McClellon, Austin Dukes, Austin Long and Darrell Crim.

Union repeats as Suwannee weightlifting champion

Union County High School placed in every weight class and won four, winning the Suwannee Conference Weightlifting Championship for the second straight year.

"The championship is a reflection of the hard work that

our young men have put in year round," coach Steve Hoard said.

Cody Church (119 class), Austin Long (129), Alden McClellon (169) and Andrew Jones (183) were first-place finishers for Union, while the following lifters were runners-up: Avery Drawdy (119), Darian Robinson (154), Darrell Crim (169) and Princeton Alexander (219).

Peyton Powell (199) and Austin Dukes (219) earned third-place finishes, while Dylan Bass (129), Zac Crews (139), Jonathan

Besso (199) and Josh Smith (heavyweight) earned fourth-place finishes. (Bass actually shared the second-highest weight total in the 129 class, but placed fourth due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.)

Kell Galloway (183) and Sifoa Robbins (238) each placed fifth, while Josh Scott (heavyweight) placed sixth.

Hoard wished to express his thanks to coach Bryan Griffis for all the hard work he's put in with the lifters and for going the extra mile for the program.



Mike Clemmons has a trophy catch of 9-plus pounds at the April 3 Sampson Lake Tournament.

RIGHT: Timmy Finnley proudly displays his team's big catch at the Sampson Lake Tournament. BELOW: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith take big fish and first place at the April 2 Bald Eagle Tournament.



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over the last year has been a great boon to the great sport of fishing and other water-related recreational activities in the local areas.

Bass tourney results

The Bald Eagle and Sampson Lake tournaments have resumed their seasonal schedule. The Bald Eagle tournaments take place Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., while the Sampson Lake group meets on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These are open tournaments so that any fisherman can simply pay the entry fee and fish.

The Bald Eagle Tournament results from April 2 were: Dillon Crews and Eddie Smith in first with a catch of 16-plus pounds,

Michael Murrhee and Winston Kicklighter in second and Chris Hollingsworth and Drew Carroll in third. Crews presented the big fish of 5.67 pounds.

The Sampson Lake Tournament results from April 3 were: John Mihalik and Justin Jordan in first, Ronnie Seay and David Silcox in second, Mike Clemmons and John Mobley in third, Matt Elixson and Ronny Pruitt in fourth, Steve Nipper Sr. and Steve Nipper Jr. in fifth and Sam Sibley and Donnie Brooks in sixth. Mike Clemmons had the big fish, weighing in at more than 9 pounds.

Tight lines until next week.

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Tigers sweep district foe Chiefland

Chris Starling homered and drove in three runs for the Union County High School baseball team, which defeated last year's Class 1A runner-up and fellow District 7 team Chiefland 3-2 on April 7 in Chiefland.

It was the second straight win for the Tigers (10-5, 4-3 in District 7) over Chiefland, with Union winning 9-4 in an April 3 home game.

Ty Cook (4-0) earned the win in the April 7 matchup, throwing six innings and allowing four hits and three walks. He had three strikeouts.

Jordan Bryant earned the save, throwing one inning of no-hit

ball.

The Tigers started the previous week with a 7-1 loss to visiting Hamilton County on March 31. Austin Green had an RBI, while Cole Kite and Corey Hersey hit a triple and a double, respectively.

On April 1 in Lake Butler, Cook and Trey Owen combined to pitch a one-hitter as the Tigers defeated district opponent Dixie County 12-0 in five innings.

Cook had four strikeouts, giving up one hit and one walk in four innings. Owen gave up no hits and no walks in one inning of relief.

Starling went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, while Josh Glover drove in a run as well. Cook hit a double, while Kite went 2-for-3 with a triple.

Cook hit a two-run double as part of a six-run sixth inning as the Tigers defeated visiting

Chiefland 9-4 on April 3.

The Tigers entered the bottom of the sixth tied at 3-all, but got an RBI single from Brandon Ames and a run scored by Hersey on a steal of home while the Indians were attempting to get a baserunner out between first and second. Cook and Kite also scored runs on wild pitches.

Cook and Garrett Hersey each had two RBI. Kite hit a double, while Owen went 2-for-3.

Starting pitcher Corey Hersey (3-0) gave up three hits through 6.2 innings, striking out eight.

Bryant got the final out of the game, striking out Chiefland's Payton Parnell with two runners on.

Union played Fort White this past Tuesday and St. Francis on Wednesday, April 9. The Tigers travel to play district opponent Newberry on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Suwannee on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, April 15, Union returns home to play Interlachen at 6 p.m.

