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Worth Noting

Jewish Studies at Park of the Palms Church

Dr. Peter Colón from Friends of Israel will bring the Feast of Trumpets alive at Park of the Palms Church from Sept. 18-20. This Special Weekend event will begin on Thursday evening, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. when Dr. Colón will explain the profound implications of the Feast of Trumpets and how it should affect our spiritual walk today. Then on Friday evening he will lead us in a joyful consumption of the feast beginning at 7 p.m. in the fellowship area at the chapel. Saturday morning we will have an update on Israeli current issues and a Q&A with Dr. Colón. In the evening we will enjoy the 70th anniversary performance of the Israel Philharmonic from Tel Aviv. All are welcome. Reservations are required. Call 352-226-6938 for more information.

Scarecrow Strut set for October

The Keystone Lake-Region Business Association invites you to celebrate the spirit of the fall by creating a scarecrow for the Second Annual Scarecrow Strut. Every business, school, civic, and non-profit organization, is encouraged to design, build, and display a themed scarecrow for the community to enjoy throughout downtown Keystone Heights. The Scarecrow Strut is a time when our community comes alive with whimsical scarecrows and we get a chance to "Strut Our Stuff."

- Make a commitment to the KLRBA by completing an application (which is available at the Keystone Building Center - True Value facility). The application must be completed and returned by Oct. 1.

- Make your scarecrow sturdy, and weather-proof (including wind-proof). The design must allow for the scarecrow to be staked in the ground or attached to a post.

- Attach to your scarecrow, a laminated sign (8½ x 11) with the Scarecrow's name, and the business or organization it was built by.

- Indicate if you want your Scarecrow to be displayed in front of your business (downtown core area), or at a designated spot on SR 100.

- Scarecrows may be placed in their designated spot as early as Oct. 18, and no later than Oct. 25.

- Scarecrows will be displayed to the public from Oct. 25, thru Nov. 8.

- Scarecrows will be judged on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and winners will be announced on Thursday, Nov. 6th. Winners will receive a plaque with the category and winner's name engraved.

Categories of entry's are:

- Grand Prize
- Most Creative
- Best Use of Recycled Materials

- Fan Favorite
- Most Representative of your Business

This is a great opportunity for visitors to Keystone Heights to get out and enjoy a relaxing stroll, while voting for their favorite scarecrow, our downtown businesses to garner attention, and a great opportunity for the community to come together.

For more information, please contact Doug Wise at 352-473-9991, dcwise@AOL.com; or Deirdre Murphy at 352-281-3026, deirdremurphy@watsonrealtycorp.com.

Vendors abandon Keystone farmers' market

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Over a dozen former vendors of the Keystone Heights Farmers' Market voted to remain at their summer home in Midway, rather than return to the city's market when it reopens in September.

The group moved to Midway's Faith Presbyterian Church at the beginning of the summer after the city council decided to close its venue at Natural Park for the season.

The new group, calling itself The Farmers' Market at Midway, appointed former Keystone Heights Farmers' Market Manager Cheryl Owen as its own manager.

Owen said when the group moved to Midway for the summer, it fully expected to return to the Keystone Heights venue in the fall. However, vendors soon noted

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Mayor promotes 'Like It, Lock It' campaign

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 4 - As part of a response to an increase in crime within Keystone Heights, Mayor Tony Brown is promoting an awareness campaign pushed earlier by Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler.

"Like It, Lock It," encourages residents to secure their property, making it less susceptible to thieves.

Brown told city council members during their Sept. 4 meeting that much of the recent crime in the city could have been easily prevented had residents been more diligent in securing their property.

Brown said that around the same time that three teenagers broke into and vandalized Keystone Heights High School, thieves stole a neighbor's Chevy Tahoe.

"They locked the Tahoe but forgot to lock the house," he said of his neighbors. "They (the thieves) walked in the house and got the keys."

Brown also said he is still working on the crime watch idea he mentioned during the August



To promote the "Like It, Lock it," crime prevention awareness campaign, Keystone Heights officials posted a portable sign in front of city hall.

city council session and plans a town hall meeting to discuss the concept. He added that he hoped

residents from outside Keystone Heights would also participate.

Man found dead in backyard

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 8 - The Clay County Sheriff's Office said a 22-year-old Keystone Heights man was found dead in the back yard of his residence Saturday.

Joshua M. Williams, 22, lived with his father on Southeast Cypress Avenue.

According to the sheriff's Public Information Coordinator, Mary Justino, Williams was last seen alive by his father inside the home around 11 p.m. Saturday night. She added that the following day, the father discovered the body at the base of a tree in the back yard.

"At this time it is unknown what caused the death," she wrote in an email. "There are no suspicious injuries or circumstances surrounding this incident and the death appears to have been accidental in nature (fell from tree)."

City to hold open house for proposed sign ordinance

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 8 - A member of the Keystone Heights Growth Management Committee said business owners who have signs that violate the city's pending sign ordinance will have to replace the noncompliant placards within five years.

Dan Lewandowski made the comments during the September meeting of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association. He also passed out invitations to an open house at city hall on Sept. 18, during which he and his colleagues plan to introduce the sign ordinance to business owners and answer questions from the public about the law. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Lewandowski, a retired Air Force Colonel, in addition to Mayor Tony Brown, Council Member Marion Kelly and citizen members Fred Pitts and Karen Lake, comprise the five-member panel. The committee has been drafting the sign ordinance for about a year.

He said that early in the process, an effort was made to bring to Keystone Heights, the look and feel of a 1920s-era small resort town, similar to what the city looked like when it was originally developed and marketed to Pennsylvania residents by the Lawrence Developing Company.

Lewandowski added that Florida communities like Mt. Dora, DeLand, The Villages and Fernandina Beach have successfully parlayed similar themes into inviting landscapes that attract tourists and consumers.

He said it was difficult for him and his colleagues to work through the 40-page ordinance and consider all the implications of the proposed law.

"We had a lot of discussions: what's good for business and what's not good for business?" he recalled. "What's different about being right on South Lawrence versus being along (S.R.) 100 and having the rails-to-trails path there?"



Keystone Heights Growth Management Committee Member Dan Lewandowski explained some of the features of the city's pending sign ordinance to members of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association.

Lewandowski said people evaluating the sign ordinance should keep in mind the target of the plan.

"What's the ultimate goal here?" he said to the business group. "We want to make our community very attractive for people to come from outside the community and shop here, to spend money here. Our ultimate goal is to help businesses."

He also said part of the ordinance is a design guide that makes recommendations to businesses. However, most of the law focuses on disallowing types and features of certain signage like neon "Open" signs, flashing and ticker tape type signs, window signs, roof signs and other signs.

Lewandowski said the committee, which is now finalizing the new ordinance,

considered grandfathering existing signs, but ultimately decided against it. He said that as the ordinance stands now, all signs within the municipality will have to come into compliance with the sign ordinance within five years.

"At the very last meeting," he recalled, "at the very last second, it was proposed that we bring a stick, because all we have are carrots-incentives to do this. So the stick was, all signs must be converted within five years."

Lewandowski said his committee is particularly looking for feedback from business owners about the five-year conversion requirement.

"This is where you guys need to weigh in," he said. "Is the city pushing you too much?"

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Final budget hearing set for Sept. 15

Plan includes 21-percent tax increase

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 4 - The Keystone Heights City Council scheduled Sept. 15 as the date it plans to approve its 2014-2015 budget, which includes a property tax increase of 21 percent over the current millage rate.

The \$656,025 spending plan forecasts revenues of \$680,979 and an increase in the city's ending general fund reserve of \$24,954.

The plan also raises the current millage rate from 2.9002 mills to 3.5000 mills.

The budget also incorporates Keystone's capital improvement plan, in which city officials have budgeted \$30,000 in the coming year for a skateboard park and \$33,050 for improvements to its tennis, basketball and tiny tots recreational facilities behind city hall. The expenditures for the latter project is funded through a state grant and officials are searching for additional grants to fund the skateboard park.

The plan includes a \$20,000 expenditure in 2015-2016 for the roof at city hall, bond payments of around \$73,000 a year over the next six years and sidewalk improvements of \$7,500 a year from 2014-2015 to 2017-2018. In 2018-2019, the plan calls for \$52,500 for sidewalk work.

Roadway resurfacing and rehabilitation make up the largest portion of the capital budget, with \$177,848 forecast for 2014-2015, \$186,093 planned for 2015-2016 and \$150,000 a year budgeted for the four years thereafter.

Keystone Building Supply survives Great Recession, death of co-founder



Brian Gasset talks to the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association about Keystone Building Center.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 8 - The vice president of Keystone Building Supply gave members of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association a history lesson of the 13-year-old company.

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Former Lt. Gov. Carroll seeks to set record straight

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

FLEMING ISLAND, Sept. 4 - Former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll held the first book signing for her new autobiography: "When You Get There" at Sweetwood Books in Fleming Island.

The 172-page, softcover volume covers Carroll's journey from an adopted toddler in Trinidad to the aftermath of her resignation from Florida's second-highest office.

Carroll said the book, which started selling on Amazon.com on Sept. 1, was rated the best new release during its first week by the online retailer. She also said the book made Amazon's bestseller lists for paperback and Kindle new releases.

"The book is meant to be something to motivate, inspire and to encourage people that through life's adversities and disappointments, that they can too come out of it and be even better for going through it than they were before," she said. "I talk about my faith, in the book, how that has helped me in overcoming these adversities, and the strong support of my friends and my family that has enabled me to come through with flying colors."

Carroll also said she hoped to present her side of the events that led to her resignation from office in 2013.

"There have been some falsehoods [about] my time serving in public office," she said. "I wanted to clear the air and get the facts and truth out there."

In the book, Carroll disputes a widely accepted narrative that she resigned because of her work for Allied Veterans, the charitable organization that operated Internet cafes at around 50 locations throughout Florida.

Prosecutors alleged that the gaming centers simulated slot machines and constituted illegal gambling.

The investigation surrounding Allied Veterans has, so far, resulted in the conviction of Jacksonville attorney Kelly Mathis on 103 counts including racketeering and helping run a lottery. Robbie Freitas, the former vice president of the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police pleaded guilty to charges of illegally structuring financial transactions and operating an illegal lottery.

Over 50 people were arrested as a result of the investigation, including former Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police President, Cuba Nelson, who is awaiting trial.

The scandal also created a backlash in the Florida Legislature, which outlawed Internet cafes.

Carroll performed public relations work for Allied Veterans and earned nearly \$100,000 from the organization in 2009 and 2010.

She resigned from office in March, 2013, immediately after agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement interviewed her about her connections to Allied Veterans.

FDLE agents concluded that she broke no laws while working for the group.

In the book, Carroll says that her resignation had nothing to do with Allied Veterans, but rather with her frustration with the Lt. Governor's job and with her poor relationship with Gov. Rick Scott.

She wrote that two FDLE agents spent around 30 minutes in her office asking her basic questions and informing her that



Former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll signs a copy of her autobiography, "When You Get There," for a supporter at Sweetwood Books in Fleming Island.

people connected with Allied Veterans would likely soon be arrested.

She added that as the agents left, Scott's Chief of Staff, Adam Hollingsworth, and the governor's general counsel were waiting outside her office.

Hollingsworth told her that Scott wanted her to resign. She wrote that when she asked why, Hollingsworth responded, "The governor wants to focus on his legislative agenda and he doesn't want any distractions."

"Fine," I thought," Carroll wrote. "If this guy doesn't want me here, then I'll go. I've had enough." It was a kneejerk reaction. It was so demoralizing and disrespectful for Governor Scott to send a substitute to fire me."

Carroll claimed that it wasn't until the following day that she connected the visit from FDLE agents and the resignation request.

She added that she thought Scott's staff set her up, implying her departure was connected to Allied Veterans.

"I firmly believe the governor's people staged the whole incident so they could frame the narrative in just that way," she wrote. "I believe they asked FDLE to talk to me about the Allied Veterans affair, which explains why our conversation was so strange. I'm sure it was no coincidence that Adam and the governor's general counsel were waiting to ambush me right after the FDLE staff left. That's how they were able to link the two events."

