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Worth Noting

Keystone United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m., in the church's multi-ministry center. This dinner is open to the community and everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend, please call 352-473-3829.

Offices closed

The offices of the Bradford County Telegraph, Lake Region Monitor and Union County Times will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Holiday Schedule for Democratic Women

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet on Nov. 16, and Dec. 21 instead of its usual fourth Thursday due to the holidays. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. at 25728 Park St. Melrose. For more information call 475-3012 or visit Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area on Facebook.

Keystone Library events

Wednesday, Nov. 22 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 Preschool & family "Turkey-talk", with Miss Chris!

Lake Area Ministries annual meeting

Lake Area Ministries will host its annual volunteer appreciation and annual meeting on Friday, Dec. 1 in the multi-ministry building of Keystone United Methodist Church.

This year's event will begin at noon with a light lunch, followed by musical entertainment provided by the Keystone United Methodist Church.

The ministry will also recognize Dr. James Peoples who has served as president of the Lake Area Ministries Executive Board for many years.

This event is an open meeting of Lake Area Ministries volunteers and supporters are encouraged to attend as well as members of the community.

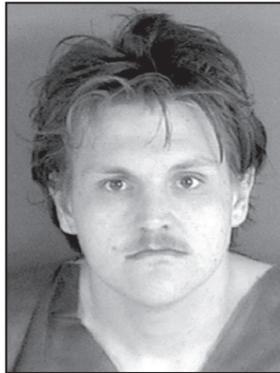
All planning to attend should contact Lake Area Ministries at 352-473-2846 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or email LakeAreaM@Bellsouth.net.

Lake Region Christmas parades set for Dec. 9

Melrose and Keystone Heights will hold their annual

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Intruder shot after entering home with ax, machete



Harris

A homeowner shot a 28-year-old Keystone Heights man after the man kicked his way into the homeowner's residence wielding an ax and machete.

The intruder: Grant Cole Harris was arrested Nov. 15 by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, armed burglary of a structure or conveyance and a probation violation.

According to court papers, on Nov. 1 the victim was conducting maintenance on one of his vehicles in his McRae-area yard when he

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City, SBDC backing Small Business Saturday

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The City of Keystone Heights is teaming up with the University of North Florida's Small Business Development Center to promote Small Business Saturday.

Annie Grogan, a consultant with the development center, said the purpose of the Nov. 25 event is to encourage residents to shop local.

She added that the promotion is designed around similar events: Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Small business development centers throughout the state are also promoting the event.

Created by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday serves as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for small businesses across the United States.

In 2016, an estimated 112 million consumers reported shopping at small businesses on Small Business Saturday, spending an estimated \$15.4 billion as reported in the 2016 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey. The day was also championed by elected officials in all 50

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Realtor: Lake Region trending toward sellers' market

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A Lake Region realtor said the Keystone Heights-Melrose area is joining Gainesville and Jacksonville as a sellers' market for real estate.

Deirdre Murphy, a real estate agent for Watson Realty's Gainesville office said that many sellers in northeast Florida's two major cities have over the last three years been receiving multiple offers for real estate they have listed for sale.

Murphy said that trend has now reached the region's rural areas.

Murphy is a graduate of the Watson Success School and the winner of Watson Realty's President's Award in 2008. She is a past member of the Keystone

Heights Heritage Commission and Women's Club, past chair of the Keystone Heights Community Redevelopment Advisory Board, and a current member of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association.

She said that the National Association of Realtors expects home prices to rise by 5.5 percent in 2018 and that housing starts will increase by almost 9.5 percent over 2017.

"We have to have new construction in the housing market because the inventory is so low," she said of the current market. "If we don't have those builders out there building new homes, and again, this is nationally, we won't have enough homes for all of the buyers that are out there looking for homes."



Murphy

Murphy added that the national realtors group is lobbying hard to keep the property tax and

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Junior High academic team wraps up season



The Keystone Heights High School Junior Academic Team: (L-r) Flourish Alozie, Madison Bettey, Sponsor Nicole Honour, Rebecca Edwards, Paige Wilkinson and Brittney Mynster.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Although Keystone Heights High School's Junior High Academic Team lost its final match of the year: a 142-65 loss against Green Cove Springs Junior High, sponsor Nicole Honour said the team had a successful season.

Members of academic teams compete by hitting a buzzer and answering toss up questions, similar to the television show "Jeopardy."

When a participant correctly answers a toss up question, then her team can earn additional

points by answering a bonus question, in which the team is allowed to answer as a group.

Honour said the highlight of Keystone's season was a 154-75 win against Wilkinson Junior High. She added that her crew showed steady improvement throughout the year.

"We started with kids who were afraid to buzz in and answer questions," she said of the group. "Every team member contributed, and we are young and still developing."

Team member Madison Bettey said she joined the team after a teacher recommended she

try out.

"I love it," Bettey said of the competition, adding that she gets a rush beating opponents to the buzzer and delivering a correct answer.

Bettey and other team members said that academic pursuits are not esteemed among their fellow students as much as participation in sports.

"Some kids think it's lame," said Paige Wilkinson.

However, all the team members said they enjoyed the experience and are looking for additional opportunities at the school to compete academically.

City Council makes 3rd attempt to find mayor

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The city council voted, for the third time, to accept applications for mayor, during its Nov. 20 meeting.

Mayor Tony Brown resigned from the post in August, citing increasing travel demands from his business.

According to the Keystone Heights Charter, the council must appoint a mayor to serve until the next general election in the spring of 2018. The winner of the election will then serve until the next mayoral election in 2020. Applicants had until Aug. 25 to apply for the job.

Two city residents applied during August: retired New York Postmaster Catherine Southard and Santa Fe College staff member Karen Lake.

However, the council rejected both applicants, with council members Dan Lewandowski and Steve Brown claiming more citizens wanted to apply, but were prevented from doing so by the short application period. So, the council opened a second application period from Oct. 23 through Nov. 3. However, no one applied during the second application period.

During the council's Nov. 20 meeting, Interim Mayor Steve Hart said that Planning and Zoning Chairman Bill Dixon applied for the mayor's post after the second application period closed. He recommended that the council accept Dixon's application and continue to accept other applications through Dec. 1. The council would then consider the applications during its Dec. 4 meeting.

"In other words," Hart said, "it's wide open again."

The council voted 4-0 to accept Hart's recommendation.

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Historic Melrose members dig for clues to site's past



Members of Historic Melrose conducted an archaeological dig on the grounds of the Melrose First United Methodist Church earlier this month to find clues about the property's past.

Pictured are (l-r) John McRae, Laurel Semmes, Nora Gauck, Sue Sinclair and JoAnn Russell searching for artifacts on the church grounds. For more on this story, see page 2A. Photo: Keith Bollum for Historic Melrose Inc.

Thanksgiving Weather: Rain likely

Wednesday - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. North wind 3 to 7 mph.

Wednesday Night - A 50 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 51. Northeast wind around 6 mph.

Thanksgiving Day - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a high near 67. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 52.

Friday - A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Friday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Saturday - Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Saturday Night - Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Sunday - Sunny, with a high near 68.

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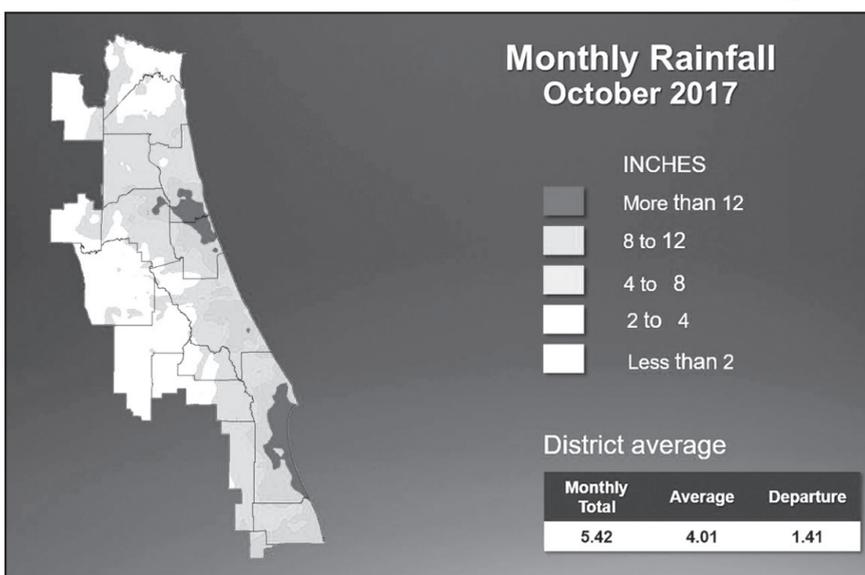
Correction: Veterans Day, Keystone Heights



In the Nov. 16 edition of the Monitor, we misidentified the girls in the above photo as being members of the American Heritage Girls chapter at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Middleburg.

The girls are members of American Heritage Girls FL7884 at Gadara Baptist Church in McRae. (Left) Jasmine Geiger, Kaeleigh Wheeler (top right) and Aleah Hallberg (bottom right) present a thank-you card to Capt. David Quirk of the U.S. Navy (retired). We apologize for the error.

12-month rainfall now above average



A map illustrates rainfall across the St. Johns River Water Management District.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The St. Johns River Water Management District said an October nor'easter pushed rainfall totals over the past 12 months to above average.

During the district's November governing board meeting, district staff said that the nor'easter that brought heavy rains to coastal St. Johns, Indian River and Brevard counties pushed the district's 12-month rainfall total to 4.4 inches above normal.

In north Florida, Flagler County received 9.06 inches of rain in October, which is 4.82 inches above average. St. Johns County received 8.15 inches, which is 3.75 above average. Rainfall was below average in Nassau, Baker and Alachua counties.

In central Florida, Seminole, Lake and Orange counties all experienced below-average rainfall for the month. Seminole received 3.45 inches (0.51 inches below average), Lake received 2.58 inches (0.53 inches below average), and Orange received 3.33 inches of rain (0.61 inches below average).

Rainfall in Brevard County was the highest in the district at 9.92 inches and nearly 5 inches above average for the month.

In March, the district issued a water shortage warning for Nassau, Flagler, Baker, Clay, Putnam, Marion and Lake counties, citing below average rainfall totals for the previous 12 months. In May, the district extended the warning to its entire 18-county jurisdiction, marking the first time in over a decade the district took such

action.

The district rescinded the order in September.