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Hix, in relief of starter Morgan Bass, forced a groundout to end the game.

Bass gave up four hits across 6.2 innings.

The Indians, who played Bishop Snyder on Wednesday, April 9, travel to play district opponent Fort White on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Keystone travels to play Ridgeview on Monday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. before returning home to play New York school Iroquois at 7 p.m.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

Bradford

Edwin Elisha Baker, 27, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of drug-controlled substance without a prescription and for selling opium or derivative within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charges.

Robert Lee Bettis, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Chad Austin Carpenter, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Carpenter asked a person that lives on the same property he does on C.R. 229 West in Bradford County to borrow money for gas and cigarettes. When the person refused to give him money, he walked away, then returned shortly and started to yell at the victim. He struck the victim in the chest with his fist and grabbed him around the neck with his arm. He also left a bruise on the victim's arm when the victim attempted to get away and Carpenter grabbed him on the arm. When the victim told Carpenter he was going to call the cops, Carpenter ran to a shed he lives in and locked the door. Deputies were called and arrested Carpenter for battery.

Shericka Irene Cooper, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Sarah Jane Marjorie Drawdy, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Ana Berthamacias Farias, 46, of Melrose was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for driving without having a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Jerry Dean Feltner, 47, of Lawley was arrested April 5 by Lawley police for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, police were called to a residence about a domestic dispute. While the officer was interviewing the victim, Feltner came out of the residence extremely intoxicated, according to the report, and began to get angry and ordered the officer off his property several times. Feltner then had to be restrained from charging at the officer by several deputies that had arrived at the residence, and he was arrested.

Amy Brooke Franssen, 35, of Gainesville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jessica Lauren Hall, 22, of Monticello and Hayden Andrew Hall, 21, of Keystone Heights were arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, the couple were

staying at a relative's home in Bradford County when another relative discovered needles and spoons with burn marks on the bottom in the bathroom of their room. The sheriff's office was called, and both Halls admitted to using cocaine and injecting Suboxone with the needles, and they were arrested.

Nicole Renee Hampton, 21, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant from Clay for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Ronald Davison Hoffner, 30, of High Springs was arrested April 3 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Tasha Feon Johnson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Erik James Knize, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested April 2 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for violation of probation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Bonnie Lee Lafaso, 48, of Palatka was arrested April 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for passing worthless checks. Bond was set at \$632 for the charge.

Earl Antonio Lee, 31, of Starke was arrested April 2 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of cocaine, selling cocaine, two charges of possession of marijuana and for selling marijuana. All of the charges except one marijuana possession occurred within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$140,000 for the charges.

Bruce Lavell Perry, 49, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Ronald Eric Sawyer, 42, of Starke was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Genesee Noel Stone, 22, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report Stone verbally threatened a family member during an argument, at which time the police were called. While another person went outside to wait for the police, Stone attacked the family member, knocking her to the floor and hitting her several times in the face while sitting on her. Stone was arrested once police arrived and transported to jail.

Eddie Lee Thompkins, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested March 31 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area, and for selling cocaine-within 1,000 feet of a specified area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Stacie Colleen Thornton, 40, of Starke was arrested April 4 by Starke police for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Thornton was observed at Walmart by an employee placing several packages of curtains and bottles of air freshener in her bag. She paid for several other items in the garden section, but was detained when she started to leave the store with the items in her bag. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Stephen M. Winekoff, 57, of Starke was arrested April 7 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Winekoff pulled the victim to the ground after she attempted to stop him from getting something out of her vehicle as it was being towed away for repairs.

Keystone/Melrose

Lisa Bruno, 34, and Susan Cavender, 36, both of Keystone Heights, were arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for practicing health care (massage) without a license.

According to a sheriff's office report, the agency began receiving information in January that the two were possibly engaging in illicit activities in the Keystone Heights area.

Investigators discovered advertisements on the website Backpage.com from the two, promoting "companionship and guaranteed satisfaction" with variable hourly rates of pay for their services.

A deputy wrote in a report that he explained to Bruno that "by offering, advertising, communicating or holding herself out for a massage or 'back rub' in exchange for payment, she was practicing a health care profession without a proper license."

After interviewing both suspects, deputies booked them into the Clay County Jail.

Henry Blake Bussey, 35, of Melrose was arrested April 6 by Putnam deputies for aggravated battery, false imprisonment, sexual assault and on an out-of-county warrant.

