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Repeat accounting issues, fiscal health highlighted in audit

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

No new findings against the city but repeat findings from the prior years' audits were reported in Keystone Heights' audit for fiscal year 2016-17.

These findings related to how well internal accounting is being performed.

According to Brad Million of Reddish and White CPAs, there was a similar issue with both the Keystone Heights Airpark financial statements as well as inter-fund transactions and balances between the general fund, community redevelopment agency, cemetery, etc. He described the balances as off-kilter prior to the audit.

Million said they had to make material adjustments that should be made upon review by the city's CPA. Prior to the audit, balances need to be scrutinized and adjustments made so it is not left up to the auditor.

The issues have been noted in the past and were not corrected for the 2016-17 audit.

Aside from that, the news was all good. Million said the city is staying well within its budget and there were no new internal control findings to report.

Providing a snapshot of the general fund, the city had budgeted a decline in fund balance to make up for a revenue shortfall. But the city actually took in more and spent less than anticipated, allowing the fund balance in the general fund to climb above \$1 million, an increase of nearly \$200,000.

"That's the key component in our thinking," Million said of underestimating income and controlling expenditures. "You're being conservative with your budget, and so you're actually coming in above your budget. That's always a good sign. You don't want to be forecasting revenues that you don't have and then trying to spend money that may not be coming in."

Keystone Heights had more than \$1 million in general fund assets compared to just \$11,000 in liabilities at the end of the fiscal year. Nearly \$600,000 of that amount is restricted or assigned to a particular purpose like infrastructure or debt service. This includes its roadway recapitalization plan and its lake replenishment and restoration project.

The city's community redevelopment agency fund spent more than \$43,000 of its beginning fund balance along with its \$41,000 income, leaving an ending fund balance of just over \$23,000. This was not unanticipated and went toward projects that had been planned for a while, Million said.

Council members couldn't remember where the money had been spent, however. According to City Manager Scott Kornegay, the money covered engineering services related to a streetscape project.

As for the cemetery fund, it had an operating income of nearly \$12,000 after expenditures, raising the fund balance above \$336,000.

Witnesses trail hit-and-run suspect until deputies arrive

BY DAN
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Bradford deputies arrested a Keystone Heights woman after the 32-year-old allegedly fled the scene of a traffic crash on S.R. 21 Saturday night.

Samantha Lumpkins was arrested for hit-and run and DUI.

Bradford deputies took Lumpkins into custody at Chiappini's Gulf Station in Melrose. But the collision occurred four miles away, just south of Trinity Baptist Church in Bradford County.

There, Johnny Austin of Keystone Heights said he was driving toward Keystone Heights when he saw an oncoming car cross the centerline and head straight for him.

"I tried to go in the ditch, but she still clipped me," Austin said. "She caught my side and then spun my back end around."

Austin's car wound up in the

Melrose-bound ditch facing Melrose.

Auston added that the driver of the other car, a female, lost her left, front tire in the collision, but kept going. Austin said the other driver then drove by the crash scene twice before leaving for good.

Neither driver was injured.

Ryan and Theida Tusher said they were following behind Austin when they saw the crash occur.

"We saw the whole thing," said Ryan Tusher,

"We had to swerve off the road too," added Theida Tusher.

The Tushers decided to find the hit-and-run suspect. It wasn't hard. Without a tire, Lumpkin's rim and wheel left a trail on S.R. 21 that the Tushers followed to the Melrose convenience store.

"We pulled up behind her but kept our distance," Ryan said, "called 911 and waited for the police to arrive."



Under the watch of Putnam deputies, Samantha Lumpkins browses her phone while waiting for Bradford deputies investigating a crash four miles away. Inset: Lumpkin's mug shot.



Johnny Austin (center left) talks to Ryan and Theida Tusher at the scene of a traffic crash Saturday night. Austin was hit by an oncoming car on S.R. 21 and the Tushers followed the fleeing driver.

County approves \$1.8 million for patrol cars, more for school security operations

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Clay County Commissioners are looking for more leadership from the school board but have tentatively agreed to purchase patrol cars for nearly four dozen new deputies to protect public schools.

School board members were looking for more cooperation from the county commission when they sat down last month to talk about school security, and by cooperation they meant a greater financial contribution. They want what they call the "gold standard" for school security — a Clay County sheriff's deputy on every campus — even if they don't know how to pay for it.