In her book, Carroll also refutes allegations brought against her by Carletha Cole,

a former staff member who claimed she caught Carroll and another aide in a compromising position.

Cole was arrested for supplying a secret tape recording of Carroll's chief of staff to a Florida Times-Union reporter. She signed a pre-trial intervention agreement to avoid prosecution.

Carroll also writes about her upbringing, Navy career and the challenges of balancing work and family responsibilities.

During the book signing event, Carroll said that in addition to promoting the autobiography, she works as a political analyst for WJXT-TV.

"It's been pretty good to be able to sit on the sideline and give my honest assessment and account for both sides," she said.

Carroll also travels to follow her son Nolan, a starting cornerback for the Philadelphia Eagles and said she is also enjoying her new role as a grandmother.

She added that she has no immediate plans to run for office again.

"What I'm doing now, politically, is helping other candidates," she explained, "particularly candidates that are anti-establishment."

She said that she hopes to guide candidates with fresh ideas and energy to shake up the political establishment.

Goodwill of North Florida placed 12,500 people in jobs in 2013

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - A representative of Goodwill Industries of North Florida spoke to a Keystone Heights civic club in August.

Tracy Collins, vice president for public affairs for the organization, gave Keystone Heights Rotarians a look inside the organization.

Collins told the group that Goodwill, famous for its thrift stores, has a central mission of getting people into the workforce.

"That's what Goodwill is all about," she explained. "We are about training people and placing them in jobs."

"We believe that work is the cornerstone of life," she continued. "It really is all about what propels the rest of your world."

She added that many of the group's clients lack the job skills most people take for granted.

"There are people in our community who don't know how to write a resume," she said, "don't have skills, don't know how to dress for a job interview and don't know how to answer hard questions if they are coming off a situation that maybe wasn't so wonderful. That's what we are there for."

Goodwill Industries of North Florida is one of 166 similar organizations in North America. Founded in 1902 by Methodist minister, Edgar J. Helms, Goodwill first helped immigrants in Boston with language difficulties and other employment barriers.

Helms and his employees took burlap sacks door-to-door throughout the city's South End, asking residents for unwanted items of clothing. They then took the donations back to the church and repaired them before hosting a bazar every Saturday, selling the items, and splitting the proceeds among workers, giving the workers employment as well as

training.

"The model hasn't changed that much," Collins said. "We don't go door-to-door, we don't do a whole lot of fixing things up and the bazar has been replaced with our thrift stores which are open seven days a week."

Now, Goodwill is the largest private provider of training and employment services for people with disabilities and special needs in North America.

"But that is not all we serve," said Collins. "We help people who don't even have a GED, all the way to people who have master's degrees-who are starting a second career in their lifetimes."

Collins said when the real estate market collapsed in 2009, her organization provided free retraining to many people formally employed in that industry.

Goodwill does no fundraising. Its only source of income is through its business enterprises.

Locally, Goodwill was started in 1940 in the basement of the Riverside Methodist Church in Jacksonville. By the end of its first year, Goodwill Industries of North Florida recorded \$6,765 in sales and employed 23 people.

In 2013, the organization booked over \$29.5 million in sales, and employed over 700 people. It operates 21 thrift and two specialty stores in its 14-county area of operation, in addition to 18 donation centers.

In addition to its well-known thrift stores, Goodwill also contracts with Navy bases in Jacksonville and Mayport, supplying services to the installations' galleys and commissaries. Collins said that 75 percent of the employees Goodwill uses at the bases have developmental disabilities.

Goodwill's two specialty stores sell up-market and down-market merchandise. The organization's up-market

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Tracy Collins, the vice president for public affairs at Goodwill industries of North Florida spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club in August.



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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
City of Keystone Heights

The City of Keystone Heights will hold a Town Hall Meeting to introduce the revised sign ordinance on September 18, 2014 at 6:30.

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

The proposed revisions to the signs ordinance may be reviewed in its entirety at City Hall during regular business hours.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed sign ordinance.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights City Manager by mail at Post Office Box 420, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, or by telephone at number (352) 473-4807, no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

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Kiwanis president takes over Halloween event

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 4 - The newly installed president of Lake Region Kiwanis has taken over Keystone's annual Halloween candy giveaway.

The city council approved Sara Matukaitas' special event application for the Oct. 31 giveaway, which is scheduled for 6-9 p.m.

The downtown Keystone event, formally known as Haunted Heights, was for eight years organized by the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association.

The group cancelled the event

last year because it could not find a member willing to take on the project.

Debbie Etheridge, 2013 Secretary-Treasurer for the business group said the association created Haunted Heights as a way to thank Lake Region residents for their support and to provide a safe place for local children to trick or treat.

However, over the past few years, merchants noted that many of the participants came from outside the Keystone Heights area, some as far away as Gainesville and Palatka. With around 4,000 participants last

year, the event had outgrown its original purpose.

In addition to authorizing the event, the council agreed to ask the Florida Department of Transportation to allow the city to close South Lawrence Boulevard, which is a state road, from Walker Avenue to Sylvan Way during the giveaway.

As in prior years, the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department will participate in the event, and bands will perform in the parking lot of Compass Bank. The Lake Region Kiwanis Club is also

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Brian Gasset said the organization's two founders, Bob Canady and Doug Wise, first met in Alaska while working for BP Oil Company. Wise worked in finance and Canady worked in the fields. The two were in Alaska for about ten years, mostly in the 1980s and became best friends.

Both men retired in their mid-50s, with Canady buying a house on Crystal Lake and Wise settling in Gainesville's Haile Plantation.

"Let's just say they failed retirement," Gasset said. "They got bored."

Gasset said both men saw the need in Keystone for a modern home center- a building supply company with hardware.

"They had a vision and spent about a year planning and talking about it," Gasset said. "They then bought into the True Value co-op to help with the hardware end of the business."

He added that the True Value affiliation, in addition to helping with hardware inventory, would also give the new business instant credibility.

"It gives you an identity that people have known most of their lives," he said. "True Value has been around since the 50s."

Canady and Wise opened the doors to Keystone Building Supply on Commercial Circle, next door to the post office in March, 2001.

Gasset, at the time, was a sales representative for Moore-Handley, an Alabama-based hardware wholesaler.

"Because I live, literally, a quarter-mile from the store, I went in, got to know them and started selling them some product as a secondary supplier," Gasset recalled, "because True Value did not have a lot of commodities, and building material items that the company I worked for did."

Six months later, Canady persuaded Gasset to join Keystone Building Center.

The company focused on new construction and remodeling and rode the building boom from 2004 to 2007.

"Of course in 08," Gasset said, "the train came off the tracks."

"There were a lot of young builders in Keystone that didn't make it," he added of the Great Recession. "The ones that made it were the older contractors that had been building for 30 and 35

years and had a lot of capital."

The following year, the company sustained another blow when Canady passed away.

Gasset credited Wise with guiding the company after Canady's passing and through the recession, scaling back costs and reducing the company's headcount from 26 to nine.

"We would not be in business today if it wasn't for that man right there," he declared, pointing in the direction of Wise.

"Fortunately we didn't have to let a lot of people go," Gasset added. "Several employees relocated. Their husbands got new careers and they left or retired."

Gasset admitted that the company's sales likely suffer because of its location on Commercial Circle, rather than on the higher-traffic road of Walker Avenue.

"Location does matter," he said.

He also said that while Keystone Building Supply competes with Bryan's Ace Hardware in the retail hardware space, Bryan's has carved a niche in home and garden while KBC continues its focus on lumber, building materials, windows, doors, "and anything you want to build a house or remodel a house."

Gasset said that the fallout from the 2009 construction crash still reverberates today. He said that most of the industry's infrastructure, including subcontractors, are simply gone. He also said that even though business has improved since the recession, sales have no consistent pattern or reliability.

"It's like a roller coaster," he said. "We used to know a week in advance about large packages and orders that we were going to ship to various locations. Now, we say our prayers at night and hope for the best. We show up the next day and there's nothing on the board. Then the phone starts ringing and, bam, before you know it there are orders that come in that you didn't know were going to come."

Gasset said that everyone at the company, including himself, has had to adjust to the economic realities of today's construction industry.

"Back in the day, I used to sit in a big, fancy office upstairs and buy and sell millions of dollars of material every day," he recalled. "Now, you will see me on the nut-and-bolt aisle waiting on Ms. Jones. You just have to adapt to the changes that happen around you."

SIGNS

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"Take it with a grain of salt," he said of the draft legislation, "and give us your inputs. That is what we are looking for."

Lewandowski said the city is also finalizing a grant program to cover 80 percent of sign costs for businesses that have to replace noncompliant signs.

He added, however, that the first round of grants will only be for commercial enterprises along South Lawrence Boulevard.

He said city officials hope to have the new sign rules and the grant process in place by the end of the year, "so we can start handing out money, early in 2015."

Lewandowski noted that the city's community redevelopment agency takes in around \$30,000 a year in tax revenues.

He added that in his view, most of that money will likely be earmarked for the sign grant program over the next five years.

Lewandowski said the ordinance will probably meet some resistance.

"Some people who put \$1,000-plus into a sign, they may not be very happy because their sign will be, not acceptable in the future," he said.

He also emphasized that if Keystone's business community supports the ordinance, it will be the ultimate beneficiary of the new law.

"We really believe, and the numbers-I haven't seen them myself but I tend to believe them- the numbers show, if we get this 1920s-1930s look and feel for the downtown, we will have a better future. We will have more money coming our way."

"It's a long-term investment," he added. "There may be some short-term pain."

MARKET

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the advantages of their new surroundings, including parking, restrooms, and a playground next to vendor's booths. Owen said the abundance of shade trees over the entire market area was another plus.

In August, the city council discussed the possibility of the Midway group running the Keystone Heights market. Owen said that many of her vendors resisted the proposal because it involved risk and an initial cash outlay they did not want to incur.

At the beginning of the summer, some vendors asked the council not to close the venue for the summer. Others supported the plan, saying they planned to take the season off anyway.

Owen said she kept the Midway vendors informed of the council's actions throughout the summer.

In a vote last Saturday, asking the vendors whether they wanted to return to Keystone or stay at the church, vendors voted 17-1 to remain in Midway.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Keystone Heights has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy

- A. Initially proposed tax levy\$192,121
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes\$ 42,937
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$149,184

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$187,758

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on September 15, 2014 at 6:00PM at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656.

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.



BUDGET SUMMARY							
City of Keystone Heights - Fiscal Year 2014-2015							
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS ARE 2% HIGHER THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
General Fund	3.5						
ESTIMATED REVENUES	General Fund	Special Revenue CRA	Enterprise Fund Cemetery	Enterprise Fund Airpark	Capital Projects Infrastructure	Farmer's Market	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage Per \$1000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	3.5						178,370
Sales and Use Taxes							281,234
Charges For Services							70,892
Intergovernmental Revenue							518,596
Miscellaneous Revenue							121,725
Licenses And Permits							36,355
Grants							7,103
Internal Service Charges							35,690
TOTAL SOURCES							11,706
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets							6,006
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES							33,050
EXPENDITURES							
General Government							431,204
Public Safety							176,880
Physical Environment							21,576
Transportation							35,690
Debt Service							530,302
Economic Development							193,593
Cultural And Recreation							74,983
Grants							6,006
TOTAL EXPENDITURES							63,050
Fund Balances, Reserves/Net Assets							0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES							656,025
							87,500
							35,690
							530,302
							331,626
							6,006
							1,647,149
							554,303
							27,361
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The tentative adopted, and / or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record

FOUR CORNERS REPORT: NEWS FROM ALACHUA, BRADFORD, CLAY AND PUTNAM COUNTIES

Alachua

UF researcher: Spread of Ebola beyond Africa likely

BY APRIL FRAWLEY BIRDWELL

UF College of Medicine Science Writer

GAINESVILLE, Sept. 9 - As the Ebola outbreak in West Africa continues to spread, isolated cases will likely make their way to the United States, with new estimates showing there is a nearly 20 percent chance this will occur by the end of September, according to researchers from several institutions, including the University of Florida.

The analysis was published Sept. 2 in the journal PLOS Currents, and is entitled "Outbreaks, combined patterns of international travel with estimates of how fast Ebola is spreading to calculate how quickly the disease might move to different locations."

