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Fire damages Melrose-area convenience store

Clay and Putnam County firefighters responded to a commercial structure fire early Monday at a Chevron-branded convenience store.

According to Clay County Fire Rescue, agencies dispatched 17 units with approximately 28 firefighters to the blaze at the intersection of S.R. 21 and Lakeview Road. The property is within Clay County but less than 300 feet from both Putnam and Bradford counties.

Clay County crews responded to a 911 call at 3:59 a.m. A Keystone Heights engine and rescue squad arrived at the scene nine minutes later and gained control of the fire.

According to a Clay County official, the blaze had already destroyed much of the structure prior to the arrival of the



Clay County Fire Rescue crews continue work after they extinguished a blaze near the Clay, Bradford and Putnam county lines.

Keystone Heights units, no occupants or firefighters were injured and the structure is a

total loss.

The cause of the blaze is under investigation by the State

Fire Marshal and is considered suspicious.

Keystone High School student dies from accident

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A Keystone Heights High School senior died after he was hit by a pickup truck the morning of April 11.

Shane Savoy, 18, of El Dorado Avenue was walking with another student, 17-year old Elin Cornett when the vehicle approached them.

According to Cornett, a junior at KHHS, Savoy pushed her out of the way of the oncoming truck and was himself struck by the vehicle.

The accident occurred near the intersection of El Dorado Avenue and C.R. 214 around 6:30 a.m.

Sheriff's office public information coordinator Mary Justino said that the two were walking on the edge of the road and the driver of the pickup did not see them in time to avoid hitting them. She added that her agency is not charging the driver.

Cornett was transported to Shands Starke with minor injuries and later released.

Missing Melrose man found in Bradford County

A Bradford County Sheriff's deputy found a missing Melrose man, one day after his family reported him missing.

Charles William Davison, 61, was last seen around 10:45 p.m. at his residence in Melrose.

According to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Davison was possibly seen at the Kangaroo convenience store in Melrose at S.R. 21 and S.R. 26 Monday night around 10:30 p.m. Davison is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia, and was in need of his prescribed medications.

Alachua County Sgt. Becky Butcher said a Bradford deputy found Davison sleeping on the side of a road.

CCUA: water use down 19 percent

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Utility Authority said it is pumping 19 percent less water from Florida Aquifers now than it did in 2009, even though the utility has 2,399 more customers than it did in February of that year.

CCUA's managers credited the utility's tiered rate structure for the decrease in water use. The plan, implemented in 2010, charges customers a higher per-gallon rate as they use more water.

The utility said 67.2 percent of its residential customers use no more than the tier 1 allowance of 6,000 gallons per month, and that those customers use an average of 3,248 gallons per month.

In its March conservation rate structure assessment, the organization's staff said that rainfall through February had been normal and that when

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Lake Region man was in Secret Service for 23 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A former Secret Service agent recounted his years with the federal agency during a Keystone Heights Rotary Club meeting on April 11.

Tom Dailey joined the Treasury Department branch shortly after graduating from Florida State University in 1965. After retiring from the Secret Service, he spent an additional 16 years in law enforcement with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Dailey started in the Jacksonville field office in 1965. After one year, he transferred to Boston, and then to the White House detail where he was assigned to protect Julie Nixon, Vice President Richard Nixon's daughter.

For a year and a half, he and his fellow agents protected the vice president's daughter while she was a student at Smith College in Massachusetts.

He then transferred to Washington, where he served on the White House detail after Richard Nixon was elected president, then spent 15 years in the Washington field office before returning to Jacksonville to complete his career.

Dailey is active in the Association of Former Agents of the U.S. Secret Service, and meets twice a year with his former colleagues during association reunions.

Dailey told the Rotary Club that the agency started in 1865.

The service was originally a branch of the U.S. Treasury Department and was responsible for combatting counterfeiting.

Dailey said that in 1865, most states issued their own

currencies and two-thirds of the currency in circulation was fraudulent.

He also said that during his time in the service, the agency investigated fraudulent Social Security checks and other counterfeits of U.S. Treasury documents.

Dailey added that when he retired in 1987, identity theft, computer fraud, electronic funds transfer fraud and other technology based crimes were beginning to emerge.

The Secret Service started protecting presidents in 1906, following the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley.

Dailey said the scope of the agency's protection assignments have changed constantly and continue to change. He said spouses to the president and vice president were offered lifetime protection. Later, former presidents and foreign dignitaries visiting the U.S. were also offered protection.

"After the Bobby Kennedy assassination," he said, "we picked up protecting candidates."

Dailey said he spent time on Ronald Reagan's detail when the California governor ran for president in 1968.

Reagan was Richard Nixon's chief rival for the Republican nomination that year. Reagan supporters had planned to challenge Nixon's candidacy at the Republican National Convention in Miami by uniting with the backers of candidate Nelson Rockefeller. However, the strategy fell apart when the two men refused to support one another for the nomination.

Nixon won the nomination on the first ballot and selected Maryland Governor Spiro



Tom Dailey (left) escorts Vice Presidential candidate and Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew into the St. Petersburg studios of WLCY-TV (now WTSP) in 1968.

Agnew as his running mate

"I took him (Reagan) into the Miami convention," recalled Dailey. "We left the next day with Spiro Agnew."

Dailey remained on the Agnew detail through the rest of the 1968 campaign.

In 1976, after the Emir of Iran faced hostile crowds during a visit to New York, the agency was assigned to protect foreign heads of state.

Dailey said one notable foreign leader he was assigned to was King Hussein of Jordan, who carried an automatic weapon

and flew his own aircraft.

Dailey said the Secret Service has undergone sharp changes since his days with the agency. He said he disagreed with the decision to move the agency from the Treasury Department to Homeland Security.

He also said that most agents now are short timers, aiming to remain in the Secret Service for two to three years before moving onto other opportunities.

"I spent 23 years with them," he said. "Most people back then

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Business association thanks outgoing president



Members of the Keystone-Lake Area Business Association thanked outgoing President Doug Wise for his service to the organization during the group's April 14 meeting. Board member John Wick credited Wise, the owner of Keystone Building Supply, with reviving the business group, which had experienced declining membership before Wise took over leadership of the organization. Pictured are (l-r) Wick and Wise. Also pictured is Chris Carson.

Lake Region children scramble for Easter eggs at Azalea Park



Bentley Nazworth picks up an egg during the Keystone Heights Community Egg Hunt at Azalea Park on April 12 while his mother Rachel Nazworth looks on. Dozens of children participated in the third annual event, produced by Champion's Heart Life Center, First Baptist Church and First Assembly of God. This was the first year it did not rain during the hunt.

High School career students display skills at fair

Students from Keystone Heights High School's Career and Technical Education programs represented the school at the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

Business Department teachers Sylvia Tysinger, Theresa Hodges, and Suzi Ludwig along with student Brandon Ludwig spent time at the CTE booth provided by the Clay County School District.

Health Science students, Santana Wallace, Courtland Singletary, Tara Shobris, and Tiffany Brooks offered free blood pressure checks to fair visitors at the booth. All four completed the nursing assistant program at the school and recently earned certification from the Florida Board of Nursing as Certified Nursing Assistants.

Many fair goers said they were surprised the students had already earned their CNA licenses before graduating from high school.

The KHHS Carpentry program was well represented at the fair with teacher, Donnie Weaver along with carpentry students, Jackson Perint, William Walker, Chance Hinshaw, and Kyle Deveronica.

They demonstrated the construction of gun racks along with a bird house display.



KHHS health science students and Certified Nursing Assistants (l-r) Santana Wallace, Courtland Singletary and Tara Shobris.



Carpentry students Jackson Perint, William Walker, and Chance Hinshaw, along with carpentry teacher, Donnie Weaver

KHHS students earn ribbons at fair



Mr. Capper and Mrs. Brown's students at Keystone Heights High School submitted several items to the Clay County Fair exhibition show. Students worked during the school year creating items to further their learning. They created clay hotplates painted with the seven continents. Using scrap wood they made toy tractors and small wooden boxes, and also learned sewing skills while hand stitching small pillows.

The students received several ribbons for first and second place. Each received a Best in Class for one item and one student, Anthony Doukas also earned a Best in Show award. In addition to the ribbons, students won monetary gifts totaling \$80 together.

Pictured are (l-r) Demetrius Lewis, Telly Jimmison and Anthony Doukas.

DOT puts C.R. 225 on priority list

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Florida's Department of Transportation has added C.R. 225 between Lawtey and Kingsley Lake to its strategic intermodal system. The designation puts the roadway in Florida's highest priority

category for capacity funding. The state agency said it aims to dedicate 75 percent of its future capacity funding to SIS assets.

The strategic intermodal transportation assets like major airports, seaports military bases, and railroad terminals.

Keystone students sweep steer show

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Members of the Keystone Heights High School FFA chapter claimed the grand champion and reserve champion of the Clay County Agricultural Steer Show on April 9.

The chapter steer, Toby shown by Johnnie Fitts took the grand champion prize. Fireball, shown by Jacob Fanton won the reserve champion award.

Other steer show winners from the Keystone Heights FFA chapter included:

- Parker Dykes, showing Chree Shakuh placed first in Class 2;
- Moriah Combass, showing Bluey placed second in Class 2;
- Alexis Buchanan, showing Luke placed second in Class 3;
- Carley Dyal, showing Night Train placed third in class 4;
- Stacey Oliver, showing Amos placed fourth in Class 4;
- Marissa Williams, showing Thor placed first in Class 5;
- Austin Saunders, showing Wrangler placed second in Class 5;

Parker Dykes won first place and Carley Dyal took second in the Senior Showmanship Competition;

Jacob Fanton won first place, Stacey Oliver won second place, Parker Dykes won third place and Carley Dyal placed fourth in the Senior Fitting and Grooming Competition;

Alexis Buchanan won the Junior Showmanship and Fitting and Grooming Competition and Fitts won the Chapter Fitting and Grooming prize.

Middleburg student places first in state science fair

Katarina Zeigler, a Middleburg High School senior placed first in senior chemistry at the 59th Florida Science and Engineering Fair in Lakeland last week.

Other winners from Clay County included:

- Nathan Martus, an Oakleaf High School senior placed fourth in senior engineering;
- Aidan Amstutz, of Green Cove Springs Junior High School placed fourth in junior engineering;
- Olivia Evans, a student at Oakleaf Junior High, placed fourth in junior biochemistry;
- Nathan Martus, an Oakleaf High School senior won a NASA Plaque and VIP tour at Kennedy Space Center;
- Karen Wilkening, Josse Kapseu and Melody Donnelly, all Middleburg High School seniors received special

recognition for excellence. Donnelly was also recognized by the Florida Association of Science Supervisors and received honorable mention from the Florida Department of Agriculture;

Simoli Patel and Makayla Berry, both seniors at Oakleaf High School earned special recognition for excellence;

Paula Barletta of Lake Asbury Junior High earned special recognition for excellence

from the Florida Association of Science Supervisors;

Trystan Loustau of Oakleaf Junior High School received honorable mention in medicine and health;

Andrew Zeolla, Michael Zeolla and Andres Hernandez, all seniors at Oakleaf High School received special recognition from South Florida Regional Science and Engineering.

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Commission marks child abuse prevention month

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Clay County commissioners proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Commissioner Diane Hutchings read the proclamation which acknowledged the role Kids First of Florida plays in helping neglected and abused children in Clay County.

Kids First is a community based nonprofit which delivers foster care, adoption, protective supervision and other services to families.

Hutchings said Florida is home to over 4 million children and that the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior.

She also said a working partnership between law enforcement, government agencies, nonprofits and businesses is key to preventing child neglect and abuse.

Commissioners: Share the road

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Clay County Commissioners urged motorists to share the road with bikers in proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month during their April 8 meeting.

Commissioner Doug Conkey said that as the weather becomes more spring-like, more bikers are taking to the road to enjoy a great hobby.

"All too often," he added, "as we see on the news almost on a weekly basis, tragic accidents occur that involve motorcycles."

Conkey reminded attendees of the county commission meeting that bikers have little protection in collisions and that motorists should be aware of bikers around them.