While the county has helped staff high schools with school resource officers, commissioners believe the responsibility for funding school security — aside from capital costs like patrol cars — belongs to the school board, and they think it's time to streamline the funding. Because it is further from its millage cap and immune to several tax exemptions, the school board has a greater ability to seek a tax increase, and everyone seems confident voters will approve paying a mill more for armed

law enforcement officers in schools.

But instead of solidifying their intention to pursue a tax increase via referendum, the school board used its special meeting on April 23 to try and whittle down the sheriff's \$4.5 million price tag to get the program off the ground.

The sheriff took a moment during that meeting and did trim four positions, three relief officers and an investigator, but that \$225,000 savings was a drop in the bucket. To cover every school not currently assigned a school resource officer still requires 44 new positions, including supervisors and relief officers, plus money to train, equip and put them in vehicles.

From his perspective, this is not a wish list. He has repeatedly invoked the imagery of himself as a vendor of law enforcement services, saying you can purchase the services but not decide what they are or how they are delivered. There are two scenarios, as far as he is concerned: a resource officer in every school, or a resource officer in every secondary school with trained school personnel acting as volunteer Guardians in the elementary

schools.

Since the school board is against arming personnel, that would seem to leave only one option. However, Superintendent Addison Davis put for the option of using off-duty law enforcement officers from neighboring counties, cities, even highway patrol officers.

Daniels found it insulting and said it wouldn't happen if he had to sign off on it. Officers from other jurisdictions working second jobs would have no vested interest in Clay schools as his officers do. He called them nomads who would chase higher paychecks.

Without the money to hire, train and equip them, Clay County deputies won't be manning the school's either. Daniels told the county commission that the date to assure school resource officers are in every school when the next school year begins has come and gone.

"I can't hire that many people on this year's budget when I was not prepared to," he said. His budget was not built with an expansion of the resource officer program in mind. "This

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Suspect arrested for 6 Keystone burglaries

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Clay County deputies arrested a suspect in six Keystone Heights-area burglaries.

Cirocco David Fox, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 15 on unrelated charges but was interviewed as a person of interest in a number of break-ins which occurred over the last few months in the Lake Region. He was positively identified by photograph in all of the cases.



D. Fox

The first incident took place at a residence on Appomattox Avenue on Feb. 14. According to the arrest report, Fox

entered the dwelling while it was unoccupied and stole items from the inside.

Fox is also accused of a Feb. 16 burglary, at a home on Silver Sands Circle. In this incident, the arrest report states that Fox entered the unoccupied dwelling and stole a tablet, a laptop, paper currency and a box of condoms. There was no forced entry and it is believed that the suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door.

The third break-in occurred on Feb. 25, about a block away from the Silver Sands Circle burglary. A house-sitter told investigators that she noticed items missing and reported the burglary. Missing are guns, a four-wheeler, two book bags, a variety of ammunition and other small items.

Deputies also linked Fox to a Feb. 25 theft on Hillridge Road. According to an arrest report, early on Feb. 26, the owner of a backyard shed noticed the door open and a motorcycle stored in the structure missing. Deputies found the bike nearby, leaning against a utility pole. However, they did not recover other items missing from the shed, including woodworking tools.

Another break-in occurred on Silver Sands Circle on March 7. In that incident, the resident noticed his back gate open the next day and informed law enforcement. The victim was in the process of moving and noticed several boxes of items missing from the home, including one marked electronics and another containing several bottles of liquor. Also missing was a tool set and some laundry soap.

The final theft occurred on March 18 on Rollins Street. The victim reported that he had been out grocery shopping with his disabled mother and left his 2007 Hyundai running at the curb in front of the residence while he walked her inside. When he tried to return to the vehicle a short time later, he found it missing. Charged this time with grand theft auto, Fox was identified by the victim as a former friend. The victim added that he never gave Fox permission to drive the car.

Hope appoints director of education

Terry Denmark, Hope Christian Academy director of operations, said he is pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Lawson to the position of director of education. She joined the HCA administrative staff effective April 30.

Lawson earned her magna cum laude bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Florida and her magna cum laude Master's of Divinity from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. She has knowledge of the Abeka curriculum used at Hope Christian Academy and also brings nearly 20 years of leadership, educational, counseling and team-building experience to the academy.