In other news from the November meeting of the St. Johns River Water Management District's governing board:

Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva MFLs to be reevaluated in 2018

The board voted to reevaluate minimum flows and levels for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva in 2018. The minimum water level in a lake is the level at

which further decreases would be significantly harmful to water resources or ecology of the area. If water levels drop below an MFL, water management districts are required to undertake recovery plans to bring levels up to the minimum.

After the board approved reevaluating the MFLs for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva, Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz said her group would be watching the process.

Katz told the board, during the meeting's public comments period, that the first time she

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Group unearths Melrose's past with church dig



(L-r) Historic Melrose President Keith Bollum, along with members Paula Tyner and John McRae catalog glass and porcelain fragments, nails, arrowheads and other artifacts. Photo: Dan Hildebran for the Monitor.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Members of Historic Melrose dug through parts of land surrounding the Melrose United Methodist Church earlier this month, searching for clues about the parcel's history.

HMI President Keith Bollum said he often ran across items that appeared to be of historical significance on the surface of Hampton Street, in front of the church, while riding his bicycle. He recently asked the church leaders for permission to dig around the property.

Fifteen Historic Melrose volunteers marked off 20, one-meter squares for the dig, then methodically scraped the top soil, reaching an average depth of eight inches.

Volunteers then gathered at Melrose's Homemaker's Club and cataloged the findings.

After analyzing the artifacts, Bollum said he hopes to issue a short report, describing what went on at the site before the church was built in 1879.

Bollum said he also hopes to enlist the expertise of Historic Melrose members in analyzing the artifacts. He said member Dr. Mark Barrow is an expert on Indian points like arrowheads and another member, Dr. Terry Marshall is an authority on pharmaceutical containers.

Nails and pieces of glass and ceramics made up most of the groups finds. However, they also found several arrowhead and spear points, which Bollum said was surprising. He added that participants were also surprised by the amount a fun they had during the dig.

Bollum said he has found evidence that a jail and a plantation were located near the site prior to the church's construction in 1879. He also said that horse races finished in the area around the future church site, and that he believes the original Bellamy Road, commissioned in 1824, may have passed near the parcel.



One surprising find was this spear point (center).

Girls State participant addresses Post 202 Auxiliary



Emily Nop with Post 202 Auxiliary President Pam Farnsworth. Photo: American Legion Post 202 Ladies Auxiliary.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Keystone Heights High School student Emily Nop spoke to the American Legion Post 202 Ladies Auxiliary Saturday about her experience during Girls State.

Girls State is an American

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saw the defendant approach his property, armed with a machete and ax.

After the defendant made a threat, the victim retreated into his home and instructed another occupant of the house to bring his weapons.

The two occupants then observed the defendant break down their privacy gate and approach the residence. Armed with a pistol and shotgun, the victim told the defendant not to enter the home, warning the defendant that he was armed and would protect his family if necessary.

The defendant kicked in the front door, breaking the door lock and jamb, and entered the house still armed with the machete and ax.

As the defendant crossed the threshold of the door and stepped inside the residence, the victim fired one shot from the pistol that struck the defendant in the abdomen.

The defendant then dropped his weapons and fell back onto the ground from the victim's elevated porch. The victim held the defendant at gunpoint until deputies arrived. The defendant was transported to UF Health Shands in Gainesville.

According to the arrest report, the second occupant of the home called 911 before Harris entered the house and stayed on the line with a 911 operator until deputies arrived.

Man arrested for smoking pot at Keystone Beach

Brian Haugdahl, 19, was arrested Nov. 17 by Clay deputies for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana. According to an

arrest report, a deputy was conducting a property check at Keystone Beach at 3:14 p.m. when he detected the odor of marijuana.

"I asked the defendant and his friends to come over," the deputy wrote in the report, "they willingly complied, and I asked about the smell."

The officer added that while talking to the defendant, "I could smell a very strong odor of marijuana emitting from his clothing."

After interviewing the defendant, the deputy searched the man and found two marijuana blunts weighing 1.2 grams.

Omission on birthday card leads to arrest

John Wayne Allen, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 18



Allen

by Clay deputies for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim and defendant have been married for 18 years. The

victim stated that the defendant had been drinking all day, and late in the afternoon the victim arrived home and decided to celebrate the birthday of the couple's daughter.

"While (the daughter) was opening presents," the deputy wrote in the report, "J. Allen got upset because (the victim) did not put his name on a card. The defendant came at the victim, calling her a (redacted from report) and shoved the victim in the right shoulder. After being shoved, the victim had to exit the house to get away from the defendant to avoid further altercation. The incident was witnessed by all children in the residence."

The deputy added that he observed redness but no bruising in the victim's shoulder area.

The officer wrote that he interviewed several witnesses before speaking to the defendant.

"I then made contact with the defendant, John Allen," the deputy wrote. "The defendant was extremely intoxicated and extremely verbally abusive."

While talking to the deputy, the defendant got aggressive toward the victim, yelling at her and balling up his fists.

The deputy added that while escorting the man to his patrol vehicle, the defendant tried to pull away three times, and the deputy put him on the ground. The defendant's head was scratched during the maneuver, and Clay County Fire Rescue medically cleared the defendant before the deputy transported him to the jail in Green Cove Springs.

Starke man arrested for trafficking in meth

Arthur Alvin Letchworth, 65, of Starke was arrested Nov. 15 by Clay deputies for trafficking in or possession of 14 grams or more of amphetamine. According



Letchworth

to an arrest report, a deputy was conducting traffic enforcement on S.R. 16 near Camp Blanding when he saw the

defendant pass at 70 miles per hour, according to a laser speed detector. During the traffic stop, a police K-9 alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle. Deputies found baggies of methamphetamine in the center console of the vehicle with a total weight of 36.94 grams.

UF research: Just 7 minutes of exercise a day can stave off mobility disability in elderly

BY BILL LEVESQUE
UF Health

Seven short minutes. Tick tock.

That's a pot of coffee brewing to completion. It's a melodic tune or two floating from a car radio. Seven minutes are a handful of commercials on television.

Seven minutes also might be a lifeline in your golden years.

A recent study by researchers at the University of Florida and around the nation shows that just under seven minutes of moderate walking or other exercise each day — 48 minutes a week — can improve physical functioning in the elderly and stave off major mobility disability.

"That's very, very little," said Marco Pahor, M.D., director of the UF Institute on Aging and the study's co-author. "People may say, 'Well, doing this little can't mean much.' But it does. It means a great deal."

Feel free to juggle those 48 minutes in any arrangement. How about a little less than 10 minutes of exercise Monday through Friday, Pahor suggested, if you want the weekend off to rest?

That journey from nothing to a few minutes of moderate exercise daily, Pahor said, actually bridges a chasm.

"There is a huge difference," he said, "between doing nothing and doing just a little."

Seven minutes daily — for many people, it's a walk around the block.

The study, published in the online journal PLOS One, is an offshoot of the Lifestyle Interventions and Independence for Elders, or LIFE, trial.



Marco Pahor, M.D., director of the UF Institute on Aging

Released in 2014, it enrolled 1,635 sedentary participants, ages 70 to 89, who all had functional limitations.

The participants were split into two groups. One received health education and performed stretching exercises. The second group took part in a structured, moderate intensity program of resistance and flexibility exercise, in addition to 150 minutes of walking per week. Physical activity that raises the heart rate is considered moderate.

Everyone in the study wore a device to measure their physical activity. And the researchers then monitored them for an average of about two-and-a-half years.

This original study found the moderate physical activity group maintained their ability to walk at a rate 18 percent higher than older adults who did not exercise. It also led to a 28 percent reduction in people permanently losing the ability to walk easily.

The new follow-up study, using data from the original,

then examined the question: What is the minimum amount of exercise where participants see a significant benefit?

Seven minutes daily — the length of your morning shower.

Researchers, of course, note that there is no need to stop at seven minutes. "The more you do," Pahor said, "the more you benefit."

Researchers aren't surprised that walking is especially critical in the calculus of our health.

Walking is a fundamental part of being human. We walk everywhere. To the mailbox. Down a lazy forest trail. Up mountains. Down stairs. For the elderly, walking can be the difference between being homebound or in a nursing home and living an independent life.

"Mobility predicts all kinds of health-related outcomes, from mortality to morbidity, cardiovascular disease, cognitive functional

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stood before the governing board was in 2010 when the district was then considering lowering the MFLs for Keystone Heights-area lakes.

"The proposal in 2010 was that it be lowered to 81 (feet for Lake Brooklyn)," she said. "Right now, Brooklyn is at 101 and change. That is the official MFL for Lake Brooklyn."

"Eighty-one would be a devastation to the community and to the Floridan Aquifer," she continued. "We hope you will reconsider when looking at the MFL. We will be watching."

Melrose-area dairy gets funding to treat wastewater

The board approved a \$250,000 cost-share contract to help Eljim Dairy in western Putnam County install effluent rundown screens to remove suspended solids from wastewater, preparing the water for reuse.

The dairy is funding the remaining amount of the \$633,689 project.

The board approved 11 other agriculture projects for cost sharing, appropriating \$1.5 million for water conservation and nutrient reduction.

The 12 proposed projects

are anticipated to collectively conserve an estimated 519 million gallons of water each year and reduce total nitrogen by an estimated 52,945 pounds per year and total phosphorus by 8,149 pounds per year.

Governing board elects officers

The governing board re-elected its current slate of officers to serve in the same capacity for another year. Those re-elected were John A. Miklos of Orlando to serve as board chairman; Fred N. Roberts Jr. of Ocala as vice chairman; Charles "Chuck" Drake of Orlando as secretary; and Ron Howse of Cocoa as treasurer.

The other board members are Douglas C. Bournique of Vero Beach, Douglas Burnett of St. Augustine, Susan Dolan of Sanford and Janet Price of Fernandina Beach.

Board members, who meet monthly, are responsible for setting the policies for the district's operation. They are appointed by the governor to four-year terms and serve without pay.



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Kiwanis Band performs fall concert STATE

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Director Michael Raftice leads the Kiwanis Community Band during its fall concert at Keystone Beach. All photos: LaDonna Hart for the Kiwanis Community Band.

The Kiwanis Community Band performed its fall concert at Keystone Beach on Saturday, Nov. 18. Twenty players performed a variety of music from Glenn Miller and Carlos Santana to Amazing Grace and a Sousa march thrown in for the traditionalists.



Tim Riviere on tuba. Riviere is a Keystone Heights High School graduate and has been with the band since it was formed in 2014.

any player of a band instrument to join. Anybody interested can contact Steve Hart at 352-281-8297. The next concert will be May 19, 2018 at Keystone Beach.

