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Rains plentiful in January

The St. Johns Water Management District said January brought above-average rainfall to north and east-central Florida counties, and Silver Springs in Marion County and Volusia Blue Spring continued to experience flow increases corresponding with greater rainfall received over the past several months. A full report outlining hydrological conditions was presented Tuesday at the St. Johns River Water Management District's February Governing Board meeting.

"Protecting our Outstanding Florida Springs is among the district's highest priorities," said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. "Rainfall is the most significant influencer on spring flows in our region. Because of improved rainfall trends in recent months, Silver Springs' flow levels have recovered more than 300 cubic feet per second (cfs) from its lowest levels recorded during drought conditions."

Daily mean flow at Silver Springs rose above 700 cfs on Jan. 17 and remained higher than 700 cfs until Feb. 10. During this period, the peak daily mean flow of 719 cfs was on Jan. 23.

Volusia Blue Spring flow rose into the high range in January, ending the month at 175 cfs or 113 mgd.

Flagler County had the highest rainfall for the month, with 5.1 inches.

Orange and Seminole counties received 2.2 inches and 2.3 inches, respectively, for the month.

While rainfall was above average in the northern and central portions of the district, rainfall in the southern portion of the district was slightly below average for January.

Tom's High on the Hog closes

New operator plans to reopen within 90 days

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

After a four-year run, Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit Barbecue closed its doors Saturday, and at the same time announced that a new operator is taking over the establishment.

A sign posted on the front door of the building said the new operator will be Florida Cracker Kitchen, a Brooksville-based southern cuisine restaurant with a second location in Jacksonville.

Workers started clearing land for Tom's in early 2013, and Tom and Cathy Perryman opened the establishment one year later.

The couple established Country Caterers in the 1970s, forging a niche in large-scale emergency food service with a capacity of serving 15,000 people a day.

Country Caterers also provided life support and base camp services to its clients.

In 2012, the Jacksonville Business Journal ranked Country Caterers as the eighth largest woman-owned business in the Jacksonville area, based on annual revenue.

When building the restaurant, the Perrymans partnered with the operators of Frontline Homeowners Insurance of Lake Mary, some of whom are relatives of Tom Perryman.

By 2015, the Perrymans were no longer corporate officers of the business, and the Lake Mary partners brought in Vincent Esson as CEO.

Esson became well known in Bradford County and the Lake Region as he promoted the establishment of an RV park, which he hoped to build adjacent to the restaurant. The permitting process is still



Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue closed its doors Saturday. The restaurant was located at the corner of C.R. Southeast 21B and S.R. 100, near the Bradford-Clay County line.

ongoing for the RV park.

When reached by phone Tuesday, Esson said he felt the location needed something new.

"There are not a lot of breakfast places around," he said, "so we reached out to Florida Cracker. We are excited. They are excited. The community is excited."

Blair Hensley, one-half of the brother duo that operates Florida Cracker Kitchen, praised the structure he is leasing.

"It's a heck of a building," he said. Spotless, and they gave us a good deal."

Hensley added that Keystone Heights is similar to his hometown of Brooksville, and the high traffic count on

S.R. 100, with the potential of an RV park next door made the prospects of a third Florida Country Kitchen in Keystone Heights even more appealing.

He said he hoped to open in 60 to 90 days, adding that the mini golf course on the property will also reopen.

Hensley, along with his brother Ethan were raised in the restaurant business. Their mother owns restaurants in the Brooksville area.

Blair was already operating Brooksville's Coney Island Drive Inn when the family got word in 2013 that John Carlone, owner of Farmer John's Key West Café was looking to sell.

Carlone served Caribbean-style food like Key West



Crepes, panko shrimp and conch chowder.

The brothers kept many of Carlone's dishes, but also brought in their own southern cuisine, which their family has been serving for generations. They also renamed the

establishment Florida Cracker Kitchen. The new format went over well in Brooksville. Earlier this month, the Hensley's opened a second location on Jacksonville's Beach Boulevard.

Putnam Sheriff: Family dog bites 2-year-old



The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said a two-year-old Melrose boy was bitten by a dog at 125 Perry Road.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said emergency medical workers transported a two-year-old Melrose boy to UF Health Shands in Gainesville after he was bitten on the ear and arm by a family dog.

The office said in a news release that the boy had non-life-threatening injuries, and that the dog appeared to be an Australian Shepherd.

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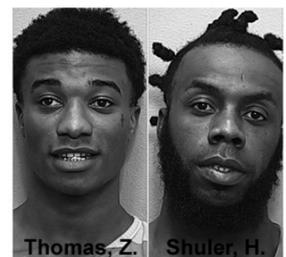
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Clay School Board approves science textbooks

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Monitor

The Feb. 1 Clay County School Board meeting featured a public hearing on K-12 science textbooks. The texts will eat a sizeable chunk of the district budget, and, more importantly, will shape the County's science curriculum for the next few years.

No one objected to the cost of the new textbooks: the focus was on the role of Darwin's theory of evolution in Clay County Schools.

Board member Ashley Gilhausen, who's term is up this year, called for a public hearing on the textbooks, already a standard part of most board actions.

More than twenty public speakers were given three minutes each to have their say. Physics teacher Ernie Lawrence was questioned by Gilhausen after he spoke, protracting his time to six minutes, at which Board Chair Carol Stoddard—against the advice of Board Attorney David D'Agata—put the kibosh on interaction between speakers and board members until all in line had their turn.

After the hearing one speaker returned to the podium, asking for an additional three minutes, but with board discussion and a vote yet to come, board members felt they'd heard enough. The request was denied.

Speakers and board members alike generally fell into one of three categories: 1) those who wanted different textbooks and/or supplementary materials

highlighting what they perceived as the flaws and shortcomings of Darwinism; 2) those who advocated pure science in science classrooms and rejected including non-science, faith-based texts or materials, and 3) those who asked, religious principals aside, what is the school board's legal mandate and what legal risk is inherent in allowing alternative theories about human origins and development.

No one advocated banning the theory of evolution from the public school curriculum.

Far more speakers advocated non-Darwinian alternatives—than advocated only science-based discussion in the classroom. But as speaker Victoria Kidwell pointed out, an alternative, non-scientific proposition doesn't become scientific just because it's popular.

Baptist pastor and theologian Scott Yirka said he did not believe the Bible was a scientific book; but when it came to teaching the origins of man, he preferred more information on intelligent design. The only sin these days, he said, appears to be highlighting flaws in evolution theory, which, he said, were many.

Victoria Kidwell teaches six year olds and said, "I believe we're all created in God's image, (but) I cannot call my beliefs scientific. They are a matter of faith, belief without proof. Science is a specific statement based on a body of facts and the scientific method which we also teach, generating a hypothesis... testing that hypotheses... other scientists must be able to

replicate the results."

Whose alternative beliefs will be taught?" Kidwell and other speakers asked. Christianity? Hinduism? Islam?

"Church and family are the domain of religious beliefs," Kidwell said "Science is under attack. I urge you to support the scientific standards (Clay County schools) are proud of."

Those in the third category spoke when the public was done. Those were mostly—but not entirely—school board members and staff.

Board member Gilhausen said: "I would never ask the district to jeopardize us legally...But what we've heard tonight is a whole lot of science that's been left out of our textbooks."

Board member Mary Bolla said, "When you sign a contract with Clay County you sign a contract that you will be teaching to 301 (state) standards in science, grades 9-12...107 of those are in biology. These are the parameters literally of what you are required to teach and what students should know when they leave your classroom."

Bolla and many others, pro and con, noted that students will share with you what they're thinking. "The answers we receive as teachers reflect what they are learning at home. What they are learning at home and what we are teaching in the classroom have to work together."

Board member Janice Kerekes said, "Regardless of my faith and belief...we have to follow

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Scholarships help many learn, grow at 4-H summer camps



BY SAMANTHA GRENROCK UF/IFAS

Growing up in north Florida during the 1960s, Clara Floyd was an avid 4-H member. “I ate, slept and breathed 4-H. I just about turned ‘green,’” she said, referring to the program’s green cloverleaf emblem.

So, when her children were old enough to join 4-H themselves, she signed them up. Her daughters embraced it, but Ryan, her youngest, wasn’t sold.

“I had to drag him to meetings. It was heartbreaking — how could I have given birth to a child who didn’t love 4-H,” Floyd said. By the time Ryan was 12, Floyd decided to give to give him one more chance. “I said, this summer, you’re going to Camp Cherry Lake,” she said.

Located in Madison County just south of the Georgia border, Camp Cherry Lake is one of three sleep-away

camps operated by Florida 4-H, which is part of the University of Florida IFAS Extension.

Surrounded by woods and overlooking Cherry Lake, the camp’s rustic cabins and meeting halls give it an old-school summer camp feel. Hundreds of youth attend each year, where they spend time with newfound friends on the water and around the campfire. Those who have a financial need are given scholarships to attend 4-H camps.

“My first day at camp, I didn’t know anybody, and I felt ready to leave,” said Ryan Floyd, now 22. “But then I told myself, if I can make it through the night, I’ll be okay.”

Ryan did make it through the night, and through the rest of the session. He made friends and looked up to the older kids, who acted as camp counselors. “That’s who I wanted to be, so I did all I could to make sure I could become a counselor, too,” Ryan said.

He applied to be a counselor and got the job. The UF/IFAS Extension Madison County 4-H agent, Becky Bennett, told him he would be in charge of a group of kids with special needs. Ryan found he loved working with the kids, and the camp adults saw he had a talent for it. The following years, he attended camp on scholarship and continued working with special needs children, sometimes at multiple camps throughout the summer.

“I feel like I grew a lot from that experience,” Ryan said. “My patience for children grew tremendously. I feel like I’ve been able to carry that forward into college and adulthood — the ability to meet a group of new people and get along with them right away.” His mom agreed.

“He developed this understanding of children and knew to watch out for those who needed a friend or extra encouragement,” she said. “I saw him mature because of camp. That kind of skill, understanding what’s going on with a person, helps you become a better leader.”

And she was pleased. “Ryan finally ‘got’ what 4-H was all about. We he came home from camp, he

My personal tech: Carlton Faulk, Union County Superintendent of Schools



“Overall, I am not a fan of all the technology we have to deal with today. I really dislike all the computer equipment they are putting in cars these days — making it so you cannot work on your own vehicle and have to spend more money to pay for the dealer to do it.”

“I think social media is both good and bad — it can serve useful purposes, but it can also create many problems. I don’t think our founding fathers ever intended for ‘freedom of speech’ to mean what we have to deal with today.”

Mobile phone: “I never had a cell phone before I was elected Superintendent in 2000. In a way, it is a convenience, and in a way an aggravation. You feel as though you are always on duty. You get to the point that, if you leave it at home, you almost feel as if you are missing an arm or a leg. I have a Samsung Verizon Galaxy S-7. I use it to keep my calendar, keep track of school email, send texts and make calls. I have made my number available to the public, so I often get calls from parents and citizens with questions.



Laptop: “I use the same Chromebook that our students use — comes in handy at staff meetings.”

Internet: The school district now uses Skyward: an internet-based student management system which features student and parent engagement tools and automation of administrative tasks. “The Skyward system is a real innovation which is showing great results. It allows parents to communicate with teachers and administrators, as well as keep track of their child’s progress as to grades, attendance, behavior and other factors. This is a real plus for our district.”

Mug: Yeti Tumbler — “I would never have believed that these things would really work and would never have bought one for myself, but I received one as a gift and now would not want to do without it.”



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the state standards and we have to follow the law. Nowhere in our textbooks does it state that evolution is a fact...I’m ready to move forward on this.”

District 1 Board representative Betsy Condon said, “I’d like to clarify my vote from the last meeting. I did hear from a number of constituents; my vote at the last meeting was a vote to advertise a public hearing...I appreciate all who responded and called wanting to know, ‘Did we vote to approve this at the last meeting?’

“I’ve heard over and over since I came on the board about teachers not wanting to teach to the test. The science test is left over from the FCAT days. This proposal seems to be teaching to the test...I’ve heard from teachers who were afraid to come speak tonight, afraid to suffer retaliation...It’s for those reasons that I’m not going to support this recommendation.”

Condon added that she resented being accused of committing an illegal act because she planned to vote against the textbook recommendation.

Legal counsel D’Agata apologized for Condon having taken offense he didn’t intend.

His job, he said, was to protect the board from making legally risky decisions. “It is entirely legal for you to decide one way or the other,” he told her, after having earlier cautioned that alternative, non-science theories on man’s origins were, these days, the “low hanging fruit” of school board law suits.