Although some unexpected cases in the U.S. are likely inevitable, researchers anticipate they will be quickly isolated, not reaching any sort of outbreak level currently found in West Africa. Currently, the U.S. has imported three cases knowingly for treatment, with the third American health care provider to be infected with the disease in Africa arriving in the U.S. for treatment on Sept. 5.

"We would assume that the U.S. would have sufficient capacity to test people and treat them. We would not expect any real transmission in the U.S.," said Ira Longini, Ph.D., a professor of biostatistics in the UF colleges of Medicine and Public Health and Health Professions, part of UF Health. Longini collaborated with senior author and physicist Alessandro Vespignani, Ph.D., of Northeastern University, and other colleagues on the study.

Initially, the disease is expected to spread to currently unaffected African countries, which further increases the likelihood of it spreading beyond the continent's borders. There is not a high level of international travel among some of the affected countries, such as Liberia and Sierra Leone. But Nigeria, where the outbreak has also spread, is linked to many countries across the globe.

In fact, according to the study, as many as 6,000 passengers travel from Nigeria to the U.S. each week. In addition, many airline passengers go from Nigeria to other countries outside of Africa. Within the past week, Ebola also spread to Senegal, home to a major international hub in Dakar, its capital.

As the outbreak affects more metropolitan areas with international airports, the chances of unknowingly infected passengers bringing the virus with them to new locales is highly probable, Longini said.

According to the World Health Organization, 1,841 people have died from Ebola in West African nations during the outbreak. In total, the WHO reports 3,685

confirmed and suspected cases of Ebola thus far. The epidemic is anticipated to reach 10,000 cases by the end of September, according to an unrelated report in the journal Science.

Ebola spreads from person to person through contact with an infected person's bodily fluids. It can take anywhere from two to 21 days between infection and the onset of symptoms, according to WHO. Symptoms typically include a sudden fever, muscle weakness and sore throat, eventually progressing to include vomiting, rash and even bleeding. There is currently no vaccine for the disease and all treatments, beyond supportive care and rehydration, are experimental.

Although it seems logical to assume that stopping international air travel would stem the spread of the outbreak, the researchers' analysis showed it actually would have little effect. For example, reducing air travel by 80 percent would only prevent Ebola from spreading temporarily.

"Studies have shown the quarantining of entire villages and countries is highly ineffective, and this analysis shows that yet again," Longini said. "Surveillance and containment, which includes the isolation of cases and quarantine of close contacts, is the only intervention strategy that works that is available."

The researchers describe the current risk that the virus will spread to additional countries as moderate, but as the outbreak continues to defy containment, these risks will continue to grow.

Longini and colleagues, who began analyzing the data this summer, are continuing to monitor trends and update their mathematical model.

The study was partially supported by the MIDAS (Models for Infectious Disease Agent Study) grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Clay

Man steals chainsaws, arrested for murder

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Sept. 2 - A man who deputies say stole two chainsaws from a pickup truck in June has been arrested for the killing of another man.

Jarrod Franklin Robert Romani, 29 of Okeechobee turned himself in to the Clay County Sheriff's Office after a judge issued an arrest warrant for second degree murder.

According to court documents, Romani, along with Nathan

Bradford

Sheriff interviewed about Waldo police



STARKE, Sept. 3 - The CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley gave Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith national publicity when it interviewed him for a story about Waldo's police department. The Alachua County agency came under fire after its officers claimed the department instituted quotas for speeding tickets. During the news segment, Smith called the alleged practice "cash register justice."

"That's legalized robbery," he added. "And we shouldn't be doing that."

Ross, stole the equipment from the back of a pickup parked at a Green Cove Springs-area convenience store. The two men left the scene with a third man, Jason Kent as a passenger.

The owner of the stolen equipment, Jamie Green Sr., along with his son, Jamie Green Jr. and Chase Carter, pursued Romani's car, eventually forcing the vehicle off the road.

A fight ensued between the six men. When deputies arrived, Romani, Ross and Kent appeared to have received minor injuries.

Kent complained of abdominal pain and was taken to Orange Park Medical Center. Later, while being flown to Shands UF, Kent died. According to the Medical Examiner's Office, Kent died from a lacerated spleen caused by blunt force trauma to his abdomen.

Deputies originally arrested Romani and Ross for burglary of an automobile. The State Attorney's Office later charged the pair with second degree murder because Kent's death occurred while Ross and Romani were committing a felony.

Prosecutors also charged Jamie Arson Green, 34, of Middleburg with simple battery, a misdemeanor.

will be sentenced on Oct. 8.

Assistant State Attorneys T.J. Bryant and Samantha Ellis prosecuted the case.

In May 2013, Clay County Sheriff's deputies went to Adams' home to assist the Department of Children and Families in removing a five-year-old boy from the residence.

Because the suspect made threats to anyone attempting to remove the child, Lt. Russ Burke devised a plan consisting of two teams of deputies stationed nearby while he and a patrol sergeant approached the residence in a non-threatening manner to evaluate the suspect's state of mind.

Once Burke announced his intentions to remove the child, the suspect reached from the middle of his back and removed a 9 mm handgun pointing it toward Burke's head. Burke grabbed the barrel of the gun, ripped the weapon from the suspect's hand and subdued the man.

Sheriff Rick Beseler awarded Burke the Sheriff J.P. Hall Sr. Law Enforcement Memorial Award for his actions in apprehending Adams.

Putnam

Crescent City bank robbed



Crescent City, Sept. 2 - The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said two men robbed the Bank of America located at 913 N. Summit Street in Crescent City just before 4 p.m. on Sept. 2. According to an agency press release, the pair brandished handguns and took an unknown amount of money. The suspects were described as being around 5'8 - 5'10 tall.

Investigators are urging anyone with information related to this incident to call the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 386-329-0801 or Northeast Florida Crime Stoppers at 888-277-TIPS (8477). Anyone providing information that leads to an arrest and conviction may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.



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Clay

Middleburg man faces 15 years for assaulting deputy

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Sept. 4 - A jury found Thomas Lee Adams, 61, guilty of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

According to the State Attorney's Office, the Middleburg man now faces up to 15 years in prison, with a three year minimum-mandatory. He

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GOODWILL

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concept store is called Bluetique. Located in Ponte Vedra, the shop sells donated designer clothing like Hugo Boss, Lucky Jeans and Kenneth Cole. Collins said the clothing at Bluetique sells at a higher price point than it would at Goodwill's thrift stores, however shoppers can still find bargains, usually paying one-tenth of retail.

Goodwill's down-market outlet is its pound store. Merchandise that does not sell at thrift stores, wind up at the pound store where everything--clothing, housewares, books--is sold by the pound.

Collins also said Goodwill organizations have banded together to form ShopAtGoodwill.com, an e-commerce site. She said the biggest sellers on the site are LEGOs, and added that Goodwill of North Florida is on the verge of breaking into the top 10 for sales on the site.

Goodwill carries out its core mission of equipping individuals with job skills at its six Job Junction centers.

"Job Junctions are walk-in career centers," Collins said.

At the centers, Goodwill provides career counseling, help with resumes, job searches, interview coaching, Internet access and a phone, fax and copy center.

Job Junction centers also host hiring events.

Collins said that in 2013, 56,000 people asked for job assistance from Goodwill and the organization confirmed it helped place 12,500 into employment.

"There were more people, probably using our services that were placed into employment," Collins added, "but we are not allowed to claim that help unless they report back to us or we contacted them and they said, 'Yes, I got this job, thanks to you,'"

Out of the 166 Goodwill organizations in North America, the North Florida group now ranks sixth in the number of clients placed into employment.

Goodwill also operates a healthcare laundry service out of its corporate headquarters on Jacksonville's Westside. Current customers include Brooks Rehabilitation, the Bert Fish Hospital, NAS Jacksonville and UF Health. With the recent addition of UF Health, the organization increased its workload from 1.8 million pounds per year to 5.3 million pounds per year in hospital laundry. Goodwill has the capacity of cleaning 20 million pounds per year, which would employ 150 workers.

"What's exciting about our laundry service," Collins said, "is that it provides employment for a lot of people with developmental disabilities."

Goodwill also operates a landscaping business for commercial accounts that employs 38 people. During the winter months, when landscaping slows down, the operation transforms into a Christmas decorating service.

"We basically come to your house or business, we bring in all the lights, like little elves, and decorate while you are at work," Collins said. "You have these gorgeous lights up, all through the holidays and then in January, those elves come back, tear it all down and store the decorations until next year."

Council appoints pair to Heritage Commission

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 4 - The Keystone Heights City Council appointed two new members to its Heritage Commission and also changed the membership and quorum requirements for the panel.

The council created the commission in 2007 to preserve historic structures and artifacts in the municipality.

During its Sept. 4 meeting, the

city council appointed Melrose resident Jo Harben and Bradford County resident Helen Hersey to three year terms.

Harben has a background in real estate and broadcast journalism. She has served on the Alachua County Historical Commission, the Melrose Business and Community Association and Historic Melrose Inc.

Hersey owns Helen Hersey Realty in Keystone heights and is a member of the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Keystone-Lake Area Business Association. She also owns property within Keystone Heights and is a candidate for the Bradford County Commission.

The council also stipulated in a resolution that the Heritage Commission will consist of between four and seven members and that a majority of commission members constitutes a quorum.

City Councilman and Heritage Commission member Steve Hart, who pushed for the panel's creation in 2007 when he was on the zoning board, said that originally, the commission was required to have seven members and that four members constituted a quorum.

He added that over the years, actual membership on the board has range between four and seven members. He said the resolution gives the commission more flexibility.

CANDY

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participating in the event this year.

Keystone's Community Redevelopment Agency is funding security for the giveaway, which will be provided by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

LEGALS



LRM Legals 9/11/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
The Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Keystone Heights will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on September 22 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard to consider Ordinance 2014-542 and Ordinance 2014-543.

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

Ordinance 2014-542
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA, AMENDING TITLE XV. LAND USAGE, SECTION 153, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE XIX. SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AS ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 94-223; PROVIDING FOR AMENDED DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION FOR HANDBILLS, BANNERS, SOUNDTRUCKS AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADVERTISING; PROVIDING FOR AMORTIZATION, VARIANCES AND APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2014-543
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances. Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made to any matter considered at such hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceeding for such purpose. He or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights City Manager by mail at Post Office

Keystone barber moving



KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Barber Nick McCleod is moving his business from 7385 S.R. 21 to 7423 S.R. 21 on Sept. 29. McCleod now shares a building with a laundromat. In September, he will move into the former home of Pak's Karate and also of Keystone's only billboard. McCleod has been in business 18 years, five at his present location and in Melrose and Pensacola before that. Pictured is McCleod and one of his customers, Skipper Crews.

Council toughens e-cigarette ordinance, repeats first reading

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept 4 - The Keystone Heights City Council added a \$250 civil penalty to an e-cigarette ordinance it first heard in

August.

The proposed law prohibits retailers from selling e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine products to minors and bans the use of vending machines for the products.

During their August meeting, council members heard an earlier version of the ordinance, which did not stipulate the \$250 fine. However, it did state that violators could face civil penalties and could be charged with a second-degree misdemeanor

Council member Steve Hart told his colleagues in August that he thought the law should spell out more specific penalties.

During the Sept. 4 session, council members approved the first reading of the updated ordinance. If approved after a second reading, the proposal will become law.

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Read with Trees at Gold Head Branch State Park

Are you looking for a fun educational family experience that doesn't cost a fortune? The Keystone Heights Library, the Melrose Public Library, and Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park have joined forces to bring you an afternoon of family literacy fun. Pack the family and a picnic and join us for the Read With Trees event at the Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 2-3:30 pm. Entrance to the park is free when you show your library card or library book, or bring a donation of a new or gently used family-friendly book!

We will be "camping in the park," there will be nature stories, crafts, activities, and snacks. Read with Miss Chris of the Keystone Heights Library and Ranger Earl. Create a camping craft and s'mores in a bag with Miss Sheree of the Melrose Public Library. The festivities will begin and end in the recreation building across the parking lot from the playground. Look for the Read With Trees signs.