Rehearsals for the band will resume in March for the spring concert season; the band invites

court session. Past ALA Girls State participants include members of presidential cabinets, mayors, governors, state representatives, U.S. senators, corporate CEOs, nationally known journalists, and high-ranking members of the military. Nop is also the reigning Miss Keystone Heights High School.

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Christmas parades three weeks from Saturday.

The Merry Melrose Christmas parade will launch at 10 a.m. at the corner of Centre Street and S.R. 26. This year's theme is "Christmas on Noah's Ark" and prizes will be awarded for Best Interpretation of Theme, Most Parade Participants, Most Original Entry and Best Overall.

Float applications are available at Ameris Bank in Melrose and on the website of the Melrose Business and Community Association: MelroseFL.com.

For more information, contact Steve Thrift at sandthrift@bellsouth.net or 352-473-7966.

This year's Grand Marshal is Jimmy Price.

In Keystone Heights, the Lake Region Kiwanis Club will again sponsor the 6 p.m. event, which will follow South Lawrence Boulevard north through downtown.

This year's theme is "A Christmas Card from Keystone Heights," and judges will award first and second place prizes for Most Original, Closest to Theme, Best Youth Entry, Best Marching Unit, Best Business Entry and Judges' Choice.

Float applications are available at city hall and Mallards Dollarama.

For more information, contact Tina Bullock at TinaBullock2012@gmail.com or 352-494-3454.

Girl Scouts team up with library to bring the joy of reading to kids this holiday season

There are some little girls (and a boy) in Melrose who have big hearts and even bigger holiday spirit. Girl Scout Troop 474, a local chapter of brownies and daisies, rallied together to help the Melrose Public Library give books to children in need through the Putnam County Library System's annual "Angel Tree" Program.

Darlene Walker of the Putnam County Library System started the Angel Tree program when she joined the library system in 2006. The program is designed to give kids in foster care or protective management new books, tailored to their specific age and interests, for the holidays. Participants in the program choose an angel ornament

printed with a child's first name, age, and interests - then return the angel to the library with a hand-selected book for

Troop leaders Brittany Martin and Sara Hebert said, "the kids were having so much fun selecting stories for their angels - they were really trying hard to find the most perfect books."

that child.

The program is celebrating

its 12th year, having gathered 2,917 books. Program participants who have selected an angel from the tree, but have not returned the angel with their books yet, can still bring books in until Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The Melrose Public Library has gathered nearly 70 books for the program with the help of local individuals - with a generous portion of that total being the 53 books from the Girl Scouts alone. With the help of the girls, the library was able to quickly provide to all of their assigned angels. Troop leaders Brittany Martin and Sara Hebert said, "the kids were having so much fun selecting stories for their angels - they were really trying hard to find the most



Members of Girl Scout Troop 474: Front row: Piper, Caiden, Sloane and Coralor. Back row: Ilee, Lily, Bailey, Serena, Ella and Iah. Photo: Melrose Library.

perfect books."

Branch Manager at the Melrose Library, Sheree Sims said, "the program hopes to

help bring the joy of reading to kids during the holidays - and kids who may have never been able to own brand new

books will be able to hold these stories in their hands. It's a great thing during this time of year."

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decline, hospitalization and institutionalization," Pahor said.

And he said it's important to remember something for those who think they've been couch potatoes too long and that starting a regimen of physical

activity would be useless.

"It's never too late," Pahor said. "Sedentary people are actually the ones who would achieve most of the benefit from those seven minutes."

Study co-authors include Todd M. Manini, Ph.D, an associate professor in the UF College of Medicine's department of aging and geriatric research and a

member of the UF Institute on Aging. Also participating in the study were Jacksonville Brooks Rehabilitation, Northwestern University, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, the University of Pittsburgh, Stanford University, Tufts University, Wake Forest School of Medicine and Yale University.

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"Small Business Saturday has become a national movement to support and celebrate the role and impact of small businesses on our economy," said Michael Myhre, CEO and Network State Director of the Florida SBDC. "This Small Business Saturday, and throughout the holiday season, anyone can make a difference by shopping small."

Small businesses and consumers can learn more about Small Business Saturday and how to get involved by visiting www.ShopSmall.com.



Annie Grogan, Clay County Consultant for the Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida, explains Small Business Saturday during the November meeting of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association.

Midway Farmers' Market now offering natural meats

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

A Lake Region pig farm is offering natural meats to customers of Midway Farmers' Market.

Alan and Linda Clayton launched Blackberry Pig Farm in 2013.

The couple raises pigs humanely, in pens no smaller than 16 by 16 feet. Linda Clayton added that her pigs are only fed humanely-raised feed from Lake Butler's Hillandale Farms, and no hormones or slop are given to the animals.

"We give them a lot of tender loving care," she said of the pigs. "They like their bellies and their



Linda Clayton of Blackberry Pig Farm explains her products to Midway Farmers' Market customers

ears rubbed."

Clayton added that she only uses an Ocala-based,

USDA-certified butcher that guarantees humane treatment of the animals.

Church dedicates Christmas boxes



Trinity Baptist Church dedicated 1,271 Christmas gift boxes during services on Nov. 5. The boxes are part of Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritans Purse, which distributes the boxes to children around the world. Trinity Baptist is a regional collection center for the program.

Pictured is Scott Stanland, executive pastor of Trinity Baptist Church dedicating over 1,200 gift-filled shoe boxes headed overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child.

HOMES

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mortgage interest deductions in the tax code, as congress and the President consider tax reform.

She said that some experts predict that if lawmakers do away with the deductions, home values could drop by as much as 10 percent.

Murphy said that in northeast Florida, all key indicators are showing a shrinking home inventory and rising prices.

She said that over the last three years, a sellers' market has developed in Jacksonville, the beaches and Gainesville.

"In those metropolitan areas, you do not have enough homes for the amount of people looking to purchase," she said. "That is what is driving home prices up: the lack of inventory."

"In the rural areas, in 2017, including the Lake Region," she added, "you are really starting to see it swing from a buyers' market to a sellers' market."

Murphy said that one statistic she checks almost daily is

the absorption rate, which represents the time it would take to sell all the homes listed in a particular market.

"Two years ago, we had almost 24 months of inventory for sale," she said of the absorption rate in the Lake Region, "meaning, that if not another house came on the market, it would take 24 months to sell the houses we already have."

According to charts shown by Murphy, the absorption rate for the area that includes Starke and the Lake Region has decreased from around 8.5 months in November 2016 to five months in October 2017.

"It's more like three months for Keystone Heights," she said.

Murphy also said the sold-to-list ratio, which compares the listing price to the prices houses actually sold for, topped 94 percent in January and October of 2017.

"If it's priced right, it's selling pretty close to asking price," she said of houses for sale.

Murphy said some sellers make the mistake of pricing their homes higher, thinking they can always come down.

"That is one of the worst things you can do," she said. "You are better off to price it right the first time, and you will get your price. It's better to have five offers... than to not get any offers at all because you priced too high."

Murphy said that within zip code 32656, 213 homes have sold in the last 11 months. The number includes mobile homes and prices ranged between \$10,000 and \$425,000.

"That's fabulous," she said. "That's a lot of homes."

She added that 17 homes are now under contract but have not yet closed.

"We only have 49 homes on the market," she said. "What does this tell you? It tells me that there is no inventory. Those homes out there that are not selling are overpriced."

"Bill Watson (the founder of Watson Realty) used to say: 'Price fixes everything,'" Murphy continued. "If you have that house next to the railroad tracks, with airplanes flying over it, price can fix that. Every house will sell if it's priced right."

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Keystone Heights paved 100 feet of Fox Run Road in 2015, at a cost of \$28,354.

CITY

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In other news from the council's Nov. 20 meeting:

City considering serving alcohol

The council heard the first reading of a proposed ordinance that would allow the city to serve beer and wine on city property during special events.

Hart said the intent of the ordinance was to allow the city to serve alcohol during a holiday open house on Dec. 11.

He also said that while the ordinance allows the city to sell beer and wine, the city could not now do so because it does not have a liquor license from the state.

Lewandowski and Brown both asked Hart if the ordinance would allow the Our Country Day Committee to hold its annual street dance and serve alcohol at Keystone Beach Park.

The committee made such a request for the 2017 event, but the council denied the request.

"We are slightly opening the door," Hart responded, adding that the committee would have to get council approval before serving alcohol at the park.

Hart noted that the proposed ordinance only applies to city events, and the Our Country Day

street dance is not a city event.

The council approved the first reading 3-1. A second reading, a public hearing and a final vote on the proposed ordinance will take place during the council's Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m. meeting.

Council will look at reopening farmers' market

Council members agreed to consider reopening the city's farmers' market, which ran for eight years across South Lawrence Boulevard from city hall until officials closed it in 2015, citing declining attendance and vendor participation.

Lewandowski said he thought the market's weekly schedule was too demanding, taxing city resources. He recommended Keystone Heights consider operating a farmers' market monthly, like Orange Park.

Hart said he is open to reestablishing the market, as long as city staff does not have to get involved with its operation. Hart also said he liked Lewandowski's suggestion of a monthly schedule, adding that he did not want a city market to directly compete with the Midway Farmers' Market, which opens every Saturday morning.

Lewandowski said he also

wanted city staff to explore the possibility of building public restroom facilities in the park.

City to hold open house, ribbon cutting

Keystone Heights officials will host a ribbon cutting for a new county boat ramp on S.R. 21 and an open house at the beach pavilion beginning at 4:30 on Dec. 11.

City Manager Scott Kornegay said Sen. Rob Bradley and Rep. Bobby Payne have accepted invitations to attend the event.

Representatives from the Heritage Commission will also be at the open house, as well as a city official to answer questions about the city's 2020 streetscape plan.

Brown recommended the city host quarterly open house events, to inform the public about issues the council is undertaking.

Pay for mayor, council may be increased

Lewandowski recommended the city increase the mayor's compensation to above what other council members earn. Now, the mayor makes \$300 a month, like other members of the council.

He said the mayor typically

spends much more time on city business than other council members. He proposed increasing the pay now, but making the change effective after the 2018 city elections.

Hart recommended the council also make cost of living adjustments to council members' pay.

He said it would be easy to go back and calculate cost of living increases since the current salary was set, so that any increase would not be a real increase, but only an inflation adjustment.

Like Lewandowski, Hart said that any vote on council pay would only apply to future office holders, so council members could not vote themselves a pay raise. The council instructed city staff to research and draft a proposed ordinance for the raises.

City to upgrade Fox Run Road

The council approved an inter-local agreement with the county, authorizing the county to make improvements to Fox Run Road and maintain the road on a monthly basis.