Larry Hartley, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for making written threats to kill.

According to a sheriff's office report, Hartley was upset because his ex-girlfriend had begun dating again. He allegedly sent messages from his mobile phone to the woman's phone threatening to kill her. After interviewing Hartley at home,

deputies booked him into the Clay County Jail.

Nicholas Janowitz, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 2 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

James Logan, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

William Parker, 48, of Melrose was arrested April 3 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Kimberly Osborne, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

David Rose, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 1 by Clay deputies for contempt of court.

Union

Jose Dean Gonzalez, 20, of Worthington Springs was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for domestic battery.

Kenneth Lee Clark, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the Kangaroo store in Raiford about Clark, who had told the clerk he was parking at the store until he could sober up. Clark kept going into the store when the clerk was alone and asking if she needed any help, which made the clerk uncomfortable. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Trevor Wes Parrish, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested April 4 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication and for criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a residence where Parrish resides in a camper behind the home, with the victim stating he was beating on her door and dumping dog food all over her yard. Parrish was arrested for disorderly intoxication at that point. The next morning, the owner discovered that Parrish had destroyed cabinets, shelving, boxes of chicken quail eggs and five incubator units, as well as

overturning animal cages in a trailer behind the home. He had also dumped out bags of animal feed, damaged a washing machine on the home's back porch and punctured two tires of the victim's vehicle with a knife. He was then charged with criminal mischief-property damage of \$1,000 or more.

Lloyd Randle Hunt, 47, of Lake Butler was arrested April 6 by Union deputies for assault on medical personnel and for a warrant for felony probation violation. According to the arrest report, Hunt was a patient at Lake Butler Hospital, threatening staff and asking for pain medication. The staff told the deputy that he threatened to hit one staff member in the head so they would "know how he feels." He was arrested with no bond allowed for the probation violation.

Clarence Griffin, 79, of Lake Butler was arrested March 31 by Union deputies for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony for aggravated battery using a deadly weapon, for carrying a prohibited weapon openly, for two weapon offense charges-commit third-degree felony with a weapon and using firearm under the influence of alcohol, and for resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Griffin got into an argument with a male victim near West Side Park in Lake Butler over some dogs. Griffin hit the victim with a chair, then threatened to get a gun and shoot him when the victim went to retaliate with a chair he picked up. When the victim saw Griffin open his vehicle trunk and retrieve a gun, he ran from the area and was picked up by a friend in her vehicle. Griffin started to follow them in his car, and the friend called 911. Griffin was stopped by deputies at gunpoint before entering the Kangaroo store, and a search of his car revealed a Winchester 30-30 rifle in the trunk. Griffin told deputies he didn't have a weapon in the vehicle when they stopped him and refused to go to the ground when ordered to do so. The rifle was loaded with a round in the chamber and five

rounds in the magazine. He was handcuffed and arrested, and later told deputies that he had all intentions of killing the victim when he retrieved his weapon at the park and then went looking for him in his vehicle. After his arrest, Griffin was additionally charged with failure to appear for a felony offense and failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense.

Hector Rodriguez-Cruz, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested March 30 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, a deputy encountered Rodriguez-Cruz walking his bike down C.R. 231 near the old Clark's Grocery store. He was stumbling and swaying, and appeared intoxicated. The deputy knew he lived nearby, and ordered him to go home since he was too impaired to walk on the roadway. Rodriguez-Cruz turned back toward his home, but 20 minutes later, the deputy spotted him at the Kangaroo store in Lake Butler, leaning on the ice machine to keep in an upright position. He was then arrested for disorderly intoxication.

Sylvester Warren, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and possession of narcotic equipment. According to the arrest report, Warren was walking on Southwest Ninth Avenue and was stopped for questioning by a deputy that had spotted him earlier sitting on the porch of a residence while the owner was not at home. Warren kept his hands behind his back during the questioning, and the deputy discovered he had a metal pipe and several pieces of crack cocaine in them. He was arrested and transported to jail.

A 15-year-old was arrested at the UCHS alternative school for assault and disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, the juvenile was cussing and threatening teachers about work he was assigned to do, and gestured at one teacher with his fist as if he was going to hit her. He was also uncooperative with the deputy when he arrived and asked him to leave the classroom.