Superintendent Addison Davis reminded the board that state education offices vet an array of publishers who supply textbooks. Twenty-one of 21 teachers on the textbook selection committee had approved this array. “If there was a better curriculum, I would have brought it to you. You won’t find one that’s better,” Davis said.

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Become the experience at Salon Twenty-One B

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Salon Twenty-One B stylists (l-r) Jimmy Dowling, Crea Bailey, Shaunna Fusinato and

Karin Mullinax. Become the experience

When you walk through the front door of Salon Twenty-One B, look to your left and then up. High on the wall, in large, white lettering, against a chalkboard-like black background is the mission of the salon: "Become the experience."

That mission statement illustrates owner Crea Bailey's belief that her clients not only get top-quality, professional services, but they also receive a pleasurable and unforgettable experience while at her salon.

Third-generation stylist

Crea's grandmother was a master stylist in Germany. After the war she married an American G.I. and came to the states, where she continued her craft.

Crea's mother: Karin, started Fraulein's Hair Salon 24 years ago, in the same building that houses Salon Twenty-One B, now.

"I've been in a salon my whole life because my Mom's been doing hair for 40 years," recalled Crea. "After school, my brother and I would go to the hair salon and wait for Mom to get off work."

But following in her mother's footsteps was the last thing Crea thought she would do with her own career.

"I never thought I would do hair — ever," she said. "That was the last thing I thought I would do, and it ended up just kind of happening."

After spending 11 years bringing up her children through elementary school, and doing her friends' hair as a hobby, she decided to get her license and convert her pastime into a profession.

Three years ago, Karin broke her arm. At the same time, Crea was looking for a change in her career, so the family decided that a new salon: Twenty-One B would replace Fraulein's and Karin would eventually join the new enterprise.

"It helped us both out," Crea said.

The first thing Crea and her husband Bill (the owner of Williams Automotive in Keystone Heights) did was to upgrade the salon's decor.

"My mother's style was traditional—" said Crea, "an elegant Victorian style with red walls and gold frame, a fireplace and a couch."

Crea and Bill fashioned the salon in an industrial-country motif: metal pipes contrasting

with wood flooring, cow-skin rugs and antlers hanging on the wall, and barbershop-like leather set against chandeliers.

The attention to detail in the salon's décor fits into Crea's mission of making the experience of visiting Salon Twenty-One B eye-catching and unique.

"Our clients come here and relax," she said. "They truly enjoy the stay."

Specialties

But the emphasis on the experience does not detract from the professionalism Crea insists on delivering.

"We're always doing continuing education," she said of herself and the other stylists. "We're always going to hair shows, and I bring in professionals to come in and train us on what's in fashion, what's "the now" and emerging trends."

The salon is also harnessing the latest technology. With Salon Twenty-One B's partnership with Vagaro, clients can book an appointment with their mobile phones or online.

"You can use Vagaro anywhere, once you have the app," Crea said.

"If you're in California and you need your hair done, you can use the app to see what salons offer what services."

"If you searched for a salon in Melrose," she continued, "you would see us — all the stylists and what they do, and you would see a menu and what they offer. And then you can just book an appointment with the stylist and the service you want."

The salon also has a website: SalonTwentyOneB.com and maintains an active Instagram account which has brought in new business.

"I asked a new client the other day how she heard about us," Crea recalled, "and the woman said her granddaughter showed her one of our Instagram photos."

Two areas that Crea has seen a lot of growth in recently are wedding services, and photography hair and makeup.

Through an affiliation with Alyssa Chappell photography, Crea does makeup and hair for high school senior girls, who want an upgrade from the traditional senior photo shoot.

The salon even has a makeup station converted from the tailgate of a Chevy pickup.

"Before Alyssa takes them out on location, they come here for their hair and makeup," Crea said.

Crea also travels to provide on-site hair and makeup for weddings.

"Sometimes, if the wedding is close," they can come here," Crea said. "But most of my wedding work is on location."

Stylists

Of course, the salon offers all the basics for the entire family: haircuts and coloring for men, women and children.

Crea's Mom: Karin Mullinax is a stylist at the salon. Many know her by the former name of the salon — Fraulein.

Stylist Jimmy Dowling has been at Salon Twenty-One B since Day 1. He has 18 years' experience and has been working with Crea for five years.

The newest addition to the staff: Shaunna Fusinato, has 13 years of experience and is a Redken color specialist. "She's very, very good with color," Crea said.

The expert staff, the attention to detail and the welcoming atmosphere all contribute to clients not only getting out-of-this-world service but enjoying the occasion. That's the goal of "Become the Experience."

"The people that come here fall in love with the atmosphere," said Crea. "Our stylists fall in love with the clients. Everybody has a good time, and our clients leave, not only looking great, but feeling great as well."

AROUND THE REGION

Audit dings Bradford district on hiring, screening contractors

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The Florida Auditor General's audit of the Bradford County School District for 2016-17 found shortcomings in its hiring and screening of contractors among other things.

While the construction manager was selected through a competitive process, architect Paul Stressing was not. The reason given at the time is that it was not necessary; the district intended to use one of Stressing's existing designs completed for another school district, modifying it as needed.

According to the audit, Stressing's hiring did not comply with state law or the school board's own policies, which require a competitive selection process. Just as with the construction manager, the job should have been advertised and applicants rated so the district could negotiate with the most qualified firm.

Per the audit, "The competitive selection process reduces the appearance and opportunity for favoritism and inspires public confidence that the architect was selected in a fair, equitable and economic manner."

The report notes that although auditors requested one, no explanation was provided for noncompliance. The district hired Stressing in September 2016 at the recommendation of the former superintendent, Chad Farnsworth, who began the project to replace Southside, Hampton and Brooker elementary schools with a new PK-7 combination school, as well as Stressing and Gene Tanner, who was hired to consult on the project.

The current superintendent, Stacey Creighton, voted in favor of the hiring while on the school board. The school board supported seeking funds to construct a new school even if board members didn't agree wholeheartedly with Farnsworth's vision for the school. They hired Stressing, who had previously worked for the district and is expected to earn an estimated \$2 million for his services.

Creighton said there is a difference of opinion between the auditors, Stressing and Tanner over the hiring process. Nevertheless, she said the district will follow the audit's recommendation to use the competitive process going forward.

Auditors found another failure to comply with statutory requirements and board policy related to student safety. Instructional and noninstructional contractors who have access to campuses when students are present are supposed to undergo background screenings every five years. Noninstructional contractors include therapists, consultants and psychologists providing services directly for students.

On examination, auditors found the records for five of 15 such contractors did not demonstrate the required screenings were ever performed. The district responded to their inquiry by saying efforts were made to verify initial background screenings, but screenings for these five were not obtained primarily because the district did not maintain a comprehensive list of workers subject to the screenings.

Auditors said, "Absent effective controls to identify all contractor workers and promptly obtain and evaluate background screenings of all applicable workers, there is an increased risk that workers with unsuitable backgrounds may be allowed access to students."

The district responded by saying it would keep and up-to-date list of contract workers subject to screenings.

The Bradford-Union Technical Center is also apparently required to notify students and employees of the FDLE sexual predator and sexual offender registry website and toll-free number. Ignorant of that requirement, the technical center did not comply, but will in the future.

Auditors also found fault in the records for two of the four teachers awarded Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarships totaling more than \$13,000. The scholarships are awarded based upon academic achievement prior to being hired and eligibility continues based on annual job performance evaluations.

The two awards in question were based on college entrance scores obtained from the test provider's website instead of an official record such as a college transcript. The district claims it was led to believe by the Florida Department of Education that

it had leeway in deciding what constitutes an official record. Auditors said the effort to verify that exam scores are accurate would better assure teacher eligibility, and the district agreed.

The final finding was repeated from a prior audit and concerns the incompleteness of the school district's disaster recovery plan in the event of a major hardware or software failure. The plan did not include identification of an alternate facility to be used in the event of a disaster because the district had not been able to identify one with compatible software and hardware capabilities.

With the migration to a new enterprise software system, the district believes it can identify and contract with an alternate facility.

Lake Butler Commission Agrees on Contract for New City Manager

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

With the retirement of current city manager Dave Mecusker looming near (Feb. 23), the city commission is through discussing the contract for his replacement and ready to go ahead with the final signing of the document by Dale M. Walker, the applicant chosen by the commission to take Mecusker's place.

Walker has already signed a draft of the contract, but is aware that the commission had not then approved the text of the document and might desire to make some changes in it. This proved to be the case at a special meeting of the commission on Feb. 6.

The document considered followed standard wording for a professional services agreement with the city of Lake Butler and was, in fact, quite similar to the contract signed by Mecusker when he first took the job. The commission decided to make a few changes, however, making some features which have been automatic now a matter for vote by the commission and adding language to ensure that adherence to the budget was understood.

The contract is for a term of three years and is between the city of Lake Butler and Walker for the provision of professional

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NOTICE TO CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS

The City of Keystone Heights is seeking applicants to participate in a Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation program to assist homeowners with repairs. This program is designed to perform general code related repairs and improvements for very low and low and moderate-income homeowners. Items eligible for repair include roofs, heating systems, plumbing, electrical and other code related housing systems. Currently, the City has funds available to assist a limited number of homeowners. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements for this program:

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If you would like to be considered for possible assistance, you should attend a homeowners' meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Council meeting room located at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd, to discuss program requirements and receive application materials. If you cannot attend this meeting, you can also pick up an application package after **February 27th** at City Hall or call, toll-free, (877) 309-1951, Ext. 15, and request an application package be mailed to you. All interested homeowners should submit completed application materials to Marie Dingman, Summit Professional Services, Inc., P.O. Box 18168, Panama City Beach, FL 32417 on or before **April 13, 2018**. All applications are subject to review, ranking and approval by the Keystone Heights City Council.

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services in the position of city manager/clerk. The document will take effect Feb. 22, 2018. Mecusker told the commission that he would provide two days of training for the new manager (Feb. 22-23) and would be available to him for additional information at no charge to the city.

The contract is binding in that Walker agrees to stay in the employ of the city for the three-year term, barring any termination activity. He will be required to work full-time exclusively for the city, but, with approval by the commission, might be allowed to take part-time employment as a teacher or consultant.

Walker's starting salary will be \$78,166.40 annually and will be paid on the same schedule as other city employees. One change in the contract is the removal of language declaring automatic annual salary increases (which Mecusker routinely declined) and instead leaves the matter of any salary increase to be determined independently by the commission.

Benefits include the use of a city car for all city business, but the personal use of the car is limited to travel inside Union County and only to driving back and forth from home to work. The city will pay reasonable expenses for professional development activities for the new manager, including the participation in professional associations and attending professional conferences so long as these expenses are within the annual budgetary allowance earmarked for such activities.

Walker will receive a salary supplement of not less than \$6,510.40 for use in securing family group insurance, supplemental retirement or other uses deemed appropriate. He will be allowed to be exempt from the Florida Retirement System, with some provisions for city contribution to an approved retirement plan at the same rate as it would have contributed to

the state program on his behalf.

Under the contract, Walker can accumulate up to 480 hours of annual leave each year and this can be converted to sick leave if required. Annual sick leave will be 103 hours. Walker will be expected to work 40 hours per week or more, as required by the duties of his position and will earn no comp time or overtime for hours over 40.

The contract states that while the commission would prefer that Walker find a residence in the city, it would consider allowing him to live outside the city limits, so long as his residence was still in Union County. This allowance has been made for several city managers in the past, including Mecusker.

Mecusker said he felt that the changes, approved unanimously by the commission, would not be a deal-breaker with Walker, who has already traveled to Lake Butler, at his own expense, to spend a couple of days starting to learn his way around the city and meet the people he will be working with.

Although it was noted by the commission that this contract had the highest starting pay for the position ever offered by the city, Commissioner Jack Schenck said he felt it was appropriate.

"We are not hiring someone to come and mow a yard," Schenck said. "We are hiring someone for professional services and, quite simply, you get what you pay for."

Once the changes in wording were made to the contract, the commission voted to allow Mayor Fred Sirmones and Mecusker to make the desired amendments to the contract and to execute it with Walker at the earliest date possible.

Bill to address Starke sewer ranges from big to huge

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The city has big decisions

to make about the future of the wastewater plant as well as the sewage it treats, and whatever the future holds, the city has to keep the plant running in the meantime.

Before he became city manager, Bob Milner was already talking to Starke employees about the sewer system and wastewater treatment plant, including the aging lift stations and the ongoing project to test sewer lines and discover points of storm water infiltration so the city could comply with a Florida Department of Environmental Protection consent order and correct sewage overflow on several streets during heavy rainfall.