Fox Run Road extends north from Commercial Circle, between Lake Area Ministries and Brooklyn Boys Pizza.

In 2015, the city paved 100 feet of the roadway between the two businesses at a cost of \$28,354.

City Manager Scott Kornegay told the council that paving the entire road would cost more than \$95,000.

Under the inter-local agreement, the county will upgrade the road using clay and recycled crushed concrete at a cost of \$9,322.80. The county will also grade the road monthly at a cost of \$57.89.

Blimp cancels airpark landings

Airpark chairman David Kirkland told the council that the Goodyear Blimp has canceled planned landings at the Keystone

Airpark during December.

The airship was to fly around Gainesville during the week of the Florida-Florida State game, but the two teams' 2017 performances have apparently made the game less attractive for the tire company.

Kirkland also said the airpark

plans to request bids on a new fixed operations building in February, and that the facility passed its annual Florida Department of Transportation safety inspection in October.



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A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32177-1429 (4049 Reid St. Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

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Not your typical Thanksgiving turkeys

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Debbie Nistler and her family, like so many others, will cook and eat a turkey on Thanksgiving, but they can also add the fact they hatched and raised it as well.

In fact, Nistler, the Bradford County Extension director, will have done the same for multiple turkeys on families' tables as part of a business she's started under the name of Southern Shades Farm.

"I wanted to do something that was kind of an unusual business venture," she said. "It's really tough to find really good turkeys for Thanksgiving that are fresh, (with) no hormones. They're all fresh off the farm."

All but two of the 12 turkeys Nistler had available in this first year of her business venture were purchased. She raised them all with the intent of having them ready by Thanksgiving, but she's looking to expand the number of turkeys she raises to be sold, dividing them into two cages. One cage will consist of turkeys that will be ready by Thanksgiving; the other will consist of turkeys that will be ready by Christmas.

This first year of the business, which also consists of raising and selling Boer goats, has gone well, with Nistler saying she lost hardly any turkeys.

"I've been super happy," she said. "From hatching to now, I only lost three birds, which is pretty good. Two of them were from the hurricane, and one of

Debbie Nistler follows two of her production turkeys. From those turkeys and others, Nistler hatched and raised 12 turkeys to sell for Thanksgiving as part of Southern Shades Farm. One of the turkeys that has sold looks out from its enclosure.



them was just when he was a chick. The minute we put him in a bigger cage, something crawled in there and killed it."

Nistler raises heritage turkeys, which differ in a few ways from broad breasted turkeys, which are the conventional turkeys people buy in grocery stores and consume on Thanksgiving.

Heritage turkeys take longer to mature. Nistler said the turkeys she'll have ready for Thanksgiving were hatched in June, whereas broad breasted turkeys can be started in July or August and be ready.

Unlike broad breasted turkeys, heritage turkeys can fly and roost

just like turkeys in the wild. The heritage turkeys' use of muscles that broad breasted turkeys don't use affects the taste of the birds, Nistler said, comparing it to the marbling found in red meat, where fat is infused into the muscle. She said once broad breasted turkeys reach their maximum size, they start putting on extra fat.

"The Butterballs, they have a lot of external fat," she said, adding that the fat of heritage turkeys is "kind of infused into the meat. It just really changes the taste of the bird."

Though heritage turkeys don't produce the amount of breast

meat that broad breasted turkeys do, they tend to be bigger birds overall. Nistler said many of her turkeys will be between 25 and 30 pounds, though she pointed out one she said will probably reach close to 50 pounds. The largest broad breasted turkeys tend to be approximately 20 pounds, she said.

To get the turkeys to their mature weight, you have to feed them, of course. Nistler said finding the right kind of feed has been one of the challenges this first year of her business, but she found a 22-percent-protein feed at Tractor Supply Co. that she'd been unable to find in other

stores. She gives her turkeys that along with cracked corn.

"That's why my mama and papa birds are so fat right now," Nistler said. "They've been getting the 22-percent protein and loving it."

Besides finding the right feed, Nistler has had to ensure the turkeys keep eating. She said turkeys tend to go off their feed if they're upset by something. The aftermath of Hurricane Irma, for example, was a concern.

"We were giving them black-oil sunflower seeds for a little while to spark their appetites, especially after the storm because they were a little shaken," Nistler said.

Nistler cannot process turkeys ahead prior to selling them, but once a person buys one, she can process it if they wish. The turkeys cost \$65 plus an additional \$15 if they want it processed.

"In Florida, they have to own the livestock because I'm not a USDA-approved slaughter facility," Nistler said. "Once they own the bird, if they would like for me to process it, I'll process it. Now that it's their bird, they can do whatever they want with their bird."

Nistler said she spent a couple of years thinking about the business, trying to figure out which breeds would work best and how long it would take to raise those breeds to maturity. She said she wanted breeds that were more naturally pest-resistant so she didn't have to use artificial means to control pests. She also wanted breeds that were not aggressive.

Heritage breeds fit the bill. "They're very sweet-tempered birds," Nistler said.

Still, there are challenges,

See TURKEYS, 7B

Bradford 4-H entrepreneur Bennett says it's 'Turkey Time'

BY SAMANTHA GRENROCK
UF/IFAS Public Relations Specialist

When Madison Bennett, 16, had a chance to raise poultry

through her county 4-H youth development program, she wanted to think outside of the traditional chicken coop.

"I wanted to do something unique, so I decided to start my own business, Turkey Time,"

said Bennett, a member of the Bradford County 4-H program. "Now I raise and sell turkeys for Thanksgiving and the holidays."

As she developed her business model, Bennett wanted to capitalize on recent consumer

food trends.

"My turkeys are farm fresh — they live their whole lives in one place, where they get to roam free and aren't raised with growth hormones or antibiotics," she said. "This is the kind of product more and more people are interested in having on their holiday dinner table."

Since starting the business with her first group of chicks just six months ago, Bennett has produced 13 finished turkeys and has already taken several orders for Thanksgiving.

Bennett raises each of her birds from eggs, looking after their nutrition and living area until they are processed and sold. She's also responsible for marketing

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Madison Bennett is pictured with some of the turkeys she's raising for her the business she started six months ago, Turkey Time. Bennett and her grandfather built the structure that houses the turkeys.

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Tigers are 1A runners-up after 3-0 loss to Sneads

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

When it was all said and done, the Sneads High School volleyball team captured the Class 1A championship as most would've predicted, but Union County head coach Jordan Windham and two of her seniors said the Tigers had nothing to hang their heads about following their 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-10) loss to the Pirates on Nov. 17 at the University of North Florida.

"If you had watched us at the beginning of the season, nobody would have ever thought that we would've made it this far," said senior Madelyn Kish, who finished with five kills. "I think that even though we lost just a couple of minutes ago, we played our hearts out. That's all we came to do. I think that we did a great job and came together as a team."

"It's rough. It's tough to lose like that your last game, but I'm proud of us."

Only two teams make it to the final game of the season. Sneads was no surprise. The Pirates (26-4) walked off the court after their win over Union with their fifth straight championship trophy.

Finishing as runner-up did nothing to take away from Union's accomplishment. Sure, there were tears afterward, but the fact remained that this Tigers

team finished as the second-best team in the state. It was also the first time in program history Union has played for the state title.

"I think that God has bigger plans for us," said senior Taylor Beatty, who had four kills, four digs and three blocks. "I think that we gave it all, and it wasn't enough. That's OK. That's just what (God) wanted to happen."

"I know we've set the foundations. The first time ever we've gone this far. I couldn't be more proud of my team. I couldn't be more proud of the other girls and the love and support we had."

The Tigers finished the season with a 14-12 record, which Kish said gave no indication of just what kind of a team this was.

"Our record doesn't show the heart that we have," Kish said. "I think that it honestly means more to me than a perfect record because it shows how much growth we've had throughout the season and how much we came together."

Windham said, "I've said it for weeks that this is my dream team. For us to get here and to be their assistant for three years and then to finish this out this year as their head coach has just meant the world. It's meant everything. They've worked hard all season."

An attack error by Sneads tied the score at 3-3 in the first set, while a kill by Kish off Michaela Edenfield's block attempt tied it at 4-4. The Pirates scored eight of the next 13 points before scoring six straight with Alyssa Stagner serving. The last three points earned with Stagner serving came on two attack errors and a double hit.

Edenfield had two kills as the Pirates continued to pull away, with Stagner dumping the ball over the net for the final set point.

Union trailed 6-2 in the second set, but scored two straight points with Emily O'Neal serving. Another point with Fulgham serving pulled the Tigers to within 7-6, but that's as close as it would get. Edenfield had a block and a kill that helped the Pirates go on a 6-0 run for a 13-6 lead.

A Beatty kill later forced side-out and made the score 15-8. Sneads was then called for

a double hit after a block by Union's Summer Fulgham kept play alive, making the score 15-9. Sneads scored 10 of the next 14 points, getting two more kills from Edenfield to help close the set out with a 12-point win.

A 5-0 run by Sneads in the third set put the Pirates ahead 10-2. Beatty, Fulgham and Kish each had a kill, but the Tigers could do little to make a game of it, with the Pirates leading by as many as 15 points. Allie Ann McCord closed out the win for Sneads with two straight kills.

Fulgham and Madison Adams each finished with two blocks, while Adams added six assists and five service aces.

For Sneads, it was continued dominance against 1A competition. The Pirates haven't lost to a 1A school from 2013 through 2017 and haven't lost a set to a 1A school since Oct. 24, 2013.

Windham said Sneads begins



Accepting the Class 1A runner-up trophy are (l-r) seniors Madelyn Kish, Madison Adams, Taylor Beatty and Brooke Waters and head coach Jordan Windham. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

identifying and developing others are working to do in Lake players starting at 10-12 years of age, which is something she and

See STATE, 4B



Madison Adams (right) tries to stay out of the way as Brooke Waters makes a play. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

BENNETT

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her business and even competed in the 4-H Gator Pit contest at 4-H University last July, where she gained experiencing pitching her business idea to a panel of judges.

"Raising these turkeys has taught me a lot about running a business and being an entrepreneur," said Bennett, an 11-year 4-H participant. "I'm able to run this business because of the life skills I learned in 4-H, such as public speaking and good decision making."

Bradford County Extension Director Debbie Nistler said, "Turkey Time has renewed Madison's enthusiasm for 4-H and agriculture. She is very proud of her turkeys and her business."

Bennett's project is representative of the kind of impact 4-H can have on youth, Nistler said.