Gold Head Branch State Park is located six miles north of Keystone Heights at 6239 State Road 21; this program is free and all are invited to attend. For information call the park at (352) 473-4701 or the Keystone Heights Public Library at (352) 473-4286, or the Melrose Public Library at (352) 475-1237. Read With Trees is sponsored by the Clay County Library System, the Putnam County Library

System and Gold Head Branch State Park, Williamsons Food Store, the Chili Cook-Off held at Chiappini's Gas Station and Store, and Gator Office Products, Inc. The refreshments are provided by the Melrose Library Association.

Girl Scouts recruiting

Girls Scouts sign up will be next Saturday Aug. 30th at the Community Church in Keystone 10am-noon. We will also have one at McRae Elementary on September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts are known for camping, earning badges, learning new things and making friends but we also do a lot for others in and around our community. We make cards and gifts for the veterans in the hospital, we visit and play bingo at senior centers, we raise awareness for homeless pets and bullying, we also learn the importance of being healthy and how able to defend themselves.

Jaycees special effects school

The Keystone Heights Jaycees will host a special effects school on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will learn about makeup, costumes, how to build rooms and other activities relating to the Jaycees Haunted Trail.

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.

Wreaths Across America

On Dec. 13, at noon, volunteers will place wreaths at over 850 locations worldwide to honor veterans for the holidays.

This is the second year the Keystone Heights Cemetery will be among the sites placing wreaths to remember fallen heroes.

If you know of a deceased veteran interred at the Keystone Heights Cemetery and would like to purchase a \$15 wreath, you may obtain an order form at the Keystone Heights City Hall, AMVETS Post 86, Mallards, M&S Bank, Johnny's Restaurant and other businesses.

The deadline for purchasing a wreath is Oct. 1.

Call Kevin at 904-477-3352 or Joan at 904-894-8411 for more information.

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A brick engraved in honor of a veteran makes a wonderful, forever gift for any service member who has passed on, retired or is still in service.

From now through Oct. 15, engraved bricks may be ordered in time for the Nov. 11 Veterans Day service at the Veterans' Memorial Pathway at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

Each engraved brick may be obtained for a \$35 donation.

Three to four lines on each brick are available for engraving with 18 to 21 characters per line.

Order forms may be picked up at the Keystone Heights City Hall, Mallards or the Clay County Tax Collector's branch office at the Keystone Village Square.

For more information or to obtain an order form call Joan at 904-894-8411 or Ursula at 727-207-1657.

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 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.

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AARP Smart driver course

AARP and Keystone Heights United Methodist Church, 4004 SE S.R. 21, are sponsoring a Smart Driver Course on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18-19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The AARP Smart Driver Course is a six-hour refresher class on driving safety, designed specifically for drivers 50 years old and older. Attendance on both days is required for completion. Most participants will receive an appropriate discount on their automobile insurance premium upon completion of the class.

A registration fee of \$15 for

Youth ministry event coming to Keystone Beach

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Sept. 4 - The Keystone Heights City Council approved a youth ministry event for Sept. 20 at Keystone Beach, of which the organizer said he expects around 100 attendees.

Tim Carlson told the council during its Sept. 4 meeting that the affair, Youth Flood, will consist of musical performances by the Crossfire Warriors Band and Jessica Williams. He also plans games, raffles, skits and other activities for participants.

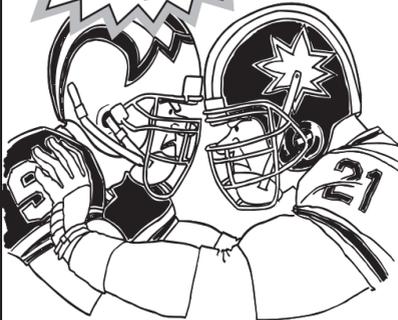
Carlson added that Crosshorn Ministries and the Christian Bikers Association will also lead in the event, scheduled for 5-7 p.m. He said he has also invited the youth ministries from local churches to participate.

AARP members or \$20 for non-members will be received during the first class period. Please pre-register by calling (904) 298-2766, or emailing driversafety@bellsouth.net.

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combined, in the tie breaker blank. (For instance, if the score of the GATORS game was GATORS 19, opponent 7, the correct score will be 26 points.)

5. Decision of the judges is final. A second tie breaker will be used, if necessary. Results will be tabulated on Tuesday and winners notified by telephone. Don't forget to list a phone number where you can be reached.



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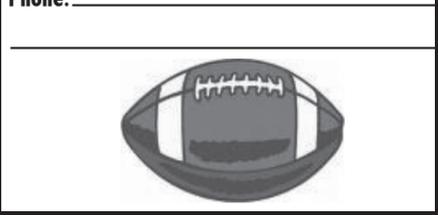
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Santa Fe College president talks to BC about top 10, other positives

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

"In sports, you simply aren't considered a real champion until you have defended your title."

Jackson Sasser, the president of Santa Fe College, used that quote from tennis player Althea Gibson in summing up just what it means for the school to have been named a top-10 school yet again by the Aspen Institute, which names top-10 schools every two years.

Sasser said Santa Fe College has defended its title, saying, "For four years running, we will be in the top 10 in the country."

During a state-of-the-college address held Sept. 9 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke, Sasser said Bradford County played a role in helping the college achieve that ranking.

"That is your award also," he said.

Sasser talked about how Starke Andrews Center—the first educational center opened by the college in an outlying area—was preparing to celebrate its 30th year. He credited Guy Andrews—the center's namesake—and all others involved in taking the risk to make the center a reality.

"Next to a house of worship, what is more important than an institution of higher learning in a community? It enables growth," Sasser said.

Sasser talked about the dual-enrollment program that exists for Bradford County students, allowing high school students to earn college credits without having to pay for textbooks, tuition and other fees.

"It enables students to get a head start," he said.

The school president touched on other ways in which the college has served Bradford County, from its annual College for Kids and Jr. College for Kids programs—which were held for the 12th and fourth years, respectively, this past summer—to its hosting of the Bradford Fest Talent Showdown, which generated \$8,000 this year to fund Bradford County-specific scholarships.

Also, in partnership with the Bradford County Education Foundation, \$40,000 was raised to install a new sound system in the Bradford High School auditorium.

In general, Sasser said four factors really helped the college achieve the Aspen Institute's top-10 ranking. One is the school's successful rate of student transfers to the University of Florida or other four-year universities.

"Think of the classes offered at the Andrews Center," Sasser said. "(There are) two really important factors—small classes and faculty who've committed their lives to teaching, not research. Their obsession is the transfer of information."

Sasser said the strong success/transfer rates of the school's ethnic minorities, which make up 20 percent of the school's population, played a part in the top-10 ranking, as well, along with the use of technology to better assist students. He specifically mentioned the degree-audit program.

"Let's say you're majoring in engineering, and all of a sudden you want to change it to biotechnology," Sasser said. "You just push a button, and it takes the courses you had and says, 'This is what you need.'"

Another factor in earning the top-10 ranking is the success of students earning degrees and then getting good-paying jobs.

Sasser stressed the desire of the college to make an impact on Bradford County, citing its involvement in Envision 2023—a series of meetings

the college has been hosting at which community members have been identifying the critical issues the county faces and identifying 24 specific

needs in eight topic areas that are vital to Bradford's future. "Bradford County is a gem,"

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Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser presents his annual state-of-the-college address.



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Starke boy proves to be parents' 'miracle' blessing

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Dalton Ballinger loves his cartoons. He'll tell you about "Dinosaur Train" before giving you a demonstration, walking around the room in circles and imitating a train whistle.

He also wants to grow up to be a train engineer, he said, but he has also wanted to be a doctor and an auto mechanic. Basically, it's whatever interests him at that particular moment.

Therefore, Dalton's really no different from most 5-year-olds. Doctors, though, never envisioned Dalton walking, talking or doing any of those things we take for granted.

"(Doctors) always tell me he's amazing," said Amber Ballinger, Dalton's mother. "Looking at him and looking at where he came from—all of the doctors tell me that he's very amazing and that we were blessed to have a miracle happen."

Dalton had the first of four brain surgeries five days after his birth as the result of being born with hydrocephalus, a condition in which there is an excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid on the brain.

Amber said doctors never told her and her husband, David, that Dalton wouldn't survive, but they did say Dalton would be confined to a wheelchair and pretty much exist as a "vegetable."

That diagnosis is a far cry from reality. Dalton is mobile and quite talkative. Plus, how many 5-year-olds can give you the gist of the Discovery Channel

show "Fast and Loud," which he watches with his father.

"They build all kinds of cars: Thunderbirds, Camaros, Cadillacs. They built a Model A. That's a bad car," Dalton said.

Amber was going to love her son no matter what, but to witness what he is able to do makes her grateful.

"I told myself I was going to just turn it over to God, and it was going to be what it was," Amber said. "If he was meant to be healthy and rambunctious like he is now, then that's what it would be, but if it was to be any other way, I was going to love him regardless."

Amber Ballinger is pictured with her 5-year-old, "always-on-the-go" son, Dalton. Dalton lives an active, relatively normal life—something doctors never would've believed shortly after his birth.



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Katelyn Sims, who is the reigning Miss Tri County, has cystic fibrosis and encourages the community to get involved in the Sept. 27 Bradford-Union Great Strides event in Starke.

Great Strides fundraiser to fight CF to take place Sept. 27

Whether you walk or run, your efforts equate to "great strides" in the fight against cystic fibrosis at the sixth annual Bradford-Union Great Strides event on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Starke.

The 3-mile walk—a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation—will commence at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center at 9 a.m. Registration is on site at 8 a.m. or prior to the event via the cff.org Website.

Lawtey native Katelyn Sims, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 4, helped start the event. Funds raised have increased each successive year for the most part, which leaves Sims grateful for the support of her home community.

"Every year, it raises more awareness," Sims said following the 2012 event. "It helps everybody learn what (cystic fibrosis) is."

Last year's rainy weather did not prevent approximately 175 people from participating and helping to raise more than \$16,000. Following the event, Sims said, "To see them standing out here in the rain, with the wet heads and the wet T-shirts, and still going anyway—that blows me away. It really does. We live in such a great community."

Prior to this year's event, there will be a clearance sale at It's Your Day Bridal and Formal Boutique in downtown Starke from Thursday, Sept. 18, through Saturday, Sept. 20, with 75 percent of the clearance-item sales going toward the Bradford-Union Great Strides event.

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Preparation leads to ease in housing female inmates

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

Housing female inmates in a jail whose population in roughly 80 percent male is not as big an issue as one might expect, at least at the Bradford County Jail.

Capt. Carol Starling is the chief of corrections at the jail, in charge of the day-to-day operation of the facility. She said females present no special issues as inmates, largely because their residence was planned for when the jail was built and also because of the facilities

adherence to the Florida Model Jail Standards.

Rules are at the heart of a successfully run facility – both for the inmates and the jail staff as well.

For the inmates, rules include the requirement that they be fully dressed at all times when in the common dayroom of their pod. This applies to both male and female inmates. They are allowed to dress and undress in the shower area, which is equipped with both a privacy wall and shower curtain.

The jail is fully compliant with the guidelines established by

the Americans with Disabilities Act in both shower and toilet facilities provided.

“We have showers which are large enough to enter in a large wheelchair and have shower chairs for inmates to use if needed,” Starling said. “All of the grab rails are in place to help with movement and stability.”

The pods are arranged in a ring around a central control area, where the deputies on shift stay unless required in a pod. At Bradford County Jail, there are two pods dedicated to female prisoners, while there are eight pods for the men.

The Florida Model Jail Standards mandate that a female deputy be on duty at all times when female prisoners are in residence. There is always at least one female deputy on each shift – sometimes more – and they handle all issues related to female prisoners, except in cases of extreme emergency. The female deputies handle all body searches and any other close-quarter control issues with the female prisoners.

Female prisoners eat the same food as the men, wear the same

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Capt. Carol Starling in her office, where she oversees Bradford County Jail operations. She said there are no special problems with female inmates in the facility as their presence was planned for when the jail was built.



This picture of Dalton was taken by a nurse 24 hours after his birth and given to Amber. “I didn’t know what he looked like,” she said.

DALTON

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best of situations. He’s definitely shown the doctors that they don’t know everything.”