Abeka uses a traditional approach to education focusing on teacher-directed learning. The course of study is rigorous, requiring independent, higher level thinking that acclimates college-bound students to the demands of higher education.

Lawson's other training and experience include:

—instructor/counselor for Florida Youth Challenge Academy.

—law enforcement certification, St. Johns River Community College.

—sexual assault victim advocate for the Florida National Guard.

—leadership award, Warrior Leader Course at the Utah Regional Training Institute.

—human resources



Michelle Lawson

specialist for the U.S. Army. —deputy sheriff (reserve) for Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

—4-H/Army Youth Program consultant for the state of Florida.

Lawson has served as a chaplain in the Florida Army National Guard on Camp Blanding, but she has been hired by Hope Christian Academy in a non-ordained position in ministry with Hope Baptist Church. She and her family live in Melrose and attend Community Church of Keystone Heights.

Hope Christian Academy is accredited with excellence with the International League of Christian Schools/Florida League of Christian Schools and is an educational ministry of Hope Baptist Church near Starke.

Audubon hosts leadership academy



Joyce King leads a panel discussion of leadership skills and qualities.

College students and Audubon chapter leaders from Northeast Florida met together at Melrose's Trinity Episcopal parish hall on Saturday, April 7 to foster communications between generations of conservation advocates.

The Audubon Conservation Leadership Academy provided an opportunity for both chapter leaders and students to benefit from a joint collaboration of up-and-coming leaders in scientific fields related to stewardship and preservation of natural systems.

Students from these colleges and universities attended: University of Florida, Flagler College, Santa Fe College, University of North Florida,

University of Central Florida, and the College of Central Florida.

Audubon chapter leaders from Alachua, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Marion, 4 Rivers (Columbia County), and Santa Fe Audubon attended. Attendance totaled 48 people, roughly half were Audubon leaders; half were students.

A planning team of chapter leaders and students worked together to design the academy. Activities began at 6:30 a.m. with bird-banding at Ordway Preserve with Dr. Katie Sieving of UF. Birds were caught using mist nets; then weighed and measured before being placed on a US Fish & Wildlife band on

the bird's leg. Cardinals, Gray Catbirds, and Carolina Wrens were netted. Mike Manetz from Alachua Audubon led a field trip to learn bird identification by bird songs and calls.

Cross-generation groups worked together throughout the day to learn more about their interests and opportunities to participate in various outdoor activities. Many students are currently volunteering in nature-based organizations, involved in internships, and will be graduating into field studies. Audubon chapters provide birding and nature field trips, wildlife monitoring, and leadership positions by serving on chapter boards.

Long list of constitutional amendments headed to ballot

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

From environmental protection to victims' rights, the state constitution is up for revision with no fewer than 13 amendments currently headed to the ballot this fall.

The amendments have been proposed by citizen initiative, referral by the Legislature or a vote of the 37-member Florida Constitutional Revision Committee, which is convened every 20 years to submit amendments directly to voters.

The majority of the proposals — eight — come from the Constitutional Revision Committee, and some combine several revisions in a single amendment, including one

removing language on "aliens" owning property and deleting the requirement for "high-speed ground transportation system" from the constitution.

The first amendment, referred by the Legislature, is drafted by local governments as it increases homestead exemption and reduces property taxes. Typically, such amendments win easy approval, even if they cut locally generated

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is something that came out of nowhere."

While they might not be on the same page about how to get the job done, Daniels said all of the leaders involved are of the same mind when it comes to the mission of keeping students, teachers and administrators safe.

Commission Chairman Gavin Rollins pointed out that each of the county commissioners has ties to education whether it was being a teacher like him, or being a former school board member, or being a grandparent with students in Clay County schools.

"I just wanted to be clear: We all care deeply about student safety and it's very personal for all of us," he said.

Commissioner Wayne Bolla said the responsibility is the school district's but regardless, taxpayers are going to wind up funding the mandate.

"The school board has got to step up and suggest that there be the one-mill increase if that's what it's going to take, and then the citizens of Clay County will decide one way or the other whether they support that or not," Bolla said.

In addition to the nearly \$900,000 it provides to put resource officers in high schools, Clay County does something a lot of other counties don't do, Commissioner Diane Hutchings pointed out — share a portion of its 1-cent infrastructure sales tax revenue with the school board. That 10 percent amounted to \$2.2 million this year.