"Each 4-H member's project is their passion," Nistler said. "We want this passion to translate into life skills for the future. I hope more youth explore entrepreneurship as a way to expand the boarders of the classic 4-H livestock project."

Bennett hopes to sell enough turkeys this holiday season to fund an expansion of her birds' nesting area and ultimately produce more turkeys.

To learn more about Turkey Time, contact the UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County office at 904-966-6224.

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Tornadoes tame Tigers this year for state semifinal berth

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

One more round. It has been the mantra for the Bradford High School football team since Brian Tomlinson was hired as head coach in the spring — the quest to always go one step farther.

The Tornadoes have taken it to heart. One week after winning their first playoff game since 2004, they defeated visiting Dunnellon 24-14 on Nov. 17 to claim the Region 2-4A championship. Bradford (10-1) now hosts Raines (11-1) in a state semifinal game on Friday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

“Oh, my gosh. It’s like a dream,” said senior quarterback Zion Barber, who threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another, along with kicking all three extra points as well as a 20-yard field goal. “It’s like I’m in a dream. We practiced all week for this.”

Dunnellon (8-3) eliminated Bradford in the first round of the playoffs the last two seasons. Defensive lineman Gerald Smith said he and his fellow seniors did not want to be put out by the Tigers again.

“We had to get it,” Smith said. “It was our last chance. We went and got it done.”

Smith recovered a fumble at his own 5-yard line to stop a Dunnellon scoring threat in the fourth quarter. In fact, the Bradford defense twice made stops inside its own 5 in the second half and thwarted three Dunnellon red-zone opportunities in all.

“They’re unbelievable,” Tomlinson said of his defensive players. “They’ve done it all year long. It’s just unreal what they do. Coach (Rob) Charles and the defensive staff, they get them playing hard. It’s a heck of



Bradford's Dallin Woods (far left) prepares to bring down Dunnellon running back Jase Williams, who is also pursued by the Tornadoes' D.J. Mackey (far right).

a team.”

The Tigers entered the game averaging 340 yards and 37 points per game, but left Starke with 236 yards and just two scores.

“If it wasn’t for our defense, we would’ve had no chance in this game,” Barber said.

It was the Bradford offense that got the chance to make an initial impact as the Tornadoes received the opening kickoff. Jeremiah Vaughn (nine carries, 52 yards) bounced outside for 22-yard gain on the first play of scrimmage as he and Tally Chandler (14 carries, 69 yards) combined for 63 yards.

Chandler’s 17-yard gain on a reverse-field run resulted in first-and-goal at the Dunnellon 2. Barber then carried the ball three straight times, plunging into the end zone from a yard out on fourth down. His PAT made it 7-0 approximately two minutes

into the game.

On Barber’s three carries, he was the lone back in the backfield, a formation the Tornadoes utilized to great advantage often as Barber finished with 127 yards on 19 carries. Tomlinson said he thought it was a way of having success against the Dunnellon defense.

“It’s something we saw on film,” he said, adding, “It’s something we thought we could take advantage of. We were able to a lot of times.”

Dunnellon’s offense gained first downs on three straight plays on the ensuing series. Decorian Patterson had a 10-yard reception to the Bradford 39, followed by Jase Williams’ 13-yard run. Williams then turned a shovel pass into an 11-yard gain

to the 15. The Tigers got as close as the 10, but after an incomplete pass on third down, Bradford’s Jaquez Mosley held Williams to no gain on fourth down.

Patterson, who also plays safety for the Tigers, intercepted a Barber pass on the next series, giving Dunnellon the ball at its own 43. Lee corralled a high shotgun snap and gained 10 yards on a third-down run to the Bradford 40. A 10-yard run by Patterson resulted in another first down, while Lee rolled out on a fourth-down play and found Patterson for a 9-yard gain that resulted in a first down at the 18. Runs by Williams and Braelan Edwards moved the Tigers to the 2, with Tyre Frazier eventually capping the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run at the 11:22 mark

of the second quarter. Lee’s run on the two-point conversion put Dunnellon ahead 8-7.

Bradford took advantage of a special-teams miscue the next time Dunnellon had the ball. Punter Maurice Goolsby had to field a snap that sailed over his head and was eventually tackled at his own 10-yard line. Barber had a 7-yard run to the 3, followed by a 2-yard run by Chandler. Defensive tackle Kyle Smith tackled Barber for a 2-yard loss on third down, so Bradford settled for Barber’s 20-yard field goal, which put the Tornadoes up 10-8 with 4:56 remaining in the half.

A pair of tackles for 1-yard gains by Bradford’s Trace Barber helped force Dunnellon to go three-and-out on the ensuing series. The Tornadoes’ offense responded by putting together a 68-yard drive to increase their lead before halftime.

Barber picked up the drive’s initial first down on a 7-yard run and then completed a 13-yard pass to Nathan Davis for another first down at the Dunnellon 42. Barber threw a 14-yard pass to Vaughn for a first down at the 30. Then, on third-and-10, Barber ran for 15 yards to the 15.

The quarterback, who finished the night 9-of-14 for 126 yards, then hit Davis with a slant over the middle that turned into a 14-yard touchdown with 27 seconds left before halftime. Barber’s PAT made the score 17-8.

Dunnellon got off to a fast start to open the second half, with Edwards running backward and reversing field as he returned the kickoff 42 yards to the Bradford 33. Lee completed passes of 11 and 10 yards to move the Tigers to the 12. Williams scored on a run from there, helped out by a fumble that bounced right back up into his hands as he never had to break stride. Bradford’s Smith tackled Edwards short of the goal line on the two-point play, making the score 17-14 at the 10:49 mark of the third quarter.

The team wasn’t fazed by the quick score, Smith said, adding that Tomlinson told the Tornadoes at halftime not to give up.

“We just had to keep going,” Smith said. “We had to treat the score like it was 0-0. We just kept going. We didn’t stop.”

Tomlinson said, “We told them it wasn’t going to be easy.

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Class 4A Final-Four matchups

Raines (11-1) at Bradford (10-1)

University (9-1) at Cocoa (11-1)

LEGALS

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Keystone Airpark Authority’s regular scheduled board meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. Location is: 7100 Airport Road, Starke, FL. Agendas

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LETTERS

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Citing Chemours' discharge average means nothing in regard to flooding

Dear Editor:

The Bradford County Telegraph Nov. 9 article about Flooding indicates Connie Henderson said Chemours discharges 2-3 million gallons a day (mgd). The 2-3 mgd is the annual average and has no real meaning when evaluating flooding impacts. What Henderson failed to tell the County Commissioners and the public is Chemours reported to DEP that it discharged 57.85 mgd on 9/11/17, 63.13 mgd on 9/12/17, 79.15 mgd on 9/13/17, 39.81 mgd on 9/14/17, and 52.41 mgd on 9/15/17.

The Chemours discharges of over 110 million gallons on September 11th and 12th may have represented over 1/3 of the water that flooded homes near the golf course and the homes and apartments on Bedford Court north of the Hospital. The impacts of the Chemours discharges were likely more damaging because of blockages in Alligator Creek caused by trees and debris. Some of the trees were in the Creek before Irma and many more fell into the creek during Irma.

The impact of Chemours discharges on Lake Sampson and Crosby flooding is a little different. During August, Chemours discharges averaged 6.1 mgd and for the period 9/1/17 to 9/10/17 Chemours discharges averaged 9.2 mgd. These discharges would have impacted the level of Lake Sampson and the ability to lower Lake Sampson by opening one or

more of the water control gates. If all the water discharged by Chemours since July 2017 were removed from Lakes Sampson and Rowell the lake levels would have been about 8 inches lower when Irma arrived.

If the Chemours discharges were removed from the lakes for the period when Lake Sampson was over an elevation of 135 feet the lakes would have been 3 to 4 inches lower.

Chemours discharges appear to have been greater than 10 mgd for the last 15 days of September and over 20 mgd for the first few days of October. These discharges after Irma would have slowed the rate that Lake Sampson and Crosby declined after Irma.

Taking Chemours discharges out of Alligator Creek would reduce flood peaks on Lakes Sampson and Crosby and allow flood lake levels to recede faster.

A significant part of the Chemours water discharges that had such devastating impacts on residents on Alligator Creek and Lake Sampson and Crosby could have benefited the Keystone Lakes. A clear alternative to flooding along Alligator Creek in Starke would be to have Chemours discharge the first 20 mgd of water to the Keystone Lakes. The old mine area would serve as a large stormwater retention basin holding water to eventually flow to the Keystone Lakes. This would benefit the Keystone Lakes and likely prevent most if not all the flooding along Alligator Creek. It would also make it easier to regulate the level of Lake Sampson.

Henderson stated that 100 million gallons had gone to the Keystone Lakes since June. The proposal to move the first 20 mgd of discharges to the old mine area would have delivered over 1,000 million gallons to the Keystone Lakes.

The two Water Management Districts could help by funding a

part of the infrastructure needed to increase the amount of water Chemours discharges to the Santa Fe River and the Keystone Lakes.

Henderson referenced the minimum flows and levels of the Santa Fe River. In the past the SRWMD has held the position that Bradford County must be flooded so the minimum flows for the Santa Fe River can be met. After Irma, this is a position I hope SRWMD is willing to change. Flood prevention is a core mission of the SRWMD and in my opinion, is more important than minimum flows.

Paul Still
Starke

Thankful for Camp Montgomery

Dear Editor:

Situated on 167 acres just off SR 100 in southeastern Bradford County is a place set apart for "welcoming all people to experience Christ and creation in ways that deepen faith and strengthen relationships." This place is the Montgomery Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center a.k.a. simply Camp Montgomery.

I'm thankful for this place and it's ministry to all people. Every summer for the past decade, Camp Montgomery has welcomed a dozen or more of my students. These teens spend from six days to two weeks recovering from a school year and recreating on three lakes with swimming, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, and tubing behind the boat on the big lake. All other camp activities are offered: archery, dodge ball, singing, crafts, basketball, tie dying shirts, cookouts, s'mores under the stars, skits, talent shows, etc. So, what makes Camp Montgomery different? Well, very inconspicuously, as only God can, each camper's needs are met without the camper ever

really voicing them. You see, the staff and summer counselors are kind of like disciples. We are all called to be Jesus' hands and feet here on earth. These staff people do just that.

Every camper, comes with at least a few disappointments and hurts from the school year. Camp Montgomery shares God's message with every kid:

"Forget about the painful former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up! Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

A 4' x 5' bulletin board in my classroom is a collage of "Peg's Kids" over the years at Camp Montgomery. Former students return to look at the wall of photos. The most common remark is, "That was the best summer of my life!"