Milner said he's been increasingly concerned about the status of the wastewater treatment plant since becoming manager. Just as the city expects to receive a report on the state of the sewer lines at the conclusion of the current project, the commission must be aware of the state of its treatment plant and what must be done in the near future to continue utilizing the "extremely old" gravity fed plant, he said.

Gary Sneddon, a former city engineer familiar with the wastewater plant and system, as well as the city's current engineering firm, Mittauer and Associates, met with the city commission in two recent workshops to discuss the scope of what must be done. Mittauer is urging the city to wait a little while longer, until March, when it can present a full report on the city's options, including construction of a new sewer plant.

The cost of a new plant is estimated at \$12 million to \$15 million, but with more money available for environmental protection at the state level, Mittauer believes the city is in a good position to have up to three quarters of that cost covered by a grant award. Annual debt service on a low-interest loan would fund the rest.

The subject of the consent order alone is not the only environmental challenge facing the city's sewer system. The

future of its permit could depend on diverting all of its treated water away from Alligator Creek.

Stricter regulations mean that almost no pollutant is allowed to be discharged into the creek. Starke's engineers said its sewer plant cannot produce a contaminant-free effluent, and they're not sure any plant could do it consistently. The city may have to find new area to land apply the treated water as it does at the spray field on the south end of the city.

Among the infrastructure problems, Sneddon said the outfall structure to Alligator Creek is compromised. The pipe has collapsed and the headwall is falling into the creek. Soon the discharge problem could solve itself. At the plant, aeration diffusers have popped off into the basins and cannot be retrieved until the tank is drained. Hydraulic problems interfere with draining the tank. Also falling in the tanks: internal parts of the plant's clarifiers. Both clarifiers need to be gutted and new mechanics installed.

The plant also has problems with infiltration of water and sand. The cleaning of the sewer line has resulted in even more sand, and the tanks must be shut down and drained to clean the sand out.

Of the 650,000 gallons coming into the plant every day, engineers estimate that 300,000 gallons is excess water. Eliminating that could result in a significant savings.

Sneddon also addressed the lack of automation and impact on efficiency as well as changes that could be made to minimize sludge generation. One area where the city has made progress is the repair of lift stations, but the monitoring of those stations could be automated as well. Instead of an employee spending four hours a day running around Starke to check those stations, they could be monitored from afar. An operator could be notified via cell phone if something goes wrong and even potentially address the problem with the touch of a button.

Mittauer could have a tough time convincing the city to

pursue funding for a new plant. Milner said it would cost approximately \$2 million to make the repairs needed to get five to 10 more years out of the current wastewater treatment plant and prefers that route. That doesn't address the problem of what to do with the effluent. Sewer Department Supervisor Kyle Jerrels is recommending the city find a new site to irrigate treated wastewater, one that could accept all of the effluent. The city could potentially sell the current spray field property to someone eager to develop near the bypass, he said.

The city's permit gives it three and a half years to decide what to do — the approximate amount of time it would take to construct a new plant. But as Mittauer pointed out, that could cost as much as \$15 million.

Commissioners had some questions about how these problems accumulated, perhaps forgetting about their own extended legal pas de deux with a contractor over a million-dollar system that was supposed to render the city's former wastewater treatment facility obsolete — a system that ultimately never worked. Memory also failed when staff was questioned about why funding for sewer plant repairs was not included in the budget. Staff did suggest options for increasing revenue, but commissioners requested cuts to balance the budget.

DHSMV reminds motorists to stay at the scene of a crash

February 2018 is Hit and Run Awareness Month

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and its division of

the Florida Highway Patrol are recognizing Hit and Run Awareness Month this February and reminding all motorists to stay at the scene when involved in a crash.

In partnership with the Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, the initiative seeks to reduce the number of hit and run crashes in Florida and encourage individuals to anonymously report information to solve hit and run investigations.

"All motorists involved in a crash have the responsibility to stay at the scene," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "Leaving the scene of a crash may be deadly for those who are hit and ensures that the driver will face more severe penalties. Individuals with information on hit and run crashes are encouraged to report any tips anonymously to Crime Stoppers."

Since 2014, in a quarter of all crashes every year, a driver leaves the scene. In 2017, there were 98,225 hit and run crashes in Florida with 177 fatalities. Under Florida law, a driver must stop immediately at the scene of a crash on public or private property that results in injury or death. Leaving the scene of a crash is a felony and a driver, when convicted, will have their license revoked for at least three years and can be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of four years in prison.

"It is your responsibility to remain at the scene and immediately report the crash to law enforcement," said Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. Gene S. Spaulding. "You should do your best to provide immediate assistance to other motorists, passengers or pedestrians that may have been injured in the crash and wait for emergency first responders to arrive."

Vulnerable road users, like bicyclists and pedestrians, are particularly at risk in hit and run crashes. In fact, of the 177 hit and run fatalities in 2017, more than 100 cases involved pedestrians and bicycles. During that same period, 95 percent of all hit and run charges were in-state drivers and 70 percent of all hit and run charges were issued to men.

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UPS' Pierson makes his last delivery

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Before anyone files a missing-persons report, please be advised that Ken Pierson is still around, alive and well.

Pierson has been such a familiar sight around Starke and Bradford County, having delivered packages for UPS, but he's now retired after 44.5 years. He did not spread the word that he was retiring.

"Everybody's just shocked," he said. "They thought I would die in the truck."

His final day even caught those at UPS in Gainesville by surprise.

"Human resources did not tell them," Pierson, 65, said. "I went in on Tuesday and said, 'You people don't know this is my last day?' They did not. So my wife and my stepdaughter and my stepson knew. That was it."

After working through January, Pierson stepped away from the lifelong career that didn't start out as such. The Polk County native was attending the University of Florida when he began working part-time for UPS in the mornings before classes.

"I paid for school just by doing that," he said.

Pierson was studying psychology and sociology, but said he decided he wasn't going to continue his studies at medical school and go into psychiatry. He gave thought to moving

to Denver just to experience something different, but he would need money for any such move.

As it turned out, one of Pierson's co-workers at UPS was fired, so the company needed a full-time employee. Today, someone filling such a position would spend three or four days in Orlando being trained, but that's not how it worked then when Pierson said he'd take the job.

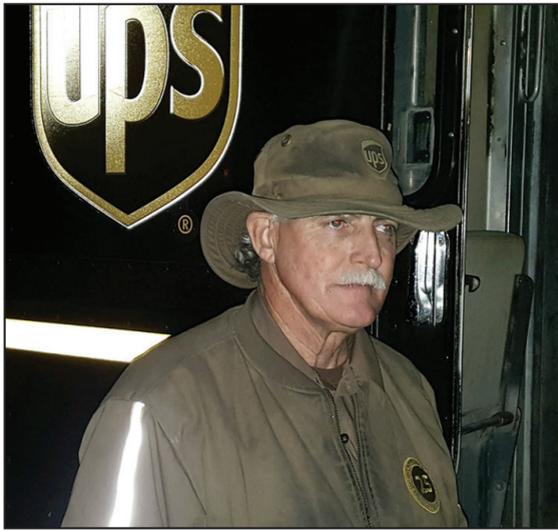
"I said, 'Let's go.' I didn't go to training school," Pierson said. "The supervisor got in the car with me, and we went."

What helped him was the fact he knew how to drive the truck, thanks to the fact he had been driving a "hippie van" that he had bought. Pierson said two part-time employees working in Gainesville today want to move up to full time, but what's keeping them from doing so is their inability to drive a stick shift.

"I could already drive," Pierson said. "I just got in and went."

Covering ground day and night

Pierson's main route starting out was northwest Gainesville, eventually branching out to service Waldo, Brooker and LaCrosse. He said one person used to cover Starke and Lawtey, but that was getting to be too



Ken Pierson made his last delivery in January, retiring after a 44.5-year career with UPS.

much for one person, so he began coming into Starke to service the area around Sampson Lake.

"He needed more and more help," Pierson said of the employee who was covering Starke. "I came farther and farther into town."

For the last 20 years or so, Pierson mainly covered the Starke area, branching out at times to go into Brooker and the Montecocha area.

A typical day had him making 100 stops. Toward the end of his career, he was working 13-hour days. This past year, DOT allowed UPS employees to work 70-hour weeks during the holidays, so Pierson said he would work past midnight most every night during that time. However, that wasn't much of a variance in his normal schedule.

"It was not that big a difference for me because even during the year, they knew I liked long hours," Pierson said. "I was

working late anyway."

Whereas others might want to get home to spend time with their families, Pierson said he was working late just like his wife, Linda, who is the manager at CVS in Starke.

"I wasn't neglecting her too much," he said.

Pierson said he's found that a lot of people don't realize UPS drivers work late into the night. He recalled how he delivered a package to one home at 7:30 p.m. The resident remarked, "Gosh. You work so late."

"I still had five more hours to work," Pierson said.

Hazards: from getting lost to avoiding dogs, guns

Driving for UPS comes with some hazards. A common one is getting lost. Pierson said

he's gotten lost many times in Bradford County, especially in the days when there was no 911 mapping system, making it hard to find certain addresses.

"You did your best," Pierson said. "You tried to find a neighbor who knew them. You tried to, if you could, find a number and call them. If not, you just took (the package) back. (UPS) sent a note in the mail to the address: 'We need more directions.'"

Getting his truck stuck was sometimes an issue, Pierson said, alluding to mud.

"It's not that uncommon around here," he said.

Pierson said he did a good job overall in avoiding getting bitten by dogs, but it still happened. He recalled a recent incident where it looked as though he was going to successfully back away from three dogs, but one managed to get behind him and bite his leg.

"I had to go get stitches," he said.

Sometimes, threats came from people, who didn't know who was coming up to their doors.

"I have had guns drawn on me," Pierson said, adding, "We had three people quit over the holidays. Part-time people got guns drawn on them. They quit on the spot."

Pierson said he didn't think he was in any real danger of getting shot with the exception of one incident involving an elderly man, though that wasn't much of a threat due to the man's physical limitations.

"That's the only one I thought would've shot me," Pierson said, "but he couldn't lift the gun high enough to shoot me."

Plenty of people were kind to Pierson, which is what he'll remember most. Sometimes, when people knew he was

coming, they'd have something to eat or drink ready for him so he could grab it quick and go. Meeting strangers was nice, too.

"It kept the job from getting completely boring by seeing new people every day," Pierson said.

Enjoying life

Now, Pierson, who lives in Starke, has more time to devote to refereeing lacrosse, which he does at various levels up through college. He used to play the sport, starting at UF in the early 1970s when a couple of guys from New York were looking for those interested in joining a team.

"I had grown up in Florida, where there was baseball, basketball and football," Pierson said. "I was completely bored with those by the time I got to Gainesville."

In fact, Pierson played alongside former UF Athletic Director Jeremy Foley on Florida all-star teams that would play all-star teams from Texas in New Orleans. Foley played the sport when he was a student at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York.

When not busy with lacrosse, Pierson said he'll work on all the things at home he didn't get to while he was with UPS and work on improving a lake house he has outside of Hawthorne.

"Then, just enjoy life with my wife," Pierson said.

So Pierson may not seem as present to those individuals who were so used to seeing him on a regular basis, but don't fret. He's still here, though maybe you won't recognize him without his uniform.

"I'll be around and out of brown," Pierson said.



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Shands Starke to host heart lecture Feb. 22

Cardiologist Lucien Abboud will be the featured speaker at a heart lecture in the Shands Starke Regional Medical Center atrium on Thursday, Feb. 22, from noon until 1 p.m. The event is free.

Please RSVP by calling 904-368-2349. You may also register online at shandsstarke.com.

Hunter safety internet-completion courses offered in March

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering free hunter safety internet-completion courses in nine counties in March, with opportunities in Keystone Heights and Graham.

Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt unsupervised. The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

The dates and times are:

—Clay: March 1 (6-9 p.m.), Keystone Heights, March 3 (8 a.m. until complete), Graham, March 8 (6-9 p.m.), Orange Park, March 10 (8 a.m. until complete), Graham, March 15 (6-9 p.m.) Fleming Island, and March 17 (8 a.m. until complete), Graham.

—Alachua: March 4 (10 a.m. until complete), Gainesville.

—Baker: March 10 (8 a.m.-noon), Macclenny, and March 10 (1 p.m. until complete), Lake City.

—Citrus: March 3 (9 a.m. until complete), Lecanto.

—Columbia: March 1 (6-9 p.m.) and March 3 (8:30 a.m. until complete), Lake City.

—Duval: March 8 (6-9 p.m.) and March 10 (8:30 a.m. until noon), Jacksonville.

—Levy: March 25 (3 p.m. until complete), Chiefland.

—Madison: March 10 (9 a.m. until complete), Pinetta.