In reading the proclamation, he said that over 800,000 two-wheelers are now registered in Florida, and that motorcycles are more frequently becoming the primary means of transportation for many residents.

The decree also acknowledged the Black Creek Chapter of American Bikers Aiming Toward Education as a leading group promoting motorcycle safety in Clay County.

Mike Coduto, of the Black Creek chapter accepted the proclamation on behalf of the group. He said the chapter is

planning a major motorcycle safety event at the Jacksonville Landing on May 10. He invited the crowd to join the organization, as well as the Florida Highway Patrol, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Lt. Ron Hodges of the Clay County Sheriff's Office to the afternoon event.

MADD: Talk to children about underage drinking

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving told Clay County commissioners about the importance of parents talking to their children about underage drinking.

Judy Cotton, a program specialist with MADD, was on hand at the commission's April 8 meeting to receive a proclamation endorsing MADD's Powertalk 21 program.

Powertalk 21 is a nationwide effort by the organization to encourage parents to talk to their children about the risks of drinking before reaching age 21. The campaign stretches from April 1 to April 21.

"MADD has nothing against alcohol," she said. "I don't want anybody to think that's the agenda here today. We just want to make sure that people wait until they are 21 and that they never, ever get behind the wheel of a vehicle, here in Clay County or anywhere else, if they become impaired."

Commissioner Ronnie Robinson, who read the proclamation supporting Powertalk 21 said that all driver's license applicants should be required to attend a MADD meeting. He added that he has dropped in on a few meetings and found them to be beneficial.

According to MADD, parents are the number one influencer of children's decisions about alcohol and teens are 80 percent less likely to drink if their parents tell them clearly it is unacceptable.

Digital campaign signs approved

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Clay County Commission approved changes to its sign code, expanding the size of acceptable political yard signs and also allowing political messages on digital billboards, without the size limitations of conventional campaign displays.

The planning commission also recommended county commissioners restrict the use of banners to grand openings and mobile business use. However Commissioner Diane Hutchings, who asked the planning commission to restrict banner use withdrew that section of the revision.

She said the restriction might prohibit activities she had not intended to impede, such as the practice of churches advertising Vacation Bible Schools with temporary banners.

Doug Conkey also said he had concerns about the banner limitation. He wanted to know how the revision would affect banners hung on the fences of little league baseball fields.

Commissioners also sent another recommendation back to the planning panel for further discussion: a provision prohibiting the placement of campaign signs on parcels which host precincts.

County Manager Stephanie Kopelousos said her staff added the provision based on the volume of complaints from residents about campaign signs at polling locations.

"I was shocked at the number of people who complained about how many signs (were at precincts)," she said.

Kopelousos added that motorists complained some of the placards were getting caught under vehicles and others had fallen into the roadway and were run over by traffic.

Commissioner Wendell Davis said the proliferation of signs at voting locations created a safety risk.

"There were so many signs in front of the Fleming Island Library that people couldn't find the driveway to turn in" he said. "And then if they did, then they had to run over somebody waving a sign. And if they got by that, then they had to see around the tent that was in the middle of the parking lot."

Davis also said he witnessed some near fender benders at the precinct within the Orange Park library on Plainfield Avenue because of signs and overcrowding.

The commission agreed with Conkey's suggestion that instead of banning campaign signs at polling locations, they ask the planning commission to recommend a limit on such signs, similar to the rule already existing on residential yard signs, which limit the number of signs on each parcel to one candidate or issue.

Home business rule changes approved

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Clay County commissioners approved a recommendation by the planning board expanding the use of home occupations under the county's zoning rules.

Holly Parrish, director of economic and development services told commissioners Clay County is only one of seven northeast Florida counties that currently restrict home occupations to clerical and administrative services. She also said the county stands alone by prohibiting commercial activity in accessory buildings within agricultural neighborhoods.

Under the new rules, some at-home industries are still banned, including auto and appliance repair and barber and beauty shops.

Commissioner Ronnie Robinson reminded his colleagues that they dealt with the home business issue several months ago when a Keystone Heights-area resident requested permission to operate a plant nursery from a parcel zoned agriculture-residential.

"We've got people that have been doing this for years anyway on this type of property," he said. "I don't know why it's our place to say you can't do it to start with."

Commissioner Doug Conkey said he recently attended a neighborhood meeting where he heard complaints that a suspected home business was creating excessive traffic on a small street.

"Especially if you have two, three or four homes on a small street," he said, the impact is magnified."

Hilton manager appointed to tourism council

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Clay County commissioners appointed the director of sales at the Hilton Garden Inn of Jacksonville and Orange Park to the county's tourism development committee.

Becky Schaeffer will fill the term of Brenna Van Ness who moved out of the state earlier this year. The term runs through March 9, 2015.

Schaeffer brings more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry to the council. She is active in the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the culinary and hospitality advisory board for the Clay County School District and is a member of the culinary advisory board at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

In her application for the position, Schaeffer wrote, "I moved to Orange Park after gaining the position at the HGI OP in October 2011. As an 'over the Buckman' first timer, I had to learn fast about what was over, around, near and cool about the area so that I could gain the edge when selling to soccer moms, wedding clients, family

reunion planners, Navy support personnel and business travelers of all kinds. I have come away from living over here for two years with a great love for all of the parks, hiking trails and natural beauty of the county."

Kathy D. White, general manager of Stay Suites of America in Orange Park also applied for the open seat on the council.

Commissioner Doug Conkey, who serves on the TDC as the non-voting chair, recommended Schaeffer for the post.

"Both are wonderful candidates," he said, "but I think Ms. Schaeffer brings a lot of expertise to the TDC."

Report: Four utilities made \$18 million in political donations

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A report by a research institute and government watchdog said Florida's largest electric providers made over \$18 million in political contributions from 2004 to 2012.

The report, "Power Play: Political Influence of Florida's Top Energy Corporations," by Florida Integrity said the state's four largest electric utilities, Florida Power and Light, Duke Energy, Tampa Electric and Gulf Power contributed mostly to the Florida Republican and Democratic parties. The document also claimed that the four companies spent over \$12 million on 601 lobbyists from 2007 to 2013.

The report also claimed that the industry's influence in Tallahassee played a role in the ouster of four Public Service Commission members who voted against rate hikes proposed by FPL and Progress Energy (now Duke Energy) in 2010.

"Four of the five PSC commissioners voted against the FPL and Progress Energy rate hikes," the report said. "All four of those commissioners lost their jobs within a few months."

The paper recommended several reforms, including drafting uniform ethics rules for legislators and local officials, putting inspector general reports, gift and client disclosures made by state lawmakers and regulators online and making campaign donations from vendors and state regulated industries more transparent.

TPO begins public hearings for long-range transportation plan

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization will hold public hearings throughout April to discuss its long-range transportation plan for Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns

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PFC DANIELLE HENGL graduated from Basic Training on April 3 at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

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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.

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.

Melrose Elementary Kindergarten Roundup

Melrose Elementary will be holding a Kindergarten Roundup 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.

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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Putnam Hall remembers beloved couple

Putnam Hall residents and relatives of John and Gussie Flowers completed a memory walk in honor of the couple on April 5 at Smith Park in Putnam Hall.

The pair died in a house fire on Feb. 1.

The walk took place around the Putnam Hall Loop, led by the couple's nieces: Deloris Fisher, Debbie Smith and Nadene Powell.

Also participating were relatives Evelyn Gordon, Jennie Hayes, Elree Cuthbert, Charlene McDonald, Nora Donley, Earl Gordon Sr., William Hayes Sr., Roger Donley Sr. and Almetta Thompkins.



Cassandra Davis was in charge of transporting those who were unable to complete the walk.

TPO

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Counties.

City, county and transportation agency officials from the four counties make up the board of the regional planning agency. This year, Clay County Commissioner Diane Hutchings is the board's treasurer and Commissioner Doug Conkey is a board member. Keystone Heights Mayor Tony Brown may soon also be joining the panel.

The TPO prioritizes transportation projects for Northeast Florida and works closely with the Florida Department of Transportation to monitor each project's stage.

The organization's top projects have been building the

First Coast Expressway in Clay and St. Johns counties, making capacity improvements to the Mathews Bridge in Jacksonville, four-laning Branford Field Road in Clay County and Chaffee Road in Duval County, extending S.R. 9B from U.S. 1 to Racetrack Road in Duval County, six-laning S.R. A1A from I-95 to the Amelia River in Nassau County and constructing C.R. 313 in St. Johns County.

Every five years, the TPO updates its long-term transportation plan for the next 20-25 years. Its last multi-decade plan, extending to 2035 was adopted in 2009.

Now, the organization is developing its 2040 plan which it is calling Path Forward 2040.

Throughout April, the TPO will hold public meetings in St. Augustine, Orange Park, Macclenny, Yulee, Jacksonville and Palatka giving the public the opportunity to comment on which projects should get top priority.

Additional public workshops are planned for the summer with a final public hearing and plan adoption in early 2015.

Alachua County Sheriff's Office recognizes communications officers

On April 15, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office joined other law enforcement agencies around the country in observing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

In a press release, the sheriff's office said that every day, millions of people in the United States depend on the skill, expertise and commitment of the men and women who work in public safety telecommunications. These individuals help save countless lives by responding to emergency calls, dispatching emergency professionals and providing moral support to

citizens in distress.

Last year in Alachua County, the combined communications center answered 146,753 911 calls and 261,563 administrative calls, while dispatching 307,747 calls for service to sheriff's deputies, Gainesville police, Alachua County Fire Rescue, Gainesville Fire Rescue, rural contracted municipal fire departments, and the Waldo Police Department.

On April 15, the communications center presented a static display with its partner agencies, highlighting the mobile technology public safety officers use in the field.

SERVICE

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spent 20, 25, 30 years in the service."

Dailey added that some of the negative publicity the service has recently endured because of alleged agent misconduct is the result of recruits not viewing the

service as a long-term career.

"It was a good career," he said of his time in the Secret Service. "I don't miss any of the work. I don't miss any of the jobs. I don't miss any of the long hours. I don't miss any of the trips—the anniversaries that I missed; the child births that I missed. But I do miss the people."

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CCSO officers train to help children with autism

Wolfson Children's Rehab therapists provided special training to Clay County Sheriff's Office employees on April 15 to help them in their encounters with children with autism.

The classes trained deputies to identify and approach children with autism who have wandered or run away, in order to prevent a tragedy.

Lauren Papke, a pediatric speech-language pathologist with Wolfson Children's Rehabilitation Services led the effort to train the CCSO officers. She began to look into the training after a parent of one of her patients, a 6-year-old child with autism, shared her anxiety about her son's safety at school.

"He has wandered away from his classroom several times, and has been found in the school parking lot or in a closet in another part of the school," Papke recalled.

The mother of a Boy Scout in Clay County, Papke asked one of her son's Scout leaders, who is a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy, if his training on dealing with runaways included how to identify and rescue a child with autism who had eloped. When the officer said it didn't, Papke and her colleague, pediatric occupational therapist Courtney

Clay sergeant graduates from leadership academy



Clay County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jeff Johnson graduated from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's leadership academy on April 11. Johnson has been with the CCSO since June of 1996. He has served as a deputy, investigator, Operation Safe Streets supervisor, communications sergeant and patrol sergeant. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University. Johnson and the 33 other graduates of the academy serve in leadership roles in criminal justice agencies from across the state. Seminar participants met for four weeks at the Florida Public Safety Institute in Havana, and learned skills necessary to support the needs of their agency and the community as they prepare for future challenges. The goal of the Florida Leadership Academy is to prepare first-line supervisors in criminal justice organizations to exemplify the character and integrity expected of criminal justice professionals and to examine the various components necessary to being an efficient leader. Pictured are (l-r) CCSO Maj. David Senters, Johnson and CCSO Col. Craig Aldrich.

Ward decided to help. They

discovered that although there are major resources for police officers around the country on interacting with children with autism, there were none on the First Coast.

Elopement, the act of wandering away and getting lost is one of the most serious problems facing caregivers of autistic children. Many children who elope become victims of traffic accidents or drowning.