I'm very thankful for Camp Montgomery.

Submitted by
Peg Stanwix-Hay

Glimpsing God's glory makes day a blessing

Dear Editor:

One morning, I finished breakfast at the crack of day and went out on the front porch to water my flowers. Noticing that everything had a beautiful color, I next went to my back (East) door where there is no overhang.

Then I stepped into a world of such glorious color that I was overcome with awe, gratitude and prayer. It seemed a sweet communion with God and I was a part of His whole universe.

Such moments are treasures but they are so fleeting. We people who live in houses with four walls miss so much! But just a glimpse of God's glory can change a gray day to a blessing.

Hazel Wall



Celebrating 40 years together

Rhonda and Joseph Sikes will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 25.

1st United Methodist of Starke invites community to Celebration Sunday

The entire community is invited to join the congregation of First United Methodist of Starke for Celebration Sunday, which will be held Dec. 2 from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the

Bradford County Fairgrounds. Free barbecue will be available. A bounce house will be provided for children, while the Ben Carter Band will provide musical entertainment.

Watson graduates from basic at San Antonio-Lackland

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Johnathan R. Watson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Watson is the son of Sherri



Johnathan Watson

L. Watson of Silver Springs, and Charles R. Watson of Lake Butler. He is a 2017 graduate of Union County High School.

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Butler. For example, Lake Butler Middle School coach Robbie Best carried enough players to have two teams, with the A team winning its conference championship.

"We are getting to a point where we're trying to really start younger and really develop so that we can eventually get to this

point, to get to that point that Sneads is at so that we can win several (state titles) in a row."

Kish said, "They're just fundamentally sound, and that's one thing we lack. We have younger girls that haven't played as long. That's OK. We make up for that in the effort we give, but it's tough to play a team like that where we're just not up to that caliber that they are. I think we played the best we could've played against them."

Windham hopes that her

team playing for the state championship inspires younger girls to want to play volleyball, but she also wanted to stress to those potential players that it takes a lot of hard work to accomplish what the UCHS varsity team did.

"We spend hours upon hours training and just working to get things right," Windham said. "If you're afraid of that, it may not work out for you, but if you aren't afraid to come in there, put in the hours, put in the work and

dedicate your heart to this team and come together, then I've got a spot for you.

"There are several girls who are coming up from the middle school now who will make a starting impact on this team. We're very excited about that."

So the future could be bright, but Windham was still emotional knowing that her seniors — Adams, Beatty, Kish and Brooke Waters — had played their last match after helping the program reach tremendous heights.

"We just hate to see this one end," Windham said.



Madelyn Kish dives to the court to record a dig in the state-championship loss to Sneads at the University of North Florida on Nov. 17. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

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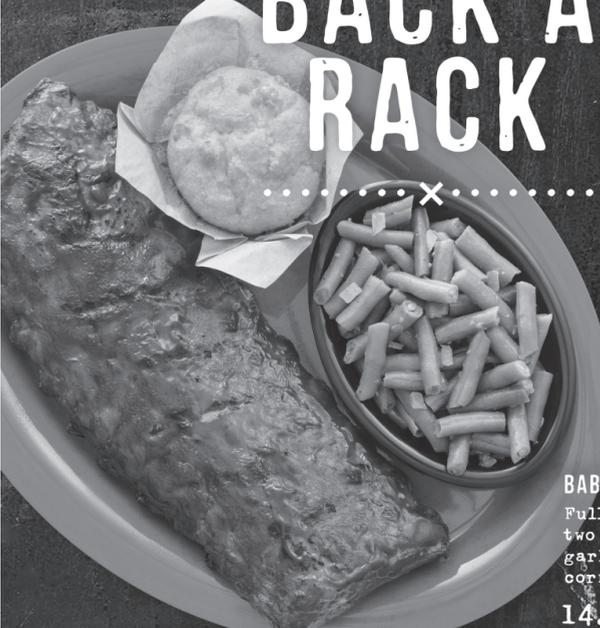
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ARRESTS

Bradford

Christian Allen Bedell, 25, of Starke was arrested Nov. 17 by Lawtey Police during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500.

Kristy Lynn Brannen, 33, of Orange Park was arrested Nov. 16 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for felony probation violation.

Cedric Carter, 37, of Lawtey was arrested Nov. 19 by Bradford

deputies for a public order crime—keep structure for drug activity and possession of cocaine with intent to sell. Carter's girlfriend, Breanna Annette Harris, 27, of Gainesville, was also arrested the same day by Bradford deputies for aggravated assault—with a deadly weapon (see Telegraph A-section for more information). Bond was set at \$75,000 for the charges against Carter and \$50,000 for the charge against Harris.

Ted Bernard Curtis, 38, of

Brooker was arrested Nov. 15 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for larceny—grand theft more than \$300/less than \$5,000 and grand theft vehicle. According to the warrant affidavit, Curtis somehow obtained the keys to a vehicle in Brooker and stole it to go to Alachua County on Nov. 10 in order to purchase drugs. A backpack and an iPad that were in the vehicle were also taken and not recovered. Curtis returned the vehicle to the victim later and told her that he didn't take it, blaming several other people for the theft. When a deputy arrived to investigate, the victim's roommate said that Curtis had also stolen tools from a shed and her grandson's air rifle. Charges were forwarded to the State Attorney's Office, leading to the warrant for his arrest. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Gerard Delaney, 60, of Edgewater was arrested Nov. 19 by the Florida Highway Patrol during a traffic stop for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Clarence Edward Desue, 44, of Starke was arrested Nov. 15 by Starke Police for possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, an officer responded to a complaint call at the Kangaroo on U.S. 301 and S.R. 16 in Starke about two men panhandling in the parking lot and refusing to leave after the manager asked them to do so. The officer encountered Desue in the parking lot, while the other man was in the store. A search of Desue led to the discovery of a metal "crack stem" in his back pocket. Desue admitted to smoking crack earlier after getting \$5 panhandling. He was arrested. Both men were trespassed from the store. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Courtney Rashard Kelly, 42, of Starke was arrested Nov. 14 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for failure to appear on original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked—first offense. Bond was set at \$401.

Jessica Rebecca Martin, 36, of Starke was arrested Nov. 14 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for probation violation on original charge of defraud financial institution. No bond was allowed.

Desirea Patrice Mincey, 18, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 14 by Lawtey Police during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked and possession of marijuana—not more than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Sean Garrett Morgan, 30, of Raiford was arrested Nov. 14 by Starke Police on an out-of-county warrant from Baker for a probation violation on original charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond was allowed.

Tyler Dean Sykes, 20, of Fairborn, Ohio, was arrested Nov. 16 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for felony probation violation. No bond was allowed.

Keystone/Melrose

John Wayne Allen, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 18 by Clay deputies for domestic battery. According to an arrest report, the victim and defendant have been married for 18 years. The victim stated the defendant had been drinking all day and that late in the afternoon, the victim arrived home and decided to celebrate the birthday of the couple's daughter. "While (the daughter) was opening presents," the deputy wrote in the report, "J. Allen got upset because (the victim) did not put his name on a card. The defendant came at the victim, calling her a (redacted from report) and shoved the victim in the right shoulder. After being shoved, the victim had to exit the house to get away from the defendant to avoid further altercation. The incident was witnessed by all children in the residence." The deputy added that he observed redness, but no bruising, in the victim's shoulder area. The officer wrote that he interviewed several witnesses before speaking to the defendant. "I then made contact with the defendant, John Allen," the deputy wrote. "The defendant was extremely intoxicated and extremely verbally abusive." While talking to the deputy, the defendant got aggressive toward the victim, yelling at her and balling up his fists. The deputy added that while escorting the man to his patrol vehicle, the defendant tried to pull away three times before the deputy put him on the ground. The defendant's head was scratched during the maneuver, and Clay County Fire Rescue medically cleared the defendant before the deputy transported him to the jail in Green Cove Springs.

Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 15 by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, armed burglary of a structure or conveyance and a probation violation. According to court papers, on Nov. 1, the victim was conducting maintenance on one of his vehicles in his yard when he saw the defendant approach his property, armed with a machete and ax. After the defendant made a threat, the victim retreated into his home and instructed another occupant of the house to bring his weapons. The two occupants then observed the defendant break down their privacy gate and approach the residence. Armed with a pistol and shotgun, the victim told the defendant not to enter the home, warning the defendant that he was armed and would protect his family if necessary. The defendant kicked in the front door, breaking the lock and jamb, and entered the house still armed with the machete and ax. As the defendant crossed the threshold and stepped inside the residence, the victim fired one shot from the pistol, which struck the defendant in the abdomen. The defendant then dropped his weapons and fell onto the ground from the victim's elevated porch. The victim held the defendant at gunpoint until deputies arrived. The defendant was transported to UF Health Shands in Gainesville.

Brian Haugdahl, 19, was arrested Nov. 17 by Clay deputies for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana. According to an arrest report, a deputy was conducting a property check at Keystone Beach at 3:14 p.m. when he detected the odor of marijuana. "I asked the defendant and his friends to come over," the deputy wrote in the report. "They willingly complied, and I asked about the smell." The officer added that while talking to the defendant, "I could smell a very strong odor of marijuana emitting from his clothing." After interviewing the defendant, the deputy searched the man and found two marijuana blunts weighing 1.2 grams.

Arthur Alvin Letchworth, 65, of Starke was arrested Nov. 15 by Clay deputies for trafficking in or possession of 14 grams or more of amphetamine. According to an arrest report, a deputy was conducting traffic enforcement on S.R. 16 near Camp Blanding when he saw the defendant pass at 70 miles per hour, according to a laser speed detector. During the traffic stop, a police K-9 alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle. Deputies found bags of methamphetamine in the center console of the vehicle with a total weight of 36.94 grams.

Michael Shaun Winters, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 19 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Grant Cole Harris, 28, of

Union

Jeffrey Alan Phillips, 54, of Lake City was arrested Nov. 13 by Union deputies on a warrant for felony probation violation. No bond was allowed.

Jody Bennett Snelgrove, 37, of Lake City was arrested Nov. 14 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for felony offense. No bond was allowed.

