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Inside: Data breach at Starke hospital - Clay County's first charter school opens

Bradford sheriff investigating death of Midway businessman

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office is investigating the Aug. 18 death of a Seminole Ridge resident.

Raymond Hedrick, 53, the owner of Hedrick's Hair Salon in Midway, was found dead by his mother.

According to Capt. Brad Smith of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, the two shared a home and the mother had been away for a few hours running errands. When she returned, she found Hedrick in the kitchen.

Smith added that investigators found no signs of foul play at the scene and that the deceased had lacerations on his head consistent with him falling on the kitchen floor.

Smith also said that because Hedrick's personal physician refused to sign off on the death certificate, investigators sent the body to the Alachua County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

Smith said that the medical examiner completed the autopsy on Aug. 19 but toxicology and other lab tests may delay the



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conclusion of the investigation for several weeks.

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been working by appointment only from his S.R. 21 salon and was not maintaining regular business hours.

Keystone firefighters honor fallen student, former chief



IN MEMORY
JIM ZOWARKA
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IN MEMORY: "DJ"
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Fire Department Chief Kevin Mobley places a brick in honor of his son, DJ Mobley.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - The Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department honored two of its former members last week by dedicating bricks in their memories.

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Clay School board to sue county commissioners



Clay County Commissioners (l-r) Ronnie Robinson, Diane Hutchings, Wendell Davis,

Chereese Stewart and Doug Conkey, during an Aug. 19 meeting.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Clay County School Board voted to hire a law firm to sue the county commission that would force the commission to put a ballot question on the November, 2014 ballot.

In July, the school board passed a resolution requesting county commissioners to place on the 2014 general election ballot a question asking voters if the school board should appoint the superintendent rather than voters electing the officer, as they do now.

During their Aug. 12 meeting, commissioners voted to put the ballot question on the 2016 ballot, rather than the 2014 ballot.

Chief Assistant County Attorney Fran Moss told commissioners that after receiving the ballot question from the school board, passing it along to the supervisor of elections was a ministerial act, one that commissioners are required to fulfill.

She added that if commissioners failed to approve the school board's measure for the ballot, their action could be seen as an abuse of power.

Commission Chair Wendell Davis told his colleagues they had no choice but to put the question on the ballot.

"As an elected official under oath to obey Florida law, and under the advice of counsel," he said, "there is no alternative-

none-but to put it on the ballot." Davis also said that failing to put the question on the ballot would invite a costly lawsuit the county could not afford.

"We have a budget in trouble and inviting a lawsuit and paying someone else's legal fees seems rather harmful to our citizens," he said.

Commissioner Ronnie Robinson made the motion to push the question of an appointed vs. elected superintendent into 2016. He said he based his motion on his interpretation of the word "timely" in the statute which reads,

"To submit the proposition to the electors, the district school board by formal resolution shall request an election that shall be at a general election or a statewide primary or special election. The board of county commissioners, upon such timely request from the district school board, shall cause to be placed on the ballot at such election the proposition to make the office of district school superintendent appointive."

Robinson said that in his opinion, the word "timely" did not simply mean enough time to get the measure on the ballot. He said it meant for enough time for the voters to understand the issue.

"We know he's got time to get it on the ballot," Robinson said of Supervisor of Elections Chris

Chambless. "I think what they are talking about is that this shouldn't come up quickly for the citizens of Clay County."

"We are not refusing to put this on the ballot," Robinson continued. "We are offering to put this on the ballot which will allow enough time for these problems to be cleared up, and when it's over it will be a legal and binding vote."

During an Aug. 15 meeting of the school board, the panel voted 3-2, with Lisa Graham and Johnna McKinnon dissenting, to hire legal counsel and take the county commission to court.

Board member Janice Kerekes place the blame for the court action on the county commission.

"This falls squarely on the backs of our county commissioners," she said of the pending lawsuit. "And for those three county commissioners that failed to uphold the law, and have ignored the Florida Statutes, you are now personally responsible to the taxpayers."

Board member Tina Bullock told the audience at Fleming Island High School, "You are here tonight because county commissioners did not do their jobs. We did not bring you back here, they sent you back here."

She then compared county commissioners' dislike for the ballot question to her own disagreement about a 25 mph speed zone she traveled through earlier in the day.

"I could have gotten out of

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High school football player dies at Camp Blanding

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

CAMP BLANDING - A high school football player participating in pre-season drills at Camp Blanding died on Aug. 13.

William Shogran Jr., a home school student who was a member of the Sebastian River High School football team, died after experiencing vomiting and dizziness during football workouts. Shogran was the son of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper William Shogran Sr.

The football team was at the military facility conducting its start-of-season camp when the 14-year-old became ill. A coach who called 911 told a Clay County Fire Rescue dispatcher that the student had a "heat injury" and was conscious, but had earlier vomited and was breathing erratically.

Clay County Sheriff's Office Public Information Coordinator, Mary Justino wrote in an email that the investigation into Shogran's death is ongoing, and the Alachua County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy the day following the incident. She also wrote that the cause of death will not likely be determined until toxicology and other test results come back from labs, which may take weeks.

Based on interviews of players and coaches, conducted by Homicide Detective Kathryn Padgett, Justino provided a synopsis of the events leading to

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After player's death, fire chief wants better response time

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

CAMP BLANDING - Clay County Fire Rescue Chief Lorin Mock said his agency's nearly six-minute response time to a football player suffering heat distress symptoms less than one mile from CCFR's Station 25 on Camp Blanding points to the need for better technology.

On Aug. 13, a coach from Sebastian River High School's football team called 911 to report a player suffering from vomiting and dizziness.

About five minutes later, as a CCFR truck was seen approaching the player, 14-year-old William Shogran Jr. lost consciousness. Emergency medical workers rushed him to Shands Starke where he later died.

When asked if he thought the five minute, fifty-eight second response time was in line with his department's standards, Mock replied that under normal conditions, the time would not be satisfactory. The chief added that the delay was primarily due to inadequate directions given by the caller about the location of the player and an erroneous assessment of how serious the player's condition was at the time of the call.

The caller initially told a CCFR dispatcher that the team was on a field near Camp Blanding's front

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Judge: State attorney's office broke public records law

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

JACKSONVILLE - A circuit judge ruled earlier this month that State Attorney Angela Corey's Office violated Florida's public records law.

Corey's office prosecutes crimes in Clay, Nassau and Duval counties.

According to Judge Karen Cole's Aug. 1 ruling, retired attorney Curtis Lee, in 2011, requested documents from the State Attorney's Office relating to Corey's investigation of the Jacksonville Police Fire and Pension Fund and its board of trustees.

Cole wrote that the State Attorney's Office, along with three assistant state attorneys assigned to manage public records requests, "failed to comply with their statutory duties...by unlawfully refusing to permit public records to be copied under reasonable conditions and in a timely manner."

Cole added that the violations were not willful.

The judge also ruled that the office's policy of requiring a cashier's check, money order or business check for copies of public records, "while rejecting other forms of payment (cash, credit cards, personal checks) unlawfully burdens the right of Florida citizens to obtain public records 'under reasonable conditions.'"

She ordered the office to start

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Scooters slowly appear in Lake Region

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Let's face it: if your gender identity is tied to the size of your pick-up truck, a new moped may not be right for you. If you're a more secure and practical person, you might want to read this and do more research online.

The moped experience is growing in America. The little scooters--Vespas for example--have long been the substance of Chinese traffic, retirement villages, Thai taxis and Italian films. They crept onto American shores as student transportation in college towns.

Now they're showing up all

footwell, since the brakes are on the moped's handles.

"I ride it back and forth to work almost every day," Watkins said. He works at a Keystone Kangaroo and chooses to call his vehicle a moped. Both men pointed out areas on their mopeds where surprising amounts of cargo could be stored when hauling supplies.

But it carrying capacity is still limited, the two men said the moped is an affordable ride. Watkins bought his Aeolus50 Passport2 secondhand, and paid \$300 for it. He's had to put work into it since then, he added. Frey bought his \$700 Solana 50 Jonway new from a dealer.

up, and the tank keeps them going for up to two weeks. Some mopeds advertise as much as 160 miles to the gallon.

Dan Hildebran rides a Kymko Agility 50cc, but calls his vehicle a scooter. Prior to the scooter he's riding now, he had a 150cc model which was stolen when he developed mechanical problems and had to leave it overnight off a McRae-area road. The previous scooter ran 60 mph, the current model runs 30 and 40 mph.

As Monitor editor, Hildebran frequently rides to Green Cove Springs and Fleming Island at 30 and 40 miles per hour. He has ridden his scooter to Melrose, Palatka, Gainesville and even

Commuter profiles

takes advantage of the first shelter he finds.

Despite the scooter's drawbacks, Hildebran points out that he never has difficulty finding a place to park. He looks in the rearview mirror

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PLAYER

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the player's death. She wrote that the team, consisting of around 45, arrived at Camp Blanding at approximately 6 p.m. on Aug. 12. The team had a 45-minute evening workout in which Shogran participated. The team ate dinner and had lights out at 11 p.m.

The following day, Shogran participated in weight conditioning from approximately 6:15 a.m. to shortly before 7, when the team went to breakfast. After the meal, players returned to their barracks where they cleaned up their living areas, and waited for time to go to the field for practice.

At approximately 8:45 the team relocated to the field where team members participated in position drills.

Shogran, during this time, was heard by teammates saying that he did not feel well. The head coach and assistant coaches said that they had no knowledge of these statements at that time.

A short time later, Shogran was observed walking towards the sidelines where water was

located. When the head coach asked if he was okay, Shogran replied that he was dizzy. The coach said he then began providing the player with water and removed his shoulder pads and other equipment. The coach said Shogran then told him that he felt like he was going to pass out. The coach then called 911. The sheriff's office received the call at 10:47, and transferred it to Clay County Fire Rescue dispatchers.

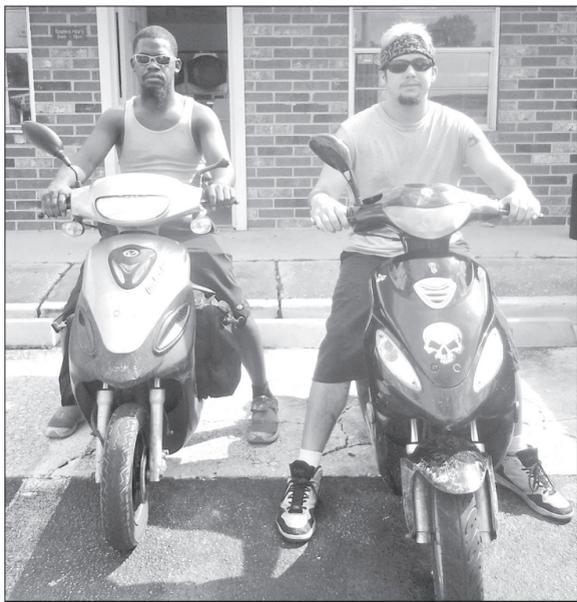
As CCFR personnel arrived, Shogran became lethargic and unresponsive. Firefighters performed CPR and transported the player to Shands Starke, where he was pronounced dead.

At 1:21, hospital personnel notified the sheriff's office that the player had died. The sheriff's office then sent patrol officers and Padgett to Camp Blanding to begin the investigation.

The team returned to Central Florida later in the day. The assistant superintendent for Indian River County Schools, Bill Fritz, said grief counselors would be on hand when the team reached the campus.

"The Sebastian River High School football team was at a team-building retreat in the Gainesville area today," he said, reading from a prepared statement. "We received a call late this morning indicating a player was in medical distress and later were informed that he passed away."

"The district and school are deeply saddened by this news," he continued, according to TePalm.com. "The team is en route back to Sebastian River High School this afternoon. Grief counselors are being made available to the players."



(L) Justin "J" Watkins and Marc Frey



Dan Hildebran

to St. Augustine. What's more, a northern Bradford County resident, he rides the scooter to his beat in Keystone Heights most days.

"About the only time I take the family car is if I have a passenger or I'm making a trash run," he said.

Hildebran has studied the routes he wants to take to get to his usual destinations; he avoids major highways as much as possible. On his daily trips to Keystone he takes S.R. 229 into Starke, then takes Colley Road to S.R. 100, about a quarter mile later he leaves 100 for Forsyth to the Meng Dairy Road, back to 100 until Tony's Pizza, then 18a to Immokalee and around and back to S.R. 21 just north of Brooklyn Bridge and to the Monitor office.