If it weren't so close to its own millage cap, Hutchings said she would suggest the county

commission raise property taxes and fund the school resource officers program. It's that important, she said. Unlike the school board, which must go to the voters to approve the tax increase, the county commission need not. That doesn't mean it's in the county's best interests.

"Based on where we're at, I think we would be undercutting the things that were responsible for if we were to do that," she said.

Commissioner Mike Cella agreed, pointing out that an additional homestead exemption up for vote this year could erode its property tax revenue by \$5 million to \$6 million. The school board would be protected from the impact of that exemption.

Understanding that some county capital projects would be delayed, Cella moved to spend \$1.8 million to purchase the patrol vehicles for the resource officer program. He made that motion contingent on the school board acting to fund the personnel costs of the program.

"Obviously we can't let the sheriff go out and buy a bunch of cars if we're not going to be able to put bodies in them," he said.

Cella also proposed spending around \$300,000 from the sheriff's fines and forfeitures fund on operational costs to help the school board out. That would leave around \$575,000 above the money the school district is receiving from the state to cover the startup costs of the program.

"I think the school board needs to step up and show political courage," said Cella, of the board's need to act to raise taxes. "I know they were looking for us to pay the whole thing. It would be irresponsible for us to put out much more

money and put us in a situation where next year we're looking to borrow money just to be able to put our budget together."

Commissioner Gayward Hendry said the money now being committed to the school board had been collected from taxpayers and assigned to other purposes. "Life-threatening projects, probably not, but stuff that the money was given to us in good faith," he said. Hendry wanted the money paid back to the county sometime in the next few years and said he could only support the motion with that condition.

Bolla said rather than a loan, as Rollins had initially suggested, they consider it an advance on money the school board would receive from the county in the future from the sales tax and other sources. Rollins said the boards would be revisiting their interlocal agreement on that revenue again next year and could address it then.

Cella clarified they are not requesting the \$1.8 million for patrol cars to be repaid. The cars would be county property and used for other law enforcement purposes when school is out.

A resolution to allocate that funding contingent on the school board acting to raise revenue to support the additional costs of the program passed unanimously. A motion to allocate \$300,000 to fund additional program operational costs passed 4-1, with Hendry dissenting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The City Council of the City of Keystone Heights will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on May 7th, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, to consider a use by exception application filed with the City. The use by exception, if approved, will allow on premise consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages within a restaurant at 195 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights FL.

The meetings will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed use by exception. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights City Clerk by mail at Post Office Box 420, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, or by telephone at number (352) 473-4807.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The Keystone Heights City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on May 7th, 2018, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to consider Ordinance 2017-575. The PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room. Ordinance 2016-575

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA, SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-1 OF THE KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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State historic marker unveiled at Melrose church



Rachel Stortz and Chris Rocks unveil the Historic Marker at Melrose United Methodist Church. Photograph by Cornelius Clayton.

Over 100 people gathered on the lawn of the Melrose United Methodist Church for the unveiling of a new historic marker, April 14.

The marker was unveiled by Rachel Stortz and Chris Rocks, who will be married in the church later this year. The marker designates the church as a Florida Heritage Site. It is sponsored by the church and the Florida Department of State.

Ruth Berkelman, who chaired the event, shared the history of the church and its congregation.

"In 1877, a man by the name of Alex Goodson platted this new town of Melrose. It was a 30-block area on abandoned cotton fields," Berkelman said.

"A year after mapping out the town, Goodson gave this plot of land we are standing on to the Methodist Episcopal church. The congregation that had been organized in 1868 wasted no time, completing the construction of the church in 1879, making it the oldest church built in the original plat of Melrose."

Angelina Amato, a member of the church's youth group, gave a synopsis of the marker's

text, including the significance of the bell. The bell was used not just to call people to worship (as it still does today), it also has notified people of fires, potential freezes, and the arrival of the steamboat from Waldo at Melrose Bay.

Jimmy Price, whose ancestors were among the first members of the congregation, shared his family's long association with the church.

Among those recognized for their contributions to the approval and placement of the marker were Kathleen Pagan of the Alachua County Historical Commission; commission members Bonita Dewilby Moore, Tina Sessions, and Melanie Barr; Keith Bollum: president of Historic Melrose; Rosemary Daurer: board member for Historic Melrose; and Doris and Harry Widener, who assisted with obtaining some of the information required by the State of Florida.