Shawn Randall Thomas, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 16 by Union deputies on a warrant for battery—felony battery from strangulation. According to the offense report, in May, Thomas started arguing with his girlfriend over a pipe with marijuana in it when he started physically fighting with her in their apartment. The victim told deputies that Thomas started choking her and slamming her head repeatedly against different walls in the apartment and against a large mirror, breaking it in the process. Thomas left by the time law enforcement arrived. Charges were filed against him through the State Attorney's Office. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Megan Nicole Muncy, 29, of Lake City was arrested Nov. 14 by Union deputies on a warrant for petit theft—less than \$300, and for fraud—illegal use of credit cards. According to the offense report, Muncy visited a friend in late September and stayed several days at a residence in Lake Butler. After she left to go back to Lake City, the girlfriend of Muncy's friend discovered that her wallet was missing from the residence. The wallet contained several credit cards, a debit card, two gift cards and \$100 in cash. The victim logged into her online banking account and discovered that Muncy had already used her debit card twice at CVS in Lake Butler and once at an ATM in Lake Butler, withdrawing over \$550. The friend was able to contact Muncy a few days later. She admitted to the thefts and returned the wallet with everything in it except the \$100 in cash and two gift cards. Charges were filed against her through the State Attorney's Office, leading to her arrest last week. Bond was set at \$15,000.

John Robert Dahl, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 18 by Union deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Dahl struck the male victim with his closed fist.

Carl Evan Summerlin, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 20 by Union deputies for petit theft—under \$300. According to the arrest report, Summerlin and a 16-year-old runaway from Bradford County went into Circle K in Lake Butler and stole two packs of cigarettes and several candy bars. While the juvenile was grabbing several candy bars, Summerlin approached the cashier and asked for the packs of cigarettes. When the clerk put them on the counter, he grabbed them and, along with the juvenile, ran out of the store. The store manager was able to follow the two suspects to a nearby apartment and give deputies the residence number and a description of their clothing. A deputy then went to the apartment and found the suspects, in the clothing the manager described, smoking cigarettes. Both were arrested and transported to jail.

The Weekly Paw Print:

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week our thoughts turn toward all the blessings we have received during the last year. Not to mention the food! As the smell of pies and meats fill the air, our pets are scheming how they can score some tasty morsels during the chaos of family and friends. We know that no one wants to leave their furriest family member out of the festivities, so here are some pointers of do's and don'ts for the holiday.

- DO** Turkey. White meat only, no skin and no bones.
- DON'T** give onions, garlic, leeks, scallions or any other member of the onion clan. Even cooked these veggies can cause a toxic anemia in your pet.
- DO** Mash Potatoes. These are easy on the tummy, just make sure you watch out for butter and milk. Just add a little broth to moisten them.
- DON'T** give grapes or raisins. These have been shown to cause kidney failure in pets. A tasty safe alternative is cranberry sauce but only in small amounts to cut down on sugars.
- DO** Macaroni and cheese. A little goes a long way, also left over pasta is also fair game.
- DON'T** give any dairy to our feline friends as most are lactose intolerant. Great going down but not so much on the way back up.
- DO** Green beans. Fresh is best. If cooked, be aware of additional ingredients (onions, bacon, etc)
- DON'T** give alcohol. It only takes a small amount to be toxic to pets. Also be aware of unlikely sources of alcohol; fruit cake, candies, and unbaked breads.

Make sure your pets are secure during mealtime so they won't beg and so your visitors are not inclined to feed them. To make your pets feel like they are taking part even when they are separate, schedule meal time during the same time as the humans.

On behalf of the entire staff at Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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Bradford Farm-City speaker highlights IFAS work during disasters

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

In times of disasters, such as the approach and aftermath of hurricanes, one would expect to find officials representing the various levels of government, emergency management and law enforcement working together. Also included in that group are county Extension agents.

At this year's Bradford County Extension Farm-City luncheon, which was held Nov. 6 at the Bradford County Fairgrounds, featured speaker Angie Lindsey discussed the role county extension offices and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences play in preparing for and assisting with disasters. Lindsey is one of four UF faculty members working with the UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education, which is known as the PIE Center. Lindsey said the PIE Center conducts research on complex agricultural and natural resource issues in developing education and informed decision-making.

"My work falls into helping communities adapt to these changing issues within agriculture and natural resources," Lindsey said. "As we know, disasters greatly impact the agricultural and natural resource issues, which greatly impact all of our communities, especially in our state."

When partnered with the Extension Disaster Education Network, which consists of Extension professionals and IFAS faculty from throughout the country as well as representatives from state and federal agencies, resources can be shared for how to best prepare for and recover from disasters, Lindsey said.

"It's wonderful at linking up with federal and local agencies as well as providing really good information — credible, timely, research-based information — on how best to prepare for disasters, how to mitigate disasters and, lastly, how best to recover from



Angie Lindsey served as the annual event's keynote speaker.

disasters," Lindsey said.

Lindsey spoke specifically to efforts undertaken before and after Hurricane Irma. Before the arrival of Irma, the dispersal of information and education was a key component as well as being involved with the State Emergency Response Team's Emergency Support Function 17, which deals with animal and agricultural issues. Phone calls were made daily within the IFAS network in the state as well as utilizing the GroupMe app for texting.

"We were trying to meet the needs of our county Extension offices as much as possible," Lindsey said. "If they were working in our communities to get ready, we were trying to help them as much as possible to get ready for this."

Post-Irma efforts sounded a lot like pre-Irma efforts. Communication played a major role in determining what needs were out there and informing those who could lend assistance. Determining needs in the southern part of the state was difficult.

"We really didn't know what was going on down in south Florida," Lindsey said. "It was troublesome. We were trying to figure out was going on down there."

Involvement with Emergency Support Function 17 continued. Lindsey described how she was at an incident command post

outside of Orlando for four days helping to make sure there was enough hay and feed being distributed throughout the state to those areas that needed it, as well as helping the State Agricultural Response Team rescue animals from flooded areas.

County personnel stepped up to help personnel in other counties. Lindsey singled out the efforts of personnel from the panhandle, who "were very good about coming down and saying, 'Where do we need to go?'"

Lindsey said efforts were focused on the areas that were hardest hit, but it was a difficult knowing how widespread Irma's impact was.

"Even though south Florida and southwest Florida were very much hard hit, areas like here and Duval County were flooding and had other issues as well," Lindsey said. "It was very hard to try to help everybody all at one time."

In looking at some of the post-Irma response highlights, Lindsey mentioned a 4-H mother in Highlands County who approached a lineman who had just restored her electricity and asked if there was anything she could do to help him. He jokingly replied, "You can wash this shirt." The woman told him to hand it over. Thus was the start of Linemen Laundry Ladies — a group of women who washed uniforms at Sebring International Speedway, with companies such as Tide and Home Depot donating detergent and washers and dryers.

A farm in Pasco County had all of its newly planted blueberry bushes blown over. Lindsey said Kevin Folta, chair of the UF/IFAS horticultural sciences department, called graduate and undergraduate students he knew were still on campus, recruiting them to make a trip to the farm and re-plant all the bushes.

Personnel at the Citrus County Extension Office turned their facility into a drop-off site for donations and then a site for the distribution of items like ice and

water.

"They quickly became flexible in trying to help the needs of the folks there," Lindsey said.

Lindsey said efforts are now underway to address what could've been done better during and after Irma and how to have a more pro-active response.

"I felt like we were very reactive," Lindsey said. "I feel like moving ahead we can do some pro-active things, not during hurricane season, but starting early in 2018 that can help us be better prepared for the next hurricane season."

The UF/IFAS disaster handbook — as well as other materials — needs to be streamlined and updated, Lindsey said. Plus, issues like mental health need to be taken into account. Lindsey said Extension personnel heard some citrus farmers, for example, who suffered a tremendous financial loss, talk of suicide.

With that in mind, a Rapid Response Grant has been applied for, with the hopes of creating a first-aid/mental-health tool kit that Extension personnel can be trained to use after disasters.

"It's definitely an issue we want to look at," Lindsey said.

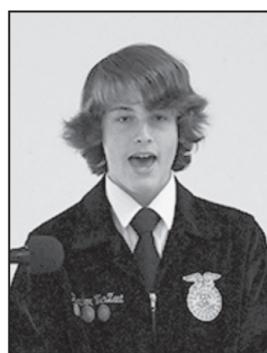
Brian Johns, who recently retired as Bradford County's director of emergency management, also spoke, discussing how farmers have been affected by virtually no rain from January to June, followed by heavy rains that lasted through Hurricane Irma.

"Since Irma, wet got back on the dry side," Johns said.

Johns said weather personnel make predictions on whether a year is going to be good or bad, but it only takes one hurricane to come through to make it a bad year, regardless of what weather forecasters project.

"When it's a bad year for emergency management — and believe you me, it's been a bad year for emergency management — it's also a bad year for our farmers," Johns said.

Johns said he could relate



FFA student Xander Vanzant recites the FFA creed.

to what farmers are going through, citing the fact that his grandparents were farmers as well as his father.

"Hopefully, this will be a better winter for our winter-crop growers," Johns said. "I certainly hope and pray it is."

Extension agent Jim DeValerio recognized farmers Fred and Julia Pendarvis at the luncheon's start. He motioned to a table that displayed numerous plaques that have been awarded to the couple for the strawberries they've entered at the Bradford County Fair as well as in recognition of their support for youth in organizations like 4-H. DeValerio said, "When you go out to their farm, and you ask them for something, they say, 'Oh, we wouldn't charge for it. Is it for the youth? We'll give it to you. Just go to the cooler and get it when you need it.'"

DeValerio presented the couple with a commemorative mug and a gift certificate at the event's conclusion.

As with every Farm-City luncheon, a member of FFA

recites the FFA creed. This year, the honor went to Xander Vanzant:

"I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words, but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

"I believe to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even through hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

"I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

"I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so — for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

"I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."



Bradford's Trace Barber (right) grabs a handful of Jase Williams' jersey.

REGION

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(Dunnellon's) not going to quit. We fought hard the entire game."

Indeed. All Bradford did was answer with a 69-yard scoring drive to go up by 10. Barber, who had a 24-yard run to put the Tornados in Dunnellon territory, completed a 35-yard touchdown pass to Davis, who was behind the secondary and grabbed the ball in the end zone with 8:24 to play in the third quarter. Barber's PAT put Bradford up 24-14.

Davis caught four passes in all for 74 yards.

The Tigers drove inside the Bradford 5 on a possession that began at the Bradford 41. Williams and Jaquon Edwards each had a 9-yard run to help set up first-and-goal at the 8. Williams had a 3-yard run that put the Tigers at the 3, but Smith then dropped Williams for a 2-yard loss on third down. Lee's pass to Goolsby in the end zone on fourth down was incomplete, with Taro Ward providing the coverage.

Goolsby, a University of Florida commit, was held to three receptions for 12 yards.