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy Altman

Dorothy Altman

STARKE—Dorothy “Dot” Louise Altman, age 78, of Starke passed away Saturday, April 5, 2014 at her residence. Dot was born in Jacksonville on Sept. 11, 1935 to the late George W. Hall and Inez D. Price Hall. She was a resident of Jacksonville for many years and moved to Starke in 1985 where she became a member of Bayless Highway Baptist Church. Dot was passionate about her church and being a Sunday school teacher. She loved attending church and helping others. She also enjoyed being a homemaker because she loved taking care of her husband and children. Dot was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ernie, John Wesley, and Herman Hall; her sisters, Nellie Lang and Mildred Baldwin; her sister-in-law, Cora Hall; and brothers-in-law, Jimmy Anderson, Charles Lang, and Elmer Baldwin.

Dot is survived by: her loving husband of 61 years, Donald Leonard Altman, Sr. of Starke; her

children, Don (Debbie) Altman, Jr. of Jacksonville and Amanda Altman of Starke; her brother, Herbert Hall of Starke; her sisters, Barbara Anderson and Frances (Mike) Gullubske both of Jacksonville; her grandchildren, Donald (Katie) Altman, III and Jacob Altman; her great grandchildren, Emily and Austin Altman; many step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 9 at Bayless Highway Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Stading officiating. Interment was held at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 14397 US Highway 301 South, Starke. 904.964.5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Carlotta Armstrong

STARKE—Carlotta Wurst Armstrong, 75 of Starke died Friday, April 4, 2014 at Bradford Terrace. She was born on Feb. 3, 1939 in Kansas City, Kan. to the late Carl and Hattie Ellamae (Justice) Wurst and was a longtime area resident. She was a homemaker and a Protestant. Preceding her in death was her daughter Kara Zackery.

Survivors are: daughter, Robin Hundley of Nokomis, Ill.; sons, Phillip Czarowitz of Hampton and John Czarowitz of Arlington, Texas; 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Helene Brewer

Helene Brewer

JACKSONVILLE— Helene Elmas Brewer, 93, passed away on Thursday April 3, 2014 in Jacksonville. She was born in New

York City on Nov. 8, 1920 and raised in Chicago prior to moving to Jacksonville in 1944.

She is survived by: two sons, John D. (Judy) Brewer and Randall D. Brewer; two daughters, Sylvia Diane Luckett and Reva “Janie” Hamilton of Keystone Heights; a brother, Dan Momjian. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Amy, Daniel, Kirt and Alex, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 4 pm in the Evangel Temple fellowship hall at 5755 Ramona Blvd with Pastor John Harwell officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Eternity Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

PAID OBITUARY



John Callahan

John Callahan

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mr. John Paul Callahan, age 39, of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday April, 2, 2014 in Gainesville following a brief illness. He was born in Woodbury, N.J. on Nov. 6, 1974 and became a resident of Keystone Heights in 1985. John was a Superintendent for American Refrigeration and was also of the Catholic Faith. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing music on his guitar. He was also very artistic when it came to welding and airbrushing. John was preceded in death by his sister, Colleen M. Callahan in 2008.

Survivors are: one son, Aedan Callahan; parents, Jim and Norma Callahan; and two brothers, Scott (Tania) Callahan, and Jim (Megan) Callahan, all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind is John's Maternal Grandmother, Pauline B. Paranto of New Jersey and his 101 year old great Aunt Wilhelmmina of New Jersey; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and his girlfriend Becca Wall of Orange Park.

The family will receive friends in the St. William Catholic Church on Thursday, April 10, between 5 and 7 p.m. The Rosary will begin at 7 p.m. following the visitation. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, in St. William Catholic Church with Father Mike Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Cemetery immediately following Mass. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Lucille Davis

FT. LAUDERDALE—Lucile Walker Davis died Wednesday April 2, 2014. She was born on April 20, 1942 in Hampton to James Walker and Lizzie J. Walker-Sullivan. She attended the public schools

of Bradford County and later attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and Williams Memorial C.M.E. Church.

She was preceded in death by: husband, Leroy Walker; and three siblings; Terry L. Sullivan, Johnny P. Sullivan and Larry G. Sullivan.

She is survived by: husband, D.C. Davis of Ft. Lauderdale; son, Leroy (Donae) Walker of Orlando; daughter, Kimberly (Joseph) Walker of Ft. Lauderdale; seven grandchildren; brother, Fredrick Walker; sisters, Joyce (Harold) Mitchell and Gail Carroll.

Services will be Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 am at the Macedonia Baptist Church East State Road 18, Waldo. Interment will follow at Hampton Community Cemetery in Hampton. Arrangements under care of James C. Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale.