For most folks it's a convoluted route, but for Hildebran it represents safety. He is on S.R. 100 for only four miles of the 17-mile commute. While he stays away from S.R. 21 and S.R. 100, he's not as uncomfortable with U.S. 301.

"It's two lanes in both directions," he pointed out, "and it has a generous bike lane off to the side."

over the place and with plenty of good reasons.

We spoke to three men with ties to Keystone Heights about their scooters and mopeds to learn more.

Twenty-somethings Justin "J" Watkins and Marc Frey ride their mopeds out of necessity but just as often for pleasure. Fifty-something Monitor Editor Dan Hildebran said he rides his by choice as well as necessity.

All three men also have automobiles, or have owned automobiles at some point in their lives.

Here are some facts: mopeds and scooters come in various categories 50cc, 100cc, 250cc or more. The cc is a cubic centimeter measure, referring to engine capacity which affects how fast the moped will go, how much gas it will use and what the law requires.

If you have a 50cc moped (or less) it's top speed will be about 30-40 miles per hour. You must have a valid driver's license to ride it on a public highway. For 50cc engines or less, you do not need insurance.

If you have a moped over 50cc, it will run faster, up to 60 mph, but you must have medical insurance if you choose not to wear a helmet. For the larger capacity mopeds you must also have a motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license, which you get by taking a class.

Watkins lives in the High Ridge neighborhood; Frey in Keystone Heights and they say their friends and families refer to them as a "moped bromance." They ride together often, including at night. Both men are married or have partners and children.

"The best rides are under the stars on laid back, country roads," Frey said.

But the mopeds are not just for amusement. Both times we caught up with Watkins he had ridden his moped to the laundromat. He left with a duffle bag of clean clothes in the

"Sometimes I let my little boy take short rides with me, but he has to wear a helmet," Frey said. Instead of letting him ride on the passenger seat, Frey prefers to have the child stand in the foot well so he can watch the boy at all times.

The two men said they are not partial to riding on S.R. 100 toward Palatka, but think S.R. 21 is a fine ride. They have ridden their mopeds to Jacksonville, Gainesville, Palatka and other towns in the area.

There is supposedly a difference between a moped and a scooter, but usage has grown indistinct over the years. A moped was originally a vehicle that had both a motor and pedals, like a bicycle with a small engine on it. A scooter was a very small cc gas-motorized vehicle. The distinctions grew even more blurred with the advent of golf carts, disability vehicles, and electric bikes and scooters.

Both Watkins and Frey said their mopeds had one gallon tanks, cost about \$3.50 to fill

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RESPONSE

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gate. Firefighters went to a field surrounded by the camp's rappel tower. Finding no one there, they then searched the area around the Camp Blanding Museum. Moments later, they found the team on the facility's parade grounds, about halfway between the main gate and Kingsley Lake. According to one media account, Florida National Guard medics were performing CPR on the player when CCFR personnel arrived.

Mock added that most visitors to Camp Blanding are not familiar with the facility's street names or landmarks and therefore cannot adequately give dispatchers an accurate picture of where they are. In an audio recording of the coach's 911 call, the caller said he was on the facility's parade grounds. A dispatcher then asked him what street he was on.

"It's on Camp Blanding," the coach replied. On the joint training base.

"I understand that," the dispatcher said. "Is it on St. Augustine Street? There's, you know, regular streets there."

"It's the main one at the main entrance," said the caller. "The

big one at the main entrance. I don't-we're here."

"It's close to the main gate?" interrupted the dispatcher. "It's at the main gate," said the coach."

Mock said his agency ran into similar problems over the past month, during Florida National Guard annual training. He said his agency received several calls requesting assistance for guardsmen with heat exhaustion symptoms, and that during those calls, his personal had difficulty locating patients.

The chief said he thought one solution to the problem is technology that uses GPS tracking in cell phones that would give dispatchers the exact location of callers. He added that he is looking into acquiring that technology.

According to an event report, it took firefighters two minutes and four seconds to leave the station after the dispatch call ended.

Mock said the national standard for first responders to leave the station is one minute, while CCFR's daytime standard is 30 seconds.

However, Mock said that he suspects the actual time it took for firefighters to leave the station was much less than two

minutes. He said that the en-route time is either marked by a radio call from firefighters to the dispatcher, or by an on-board computer within the vehicle. He added that the computer en-route time is often delayed, due to boot up and connection time. A firefighter from another Northeast Florida fire department corroborated Mock's statement. Mock also said that his agency was handling a fire in another area of the county at the time of the coach's 911 call, so radio traffic was heavy, and the en-route time called into the dispatcher may have been delayed.

Mock said his employees followed all the protocols they were supposed to follow.

The chief also said that based on information provided by the caller, the dispatcher classified Shogran's condition as general sickness, a classification that would have dictated responding units conform to posted speed limits and other traffic controls like stop signs.

He added that based on the patient's quickly deteriorating symptoms, his condition at the time of the call was likely worse than general sickness. He added, however, that dispatchers can only act on the information given to them by callers.

Truth in Millage Notices mailed

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The Clay County Property Appraiser's Office said it mailed the 2014 Notice of Proposed Property Tax forms, also known as Truth in Millage, to Clay County property owners on Aug. 18.

Florida law requires the TRIM notice to be prepared and mailed each year by the property appraiser on behalf of the taxing authorities. Although the TRIM notice is not a tax bill, it is intended to notify property owners of possible changes that may appear on the November tax bill. Therefore, property owners are encouraged to review the information carefully.

The office said in a press release that when reviewing the information on the notice that relates to the actual tax calculations, the most important figures are displayed in Columns 2 and 3 ("Your Final Tax Rate and Taxes Last Year") and Columns 7 and 8 ("Your Tax Rate and Taxes This Year if Proposed Budget Change is Made"). A comparison of these columns will provide a good idea of the change in taxes property owners may realize on the actual tax bill.

The back of the TRIM notice displays public hearing dates and explanations of the various columns to assist property owners in understanding the notice. Additional information, including a TRIM Guide, property record cards, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on the Property Appraiser's website at www.ccpao.com.

Ad valorem property taxes are calculated as follows: Taxable Value x Millage (tax) Rate = Property Taxes. The taxable value is estimated by the property appraiser and the millage rates are determined by the taxing authorities.

By law, each taxing authority such as the board of county commissioners, school board, St. Johns River Water Management District, municipalities, and special voter-approved districts, must establish maximum millage rates necessary to fund their proposed budgets. The millage rates can be reduced prior to the mailing of the tax bills. Property owners who are concerned or have questions regarding proposed budgets, millage rates or resulting taxation levels, should contact

the taxing authorities or attend the budget hearings listed on the notice.

The Property Appraiser is responsible for administering exemptions and estimating the value of all property as of Jan. 1 each year. The notice displays three values: market value, assessed value, and taxable value. The market value is the most probable sale price (on Jan. 1, 2014), and may increase or decrease as the market dictates. Due to the upward direction of the real estate market in 2013, the majority of properties in Clay County experienced an increase in market value. The assessed value is the market value less any benefit for the Save-Our-Homes cap, or other assessment limitation.

Although market values increased, the assessed values of properties with an existing homestead exemption will be capped at 1.5 percent and non-homestead residential and commercial properties will be capped at 10 percent, with the exception of properties with new construction, additions or renovations. It is important to remember that while the assessed value of property may

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SCOOTERS

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constantly, much more often than when he's driving his car. He said he enjoys the rides usually, but most of the time the scooter serves him as an affordable way to get somewhere.

All three men said they have encountered rude, aggressive drivers, but not very often. Hildebran said the only occasions when drivers accosted him were both in the same spot of road. All of them said they are careful to be as courteous a driver as they can-pulling over toward the side of the road so other vehicles can get around them.

Millage Rate Comparison

Taxing Authority	Last Year's Millage	Proposed 2014 Maximum Millage	Percent Change
Board of County Commissioners:			
BCC - Other County Services	4.9849	5.4422	9.17%
Fire Control MSTU - 8	0.5048	0.5048	0.00%
Law Enforcement MSTU - 4	2.2503	2.4003	6.67%
Unincorporated Services MSTU	0.1110	0.1110	0.00%
Board of County Commissioners Total	7.8510	8.4583	7.74%
School Board:			
State Law	5.0940	4.9740	-2.36%
Local Board	2.2480	2.2480	0.00%
School Board Total	7.3420	7.2220	-1.63%
St. Johns River Water Management:			
	0.3283	0.3164	-3.62%
Green Cove Springs	2.9821	3.7874	27.00%
Keystone Heights	2.9002	3.5000	20.68%
Orange Park	6.2712	6.3000	0.46%

be capped, taxes are not. The taxable value is the assessed value minus any exemptions.

Property owners who have questions regarding an exemption status or a property's value are encouraged to contact the property appraiser's office for an informal review. This

informal review can be handled in person, by telephone, by email, or by mail.

A property owner also has the option to file a formal appeal with the value adjustment board by the deadline listed on the bottom of the TRIM notice (Sept. 12, 2014).

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my car, taken my black magic marker, drawn a line through it and made it 45 miles an hour," she said of the speed limit sign. "But that wouldn't have been right, because it still would have been 25 miles (per hour)."

"They need to follow the law," she said of commissioners, "just like I had to follow the law in that 25 miles-per-hour speed limit sign."

In an Aug. 19 special meeting of county commissioners, Commissioner Doug Conkey and Wendell Davis tried to persuade their colleagues to rescind their Aug. 12 motion and put the question on the 2014 ballot.

However, Ronnie Robinson, Diane Hutchings and Chereese Stewart stood by their earlier statements that they did not believe the school board brought the ballot question to them in a timely manner.

Robinson said he was offended by statements from school board members that county commissioners broke the law.

"I don't think anybody is breaking the law here," he said. "I think there are serious questions with the way this is written up in the state constitution."

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- Current District 3 Clay County School Board Member
- BS Jacksonville University
- Masters in Admin./Supervision, University of North Florida
- Teacher, Orange Park and Keystone Hts Elementary 1971-86
- Assistant Principal, JL Wilkinson Jr. High 1986-89
- Assistant Principal, Keystone Hts Elementary 1989-94
- Principal, Keystone Hts Jr. Sr. High 1994-97
- Site Director, Forward March Program, FL Army National Guard 1994-2004
- Principal, SIAtech Charter High School 2004-06

Community Involvement

- Former President, Principals Association of Clay County
- Former President, Clay County Administrators Association
- Member and past-President, Clay County-Gator Club
- Region 5 Vice President Award, Clay County Gator Club
- Member and Treasurer, Woman's Club of Keystone Hts
- Former President and Co-President Woman's Club of Keystone Hts.
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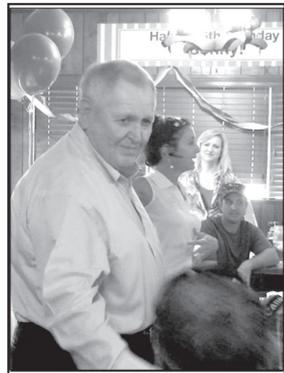
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Alachua Sonny's founder returns to first restaurant for 85th birthday



GAINESVILLE - Floyd "Sonny" Tillman, who in 1968 launched his first Sonny's Barbecue on Waldo Road in Gainesville, returned to the inaugural Sonny's on Aug. 14 to celebrate his 85th birthday. Tillman sold the franchising company in 1991. Sonny's Barbecue now has around 125 locations throughout the southeast. Pictured is Tillman greeting customers during the birthday celebration. Photo by Sonny's Barbecue Restaurant and Catering.

Alachua Volunteer dies after campaigning for congressional hopeful

GAINESVILLE - A well-known community volunteer and Democratic Party activist died from a ruptured aorta after campaigning in downtown Gainesville for a U.S. House candidate.

Sally Guthrie, 80, served as the membership chair of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee and was a volunteer for Friends of the Micanopy Library in addition to other community organizations.

Guthrie was handing out campaign literature for District 3 U.S. House Candidate Marhelen Wheeler Saturday afternoon when she passed out. Emergency medical workers transported her to UF Health Shands Hospital where she died around 9 p.m.