—Nassau: March 3 (8 a.m.-noon), Callahan, and (1-3 p.m.), Bryceville.

The specific locations for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

Attend national-certified bowhunter course in Lake City March 31

Florida bowhunters will have an opportunity to attend a National Bowhunter Education Foundation-certified bowhunter education course at Osceola Shooting Range in Lake City on March 31, beginning at 9 a.m.

The course will be conducted using the online, distance-learning format. A bowhunting enthusiast can access the program on the NBEF website, enter through the Florida portal and complete the online classroom topics before attending a shortened, interactive field day at Osceola Shooting Range. The Florida course is found at bowhunter-ed.com/florida/.

The course is offered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Hunter Safety Section and the Florida Bowhunters Council.

While these courses do not satisfy the hunter education requirements for Florida, they are educational, informative and well worth taking, according to FWC officials.

Participants must bring their own equipment, including bow and field-tipped arrows. Students should register for the course they choose by calling the FWC's North Central Regional Office at 386-754-1654 or by visiting MyFWC.com/Bowhunt.

Students of all ages may participate.

Need spare parts? Just print them out

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Normally, a print job at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office is like a print job in any other office. The result is ink and paper.

A recent print job resulted in something that's not going to eventually be balled up and thrown away, as the office's network administrator, Chris Hamer, used his personal 3-D printer to create face plates for 60 floor electrical boxes.

"I'd never done anything like that for here (at the office)," Hamer said, "but it was a problem that needed to be solved."

The office installed new electrical boxes and went through a general upgrade. Hamer said the office didn't have enough face plates for all of the boxes. Plus, the existing plates were old and warped.

However, the office couldn't find a supplier which had the type of plates it was using. Hamer said that type had actually been recalled at some point. Holding up one of the old plates during his interview with the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, he said, "These are pretty rare."

Hamer had the solution. He took measurements of the existing face plates and printed new ones at home.

"It worked very well," Hamer said. "The units came out, and they're very resilient. The plastic is very strong. What's funny is it's a biodegradable plastic. It's actually made out of vegetable material."

It took approximately an hour to create one face plate, Hamer said. However, it took approximately 75-80 hours to create all of the 60 plates as opposed to 60 hours. As Hamer put it, the digital world doesn't always match the real world.

"I had mistakes," Hamer said. "I had a few that I printed out

that the measurements were off, or my input into the software was incorrect. I had to go back and modify it."

How does 3-D printing work?

Hamer said the fused deposition model of 3-D printing is an additive process as opposed to a removal process. Using a router to cut wood and create a finished product, for example, would be a removal process. In 3-D printing, the finished product is created by adding layers of extruded material on top of each other. Hamer said it's like playing with a glue gun, drawing circles on top of circles. The glue begins to rise from whatever surface you're applying it to.

The process of 3-D printing is the same, except instead of glue, you're using a melted material.

You have what is called slicer software (Hamer used Autodesk Fusion), raw material in the form of filament, a printer platform upon which the material is applied and a heated nozzle or printer head from which the material is extruded.

"What it does is, it just draws a line, and it melts the lines together so they form a solid," Hamer said. "It does it just one line at a time. Then it builds up layer by layer, one line at a time."

If the office needs another face plate, Hamer is all set to create another one, even without having to leave the office.

"Even remotely right now, I can initiate one of these print jobs because the 3-D printer is standing by and ready," Hamer said. "If one of those breaks or something like that, I can simply log into the server and

say load this and start printing."

Uses and benefits of 3-D printing

Hamer said one of the biggest benefits of 3-D printing is it allows individuals and small businesses to quickly develop a prototype to determine if a concept is feasible.

"I'm actually working with my cousin right now because he has a concept for a motorcycle accessory," Hamer said. "In 3-D, I'm designing and mounting hardware. We're going to print them out just as a prototype thing just to see if it's workable. If it is, he'll take that design — that same 3-D file — and we'll have them mass produced."

For artists, 3-D printing is a draw because it allows them to experiment without wasting a lot of material first. It also enables them to create objects without using physical tools that are expensive and require a learning curve if they don't already know how to use them.

Hamer has created his version of lithopanes — translucent porcelain with molded designs images that are revealed through backlighting — with his printer. He's given his works to friends, though he noted, "Apparently, that's a thing on the internet. You can charge \$40 to \$50 a pop for some of these smaller ones."

You can also say 3-D printing results are out of this world — literally. Hamer said the international space station has a 3-D printer, which allows its crew to create tools. Thus, whenever a certain tool is needed, it doesn't have to be transported from Earth.

"This way, all they did was they 3-D printed it," Hamer said. "When they were done, they could melt it down and

dispose of it."

Hamer said SpaceX is using 3-D printing to build rocket engine parts, though rather than utilizing fused deposition modeling, SpaceX uses the selective laser sintering type of 3-D printing, which is more accurate.

"It's being used in jet engine parts," Hamer said of selective laser sintering. "It's being used in any type of really precision manufacturing."

Still, with all of its attributes, Hamer doesn't believe 3-D printing will take the place of injection molding in mass-scale productions any time soon.

"It's still very time consuming and resource intensive," he said, "but it has an amazing capacity to bring something out of the 3-D world into the real world — the stuff science fiction's made out of."

Just another example of yesterday's 'future'

Hamer bought his 3-D printer in early 2017, saying he paid \$380 for it. It wasn't bought with the vision of its practical uses, say building electrical box face plates for the sheriff's office. Instead, he wanted to build knickknacks for the home and make things for his children. For example, he said he used the printer to create Baymax, the inflatable robot from the movie "Big Hero 6."

"It was always meant as a fun thing," Hamer said. "I don't really do a lot of fabrication for customers, for clients, for anybody, but it's been something I've wanted for a

long time."

It's as if Hamer equipped himself with just one more piece of today's technology that reminds him of watching "Star Trek" as a child. In fact, those responsible for such technology share a similar childhood.

"A lot of the engineers and designers of today, credit 'Star Trek' with putting in their heads that not only is it feasible, but it's acceptable and usable," Hamer said. "Cell phones, tablets, 3-D printers — these 3-D printers are the closest we've gotten to 'Star Trek's' replicators."

A 3-D printer may not be able

to create food or drink as a 'Star Trek' replicator could, but it can match the replicator in creating spare parts, such as electrical box face plates. Hamer said he could see using his 3-D printer in some other ways to help the sheriff's office because of the printer's capacity to produce something that either is no longer manufactured or to produce something for a single, unique application.

When you're not located in a major metropolis, that can come in handy.

"It just brings a little more available resources," Hamer said.

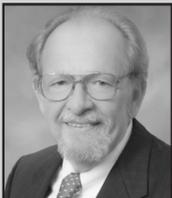
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Above: Chris Hamer compares one of the office's old face plates to the model he designed on computer. Sheriff Gordon Smith shows off one of the office's new floor electrical boxes, which have face plates designed and created on a 3-D printer by Network Administrator Chris Hamer.



Right: Sheriff Gordon Smith shows off one of the office's new floor electrical boxes, which have face plates designed and created on a 3-D printer by Network Administrator Chris Hamer.

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Crews has History of Public Service

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Many people have the impulse to go into politics and most of them do so for the good of their fellow citizens. Public service seems to run in families in fact, and it is not unusual to see several generations serve their community, one after another. What is of interest is when a person gets into public service and then finds out, after the fact, that she is carrying on a family tradition of which she knew nothing at all.

Life-long Bradford County resident Carolyn Crews found herself in that exact position a few years ago. She ran for a seat on the Starke city commission and won in 1997 – a position she served in for eight years until she lost the seat to Tommy Chastain in 2005. Before that, in the 1980s, she participated in the Downtown Progress Committee, a program run through the chamber of commerce, which was responsible for the revitalization of the downtown area accomplished through a grant.

“We had a meeting with the Santa Fe Endowment Corporation,” Crews remembered. “They came to us and said if we could get a redevelopment grant they would put a college in the old courthouse. Many people did not want to contribute money to help with the project because they did not believe that a college would come to town. John Miller and I worked to collect the money we needed to make it happen, renovating the downtown streets

and through Guy Andrews, Gene Matthews and lots of hardworking volunteers, Santa Fe kept their word and opened the Andrews Center in downtown Starke.

It was not until Crews began making a detailed study of her family history that she discovered she was not the first in her line to want to serve their fellow citizens and make their lives better.

“My great-grandfather, Frederick P. Schaffer, fought in the war of Northern aggression, making my mother a true daughter of the Confederacy. After the war, he served in the Florida legislature. I had no idea that I was not the first in my family to go into politics.”

Crews’ grandfather, James Mitchell, started out in Madison County, but came to Starke in 1905 after graduating from the Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta the previous year. He brought his wife, Lucille Schaffer, to Starke with him from Madison and the couple married in Bradford County. Mitchell opened a pharmacy in Starke, located in the previous location of Norma’s Florist Shop. The couple had a daughter, Lucille Carolyn Mitchell, and set about making both their business and family a success.

Mitchell was also active in his community. He went before the Bradford County Commission and asked them to start a farmer’s market in the county. His request was granted, but he did not live to see it. Mitchell, his wife and daughter were in a tragic car accident in 1936. They survived.

He survived in the hospital for two weeks, where he kept telling the doctors and nurses that he was going to get pneumonia and die. And he did.

Mitchell is remembered, not only as a trusted community figure, but also as a great jokester. Crews related one story about him.

“There was no fire alarm system in tow he got word that someone’s barn was on fire,” she said. “He went out into the street yelling FIRE! and no one believed him because he was such a practical joker. Undaunted, he went back inside and got a pharmacist who was working for him to go out and yell FIRE! so he would be believed and the barn owner could get help.”

After Mitchell’s death, the pharmacy was sold to the pharmacist, David Powell Carpenter. Lucille married Lester Thomas Crews (of Venus, FL) in August of 1951 and the couple reopened the store (which had closed a few years earlier). In her paternal grandfather, Crews found yet another link to a tradition of public service in her family.

“My grandfather, Thomas Crews, was a county commissioner in Highland County at the time the Sebring Courthouse was built,” she said. “He was well known in that area for his service to the community.”

Crews was born in December of 1952 and is an only child. She spent a great deal of time while she was growing up in her family’s pharmacy. At the time, there were several other pharmacies in town – Koch’s, where Walgreens is located now and Canova’s across from the current location of the Florida Twin Theater. She attended Bradford County schools until the ninth grade, when she transferred to Keystone Heights High School because her father wanted her to attend a smaller school than Bradford High School.

After graduation Crews married Bobby Autry, who was working in the store for her father



Carolyn Crews

and then went on to pharmacy school at the University of Florida. Crews worked while Autry was in school and then became a stay-at-home wife and mother. The couple had two children: Cassie in 1970 and Jim in 1976. They divorced in 1991, but still kept the pharmacy going until it was bought out by Eckerd’s in 1998.

“Big business came to town and took over,” Crews remembers.

Both Crews and Autry went to work for Eckerd’s. She worked as an assistant manager in Gainesville while he was the pharmacist at the Starke store. She was transferred to Lake Butler and while there, she became a pharmacy technician. During this time, she married

again in 1994 and divorced in 2001. CVS bought out Eckerd’s and Crews stayed on with them and was working for the company while she served on the city commission. She continued with CVS until she was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2015, when she retired.

Crews needed something to do and to occupy her time and mind, so she got the idea to open a gift shop in her home, featuring many items which she makes herself. She opened Carolyn’s Creations 3 in September of 2017 in her home’s old recreation room. She calls the store her personal occupational therapy and seems quite at home as a shopkeeper and craft artist.

The store is furnished with items saved from the old

Mitchell’s Drugstore, including tables, a desk and several old doors. Crews has filled the space with an assortment of items which she has made herself, such as jewelry and wreaths, as well as other merchandise. One of her signature items are necklaces made to reflect the personality and passions of the wearer. These are designed and created by Crews and are called “This is Me,” or “What I Love” necklaces. She also carries an eclectic assortment of gift items, ranging from exotic meat jerkies (ostrich, anyone?), a selection of gourmet sauces, jellies and jams, floral arrangements, a diverse assortment of jewelry, bath bombs, small gifts and wreaths.

Crews is happy with her life and is enjoying her newest career as a businesswoman, waiting to be noticed in the business community so the traffic to her shop will increase. She lives with Don Baker, a man who fell in love with her in high school, even though she was already taken as the time. They have been together for 12 years. She also takes the time to express her love of animals, taking care of her own as well as feeding the occasional stray that drops by her door.

Crews has done her duty, by her family and community and now she is settled in to enjoy a little “me time,” surrounded by her interests and the things and people she loves, including her two teenage grandchildren, Emma and Will. After taking care of so many others, today she is concentrating on taking care of herself.