Papke said children with autism react differently to law enforcement officers than other children.

"They may not respond to the officer's orders, which could be interpreted as defiance, or they may bolt into water or traffic to

escape the situation," she said. "In other cities, this has resulted in drowning and traffic-related deaths."

The most common elopement risks seen in these children are:

Bolting to get away from a situation the child wants to avoid, such as loud noise or a crowd;

Goal-directed elopement, when a child with autism is fascinated and attracted to water, traffic, trains and other potentially dangerous situations without recognizing the risk and

Boundary-setting issues, not understanding the boundaries of home, school or other familiar settings.

Ward said that around 350 children are enrolled in the autism program in the Clay County School District.

Papke and Ward trained officers on everything from a modified search and rescue for a missing child with autism, to reunification with parents and other caregivers.



LEGAL NOTICES

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

LRM Legals 4/17/14

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 commence 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.

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CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Accepting applications for Citizen Advisory Boards

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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.

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NOTICE OF "SPECIAL" MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS

Notice is hereby given that on May 6, 2014, the City of Keystone Heights shall hold a "Special" Election for Seat 5 of the City Council for registered voters residing within the City of Keystone Heights

Notice is hereby given that meetings of the City of Keystone Heights Canvassing Board will be held on the following dates:

May 2, 2014 10:00 a.m. Canvassing Board Orientation and Logic and Accuracy Test

May 6, 2014 4:30 p.m. Process and duplication of Mail Ballots received Public viewing of sealed ballots 5:00 p.m. Opening of Mail Ballots 7:00 p.m. Canvass of Election Returns Upon completion and with no provisional ballots; Certify results and begin manual audit

May 8, 2014 (IF NECESSARY Due To Provisional Ballots) 5:00 p.m. Canvass of Provisional Ballots; Certify results and begin manual audit Location: City of Keystone Heights City Hall 555 S. Lawrence Blvd Keystone Heights, FL 32656

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, All meetings are open to the public.

Note: Section 286.01105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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"Poet of the Piano" Don Wyrzten

A two day event, featuring Professor of Church Music & Chapel Pianist, Don Wyrzten. Mr. Wyrzten will be leading a seminar for piano and keyboard players at Lake Swan Camp in their Fire Side Room., Saturday, May 17. The day will begin at 10:00am and end at 2:30pm. The cost of the event is \$15 per person.

Missionary teaches at Easter egg hunt

Lenny Williams pops a red balloon during his presentation to children at the third annual Community Easter Egg Hunt in Keystone Heights. Williams used the balloon to illustrate his claim that simply attending church will not provide a way to heaven. He also told parents and children in the Champion's Heart Chapel that religion, baptism and being good are also insufficient means to attaining eternal life, but that trusting in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. Williams is a missionary with Hawthorne's Camp Good News, a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship of North Central Florida.



Trinity Baptist presents passion play



Haley Wise applies makeup to John McCormick Jr., who played a Roman centurion in Trinity Baptist Church's presentation of the Lake Area Passion Play. Over 200 cast and crew members participated in the event, which was produced and conducted by the Rev. Scott Stanland.

WATER

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precipitation increases during the summer, as it usually does, customers will irrigate less and flow charges will also drop.

Supervisor Mike Vallencourt questioned the report's assertion that February rainfall totals were slightly below normal.

"I don't see anything in February that was normal," he said. "We've been in nothing but a constant rain pattern and I can show you whatever report you want to look at. Where does this normal come from? I do not agree that we are in any type of a normal weather pattern."

Executive Director Tom Morris said normal rainfall was an average of National Weather Service data over the past 10 years.

Morris also said that the National Weather Service computes average rainfall from gauges at the Jacksonville International Airport, which is 34 miles from CCUA offices in Middleburg. He added that even between the utility's own plants, recorded rainfall varies greatly.

Supervisor Frank Gerwe said he also questioned the accuracy of the rainfall findings in the conservation report.

"It seems to me, if we are going to be making recommendations on where we are going to go with our rates, if necessary, we need to have data that's a little more accurate," he said.

FWC: Watch out for bears

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds the public to be aware that bears are now or soon will be on the move as they are leaving their winter dens. There are important things people can do over the next few months to reduce negative interactions with Florida's largest land mammal.

"Now is the time to expect bears to show up looking for food," said Dave Telesco, who directs the FWC's bear management program. "If they can't find food in your neighborhood, they'll move on."

Female bears that gave birth to cubs that were only 12 ounces in January are beginning to move around with their babies, which are now around 5 pounds. As the cubs continue to grow, the family unit will roam farther and could be more visible to people.

While black bears generally are not aggressive, a mother bear may try to defend her cubs. Never intentionally approach a bear. Do not assume when you see a lone adult bear that there are no cubs, because the cubs may be hidden nearby. When walking dogs, keep them close and be aware of your surroundings. Dogs can trigger defensive behaviors from bears.

Keep human sources of food, like garbage, birdseed and pet food, secure from bears so they won't wander into

your neighborhood this spring looking for an easy meal. Use a bear-resistant trash can, build a bear-resistant trash can shed or modify your existing trash can with hardware to make it more resistant. Instructions for these methods, plus a video on how to use an electric fence to deter bears can be found at www.pinterest.com/myfwc/bear-necessities/.

If you do not have a bear-resistant garbage can, consider building a bear-resistant trash can shed. In Collier County, the FWC is partnering with local Boy Scout volunteers to build sheds that will deter bears from accessing garbage. The FWC received a grant from the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, using proceeds from the Conserve Wildlife license plate, to build and install 70 bear-resistant wooden trash can sheds for residents of two East Naples mobile home parks, who have no other way to keep their garbage away from bears.

As females and cubs increase their movements this time of year, they also increase the number of roads they cross.

For the safety of yourself and bears, remember to slow down when driving, particularly on rural highways at dawn or dusk. Watch for road signs identifying bear crossing areas. Over 200 Florida bears were killed after being hit by vehicles in 2013.

Having conflicts with bears? Call one of the FWC's five regional offices. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact, and click on

Regional Offices to find the phone number for your region. Need to report someone harming bears or intentionally feeding them? Call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

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Sims and 'Ax Men': cuttin' up and talkin' CF

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford County native Katelyn Sims did not have her sights set on being in a television show, but she figured it would be a good way to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis.

Being a part of season seven of History Channel's "Ax Men" has given Sims an outlet to talk about the disease she lives with through interviews, public appearances and discussions on her Facebook page. However, if her appearance with her fellow Dreadknots teammates at the Bradford County Fair was any indication, the show has also been a lot of fun to be a part of.

Sims, Clint "Capt. Clint" Roberts and Dave "the Kraken" Stone exhibited the kind of playful camaraderie that takes years to develop, though Sims completed just her first season as a member of the Dreadknot team. When Sims gives an answer to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor in response to being asked what has been most enjoyable about being on the show, Roberts cut



Katelyn "Cuz" Sims and her fellow "Ax Men" Dreadknots, Capt. Clint and the Kraken, were at the fair on March 14, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

in and said, "What she meant to say was, 'Working with Clint has been the greatest experience of my life.'"

Sims, cracking a smile, added, "And, 'He has the greatest moustache in the world.'"

Stone was asked why someone who's never watched "Ax Men"

should tune it. His response? "Because we are awesome as a group. If you want to see what awesome personified is, you turn the channel to 269 on DirecTV on Sunday nights."

Not missing a beat, Sims chips in that the word "awesome" in the dictionary is accompanied

by a photo of her, Roberts and Stone.

Sims was approached about possibly being on the show at the Suwannee River Jam. (She was the reigning Miss Suwannee River Jam at the time.)

"I never really wanted to be on TV," Sims said, "but when the

opportunity was there, I looked at it as a way to spread awareness and get the word about CF out."

Stone said adding Sims to the Dreadknots had to be done. "We had to get a good boat driver, somebody who knew what they were doing, somebody who could actually navigate the water proper," Stone said, before adding in practically the same breath, "Not to mention she's hot."

"She ain't bad to look at," Roberts agreed. "The problem is you've got to beat the boys off the boat. It cuts into your time."

In all seriousness, though, Stone said he's never met anyone with a better story to tell than Sims. He said she's by far one of the best people he's ever met and admires the way cystic fibrosis doesn't slow her down.

"This girl has more heart than anybody I've ever met in my life," Stone said.

Though a newcomer to the Dreadknots team, which has been a part of "Ax Men" since season six, Sims said she immediately felt right at home.

"Yeah, from the beginning it was easy for us all to get along," she said. "I think the first day that we filmed, Clint and I were joking and laughing about as hard as possible for about 15 minutes. We almost got in trouble with the film crew because we couldn't stop."

"It was just a natural thing for all of us. We all get along, we all have the same mindset on a lot of things and we all see eye to eye on a lot of things as well. Our personalities are very similar."

Stone said one of the best times he's had was just goofing off with Sims on a day in which Roberts had to take his daughter to a school orientation. They spent their time throwing sandwiches back and forth to each other, trying to catch them in their mouths, among other things.

"We actually wound up paddling the boat backward down the river," Stone said.

It was no surprise to Stone that Sims has fit right in. He alluded

See SIMS, 8B

Area schools sending 8 to state weightlifting finals

Keystone Heights High School had four win their weight classes, thus ensuring their spots in the Florida High School Athletic Association Boys' Weightlifting Finals, while an additional four lifters from Keystone, Bradford and Union County also earned the right after their performances at the District 4-1A state-qualifying meet on April 10 in South Daytona.

The winners of each weight class at each of the state's qualifying meets earned the right

to compete at the state meet, which will be held April 25-26 at the Kissimmee Civic Center. At the District 4 meet, Keystone's Dakota Hodge, Lane Blanton, Chase Musselman and Daren Gilio topped their respective classes.

Hodge won the 129-pound class with a 405 total (225 bench, 180 clean and jerk), while Blanton had a top total of 485 (240, 245) in the 139 class. Musselman had a 560 total (280, 280) to win the 169 class, while

Gilio won the 199 class with a 565 total (300, 265).

The totals of the remaining lifters throughout the state who did not place first at district meets were compared to make up the rest of the field at state.

Keystone's Steven Beverly made the cut after placing second in the 129 class at the District 4 meet. He had a 400 total (210, 190).

Bradford's Jarvis DeSue also earned a second-place finish and will move on to state. He

compiled a 510 total (275, 235) in the 154 class.

Also qualifying for state were Union's Austin Long and Keystone's Brandon Johnson. Long placed third in the 129 class at the District 4 meet with a 370 total (205, 165), while Johnson placed fourth in the 154 class with a 500 total (265, 235).

Though not qualifying for state, Keystone's Dakota Black and Union's Alden McClellon earned top-three places at the District 4 meet. Black was

runner-up in the 139 class with a 415 total, while McClellon was third in the 169 class with a 510 total.

Union's Dylan Bass placed fourth in the 129 class with a 340 total. Bradford's Markel Parks placed fifth in the heavyweight class with a 675 total.

Keystone had two fifth-place finishers: Josh Knight in the 154 class with a 480 total and Nate Pate in the 199 class with a 505 total.

Also competing for Keystone

were J.J. Schofield in the 169 class with a 435 total, Matt West in the 183 class with a 510 total, Johnnie Fitts in the 183 class with a 500 total and Joe Pace in the 238 class with a 470 total.

Bradford's Zach Windle and Dequan Blackshear competed as well, with Windle compiling a 265 total in the 119 class and Blackshear compiling a 440 total in the 154 class.



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BHS freshman to compete in 2 international science fairs

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School freshman Tessa Ricker has earned the right to display her science project on an international level, earning the right to compete in the April 30-May 5 I-SWEEEP (International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering, Environment Project Olympiad) in Houston and the May 11-16 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles.

"This is very exciting and intimidating at the same time," Ricker said.