Nothing seemed to be out of the ordinary in regard to Amber’s pregnancy. In fact, she described it as “wonderful,” noting that she was able to keep working. It was actually at work that Amber’s water broke earlier than expected.

“He was supposed to be a Christmas baby,” Amber said.

Instead, Dalton arrived six weeks ahead of schedule and, in fact, shares his father’s November birthday.

Dalton’s head was large for a newborn baby that arrived on time, let alone one that was born six weeks early. He underwent surgery to have a tube called a shunt implanted into his brain. The shunt drains the fluid off of Dalton’s brain and into his abdomen.

Doctors gave Amber and David a grim prognosis as Dalton spent 34 days in the neonatal intensive care unit at Shands UF. Dalton would be confined to a wheelchair. He would never be able to speak or swallow. He would require 24-hour care.

“It was very nerve-racking and heartbreaking,” Amber said. “He was two weeks old before I actually ever got to hold him for the first time.”

Dalton was connected to various tubes and machines. Doctors didn’t want anyone touching him so as not to over-stimulate him following brain surgery.

“It was like having him all over again the very first time I got to hold him,” Amber said. “It was a very heart-felt moment.”

Doctors stated that 65 percent of Dalton’s brain was damaged. Yet doctors look at him now and “kind of laugh because of how far he has come with his development,” Amber said.

Dalton began undergoing physical therapy at 3 months of age. Because of the effects of hydrocephalus, there were delays and will most likely continue to be delays in Dalton’s motor-skills development. It took him nine months before he learned how to roll over. He was almost 3 before he took his first step. That was with the assistance of a walker.

Approximately five months, later, the walker was no longer needed.

“He eventually got to where the walker wasn’t fast enough for him, and he couldn’t get around doorways, so he began to walk out of the walker,” Amber said, adding, “Again, we reached another milestone we were told he wasn’t going to do.”

Dalton does walk with a limp due to hemiparesis, or weakness on one side of the body.

“He’s got more brain damage on the left side, so it affects more of the right side of his body,” Amber said. “He doesn’t use his right hand as much as he does his left hand. He walks on his tippy toes on the right foot. We’re actually talking to a surgeon now about doing surgery on his ankle and on his foot to try to correct that process to see if he can be

flat-footed.”

Amber added that Dalton has a balance issue, which affects his movement, especially the ability to run. Taking his cue, Dalton gets out of his chair and begins to demonstrate how he can run.

It is just one such example of how Dalton likes to engage people, no matter who they are. Being surrounded by people he didn’t know at the office of the Bradford County Telegraph while his mother was being interviewed did nothing to dampen Dalton’s enthusiasm for talking. When Amber mentioned the cartoons Dalton enjoys watching, such as “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood,” “Paw Patrol” and “Wallykazam,” Dalton interjected, “Let me tell you something about a toboggan.”

He then enthusiastically began describing the plot of a “Wallykazam” cartoon in which Rockelle—a rock brought to life by Wally’s magic wand—needs to get up a mountain. A toboggan was the answer.

“As you can see, he’s really outgoing,” Amber said.

The only problem doctors now foresee with Dalton is the continued development of motor skills. He’ll always have issues with the use of his right hand or right foot, Amber said. Plus, he’ll continue to have problems with his vision and focusing, though at shortly after his birth, doctors predicted Dalton would be blind.

As long as the shunt in his brain continues to work, Dalton is fine. If there’s some malfunction, it requires a trip to the hospital.

“That’s the scary part about dealing with him,” Amber said. “He can be perfectly fine one minute, and an hour later be rushed to the emergency room because the fluid built up in his head, and it starts putting pressure on parts of the brain.”

There are really no signs that fluid is accumulating on his brain until he reaches a critical stage, Amber said. At that time, Dalton will display such symptoms as lethargy, irritability or vomiting.

The family had a scary moment when Dalton was 2. He was taken to the emergency room at one hospital with a high fever, with a diagnosis of pneumonia being made. Amber believed there was something else wrong with her son, which proved to be true. He had gone to sleep, and Amber couldn’t wake him. Dalton was rushed to a different hospital, with doctors there needing just 20 minutes

to realize that his shunt was malfunctioning.

It was the first time a doctor had ever told Amber she almost lost her son.

“From then on, we’ve had a lot of trips to the emergency room—simple bronchitis, ear infections or just a viral infection,” Amber said. “Anything like that, we go to the emergency room for precautionary, better-safe-than-sorry measures because with him, you never know.”

Brain damage? Brain surgeries? They haven’t prevented Dalton from becoming a bright, little boy. Amber said it is amazing just how smart her son is.

“He catches onto something really, really quick,” Amber said. “You only have to show him one or two times how to do something, and he’s got it.”

Of course, it helps to be a little inquisitive, too. Amber said Dalton and his father sit and watch mechanic shows on TV together, with Dalton asking, “What’s that? Why are they doing that?”

“When the show’s over, he can tell you how to do it,” Amber said.

Dalton is currently a kindergarten student at Southside Elementary School, and he is adjusting very well to the school atmosphere.

David and Amber Ballinger are pictured with Dalton during his first birthday party.



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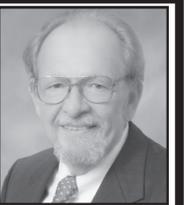
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Voter turnout is disappointing

Dear Editor:
The voter turnout in Northeast Florida for an important primary election was indeed disappointing. Bradford County enjoyed a better turnout than many of our neighbors, but still about 75% of the registered voters in our county were happy to allow the other 25% of us to make their choices for them. It seems rather out of balance because I talk politics with a lot of people and find that at least 90% of them find plenty to complain about. The problem with that is that thousands of complaints won't come close to equaling one vote.
I am, however, an optimist. In an election as important as the one coming up in November, I refuse to believe that folks won't turn out and voice their

opinion at the polls where it will be counted. You really don't want your non vote to give tacit approval to whatever happens whether you approve of it or not, do you?

Sincerely,
David L. Dodge

Fortunate to live in Bradford

Dear Editor:
My husband and I recently returned from a road trip that took us west on a southerly route to California, north to Oregon and east along the northern states.

Among all the great sights we experienced were observation of towns, cities, and many rural areas along the 18 states we traveled. We saw boarded up and abandoned businesses, abandoned homes, mostly abandoned towns, and sadly in repair infrastructures everywhere.

We returned home to Bradford County and realized that even though there are empty buildings and homes in our area we are actually much more fortunate than many places in the country. We have more activity and positivity than in most areas we saw.

Our hope is that we can continue and progress. There is always a lot of room for improvement, and we will see it if we keep trying.

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U.S. riding lies to world dominance

Dear Editor:

Back by popular demand: the U.S. foreign policy managers who self-righteously lied us into Iraq, Vietnam, and a slew of coups in the third world in the interval, are at it again--mass media news, get up and take a bow too!

Barack Obama, Mr. 'Hope and Change' and Nobel Peace Prize recipient understands his job duties well: be a good steward of the empire and do all that's necessary to see that it continues its march toward total global hegemony.

Here's the latest script: Putin's a Hitler who has invaded another country in Russia's insatiable quest for world dominion. Yes its tanks and soldiers have taken Crimea, much like the Nazis took Poland--and then they forced these poor Crimean people, prodded by barrels of guns, to vote to join Russia--now, watch the dominoes fall.

One slight problem with this scenario--it just ain't so!

But this inconvenient fact does not stop our president, State Department, or "diplomatic" UN contingent from hyping the story--again major thanks to our servile "liberal" media for presenting fiction as fact in its designated role of PR Men for Empire.

Arnie Harris
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Charles and Judy Goodowns

Charles, Judy Goodowns celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles and Judy Goodowns celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 6, 2014. The family and friends of Charles and



Kristin Reddish and Jerry Holland

Reddish, Holland to wed on Oct. 18

Kristin Ashley Reddish of Starke and Jerry "Adam" Holland of Sanderson announce their engagement.

Kristin is the daughter of William and Carolyn Reddish of Starke. She is a graduate of Bradford High School, is employed by Shands Starke, Salon Soleil and attends Sampson City Church of God.

Jerry is the son of Jerry and Tracy Holland of Sanderson. He is a graduate of Baker County High School, is employed by JEA and attends Taylor Church.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 18, 2014 at Taylor Church with reception to follow. Invitations will be sent out.

Douglas(s) family reunion is Sept. 21

Douglas(s) Family Reunion will be held on Sept. 21 at the Lake Butler Community Center at 11:00 (12:30 lunch). Bring a covered dish and come enjoy family.

Mann-Parrish reunion set for Sept. 20

There will be a reunion for the Mann and Parrish families on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 11:00 am at the Lake Butler Church of Christ fellowship hall. Please bring covered dishes. Come and enjoy fellowship with family and friends. If you have any questions, call Carol Roberts at 386-496-2854 or contact her on Facebook.

Hines celebrates 20 years in the ministry

Elderess Ophelia Bright Hines is celebrating 20 years of service to the building of God's kingdom. Hines is the daughter of the late Bishop Daniel and Mrs. Gussie Bright of Lawtey. Ordained on Sept. 17, 1994, she was the first female minister at Salem Missionary Baptist Church, near Atlanta, Georgia. Since Aug. 2008, Hines has served as the assistant pastor of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Lake City. She serves the United American Freewill Baptist Church Conference Association in various capacities, including seminar presenter and youth director.

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Sasser said. "It has assets." He talked about keys for Bradford's future, such as the availability of broadband Internet and taking advantage of the resources the Plum Creek Timber Company is promising in the way of jobs.

Sasser said a grant that has been applied for will, if approved, help the county develop a community asset inventory.

Some other positive things Sasser said were occurring in Bradford County were the consideration of tax-exemption referendums for businesses that will create new jobs in the area (recent elections grant the Starke and Bradford County commissions to negotiate such exemptions), as well as the success of the Bradford County Incubator program. Sasser said more than 100 people have taken advantage of the training offered through that program to create their own businesses.

A recent community meeting with Congressman Ted Yoho went well, Sasser said, adding that it's important to build relationships with those who represent the area in Washington.



Victoria Denmark, a dual-enrolled Bradford County student, performs the national anthem. Afterward, Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser said, "You know why we're in the top 10. That was one of our students who just sang."

The talk had Sasser already looking forward to next year's state-of-the-college address.

"I hope to have a lot of new prospects and new businesses to talk about," he said.

Aside from the Aspen Institute ranking, Sasser shared other exciting news in regard to Santa Fe College:

- Approximately \$8 million of Florida's budget was approved by Gov. Rick Scott for

the expansion of the college's Gainesville Kirkpatrick Center, which houses its aviation program and Institute of Public Safety (fire science, EMT, police and criminal justice programs). Enrollment at the center currently has to be capped due to a lack of space.

Sasser said Sen. Rob Bradley was instrumental in the process. "If you see him, stop him and thank him," Sasser said.

- In the spring, the first students in the school's bachelor's-degree nursing program graduated.

"They can go and work at any hospital--certainly in Florida and around the country," Sasser said. "We had the first graduates. Let me tell you, you talk about a celebration? That was a huge day for them."

- Former Santa Fe student Christian Keen, who is now at UF, was named to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's All-USA Community College Academic Team, which is made up of the top 20 two-year college students out of approximately 12.8 million students in the nation.

Keen was the first-ever Santa Fe student to receive the honor.

"It doesn't get better than that," Sasser said. "It's about student success."



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Tornadoes suffer another big loss to Class 5A opponent

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team scored its first points of the season, but visiting Baker County took advantage of three turnovers and several big plays in the second half in handing the Tornadoes a 43-7 defeat on Sept. 5.

The Tornadoes (0-2) made it an 8-7 game in the second quarter after putting together an 18-play, 72-yard drive that consumed approximately 11 minutes. However, that drive totaled more yards than Bradford had the rest of the game.

Baker County (1-1) led by 15 points at the half and extended that lead by scoring three touchdowns in an approximate three-minute span in the third quarter.

It was the second straight week the Class 4A Tornadoes faced a Class 5A opponent.

"Right now, this program is not at the level of the teams we've played the past couple of weeks in a lot of ways," Bradford head coach Corey Green said, "but these kid and this coaching staff have a goal to make sure we end up (at that level)."