Carolyn’s Creations 3 is located on the corner of Bessent and Valley roads in Starke. Just look for the pink and white signs. The shop is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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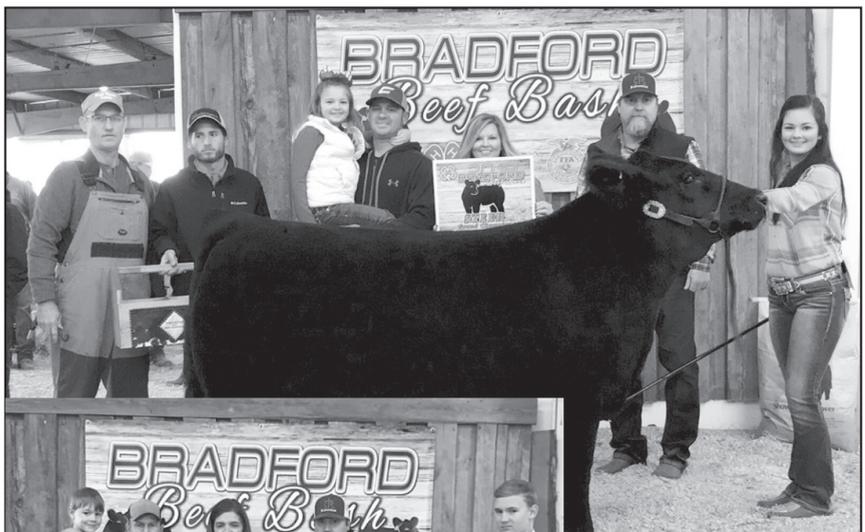
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Bradford 4-H Beef Bash a success for youth and the community



Above: Bailee Sheppard (far right) showed the top steer at the fifth annual 4-H Bradford Beef Bash. Also pictured (l-r from far left) are Randy Conner, Tyler Roddenberry, Lakelyn Sheppard, Clint Sheppard, Elizabeth Sheppard and judge Michael Berry.

Showing the top heifer at this year’s Beef Bash was Walker Thompson (far right). Also pictured (l-r from far left) are Weston Thompson, Kevin Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson and judge Michael Berry.

BY DEBBIE NISTLER
Bradford County Extension Director

Recently, 60 4-H and FFA youth from across northeast Florida participated in the fifth annual 4-H Bradford Beef Bash. Youth demonstrated skills in fitting and showing animals as well as their skills selecting and growing a strong production herd of cattle.

Youth brought 89 animals to the Bradford County Fairgrounds and competed in Showmanship, which evaluates

their skill at showing and fitting. Four age divisions competed for the top three spots. The collegiate Showman winners were Cheyenne Donaldson (first) Courtney Paul (second). The top three senior winners were Bailee Sheppard (first), Garison Breeden (second) and Nathan Boone (third). Intermediate winners were Emma Moxley (first), Harley Seay (second) and Maci Whitehead (third). The junior top three were Lane Whitehurst (first), Linden Teague (second) and Rance Moxley (third). Participants also competed

for Grand Champion Steer and Heifer. Both top spots this year were earned by local youth. Sheppard earned top Showman as well as top Steer. Walker Thompson earned Grand Champion Heifer.

The remaining top five steers were owned and shown by J.D. Peavy, Chase Roberts, Brooklyn Williams and Katherine Nemcovic. The remaining top five heifers were owned and shown by Abbie Whittington, Kody Stalnaker, Katherine Nemcovic and Boone.

Thanks go to all who volunteered their time and energy as well as the following, who donated generously toward the event: Clemons Field Services, Cargill Feed and Nutrena (Pete Dola), Sealing Resources of Jacksonville, American Dream Realty (Jessie Gathright), Grimes Utilities Inc., Thompson’s Garage, Thompson Auto Sales, 3rd Cattle, Save-A-Lot, Boone Septic, Capital City Bank, New River Cattle, Bradford Farm Bureau Federation, Jordan and Grace Williams, and Umbarger Show Feed.

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Obituaries



Jack Crawford

STARKE— Jack Merrell Crawford, age 76, of Starke passed away Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. Mr. Crawford was born on July 15, 1941 in Lawtew to the late Jack and Lettie Beatrice (Edwards) Crawford and was a lifelong area resident. Jack was a member of Hampton Baptist Church and prior to retirement worked for the Florida Department of Corrections for 38 years. He enjoyed spending time outside, watching western movies, and spending time with family. Preceding him in death were his siblings, Loyd H. Crawford and Betty Rosenberry.

Survivors are: his wife of fifty years, Virginia Ann (Brown) Crawford of Starke; sons, Mark Jason Crawford of Starke, Adam Derek (Crystal) Crawford of Hampton; siblings, Gloria Shuford of Lawtew, Hazel Muse of Keystone Heights, Vivian Scott of Starke, and Leo Darold Crawford (Dale) of Douglasville, GA.

The family will receive friends at Dewitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 at Hampton Baptist Church with Brother Johnny Goodwin officiating. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hampton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 181, Hampton, FL 32044. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Thelma Dicandio

STARKE— Thelma June Dicandio, age 75, of Starke, passed away on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. She was born in Dothan, AL on Aug. 30, 1942 to the late Clinton Boatwright and Thelma Williams Boatwright. June was raised in South Bay until relocating to Starke as a teenager. Shortly after attending Bradford High School, June started working at What-a- Burger Restaurant where she met the love of her life, Leonardo Veto Dicandio, Jr. On Oct. 27, 1960, Leon and June were happily married. They lovingly raised their three children in Bradford County and enjoyed the many years they had together. June enjoyed working at Burlington Yarn in Green Cove Springs and Cadillac Uniforms in Starke, but she especially loved her longtime career as a Mail Clerk at Nation-Wide Insurance in Gainesville, where she served 28 years. She enjoyed fishing and watching science fiction movies but more than anything, June loved her family, grandkids, and puppies. June was preceded in death by: her parents, Clinton Boatwright and Thelma Williams Boatwright; her brothers, Wayne and Terry Boatwright; and her sister, Joann Eaves.

June is survived by: her loving husband of 57 years, Leonardo Veto "Leon" Dicandio, Jr. of Starke; her children, Deborah Denise (John) Lewis of Keystone Heights, Leonardo Veto "Buddy" (Alison) Dicandio, III of Jacksonville, and April (Jason) Pilcher of Starke; her sister, Gail (Tommy) Thomas of Starke; her grandchildren, Leonardo Veto "Bud" Dicandio, IV, Hiram Michael Dicandio, Matthew Larson, Kenneth Larson, Jason (Keri) Lewis, Brandi (Chris) Crawford, Katie (Chris) Lewis, John Lewis, Jr., Stephen Lewis, Ashlyn Pilcher, Amberlyn Pilcher, and Aniston Pilcher; her great-grandchildren, Christian Crawford, Caleb Crawford, Breanna Jo Crawford, Rexi Lewis, Luke Lewis, Saverio Logiurato, IV, Kalee Logiurato, Olivia Leith, Xander Leith, Maicee Dicandio, Nolan Dicandio, Leonardo "Veto" Dicandio, V, and Malaya Larson; and great-granddaughter, Emerson Blake Crawford.

A Celebration of June's Life will be held Saturday, Feb. 17 at 11:00 am at Northside Baptist Church with Pastor Toby Roehm officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Grove Congregational Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday an hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Larry Ford

HAMPTON— Larry Edison Ford, age 58, of Hampton passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He was born in Lake City on April 10, 1959 to the late John Edison Ford and Glennis Mae Truman Ford. Larry was raised in Gainesville and relocated to Hampton as a teenager. After high school, Larry started working at Tacachale as an Occupational Therapy Assistant where he served for 10 years until starting his longtime career as an asphalt repair technician. Larry was taught asphalt repair by his good friend, Donnie Dick, and after his training, Larry opened Ford and Wood Asphalt in 1983. He was the proud owner and operator for over 35 years and thoroughly enjoyed his profession. Larry was an avid Gator fan who enjoyed watching college football and was highly skilled at shooting pool. He also enjoyed fishing in his spare time, but most of all, Larry loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them and playing with his grandchildren. He had a huge smile and big hug for everyone. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Larry is survived by: his maternal grandmother, Gladys Barnes Truman of Hampton; his loving daughters, Audrey Ford (Shane) Reddish and Hannah Ford (Shane) Reddish and Hannah Ford (Shane) Reddish and Hannah Ford (Shane) Reddish; his sister, Shelia (John Randy) Reynolds of Vincent; his brother, Eugene Lamar Ford of Melrose; and his four grandchildren, Haven Ames,

Lane Reddish, Taylor Reddish, and Hadley Moody.

A Celebration of Larry's Life was held on Feb. 12 at Siloam United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lake City with Mr. Skip Lounge officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the funeral home to assist with expenses. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Audrey Kelley

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Audrey Mann Kelley, 88, of Keystone Heights died at her home, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. She was born in Jacksonville on July 21, 1929 to the late Richard Kelly and Agnes (Brochmann) Mann; she was raised in Mayport and graduated from Fletcher High School. She was a homemaker and a Christian. Her husband of 32 years, Byron C. Kelley had preceded her in death along with her brothers, John R Mann, Byron Mann; and her sister, Barbara Mann Tuten.

Her survivors are: daughter, Kelly Curry of Keystone Heights; step children, Matt Kelley of California, Jon Kelley of Texas, Jane Kelley Moore of Indiana; sister, Betty Mann McNamara of Ponte Vedra Beach; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Melrose Trinity Episcopal Church with Rev. Tony Powell officiating. A reception will be held following the service at the Beef O' Brady's, 502 N. Temple Ave., Starke. Interment will be at a later date at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.



Robert Molchan

ALACHUA— Robert Anthony Molchan, 86, of Alachua died on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018. He was born to the late John and Marie Molchan in Uniontown, PA. He is preceded in death by his wife of 11 years, Carolyn Molchan.

He is survived by: sons, Robert Molchan, John (Shauna) Molchan, and Todd (Mashell) Molchan; sister, Bernie Poling; one granddaughter; step sons, Rusty Wackerman, Mike, Robert, and Scott Snyder; step daughters, Gloria Bihn, Debbie Hayes, Jackie Burhans, Shelly Ditty, Linda Hullinbarger; and many other family members.

A Memorial Service was held Feb. 9 at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

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Renee Markham

LULU— Renee Harris Markham, age 54, of Lulu, heard God's whisper, "Well done my good and faithful servant," and she answered His call to come

home on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Renee was born in Lake City and was the daughter of Rodney Carswell Harris, and Loretta and J.B. Callahan. She attended Columbia County Schools and later married the love of her life, Nevin Markham. Renee was a wonderful, God-fearing woman who had a passion for serving her community. That translated into many years of volunteer and community service as the secretary for the Lulu Baptist Church and for the Lulu Community Center. Renee worked with the Union County Clerk's office for the past 18 years and truly loved her work family. She was well known and respected in her community; She was never too busy to offer a smile, a word of encouragement or a helping hand. She cherished the many lively times with her children and grandchildren, and valued the quiet, simple days sitting on the patio with her husband. Renee has now rejoined with many of her loved ones, which includes her parents and her grandson, Hunter Lane Proveaux all who each preceded her in death.

She will be missed and never forgotten by: her Husband, Nevin Markham; four children, Dwayne Markham, Nina Markham, Nichole (Brent) Proveaux, Kyle (Kailee) Markham; three grandchildren, Braedon, Colton, and Presley Proveaux; three sisters, Michelle (Billy) Geiger, Brenda (Randy) Henderson, and Tina (Robert) Ratliff; and a host of Uncles, Aunts, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins and friends.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Guerry Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Wake of Lulu Baptist Church and Brother Zack Douglas of Lake City officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Tabor Cemetery with Brother Randy Ogburn officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Lulu Baptist Church, 160 S.E. Gillen Terrace in Lulu, FL 32061

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James Pombier

JACKSONVILLE— James O. Pombier, 87, of Jacksonville passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018. He was born in Albion, MI on June 17, 1930. He retired from the U. S. Marine Corps and Western and Southern Life Insurance, and was a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Louis Pombier and Wetah (Van Dyke) Pombier; and his nine brothers and sisters.