When announcing Guthrie's loss on her campaign's Facebook page Wheeler wrote, "I am so sad about this loss and know that she was doing what she loved and was good at, but her sacrifice was too great."

Bradford ties for 6th-lowest unemployment rate

Putnam County tied for fifth-highest

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity reported that Bradford County had a 5.6 percent unemployment rate in July, tying with Sumpter County, home of The Villages, for the sixth-lowest jobless rate in Florida.

Walton County, adjacent to Eglin Air Force base, and Monroe County, which includes the Florida Keys, had the lowest unemployment rate in the state with 3.9 percent. Okaloosa County, home to Eglin, followed with 4.9 percent. Wakulla County, just south of Tallahassee, and St. Johns County placed fourth and fifth with rates of 5.2 and 5.5 percent.

Hendry County, with a mostly agricultural economy, on the southeastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, had the highest rate in the state with 10.6 percent. Flagler (9.3 percent), home to Palm Coast, Hamilton (9.3 percent), on the Georgia state line north of Live Oak and Glades (9 percent), which like Hendry lies adjacent to Lake Okeechobee and has vast tracks owned by U.S. Sugar, rounded out the top four.

Putnam, Madison and Hardee counties tied for the fifth-highest rate at 8.8 percent.

Alachua County's July unemployment rate was 5.7 percent and Clay County's was 5.9.

Bradford Radio station changes hands

STARKE - The American Family Association sold radio station WTLG to the Educational Media Foundation on July 31.

The station, with a 269-foot tower on S.E. 21st Avenue (Forsyth Road), transmits a 7,000-watt FM signal. It holds a non-commercial FM license with the Federal Communications Commission.

Starke's First Baptist Church launched the station in 1989 with its call sign standing for "Worship the Lord Gladly." The station has been operating since that time on a frequency of 88.3.

The American Family

Association bought the transmitter and tower in 2008. American Family Radio broadcasts conservative religious talk shows and Christian music.

The Educational Media Foundation is a California-based non-profit that sends satellite signals to over 600, mostly low-power, stations which in turn, broadcasts Contemporary Christian music under two brands: K-LOVE and Air 1.

Bradford Hospital patients' data stolen

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE - Shands Starke Regional Medical Center's corporate owner announced Monday that patient records were compromised when its computers were hacked.

Data on 4.5 million patients nationwide was reported stolen from Community Health Systems, which owns, leases or operates 206 affiliated hospitals in 29 states.

Computer hackers stole data including names, Social Security numbers, birthdays, physical addresses and telephone numbers — all information that could be used to assist in identity theft. Credit card information and medical histories were not compromised.

Anyone receiving treatment from a CHS-affiliated hospital, physician or clinic in the last five years is reportedly at risk.

In addition to Shands Starke, CHS owns the Shands hospitals and Live Oak and Lake City (Lake Shore).

According to CNN, the information could allow someone to open a bank or credit card account under a stolen identity, or even take out a loan. Someone's personal credit history could be ruined.

You don't necessarily have to have been a patient for your information to be in the system. If you were at some time referred by another health care provider to a CHS-affiliate, a record containing your information could have been on file.

According to CHS, the hacks took place in April and June of this year by individuals in China using sophisticated malware. The FBI is involved in the investigation to apprehend the perpetrators, who have been linked to other incidents of corporate espionage.

The malware has since been

wiped from the company's computers and new protections installed. There is unfortunately little that its customers can do to protect themselves.

In a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, CHS said it would be notifying those 4.5 million patients as required by state and federal laws. CHS, which is open to lawsuits seeking damages, reported it carries liability insurance to protect it from losses and will offer identity theft protection to victims of the data breach.

Those who feel they are at risk can also check their own credit history or employ a company that can monitor and notify them of any suspicious activity.

Andrew Emery, who took over the CEO position at Shands Starke in July, did not return a call for comment Tuesday. A News4Jax employee reported he was escorted out of the hospital when inquiring about the situation on Monday.

Shands Starke's marketing and communications director, Linda M. Silecchia, provided a statement confirming information that had been reported. It also stated: "We take very seriously the security and confidentiality of private patient information and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience to patients. Though we have no reason to believe that this data would ever be used, all affected patients are being notified by letter and offered free identity theft protection. ... Many American companies and organizations have been victimized by foreign-based cyber intrusions. It is up to the federal government to create a national cyber defense that can prevent this type of criminal invasion from happening in the future."

A special toll-free phone number has been set up for affected patients who receive letters, but patients who do not receive letters can also call 1-855-205-6951 to confirm their

personal information was not compromised.

There's no mention of the hacking on Community Health Systems' website, but a recent release does address another issue facing the company: the resolution of United States Justice Department investigation into whether 119 CHS hospitals billed Medicare and other programs for inpatient care that should have been billed as outpatient or observational care.

The settlement of the investigation represents the company's desire to avoid the "expense and distraction of litigation." According to the release:

"Under the terms of the agreement, there is no finding of improper conduct by Community Health Systems or its affiliated hospitals, and the company has denied any wrongdoing. The company has agreed to pay \$88,257,500 in resolution

of all federal government claims, including Medicare, TRICARE and the federal share of the Medicaid claims, and an additional \$892,500 to the states for their portions of the Medicaid claims. ... The settlement agreement does not cover current government investigations into certain hospitals formerly affiliated with (Health Management Associates), which were initiated before Community Health Systems' acquisition of HMA in January 2014. The company continues to cooperate with the government and is working to bring resolution to these investigations."

CHS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Wayne T. Smith attributed any misjudgment on the part of billing to "shifting and often

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ambiguous standards.”

“Our organization is dedicated to high ethical standards as we strive to operate in a complex and ever changing regulatory environment,” he stated in the press release.

The investigation began in 2011. CHS acquired Shands Starke from Health Management Associates last year.

According to its website, Community Health Systems, Inc. is one of the largest publicly traded hospital companies in the United States and a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in communities across the country.

The company's headquarters are located in Franklin, Tennessee, a suburb south of Nashville.

Clay Resident critically injured after jumping from truck

ORANGE PARK - The Florida Highway Patrol reported that a 21-year-old Orange Park resident was critically injured after jumping from a moving vehicle on Blanding Boulevard.

According to an FHP report, Bailey N. Green opened the passenger-side door of a 2001 Ford F-150 and attempted to exit the truck as the vehicle was turning southbound off Blanding onto Tanglewood Boulevard, heading east.

Another passenger in the truck said that just before the turn, Green was arguing with the driver of the F-150, Scott

Kelley, 21 of Melbourne. The accident occurred around 2:56 Saturday morning and alcohol was a factor in the accident, according to the report.

Clay Driver killed after hitting tree

OAKLEAF - The Florida Highway Patrol said a 41-year-old Orange Park resident was killed after the driver's car hit a tree.

According to an FHP report, Dewit Berhe Baraki was the sole occupant of a 1995 Toyota Corolla traveling southbound on Oakleaf Plantation Parkway around 9:10 a.m. on Aug. 16.

While attempting to negotiate a right curve, the driver drifted left toward a curb, then overcorrected to the right, causing the car to spin and strike a tree at the driver's side door.

Clay County Fire Rescue personnel pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Clay County's first charter school starts classes

ORANGE PARK - The Orange Park Performing Arts Academy started classes on Aug. 12, marking the first time a charter school has operated in Clay County.

The Kingsley Avenue campus can accommodate 275 students, grades K-5.

The school's curriculum features twice-a-week classes in dance, vocal training, theater, visual arts and music.

The Clay County School Board turned down the academy's application twice, but after Florida's Charter School Appeals Commission recommended green-lighting the academy, the school board approved the application.

The school district has now received an additional charter school application from a foundation affiliated with Charter Schools USA, one of the country's largest education management companies.

The company manages over 40 schools in Florida, including six in Duval County.

Putnam Sheriff's office explains bus rules

PALATKA - The Putnam County Sheriff's Office reminded area residents of the rules pertaining to stopping for oncoming school buses.

In a press release, Sgt. Hancel Woods said the most-often asked question during the back-to-school season is about stopping for busses traveling in the opposite direction of motorists.

“You must stop for a school bus that is going in the opposite direction and has flashing red lights and the stop arm extended,” wrote Woods, “unless you are on a divided highway that has either a five-foot unpaved space such as a grass median or a physical barrier such as a concrete wall separating the roadways.”

Woods added that if those conditions exist, “you should continue driving at a legal speed, but with an increased awareness that school-aged children are in the vicinity. If you are ever in doubt, the prudent thing to do is stop.”

Woods also posted the fines for speeding in school zones, which start at \$153 for going between 6-9 mph over the speed limit in a school zone. Fines increase to \$453 for going 20 mph over the limit, and motorists exceeding the speed limit in a school zone by over 30 mph must make a court appearance.

The penalty for passing a stopped school bus is a mandatory court appearance.

“The really important thing to

Ceremony remembers KHVFD members

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The memorial was created by Eagle Scout John Crittenden in 2011.



Bettye Zowarka

The two bricks dedicated were in memory of Chief James Zowarka (chief from 1975-1982) and Explorer DJ (Dakota) Mobley. Both men passed on Feb. 19, 2014. Many donations were made by members of KHVFD and local businesses to make the ceremony a success. Last week's commemoration was only the third ceremony at the memorial, located next to the fire station. The first was in 2011 when the memorial was created by Eagle Scout John Crittenden. Last year, members dedicated a brick in memory of Capt. Skip Davis. Mrs. Bettye Zowarka attended last week's event and spoke of her husband's service to KHVFD. The family of DJ Mobley spoke about his service as an explorer in addition to the fact he grew up at the fire station while both his parents and brother have all served as members of the department. His father Kevin currently is Chief and has served since 1989. His mother Racquel has served since 1995 and his brother Kaleb Singletary served from 2009 to 2012.

Bettye Zowarka also attended on August 3-4 a ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale where the Florida Fire Chief's Association honored Chief Zowarka for his service.

remember,” added Sheriff Jeff Hardy, “is that anywhere you see school buses, school zones or school crossing guards, then children will be in the area as well. We all know that children are unpredictable and are a danger to dart into traffic at any time. It's your responsibility to slow down, watch out for them and be prepared to stop with little or no warning if necessary. Please, just drive safely and help us keep the kids safe.”

Putnam Chamber wins national award

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce won the Category

1 Chamber of the Year Award, given by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The association awards the prize each year for chambers classified according to size with Category 1 being the smallest and 4 the largest.

The Toledo, Ohio Regional Chamber won the Category 4 award, The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber in South Carolina won the Category 3 prize and the McLean County Chamber in Illinois took the Category 2 award.

The association said in a press release that the Chamber of the Year award is the only prize that recognizes “the dual role chambers have in leading businesses and communities.”

The association added that,

“chambers honored with the Chamber of the Year designation have not only demonstrated organizational strength, but also have made an impact on key community priorities, such as education, transportation, business development and quality of life.”

Putnam Man drowns after driving car into river

The Florida Highway Patrol said an 80-year-old Palatka man was killed after he drove his Ford Escort into the St. Johns River.

According to an FHP report, Francis Edward Sheehan, was driving the car southbound on Brown's Landing Road just after 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 13. The road empties into a boat ramp which descends into the water. Sheehan continued driving after the road ended and took the Escort down the boat ramp into the river.

The only other occupant of the car, 55-year-old Anita Darlene Craig, also of Palatka, was able to escape from the Escort through the front passenger window as the car sank. According to the report, “The driver attempted to exit the vehicle through the driver's door window, but was last seen sinking with the vehicle.”

Divers with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office recovered the victim's body a few yards from the vehicle.

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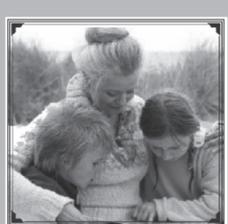
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accepting cash as payment for copies of public records.

During a bench trial, Lee testified that a few days after he made his first public records request, he received an unexpected visit to his home from two State Attorney's Office investigators, who told him that he should stop making public records requests to the office.

"Plainly," wrote Cole in her ruling, "a visit by two SAO investigators to a citizen only days after that citizen made a public records request directed to the SAO, coupled with advice that the citizen should 'stop calling the SAO,' would have a chilling effect on the willingness of the citizen (or most citizens) to pursue production of the public records to which he or she is entitled under Florida law."