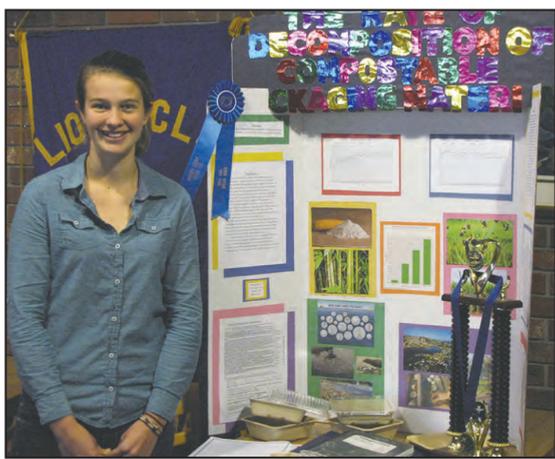
Each competition features more than 1,000 participants from more than 70 counties.

"It'll be a cultural experience," Ricker said.

Ricker's path began at the county-level competition, where she placed first in the environmental category and earned Overall Best of Show. Her project is titled, "The Rate of Decomposition of Compostable Packing Materials."

Most recently, Ricker placed fourth in the senior environmental division at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

Ricker earned the right to compete in I-SWEEEP before competing at the state-level science fair. She said she certainly hadn't given any thought to earning such an opportunity.



Tessa Ricker is pictured with her science fair project: "The Rate of Decomposition of Compostable Packing Materials."

"I was just excited to get to state," she said.

It is the second straight year a student from BHS will compete at I-SWEEEP, with Alec Harden having done so last year as a freshman.

Two students at the Suwannee Valley Regional Science and Engineering Fair were selected to participate in the Intel fair, with Ricker being named an alternate. However, one of the regional participants—Holly Tucker of Union County High School—earned the right to represent the state at the Intel fair, opening the door for Ricker to attend as one of the regional representatives.

"It's going to be stressful," Ricker said of having to prepare for two international competitions, "but I'm excited."

As if that's not enough, Ricker may also have the chance to attend the June 15-20 GENIUS (Global Environmental Issues U.S.) Olympiad, which will be hosted by the State University of New York at Oswego.

"She is a tremendous student who puts in a lot of hard work and dedication into everything she does," Bradford High School Principal Bryan Boyer said.

Ricker is currently raising funds for her trips to Houston and Los Angeles. Donations can be submitted or mailed to the Bradford County School District to the attention of Finance Director Julee Tinsler. Checks should be made out to Bradford County School District. The address is 501 W. Washington St., Starke, FL 32091.

Starke Kiwanis golf tournament is April 18

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.

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

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

Kingsley Kruizers to host dinner fundraiser

The Kingsley Kruizers are The Bradford-Keystone

hosting a dinner to benefit the American Diabetes Association on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Dinners, consisting of chicken tetrazzini, salad, green beans, tea and dessert, are \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for children 12 and under. Diners may eat in or take out.

Please call 904-966-1002 or see Christie Torode, Shelley Luke, Josh Luke, Danny Luke, Erin Waters, Lamar Waters, Norma Cox, Darlene Padgett, Guy Padgett or Cassi Smyth for tickets.

The Kingsley Kruizers is a local group that participates in the annual Tour de Cure—a bicycle ride to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association—in Jacksonville. This year's ride is scheduled for May 17.

Bradford-Keystone Relay for Life is April 25-26

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 website www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl.

You may also access information at the event's Facebook page. Enter "Bradford-Keystone Heights RelayforLife" in the search bar.

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.

If you'd like to help out by donating items to a planned silent auction, please call Linda Lee at 904-966-3022.

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BHS, KHHS, UCHS have 1st-round byes in baseball tournaments

District baseball tournaments begin Monday, April 21, but the Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high school teams won't begin play until Tuesday, April 22, having earned byes because of their seeding.

Keystone earned the number-one seed in the District 5-4A tournament, which is being hosted by Santa Fe High School. Bradford is in the same district and is the tournament's number-two seed.

That tournament begins with fourth seed Fort White and fifth seed Interlachen playing each other at 4 p.m. on April 21. Third seed Santa Fe and sixth seed P.K. Yonge will play that same day at 7 p.m.

Keystone will play the Fort White-Interlachen winner at 4 p.m. on April 22. Bradford will play the Santa Fe-P.K. Yonge winner at 7 p.m.

The April 22 winners will play each other for the championship on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Union is the number-two seed in the District 7-1A tournament, which is being hosted by number-one seed Williston.

Fourth seed Chiefland plays

fifth seed Dixie County to start the tournament on April 21 at 7 p.m.

Union plays third seed Newberry at 4 p.m. on April 22, while Williston will play the Chiefland-Dixie County winner at 7 p.m.

The April 22 winners will play each other for the championship on April 24 at 7 p.m.

BHS is lone area team to advance in district softball

Keystone Heights and Union County saw their seasons come to an end, but the Bradford softball team earned a regional berth and will play for the District 5-4A championship against P.K.

Yonge on Thursday, April 17, at Santa Fe High School.

The second seeded Tornados (17-7) defeated third seed Santa Fe 5-1 in an April 15 semifinal game. Top seed P.K. Yonge defeated fifth seed Fort White 14-0 in the other semifinal matchup.

Fort White advanced to the semifinals by defeating fourth seed Keystone 5-0 on April 14.

If Bradford defeats P.K. Yonge, it will host a regional quarterfinal game against the loser between District 6 teams South Sumter and the Villages on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. If Bradford loses to P.K. Yonge, the Tornados will travel to play the winner between South Sumter and the Villages.

Union was the second seed in the District 7-1A tournament, but was eliminated in the April 15 semifinals with a 6-4 loss to third seed Chiefland.

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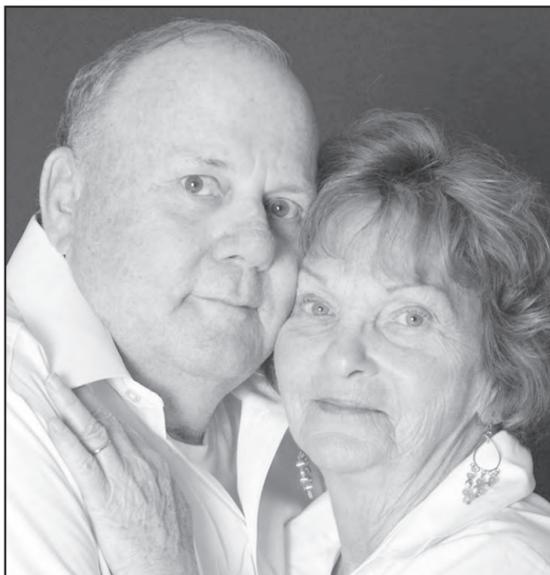
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Burkert, Nash to wed Aug. 23

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Julie is the daughter of Bob and Holly Burkert of St. Augustine. She is a graduate of Rangeview High School (Aurora, Colo.) and Harding University (Searcy, Ark.), but attended Union County schools up to the 8th grade. She is employed by MetLife Insurance Corp. and is a member of Church of Christ.

Earl is the son of Terry and Gina Nash of Dickson, Tenn. He is a graduate of McEwen High School (Dickson, Tenn.) and University of Tennessee at Martin. He is employed by Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District Office and is a member of Church of Christ.



Earl Nash and Julie Burkert

The wedding is planned for Aug. 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Lake Aston at Lake Wales. Reception will be at Lake Aston Club House. Family and friends are invited.

Wayne and Glenda Smith

Smiths celebrate 50 years

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Wayne Smith of Providence. Glenda & Wayne Smith celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 11th. Glenda & Wayne are life-long residents of Union County. They have one child, Rhonda J. Smith. They also have one grandchild, Carson Wayne Smith. Wayne is the County Commissioner for District 4 and a farmer. Glenda is a homemaker and is retired from the Department of Corrections.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brumbaugh are pictured during their April 16, 1954, wedding (above) and during more recent times (left). The couple spent 16 years at Lake Swan Camp in Melrose.

Brumbaughs celebrate 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brumbaugh celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2014. They were married in 1954 in Daytona Beach. Sixteen years of their life was spent at Lake Swan Camp in Melrose, making a difference in many lives.

There will be a celebration of their ministry at Lake Swan Camp on May 24th at 1 p.m. We would invite friends and family to join with us for this time of food, fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. Frank Smith 570-713-5930 or Dawn Johnson 352-473-5247.

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Legislature's 'Year of Water' not living up to name

Dear Editor:

This legislative session initially was being billed as the "Year of Water," aiming to strengthen state protection of Florida's 700-plus natural springs. Instead, it appears the legislature's annual embarrassing and inadequate environmental performance is right on track.

Speaker of the House Will Weatherford is blocking badly needed legislation, kicking the can down the road for another year, claiming that his successor, Rep. Steve Crisafulli, (R - Merritt Island), has more "expertise on the issue."

More troubling, Weatherford doesn't even want to consider the Senate Springs Protection Bill, claiming disingenuously that the House has "its own legislation," when in fact it has nothing at all like the excellent and comprehensive Senate Plan.

Normally, in an election year,

the legislature's mantra is to "do no harm." Weatherford's doing nothing; calling for another study and refusing to consider legislation, when the reasons and solution to our water woes have long been well known and scientifically demonstrated, is damaging and irresponsible; being harmful to Florida's economy, quality of life and our endangered water resources while protecting special interests and campaign contributors.

Terry Brant, Legislative
Chairman
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Thanks for support during pet tragedy

Dear Editor:

On April 2nd at 2:40 in the afternoon, someone shot our family dog in the Oak Grove Hill subdivision off 796-A. He passed away later that night. He was a great dog and will be missed.

Although we have our

suspicions and have filed a police report, it is very unlikely the culprit will be discovered unless they admit to it. We would like to thank most of our nearby neighbors for their help and support that day and the day after. We are firm believers in "karma" and we know that God sees all.

The Russells
Lake Butler

Who would be on BHS football's 'Mt. Rushmore'?

The following, written by Terry Vaughan as a WEAG Bradford High School Tornado football blog, was submitted for publication by former BHS football coach Lennard Register.

As I approach my 29th year as voice of Tornado football on Eagle Country 106.3, I often find myself waxing nostalgic with memories of those who built the Tornado program brick-by-brick, stone-by-stone. Our rich history was crafted through

the dedication and skills of so many great coaches, fans, administrators, and players covering many decades.

So, I began to ask myself: If there were a Mount Rushmore for BHS Football, which four faces would be on display in a chiseled granite tribute?

It is a difficult question to ponder. So many deserve consideration that it would be unfair to narrow it to just four.

While I have enjoyed a long relationship with BHS football, I readily admit that my working knowledge is limited in relation to its vast history. There were phenomenal coaches and players prior to the 1960's that could stake a claim to being featured on our Mount Rushmore. Guys like Coach J.C. Hobbs and players such as Jack Hazen enjoy legendary status among those who have extended memories.

But, this is my blog so I will limit my picks to those who were part of the landscape from the mid-50's and beyond.

The first member of the BHS Rushmore quartet? Coach Lennard Register had the Tornado football program hummin' like a well-oiled machine during his tenure (1955-61). Five consecutive Keystone

Conference Crowns and a 32 game winning streak were among the highlights of a great run. It is unfortunate that the State did not have a championship playoff system back then, as Bradford would have likely filled a trophy case with even more treasured hardware under Coach Register.

To the right of Coach Register would be the face of the Coach who replaced him in Starke. David Hurse was the loyal Lieutenant under Coach R, and was ready to grab the wheel when it was his turn to guide the ship. Thirty years later, his bag of accomplishments was full-to-include two State Championship Crowns and one runner-up designation. Coach Hurse's long tenure and lasting success made him the face of Bradford Football-and this is why it should be prominently displayed on the Mount-as is his name on the stadium.

My next selection? Assistant Coaches rarely get enough credit for a program's success and sustainability. While David Hurse was the unquestioned top dog while at BHS, there is no doubt that his long-time Assistant was the guy who put the teeth in an always ferocious Tornado Defense. Mike Sexton's Defenses were typically undersized-but

still struck fear in the hearts of opposing coaches. Mike's emphasis on fundamentals and toughness earned the respect of all who played for or against him-and this state may have never produced a better High School Defensive Coordinator.

Who gets the final spot?