Harold Epps

Harold Epps

STARKE—Harold Wesley Epps, 78, of Starke went home to be with his Lord Saturday, April 5, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Epps was born June 27, 1935 in Nettleton, Ark. to the late Elmer and Marie Epps, he was raised there until he moved to Starke in 1954 where he married and raised his family. Mr. Epps was a dedicated Member and full time technician employee of the Florida Army National Guard for 39 years, retiring with the rank of CW4. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Starke for many years and also a charter member of Madison Street Baptist Church. Mr. Epps was on the Starke City Commission, and served as mayor. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 56 for many years where he enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow members. Mr. Epps enjoyed his daily morning coffee run to Hardees. He was a loving, caring husband, father, pawpaw, brother and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Joan Silcox Epps, brothers, Bill Epps and Jerry Epps and three grandchildren.

Mr. Epps is survived by: his wife, Phyllis Epps of Starke; sons, Bobby Epps of Starke and Gray Williams of Loudon, Tenn.; daughters, Angela Haynes of Lake Butler and Sharon Williams of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Corey Blocker, Wesley Mann, Jessica Epps, Andrew Barber, Brandon Williams, Savanna Epps, Chrissy Barber, Mikayla Williams; three great grandchildren; sister, Helen Crumby of Jonesboro, Ark.; brothers, Jimmy Epps of Starke and Tommy Epps of Jonesboro, Ark.; and several nephew and nieces.

Mr. Epps' funeral service will be held Thursday, April 10, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Hudson and Rev. Kyle Harrison officiating. Burial will take place following the services at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008

PAID OBITUARY

Alpha Fraser

MELROSE—Alpha Thomas Fraser, 85, of Melrose died Monday, March 31, 2014 at Lake Butler Hospital and Hand Surgery Center. He was born on April 7, 1928 in Avon Park to the late Roma Thomas and Eleanor (Branning) Fraser. He was a plant manager for the manufacturing industry before retiring. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Melrose. He served in the United States Air Force. He is preceded in death by: his wife of 62 years, Willonell “Willie (Barrows) Fraser.

He is survived by: children, Andrew Fraser of Melrose, Patricia Fraser of Berkeley, Calif., and Robert (Debra) Fraser of Augusta, Ga.; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 1 pm at the family home in Melrose. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Sarah Holmes

Sarah Holmes

PROVIDENCE—Sarah J. Holmes, 99, of Providence died on Friday, April 4, 2014 at her Residence. Born on Nov. 10, 1914 in Union County, she attended school at Hopewell and St. John. She worked as a home health nurse and cook. She was a member at Hopewell Church of God by Faith.

She is survived by: daughters, Dorothy Grimage, Fannie Riggins, Minnie and Ruth Holmes all of Lake Butler, Jannie Jones of Avon Park; sons, Albert Holmes, Morris Holmes, Clyde Holmes, Roy Holmes, Wesley Holmes all of Lake Butler and Otto Holmes of Saudi Arabia; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 12, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith under the direction of Bishop James McKnight Sr and Interment will be held at St. John Cemetery in Providence. Under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11, at Hopewell Church of God by Faith form 5-7:00 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the services.

Edward Register

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Edward David Register, 64, of Keystone Heights died in Gainesville on April 1, 2014. He was born in Seattle, Wash. on Oct. 6, 1949 to the late Ralph and Dorothy (Barber) Register, and served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights and had retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include: his wife, Penny

Register; and stepson, Max Osborne both of Keystone Heights; brothers, Carl Register of Melrose and Randy Register of Keystone Heights; and sister, Barber Hunter of Florahome.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Amvets Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Eva Shuford

LAWTEY—Eva Durban Shuford, 103, of Lawtey died Monday, April 7, 2014 at Shands Starke. She was born on Jan. 26, 1911 in Lawtey to the late David and Emma (Estell) Durban and was a lifelong area resident. Eva was a homemaker and the oldest living member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lawtey. She was preceded in death by her husband George P. Shuford.

Survivors are: daughter, Esther S. (John) Hall of Starke; sons, Glenn D. (Helen) Shuford and James P. (Betty) Shuford all of Lawtey. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Thursday morning, April 10, at 11 o'clock in Lawtey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Homer Tew Sr.

STARKE—Homer Leon Tew Sr., 91, of Starke died Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center with family by his side. He was born in Slocumb, Ala. on April 22, 1922 to the late Oscar H. Tew and Annie Estelle Hinson Tew. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He retired as a quality assurance manager from Ford Motor Company at the Norfolk Assembly Plant. After retirement, he relocated to Starke and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Laurie Blanch Sapp and Annie Ruth Grubbs.