After forcing the Wildcats to punt on the game's opening possession, Bradford promptly gave the ball back on a fumble on its first play from scrimmage. That set Baker County up at the Bradford 14, with Vic Givens eventually scoring a touchdown on a 10-yard run. Jacob Carter's

pass to Brody Crews on a two-point conversion attempt put the Wildcats up 8-0 at the 8:57 mark of the opening quarter.

Bradford converted on three third-down plays as it put together a methodical drive on the ensuing series. Quarterback Jacob Luke scrambled for 4 yards on a third-and-4 play and later had a 19-yard run on third-and-12. Runs of 10 and 6 yards by Jameze McNeal and Luke, respectively, netted first downs, while running back Alvin James slipped out of a potential backfield tackle to convert a third-and-1 play and set up a

first-and-goal at the Baker 9.

Then, it seemed to be a competition of which team could hurt itself worst with penalties. Consecutive delay of game and illegal procedure penalties pushed the Tornadoes back to the 17, but Baker County, after sacking Luke on third-and-goal from there, was flagged for a personal foul. That gave Bradford a first down at the 12-yard line. A 6-yard run by Luke, coupled with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Baker set up first-and-goal at the 3.

Luke scored on a run from there, capping the lengthy drive

approximately two minutes into the second quarter. Jud Hicks' PAT made it a one-point game.

It only took the Wildcats five plays to extend their lead. Carter had a 38-yard run to the Bradford 29, while also completing an 18-yard pass to the 3-yard line. That set up former Bradford player Jarvis DeSue for a touchdown run.

Baker put together a nine-play, 76-yard drive to go up 22-7. Givens had five carries on the drive for 23 yards, while also catching a pass for 12 yards. DeSue's 11-yard run led to Givens' 1-yard touchdown with 1:39 left in the first half.

A long punt return to the Bradford 34 gave the Wildcats a chance to add another score before halftime, but the Tornadoes' Xavien Jenkins had an interception with less than a minute left on the clock.

The game totally got away from Bradford in the third quarter, despite the fact the Wildcats ran only six plays in the quarter. After Bradford went three-and-out to start the second half, Baker quarterback Carter scored on a 55-yard run at the 8:31 mark. After recovering a fumble on the Tornadoes' ensuing possession, the Wildcats found the end zone again on Carter's 28-yard touchdown pass to Zach Rafuse.

Carter finished the game with 115 yards rushing on five carries, while completing seven passes for 85 yards.

Baker made it three scores



Jameze McNeal carries the ball for a big gain on Bradford's scoring drive.

in approximately three minutes as Junior Higdon intercepted a tipped pass and returned it for a touchdown with 5:41 to play in the third quarter.

The Tornadoes finished the game with approximately 120 yards of offense after being held to approximately 30 yards in the second half. All of those yards came on the ground, with Luke and Aundre Carter each rushing

for approximately 40 yards.

As he addressed his team after the game, Green said Bradford would not face the same level of competition over the next couple of weeks.

"That doesn't mean you play down," Green said. "If you play the way you did on that one (offensive) drive and a few drives on defense—like I told you all week—you'll get to where you

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Carlton Hankerson returns a kickoff for the Tornadoes.

Indians back on the field Sept. 12

Keystone Heights High School's home football game against Wildwood, which was scheduled to be played Sept. 5, was canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

The Indians will be back in action Friday, Sept. 12, in a home matchup against Union County. Union (2-0) is coming off of a 56-7 win over West Nassau and has outscored its two opponents by a combined score of 116-13.

Union is currently ranked second in Class 1A.

BHS goes 1-4 in volleyball tournament

Bradford High School salvaged a win over St. Augustine and earned one of the pools' third-place finishes in the Gator Town Classic Volleyball Tournament, held Sept. 5-6 in Gainesville.

The Tornadoes (3-5) dropped best-of-two matches on the opening day to Fletcher, Gainesville and Trinity Catholic. In best-of-three play on Sept. 6, Bradford lost 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-16) to Oak Hall before ending with a 3-0 (25-18, 25-17, 25-21) in the consolation match of the Copper Division.

Complete stats were not available, but Nyasia Davis and Lainie Rodgers did tally at least 26 and 25 kills, respectively, for the tournament, while Hannah Jones had at least seven. Kia Lane and Zahriah Collins had at least 23 and 10 assists, respectively, while Lane and Davis had at least four and three aces, respectively.

Davis had at least five blocks, while Rodgers and Jones had at least seven and six digs, respectively.

Prior to the tournament, Bradford played its first District 5-4A match, losing 3-0 (25-12, 25-7, 25-4) to visiting P.K. Yonge

on Sept. 4. Davis had two blocks and four service aces, while Lane and Karen Clark had six and five aces, respectively.

The Tornadoes played district opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Keystone Heights on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 15, Bradford travels to play West Nassau at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Interlachen on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

Newberry hands KH 1st volleyball loss

Keystone Heights played its first home volleyball match of the season on Sept. 8, but lost 3-0 (25-12, 25-16, 25-14) to Newberry.

Jordan Jennings had four digs and three service aces, while Hanna Crane had four assists.

The Indians (2-1) opened the season with a 3-0 (25-16, 26-24, 25-22) win over Union County. Crane had 14 assists, while Abi Loose and Miriah Maxwell each had six aces. Loose also had eight kills, while Shelby Skelly and Bailey Zinkel each had two blocks.

On Sept. 2, Keystone defeated District 5-4A opponent Fort White 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-17). Crane had seven assists and six kills, while Loose had seven kills. Zinkel had seven aces.

Keystone will attempt to improve to 2-0 in district play when it hosts Bradford on

Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Indians travel to play Oakleaf at 6:30 p.m.

UCHS falls 3-0 to Bell in volleyball

Union County High School traveled to Bell for a Sept. 4 volleyball match, losing 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-12).

Kayla Andrews and Kaylan Tucker had seven kills each for the Tigers, with Andrews adding 25 digs and Tucker adding 13. Madelyn Kish had 11 digs to go along with two blocks, while Madison Adams and Lilly Combs had eight and seven assists, respectively.

On Sept. 2, the Tigers were defeated 3-1 (23-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-22) by Baker County in Glen St. Mary. Devin Lewis had 12 points and five aces, while Combs and Tucker had seven and six points, respectively. Four of Tucker's points were aces. (The Telegraph-Times-Monitor only had access to serving stats as of press time.)

Union defeated Branford 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-23) this past Monday, but stats were unavailable at press time.

The Tigers played District 7-1A opponent Newberry this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Williston on Friday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 15, Union travels to play district opponent Dixie County at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play Williston on

Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

UCHS, BHS place 2nd, 4th in golf

Bradford High School hosted a boys' golf match on Sept. 4, with P.K. Yonge placing first ahead of Union County, Williston and Bradford.

Union earned a score of 202 to finish behind P.K. Yonge (178). Brandon Ames shot a 48 to lead the Tigers, while Ethan Box shot a 50. Case Emerson and Josh Starling each shot a 52, while Tyler Lewis and Kyle Davis finished with scores of 58 and 61, respectively.

Bradford, with a team score of 209, finished just behind Williston (207). Baker County transfer Nicholas Ruise Jr. shot a 45 in his first competitive, nine-hole match, to lead the

Tornadoes, while Timothy Craig Bradford's lone returner from 2013, shot a 48. Tristen Brown and Chase Wilson each shot a 58, while Ryan Fishburn and Dalton Hart had scores of 66 and 70, respectively.

In other golf news, Union senior Savannah Woodall competed in a Sept. 2 girls' match featuring Newberry and Trenton. She was the medalist with a score of 46.

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Tigers record 2nd blowout, beat West Nassau 56-7

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Quarterback Caleb Cox rushed for one touchdown and threw two more, while eight players in all found the end zone as the Union County High School football team delivered its second consecutive blowout win, this time defeating visiting West Nassau 56-7 on Sept. 5.

The Tigers, who opened the season with a 60-6 win over Potter's House, improved to 2-0 and moved up to number two in the Class 1A poll.

Union's first score was set up when Casey Driggers scooped up a blocked punt and returned the ball to the West Nassau 11-yard line. Antwan Durn rushed for 2 yards before Cox used a quarterback sneak to take the ball in all the way, while getting a bath in a puddle next to the goal line after being tackled. The extra point put Union County up

7-0. The Class 4A Warriors (1-1) answered in kind, with quarterback Brandon Jackson completing a field-spanning 76-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Delano with 9:06 left in the first quarter. The extra point tied it at 7-7.

Union then controlled the ball for the next 6.5 minutes to finally score their second touchdown after Franklin Williams pulled Cox's pass down out of the air. The extra point was wide left, leaving the score at 13-7.

The Tigers blocked another punt, which Williams ran in for the touchdown, but it was called back after the Tigers were penalized for their second block in the back. That put the ball on Union County's 38-yard line. They got a touchdown that counted one play later when Cox connected with Dairon Alexander for a 62-yard pass. The extra point put the Tigers up



Darian Robinson fends of a team of Warriors on his way to the goal line. Photo by Lola Lacy.

20-7.

The second quarter opened with the first of a half-dozen fumbles throughout the game. Josh Hedman recovered a fumble by West Nassau. After Alexander made a solid gain on the ensuing first-down play, which was extended by a dead personal foul penalty against the Warriors, Isaiah Johnson basically walked the ball in from the Warriors' 7-yard line to put the Tigers up 27-7 just 30 seconds into the second quarter.

Things were not looking good for West Nassau and would continue to get worse.

For the rest of the half, the two teams battled it out with three fumbles and a couple of penalties. Union's Driggers and Alden McClellon provided defensive tackles, with Jacquez Warren taking down some Warriors and Hedman sacking their quarterback. James Ford then took another blocked punt in for a touchdown. The extra point put the Tigers up 34-7 with 2:31 left in the first half.

On the next play, Joshua Smith was injured when the Tigers recovered a fumble on the kickoff. He later had his right

knee iced down and stayed out the rest of the game.

To get West Nassau's pain over with, the officials got agreement from both sides to let the clock run, resulting in a quick second half.

The Warriors opened it up with an onside kick, but Hedman recovered it. A few first downs

later, Alexander took a punishing tackle while grabbing a pass out of the air, with a collective groan heard throughout the stadium. Not surprisingly, pass interference was called against the Warriors, but the Tigers declined it. Down at West Nassau's 2-yard line, Durn ran it in for the Tigers' first score of the second half. Adding insult to injury, Cox threw an easy pass to Williams in the corner to complete a two-point conversion.

At this point it seemed like the Warriors simply provided scrimmage practice for the Tigers, who were now up 42-7.

Hedman recovered a fumble after the Warriors tried a double reverse. Several plays later, Darian Robinson ran it in for another Tigers touchdown. The extra point put them up 49-7 with 3:46 left in the third quarter.

Junior varsity Tiger Marice Strong joined Warren and McClellon in keepin up the pressure against West Nassau well into the fourth quarter.

Then, junior varsity Tiger Ty Cook came in as quarterback, while Cox relaxed and smiled on the sideline. Three plays later, Cook had a 69-yard rushing

touchdown to cap off another blowout at home. The extra point secured the final score at 56-7 with less than four minutes left in the game.

This time around, the Tigers seemed to rely more on the run, rather than focusing on the new spread offense they showcased the week before.

"We took what they were going to give us and just stuck with that," Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said.

In regard to this high-turnover game, Pruitt remarked, "Some of them fumbled when nobody was touching them. We've got to fix that most definitely."

Cox had a 75-percent completion rate, (9-of-12), averaging nearly 16 yards per completion. His quarterback rating is 153.5.

Cook's 68-yard touchdown run made him the game's leading rusher. Johnson had 55 yards, averaging nearly 8 yards on each of his seven carries. Durn had 11 carries, averaging 3.5 yards per carry for a total of 38 yards.

Williams had four receptions for 33 yards. Alexander had three for 107 yards.

McClellon led in tackles with 10, followed by Hedman with six and Treyce Hersey with five.

Hedman, Smith, Ford and Clay Halle each had a sack.