Larry Brown's impact on Bradford Football reverberated well beyond the field. Larry was among the first to break the color barrier at BHS during a difficult time in our country's history-and he wore the Scarlet and Gray uniform in a proud and dignified way. He later matriculated to the University of Kansas under Pepper Rogers where he was teammates with pro football greats such as John Riggins and Bobby Douglass. A 5th round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers/Larry finished his pro career with four Super Bowl rings and All-Pro status. He excelled at both Tight End and Offensive Tackle for the Steelers.

Register...Hurse...Sexton...Brown. Four faces that certainly deserve to be featured on Bradford Football's Mount Rushmore. They are four-of-a-kind in that their contributions to the program then and now remain rock solid.

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

Patrice Lee Alexander, 29, of Starke was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Amy Rene Benton, 41, of Lake Butler and Tina Ann Long, 36, of Lake Butler were arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on warrants for burglary of an unoccupied structure and for larceny-grand theft less than \$5,000. According to the arrest reports, a homeowner on Tetstone Avenue in Brooker came home on April 8 and found Benton and Long doing their laundry in her residence. The homeowner told deputies she has allowed the women to do their laundry in the home before, but only when she was present. When the women saw the homeowner arrive, they left in a hurry out the back door and drove away, according to the arrest report.

Another resident of the home then discovered that his iPod, iPhone and Galaxy tablet were missing from the home, and law enforcement was called.

The following day, Union deputies located the vehicle the two women left in at an apartment in Lake Butler. The women were in the apartment and detained until an arrest and search warrant could be obtained from Bradford County.

During a search of the vehicle, several wallets were discovered, one with a reported stolen driver's license, one with another person's credit card and one with a third person's credit union card.

The women were arrested and transported to the Bradford jail. Bond was set at \$20,000 each for the charges against Benton and

Long.

Rachel L Bolton, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on two warrants issued in November 2012 for withholding child support. She was transported from the Duval County Jail to Bradford for the charges. She was also charged with probation violation, with bond set at \$1,160 for the charges.

Miguel Esteban Carrion-Moore, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested April 13 by Starke police for driving a vehicle without a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Deena Louise Crawford, 33, of Hampton was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Joshua Christopher Demps, 25, of Starke was arrested April 11 by Bradford deputies on several warrants for selling cocaine, marijuana and synthetic narcotics, all within 1,000 feet of a specified area. He was also charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana within 1,000 feet of a specified area and charged with producing marijuana. He was transported from the Alachua County Jail to face the charges in Bradford County. Bond was set at \$130,000

for the charges.

Melvin Levon Ford, 48, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Christopher Lee Grace, 27, of Starke was arrested April 15 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Grace and his girlfriend got into an argument while she was holding their 8-month-old child in her arms. The victim told the deputy that when their older child woke up from the yelling, Grace grabbed her face and pushed her backward. The victim grabbed a shoe and threw it at the wall, stating to Grace, "I'm holding the baby." He then picked up the shoe and hit the victim in the face with it, causing the lenses in her glasses to come out from the force. Grace admitted to law enforcement that he struck the victim with the shoe and was arrested and transported to jail. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Joshua Thomas Graves, 29, of Florahome was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies at the Santa Fe College Watson Center in the Keystone Heights area on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for use or possession of drug paraphernalia and for driving

under the influence. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Andre Rene Grey, 53, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Linda Hankerson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Starke police for probation violation.

Wendell Brantley Harden, 41, of Lulu was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for two counts of aggravated battery. Harden was involved in a traffic crash near Edwards' Grocery on S.R. 100 and was arrested when the deputy ran his information through dispatch and discovered the warrants. Bond was set at \$300,006 for the charges.

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

Bradford

Cecil Lee Harris, 19, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Gilchrist for failure to appear for original charge of unlawful alcohol possession. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charge.

Michelle Ann Hester, 34, of Waldo and Krystal N. Price, 27, of Waldo were arrested April 13 by Starke police, with both charged with larceny. According to the arrest report, the two women were in Walmart when they placed several items of clothing and two cases of water in a basket and left the store through the garden center without paying for the items. A Walmart employee detained the

women at their vehicle until the police arrived. The value of the items was approximately \$188. Bond was set at \$500 for Hester and for Price.

Richardlyn B. Jamison, 19, of Starke was arrested April 11 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for contempt of court on original charge of petit theft. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Dusty Marie Johnson, 36, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Heather Rae Lamb, 28, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Lamb got into an argument with her mother about living arrangements, and verbally threatened the victim and got in her face and struck her repeatedly in the chest with her finger.

Tamarra J. Lanter, 50, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies on warrants for two charges

of possession of synthetic narcotics and for two charges of selling synthetic narcotics. The narcotic in all the charges was Roxycodone, according to the arrest reports. Bond was set at \$80,000 for the charges.

Antonio Antwayn Lott, 21, of Starke was arrested April 12 by Bradford deputies for two charges of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Theodore K. Magganas, 35, of Clearwater was arrested April 8 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charges.

Terry Eugene McBride, 25, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Kevin Richard Meng, 56, of Hampton was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Alphonso Leon Pernal, 34, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Starke police for trespassing. According to the arrest report, Pernal's ex-girlfriend called police after he said he was coming to her apartment to get a key to a home they had shared together. The girlfriend told police that when Pernal arrived, she was in the shower, and she believed he kicked the door in, although she didn't witness it. She pointed Pernal out to the police officer walking across the parking lot, and the officer approached him to question him

about the door. Pernal stated he didn't kick it in, but did knock on the door to retrieve the key. He said he walked away when nobody answered. The officer advised Pernal he had been trespassed from Pine Forest previously and that he needed to leave the property or face arrest. Pernal said he wasn't leaving until he got his belongings and was arrested and transported to jail. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Joseph Ponchot, 44, of Zephyrhills was arrested April 12 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Brandon L. Searcy, 24, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Savannah Victoria Serrano, 24, of Palatka was arrested April 10 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Stephanie Jean Shirey, 35, of Lakeland was arrested April 11 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant and by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Amanda Lynn Smith, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Alvin B. Stinson, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested April 14 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

David Alan Tefft, 37, of Starke was arrested April 14 by Starke police for battery and kidnap-false imprisonment. According to the arrest report, Tefft and his wife were arguing in their home when he grabbed her by the throat and started choking her. She fought back, striking and scratching him in the face so he would release her. When he did, she jumped up and tried to call 911, but he grabbed the phone away from her and started choking her again. She started hitting him again, he released her and she ran out of the home to get help. Tefft chased her down and dragged her back into the home and started choking her again in their bedroom. After fighting back again and forcing Tefft to release her, she ran to the neighbor's home and called 911. The victim told police Tefft had never been violent toward her before and may be suffering from PTSD after several military deployments. Tefft was arrested with bond set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Regina Levis Tisdale, 39, of Lawtey was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Timothy Tyrone Tyson, 29, of Starke was arrested April 9 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Gabriel S. Williams, 36, of St. Petersburg was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Eugene Juan Williams, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested April 10 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for more than six months. Bond was set at \$500 for the charges.

Keystone/Melrose

Kenneth Flanery, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 11 by Clay deputies for disorderly intoxication and battery.

Toni Williams, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 11 by Clay deputies for battery.

Matthew J. Wimberly, 43, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 8 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

Union

Heather Michelle Thornton, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 12 by Union deputies for battery and disorderly conduct. According to the arrest report, Thornton got into an argument with her brother inside a truck, hitting and scratching him across his arms, chest and stomach. When the deputy arrived, Thornton was standing in the street yelling at neighbors and appeared to be intoxicated. She would not follow the deputy's orders to stop yelling and to stand by his patrol car. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$6,000 for the charge.

Corey Lee Thornton, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested April 12 by Union deputies at the same incident involving his mother, Heather Thornton, after he pulled up and threatened to beat up the victim in her battery case. He refused the deputies' request to calm down and resisted their efforts to restrain him. He was charged with resisting an officer and disorderly conduct.

Carl Ashley Rowe, 32, of Lake Butler was also arrested at the same incident on April 12 by Union deputies for resisting an officer and for several out-of-county warrants. Rowe, the boyfriend of Heather Thornton, attempted to hide in the bushes when law enforcement arrived, but was found after several witnesses told deputies the area he was in. He was arrested on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua with a \$1,500 bond, on a failure to appear warrant from Union with a \$2,500 bond and for resisting an officer after hiding in the bushes and refusing to follow the deputies' commands.

Naaman Justin Nelson, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested April 10

by Union deputies for petit theft. According to the arrest report, Nelson took some tools from his place of employment and tried to sell them before law enforcement located him in Worthington Springs and arrested him.

Bruce Donnell Richardson, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested April 11 by Union deputies on two warrants for failure to appear and for felony probation violation. Bond was set at \$596 for the charges.

Christopher Raymond Compton, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested April 8 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Compton was at the Full House Saloon in Lake Butler causing a disturbance, attempting to start a fight with patrons and kicking the walls and the stalls in the bathroom. After being thrown out by the owner, Compton returned with a 2x4 board in his hand, and the owner called law enforcement. The deputy encountered Compton outside the bar when he arrived and reported he appeared highly intoxicated with slurred speech. He was arrested and also issued a trespass warning at the request of the bar owner.

Daniel Joseph Hildreth, 40, of Lake City and Judy Marie Douglas, 55, of Lake City were arrested April 8 by Union deputies after they received a call about a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway of Northwest C.R. 239. Hildreth, the driver, exited the vehicle when the deputy arrived, was staggering and had slurred speech. He was arrested for driving under the influence. Douglas, a passenger in the vehicle, was uncooperative when asked if someone could come pick her up, admitted she had been drinking all day and tried to walk away down the road. She was arrested for disorderly intoxication and transported to the Bradford County Jail. She was later charged at the jail for two out-of-county warrants from Alachua for fraud-insufficient funds in checking. Bond was set at \$1,200 for her charges.

Tonya Huffman, 46, of Lake Butler was arrested April 9 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Huffman was at the Full House Lounge in Lake Butler causing a disturbance in the parking lot, attempting to get keys to her truck from her husband. She was staggering badly and had slurred speech, and wouldn't return to her friends' vehicle as the deputy told her to do. Huffman said she was going to sleep on the sidewalk and refused several times to go with her friends before being arrested.

Jennifer Dawn Southerland, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested April 19 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and for possession of narcotic equipment.

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THANK YOU, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Beth, and Mr. Bud for the love, friendship, knowledge, guidance, and support you all have given me. I hope someone takes my place and accomplishes as much or more than I have through all the help you all are willing to offer.

I would like to thank my many buyers, many who have supported me from my first show to my last; Williams' Show Pigs, Ray's Metal Works, First Coast Florida Recovery, A&M Recovery, Strick's Properties, Crossfire Electric, Pipeline Contractors, Malcolm & Edith Hill, WW Gay, North Florida Truck and Tractor Repair, Wynn's Farms, Kim Griffis, NaNa, Paw Paw, Vaunda & Bill Blankenship, Vystar Credit Union, GC&G, JFC Services, Prestige Electric, Mosley Tire, Revels Fast Lube, Matt Bryant, Bradford Salvage, and Gainesville Restoration. I also give thanks to the many individuals and businesses who contributed Add-Ons towards my swine projects.

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OBITUARIES



Roberta Carter
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Roberta Davenport Carter, 92 of Starke passed away peacefully Monday, April 14, 2014 at her residence. Mrs. Carter was born on March 18, 1922 in Bedford, Va, to the late Robert and Betsy Mitchell Davenport and has lived most of her life in Starke. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist Faith. She is preceded in death by her husband Maurice Carter, Sr. and son Maurice Carter, Jr.

Mrs. Carter is survived by her son: David Carter of Starke; Five grandchildren: D.J. Carter, Cayla Carter, Robbie Cooper, M.P. Carter, and Nancy Griffiths; 10 Great grandchildren; Sister: Mary Davenport of Bedford, Va.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carter will be held Friday, April 18, at 3:00 pm in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Danny Boyd officiating. Burial will be held at Crosby Lake Cemetery following the services. The family invites friends for visitation Thursday, April 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Archer Funeral Home. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

Gerald Crawford

GRAHAM—Gerald Stephen Crawford, 62, died at the Shands University of Florida Medical Center after a long illness on Friday April 11, 2014. He was born in Gainesville, but has lived his life in Bradford County. He graduated from Bradford County High School and was employed with the Gainesville Fire Rescue until he retired. He was preceded in death by his father Gerald Crawford. He is a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights.