He is survived by: his wife of 70 years, Jessie Bunn Tew of Starke; sons, Homer Leon (Theresa) Tew, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Mich. and David Edmund (Donna) Tew of Starke; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 8 at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Brother Harry Hatcher, III officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Masonic Rites. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, 3350 State Road 60 East, Bartow, FL 33830. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Matthew Tracy

INTERLACHEN—Matthew Fabain Tracy, 4 months, of Interlachen died on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Putnam Community Medical Center. Matthew was born in Orange Park on Nov. 4, 2013 to Shawn Timothy Tracy, II and Brittney Leeanne Shaw of Interlachen. Matthew was preceded in death by his uncle, William Ellison.

Matthew is survived by: sister, Ellise Tracy of Interlachen; maternal grandparents, Harlan and Leona Shaw of Ohio; his paternal grandparents, Shawn and Debbie Tracy of Keystone Heights, and his aunt and uncle, Shawna and Shaun Keen of Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held on April 7 at Gadara Cemetery with interment following. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

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Lady Indians finish 2nd in district

The Keystone Heights High School girls' tennis team posted a 5-3 season that included wins over Bradford (2), Clay, Interlachen and Oakleaf. Team members Jazy Budny, Kathy Nguyen, Hannah Fox, Crystal Alonzo and Jessica Grimaldo then led the Indians to a second-place tie with Ridgeview in the District 4-2A tournament. Pictured (l-r) are coach Pam Wells, Peyton Collins, Kathy Nguyen, Johanna Hires, Jazy Budny, Hannah Fox, Jessica Grimaldo, Anna Fields, Crystal Alonzo, Jolene Miller, Brittany Smith, Chloe Harris and coach Betsy Sullivan.

Union's Dukes, Green to play at Atlanta Sports Academey

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Union County High School seniors Austin Dukes and Geordyn Green have dreamed of playing big-time football since they were kids playing together in the yard, Dukes making believe he was Brian Urlacher and Green pretending he was Deion Sanders.

They hope Atlanta Sports Academy will get them closer to that dream, signing letters of intent to play there during a March 26 ceremony in the UCHS



Linebacker Austin Dukes signs his letter of intent as his father, Bruce, looks on. Photo by Lola Lacy.

media center.

The players said they had offers from Division II schools,

but they believe a year at Atlanta Sports Academy can put them in the position to play at a bigger school.

"We had smaller, D-II offers," Green said, "but we knew we had the ability to do more than D-II, so we're going to go there, take this opportunity and advance on it."

Dukes said, "I'm extremely excited about this opportunity. I really am."

Though Atlanta Sports Academy can be viewed as a prep school, Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said his players' decisions to go there were no way based on a need to improve academic performance. Dukes and Green both could've been accepted to larger schools because of their grades and become walk-ons, Pruitt said.

This opportunity is all about improving as athletes and hopefully earning athletic scholarships to larger schools.

"I think it's going to help them and give them a little more time to develop physically and, hopefully, open a door at the next level to what they're looking for," Pruitt said.

Dukes said, "I know I'm not developed fully. I know this extra year will be really good. It's basically like a redshirt year at a major college."

Green said the decision to turn down offers from smaller schools wasn't easy, but in the end, the path he and Dukes have chosen seems to be the best for what they want to accomplish.

"You think about playing time and all the opportunities you'd have at D-II," Green said, "but after weighing the goods and bads of each, it kind of made the decision a lot easier to swallow."

Dukes has played on the offensive line, but linebacker is where he has made his mark, earning first-team all-state honors this past season. Pruitt said Dukes' play at middle linebacker was the key to the overall defense's success and allowed the team to take chances on the outside with its defensive ends.

"We can't do a lot of that stuff without knowing that we're going to be secure up in the middle," Pruitt said. "Austin allowed us the opportunity to gamble and do things that otherwise might be unsound, but we had athletes out there who could make it happen. We knew that he could plug the middle."

Pruitt said Dukes also brought emotion to a defense that really featured quite a lot of quiet kids. One of those players who didn't seem to show a lot of outside emotion was Green, who earned second-team all-state honors at defensive back.

Green's play on the field, though, makes quite a statement. "Whatever position he gets put in he'll make some noise at," Pruitt said.

Green also made plays happen on the offensive side of the ball, lining up at running back and wide receiver. Pruitt believes offense is where Green will have his biggest impact at the next level. The coach described plays where it seemed Green was going backward or about to be tackled, only to realize a few seconds later he was sprinting downfield.