In her ruling, the judge said that the nature of Lee's requests complicated the office's ability to effectively and timely respond to them.

"Mr. Lee's public records requests were never straightforward, uncomplicated requests such as 'I hereby request the following public records...'" wrote Cole, "instead, they were typically embedded in letters which were replete with vituperative personal comments, criticisms and accusations of bias by the SAO against him."

Cole also noted that because of Lee's "prickly relationship" with the State Attorney's Office, "staff members were reluctant to talk to Mr. Lee for fear that he would make a request of the SAO for public records concerning their own personal employment history."

In addition to requiring the State Attorney's Office to produce the files Lee requested, Cole's order also instructs the office to pay Lee's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Clay County Animal Care and Control Hosts "Empty the Shelter"

Adopters and community support are needed to the reach event goal of 100 adoptions in 2014 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge.

WHO: CCACC and Friends of Clay County Animals, Inc. will be hosting an Empty The Shelter Event.

WHAT: We will have lots of amazing dogs, cats, and kittens available for adoption at both of our locations. All adoption fees will be waived. Our goal is the "empty our shelter" and reach our goal of saving 1000 lives this summer.

WHERE and WHEN: Main Shelter Facility 3984 State Road 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Friday and Saturday, August 22nd - 23rd from 10 am to 6 pm

Fleming Island Offsite Adoption Center 1809-4 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, FL Friday - Sunday, August 22nd - 24th from 10 am to 6 pm

WHY: We only have two weekends left before the challenge is over and we have saved 874 lives since June 1st. We were 1st in our Division for both June and July and if we remain 1st in our Division we will receive a \$25,000 grant. With the support of our community, we can get the animals in our care into new homes and help more animals in need.

Archives at the Landing

On Sept. 26, 2014 - Darlene Walker, Putnam County Archivist, will be speaking at CYMPLIFY at the Melrose Landing (Formerly

the Melrose Senior Center). During this visit, she will discuss the history and culture of Melrose. The event will begin at 1:30 PM at 307 SR 26, Melrose, FL 32666.

For more information on the event, contact Darlene Walker at (386) 329-0126. For information or directions to the Landing, contact (352) 475-5347.

American Heritage Girls meeting

American Heritage Girls, a faith-based, character building organization dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country, will hold its first meeting of the year on Aug. 28 at 6:45 p.m. at Friendship Bible Church.

Girls ages 5-18 are welcome to join.

Safe Boating Class on Aug. 23

Have you taken a Safe Boating course yet? Earning your State of Florida Boater Safety ID Card reduces risk to you, your family and your vessel. Don't be caught improperly equipped or failing to recognize common hazards on the water. For boaters born after January 1, 1988, a Boater Safety ID Card is required by Florida law.

The next one-day free Boater Safety class presented by Clay County Sheriff's Office and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-5 is being held in Green Cove Springs at Reynolds Industrial Center in the USCG Auxiliary building,

910 Roland Avenue, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. All attendees must pre-register prior to attendance.

For more information about the course or to register for the next available class, contact ccsomvp@gmail.com.

Questions may also be directed to Marine Volunteer Helen Russette at 904-333-0028.

Frozen Fridays at your local library

Get your blankets ready! The Putnam County Library System is showing Disney's Frozen in each of its library branches! This family friendly movie is a magical, musical treat for anyone watching. The movie will be shown indoors and snacks will be given out to those who attend (as supplies last). Treats will be provided by HOPE FM, who will be joining in for the fun.

The showing starts at 6 p.m. for all locations. The first showing will be at the Bostwick Branch Library on Aug. 29. Then, in September, Melrose Branch Library will show Frozen on Sept. 12, and Crescent City Branch Library will show the film on Sept. 26. The Palatka Headquarters Library will show the movie on Oct. 10.

For more information, call (386) 329-0126.

Advanced Disposal pickup on the Labor Day Holiday

On Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day, Advanced Disposal Services will collect wastes

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Summer in the City Band Concert

The City of Keystone Heights, the Lake Region Kiwanis Club, and the Kiwanis "Summer In The City" Community Band invite everyone to the FREE monthly concert at Keystone Beach on Saturday Aug. 30, noon to 3pm. This will be a-bring-your-own food and non-alcoholic beverage picnic. No vendors this month.

Music will be by the talented "Summer In The City"

adult/youth band, playing traditional and contemporary music; also, "Bubba Can't Dance" will play blues and jazz...with a bit of Zydeco and Dixieland.

Approximate times: Bubba at Noon; Summer In The City Band at 12:30; then another dose of Bubba until 3.

Come out and support our Kiwanis summer band and musicians.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale

The Master Gardeners of Clay County will be holding their first annual plant sale and open house Saturday, September 6th from 9:30 - 2pm at the Clay County Extension Center, 2463 State Road 16 West Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Admission is free; join us for a kickoff project unveiling at 9 and garden related workshops, kids activities, door prizes and food vendors throughout the day. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. A wide assortment of plants and garden-related resale items will be available to purchase. Sales are cash only; all money raised will be used to expand demonstration gardens that complement the education programming at UF/IFAS Extension Clay County. Visit <http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/> or call 904.284.6355 for more information.

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Woman reunites with son after 24 years

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

There was a hole in Leah Kimbrell's life.

She had a son, but she didn't know where he was or how he was doing. She gave him up for adoption after his birth, and though she made the decision with love in her heart, she regretted it every day.

Kimbrell, who lives in Starke, simply wanted her child to have a good life. As a single mother at the age of 18, she felt she didn't have the resources to give it to him.

Today, Kimbrell is a new woman. She found her son, Steven Jones, who is living in Jacksonville. The two met each other in person on Aug. 10.

"I am whole now," Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell's grandmother, Joyce Altman, who also lives in Starke, was there for the reunion and has seen how recent events have impacted her oldest grandchild's life.

"You wouldn't believe the difference in her personality," Altman said.

Kimbrell said, "The only reason I thought to live was to wait for this day to happen. My heart's full."

The meeting took place initially at Arby's in Starke. Kimbrell, as you can imagine, was nervous and excited. She arrived at the restaurant first and waited in her vehicle until she saw Jones drive up.

"I got out of the truck as fast as I could," Kimbrell said. "I hollered his name. He came across the parking lot. He actually held his arms out to hug me."

The two went inside Arby's and talked before then going to Altman's home. Jones met not only Kimbrell and Altman, but also Kimbrell's husband, Bruce, Kimbrell's mother, Kay Lowe, and Kimbrell's stepson, Scott. Jones also met his second cousin, Chase, and great aunt, Sheila Altman.

"He liked everybody," Kimbrell said. "He thought everybody was wonderful."

It was a reunion with a family that didn't want to lose the young man in the first place.

"The whole family was against my decision," Kimbrell said, referring to the adoption.

Kimbrell was 17 when she got pregnant. She said the father of the child didn't want her to go through with the birth and had something extremely negative to say about the whole situation.

"As soon as he said that, I packed my stuff and walked right out of the house and left him," Kimbrell said.

She didn't believe in abortion and admitted she didn't want to give up her child to adoption. However, Kimbrell looked at her life and felt she couldn't give her child the life he deserved.



An emotional Leah Kimbrell (right) reacts to her son, Steven Jones, hugging her mother, Kay Lowe.

"I wanted him to have what I couldn't afford to give him," Kimbrell said.

Other family members were willing to do what they could to keep the child and raise it.

"I begged her not to give him up for adoption," Altman said. "I said I would take care of him."

Kimbrell said her grandmother had too much going on in her life. Altman, while working full time, was caring for her 80-plus-year-old mother, her husband, who was in ill health, and raising a 5-year-old grandson.

Kimbrell's mother also said she'd raise the child, but Kimbrell

didn't want her son to question why other family members were raising him instead of her. Plus, he wouldn't have had a father in the picture.

The adoptive parents, Steven and Carol Jones, offered exactly what Kimbrell wanted for her son.

"They seemed like wonderful people," Kimbrell said. "It turned out they were wonderful people."

Not that it made the decision to give her son up easy. Kimbrell said she certainly wouldn't

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Stop and grow the roses

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Telegraph, Times and Monitor

A passion for flowers along with a talent for growing them has helped one Lawtey woman to create a front yard which looks like a magic garden.

Margaret Williams was born and raised in Lawtey, but spent 40 years of her adult life in Jacksonville before returning home to care for an ailing mother. Now she lives in her grandmother's house - built in

ABOVE: Margaret Williams (right) and her niece, Alexis Cummings, enjoy sitting on the porch overlooking the garden.
RIGHT: Margaret Williams walks among her knockout roses.



1950, the same year she was born - and expresses what she calls her "God-given love and talent" for growing flowers, especially roses. "I remember when I was a

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A recognition will be held for retired Capt./Co-Pastor Emanuel "Joe" Kiser will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Florida National Guard on Edwards Road in Starke.

The event is sponsored by Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Mt. Moriah Community Church Pastor Edward Hines and Truevine Ministries Pastor Ross Chandler.

Softball tryouts canceled

Tryouts for 12U fastpitch softball that were scheduled for Aug. 23-24 in Starke have been canceled.



A special birthday celebration

John Sutton (foreground) celebrated his 90th Birthday on Saturday, July 12th with family and friends at Smyrna Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. He was born on July 15th, 1924 and was married to Joyce Broughton on December 7th, 1967. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are members of Smyrna Baptist Church.



A family reunion (l-r): Joyce Altman, Kay Lowe, Steven Jones and Leah Kimbrell. Kimbrell, the daughter of Lowe and the granddaughter of Altman, reunited with her son, Jones, after giving him up for adoption following his birth.

REUNION

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want anyone else to go through what she went through. She was basically depressed every day, thinking about the son she gave up.

"If I did stop thinking about him, or for a minute he went out of my mind, I felt worse," Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell knew she wanted to try to locate her son, but she couldn't do so until he turned 18. She performed searches on adoption websites and got a lot of help from friends through Facebook. Her cousin Melissa Hardison was a huge help. In fact, it was Hardison who eventually found Kimbrell's son.

She didn't want to full believe it at first, Kimbrell said. She had experienced many "dead ends" previously and didn't want to get her hopes up. Still, she admitted she got a little excited.

Hardison later found and directed Kimbrell to the Facebook profile of Steven Jones—the adoptive father. Hardison then found the Facebook page for Kimbrell's son.

Kimbrell was still in a state of disbelief, asking herself, "Is this really true? Is this him? Is this

really happening to me?"

There was a certain amount of trepidation in even conducting a search for her son. Would he want to find out who his birth mother was? Would he want to talk to her?

"She didn't know if he would accept her," Altman said.

When they talked to each other before the meeting in Starke, Kimbrell found out that her son had the same fears as her. He didn't want to intrude upon her life and wondered if she'd even want to hear from him.

"We were scared of how we would impact each other," Kimbrell said.

Yet all doubts and fears went away with that meeting at Arby's when Jones approached his mother with his arms outstretched, ready to give her a hug.

"That was the best feeling in the world," Kimbrell said. "I don't know if anybody's ever felt that great."

It became apparent that Jones' adoptive parents kept their word when they met with Kimbrell 24 years ago. They told her they would never tell Jones anything negative about his birth mother. They explained the circumstances surrounding the

adoption.

Kimbrell said Jones told her he did not have any bad feelings toward her.

"He knew this was a hard decision for me, and he knew the reasons I did it," Kimbrell said.

As for what kind of relationship they'll have in the future, Kimbrell said that remains to be seen. Right now, they're taking things slow.

"I'm looking forward to being able to have him comfortable enough with me to share more with me," Kimbrell said.

Jones spent more than five hours visiting with Kimbrell and other family members on that Aug. 10 visit to Starke. Before he left to return to Jacksonville, he told Kimbrell he would return in a couple of weeks and have lunch with her.

"He initiated the next visit, and he told me he loved me," Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell will cherish that moment and all the moments that follow. She feels complete now and experiences a joy in life she never felt since giving birth to her one and only child.

"Over half my life I've been waiting for him," Kimbrell said. "Now, I have so much more to look forward to."



Margaret Williams' niece, Alexis Cummings, enjoys her aunt's garden.

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little girl – my mother always had flowers, Williams said. "On Fridays, when I would get home from school, I would collect a bouquet and bring it into the house for the weekend. When I was living in Jacksonville I got in the habit of buying a bouquet every Friday. Then one day I realized I was still doing what I did as a child."