He is survived by: his wife of 43 years, Sue Douglas Crawford; sons, Josh (Karen) Crawford and Phillip (Roxann) Crawford, both of Graham; mother, Alaine Crews Crawford of Kingsley Lake; brothers, Dennis (Joan) Crawford and Curtis (Ronda) Crawford both of Starke; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 15 in the Trinity Baptist Church at Keystone Heights, with Rev. James Peoples and Rev. Jason Johns officiating. Burial followed in Kingsley Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler.

Tommy Edwards

STARKE—Tommy Franklin Edwards, 83, of Starke died Sunday, April 13, 2014 at his residence. He has lived in Starke all of his life, born Jan. 12, 1931, to the late Lacy and Carrie Dean Edwards. He worked as a foreman for the city of Starke and is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Lawtey. He is preceded in death by his brother, sister and a son, Robert Edwards.

He is survived by: his wife, June Starling Edwards of Starke; daughter, Alicia (John) Padgett of Starke; sons, Larry (Kathy) Edwards of Valrico, Lionel (Lynn) Edwards of Virginia; 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 18, at 11:00 am at the Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Gary Rowell. Burial will follow at Long Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday night from 6-8:00 pm. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Shirley Erickson

LAKE BUTLER—Shirley J. Erickson, 81, of Lake Butler died Monday, April 7, 2014 at her residence. She was born Jan. 15, 1933 in Detroit, Mich. the late Ivan and Sophia Graczyk Hanso. She relocated to Florida in 1981 with her family. She is preceded in death by her son Michael Erickson and grandson Nicholas Zavalas.

She is survived by: her husband, George Erickson; sons, Randy (Denese) Wethy of Lake Butler, and Marty Erickson of Albany Ga.; daughters, Terry Frazier of Ohio, Laurie Stewart of Omega Ga., and Kelly Stripling of Trenton; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service has not been arranged at this time. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Gaudette

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—George Etienne Gaudette, age 88, of Keystone Heights, died on Friday April 11, 2014. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Delphica (Girouard) Gaudette of Granby, Mass. Predeceased by his wife, Frances, in 1984.

Survived by four loving sisters, Simone Newton of Wilbraham, Mass., Therese Purcell of Holyoke, Mass., Rita Lariviere of Granby, Mass., and Helene Brooks of Orange, Mass.; and 28 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by two brothers, Joseph Rene, in 2002, and

Joseph Leo, in 2013. He also leaves his loving friends, Larry Easton and his wife, Elizabeth, of Melrose and their four children, Meredith and husband, Gabe Cox, children Teagan and Kylie, Matthew, Katherine, and Christopher, who became George's adopted family and lovingly cared for George when care was needed. George grew up on a large working dairy farm in Granby, and learned his life values in that small town . . . hard work, joie de vivre and a generosity of spirit. He attended public schools in Granby and was a graduate of South Hadley High School, class of 1943. Encouraged by his high school principal, he applied and was accepted to the Naval Air Force V 12 A program. The program consisted of many academic courses at several colleges (RPI, Georgia Tech and Harvard) followed by flight training at Corpus Christie, Texas. He earned his wings and became a Navy pilot in early 1945. He flew the Curtiss SB2C Helldiver scout bomber and earned the rank of Lieutenant. After the war ended, he attended Harvard University, graduating in 1949. In 1950, he married Helen Bochak. That marriage ended in divorce. He later married Frances in 1961 and they enjoyed 23 years together before her death in 1984. Their baby son died in infancy. George spent his entire career working as a highly successful educational salesman for two encyclopedia companies, ending as Southern manager of four states for 25 years for Encyclopedia Britannica. As a boy, his father had taught him how to hunt, set a trap line, and fish. Fishing, specifically bass fishing, became his avocation. He loved the sport and especially enjoyed fishing with his brother, Leo, and his brother-in-law, Albert on their annual trips down to Florida to fish with George. Over the years, George competed in and won many bass fishing tournament trophies of which he was very proud. George was a communicant of St. William's Catholic Church in Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held on April 15 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in Keystone Heights Cemetery with Father Mike Williams officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. William's Roman Catholic Church in Keystone Heights.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Bonnie Green

STARKE—Bonnie "Idell" Jackson Green, 92, of Starke died Saturday, April 12, 2014 at E.T. York Hospice Care center in Gainesville. She was born on May 26, 1921 in Covington County, Ala. to the late Martin David and Emma Irene (Bradley) Jackson and moved to Bradford County in 1936. Prior to retirement, she worked as a farmer and was a homemaker. She attended Bradford County schools and Oak Grove Baptist Church in Baker County. She was preceded in death by her husband Delbert Green.

Survivors are: children, Karron (Sammy) Harris of Starke and Nathan D. (Marie) Green of Melrose; sister, Aziel Lavender of Alachua; and two grandchildren.

Joan Holt

LAKE BUTLER—Joan Malinda Holt, 73, of Lake Butler died Sunday, April 13, 2014 at ET York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born Aug. 18, 1940 at Lake Shore Hospital to the late Howard and Isabel Banks Mann. She lived most of her life in Lake Butler, moving away to Gilchrist County where she worked as a CNA at the Medic Ayers Nursing Home until she returned to Union County 17 years ago. She

was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lake Butler. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas A. Holt, Sr.

She is survived by: daughters, Beverly (Ron) Wise of Lake Butler and Christine (Bruce) Smith of Lake Butler; son, Thomas A. Holt, Jr. of Lake Butler; seven grandchildren

and 17 great-grandchildren; and sister, Torena Rowe of Starke. Funeral services were held April 16 in the First United Methodist Church in Lake Butler with Pastor Dan Search officiating. Burial followed at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Mackenzie Konkel

LAWTEY—Mackenzie Lynne Konkel, 1, of Lawtey, died Saturday April 12, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville, on Jan. 30, 2013 to Scott Michael Konkel and Karen Dragner Konkel.

She is survived by: her parents, Scott and Karen Konkel of Lawtey; her paternal grandparents, George and Cathy Konkel; her maternal grandparents, Thomas and Sue Dragner; aunts and uncles, George (Mary) Konkel, Sharon (Rusty) Anderson, Michelle (Jason) Edwards, Tommy (Kelly) Dragner, and Denise (Jason) Zicarelli.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 17, at Northside Baptist Church with Pastor Randall Griffiths officiating. The interment will immediately follow in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Father Andy Blaszkowski as celebrant.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, of Starke.



William Lewis, Jr.

William Lewis, Jr.

RAIFORD—William Buckner Lewis, Jr. lost his battle with cancer on Monday April 14, 2014. Bucky was born on June 13, 1941 in Valdosta, Ga. to the late W. B. Lewis, Sr. and Pauline Coffman Lewis and grew up in Jasper. He attended public schools in Union County and graduated a Cadet Captain from Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Ga. "Class of 1959" and was also a graduate of Valdosta State College. Bucky served his country in the United States Army Reserves. He worked hard and was fortunate enough to secure a job with the U.S.

Government as a Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agent. He was stationed mainly in Gainesville, Ga. Bucky retired from ATF in 1991 and moved to Raiford where he got involved with beekeeping, a hobby he truly enjoyed. He was associated with both the Mason and the Shriners. Bucky was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Dorothy Sue Lewis, Vivian Allen Cash and Martha Marie Lewis.

Bucky was married to the former Sue McGowan of Quitman, Ga. They have two children, Martha Lewis Vega Velez and her husband Melvin Vega Velez of Anchorage, Alaska and Leslie Nadine Roake and her husband Dr. Brian Roake, M.D. of Panama City; four grandchildren, Cheryl Ann Vega Velez, Marlisa Vega Velez, Trevor and Gavin Roake. Also surviving Bucky is his sister Beverly Lewis Breckenridge, his brother Paul (Carol) Lewis both of Raiford, and John (Sara) Lewis of Pensacola Beach.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with his cousin Rev. John McGowan officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 West U.S. 90 Lake City, FL 32055 or to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1298, Jasper, FL 32052.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper is in charge of arrangements. PAID OBITUARY

Johnny McCutchen

STARKE—Johnny J. McCutchen, 68, of Starke died on Saturday April 12, 2014 at Jacksonville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Raiford on Feb. 6, 1946 and later moved to Starke. He was of Baptist faith and worked in construction as a cement finisher.

He is survived by: daughters, Valerie McCutchen and Lavanda McCutchen both of Starke; brothers, L.C. McCutchen and Thomas McCutchen both of Starke; sisters, Barbara Dean and Mamie Mitchell both of Starke, Felicia Cohen of Lake Butler, and Charlotte Mandez of Newberry; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19,

at the Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Michael McDuffie Eulogist. Interment will be held in Bethlehem Memorial Park Cemetery in Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 18 at the Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 4—5:00 p.m. and Friends 5—7:00 p.m. and 1 hour prior to services at the Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc.

Waldena McDonald

LAKE CITY—Mrs. Waldena A. McDonald, 76, died Saturday April 5, 2014 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, after an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Oscar and Mamie Charles Ash, the widow of the late Dennis R. McDonald. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of the Lake City Church of God.

She is survived by: her daughter, Marilyn (Copper) Nelson of Chipley; three sons, Phillip R. (Karen) McDonald, Gregory McDonald, and Rodney D. (Ruby) McDonald all of Lake City; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and five nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Waldena were held April 8 in the Lake City Church of God with Reverend Carroll Lee officiating and Reverend Timothy Futch. Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Swift Creek Cemetery.

Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL 32025. PAID OBITUARY

Charles Perry, Jr.

MELROSE—Charles Priest Perry, Jr. died on Monday April 14, 2014 surrounded by family at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. Born Aug. 11, 1932 at the family homestead near Melrose.

He is predeceased by his daughter, Cathy Jean Perry Whitworth; sister, Emily Perry Lee; and parents C. Priest Perry, Sr. and Beulah Roberson Perry. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a lineman, and a certified master watchmaker, and farmer.

He is survived by: Jean, his wife of 61 years; his sons, Charles III and Joseph; daughters-in-law, Terry and Janet; son-in-law, Anthony Whitworth; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights on Friday, April 18 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment services will follow at the Perry Family Section in the Eham Baptist Cemetery in Melrose. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose.

John Rowe

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—John Smith Rowe, 81, of Keystone Heights passed away at his residence, on Saturday April 12, 2014. John was born on Jan. 31, 1933 in Jacksonville to the late Hoke Smith Rowe and Theresa Sweitzer Rowe. He served in the U.S. Army, and graduated from U.F. in 1957 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a charter member of Keystone United Methodist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, John Allen.

He is survived by: his wife of 57 years, Dorothy "Dot" Rowe; daughters, Cheryl Allen and Pattye (Kenny) McLean; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild all of Keystone Heights.

Memorial services were held on April 15 at Keystone Heights Cemetery with Rev. Dennis White officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Keystone United Methodist Church for the Youth Group, P.O. Box 744, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.



Shane Savoy

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Shane Tyler Savoy, age 18, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, April 11, 2014 at Shands at the University of Florida. Shane was born on March 24, 1996 in Washington, D.C. to Wayne Addison Savoy and Melissa Ann Savoy. Shane was a senior at Keystone Heights High School and enjoyed playing video games, listening to music, and spending time with his friends. Shane also

loved to cook and had aspirations of going to culinary school upon graduation from Keystone Heights High School. Shane was known as a very thoughtful young man whose selfless act on the morning of April 11, saved the life of one of his friends.