After the event, dozens of people toured the church sanctuary. They viewed the historic building and also a series of pictures that Diana Reynolds had prepared and

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BY ATHIE SANDERS
Special to the Monitor

McRae Elementary School hosted an afternoon of Title I fun playing Bingo for Books April 19 in the school cafeteria to encourage family involvement,

provide reading strategies parents could use at home and student ownership of books.

Debbie Taylor, Title I lead teacher, organized and led the

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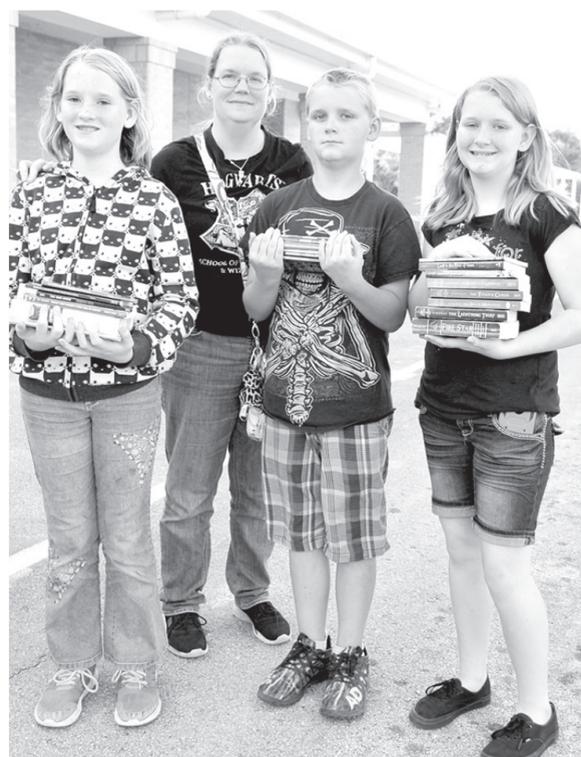
While mom volunteers at the concession table, first grade student Avaleen Thomas plays her Bingo card with the help of her dad, John Thomas.



and Jayde Wright visit the concession table manned by Jessica Thomas with the help of high school volunteers Zac Taylor (Key Club, 10th grade) and Cinthya Hernandez (Honors Society 10th grade).



(L-r) Debbie Taylor, Title 1 lead teacher and Jen Cumbus verify thrid-grade student Samira Izaguirre's winning Bingo ticket.



Jessica Bettey , Christina Beetey, Joey Winfree and Madison Bettey leave Bingo for Books with a pile of new books to read.

Garden Club Celebrates Arbor Day

The Garden Club of the Lakes produced their annual Arbor Day festivities at city hall Saturday morning.



Club members sold plants, hosted exhibits and capped the day off with a tree planting in Natural Park.

Planting a tree in Natural Park are (l-r) Andrew Usina, Jon Johnson, Scott Kornegay, Sue Hamerstrom, Karen Lake, Lynda Carter, Jackie Host and Karen Hahn.



Andi Blount shows off the club's Fairy Garden display.



The Florida Forestry Service's Andrew Usina talks to residents about trees.



Garden Club members (l-r) Brenda Schroll, Cyndi Dunn and Lynda Carter sell plants.

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Starke-raised paratrooper speaks at fly-in Hall is Hope Volunteer of the Year

BY ATHIE SANDERS
Special to the Monitor

Wings of Dreams Aviation and Space Museum hosted its monthly fly-in-cruise-in breakfast at the Keystone Airpark on Saturday, April 7 to benefit the museum and share historical information about the development of local airports.

Guest speaker Bill Dampier grew up in Starke during the time Camp Blanding was growing rapidly. "Starke was a military town," recalled Dampier. "Mama ran the draft board. Everyone knew my mama. She would call and tell them their number was about to come up and if they wanted to make a choice, now is the time to do it."

Dampier, a 39-year veteran of the military, shared his personal background and his history as it relates to the Keystone Airpark. Dampier was a military paratrooper and instructor. He has made 514 jumps, many made at the Keystone Airport.

Dampier said that when he was a kid it was popular for parents to buy ponies for their children.

"They bought their kids ponies. Kids got bored with them, so they sold real cheap. When I was 14 years old I bought ponies," said Dampier.

The needs for pasture lead to the 14-year-old purchasing land. His father helped him get a loan from the bank. He cleared the land, share-cropped and had the loan paid off in three years.