Williams said she did garden in a limited way in Jacksonville, but that it was when she returned to Lawtey that she really began to garden in earnest. She credits her niece, Alexis Cummings, for getting her into rose gardening.

"She said she wanted me to grow roses," Williams said. "I wasn't sure I had the patience or skill to grow them, but then I heard about knockout roses."

According to Williams, knockout roses are a type of hedge rose which has gained in popularity because it is cold and disease resistant, as well as being very easy to care for.

"These are roses for people that love the flower, but who don't have a lot of time to devote to growing them," Williams said. "I trim them twice a year – the week of Feb. 14 and sometime in October – add new soil and compost each spring and fertilize them every 8-12 weeks. The roses must be deadheaded frequently. That's it!"

Williams has her own compost pile, which she continuously feeds with any fruit and vegetable scraps from her kitchen, plus yard trimmings and leaves. She said that banana peels, rinsed eggshells and coffee grounds add extra nutrition to the mix and she warns against putting anything into the mix that contains sugar. Williams said the compost mix must be turned and mixed about every 3-4 weeks, so it is best kept in a large container, like the big bowl she uses.

All of Williams' knockout roses are red, because she said the pink variety are more difficult to grow and delicate. She also grows great many other types of plants and flowers, including caladiums, mums, impatiens,

lilies, hydrangeas, confederate jasmine, crepe myrtle, azalea, Boston ferns and confederate rose. Her yard is a haven for butterflies.

A woman driving by on her way to Orange Park stopped to admire the garden last year and suggested the white picket fence that now borders the front of the property.

Williams is a retired medication technician who has worked in hospice and assisted-living settings. She has two sons, Ernest Whitley, of Pleasant Grove and Rico Williams of Ft. Lauderdale. She shares her home with Sweetie, the poodle, and two cats, Michael and Tom.

"I will always remember my grandmother sitting out in this porch reading her Bible," Williams said. "Every morning I come out here with my coffee and just look at the flowers. God gave me a gift with flowers and when he gives you a talent you have to give yourself to it."

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New BHS coach eyes steady improvement as 2014 goal

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Corey Green is no different from any other football coach—he wants to win games.

However, since the new Bradford High School head coach and his staff have gotten a late start—Green was hired in June—the emphasis isn't so much on wins and losses, but on seeing constant improvement.

"Right now, we're definitely not wanting to talk about wins and losses," Green said. "As far as success goes, we have a goal as a coaching staff and as a team right now that we're working on—getting better each and every day. Right now, that's what our kids are shooting for."

"So far, we feel like we've done that. Installation of our offensive and defensive schemes have gone pretty smoothly up to this point."

Green said players have done a good job of focusing on what their new coaches are teaching them and are doing everything asked of them. Still, he realizes there are several factors that could impact the Tornadoes this year—the lack of a large group of seniors, players having to learn new offensive and defensive schemes and a coaching staff

learning how to work together. "My defensive staff—none of these guys have ever worked together before," Green said. "Luckily, on offense, three of us have worked together before and kind of know what to expect from each other on the field."

That defensive staff is composed of Quentin Jefferson (co-coordinator, defensive line), Robert Paxia (co-coordinator, secondary) and returning BHS assistant Josh Burch (linebackers).

Green will serve as offensive coordinator and coach running backs. He is joined by Paxia (offensive line), Dan Foor (offensive line), Kenny Mudge (quarterbacks), BHS graduate Adrian Mosley (wide receivers) and his father, longtime head coach Danny Green, who will work with Mosley and the wide receivers.

Mosley has been a key person in helping Green get out and make contacts in the community. Green said Mosley has "definitely been an asset."

As for having his father on the staff, it's a role reversal, as Green had the chance to coach under his father at Orange Park High School. As Green put it, he's now "on the other end of the table in meetings," but he added, "I, as well as the rest of the coaches, will definitely open our ears when he has something to say. We definitely take that into account and really value his opinion."

When he looks at the offense he will be coordinating, Green said one of the strengths is an offensive line that features such players as seniors Travis Hinds and Trevor Shannahan.

"They just work hard," Green said. "Right now, their skill set has changed, but when you talk to them, they're yes-sir, no-sir kids. They nod their heads. They understand what's going on. They want to learn the new system."

All of the players battling for spots on the offensive line have done a good job in working to learn new techniques for what will be more of a wing-T-style offense.

"The guys seem to be on board with that and are doing a good job," Green said.



ABOVE: Returning quarterback Jacob Luke throws a pass. LEFT: New head coach Corey Green oversees practice.

The coach said other players he sees as being important contributors on the line are senior Dustin Orton, who shows promise despite not having played much the last couple of years, and a couple of players who have been more notable for their play on the defensive line—senior Don Jeffers and junior Johnny Hernandez.

"We feel like it's easier to transition a defensive lineman to an offensive lineman than vice versa," Green said. "If they can play defense, we feel like we can teach them offensive line."

That offensive line will be providing protection for another strength of the offense—quarterback Jacob Luke, a senior who has started the last two seasons.

Green said from watching game tape from last year, it is apparent Luke is physically and mentally tough.

He also brings leadership to the field.

"He seems to be a good leader for us," Green said. "He's one of

those guys who leads by example by his effort and attitude."

Luke is still learning how to execute the offense, but he is working hard to do so.

"In our system, you have to be really good with your feet and really good with your hand fakes," Green said. "That's been a learning curve for Jacob up to this point. He's gotten better each and every day from that standpoint. He's still not where we need him to be, and I think he understands that, but he's working hard to get there."

Junior quarterback Chance Oody has helped in the transition. "He's had some experience running the wing-T in the past and that has helped (Luke) as far as his learning progression," Green said.

Green likes the players he has at wide receiver, including senior Don Jeffers and sophomore Carlton Hankerson.

"Don seems to have a pretty good, sure set of hands on him," Green said. "You can tell he's caught the football quite a bit in

the past. "Carlton brings the speed factor to us from the receiver standpoint. He's going to be an excellent football player."

Green also likes junior Shawn Aaron and freshman Judd Hicks at receiver.

The running back position is where the Tornadoes are going to have the most inexperience, Green said. Seniors Drian Jenkins, Jon Norman and Corey Robinson are vying for playing time, as is junior Jameaze McNeal.

A couple of younger players will even factor into the equation. Green said sophomore Xavian Jenkins "is going to be an asset for us in the future," while freshman Aundre Carter will be called upon quite a bit this year.

"You don't really like to throw a freshman into the fire like we have done him up to this point," Green said, "but there are going to be some things that we have to ask of him from here on out."

When it comes to the defensive side of the ball, Green sees his

defensive line as a strength. He said there was a lot of competition and starters had yet to be named, but Reed, a returning lineman from last season, "has been impressive."

Green said Hernandez has been doing a good job, as has senior John Spencer, who has mainly played offensive line in the past.

Offensive lineman Shannahan is also playing well on the defensive side of the ball.

"We hope to not have to start him both ways," Green said, "but he's definitely a guy who can come in there and play for us."

The secondary shows a lot of promise with players such as Hankerson and Oody.

Green said Hankerson is the kind of cornerback he likes in that he's "long and lean."

"As long as he continues to develop, he'll be a standout cornerback by his senior year," Green said.

Oody is a quarterback

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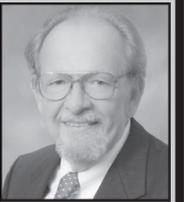
Aundre Carter (left) and Daquan Blackshear participate in Bradford's Aug. 7 practice.

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Compassion or hypocrisy?

Dear Editor:

Compassion!?! This is the new catchword of the Left. Anyone who is pleased by or ignores the fact that our southern border no longer actually exists uses this recently appropriated term to explain how we, the people, should be responding to the plight of children awash in a new land. These youngsters have no resources, speak the "wrong" language, and are minimally educated. They have nothing. So, obviously, any true American must hold out a helping hand. It's like it's in our DNA.

Among those calling for compassion—other than our current, lawless administration and its minions—are many Christian pastors, clergy, church leaders, and laymen, which is to be expected. Anyone at all familiar with Christianity knows fall well that when someone is in need, it's our duty to step up and help. After all, Proverbs 28 says, "He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them gets many a curse." I'm all in for that HOWEVER!

What we are seeing here is simply "Selective Compassion." A major fuss is being made over people who are being brought into the country, under the guise of another new catch phrase, "unaccompanied minor." But what is the truth?

First of all, how many of these individuals are really minors? There is evidence that many, if not most, of them are not. Why isn't it clear, one way or the other? Because this "transparent" administration is hiding these people from view. Complete video coverage of what is going on would clearly reveal the accuracy of "unaccompanied minor," but we don't have that.

And then there's the term "unaccompanied". Any minor traveling alone through Mexico so as to enter this country without permission is not unaccompanied; he is abandoned. (If I sent my ten year old grandchild to play all day at the park while I went to work, would the word "unaccompanied" be a part of the ensuing police report? I don't think so.)

This entire phony scenario is just another example of the hypocrisy that runs rampant in this country. If we truly have compassion for those in need, then where were these supporters of this debacle when it was learned that our veterans

are being victimized by their own health care system? Were they screaming "Compassion" with anything near the same intensity? How much noise is being made by these same compassion-loving Americans over the 1300 unborn Americans who are being torn to pieces in their mother's wombs every day in this land of kindness? How about the millions of Americans—many in (he black community—whose work prospects are being seriously diminished by the presence of so many "unaccompanied adults" who have permanently trespassed onto our land?

As with most things, compassion has its limits. When the Salvation Army solicits my community for funds to relieve those in need, I'll write a check. But I do not empty my bank account or go into debt to do so. And I know no one who does. There is no such thing as unlimited compassion—not if one already has duties and obligations.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has said, "no country is bound to accept all those who wish to resettle there. By this principle the Church recognizes that most immigration is ultimately not something to celebrate. ...no country has the duty to receive so many immigrants that its social and economic life are jeopardized."

All kinds of major issues are unresolved in this country, but attention is now being focused on children who have needs. This is simply a diversion produced by the same people who are actually creating our underlying immigration problem by simply refusing to enforce current immigration law and sealing our border. Compassionate Americans, especially Christians, are being used to accomplish the goals of unscrupulous, proven liars.

Since Mr. Obama has invited these young victims to come here, then common sense should prevail. Let he and his supporters show some compassion here. Let them open their homes, their bank accounts, their refrigerators to these needy individuals. Let's have the bus drop off four or five of these younguns at Nancy Pelosi's residence; surely the White House has a spare

bedroom or two. (Justice goes nicely with compassion.)

True, real compassion only exists when I choose to put MY hand in my wallet—reach into my refrigerator—or rifle through my closet. Anything else is pure coercion.

Leonard C. Young
Keystone Heights

'...the truth shall set you free'

Dear Editor:

It was not my intention to cause Frank the Baker ill-health, hypertension-wise, with my letters attempting to set the record straight on Israel/Palestine.

As a man of scripture, as he obviously is, I am sure he is familiar with John 8:32 where Jesus informs us that "...the truth shall set you free."

I therefore reiterate that what he and too many others think is the truth about that conflict is only the misleading (to put it mildly) version by the Israeli/US propaganda media, i.e., that Palestine broke the ceasefires; that they are using civilians as "human shields"; that Israel is only protecting itself when it drops millions of tons of explosives on the country it is occupying (in anticipation of the much repeated canard that Israeli occupation of Palestine ended in 2006—actually it was only de jure, not de facto) killing close to 2000 civilians, 30-percent of which are children; that casualty figures of about 700-1(civilians) in Israel's favor does not indicate, far from a battle for survival, but a massacre.

Does the baker really believe that US corporate news media is biased against Israel, when all evidence gleaned from sources independent of the US MSM shows irrefutably that that's a blatant falsehood?

Furthermore, I resent the implication of being an anti-semitic who wouldn't have written my letter if it were the Jews who "had the higher death toll."

No, I am not "bending the truth," as I am accused. That particular shoe is on the other foot.

As Mark Twain said, "It ain't

what we don't know that causes so much trouble; it's what we know for a FACT, that just ain't so!"