On Friday, Sept. 12, Union travels to face the Class 4A Keystone Heights Indians for a 7:30 p.m. game. Keystone (0-1) opened the season with a 35-14 loss to West Nassau and had its Sept. 5 game against Wildwood canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

In last year's matchup, the Tigers defeated Keystone 21-7.



Casey Driggers pulls a ball out of the air launched by quarterback Caleb Cox. Photo by Lola Lacy.

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want to go. "I know it's easy for me to sit here and keep talking about it, but you've got to believe in yourself, you've got to believe in what we're doing and you've got to believe in what we're telling you."

Green added: "It's not easy. Keep believing. It'll happen."

Bradford travels to play fellow Class 4A team Fort White on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians (1-1) are coming off of a 21-0 win over Class 1A Newberry after opening the season with a 20-14 loss to Class 1A Hamilton County.

Fort White went 7-2 last year, winning the District 2 championship and falling in the first round of the playoffs to East Gadsden. One of the Indians' wins was against Bradford by a score of 37-27.

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OBITUARIES



Kenneth Clyatt
Kenneth Clyatt

LAKE BUTLER— Kenneth Mobley Clyatt, 95, of Lake Butler, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at Baya Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center in Lake City. Mr. Clyatt was born on Feb. 10, 1919, the fourth son of the late Dudley and Ada (Reaves) Clyatt. He was a lifelong resident of Union County. He married the love of his life, Alethea (Dukes) Clyatt on May 21, 1937. They were blessed with 77 years of marriage and four children. Mr. Clyatt was a part of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church his entire life, becoming a member, together with his wife, in 1938. He served the church he loved, and faithfully attended, as Clerk, Member of the Board of Trustees, Building Committee Member, Member of the Board of Deacons, and Deacon Emeritus over the years. He was employed by, and retired from, Clay Electric Cooperation, Inc. after 31 years. He served on the Union County School Board from 1963-1967, representing district three, having been elected in Nov. of 1962. He served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. During WW II he was stationed in Guadalcanal of the South Pacific. Mr. Clyatt was a member of the Lake Butler Masonic Lodge #52, Free and Accepted Mason, for 67 years. As a Mason he served as Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling, with his wife, especially during their retirement years. Family and friends enjoyed the generous gifts of sweet corn, peas, peanuts and other vegetables from his garden. He enjoyed spending time with, and showing his love for, his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Robert, Raymond, Lindsey, and Harold; daughter, Verrell Clyatt Martin; son, Elmo Kerwin Clyatt; and grandson, Charles "Chuck" William Martin.

He is survived by: his wife, Alethea (Dukes) Clyatt; two sons, Kenneth "Red" Melaine (Irma) Clyatt and Larry Dukes (Peggy) Clyatt both of Lake Butler; eleven grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was conducted on Sept. 7th at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Lake Butler. The service was officiated by son, Larry Clyatt, and nephew, Bobby Clyatt. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be given to Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. Arrangements are through Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler. 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY



Virginia Forsyth
Virginia Forsyth

RAIFORD—Virginia Faulkner Forsyth, 82, of Raiford passed away suddenly Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. She was born on Dec. 22, 1931 to the late George and Linnie Faulkner. She was a life long resident of Raiford. Mrs. Forsyth retired from the Reception Medical Center as a Correctional Officer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Raiford. She is preceded in death by: her daughter, Janet L. Forsyth; four brothers, Raymond, George, Gerald and Bill Faulkner; two sisters, Mary Lee Faulkner and Alice Brown.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 63 years, T.J. Forsyth of Raiford; son, Tommy (Betty Ann) Forsyth of Raiford; grandson, Zachary Forsyth; brothers, John (Frances) Faulkner of Jacksonville, Drexel (Geri) Faulkner of Middleburg, and Roy (Barbara) Faulkner of Hilliard; sisters, Vera (Barry) Hendrix of Madison, Alabama, and Carrie Clark of Bradenton.

Funeral service for Mrs. Forsyth was held Sept. 6 at the First Baptist

Church of Raiford with Rev. Tommy Smith officiating. Burial took place at Sapp Cemetery following the service. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY



Barbara Horne
Barbara Horne

STARKE—Barbara Jean Horne, age 77, of Starke went to be with the Lord at home on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014 at 10:45 am. She was born on Nov. 17, 1936 to the late John Cowart and Lilly Mae Clark Cowart. Barbara was born and raised in Starke and was a former resident of Sebastian. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Women's Club, and Dedan Baptist Church. Barbara married Alfred B. Horne on Sept. 15, 1982 in Folkston, Georgia. She worked as a certified nursing assistant, a buyer for Gibsons and for Woolworths. Barbara loved her family, enjoyed cooking, and lived life to the fullest. Everyone who knew her loved her; she could bring a smile to anyone's face, and lit up the room. She was preceded in death by: her parents, John Cowart and Lilly Mae McGill; her son, Terry Horne; her granddaughter, Brandy Pollock; and her brother, Frank McGill.

Barbara is survived by: her loving husband of 32 years, Alfred Horne of Starke; her children, Laquita (Steven) Wildering of Tribune, Kansas, Tammy (Dean) Ervin of Holopaw, Richard Horne of St. Cloud, Debra (Stephen) Herrick of Sebastian, and Billy (Patricia Williams) Horne of Starke; her brother, Dan McGill; her ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Dedan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, Brookier, FL 32622 or Haven Hospice Development Department, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. The arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Kenneth Kincade

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Kenneth Eugene Kincade, 47, of Keystone Heights died on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Jacksonville and moved to Keystone Heights 17 years ago. He was a land surveyor.

He is survived by: his wife of 22 years, Laura Triplett Kincade; sons, Luke Ryan and Kyle Eugene Kincade all of Keystone Heights; mother, Earline Kincade of Jacksonville; brothers, James Kincade of Alabama and William Daniel Kincade of Jacksonville; and sister, Lisa Kincade of Georgia.

Memorial services were held Sept. 8 at Community Christian Church in Keystone Heights with Pastor William Kincade officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home of Melrose.

Warren Johns

JACKSONVILLE— Warren Gary Johns, 77, of Jacksonville died at his home, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. He was born in Lawtey to the late Ernie C. and Mary (McCormick) Johns. He served in the United States Army and retired from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of Jones Road Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Clyde Johns,

Morris Johns, Lucille Johns Mosley, Mary Lois Johns Bowen, and Clifford Johns.

Survivors are: his wife, Vivian (Redding); children, Kevin A. Johns of Jacksonville and Brenda Johns (Greg) Dean of Orange Park; two grandchildren; along with many cousins, nephews, nieces, and extended family.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11 in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Ron Kimbrell officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the services. Interment will be at Evergreen cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Hospice of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Barbara Moody

RAIFORD—Barbara Kitts Moody, 68, of Raiford died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler.



Delores Nail
Delores Nail

STARKE—Delores Ann Nail, age 48, of Starke passed away on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 at her residence. She was born in Jacksonville on Jan. 16, 1966 to Nena Nail Hurst and the late Herbert Austin Smith. Delores was raised by her mother and step father in Jacksonville along with many other locations because her step father was in the military. In 2006, Delores moved to Starke where she became a member of the First United Pentecostal Church. She was a homemaker for most of her life, which she really enjoyed because she was able to care for her family and raise her son, Joseph. Delores was a very creative woman. She was the founder of Dee's Creation Company which sold art designs, pictures, and hand crafted bead jewelry. She loved being creative, traveling, and riding in the truck with her best friend, Jeff, around the United States.

Delores is survived by: her mother and step father, Nena and Donald Hurst of Crestview; her son, Joseph M. Bowser of Starke; her brothers, Chuck Smith of Texas and Ronnie Brackett of Alabama; her sister, Tammy (Robert) Vanmeter of Louisiana; her best friend, Jeff Bowser of Starke; and her granddaughters, Emma and Riley Bowser.

A memorial visitation was held on Sept. 6 at Archie Tanner

Funeral Services. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Carl Toombs

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Carl Toombs, 79, of Keystone Heights died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at Riverwood Health & Rehab in Starke. He was born on Dec. 3, 1934 in Wallkill, New York to the late Alva and Dorothy (Lake) Toombs and moved to Keystone Heights in 1989 from New York. Prior to retirement he worked as a correctional officer for the State of New York and drove a school bus. He served in the United States Army and was a member of the Church of Christ in Keystone Heights.

Survivors are: his wife of 50 years, Darlene Lent Toombs; children, Nancy Scofield of Margaretville, New York, Karen (Bruce) Swart of Saugerties, New York, Keith (Anna) Toombs of Accord, New York, Robert (Mary Ellen) Toombs of Keystone Heights, and Randy (Dawn) Toombs of Starke; brother, John (Marie) Toombs of Keystone Heights; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 in the Church of Christ with Mr. Robert Bell officiating. Interment will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



William Underwood
William Underwood

HAMPTON— William "Bill" James Underwood, age 85, of Hampton passed away on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014 at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville with family by his side. He was born in Wilkinson, Georgia on Jan. 14, 1929 to the late Oscar K. Underwood and Dahlia Gordy Underwood. Bill was raised in Statesboro, Georgia where he lived until he joined the Army in 1953. He served his country proudly from 1953-1958 in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Bill has been a resident of Hampton since 1952 where he met the love of his life, Ruth Norcross, and married her on Nov. 24, 1969. Bill and Ruth attended Sampson City Church of God for many years. Bill was a very talented man who could fix anything. He was a carpenter, painter,

cabinetmaker, and repair man. He enjoyed hunting, farming, and eating good cooking. Bill was preceded in death by: his loving wife of 44 years, Ruth Caroline Underwood; and his brothers, Edward Daryl, Earl King, Calvin, Robert, and Junior Cecil Underwood.

Bill is survived by: his loving children, Ruth (Larry) Feltner of Raiford, Sarah Underwood of Worthington Springs, John (Wanda Gail) Simmons of Crestview, Chanda (Mark) Griggs of Dover, and Wayne (Guillermina) Simmons of Lutz; his brothers, Johnnie George Underwood, Richard Underwood, Hubert Russell Underwood, and Ernest Carl Underwood; his sisters, Dahlia Oree Wright, Shirley Barbara Williams, and Jeanette Manning; his ten grandchildren, Ashley Feltner, James Feltner, Christy Watts, Joshua Griggs, Dustin Griggs, Jack Griggs, Jesse Adams, Daniela Geisler, Krystal Adams, and Lance Seay; and five great-grandchildren, Maddie Feltner, Westley Watts, Rayne and Easton Geisler, and Nicholas Adams.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11:00 am at Sampson City Church of God with Reverend Gene Bass officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends on Friday, Sept. 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Joshua Williams

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Our family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved son and brother, Joshua Mathew Williams went to be with our Lord on Saturday, Sept. 6th, 2014. Josh was born in Gainesville on May 9, 1992 and spent much of his life in Keystone Heights. Josh loved sports, movies, spending time on the water and making memories with friends and family. He had a deep soul, compassionate heart, infectious smile and was fiercely loved by his family and friends. He was taken from us too soon and will be missed forever.

Josh is survived by: his parents, Gloria Lovano and Craig Williams; siblings, Tysee Williams, Jason (Beth) Lovano, Kristen (Gary) Bryant; paternal grandmother, Dee Williams; and a multitude of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 in Keystone Heights. More details will be available on the Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes website at www.williamsthomasmemorialhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution in Josh Williams name to The Reichert House (1704 SE 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32641). For further information contact Williams-Thomas Downtown (352) 376-7556.

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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

Jerry Taylor Atteberry, 18, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 4 by Starke police for fraud—illegal use of credit cards, possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana. According to the arrest report, a resident on Alton Road in Starke had a wallet with several credit cards inside it stolen from his vehicle during the night. By the time he reported it to the police, several charges had been put on one of the cards at Walmart, Kangaroo and Redbox in the Starke area. After viewing surveillance video at Walmart and Kangaroo, the police were able to see what type of clothing the person using the card had on and what type of vehicle they were driving. Later that

afternoon, police spotted the vehicle at the public library in Starke with Atteberry inside of it. After questioning, Atteberry claimed a friend had provided the card to him to use to make the purchases. A search of Atteberry's truck turned up the controlled substance and the marijuana, and he was arrested and transported to jail. According to the arrest report, Atteberry is still under investigation for burglary of the vehicle, theft of the credit card and theft of the controlled substances. Bond was set at \$6,000 for the three charges he was arrested on.