Shane is survived by: his parents, Wayne and Melissa Savoy of Keystone Heights, his brother, Brendon Tippet, sisters, Victoria "Tori" Savoy and Courtney Savoy, nephew, Dylan Alton Tippet, his maternal great-grandmother, Blanche Simmons, maternal grandparents, Charles and Ruby Lynch, paternal grandparents, the late James Auburn Savoy and Evelyn "Jean" Savoy, Aunts Kathy (Brain) Tucker, Toni Reyes, Debbie (Dennis) Fortney, and Barbara "2T" (Rob) Coker; Uncle Ricky (Christine) Smith, and numerous cousins, great aunts and uncles, friends, and teachers.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 3:00 pm at Lake Hill Baptist Church in Keystone Heights, with Pastor Jim Snell officiating. The family will receive friends starting at 1 pm, until time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Fred Smith

STARKE—Fred D. Smith 96, of Starke died Friday, April 11, 2014 at his residence. He was born on March 4, 1918 in Glen White, West Va. to the late Owen and Mary (Johnson) Smith and moved to Starke in 1952 from West Virginia. Prior to retirement he worked as a coal miner, and worked as a shipping clerk at NAS Jacksonville. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and was a member of

Pentecostal Lighthouse Fellowship Church. He was preceded in death by: his brothers, Robert Smith, James Smith, William Smith and Donald Smith.

Survivors are: his wife of 70 years, Oleda Beatrice (Jones) Smith of Starke; children, Barbara Ann (Scott) Biron of Greenville, S.C., A. Wayne (Tami) Smith of Lake Butler, C. David (Lanay) Smith of Gainesville; siblings, George O. Smith of Texas, and Helen S. Burnside of Ft. McCoy; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held on April 14. Interment followed in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Reverend Terry Qualls and Reverend Wayne Spratlin officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, 325 Christian Street, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Faye Williamson

LAKE CITY—Faye Edith Williamson, 75, of Lake City died Saturday, April 12, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville on April 30, 1938 to the late Mitchell R. Holcomb and Iona Basmore Holcomb. She was a resident of Starke for ten years and was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, George E. Williamson; and her sons, Richard and Gary Sutton.

Faye is survived by: her children, Michael E. (Brenda Lee) Sutton of Starke, and Carolyn E. (Roger) Robinson of Lake City; her 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 3:00 pm at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville with Pastor Larry Sweat officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services.

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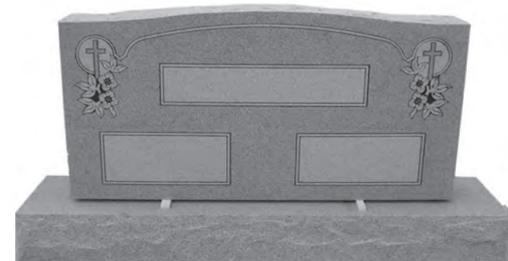


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Ardley wins title for BHS at district meet

Kearris Ardley won the high-jump championship, while fellow Bradford High School teammates helped the Tornados qualify for regionals in five other events at the District 5-2A track and field meet on April 10 in Gainesville.

Ardley cleared 6-2 in the high jump, which was 6 inches better than runner-up William Barlow of Palatka.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the April 16 Region 2 meet at Orlando's First Academy.

Bradford's Kenny Dinkins was the district runner-up in the 400m with a time of 49.63, which placed him behind champion Ka'ven Berry of Palatka, who had a time of 49.07. The boys' 4x400m relay team of Ardley, Dinkins, Chris Barron and Brenton Ruise placed third with a time of 3:38.80. Diontre Jonas placed third in the 200m with a time of 22.59 and fourth in the 100m with a time of 11.03.

Sarah Frederick earned the lone regional berth for Bradford on the girls' side, placing fourth in the 1600m with a time of 6:21.72.

Frederick just missed qualifying in the 3200m, placing fifth with a time of 15:49.62.

Dinkins and Barron also earned fifth-place finishes—Dinkins in the 200m with a time of 22.80 and Barron in the 400m with a time of 52.97.

The boys' 4x800m relay team of Kristopher Padgett, Taylor Sanders, Robert Martin and Tyler Oliver placed sixth with a time of 10:31.39. Ardley placed seventh in the long jump (18-10), while Alec Harden was seventh in the

discus (107-4).

Harden also placed eighth in the shot put (40-1), while Alec Nazworth was ninth in the 1600m (5:17.34).

Bradford had two 10th-place finishers in Barron in the 200m (23.39) and Ruise in the 400m (56.96).

Other boys' results for Bradford, which placed fifth in the team standings, were: Scotty Peirce 58.14 in the 400m, Sanders 2:32.31 in the 800m, Martin 2:39.57 in the 800m, Oliver 2:45.44 in the 800m, Greg Kersey 5:18.95 in the 1600m and Padgett 5:41.09 in the 1600m.

Bradford's Brooke Shireman competed in the shot put (23-7) and discus (60-9).

Tigers Cook, Slocum advance to regionals

Union County High School's Kristen Cook and Nancy Slocum qualified for regional competition with their fourth-place performances at the District 5-2A track and field meet, which was held April 10 in Gainesville.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to move on to the April 16 Region 2 meet at First Academy in Orlando.

Cook will advance in the shot put after a fourth-place distance of 31-3.75, earning the last regional berth ahead of Fort White's Rykia Jackson, who had a distance of 30-5.

Slocum's time of 28.03 in the 200m earned the last regional berth ahead of Palatka's Kari Rasher, who had a time of 28.14.

Cook just missed out on qualifying in the discus with a fifth-place throw of 89-3.

Swansee's Genesis Leggett placed fourth with a throw of 91-4.

On the boys' side, Union's Daquin "Buddy" Edwards placed fifth in the shot put with a distance of 41-2.25, finishing behind Newberry's Jalen Parks, who had a distance of 42-6.5.

Slocum earned a seventh-place finish in the 400m with a time of 1:11.50.

Jakia Green also competed in the girls' competition, reaching a distance of 22-4 in the shot put.

Boys' team member Josh Scott competed in the shot put, recording a distance of 36-1.5.

3 just miss out on regionals for Keystone

Keystone Heights High School's Earl Hall, Sabriya Bacote and Caitlin Cumbus each fell one spot shy of qualifying for regional competition, earning fifth-place finishes at the District 5-2A track and field meet on April 10 in Gainesville.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to compete in the Thursday, April 17, Region 2 meet in Orlando.

Hall's fifth-place finish came in the 110m hurdles with a time of 18.10, leaving him behind fourth-place finisher Lavontae Gilyard of Palatka, who had a time of 18.07.

Bacote and Cumbus earned their fifth-place finishes in the 400m and 800m, respectively, with times of 1:08.31 and 2:49.85. Palatka's Lacey Jones earned the final regional bid in the 400m with a time of 1:05.79, while Newberry's Megan Smith earned the final bid in the 800m with a time of 2:45.90.

SIMS

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to her background, having grown up around logging because of her father, David.

"She knows what she's doing," Stone said. "She can run a chainsaw. She can run a knuckleboom (crane). She's 100 percent the real deal."

Though Sims hit it right off with her fellow Dreadknots, it took a little longer to get used to being surrounded by a television crew.

"When you first start filming, you kind of have to work around everybody on the film crew and everybody on the boat," Sims said, "but then a couple of weeks into it, it's just like you push them out of your way, or they will get out of your way."

Sims described the experience of seeing herself on TV for the first time awkward. Roberts said it's one of those strange moments along with someone who you've never met before excited about the chance to meet you.

"Those are all the surreal moments," Roberts said.

The same can be said for seeing yourself doing something on camera that you don't remember doing.

"I've got a line about the Titanic that I have no recollection of saying whatsoever," Roberts said. "I said it, and it was great, but I don't remember saying it."

You could forgive any of the Dreadknots for forgetting something they said or did. Stone said six hours of aired footage has been culled from approximately

1,400 hours of video.

"It's crazy to actually see what they used, what they didn't use, what they should've used and what we wished they would've used," Stone said.

There is lots of "hilarious" footage that TV viewers never get to see, Roberts said. Like the Slip 'N Slide, which Roberts described as "awesome."

"It was a Slip 'N Slide that went from the hotel to the ocean, let's just put it that way," Stone said.

Since joining the show for its seventh season, Sims has proven to be quite popular. Her Facebook page has approximately 8,000 followers.

That's no surprise to Roberts, who joked that Sims was bound to become popular hanging out with him and Stone.

"Awesome begets awesome," Roberts said.

Sims quickly added, "When you've got three awesome things happening at one time, you've got greatness. That's what we've got—greatness."

Roberts said he's glad to see how popular Sims has become.

"I told Katelyn when she came on that I hoped she took off and that this was the springboard to something great for her."

The popularity, the clowning around, the Slip 'N Slides—it's all good, but what Sims enjoys the most is using "Ax Men" and her Facebook site to talk about cystic fibrosis. Reading encouraging messages from people or being able to enlighten people about cystic fibrosis tops being a TV celebrity.

"I feel like I'm making people aware of (cystic fibrosis)," Sims

said. "They'll always send a message, 'Hey, I heard you have this,' or, 'I Googled your name, and I saw this CF thing about you.' They ask questions about it. When they ask questions, you're obviously educating them about it, which is an awesome feeling, knowing that you're telling them something they didn't know before."

The more people are educated about cystic fibrosis, the quicker the disease can be eliminated, Roberts said. He and Stone are willing to help Sims do whatever it takes to bring about that reality.

"Anything that can possibly be done, you sign us up, we're there," Stone said.

The people of Bradford County have greatly supported her in her fundraising efforts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said Sims, whose efforts helped create an annual Great Strides fundraising walk. Making an appearance at the Bradford County Fair and bringing Roberts and Stone along with her is just a small way of saying thanks, she said.

"It may not be much, but it's a little bit to give back," Sims said.

Sims said she would definitely consider other TV opportunities in the future so that she can continue in her efforts to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis. For now, though, she sounds happy to be a part of "Ax Men" as long as the show will have her.

"It's just something that you go and do every day just like any other job," Sims said. "It's the same routine every day. It's normal to me."

Well, as normal as spending time with Capt. Clint and the Kraken can be.

FINS, FUR & TAILS

Harper no stranger to turkey 'grand slam'

When Lamar Williams was asked if he knew any local hunter who had scored a wild turkey "grand slam," he said, "Go see Tommy Harper. He's a great turkey hunter and loves to travel and hunt. I'm sure he has."

Well, it turns out that Harper has scored a grand slam 11 times, meaning that he has bagged Eastern, Osceola, Merriam and Rio sub-species of wild turkeys 11 different times. That does not mean that he has only taken 11 of each, because he and his hunting group have already harvested 11 local turkeys this year.

One of Harper's major hunting goals is to travel to Mexico and take a Gould turkey. That achievement would give him the right to claim credit for a "royal slam."

When asked what his favorite turkey is, he said, "Probably the Merriam because they are so pretty. The amount of white color distribution on their wings and tail make them a beautiful bird."



Tommy Harper displays two Rio wild turkeys taken in Cheyenne, Okla. Harper has scored a turkey "grand slam" 11 times.

Dottie Harper and Bryan Nazworth display two Merriam wild turkeys taken in Faith, S.D. Merriam turkeys display the color white on their wings and tips of their tails.



For illustration, Tommy provided the accompanying photograph of his wife, Dottie Harper, and Bryan Nazworth holding a pair of Merriams. Note the amount of white on the wings and tip of the tail.

Fishing outlook

Bedding female bass are still

being taken out of local lakes, but their days are limited.

Kingsley has given up the largest ones this season, but Mike Clemmons has done his best to keep Sampson/Rowell well represented. Within the last few weeks he has landed one 8-plus-pound and one 9-plus-pound bedding female out of the dual-lake area.

We also previously published a photograph of Kaylee Fowler and a bass of approximately 10 pounds. Subsequent to that catch, relatives from Georgia—Pete Mangham and Tommy Fowler—caught similar bass in the same private lake.