Arnie Harris
Lawtey

Reader left scratching his head

Dear Editor:

There are many, many ideas and opinions out there that tend to make one scratch one's head in complete bewilderment. For example, there are those who preach and spend gobs of money—like that Bloomberg guy—to take away our God-given right to self-protection, yet these same people are being "escorted" by gun-toting bodyguards. (Am I missing something here?)

Then we have scores of individuals, many from the "well-educated" world of Hollywood, who support a terrorist group called Hamas, whose main goal in life is to eradicate the country of Israel. (Huh?)

And then there's the "voting thing." Large numbers of citizens in this country do not bother to exercise their right, and privilege, to cast a ballot, even though the well-being, and even lives (abortion), of everyone in this country are at stake. (Are you kidding me?) And, even though there are many more similar "Head Scratchers" inundating our world, I'll mention only one more.

Has anyone noticed that, in the United States of America, having a Bible in a government entity called a school is an absolute no-no. (That must be one dangerous book, don't you think?) Yet, there is another government entity in which Bibles, and Bible-studying, are actually encouraged. These places are called prisons. (Scratch, scratch!)

I just wonder, if those Bibles were to find their way back into

the schools, would there be as much need for them to be used in our corrections systems? (Hmmmmm!)

Leonard C. Young
Keystone Heights

In support of 'Debt Jubilee'

Dear Editor:

Following the Lehman banking debacle of 2008, the government sponsored bailout of the banking sector to boost the economy created an illusion of recovery. Wall Street banks benefited from the bailouts by using special privileges with the Federal Reserve to borrow cheaply to fund speculation using their easy access to money. Yet savers that need interest income to survive are punished by the low interest rates they receive.

The U.S. economy is crashing as major retail chains close thousands of stores because 70 percent of the economy is consumer driven. The decline in consumer spending is due to the permanent loss of jobs resulting from the collapse of the housing bubble with many mortgages still underwater. Underemployment is now the norm as full-time white collar job opportunities never fully recovered after the

recession. We are witnessing the impact of student loan debt on the economy as college graduates cannot find jobs, even as many manufacturing jobs requiring skills remain unfilled.

Big government progressives and mainstream media attempt to manipulate and control people when we know that capitalism and true freedom, not big government, will solve our problems. The elites smile as they sit back and wait to swoop in to complete their job to take the American Dream from an angry and desperate citizenry.

We are a Christian nation with Judeo roots and God has a solution for our economic dilemma. The Jubilee law described in Leviticus 25 provides a national cancellation of private debts every 50 years. On August 22, 2011 economist Stephen Roach went a step further calling for Wall Street to support a "Debt Jubilee" to forgive excess debt for borrowers. This will ensure that no one would ever become forever trapped in debt and poverty. Providing immediate and future Jubilee debt relief for mortgage, student loan, and credit card debt will be a start to save our nation.

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Key players return, but others must step up for KHHS

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Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School returns some key pieces from its 2013 district championship team, such as leading rusher Anton Noble and one of its top tacklers, Sam Anderson, but inexperienced and younger players are going to have to step up and fill important roles if the

Indians want to build upon last year's success.

Head coach Chuck Dickinson said there will probably be five to six players on each side of the ball with no previous varsity experience.

"You're hoping that in those first two to three games, some of those guys who are younger kids are going to grow up and be

ready to play come week four. That's when we start our district play," Dickinson said. "We're hoping they gain that experience from the (preseason) classic through the first three games."

"Hopefully, we'll have success and get some wins under our belt."

One of the key players on offense is going to be, of course, Noble, a senior, who surpassed 1,000 yards even though he missed the final three games with an injury.

"He's got great vision. He accelerates through the hole and runs hard," Dickinson said. "As long as he does those things, I think he'll be successful."

Dickinson said Noble has good hands, so he is also a weapon on the outside as a receiver.

More importantly, a proven back like Noble can help ease the burden on the team's new starting quarterback, who will most likely be junior Wyatt Harvin.

"We're hoping (Noble) can have the kind of year he had last year," Dickinson said. "That takes a lot of pressure off our quarterback in throwing situations."

Another key player on offense is senior wide receiver Brighton

Gibbs, who led the team in receptions last year.

"He's been in the situation before and been in pressure games," Dickinson said. "You know he's going to know what to do. The thing with him is he starts defensively, too. It's one of those issues where we've got to do a good job of resting him at certain times."

Dickinson will tell you year after year that the key to his all-important run game and offense overall is the play of the line. This year's line features seniors Joe Pace and Roy Williams, both of whom started every game last year.

"The experience level is a plus for them," Dickinson said. "They know what to expect."

Pace has moved from guard to center to fill in for the graduated Tate Williams. He seems to be transitioning fine.

"When we played the spring game, I thought Joe probably had the best game of our linemen," Dickinson said.

The offensive line is a unit that concerns Dickinson, though it may be composed of four seniors and one sophomore. He said one of the guard positions could be occupied by players such as seniors Johnnie Fitts, Ty



Dalton Hodge (left) and Chris McLean lock up during a drill.



Kyler Teague (far left) and Brighton Gibbs get some pointers from head coach Chuck Dickinson.

Stephenson and Matt West on a rotating basis, since each will also contribute on defense.

Senior Garrett Davis, a first-year player, could factor into the mix at offensive line, as well as sophomores Michael Dickinson, Noland Robinson and Matt White.

"Some of those are probably going to be starting," Dickinson said of the sophomores.

Seniors Anderson and Kyler Teague bring experience to the running back and wide receiver positions, respectively, but both will also be counted on heavily on defense.

Fullback is a question mark right now, as is tight end, which lost a key contributor in graduation in Micah Brown. Dickinson said junior Jacob White could be a factor at fullback, while sophomores Ryan Prieto and Tyler Ricketts could help out at tight end. Junior Steven Beverly looks to be in running back mix, as well.

As mentioned earlier, Harvin will most likely step into the role of quarterback, taking over for graduate Blake Valenzuela, who started the last two years.

"I think Wyatt's improving each day," Dickinson said. "We've just got to continue to (improve as a team)."

Defensively, the secondary is where Keystone has the most experience, with players such as Gibbs, sophomore Austin Hogg and junior Ray Trimble.

Gibbs averaged four interceptions the last two seasons to be one of the team's leaders in that category.

"He's making a transition for us this year," Dickinson said. "He played cornerback mainly for us the last two years. He's probably going to be our free safety this year, so it's going to be a little bit of a change for him."

Trimble is injured right now, but hopes are that he will be ready to go before the Indians start district play, Dickinson said.

Hogg may be just a sophomore, but he saw plenty of action last year.

"We brought him up week three or four," Dickinson said. "He played quit a bit last year. He probably has four or five games of starting under his belt." Teague has experience at corner and looks to be a contributor at the same position this year, Dickinson said. Noble also has some experience in the secondary.

Anderson is a huge returner for the defense at linebacker. He was one of the top three tacklers last year and could possibly provide some play at free safety this year as well.

"He's good at slipping blocks," Dickinson said of Anderson, a two-year starter. "At linebacker, he's undersized—of course, we're undersized like crazy on the defensive side of the ball—but he has a good knack of slipping blocks and getting under the blocker and getting in the hole to make a tackle."

Anderson is returning from a devastating knee injury, but has been putting in a lot of work by himself outside of practices to get back onto the field.

"A lot of kids might not have come back from what happened to him last year," Dickinson said. "He's one of those kids who comes out here every day by himself and probably works out an hour on the field, doing drills to strengthen his leg."

Fitts is a key returner on the defensive line. Dickinson said Fitts is not real big, but he's strong and brings significant experience to the field.

White gained some experience last year as well, but younger, experienced players will make up most of the rest of the defense. "For us right now, the up-front six is probably where we're least experienced," Dickinson said.

Some players who will contribute include seniors Davis (defensive line), Dakota Hodge

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

Bradford

Latasha Renee Addison, 31, of Starke was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Lynda Wilson Barnes, 44, of Starke was arrested Aug. 16 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Lance Watson Bolton, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 18 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Jency Maxine Box, 35, of Starke was arrested Aug. 16 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for larceny—grand theft less than \$5,000, two charges of fraud—utter false instrument and fraud—use or possess identification of another person without consent. Bond was set at \$40,000 for the charges.

Bernard Lee Boyd, 24, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

David Byon Brauchle, 26, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Turosia E. Bright, 51, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 15 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$216 for the charge.

Patricia King Brown, 63, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of opium or derivative with intent to sell and for trafficking opium or derivative—4 grams to under 30 kilograms. Bond was set at \$40,000 for the charges.

Toby Anderson Cannady, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 18 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Cayla Nichole Carter, 23, of Starke was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Marion James Dodd, 32, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Starke police for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Bruce Bernard Donley, 21, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Donley and his girlfriend got into an argument at the BP gas station on S.R. 100 just east of Keystone Heights. Donley was driving his girlfriend's rental vehicle and wouldn't return it to her. When she got in the vehicle and tried to leave, Donley snatched the keys out of the car, then hit the girlfriend in the ear with his fist after she exited the car. Deputies were called, and Donley was eventually arrested for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Alexis Garcia Hernandez, 21, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for operating a vehicle without a driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Dale Raynard George, 46, of Starke was arrested Aug. 12 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of cocaine and for selling cocaine, both within 1,000 feet of a specified restricted area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Marie Green, 42, of Starke was arrested Aug. 13 by Starke police on a warrant for selling cocaine. According to the arrest report, during a search of her residence, crack cocaine was found. She was also charged with possession of cocaine. Due to the crack cocaine being in a place easily accessible to a 7-year-old child staying with Green, she was also charged with child neglect. Bond was set at \$145,000 for the charges.

Mario Lavon Hankerson, 38, of Starke was arrested Aug. 12 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of cocaine and selling cocaine, both within 1,000 feet of a specified restricted area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Daniel Hernandez Gonzalez, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 16 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Michelle Ann Hester, 35, of Brooker was arrested Aug. 15 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Ocasio Cortez Holmes, 34, of Starke was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for two charges of possession of cocaine and two charges of selling cocaine, all charges occurring within 1,000 feet of a specified restricted area. Bond was set at \$150,000 for the charges.

Steven Riley Hutchins, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 12 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of marijuana and selling marijuana, both within 1,000 feet of a specified restricted area. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Robert Jackson, 31, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Jeffery Allen Jackson, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Kenneth Lamar Jenkins, 41, of Starke was arrested Aug. 13 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine and selling cocaine. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Terrell Kishay Kennedy, 25, of Starke was arrested Aug. 15 by Starke police for two charges of battery. According to the arrest report, Kennedy grabbed his girlfriend by the throat during an argument and then struck the girlfriend's 9-year-old son in the face when the child tried to intervene in the fight. Police were called, and Kennedy was arrested for the domestic battery charges. Bond was set at \$20,000 for the charges.

Michelle Faile Lovell, 46, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for probation violation for original charge of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Alexander Jason Nelson, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies for withholding child support. Bond was set at \$3,300 for the charge.

Johnny Hobbs Nichols, 34, of Starke was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for four charges of possession of cocaine and four charges of selling cocaine. Bond was set at \$200,000 for the charges.

Kathy Jean Perrera, 60, of Fort White was arrested Aug. 15 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Perrera was observed at the Walmart in Starke by an employee taking disposable razors and make-up out of the packaging and putting them

in her purse. She also placed numerous items in a shopping cart and tried to leave the store without paying for any of the items. She was detained until police arrived and arrested her, with the value of all the items in the cart at approximately \$760.

William A. Peterson, 45, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies for withholding child support. Bond was set at \$727 for the charge.

Brooke Danielle Rosen, 24, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 17 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of drug equipment.

Stacey H. Santee, 49, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for operating a vehicle not registered with the state of Florida. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Landon Howard Underwood, 47, of Hampton was arrested Aug. 14 by Starke police for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, police were called about a suspicious person in the area of Florida Street in Starke who was walking around asking for illegal narcotics. When the police officer questioned Underwood, he stated he was in the area looking to purchase crack, but was unsuccessful so far. Underwood then consented to a search by the officer. The officer found a glass pipe used to smoke crack and arrested him. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Gary Alvin Weeks, 29, of Starke was arrested Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for criminal mischief. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Douglas David Wilkerson, 34, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 12 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and on an out-of-county warrant from Hamilton for original charge of expired driver's license. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

Matthew Leon Wilkerson, 29, of Raiford was arrested Aug. 14 for three failure to appear charges and two probation violation charges. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Dawn Marie Wright, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 17 by Starke police for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, police were called to a disturbance at the Dempsey Motel on U.S. 301 North in Starke. Wright, who appeared intoxicated, was yelling and cussing at her fiancé and other motel occupants, and did the same while being questioned by the police officer. She was arrested, with bond set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Keystone/Melrose

Travis Couey, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 14 by Clay deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

John Goodwin, 19, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 18 by Putnam deputies for three probation violations.