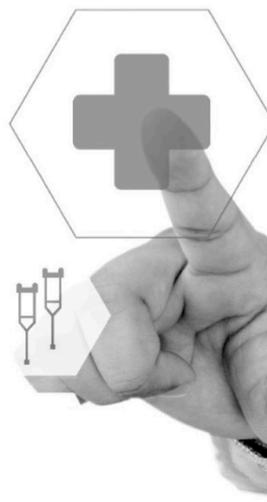
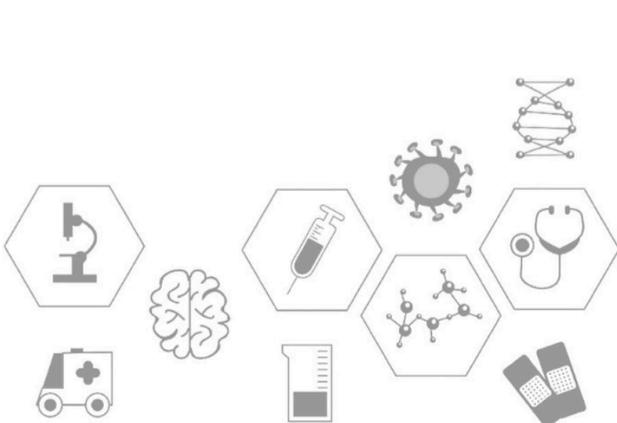
He is survived by: his loving wife of 65 years, Margaret A. Pombier; five children, James (Terri) Pombier, Mary Hoffman Rabb, Patricia (Lowel) Nash, Linda (Sam) Drelles and Philip (Lexa) Pombier; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many very special nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. During his 20-year military career, he served honorably in both the Korean War and Vietnam War. Beginning as a sales associate with Western and Southern, he worked his way up to District Manager retiring after 20 years in Jacksonville. He was called back from retirement with Western and Southern and worked as an auditor for another five years. Jim had a great love for his family and extended family, which included pretty much everyone he met. He loved watching his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren participate in all sports. Jim loved outdoor hobbies such as fishing and hunting, and during his later years developed a love for gardening.

Graveside services will be held Friday, June 15, 11 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, with military honors. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations to: Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, The Cooper Center, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172-1776; toysfortots.org, or Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517; woundedwarriorproject.org. Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park. Please post words of comfort at www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com.

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Starke Sears Hometown store #1 in U.S.

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Jo Clark has won too many awards to mention in her nine years as the owner of the Sears Hometown store in Starke. But this year, the business reached a new milestone when Sears Hometown named the Starke store its number one store in the country, beating over 800 other stores in the U.S.

The store has been classified as a Sears premier store almost since its opening, and Jo and her team consistently earn the company's Five-Star Excellence Award.

Because of these achievements, the Starke Sears Hometown store is the training site for new Florida and Georgia store owners. Last week, Jo spent four days training new store owners from Michigan who were visiting Florida.

Over the past six months, she has trained new store owners from New Smyrna Beach, Fernandina Beach and Clermont, Florida and Fitzgerald, Georgia, in addition to the team from Michigan.

But as successful as the Starke Sears Hometown store has been, it almost didn't happen.

Sears says "no"

The first time Jo and her business partner Steve Denmark applied to become a Sears Hometown store, the company

turned them down, saying the facility was not wide enough to meet company standards.

However, the company was willing to make an exception for the Starke team, if Jo could prove she had what it took to succeed.

"They had me send an email explaining why we would be a good location for a Hometown Sears," recalled Jo. "I told them I did not want to compete with local businesses. We were losing sales to Sears stores in Gainesville and Orange Park, so why not bring those tax dollars to our community?"

Jo also added that she was a lifelong customer of Sears, explaining in her email that she grew up on a farm near Leesburg, and that her father died when she was a baby.

"Sears was the only place that we bought anything from," she said. "We went to town one time a month, and that was to Sears. The Allstate office was on the second floor of Sears, and that is where we had our insurance."

All the family appliances came from Sears. The roof on the house came from Sears. The family's first furnace came from Sears.

"Sears was a big part of our lives," she said.

However, as Jo explained in her email, not all of her experiences with the retailer were positive. She wrote that when her husband Bo retired, the couple went to three different Sears mall stores

looking for new appliances, and because of the way they were treated, ended up buying from Lowe's.

"I wrote in my email that if I — someone who loved Sears — chose to go somewhere else, how many other people were going to the competition because of bad customer service?"

The day after she sent her email, the company replied. They had the store.

Appliances, home and Garden and tools

Although Jo can order any product Sears carries, like clothing and televisions, the strongest sellers in the Starke store are appliances, home and garden merchandise like lawn mowers and tools.

This year, the company is adding Husqvarna and Poulan Pro to its home and garden line.

The store carries Kenmore, Whirlpool, LG, Samsung and other brands of appliances.

One factor that helped the Starke location earn the number 1 ranking was higher sales in 2017. Jo credits much of the sales increase to several local home builders who are now buying appliances through Sears' bulk purchase program.

Most customers finance their purchases through a Sears credit card, but the company recently started offering leasing.

"We offer 30, 60 and 90-day



Jo Clark with some of the awards her store has won.

payouts," Jo said. "So, if you pay it off within 90 days, you are not paying that much more than the cash price."

Leasing is available for up to 18 months at which time the customer owns the merchandise.

The store can also get credit for goods purchased through SearsHometownStores.com, and Jo's delivery team, led by Bo, can deliver the merchandise. In many cases, free delivery options are available.

But the biggest advantage of the Sears Hometown Store

is that customers deal with the owner, and in Starke, that is Jo Clark.

"We don't work for Sears," she said. "We are independently owned, and we work for the customer."

"You can't have anything without the customers," she added. "The customers drive everything."

What Sears is all about

Seven months after Jo opened, she and Bo attended their first

Sears Hometown Celebration: a conference for dealers.

There, they ran into Will Powell, who was then vice-president, and is now CEO of the company.

Powell told Jo that it was he who read her email and immediately approved her store. He also told Jo that her email is framed in his office.

"He told me that he keeps it in his office to tell people that this is what Sears is about," Jo recalled, "loving your community, caring about the people and wanting to give great customer service."

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

BRADFORD –

Charles Lamont Henderson, 40, of Starke was arrested Feb. 6 by Starke police for a moving traffic violation and possession of cocaine.

Tavius Lamor Shanks, 27, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested Feb. 12 by Starke police for probation violation and obstruction, resisting without violence. He ran from an officer after being informed that there was a warrant for violation of probation for him. He eventually surrendered and thereafter cooperated with officers.

Rebecca Lee Barnhill, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 12 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for larceny.

Fred Cobb, 54, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 7 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for probation violation.

Matthew Justin Ellis, 32, was arrested Feb. 6 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear, moving traffic violation, larceny and fraud.

David Dunn Flurry, 54, was arrested Feb. 7 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear and out of state fugitive.



Monica Denise Thomas, 30, of Starke was arrested Feb. 7 by Starke police for larceny. She was reported to Starke police officers to have concealed Walmart property in her purse in an attempt to not pay for it. She had passed the last point of sale and made contact with the officer at the front door of the store and was taken to the asset protection associates' office where it was discovered that she had more than 35 items hidden in her purse, for a combined value of \$189.57. She was arrested and transported to the Bradford County Jail.

Alan Eugene Crawford, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 8 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for a non-moving traffic violation and moving traffic violation.

Johnathan Lloyd Douglass, 26, of Starke was arrested Feb. 8 by Starke police for marijuana possession and drug equipment possession.

Kenneth Michael Lowe, 36 of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 9 by Lawtey police for out of county warrant.

Jaimee Paige Starling, 38, was arrested Feb. 9 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for probation violation.

Vincent Dwight Green, 41, of Welbourne was arrested by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear and probation violation.

Alvin Jerome Fayson, 63, of Lawtey was arrested Feb. 10 by Starke police for cocaine



possession and drug equipment possession. He was contacted by officers after being observed parked partially in the roadway on Crum Street, an area of known drug activity. The vehicle pulled out and was observed to swerve as the driver tried to put on his seatbelt. When contacted the suspect was reported to be nervous and shaking and he denied the presence of any illegal weapons or narcotics in the vehicle, giving the officer permission to search it. When the suspect exited the vehicle, he grabbed a cigarette box and when questioned about its contents he responded "crack." A field test of the substance proved him to be telling the truth. When searched he was found to have a metal crack pipe wrapped in foil in his pocket and several pieces of a white substance suspected to be crack cocaine were found in the vehicle. In addition to the above charges he was also issued a written warning for driving without a seat belt.

Christian Devone Lee Kates, 26, of Green Cove Springs was arrested Feb. 10 by Starke police for operating a vehicle without a valid license and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. He was stopped for having a tag light out. Once arrested he was caught trying to enter the Bradford County Jail with 1.4 grams of marijuana concealed on his person.

William Austin Smith, 49, of Starke was arrested Feb. 11 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for DUI, unlawful blood alcohol and a moving traffic violation.

Stephen Byron Eley, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 11 by Bradford County Sheriff's Office for a moving traffic violation.

Justin Elijah Mountain, 25, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 11 by Lawtey police for a moving traffic violation.

UNION COUNTY –



Angela Castlen Bailes, 41, of Lake Butler, was served with three warrants for arrest by Union deputies for fraud- insufficient funds by uttering an instrument under \$150 on Sept. 18, 2017, failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense and for larceny - theft of \$300 or more, but less than \$5,000. In the third warrant she was charged, along with John A. Carney (see below), for the removal of a stove and refrigerator from a residence from which they were being evicted.



John A. Carney, 32, of Lake Butler, was served with a warrant for third-degree felony theft of \$300 or more, but less than \$5,000 by Union deputies. Also arrested for the same incident was Angela Castlen Bailes (see above).

Brittany Lorene Cohens, 29,

of Lake Butler, as arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 8 on an out of county warrant (Columbia County). The warrant was for a charge of resisting an officer without violence on Dec. 06, 2017.



Qouston Armethia Celest Franklin, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 10 for first-degree misdemeanor battery – touch or strike. The charge arose out of a domestic disagreement between Franklin and her boyfriend. He said Franklin had hit him several times in the presence of their six-year-old daughter and had then gotten a knife and had threatened him with it, as well as damaging a television set in the residence with the weapon. Franklin admitted to deputies that she had struck her boyfriend, but said he had grabbed her and pushed her as well. She was transported to Union County Jail and the incident was reported to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Krystal Lynn Geraghty, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested Feb. 6 by Union deputies on a warrant for felony violation of probation.

Dalila Gonzalez-De Leon, 44, of Lake Butler, was arrested in Feb. 10 by Union deputies for resisting and interfering with a law enforcement officer without violence. The suspect repeatedly interfered with the investigation of a single-car accident and refuse to follow direction from investigating officers.

Noel Martinez, 49, of Wesley Chapel, was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 6 as a fugitive from justice, resulting from an active Illinois warrant. The arrest took place at her release from FDOC custody.

John Kevin Michaels, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 10 for three misdemeanors – one second degree and two first degree. The suspect was stopped for a non-functioning tag light. He admitted to the officer that he did not have a valid driver's license and that

Cars, classrooms, cash



Nick Merizzi of Murray Chrysler and Principal John Green



Matt Jobin and McKenzie Dougherty

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chrysler's Cars 4 Classrooms does not put cars in the classroom, but it does put money into participating schools.

Bradford Middle School and Murray Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram of Starke participated in a Cars 4 Classrooms event on Jan. 26. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., all one had to do was show up, fill out a short form and test drive a Chrysler Pacifica. Each

person taking a test drive (up to five per vehicle) generated a \$10 donation from Chrysler, with the maximum total limit being \$2,000. Each person who posted a photo of themselves at the event on social media generated an additional \$10 donation (up to \$1,000).

Also, Bradford Middle School will be entered in a grand-prize sweepstakes, which will give the school a chance to earn an additional \$7,000 or \$3,000 for being picked first or second.

his was suspended. He also admitted to having under 20 grams of marijuana in a pill bottle under the driver's seat. The charges were knowingly driving without a license, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of narcotic equipment.

Cori Lynn Redding, 29, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 9 for knowingly driving without a license and attaching a tag not assigned to the vehicle – both second degree misdemeanors. It was discovered that her license had been suspended since 2014 for child support issues. Although she was not the owner of the vehicle she was legally responsible for any violations related to it. She was found to have a white pill that had been quartered in a plastic



Warren S. Warren, 41, of Gainesville

was arrested Feb. 5 by Union deputies for petit theft or a subsequent offense – a third-

degree felony. He had been reported by the owner to have stolen a case of liquor from the store located at 450 West Main St. in Lake Butler on Feb. 3. When he was arrested, two bottles of the same brand of liquor that was reported stolen by him was on a coffee table in his residence.

OBITS

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Mary Smith

MIDDLEBURG— Mary L. Smith, 70, of Middleburg, died on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 after a lengthy illness. She was born at home on April 9, 1947 in Patterson, MO. She was a retired dietary manager in the health care field for over 40 years. She is preceded in death by: her parents Earl and Zella Martin; mother-in-law, Lila Smith; two brothers; one brother-in-law; and five sisters.