"Still to this day I have the ranch, it borders the airport. Paratroopers still jump into my pastures," said Dampier.

Once Dampier had the farm, he wanted an airplane. Unable to afford a one, he took flying lessons. In 1958 he joined the National Guard and served 19 years active duty. "I wore lots of hats while on the farm and then in the military," he said. "I was always trying to learn my job and someone else's job. I got lots of promotions. More rank comes with more responsibility."

Dampier separated from the National Guard, returned home and went to college.

"I taught school for a while then went back into the service," he recalled. "I went



(L-r) Woody Andrews, Captain Bob Oehl and Bill Dampier field questions. Oehl extended an invitation to those interested to tour aviation and space artifacts.



(L-r) Mitch Weller, Greg Ashley and Wesley Hoy serve Gene Bridgeman and Cherie Cox a homemade breakfast.



Charlie Bridgman (L) stands with Elijah Cook in front of a picture display board highlighting past events at Wings of Dreams Aviation and Space Museum. "Elijah, 17, is a volunteer out here. He is on the advisory board, quite a leader. He is also a leader in the Civil Air Patrol, has six people under him," said Bridgman.

to Officer's Candidate School Forces Command in Atlanta. am proud to have trained a lot and was sent to Special I became a paratrooper, and I of other paratroopers."



Pam Hall was presented with the Hope Christian Academy annual Volunteer of the Year award on April 27. A parent of a Hope student, Hall has faithfully served in the front office almost daily during this school year helping to answer phones, help students and parents, and assist with the general front office responsibilities.

In a news release, the school said Hall has served in the volunteer role with patience, professionalism and with a love for the Hope educational ministry, students, families, staff and the Lord.

She was presented with an "Outstanding Volunteer" pin and a trophy at a sold-out banquet on campus recognizing HCA sports and the Volunteer of the Year.

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brought to life through her descriptions. Outside on the lawn, Old Florida music was provided by "Blue Skies," with Mack and Paula Tyner.

While Berkelman devoted most of her remarks to the 150-year history of the church, she noted it still serves its members and the community.

"We are a small but active congregation," she said. "The church has continued its outreach: helping support the Methodist children's

home; helping to found and provide support to Lake Area Ministries; hosting a Valentine's Day party each year for disabled adults in Holstun Hall; and starting the Pak-A-Sak program at the Melrose Elementary School: a program to provide food for children on the weekends during the school year, who may not have enough food at home."

Melrose United Methodist Church is located at 5802 Hampton Street in Melrose. Its pastor is Pastor Louis Tremblay.

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parent involvement activity. The whole family was encouraged to attend. Dads and moms played Bingo with their children and enjoyed food and drinks from the concession table.

Winning Bingo cards were rewarded with a choice of a book. Books were displayed along two long tables and were available at reading levels from pre-reading picture books to full chapter books.

Children had the opportunity to win several times throughout the afternoon. Students also depended upon their parents to win games which then offered them more books.

Jessica Thomas manned the concession table while husband John Thomas sat nearby and played a Bingo card with his first-grade daughter Avaleen.

The concession table was also staffed with Key Club and Honors Society volunteers from Keystone Heights High School. Brandon Taylor, Wyatt Hopkins, Zac Taylor and Cinthya Hernandez assisted Debbie Taylor in the set-up of the event, worked the welcome desk and concession stand, cleaned up spills, passed out Bingo cards and helped break down and clean up at the end.

Students gain community service points when volunteering. "We have a good partnership with our high school Key Club. They have been really wonderful with all the kids," said Principal Tammy Winkler.

"We are a Title I school," Winkler added. "The funding requires we have parent involvement events. We wanted to use this opportunity to help provide reading materials and reading strategies to be used at home, so we can truly partner with parents to help their student."

Parents received a five-page pack of information highlighting reading strategies and interventions, reading games to play that strengthen reading skills and on-line references for resources and information to

help guide their child to become a better reader.

Parents were asked to fill out survey sheets for feedback. Assistant Principal Tracy Burt collected the sheets and will use the information to assist in planning for future parent involvement events.

At the end of the day students left the cafeteria with arm loads of books. "Thank you so much, it was so much fun," said parent Dawn Cullingford as she was leaving.

Eighth grader Madison Bettey attended with her sixth-grade sister, fourth-grade cousin and her mom. "I love this kind of stuff. I've probably read pretty much the entire McRae library," said Bettey.