Robert Kyle Benton, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 6 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Daryl Ray Butler, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Christian Enrique Claudio, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 3 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Candace Lea Driggers, 31, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 5 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and fleeing/eluding a police officer at a high speed. According to the arrest report, a deputy spotted Driggers speeding on S.R. 100 West by the Keystone Airport. When he got behind the vehicle and clocked the speed with his radar, she was traveling close to 100 mph. Driggers kept going, so the deputy activated his siren, but she continued to speed around 100 mph and crossed into the other lane at one point. Driggers finally pulled over at Starke Landscape and said she was speeding to get home because her boyfriend was mad at her. The deputy smelled alcohol on her breath, and Driggers admitted to drinking earlier in the night. She failed the field sobriety exercises, and was arrested and transported to the jail. Bond was set at \$4,000 for the charges.

Robert Joseph Gacloch, 25, of Starke was arrested Sept. 1 by Bradford deputies for larceny. According to the arrest report, Gacloch stole his roommate's 55-inch, flat-screen TV while the roommate was out of the house. The roommate called law enforcement when he discovered his TV missing, and they interviewed Gacloch and others about the incident. Gacloch claimed he knew nothing about the missing TV. While the deputy was speaking with neighbors about the incident, Gacloch left, and the roommate then discovered that the remote to the TV and a HDMI cord were missing from a coffee table, where they had been several minutes before. He called the officer, who went to find Gacloch at another address. When the officer arrived, Gacloch was closing the back part of his truck. The officer ordered him to open it, and the stolen TV was there. Gacloch was arrested and

transported to jail.

Dianne Elizabeth Gill, 50, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Bradford deputies for two charges of larceny—grand theft more than \$300 and less than \$5,000, burglary and two charges of dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, Gill was living at a residence in Starke with another person when she took items from the boyfriend of her roommate and sold them at a pawn shop in Keystone Heights. When the roommate discovered the first theft, she also realized that much of her gold jewelry was missing. Further investigation by BCSO revealed the jewelry had been pawned at the same place in Keystone, with the pawn tickets confirming that Gill sold the items. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Stephanie Lashonda Goodman, 26, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Goodman went to an ex-boyfriend's home to see a child they have together, and a verbal argument ensued. The argument then turned physical, with Goodman throwing something at the ex-boyfriend and cutting him in the face. Goodman claimed the ex-boyfriend started the physical incident by grabbing her by the arms and attempting to drag her out of the house. She said she resisted and only threw a phone at him after he tried to punch her. As there were no witnesses to the incident, police decided both should be charged, with charges against the ex-boyfriend to go through the State Attorney's Office since he had to be transported to Shands Starke for his facial injury. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge against Goodman.

Kelvin Grigger, 25, of Fort

White was arrested Sept. 6 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kelli Nicole Haight, 31, of Brooker was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies for possession of opium or derivative. According to the arrest report, the Bradford County Drug Task Force went to a home on Northwest 185th Street off of C.R. 225 in the county after receiving information that there was an active marijuana grow located there. No marijuana was found, but Haight was inside the residence when the task force knocked on the door. When asked if she had any illegal contraband on her, Haight said she had two pills on her: a Roxy 30 and a Roxy 15. She had a prescription for the Oxycodone 30 mg pill, but said the prescription for the other 15 mg pill was at her residence in Brooker. She then said she had the 15 mg pill for a sick brother who was out of medicine, and that a friend had really gave her the pill. She was arrested and transported to jail.

Matthew Clifton Harris, 31, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Lavance Maurice Ivory, 18, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 6 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Ivory was in Walmart in Starke when he was observed removing an electronic game from its packaging and placing it in his pocket. Once he left the store without paying, Walmart employees confronted Ivory about the game. Ivory took off running, going back in the store and then outside. He was running south on the shoulder of U.S. 301 when police pulled up and detained him. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Cornelius Saint James, 34, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for aggravated battery against a known pregnant victim. According to the arrest report, James got into an argument with his girlfriend, who is 37 weeks' pregnant. He threw the victim across the bed and then hit her in the face. When police arrived, the victim was sitting on the floor crying and coughing up blood, and said

James has been abusive before in their relationship. The victim was transported to North Florida Regional Medical by EMS, and James was arrested and transported to the jail. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Autumn Lafferty, 33, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Jimmy Lauramore, 35, of Glen St. Mary was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and possession of cocaine. According to the arrest report, Lauramore was parked at the Kangaroo store on S.R. 16 and Morgan Road, asleep at the wheel with the vehicle engine running when a deputy pulled in conducting a property check. After waking Lauramore and running a license check, a search turned up a small bag of cocaine in his pocket. He was arrested with bond set at \$6,000 for the charges.

William G. Manning, 21, of Starke was arrested Sept. 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Jimmy Neal Morgan, 45, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for lewd and lascivious behavior—inappropriate touching of a person under 16 years of age. According to the arrest report, Morgan's victim was a 12-year-old family member, and he faces allegations of more severe offenses that may have occurred out of the state. Morgan is a truck driver and had the victim with him for several trips to the northeast part of the country. BCSO and the state attorney's office are working with other law-enforcement agencies from the northeast on the allegations made against Morgan. Bond was set at \$500,000 for the current charge.

Matthew Wayne Rumbley, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Daniel James Spivey, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 4 by Bradford deputies driving while license suspended or revoked.

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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

Leigh Phillip Pinckney, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for burglary, trespassing and loitering. According to the arrest report, Pinckney entered a home several times after being told not to come to the residence and after being Baker Acted for psychological evaluation for similar actions at the end of August. On Sept. 2, the occupants of the residence awoke to find Pinckney sitting at their kitchen table holding a small bottle of alcohol. The victims yelled at her to leave, which she finally did, only to stay in the carport until leaving before law enforcement arrived. Several hours later, she returned to the home and frightened several children inside by staring at them through the window. The police located her later in the morning and arrested her and transported her to jail. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Brandy Erin Taylor, 32, of Starke was arrested Sept. 8 by Starke police for three charges of fraud—obtain controlled substance by fraud and distribution of opium or derivative. According to the arrest report, Taylor or an acquaintance called in a false prescription to CVS in Starke three times in August for Hydrocodone. When she tried the same with Walgreens on Sept. 8, Walgreens called the police about a possible fraud prescription. After checking with the doctor on the fake prescription, and after further investigation, police discovered the three fake prescriptions at CVS. Taylor was interviewed and said she was using some of the pills and giving some away to other people. She was arrested and bond was set at \$45,000 for the charges.

Wesley Dylan White, 22, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 5 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Jonathan Bernard Wimmers, 25, of Ocala was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$75,000 for the charge.

Keystone/Melrose

David Bednar, 35, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 7 by Clay deputies for battery.

John Bennett, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Sept. 4 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Timothy Ivey, 30, of Melrose was arrested on Sept. 8 by Putnam deputies for resisting an officer, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Demetric Johnson, 37, of Starke was arrested Sept. 3 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Justen Kelley, 25, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 7 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Danyelle Lee Pitchford, 28, of Melrose was arrested by Putnam deputies for three probation violations.

Bobby Reffitt, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 6 by Clay deputies for battery.

Stephanie Ann Slate, 47, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 6 by Putnam deputies for larceny.

Jeremy Allen Zoch, 33, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 3 by Clay deputies for aggravated battery and robbery.

Union

Raymond Graham, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 7 by Union deputies for felony domestic battery and driving while license suspended or

revoked. According to the arrest report, Graham went to a home the victim was sleeping at and attacked her, choking her and scratching her across the face. He then left in the victim's vehicle, but was stopped by a deputy a short while later and arrested.

Page Hannah Lewis, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 6 by Union deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, she and the father of her daughter got into an argument, and Lewis jabbed at him in the stomach with scissors before biting him on his arm and hitting him on the back of his head and in the face with a shoe multiple times. Lewis

was arrested and transported to the jail.

Ethan Etienne Anderson, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription and distribution of cocaine—within 1,000 feet of a public park. Bond was set at \$80,000 for the charges.

Edwin V. Asher, 67, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription and selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public

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Nicholas Jordan Barefoot, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription, selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public housing or a school and trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to under 30 kilograms. Bond was set at \$110,000 for the charges.

Thomas Michael Bly, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 5 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for

misdemeanor offense. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Miguel Angel Hernandez Rios, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for misdemeanor offense.

Jerry Ryan Jones, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on three warrants for three charges of possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription, two charges of selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public housing or a school, trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to under 30 kilograms and

distribution of cocaine—within 1,000 feet of a school or place of worship. Bond was set at \$250,000 for the charges.

Heather Renee Poole, 36, of Fort White was arrested Sept. 3 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for misdemeanor offense and contempt of court—non payment of child support. Bond was set at \$6,160 for the charges.

Tina Marie Sharp, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 5 by Union deputies for failure to appear for misdemeanor offense. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

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The same is true when it comes to medical care at the

jail. All inmates' health is monitored by the medical staff, with medical records obtained from their physicians if they have medical conditions that warrant it. Inmates are transported to medical appointments as necessary. All inmates are handled with universal precautions for HIV, since privacy mandates prohibit letting anyone other than the medical staff know a patient's status.

Female inmates who are pregnant are taken to any

necessary pre-natal visits and are provided with appropriate pre-natal vitamins as ordered by their caregiver.

"We have been really lucky here," Starling said. "We haven't had anyone give birth here. I hope we can keep things that way."

Starling said the ratio of male to female inmates has remained basically the same since the facility was built in 1994-95 - running at about 80 percent male to 20 percent female. She said the jail is rarely filled to

capacity, but that the facility has a "gentleman's agreement" with other jails in the area to house prisoners in the short term free of charge. Bradford also handles all the female inmates for the Union County Sheriff's Office, as they do not have a separate area in their jail to house female prisoners.

"In the seven years I have been here, we have never had to send out inmates because of overcrowding," Starling said. "We have sent prisoners out because we needed them separated from

others housed in the facility. Right now, Baker County has one of ours and we have one of theirs, both for the same reason.

"If we start getting really full, we have portable beds we can set up in the prisoner's rooms, which raises the capacity of each room to three. That's our limit. If things are still tight, we might want to look at letting some people close to their release date go a day or two early, but we rarely resort to this measure."

Starling said the inmates are very lucky in that for such a

small county, Bradford has an active volunteer program, as well as a very active chaplain.

"We are a part of the community here and we know many of the people we handle," Starling said. "We not only know them, but very often we know their parents, grandparents and siblings. Sometimes this makes things hard, but we just always try to do the right thing, in the right way and do the best job we can for everyone concerned."

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USDA INSPECTED PORK CENTER CUT or THIN CHOPS **\$2.99** lb



USDA INSPECTED FRESH FRYER WAGON WHEELS **99¢** 4 DRUMS & 4 THIGHS



HEAVY WESTERN "LEAN & TENDER" BEEF CUBE STEAKS **\$4.49** lb



OSCAR MAYER SMOKED TURKEY or HAM **\$3.49** 9 OZ



SUGARDALE JUMBO HOT DOGS **\$3.99** 48 OZ



HICKORY SPRINGS SLICED BACON **\$2.99** 12 OZ

IT'S FOOTBALL TIME!

KRAFT BBQ SAUCE 17.5 OZ BOTTLE **79¢**
KURTZ KETCHUP **79¢**
KURTZ MUSTARD **69¢**
SO-CHEEZY MAC-&-CHEESE **3/\$1.00**
40 CT FOAM PLATES **\$1.19**
SUMMER SET ICED TEA **2/\$3.00**
J. HIGGS POTATO CHIPS **2/\$3.00**
KURTZ STEAK SAUCE 10 OZ **\$1.49**
PORTMAN CLASSIC RANCH **\$1.29**
WORLD'S FAIR JR POPS **\$1.00**



D.L. LEE FRESH PORK SAUSAGE **\$2.69** 16 OZ

CLASSIC ICEBERG SALAD MIX 12 OZ BAG **2/\$3.00**
ROMA TOMATOES **89¢** lb
YELLOW ONIONS 3 LB BAG **\$1.89**
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