The pan fish are in the process of swapping locations. The specks have fewer numbers in the shallow water, but those that are caught appear larger, according to Joey Tyson of Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle. As the water warms, they will be seeking their preferred cooler water in deeper areas. As they move outward,

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BHS goes 2-0 in regular season's final week

Bradford High School's softball team defeated Gainesville and Palatka to close out the regular season. Pitcher Ashton Adkins gave up four hits and no walks in a 2-1 win over visiting Gainesville on April 8. She had seven strikeouts. Mackenzie Gault and Lindsey Wiggins each drove in a run, while Jordan Davis went 2-for-3. Adkins homered and drove in three runs in a 6-0 win over visiting Palatka on April 10. Jordan Davis hit a solo home run, while Annie Luke and Lainie Rodgers each hit a double and drove in a run. Taylor Cruce went 2-for-3 with a double, while Sabina Watson added a double. In the circle, Adkins gave up four hits and one walk, while striking out eight.

Union splits last 2 games before tourney

Union County High School's softball team defeated Chiefland to earn the number-two seed in the District 7-1A tournament before losing its regular-season finale to Baldwin. On April 9, the Tigers traveled to play district opponent Chiefland, getting three RBI each from Jordan Howe and Kendallyn Johns in a 13-11 win

in eight innings. Howe was 2-for-5 with a double, while Johns was 3-for-5 with a double. Valerie Seay and Kaylan Tucker were each 3-for-5 with two runs scored. Tucker had two RBI. Devin Lewis drove in two runs and drew two walks, while Katie Zipperer went 2-for-5 with an RBI. Zipperer scored two runs, while Kayla Andrews drove in a run. Jordyn Driggers drew three walks and scored three runs. Tucker earned the win, giving up three hits and two walks in four innings of relief. Union closed the regular season with a 5-2 loss to visiting Baldwin on April 11. Tucker and Zipperer went 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Zipperer hitting a double. Andrews and Johns each went 2-for-4, with Johns hitting a double and driving in two runs.

Keystone wraps up top seed in district baseball tournament

Morgan Bass gave up one run in a complete-game effort as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeated host Fort White 3-1 on April 10. The win resulted in the Indians earning the number-one seed in the District 5-4A tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Santa Fe High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament

schedule.) Tristan Starling hit an RBI single in the first, while Kyle Hix had an RBI double in the third. Storm Miller hit a double, while Tyler Ricketts scored Keystone's third run on an error in the seventh inning. Bass allowed six hits, while striking out five. It was a rebound win for Keystone, which lost 7-2 to host Bishop Snyder on April 9. Hix drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, while Jerrett Tschorn hit an RBI single. Starling and Tyler Keaton each hit a double. Pitchers Ricketts, Austin Bass and Wyatt Harvin gave up no hits, but the Indians committed six errors. After their big district win over Fort White, the Indians traveled to play Ridgeview on April 14, winning 6-4. Blake Richardson went 3-for-4 with a two-RBI single in the first, while Morgan Bass went 2-for-4. Keystone broke a 3-3 tie by striking a run on a dropped third strike. The Indians' final two runs were a result of errors. Dean Dukes earned the win, giving up four hits in 3.2 innings of relief. The Indians (13-10) played New York's Iroquois this past Tuesday and will host Clay on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Tornadoes are 2nd seed after Santa Fe loss

Bradford High School's baseball team entered the game tied atop the District

5-4A standings with Keystone Heights, but couldn't overcome a 3-0 first inning by the visitors in a 3-1 loss to Santa Fe on April 10. The Tornadoes (14-8, 7-3) will be the second seed in the District 5 tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Santa Fe High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament schedule.) Santa Fe took advantage of three singles, a hit batter and a walk to go up 3-0 in the top of the first, but was held in check the rest of the game by pitcher Jacob Luke. Luke gave up one hit and struck out seven in 6.2 innings of relief. Luke provided the Tornadoes with their lone run off of a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first. Jackson Reddish and Carson Yowell went 3-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, but the rest of the Bradford lineup produced only two hits. Prior to playing Santa Fe, Wyatt Barnes and Justin Williams each had two RBI to help the Tornadoes defeat visiting Eastside 11-0 in five innings on April 8. Barnes went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while Luke was 2-for-2 with a triple and an RBI. Zach DeWitt, David Hall and Caleb Polk each had an RBI, while Reddish hit a double and scored two runs.

Alex Mejias scored two runs as well. Polk (4-1) started on the mound and earned the win, giving up one hit and striking out four in three innings. DeWitt threw two innings of relief, allowing no hits. Bradford played Forrest this past Tuesday and will host Suwannee on Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

Tigers defeat Newberry, earn district's 2nd seed

Pitchers Jordan Bryant, Josh Glover and Trey Owen held Newberry scoreless as the Union County High School baseball team defeated the host Panthers 4-0 on April 11. With the win, the Tigers earned the second seed in the District 7 tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Williston High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament schedule.) They finished their district schedule with a 5-3 record. Corey Hersey and Chris Starling each had an RBI, while Owen was 2-for-3 in helping Union win its fourth district game in a row.

Bryant (1-0) started and earned the win, giving up three hits and two walks in five innings. Glover allowed one hit in one inning, while Owen gave up no hits and no walks in one inning. It was the fifth win in a row overall for the Tigers. Prior to playing Newberry, they defeated host St. Francis 11-1 in five innings on April 9. Owen and Cole Kite each went 2-for-3 with two RBI, with Kite scoring three runs. Hersey and Austin Green were each 2-for-4, with Hersey driving in two runs and Green driving in one. Caleb Cox and Garrett Hersey each drove in a run, with Cox hitting a double and Hersey scoring two runs. Ty Cook hit a double. Starling and Colten McAllister did a good job getting on base, with Starling drawing two walks and scoring two runs and McAllister drawing three walks. Starting pitcher Corey Hersey (4-0) struck out six in four innings, giving up one hit and one walk. Owen gave up one hit and struck out two in one inning. After defeating Newberry, the Tigers traveled to play Suwannee, losing 11-1 on April 14. Corey Hersey's double was the team's only hit. Union (12-6) played Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play Crescent City on Thursday, April 17, at 5 p.m.

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however, the bream will be moving in. Tyson also indicated that more bream are being caught in the shallows, where they are staging for the full-moon spawn on April 15. On the saltwater front, the sheepshead bite is strong on both coasts. Black drum should be available inshore on both coasts at selected locations. Some Spanish, blue fish, whiting and pompano are showing up on the east-coast surf.



Pete Mangham (left) and Tommy Fowler (below left) show off similar-sized bass caught in the same private Keystone lake.



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Bradford's Collins to play baseball at Trinity Baptist

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School middle infielder Wyatt Collins will be part of building a new baseball program after signing a letter of

intent to play at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville.

"It's just exciting to put all my work toward baseball, and now it's finally paying off," Collins said after an April 11 signing

ceremony in the BHS media center. "I'm just glad I get to play baseball at the collegiate level."

Trinity announced earlier this year it was adding baseball to its athletic program. Collins is one



Bradford High School baseball player Wyatt Collins signs a letter of intent to play at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville. Collins is seated between his parents, Christine and Wyatt, while pictured in the back are (l-r) BHS head coach Stewart Duncan, Trinity Baptist assistant coach Alex Martinez and BHS assistant coach Mike Hartley.

going to be the first team to actually set the tone for the next couple of years," Collins, a second baseman/shortstop, said. "It's just exciting to be with a new program because you're

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Bradford High School senior Markel Parks signs a letter of intent to play football at Tabor College. He is seated between his parents, Louis Parks and Dawn Hall, while BHS head coach Steve Reynolds looks on.

Bradford's Parks signs to play football at Tabor College

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

He didn't like football when he first began playing in ninth grade, but Bradford High School senior Markel Parks eventually fell in love with the sport.

Now, he's got the chance to extend his playing days, signing a letter of intent to play at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan.

Parks, a defensive lineman, received an offer from the school in the mail not long before signing his official paperwork during a signing ceremony on

April 11 in the BHS media center.

"I was jumping up and down on the couch," Parks said, describing his reaction to Tabor's offer.

Tabor, as a private, Christian college, offers more than just the chance to play at the next level.

"I like the values this school offers," Parks said. "It's a heavy Christian school. That's what I really like about it."

Prior to high school, Parks had never played football, but he said he decided to give it a try since all his friends in ninth grade were playing.

"At first, I hated it," Parks said, noting that he particularly didn't enjoy the practices in the Florida heat.

However, the more he played, the more the sport grew on him.

"I started to love it," he said. Bradford head coach Steve Reynolds said the Parks' best attributes are his size and strength.

"He's a huge person that's difficult to move around," Reynolds said.

Plus, as someone who didn't begin playing until his freshman year, he has a lot of upside.

"We think he has a lot of raw talent to offer," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said Parks made huge strides his junior season and proved versatile this past season, moving into the noseguard position after the graduation of Phillip James.

"He did a great job with that," Reynolds said.

When asked to describe how he thinks he'll feel when he steps onto the field for the first time as a Tabor player, Parks said, "I'll probably feel how I felt my freshman year (at BHS) when I stepped on the field. (I'll have) butterflies."

Initial nerves aside, there's no reason to think that Parks' game won't continue to develop.

"If he gets there early, applies himself throughout the summer and learns the system, I don't see why he can't get on the field next year," Reynolds said. "I think he's got a bright future ahead of him."



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KHHS' Skinner signs to play volleyball at St. Petersburg

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It was perhaps a late start compared to many college-bound athletes, but Keystone Heights High School senior Keerston Skinner turned just four years of volleyball into an opportunity at the next level, courtesy of St. Petersburg College.

Skinner admitted that she never thought she'd have the opportunity to play at the collegiate level.

"I'm excited," she said, following an April 7 signing ceremony in the KHHS media center. "I'm thankful that (St. Petersburg coach Scott White)

signed me."

The front-row player had never played the sport prior to her freshman year and can't really say why she wanted to start playing.

"Honestly, I don't know," Skinner said. "I really don't. I saw it one day, and I was like, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Once she began playing, she totally immersed herself into the sport.

"She eats, sleeps and breathes volleyball," Keystone head coach Nikki Jolley said. "I'm not kidding. She loves it."

During her senior season, Skinner had matches where she recorded 10 and 11 kills against

bigger schools Ridgeview and Palatka. She also had a 13-kill, six service-ace performance in a win over Fort White late in the season and tallied 13 kills in a loss to Santa Fe in the semifinals of the District 5-4A tournament.

Now, Skinner gets to see what she can do beyond high school, an opportunity Jolley described as "amazing."

"She is a wonderful person all the way around," Jolley said. "No one deserves it more than her."

St. Petersburg coach Scott White said Skinner as "a big, strong kid" he's eager to have as a part of his team.

"I'm looking forward to



KHHS senior Keerston Skinner signs her letter of intent to play volleyball at St. Petersburg College. She is seated between her mother, Dru'Anne Singletary, and St. Petersburg head coach Scott White.

working with her and taking (her game) to the next level," White said.

Skinner said she hopes she can

get the chance to play elsewhere following two years at St. Petersburg. Jolley has no doubts about that happening.

"I really don't think she'll go just two years," Jolley said. "I think once those two years are up, she'll keep going."

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Trinity assistant coach Alex Martinez said from everything the Trinity staff has heard, Collins is the type of person they want to be a part of the new

program.

"He's a high-character kid," Martinez said. "That's really what we're aiming for. The baseball part of it will take care of itself."

Bradford head coach Stewart Duncan said Collins has put in the effort necessary to be

successful. Now, that effort has led to an opportunity to play after high school.

"It's good when a kid sets a goal, works toward that goal and then you see him accomplish that," Duncan said. "He's a good kid."

Duncan said Collins is

versatile enough to be able to play anywhere. He's fast enough to play in the outfield, but when it comes to Collins' play in the infield, Duncan said, "He reads the ball good off the bat. He usually positions himself to catch a good ball instead of letting the ball play him. He's got good, fundamental footwork."

"He's accurate on his throws. He's as good as has been here in a while."

Duncan said Collins should thrive after taking part in Trinity Baptist's conditioning program designed for baseball players only.

"I think he'll be fine," Duncan said. "He's a hard worker."

Whatever is asked of him, he does, and he usually goes beyond that."

Collins can't wait to step onto the field for the first time as a Trinity Baptist player.

"I think it's going to be a really nervous and amazing feeling," he said.

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