She is survived by: her husband of 31 years, Steven Smith of Middleburg; daughters, Lori (Johnny) Godwin of Callahan, Robin (Rusty) O'Quinn of Hilliard, and Judy Keathley (Danny) of Hilliard; sons, Chris (Keri) Keathley of Callahan, Danny (Jill) Keathley of Jacksonville and Steven (Erin) Smith Jr. of Jacksonville; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; five brothers; three sisters; and many other family members.

A service will be held at Archer Funeral Home, Friday, Feb. 16 at 2 pm. The family will receive friends an hour prior. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

Rosa Taylor

The Celebration of Life Service for Rosa "Juanita" Taylor will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 11:00 a.m. at The Apostolic Church of Jesus New Deliverance Ministries 1251 School Street, Cocoa, FL. Information provided by Haile Funeral Home Inc.

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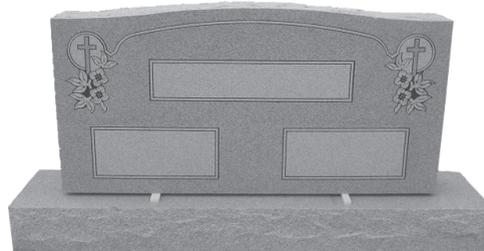
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BHS girls are District 4-5A runners-up after 52-44 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jah'mya Henderson scored 47 points in two District 4-5A girls' basketball tournament games, but she needed more help from her teammates in the championship game as Bradford High School lost 52-44 to top seed Newberry on Feb. 8 in Starke.

Henderson was the game's second-leading scorer with 25 points, but the rest of the Bradford players made just eight of 37 field-goal attempts, combining to score 19 points.

Newberry, meanwhile, had two players score all but three of their points: Courtney Moore with 27 points and Angel Hunt with 22.

The Tornadoes (11-11), who were the tournament's third seed, have now finished as the district runner-up for the third straight year and will travel to play Fernandina Beach (23-4) for a Region 1 quarterfinal game on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. If they win, they will either host Bolles (16-9) or travel to play Newberry (18-5) in a Region 1 semifinal game on Tuesday,

Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

Despite just two field goals in the first quarter, Bradford trailed by just five entering the second as Newberry missed eight of 11 field-goal attempts and made just 3-of-6 free-throw attempts. The Tornadoes' Brittnee Smiley had a chance to make it 10-7 going into the second quarter, but she missed two free throws with four seconds on the clock.

Henderson knocked down a jumper off an Olyvia Griffin assist to open the second quarter, while Meghan Harris scored following her own steal to make the score 10-9. The Panthers answered with four straight points, only to see Bradford score another four straight. The Tornadoes got a basket each from Griffin and Regina Roberts to make the score 14-13 in favor of Newberry.

That's as close as Bradford would get the remainder of the way. The Panthers reeled off seven straight points before Bradford's Jake Baker scored with a baseline floater, which made the score 21-15 at halftime.

Henderson did her part to

keep Bradford in the game. Her three-pointer early in the third quarter made the score 23-18, but the Panthers' Moore answered with her own trey. Henderson then hit a pull-up jumper before dribbling the length of the floor — after a Roberts defensive rebound — and scoring on a layup to make it 26-22.

Newberry put together a 10-3 run before Harris made a three-pointer, which left the Panthers leading 36-28. Moore made it a 10-point game when she scored on a drive to the basket, but Bradford's Talia Brown scored before the end of the quarter to make the score 38-30.

Brown made a three-pointer following one by Newberry's Moore to make the score 41-33 in the fourth. However, Bradford missed four of its next five field-goal attempts as Newberry increased its lead to 12. Henderson made a couple of baskets midway through the quarter to make it a 10-point game, but the quarter was a struggle overall for the Tornadoes, who went 5-of-16 from the field and turned the ball over nine times. Newberry's Hunt blocked three Bradford shots in the final three minutes.

A Henderson basket with 1:01 to play made the score 50-41. After Moore made a free throw, Henderson made a three-pointer to make it 51-44 with 23 seconds remaining. By then, the Tornadoes simply didn't have enough time to overcome their deficit.

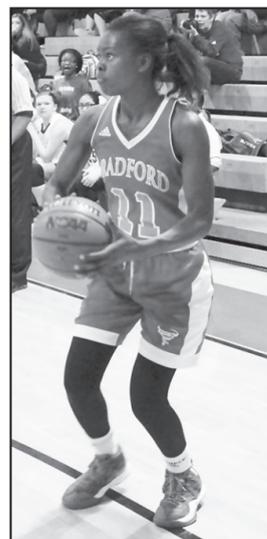
Brown and Harris each finished with five points, while Raynisha Hunter had three. Baker, Griffin and Roberts each had two points. Griffin and Harris each had three assists, with Harris also coming away with four steals. Roberts had six rebounds.



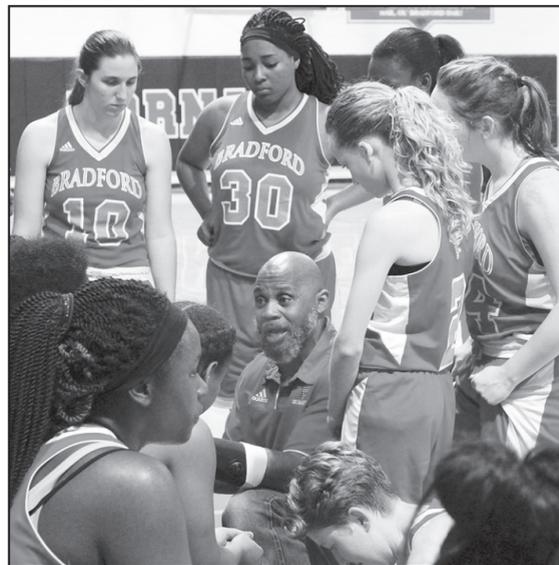
Dezira Tabet puts up a shot for Bradford.



Bradford's Chloe Raab (left) drives to the basket against Newberry's Emily Barras.



Jah'mya Henderson gets set to attempt a three-pointer for the Tornadoes.



Bradford head coach Edward Hamilton talks to his team during a time out. Players facing the camera are (l-r) Dezira Tabet and Regina Roberts.

Bradford travels to play Fernandina Beach in a Region 1 quarterfinal game on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m.

Tigers beat Indians 3-2 to open softball season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

With the bases loaded in the top of the fourth, the Union County High School softball team drew two walks to force in two runs, while an illegal pitch forced in another to give the Tigers a 3-2 win over host Keystone Heights in the season opener for both teams on Feb. 12.

Teala Howard went 3-for-4 for the Tigers, while Kamaya Cohen and Kensley Hamilton each had an RBI. Pitcher Brooke Waters gave up two runs (one earned) on eight hits. She allowed no walks in going the distance.

Bailey Story went 3-for-4 with a double for Keystone, while Molly Crawford and Ashton Ludwig went 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively. Crawford, who hit two doubles, and Ludwig each had an RBI.

The Indians' Megan Moncrief gave up three hits and no runs in 3.1 innings of relief.

Union played District 6-1A opponent Hilliard this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Crescent City on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then host Gainesville on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

Keystone hosts District 5-5A opponent P.K. Yonge on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. and travels to play Clay on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The Indians then host district opponent Newberry on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.



Bradford's Jade Baker (left) drives past Newberry's Emily Barras.



Olyvia Griffin (left) races Newberry's Angel Hunt to the basket.

Socials

BHS class of 1968 looking for classmates for 50th reunion

Below are the names of classmates, whose invitation for our 50th class reunion was returned or for which organizers have lost contact. If you have any information on how to contact any of these classmates, please call Kay Colson Waters at 904-964-8159 or Randy Jones at 904-964-5927. If you are a classmate and have not received your invitation yet, please call. Thank you.

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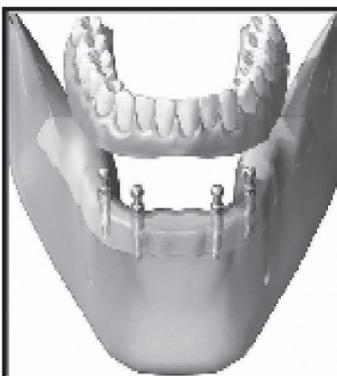
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SoldChyld's Black History Extravaganza is Feb. 17

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jimmy Hankerson is set to host his third annual Black History Extravaganza, which will take place Saturday, Feb. 17, at Lincoln City Park in Starke, beginning at noon with a parade that will proceed along Southeast 44th Avenue from Mt. Pisgah AME Church to the park.

A full day of activities is planned. The event will feature various games (3-on-3 basketball, sack race, three-legged race, etc.), an antique car show, with prizes awarded for first, second and third places, and live entertainment.

Hankerson will, of course, be part of the entertainment in the guise of SoldChyld, the name he adopts for his ministry, which is composed of interpretive dancing. He will showcase a new part of his ministry as well — gospel rapping.

"I see that as a real, real strong

aspect to reaching out to the younger generation," Hankerson said.

Visitors may want to bring their appetites because there will be plenty of food, including "Cooter" Brown's Cooter Burgers. Hankerson said he tried to make his own Cooter Burgers at home one time, but they just weren't the same.

"I always tease (Brown)," Hankerson said. "I say, 'Man, you must have seasoning in your fingertips.'"

Hankerson's father, Jimmy Hankerson Sr., and uncle Leroy Hankerson will be frying fish as they do at various community events. They'll have a variety of fish, such as bass and bream, that Hankerson said his father catches himself.

"If my dad's not working, that's what he's doing — fishing," Hankerson said.

What excites Hankerson the most about this year's event is seeing the people, whether they be familiar faces or not.

He especially enjoys watching people who haven't seen each other in years re-connect.

"I just call it like a big, old family reunion," Hankerson said.

He's also looking forward to black-history presentations by the special-needs children he works with at Bradford Middle School.

The extravaganza is all about celebrating Black History Month, but it's also about bringing people of all races, ages and backgrounds together. Hankerson also wants the event to be a draw for those living outside of the local area. He has reached out to people and churches in Baker, Clay and Columbia counties, for example, and envisions one day bringing people from ever farther away.

"Right now, I just want to make it a northern Florida thing," Hankerson said, "but in the near future — like within the next two to three years — I see it being like statewide."



Jimmy Hankerson, as SoldChyld, is pictured with Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith at the 2017 Black History Extravaganza.



Jimmy Hankerson Jr. Correction

In last week's Regional News, we incorrectly reported that the cost to build the Roland T. Stern Learning Center at the Austin Cary Forest UF campus was \$2.3 billion. The correct amount was \$2.3 million. We apologize for the error.

KHHS' Jennings to play softball at FAU



Ashleigh Jennings (second from right) signs her letter of intent to play softball at Florida Atlantic University. She is seated between her parents, Jennifer Fender and Keith Jennings. Her stepfather, Richie Fender, is pictured at far left.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The softball regular season began this past Monday, but Keystone Heights High School senior center fielder Ashleigh Jennings made her biggest play before then, accepting a full scholarship from Florida Atlantic University and signing her letter of intent during a Feb. 12 ceremony at the KHHS media center.

"My emotions are crazy," Jennings said. "I'm so excited. I'm ready to be in college, ready to start working hard."

Keystone head coach Jessica Marquart said she believed Jennings was just the second softball player at the school to receive a scholarship to play at the Division I level.

"She deserves it," Marquart said. "She has worked so hard. I know this has been a lifelong dream of hers."

Jennings said she realized as a sophomore that playing at the collegiate level was a possibility. Though she hoped to get a chance with a D-I school, she said it was hard to envision that becoming a reality.

"I had been looking (at D-I schools)," Jennings said, "but I never wanted to get my expectations too high."

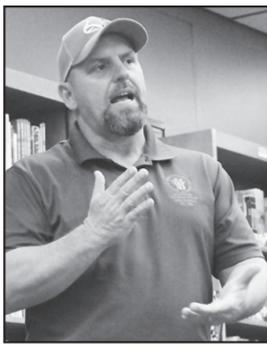
As it turned out, she received interest from schools such as Arkansas, Mississippi State, South Florida and Florida Gulf Coast. Jennings described FAU as her "dream school," saying a big appeal was the school's coaching staff and players.

"They're all amazing people down there," Jennings said. "It's just such a beautiful campus. It just fits me perfectly."

The school is also a good fit academically in regard to her planned course of study, which is majoring in biology and then



Jessica Marquart



Bobby Granville

attending veterinarian school.