"He's one of the more dynamic players when he gets the ball in his hands," Pruitt said.

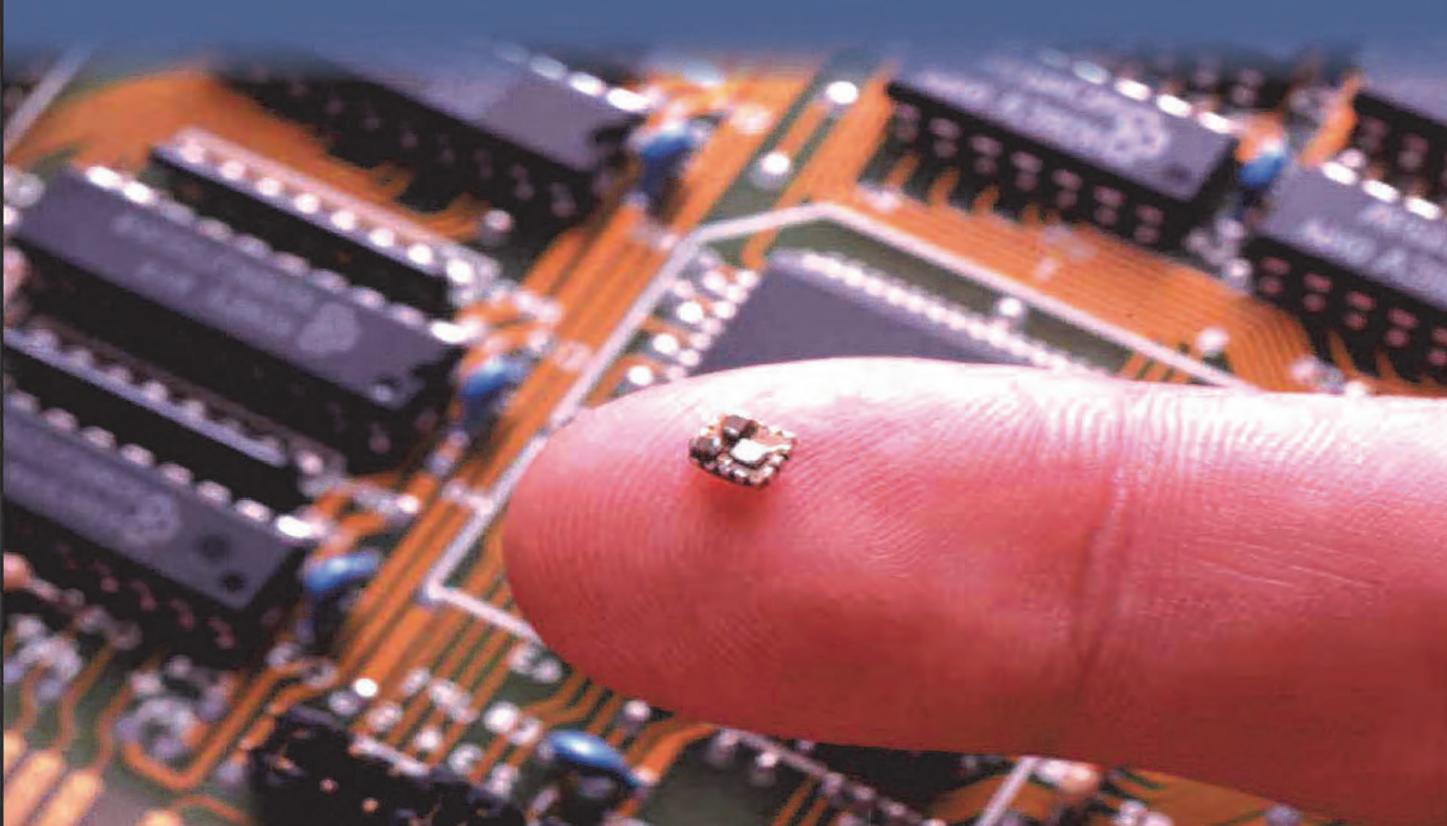
Green said he can envision himself as a slot receiver or scat back at the next level, which he said would be a lot of fun.

However, it doesn't matter where a team decides to play him. The opportunity is all he asks for.

"It's all about getting the chance," Green said. "It doesn't matter what side of the ball you put me on. I'm going to compete to highest of my potential."