Dunnellon had another drive that began on Bradford's side of the 50, with a pass-interference penalty giving the Tigers a first down at the 15. Jaquon Edwards had a 7-yard run to set up first-and-goal at the 4, but Edwards

With 3:38 to play, Barber picked up a first down on a 15-yard run. Then, after he exited the game due to cramping, Davis stepped in at quarterback, picking up two more first downs on runs of 5 and 10 yards, allowing the Tornados to line up in victory formation.

Tomlinson couldn't say enough about his team's effort.

"This is a testament to what they do," he said. "This is what we get from them week in and week out. They're a heck of a ball club."

A team that entered the season with a new head coach and staff

and lost several players from last season who transferred to other schools has now won 10 straight after a season-opening loss and is one more win away from playing for a state title.

"It's amazing," Smith said. "We've worked so hard for this, ever since spring. All our other coaches left. Some of our players left. Our teammates that stuck around, we did it."

Raines, the number-one seed in Region 1, set up the Nov. 24 matchup with a 57-15 win over West Nassau, a team the Tornados beat 48-21 in the regular season.

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OBITUARIES



Philip Cloud Jr.

Philip Cloud Jr.

HAWTHORNE—Philip Sharden Cloud Jr. born June 29, 1945 in Washington, DC passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017. He grew up in Virginia and relocated to Jacksonville. Phil began his career with the former Seaboard Airline Railroad and retired from

CSX Transportation with over 37 years of service. Phil was an active member of the Local Railroad Union and served as President and local chairman. Phil was a member of the William B. Barnett Lodge #187; 43 year member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and the Morocco Shriners. One of Phil's greatest passions was the game of golf. He enjoyed the game with his many friends as well as watching on television seven days a week. Phil was a previous member of both Hyde Park Golf and Country Club and Keystone Heights Golf and Country Club. Another favorite pastime of Phil's was barbecuing for friends and family. Phil is predeceased by his parents, Philip and Lucy Cloud; and son, Philip Sharden Cloud III.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 33 years, Jaunell Cloud; three children and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Lenox Avenue Church of God, 3349 Lenox Avenue, Jacksonville with Reverend Eric Burch officiating. Family would love for all who attend to stay for a luncheon in the reception hall. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs. (904) 284-7720 www.RHRFH.com

PAID OBITUARY



Phillip Lyons

Phillip Lyons

STARKE— Phillip Randall "Randy" Lyons, 46, of Starke passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. Randy enjoyed spending his time hunting and fishing. He enjoyed watching Nascar. Randy loved Florida Gator football. He was a member of Sampson City Church of God and he deeply loved the Lord. Randy leaves his beloved family to cherish his memory

Phillip Randall Lyons is survived by: his father, Phillip L. Lyons; mothers, Elizabeth Luke Payne (Calvin Henley) and Sheila Marie Lyons; daughter, Makyllah Kirkland; two brothers, Shane (Chelsea) Lyons and Jimmy (Jessy) Crowe; two sisters, Shandah (Dinky) Crawford and Kimberly (Jimmy) Lewis; three aunts, Phyllis, Denise, and Maryann; two nephews, Troy Testone, Jr. and Braxton Cole Testone; one niece, Amber Nychole Parker; several cousins; and his dear friend, Patricia Lyons Kirkland.

A memorial service will be held in Randy's honor at the Sampson City Church of God on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 am. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

James Moon, Sr.

MELROSE— James "Jim" Farland Moon, Sr., 87, of Melrose died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017. He was born in Ocala on Sept. 22, 1930 to the late James Rufus and Olive Moon. After graduating from P.K. Yonge High School, he attended the University of Florida, and also served in the National Guard. He retired as a supervisor with wastewater management. He was a member of Eliam Baptist

Church. He was preceded in death by: his first wife of 34 years, Elisa Moon; and a sister, Frances Barbara Jandeseck.

His survivors are: his wife of 29 years, Constance (Taylor) Moon of Melrose; four children, Linda Moon (Kenny) Eubanks of Melrose, James Farland (Tina) Moon, Jr. of Ft. McCoy, Mary (Tim) Galbraith and Frances Moon all of Melrose; four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 in Eliam Baptist Church with Pastor Art Johnson officiating. Interment followed at Hickory Springs Cemetery in Dunnellon. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone heights.



Theodore Phillips

Theodore Phillips

LAKE BUTLER— Theodore Allen Phillips, 87, of Lake Butler passed away on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017. Theodore was born in Lake City to the late Troy and Dora Phillips. In 1950, Theodore Phillips joined the United States Air Force, where he proudly served his country for three years. Mr. Phillips served our Nation in the Korean War. Theodore was later employed by the University of Florida as an electrician. After 35 years, he retired. He enjoyed working on his farm and raising cattle. Theodore enjoyed restoring and crafting hand tools. He is preceded in death by: his oldest sister, Lovita Clawson; and his brother, Troy Phillips. Theodore leaves his loving family to treasure his memory.

Theodore Phillips is survived by: his adoring wife of 63 years, Mrs. Nethra Parrish Phillips; daughter, Regina Phillips Quick; son, Greg Phillips; sister, Earlene Phillips Good; a very special niece, Tanya

Tilberg; six precious grandchildren, Michael, Candy, Courtney, Dylan, Cassie, and Skylar; and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nephews, nieces, and cousins. Theodore was loved by many and will be missed.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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Lucille Powell

Lucille Powell

LAKE CITY—Lucille Powell, 96, of Lake City passed away on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017. Lucille was born in Live Oak to the late Frank and Myra Howard. Lucille loved cooking for others, just as much as everyone loved her cooking. She enjoyed taking care of people. Lucille especially loved her family and friends. She was a member of Gadara Baptist Church. Lucille loved her church and her church family. She is preceded in death by: her beloved husband of 60 years, Lucious Adrien Powell; and one son, Dallas Arnold Powell. Lucille was loved by many and will be missed.

Lucille Powell is survived by: two sons, Lucious A. Powell, Jr. and Franklin Gene Powell; one daughter, Frances Powell Johnson; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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TURKEYS

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such as dealing with the turkeys' lack of a flight instinct when approached by a threat. Nistler said she had one female turkey that was sitting on eggs and refused to move when confronted by dogs.

"Chickens, if something comes up, they are in the highest corners in the rafters, keeping away from something," Nistler said. "The turkeys won't do that."

Chickens are also easier to corral and put back into their pens, Nistler, said, explaining that trying to get the turkeys back into their enclosures is like herding cats.

The turkeys, though, are fun to have around.

"I just love having them on the property," Nistler said. "They're so funny."

Nistler described an incident in which one of her roosters, who was acting up, was put into his place by some of her turkey hens.

"They all ganged up on him," she said. "He was putting his feathers up, but they all sent him running. All I saw was his little head down, running away. Those hens told him what to do."

Nistler said the turkeys have personalities and are attached to her.

"They do imprint, so they've imprinted on me," she said. "I'm their mama."

The turkeys begin making noise when they see Nistler drive up in her car. They follow her around the yard and seem to talk to her as well. During the interview for this story, Nistler demonstrated by going, "Chuk chuk chuk," which prompted all the turkeys to gobble in response.

"They actually like to be around humans," Nistler said. "They're very social animals."

So, is it tough to have that kind of relationship with animals that are eventually going to wind up on dinner plates? Nistler admitted it can be, but it's something she's at peace with, having grown up on a farm. At the age of 5, she began learning the importance of raising animals to provide food for her family and others.

"It's sad, but that's the circle of life," she said. "We provide a service, a pretty valuable service as far as I'm concerned."

Nistler said she does make it a point to give her turkeys the best care possible.

"We try to be very respectful," she said. "We try very hard to treat our animals well — make sure they have plenty of feed and shelter and that when we do process them, it's very humane. We try to be as gentle as we can in the process."

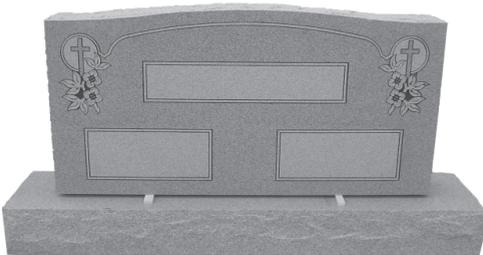
A successful first year has Nistler turning her thoughts to the future. She's considering going solely with the Bourbon Red breed of heritage turkey, which she describes as "so pretty," and has to also think about replacing her production birds — the ones that provide the eggs. The turkeys tend to live four to five years.

Nistler is also ready to expand her business.

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KHHS boys soccer team suffers 1st loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Goalie Caleb Cushman made nine saves, but it wasn't enough as the Keystone Heights High School boys soccer team got only seven shots on goal in a 3-1 loss to Eastside on Nov. 17 in Gainesville.

Cushman provided the team with its lone goal, converting on

a penalty kick in the second half.

Prior to the match, the Indians traveled to play Suwannee on Nov. 16 and settled for a 1-1 tie. Dean Hogg scored off a Peyton Box assist, while Cushman made 11 saves.

Keystone's junior varsity team — a first-year program — won 2-1 at Eastside, getting goals from Logan Spence and Kaden Hubner, who converted his off a penalty kick.

Spence had the lone goal in a 9-1 loss to Suwannee.

The varsity Indians traveled to play West Nassau this past Monday and will host District

5-2A opponent Santa Fe on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m., following a JV match at 5 p.m.

BHS girls open hoops season with 53-16 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It was a tough shooting night for the Bradford High School girls basketball team, which opened the regular season with

a 53-16 loss to host Trenton on Nov. 20.

Jah'mya Henderson led the Tornados with eight points, while Jade Baker and Meghan Harris had five and two, respectively. Regina Roberts added one point.

Henderson and Olyvia Griffin each had three steals, while Harris had two steals to go along with four rebounds.

Roberts and Raynisha Hunter also had four rebounds each.

Bradford, which was coming off an 0-2 preseason, hosted Fleming Island this past Tuesday and will host District 4-5A

opponent Fort White on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m., following a

junior varsity game at 5:30 p.m.

STACK

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first-class manner. I truly believe he's going to represent our program in a first-class manner and help us get to where we want to be."

Stack hopes to play beyond St. Johns River. When it comes to considering a four-year school to play for or a Major League

franchise he'd love to be a part of, he has Georgia on his mind, as in the University of Georgia and the Atlanta Braves.

For now, though, it's finishing out his days at BHS and then embarking on a new journey at St. Johns River.

"It's just going to feel like a dream come true," Stack said. "It is, just to be playing college ball."

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