David Knorp, 30, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 14 by Clay deputies for aggravated domestic battery.

Mary Kurtz, 32, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 14 by Clay deputies for selling and delivering narcotics.

George Luna, 24, of Melrose was arrested Aug. 16 by Clay deputies for driving without a valid license.

Jamie Nichols, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 18 by Clay deputies for failure to return leased personal property with intent to defraud.

Lee Sackett, 52, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 16 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Catherine Sanders, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 14 by Clay deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Dakota Tate, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 14 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Darrell Shawn Zoller, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 12 by Putnam deputies for failure to appear.

Union

Jerome Hadley Addison, 46, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of cocaine and distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of of public park or school. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Daronte Jawaun Corbitt, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 14 by Union deputies for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. According to the arrest report, Corbitt was spotted breaking into a vehicle behind the Supervisor of Elections office. Corbitt left the area, but was spotted going into Spires grocery a few minutes later by a deputy and arrested.

Dwayne Hayward Douglas, 44, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 13 by Union deputies for vehicle grand theft. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to Raiford when a homeowner confronted a man walking around behind his home. Douglas told the homeowner he had run out of gas in his vehicle and was looking for a place to sleep. Once deputies arrived and questioned Douglas, he gave several versions about who owned the vehicle, and they eventually learned through dispatch that the car was reported stolen from Gainesville. Douglas was arrested and transported to jail.

James Barney Dowdy Jr., 49, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for two charges of possession of drugs—new legend drugs without a prescription and selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public housing or schools. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

James Ray Forsyth, 59, of Raiford was arrested Aug. 17 by Union deputies for aggravated battery—using a deadly weapon. According to the arrest report, Forsyth got into an argument with his wife after they had been drinking. According to a witness, Forsyth was observed holding a knife in his hand in a threatening manner toward his wife, and then he was observed on top of her. The witness then went to call law enforcement. When deputies

arrived, Forsyth met them at the gate, blocking their way and saying he didn't cut his wife—she fell into a pond and cut her arm on a whiskey bottle. The deputies found the victim in her residence with a laceration on her forearm that was still bleeding and called EMS for treatment. Forsyth was arrested and transported to jail.

Donald James Fortune, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription or over 20 grams of marijuana, selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of schools or place of worship, and trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to 30 kilograms. Bond was set at \$110,000 for the charges.

Irving Parker Lilliston, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked, attaching tag not assigned, possession of drugs—methamphetamine, and possession of drugs—listed chemicals used for manufacturing controlled substances. He was also later arrested on a warrant for three charges of possession of drugs, possession of narcotic equipment, producing drugs—methamphetamine, a weapon offense—commit felony with a weapon and dangerous drugs—keeping a shop or shed for storing drugs. Bond was set at \$170,000 for the charges.

Loni Nadine Lilliston, 37, of Lake Butler, wife of Irving Lilliston, was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for three charges of possession of drugs, possession of narcotic equipment, producing drugs—methamphetamine, a weapon offense—commit felony with a weapon and dangerous drugs—keeping a shop or shed for storing drugs. Bond was set at \$270,000 for the charges.

Bobby Dean Major, 66, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription (includes marijuana over 20 grams), selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public park

or school and trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to 30 kilograms. Bond was set at \$110,000 for the charges.

James Cleveland Perry, 50, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription or over 20 grams of marijuana, and distribution of cocaine—delivery within 1,000 feet of school or place of worship. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Thomas Earl Powell, 60, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription or over 20 grams of marijuana, selling opium or derivative and selling barbiturates. Bond was set at \$90,000 for the charges.

Doris Juanita Rewis, 39, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription or over 20 grams of marijuana, and selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of schools or public housing. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Byron Henderson Sargent, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Robert Todd Sheldon, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 12 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription or over 20 grams of marijuana, and manufacturing opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of schools or public housing. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Justin Clayton Todd, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 16 by Union deputies on a warrant for child neglect, distribution of opium or derivative and trafficking drugs—4 grams less than 30 kilograms controlled substance. Bond was set at \$135,000 for the charges.

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Leila Byrd

LAKE GENEVA—Leila Mae Byrd, 82, of Lake Geneva died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2014 at the Windsor Manor Nursing Home in Starke. She was born in Starke on Sept. 28, 1929 to the late Richard and Mora (Brown) Clark. She was a homemaker and a member of Hope Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; one son, Danny; and one granddaughter, Heather Byrd.

Survivors are: children, Connie (Joey) Dampier, Vicki (Glenn) Smith all of Theresa, and Steve Byrd of Keystone Heights; sisters, Evelyn Carter of Keystone Heights, Bonnie Seay of Starke; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 13 at Hope Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Strickland and Dr. Gene Coons officiating. Burial followed at Hope Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Chris Davidson

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DELAND—Chris Ann Davidson, 67, passed away on Monday August 11, 2014 at Florida Hospital in Deland.

Chris lived in Starke for many years, worked at Fleet Finance and was an active member of the community. She directed and acted

in many plays performed by the Bradford Community Players such as South Pacific, Guys and Dolls, Brigadoon and Fiddler On The Roof. Chris then moved to Jacksonville and worked at Bank of America and performed with an Orange Park theater group before finally moving to Orange City to be closer to family.

Chris is survived by her daughter, Suzy Wilson of Starke; son, Jimmy Wilson of Gainesville; Stepfather, Philip Russell of Orange City; sister, Mary Henrickson of Orange City, five nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services were performed at the Allen Summerhill Funeral Home of Orange City on Aug. 16th.

PAID OBITUARY

Jenna Elam

LAWTEY—Jenna Elam, 78, passed away peacefully and went home to be with her Lord and savior early Saturday morning August 16, 2014. Jenna was lifelong resident of Florida with the majority of her time living in Lawtey with Joseph, her husband of 42 years. She was a beloved wife and mother and everyone loved her attitude and zest for life. She was an incredible woman who will be missed and remembered forever.

Survivors include: her husband Joseph; three sons, Michael and his wife Tammie, Richard and his wife Kimberly; son, John; and daughter, Alexis. Jenna had nine grandchildren, John, David, Amber, Amanda, Ashleigh, Kyndal, Alyssa, Marissa and Michael; and two great-grandchildren; Jase and Kyleigh. Jenna was a devoted member of Highland First Baptist Church where she worked as the church's bookkeeper until her retirement.

A Memorial service for Jenna will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Aug. 23rd at Highland First Baptist Church, 1409 U.S. 301, Lawtey, FL 32058.

PAID OBITUARY

Joseph Gangloff

MEHERRIN, VIRGINIA—Joseph Edward Gangloff, 65, of Meherrin, Virginia, formally of Waldo, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on Aug. 4, 1949 to the late Joseph and Flora Lombardo Gangloff. He worked as a truck driver and was able to beat stage 4 esophageal cancer in 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Diane Marie Gangloff. He was loved by his children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by: his children, Colleen (Steve) Amos, Joseph Gangloff, Stacy (Steve) Rose, Patricia (Tommy) Reamer, Michelle (William) Vereen and Eddie (Gloria) Gangloff; 15 grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Frani) Gangloff; and a sister, Flora (Ron) Patterson.

Services will be private. Contributions may be made on behalf of the Gangloff family c/o Puckett Funeral Home, 115 Covington Court, Farmville, VA 23901 or Cancer Treatment Centers of America 10109 East 79th St, Tulsa, OK 74133. Puckett Funeral Home is serving the family.

PAID OBITUARY

Dorris Horne

LOGANVILLE, GEORGIA—Dorris S. Horne, age 94, of Loganville, Georgia, passed away on

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014. Mrs. Horne was a member of Grace Baptist Church and was preceded in death by: her husband of 75 years, Newell A. Horne; parents, Marion Z. and Ruby Sullivan; and sister, EmaJo Camplejohn.

She is survived by: her daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Art Hall of Loganville; Betty Fine of Huntsville, Alabama; Sandy and John Brown of Loganville; brother-in-law, Claude G. Horne of Riverside, California; grandchildren, DeAnna L. (Michael) Cox; Kelly L. (Heath) Burrell; Robert A. (Katie) Hall; Greg (Sabrina) Fine; Michelle Stephens; Jeffrey (Jennifer) Brown; Laura Brown; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Strickland and Mr. Percy Sullivan officiating. Interment will follow in Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Hope Baptist Church, 3900 SE State Road 100, Starke, FL 32091.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home 620 E. Nona St. Starke, FL 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Marye Kirk

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Marye Southerland Kirk, 86, of Keystone Heights died at her home, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. She was born in Richmond, Virginia on Dec. 11, 1927 to the late Thomas and Katherine (Lawson) Southerland. She was a homemaker, former member of Fresh Start Fellowship Church and was attending Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Ed" Kirk in 2005; and daughters, Holly Kirk and Dr. Dougie Macintire.

Survivors are: children, Heather Huzzen of Newberry, Andy Kirk of Jacksonville, Bruce Kirk of Lovettsville, Virginia and Christian Kirk of Auburn, Alabama; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m., Aug. 30, in the Fresh Start Fellowship Church with Pastor Steve Conner, Dr. James Peoples and Reverend Scott Stanland officiating. Interment will follow at Eliam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Salesian Missions Clean Water Initiative at www.salesianmissions.org. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Sidney Martin

LAWTEY—Sidney Bella Martin, 81, of Lawtey died Monday, Aug. 11, 2014 at Bradford Terrace Nursing Home with family by her side. She was born in Lawtey on April 23, 1933 to the late Charlie Manning and Mandy Johns Manning. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 28 years, Howard Martin; four brothers, Ted, Cecil, Sidney, and Edward Manning; and three sisters, Florie Manning, Reba Macmahon, and Lottie Davis.

She is survived by: children, James "Jimmy" Martin of Lawtey, Lisa (Jimmy) Saunders and Patricia (Russell) Thornton both of Starke; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Terry McClure

HAMPTON—Terry Lee McClure, 56, of Hampton died on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Winchester, Indiana on March 8,

1958 to Joyce McClure and the late Jimmy B. McClure, Sr. In 2011 he moved to Hampton where he worked at Fabco Air in Gainesville as a machinist.

He is survived by: mother, Joyce McClure of Winchester, Indiana; daughter, Amanda (Jonathan) Sumwalt of Farmland, Indiana; one granddaughter; his partner of many years, Robin Ann Reitenour of Hampton; brother, Jimmy McClure, Jr.; and sisters, Tammie Hymmer and Diana Randall.

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

Margaret Morgan

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Margaret Tyson Morgan, 88, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Willey Manor. She was born Dec. 11, 1925 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania to the late William and Carrie (Detweiler) Tyson and was a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Park of The Palms Church in Keystone. She was preceded in death by husband, Robert E. Morgan; son, Douglas Morgan; daughter-in-law, Sharon; grandson, Nicholas; and brother, David Tyson.

She is survived by: children, Daniel (Donne) Morgan, and Carol (Mark) Hannus; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three siblings, Clyde Tyson, Carolyn Dunbar and William Tyson; and many sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Warrenville Bible Chapel, in Warrenville, Illinois. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Gardens West in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Warrenville Bible Chapel, Missionary Fund, P.O. Box 104, Warrenville, IL 60555. Local arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Michael Pittman

Michael Pittman

GAINESVILLE—Michael Lee Pittman, age 59, of Gainesville, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014 at his home. He was born Jan. 4, 1955 in Newport News, Virginia. Michael was retired from the State of Florida as a truck driver. He loved cars, trucks and motorcycles. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Pittman and brother, Jerry Pittman.

Michael is survived by: his wife, Delia Pittman; mother, Betty Conley Pittman; brother, Dennis Pittman; daughter and son-in-law, Megan and Jesse Colburn and granddaughter, Madison Colburn.