When the players were asked what their dream school would

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be, they both replied, "Florida," with Dukes adding that playing at any SEC school, really, would be a dream come true.

It's a dream that began early in life.

"I remember back in Pop Warner days, (Green) used to come over to my house," Dukes said. "We used to always dream about playing somewhere big—I'm talking big time."

Perhaps Atlanta Sports Academy will make that dream a reality. At the very least, it gives Dukes and Green at least one more team to play together on.



Geordyn Green signs his letter of intent as his mother, Natasha, looks on. Green played multiple positions on both sides of the ball for UCHS. Photo by Lola Lacy.

"That's the best feeling in the world, playing with your best friend," Dukes said.

Pruitt said Dukes and Green are like brothers, so he knows they are looking forward to the opportunity to still be teammates.

"This gave them the opportunity to both be together and accomplish the same goal," Pruitt said. "It's a win-win situation for them."

Keystone loses lead late in 6-1 district loss

Keystone Heights High School held a 1-0 lead through the first five innings, but visiting Santa Fe scored three runs each in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Indians 6-1 in a District 5-4A softball game on April 3.

Tiffany Brown went 2-for-2 for Keystone, which fell to 4-6 in the district. Karla Casas hit a double.

Keystone (6-11) will begin play in the District 5-4A tournament on Monday, April 14. (See related story on page 5B.)

giving up six hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

Union (8-10) participated in the Santa Fe Raider Invitational March 7-8, defeating Bishop Kenny 11-1 and Bell 13-5, while losing 7-1 to Santa Fe and 13-5 to South Carolina school Bluffton.

On March 25, the Tigers lost 10-3 to visiting Suwannee. McClellan went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Lewis was 3-for-3. Andrews added an RBI.

McClellan and Jordyn Driggers each drove in two runs in the Tigers' 6-3 District 7-1A win at Williston on April 2. McClellan, Zipperer and Kyaln Tucker each hit a double, with Zipperer driving in a run. Howe

and Kalyn Ingram went 2-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Ingram driving in a run.

Holly Tucker started in the circle, giving up five hits and one walk through six innings. She had seven strikeouts.

Kaylan Tucker struck out three and gave up no hits in one inning of relief.

The Tigers played district opponent Chiefland this past Tuesday and will close the regular season at home against Baldwin on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

Union begins play in the District 7 tournament on Tuesday, April 15. (See related story on page 5B.)

Lewis, Seay homer in Union win

Devin Lewis drove in four runs, and she and Valerie Seay each hit a home run as the Union County High School softball team won its second straight game, defeating visiting Interlachen 16-4 on April 7.

Lewis and Seay, who had two RBI, finished 2-for-2 and 3-for-4, respectively. Kendallynn Johns drove in three runs, while Jordan Howe and Madison McClellan each drove in two. McClellan hit a double, as did Katie Zipperer, who finished 3-for-3 with an RBI. Kayla Andrews was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Pitcher Holly Tucker threw a complete game (five innings),

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went 2-for-3, but the Tornados managed just one other hit in a 3-0 loss.

Niceville scored all of its runs in the second inning, taking advantage of two walks, a double and an error.

Bradford pitcher Shelby Wilkison gave up four hits.

In Bradford's tournament finale, Luke had another big game, but it wasn't enough in a 3-2 loss to defending Class 8A champion Coral Reef.

Luke went 3-for-3, while Lindsey Wiggins went 2-for-3.

Gault hit a lead-off single to start the game and advanced to third on a single by Luke before scoring on an error. The Barracudas, off of two singles and a triple, answered with two

runs in the bottom of the first.

Coral Reef hit three straight singles with two outs to score another run in the second.

Luke singled in the third. Kaylen Chitty, who entered the game to run for Luke, eventually scored on an error.

Adkins pitched the final four innings, giving up no hits and one walk. She had four strikeouts.

P.K. Yonge, which has defeated Bradford twice and stands atop the District 5-4A standings, went 2-2, defeating Niceville 7-2 and Canterbury 8-7. The Blue Wave lost 5-4 to defending Class 4A champion Gulliver Prep and 13-3 to Class 7A Tate.

Bradford, which played Gainesville this past Tuesday, closes the regular season with a home game against Palatka on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

The District 5-4A tournament begins next week. (See related story on page 5B.)



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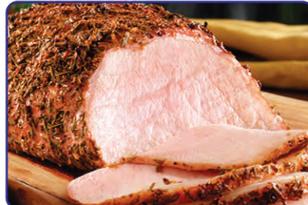
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