Jennings is coming off a 2017 campaign in which she led the Indians in batting average (.475), runs scored (33) and stolen bases (30). She had the third highest fielding percentage of players who played all 29 games.

"Offensively, she just puts the ball in play and is on base," Marquart said. "I feel that when she gets on base, we're going to score. She's that fast and quick and smart."

"Defensively, it's like a ball gets hit anywhere in her vicinity and she's catching it. We have that confidence in her. We're already up and running toward her saying, 'Good job,' because we know she's going to catch the ball."

"She's just an all-around really great player."

If you listen to Marquart and Jennings' Jacksonville Storm travel coach Bobby Granville, she makes her mark off the field as well.

"She gets along with everybody," Marquart said. "She is a leader. She just really has a big heart for everybody. Just a great person all around."

Granville described Jennings

as one of the most moral and God-loving girls he's been around, saying whereas as a coach he's supposed to influence young people, it was Jennings who influenced him.

"She may start (at FAU), she may not," Granville said. "Whether she does or does not, she has the chance to affect so many lives with her personality and the way she serves God. Whether she starts another day in softball or not, it doesn't matter. She's going to affect lives."

Of course playing in college will affect Jennings' life. She can't wait for that first time she steps on the field as an FAU Owl.

"I think it's going to be so exciting and so amazing," she said. "I can just see all those emotions hitting me. It's just going to be an exciting experience for me."

"I know I'm going to fall sometimes, but I'm ready to get back up and just keep going."

For now, though, she still has her senior season to play at KHHS. She told her teammates, "We have worked hard to get where we are. Let's make this season the best one yet."

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION— Danny Ray Boree, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 7 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.



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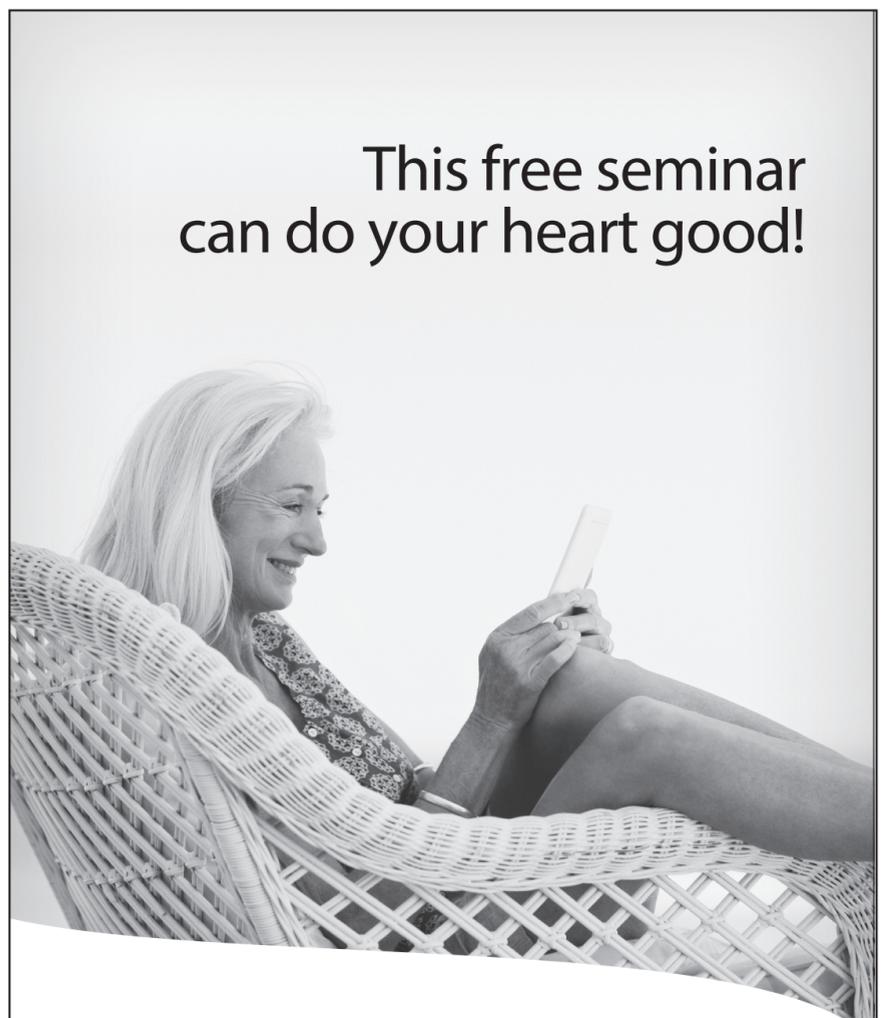
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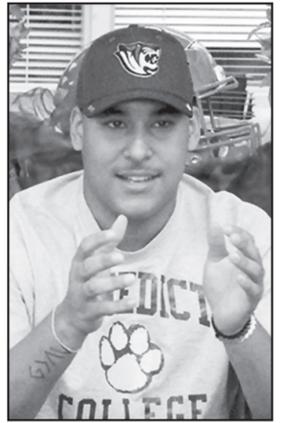
Gerald Smith III (center) signs his letter of intent to play football at Benedict College as his parents, Gerald and Krista Smith, look on.



Brian Tomlinson



Lamar Waters



Gerald Smith

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

"I've been a Tornado all my life, but I'm sad to say I'll be a Tiger now."

Bradford High School senior Gerald Smith made the remark in jest, for he's not transferring to Union County High School. Rather, he's taking his football talents to the next level after accepting a scholarship from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina — a school whose mascot happens to be a tiger and whose colors are purple and gold.

After a signing ceremony on

National Signing Day (Feb. 7), Smith said, "Me going there is pretty funny."

What isn't funny is that Smith, a 6-3, 235-pound defensive lineman, receives a full ride in getting a college education and continuing to play the sport he loves.

"It feels really good," Smith said. "I'm just happy that I can say I've signed somewhere."

Playing college ball wasn't on Smith' radar. His future plans were to go into the military. A conversation with Lamar Waters, a BHS assistant coach and the school's athletic director, changed his course.

"We had a conversation on the field one day," Waters said. "I said, 'Gerald, you do know you may be the most recruitable kid we have on campus? Not only do you have numbers to back up what you're doing, but you have the size and the ability that all the colleges are looking for.'"

"He kind of turned his head a little sideways, looked down at me and said, 'You think so?' I said, 'Yeah. Think about it. If you feel like you want to try that route, we'll try to make doors open for you.'"

Doors did open, and the ones

Smith will walk through lead to Benedict College. Smith said he felt comfortable on a recruiting visit to the school and enjoyed his interaction with the coaches, which left him with the impression they really cared about him as a person. He wouldn't just be a number on the football field.

"When we went on the visit, they made me and my family feel at home," Smith said. "That's one of the reasons I chose to go to Benedict College."

Bradford head coach Brian Tomlinson said Benedict is getting a player who can

be a difference maker. The coach was in awe of Smith's performances in two all-star games as he intercepted passes and recovered fumbles against some of the best players in the area.

"He can take over a game," Tomlinson said, adding, "Some of the things he — he just made everything look so easy."

Tomlinson said as impressive as Smith's play is, what really stands out is Smith's character. "Obviously, what he did on the field was amazing, but that probably stood out quick — how great of a person he is," Tomlinson said.

Smith recorded 77 tackles (eight for loss) last season, with nine sacks. As he prepares to

try to make a similar impact at the next level, Smith said he needs to adapt to a faster game.

"I just need to work on my conditioning," he said.

Also, he'll have to get over those first-game jitters.

"I'm going to be nervous," Smith said, "but I feel like it's going to be really amazing."

Tomlinson can't wait to watch how Smith progresses.

"I'm so happy for him," Tomlinson said. "He deserves the opportunity. I'm just proud of him."

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Tornadoes survive Ft. White, advance to district title game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School missed five straight free throws in the final 38 seconds before making four in a row to survive and advance to the District 4-5A boys' basketball championship game, defeating fourth seed Fort White 65-62 in a semifinal game on Feb. 13 in Starke.

The top seed Tornadoes (18-8) will now play second seed Newberry for the title on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at BHS.

Tally Chandler and Chris Cummings each made two free throws in the final 12 seconds

to help Bradford hold off Fort White.

Jordan Lee and Cummings led the Tornadoes with 17 and 15 points, respectively, while Taz Curry had nine. D.J. Mackey and Tavi'en Young each had six points, with Jalen Williams adding five. Chandler and Matthew Crawford had four and three points, respectively.

During the final week of the regular season, the Tornadoes lost at Palatka and won at Baker County.

In the Feb. 6 70-67 loss to Palatka, Cummings scored 29 points, while Jalen Lane had

11. Lee had nine, while Young and Mackey had seven and six, respectively. Chandler added three points, while J'cobi Harris had two.

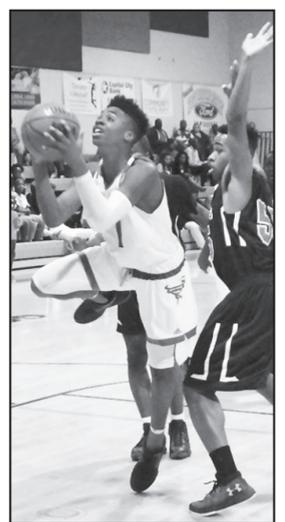
On Feb. 10, Curry had 18 points in the win over Baker County. Cummings and Lee had 16 and 10 points, respectively, while Mackey had eight. Young had seven points, with Chandler and Jordan Hill each adding five. Dequan Hankerson and Harris had four and three points, respectively, while Lane and Tarrin Jackson each had two. Crawford added one point.



Bradford's Chris Cummings (center) gets airborne between two defenders.

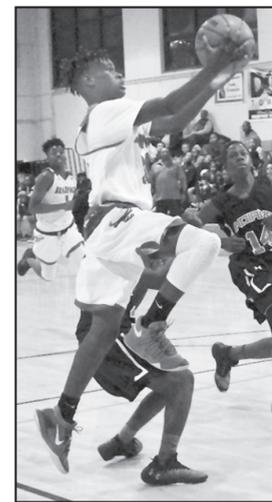


D.J. Mackey (right) puts up a shot for the Tornadoes.



Above: Bradford's Jordan Lee (left) makes an aggressive move to the basket.

Left: The Tornadoes' Taz Curry (left) hangs in the air for a basket.



The Tornadoes' Jalen Williams drives to the basket.



Tavi'en Young (left) looks to dribble past a Fort White defender.

Northside Christian Academy girls make it 4 in a row



The Northside Christian Academy varsity girls' basketball team won its fourth consecutive South Eastern Christian Conference championship on Feb. 10 at North Florida Community College in Madison. Winning the championship game capped a season in which the Eagles didn't lose a conference game. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Carolyn Stallings (All-Conference team selection), Morgan Elixson (All-Conference), (middle, l-r) Sonja Warren, Amberlyn Pilcher, (back, l-r) Tamy Coleman, Taylor English, Kyla Lawrence, coach April Pilcher, coach Jason Pilcher, Caroline Smith, Aniston Pilcher (All-Conference), Jillian Kirkland and Zy Warren.

BHS football banquet to be held Feb. 19

Bradford High School's post-season football banquet will be held Monday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. at Madison Street Baptist Church.

Players and cheerleaders will be admitted free. Admission for all others is \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Mrs. Johnson at

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KHHS shut out in 2nd half in 5-3 District 5-2A semifinal loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Two goals in the final five minutes of the first half pumped the Keystone Heights High School boys' soccer team up and gave the Indians momentum heading into the break, but the Indians were shut out in the second half of a 5-3 loss to top seed Santa Fe in the Jan. 31 semifinals of the District 5-2A tournament in Keystone.

The loss prevented snapped a string of five straight regional playoff appearances for Keystone (12-11-3).

Alex Cruz scored two goals and had an assist, while Chris Anderson had one goal. Caleb Cushman and Landon Ricketts each had an assist, while Cushman made 17 saves.

Keystone advanced to the semifinals by defeating Interlachen 5-0 in the Jan. 30 quarterfinals. Cruz had two goals and two assists. Dean Hogg, Jacob Hopkins and Jay Payne each scored a goal, while Hogg, Hopkins and Ricketts each had an assist. Cushman made six saves.



Keystone's Matt White (left) gets into a physical battle for possession.



Keystone's Colby Townsend (far right) gets airborne to battle a Santa Fe player for possession. Townsend's teammate Matt White (foreground, left) looks on.



Alex Cruz, who scored four of the Indians' eight goals in two District 5-2A tournament matches, heads the ball in the semifinal loss to Santa Fe.



Jay Payne (left) makes a defensive play against Santa Fe's Zack Martin as Keystone's Colby Townsend (background) looks on.

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