A Life Celebration Service was held Aug. 15 in the chapel of Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, with Pastor Jeff Arnold officiating. Those who wish may make memorials to American Heart Association, 3224 West University

Avenue, #128, Gainesville, FL 32607. Please visit his memorial page at www.williamsthomasmemorialhome.com. For further information, Williams-Thomas Downtown (352) 376-7556.

PAID OBITUARY

Diana Wilkerson

LAWTEY—Diana Wilkerson, 74, of Lawtey died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 at Haven Hospice in Orange Park from an extended illness. She was born Aug. 21, 1939 in Spokane, Washington to Donald Q. Hill and Marie Hill. She retired in 2004 from Northeast Florida State Hospital, Medical Records. She is predeceased by parents, Donald and Marie Hill and grandson, Manuel Wayne Techaira.

She is survived by: husband, Leon Wilkerson of Lawtey; son, Douglas Dahlberg of Lawtey; and daughters, Colleen Wilkerson of Starke, Laurel Van Nest of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Susan Wilkerson of Jacksonville; sisters, Serina Dettwiler of Spokane, Washington, Sherry Moe of Spokane; and brother, Larry Hill of Australia; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lake Butler Ward. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Lake Butler. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler.

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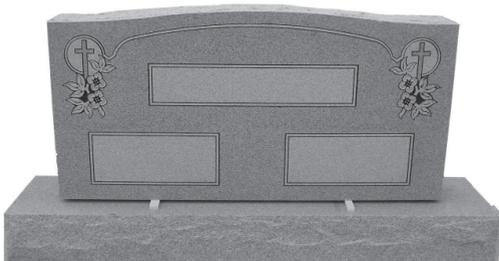
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BHS grad Cook gets Georgia Southern track and field offer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Samantha Cook, a 2013 Bradford High School graduate, turned a standout year at Defiance College in Ohio to a chance to move up from the Division III level to Division I and now compete at Georgia Southern University.

Cook received a scholarship offer from Georgia Southern after a freshman year at Defiance that included winning the shot put at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Championships and placing second in the shot put and discus at the HCAC Outdoor Championships.

"I feel like it's well-deserved," Cook said. "I worked real hard for this."

Cook's shot put total at the HCAC Indoor Championships set a new conference record at 12.39 meters. She eventually earned second-team all-conference honors.

"I didn't think it would happen my freshman year," Cook said of setting a record. "I thought it'd take me until my senior year. Then, when it actually happened, my coach was telling me, 'Oh, by the way, you have a record.' I had to check on the Internet to make

sure that was right." Cook said she heard someone say that one in 100 student-athletes get the chance to move up from a Division III school to a Division I school. However, she said she began hearing from Georgia Southern after her performance at her conference's indoor championships.

"They were like, 'Hey, we want you here. We need a shot putter.' They said they would offer me something," Cook said. "I went there during spring break. That's when I finally realized, 'Well, this is where I need to be instead of Ohio.'"

Following an Aug. 14 signing ceremony at the Union County Sheriff's Office, however, Cook said she was thankful to receive a scholarship to Defiance coming out of high school. She wouldn't have been ready to attend a bigger school right away, she said, adding that it helped her to start out taking "little steps."

"Going to Ohio kind of opened my eyes about college and got me ready to go on to something bigger," Cook said.

Cook, though, looks forward to the weather in Georgia.

"The weather is so much better," she said. "That winter (in Ohio) was awful."

Cook had several highlights

at Defiance, including placing second in the shot put and discus at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships and being part of the first-ever Defiance team to win the women's HCAC Indoor Championships.

Defiance was seeded third at the indoor championships, but won the title by more than 100 points.

"When we first found out we won, we went kind of crazy," Cook said. "It was a good moment. I actually forgot that seniors go to get the award, not freshmen, so I actually walked up there and ruined the moment, but I was really excited about it, so I couldn't help myself."

One of her favorite moments also included the chance to compete in the hammer throw, an event that's not part of high school competition.

"That was my favorite moment, trying things I didn't get to do in high school," Cook said. "It was awesome."

Cook said she likes the education program Georgia Southern offers. She plans to go into teaching at the elementary-school level. Plus, the school also has a club weightlifting program, which is a definite appeal. Cook made quite a mark

as a weightlifter in high school, winning two straight state championships.

"I feel like if (weightlifting) wasn't there, I'd definitely miss it just because it's part of my life," Cook said. "It's always been part of my life."

Cook, who also attended Union County schools, earned third- and seventh-place finishes at state in weightlifting as a Union County High School student. UCHS weightlifting coach Bryan Griffis attended the Aug. 14 signing and spoke highly of Cook, mentioning not just her growth as a weightlifter and a person, but the fact that she is up front about her Christian faith.

"I've seen her grow up from a little girl. Now, she's become a lady," Griffis said, adding, "I'm proud of the person she's become and the way God's in her life."

Making the jump from competing in track and field at the Division III level to Division I is a little intimidating, but Cook believes it will be a successful move. She is looking forward to making her mark against that level of competition.

"I feel it's going to be more challenging," Cook said, "but eventually it'll be a lot better. Whatever happens happens."



Samantha Cook, a 2013 Bradford High School graduate, signs the paperwork in accepting a scholarship to Georgia Southern University.

I have three years to prove myself."

KHHS grad Starling to play ball at Warner

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It was a late opportunity, but one that 2014 Keystone Heights High School graduate Tristan Starling is very appreciative of.

Starling has received a scholarship to Warner University, a Christian college in Lake Wales, where he will get the chance to continue playing baseball.

"I've always dreamed of playing at the next level in college," Starling said.

Keystone head coach Alan Mattox said he couldn't be more proud of a player getting an opportunity to continue playing. He said Starling is a hard worker who meets challenges head on and a person who is up front about his Christian testimony.

"Obviously, Warner's getting a really good baseball player—an outstanding baseball player—but also getting an even better person," Mattox said.

Starling said he had the opportunity to participate in a team workout. He felt good afterward as he and Warner coach Jeff Sikes talked one on one.

Now, Starling is looking to make his mark at the school as a pitcher, though he said he could also see some time in the outfield.

"I'm going to work on giving it all I've got and seeing where it goes from there," Starling said.

Mattox said Starling, whose 2.02 ERA was second-lowest on the team this past season, has a good fastball with movement and is basically a three-pitch pitcher, with a split changeup as his go-to pitch.

"The split is a really good pitch for him," Mattox said.

Mattox said Starling will really make a jump in performance as his breaking ball improves.

As for possibly playing in the outfield, Mattox said Starling is a defender who gets a good jump on the ball and, of course, has a strong arm.

Mattox added that Starling

Tristan Starling (right), a 2014 KHHS graduate, is pictured with Warner University head baseball coach Jeff Sikes.



really came on as a batter during his senior year at KHHS. His regular-season batting average of .319 was fourth on the team.

"He could very well be a two-way player for them," Mattox said.

Starling said he expects it'll be quite a different game than what he's used to as he transitions from high school to college.

"I might have some nerves," Starling said. "Hopefully, they'll go away."

Mattox has no doubt it will be a successful transition for Starling. He said Starling comes from a good family and has a good foundation upon which to build.

"There's no doubt he'll meet that challenge and do well down there," Mattox said.

At Warner University, Starling will be part of a National Association of Incollegiate Athletics program that has qualified for the regionals eight

times in the last 14 years, playing for a regional championship five times during that span.

Head coach Sikes is entering his 32nd year at the school and has 939 career wins.

It's an opportunity Starling is grateful for.

"I want to thank Jesus Christ for everything he has done in my life, and I also want to thank my parents (Robert and Tracie Starling) and my family for everything they have done," Starling said.

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Cody Tillman (left) and Chance Oody participate in the first week of practice.

BHS

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on offense and will be the "quarterback" of the secondary at strong safety.

"He's kind of going to be our guy who helps us get lined up back there and makes sure guys understand the coverage and what the coverage is," Green said.

Drian Jenkins and Xavian Jenkins are a couple of other players to keep an eye on the secondary, Green said, adding that he's also excited about newcomer Larry Highsmith, a sophomore who hasn't played football in four years.

At linebacker, you have Jeffers, whom Green called the "heart and soul" of the defense.

"We're definitely going to look for him to be a senior leader for us," Green said. "He's got the most playing-time experience as far as our defense goes. He's a versatile guy. He plays well in coverage because of his length. We're also going to bring him coming off the outside to rush the quarterback."

"He's going to have to play multiple spots for our defense."

Green said McNeal has been doing a good job at linebacker, as has Carter and Orton, who just moved to the position Aug. 8.

Luke will probably also see playing time at linebacker.

Again, as with quite a few positions, linebackers are

learning a different style of play.

"We're going to be doing a lot more moving around with our linebackers and bringing guys on blitzes inside and guys coming off the edges," Green said. "We're moving those guys around to put them in the best possible position to help our defense and try to create some confusion for the (opponents') offensive lines."

On special teams, freshmen Hicks, Zion Barber, Trace Barber and Dakota Mathews have been battling for placekicking duties, while Luke and Zion Barber have been working at punter.

Green said he expects District 4-4A to be a battle. The Villages won six games last year and will be improved, Green said. He also expects Umatilla and Interlachen to improve from

Jameaze McNeal is focused during a recent practice. McNeal figures to be a factor at linebacker and may contribute to the offensive backfield as well.



their four-win and one-win seasons, respectively.

Then, there's Keystone Heights, which defeated Bradford by one point last season to claim the district crown.

"I know we're always going to have a battle with Keystone Heights," Green said. "That's a big rivalry. Coach (Chuck) Dickinson does a great job there."

The non-district schedule is certainly not easy, with games against Class 5A teams Baker County, Eastside, Palatka, Suwannee and Wakulla, as well as fellow Class 4A team Fort White, which has been to the playoffs the past four years.

It won't be an easy path leading up to the Tornadoes' first district game, but Green said those early games against Buchholz, Suwannee, Baker County and Fort White will be when coaches get the chance to evaluate their players and see where everyone fits in best in order to compete in the district and try to earn a playoff berth.

"There are going to be kids moving around those first couple of weeks when evaluations are done," Green said. "Hopefully, by the time we start district play, we have our guys in the positions we want them to finish out the season in. That way, they can kind of hone in and learn their position from that point on."

The Tornadoes travel to Gainesville to play Buchholz at Citizens Field in a kickoff classic on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. Bradford opens the regular season at home on Friday, Aug. 29, against Suwannee at 7:30 p.m.

KHHS

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(secondary) and Dalton Hodge (linebacker), and juniors Beverly (secondary), Chris McLean (defensive line) and Logan Wilson (defensive line).

Keystone does have experience on special teams with Noble handling the punting duties and senior J.J. Schofield handling kicking duties. Schofield was almost perfect on extra-point attempts last year and looks to step into the role of kickoff duties as well, which were handled by Michael Carroll, who has since graduated.

"We're hoping he can get it into the end zone for us and make the (opponent) start at the 20," Dickinson said.

Only one team besides Keystone had five wins or more in District 4-4A, but Dickinson expects a tough battle. Dickinson said he expects Umatilla to be "vastly" improved from its four-win season as it played so many young players last year. He admitted he doesn't know what to expect out of Interlachen, a one-win team, but he does expect the Villages, which won six games last year, to provide a tough test.

"They're well-coached," Dickinson said. "They don't usually beat themselves. They're not going to turn the ball over generally."

Bradford won just three games last year, but lost to Keystone by only one point in a game that decided the district championship.

There's a little uncertainty about Bradford, which has a new coach in Corey Green, but Dickinson said, "For us, it's a rival game. That's always a game, I guess, where if you go over the last six years, probably three or four of the games have been decided by a point or two."



ABOVE: Running back Anton Noble runs through a set of tires. **LEFT:** Offensive lineman Garrett Davis works on his technique coming off of the line of scrimmage.

With some inexperience and a lack of depth at quite a few positions, a return to the postseason could depend on how many players the Indians can keep on the field.

"I think the key again—like every year—at our level is not having injuries," Dickinson said. Keystone hosts Ridgeview in a

preseason classic on Friday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. The Indians travel to Callahan to play West Nassau on Friday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. to open the season in earnest. Their first home game follows on Friday, Sept. 5, against Wildwood at 7:30 p.m.

2013 season recaps of the Bradford and Keystone varsity teams will be published next week, pending available space

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