VOTE

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tax revenue. Only school boards are protected from the additional exemption.

Number two, also from the

Legislature, makes permanent the 10 percent cap on annual nonhomestead parcel assessment increases. The cap is currently set to expire in January.

Number three, a citizen initiative, gives voters the exclusive right to approve casino gambling in the state. The Legislature could not do it by statute or by referring a constitutional amendment to the ballot. Only a citizen initiative could place the matter on the ballot for voters to approve or deny.

Amendment 4, another citizen initiative, restores voting rights to most convicted felons upon completion of their sentences, replacing a clemency process requiring action by the governor.

The Legislature referred the fifth amendment, which would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to impose or increase taxes or fees.

The remaining eight amendments were approved by the Constitutional Revision Committee. The first of those adds a Marsy's Law to the state constitution, increases the judicial retirement age to 75 and prohibits judges from deferring

to administrative agencies in interpreting law. A Marsy's Law — recognizing that many of the rights enshrined in law protect the accused — adds a list of rights that protects victims. These rights include the right to due process; the right to be treated with fairness and respect; the right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse; the right to have the victim's welfare considered when bail is set; and the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.

The next requires death benefits for survivors of first responders and members of the military. It also requires a supermajority vote of a university's board of trustees and the Florida Board of Governors to raise college fees. It would also add the current structure of the state college system to the constitution.

Another amendment imposes a two-term limit on school board seats. It also limits school board oversight to public schools they have established and not privately organized charter schools. This amendment requires the Legislature to ensure schools provide literacy in civics as well.

The fourth bans offshore oil and gas drilling as well as "vaping" in enclosed indoor work spaces.

The next one requires the state to retain a department of veterans affairs and requires counties, including charter counties, to ensure the election of a sheriff, property appraiser, elections supervisor, tax collector and clerk of courts. It creates a state Office of Domestic Security and Counter-Terrorism in the Florida Constitution. It also amends the start dates of each year's legislative session.

Sixth, the proposed amendment deletes some obsolete language. It removes language prohibiting

foreign-born residents ineligible for citizenship from owning, inheriting or possessing real property, and it deletes the requirement for a high-speed ground transportation system. It also prohibits changes in criminal statutes from affecting the prosecution of crimes that took place prior to the amendment.

The next amendment prohibits public officials from lobbying for compensation for others while in office and six years after leaving office.

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The event, last Saturday, included a Jeans-for-Jesus give-away, free food and music, bounce houses, and other activities. Greeters Bonnie Wright, Joyce Wester and April Dalton.



Jacob Montague and Mom Dee Dee.



Volunteering for the jeans give-away are Rebecca Fishley and Michelle Hallberg.



Glenn Calcote leads the crowd in gospel songs and hymns.

Marshalls awarded yard of the month



Marshall

BY TONI DAVIS
Garden Club of the Lakes

The Garden Club of the Lakes, FFGC, has awarded the Yard of the Month to Dr. and Mrs. Marshall at 6232 Wynnwood St. in Melrose. Their home is the Bingham-Rommel house that was built in 1897 by Dr. Russell Bingham. The Marshalls have lived there 22 years and have done a beautiful restoration. They have a 40-foot Lord and Burnham cypress framed greenhouse that was erected in the 1940's to grow orchids. It now houses a water garden and hot tub. It also has several sculptures done by Dr. Marshall's father and a water feature made from coquina rock from St. Augustine.

Mrs. Marshall and her friend and master gardener, Missy Barton, walked us around the grounds pointing out all the trees, herb garden, citrus and annual beds. Almost every plant had an interesting family story to go with it.

Some of the trees and plants are sasanqua camellia, Palatka holly, red maple, tea olive, sago palms, crepe myrtle, Confederate jasmine, day lilies, a large fern garden, boxwoods, plumbago, silver bell tree, an herb garden with rosemary, mint, and sage, Myers lemon, sour orange, mustard, dinosaur kale, and lettuce. The annual bed was blooming with bright yellow snap dragons, a knockout rose, yesterday, today and tomorrow, mums, and pansies.

The Garden Club of the Lakes invited men and women who enjoy gardening or want to learn more about gardening to join us.

We meet the second Thursday of each month September through May at 10:00 am at Faith Presbyterian Church in Midway, between Keystone Heights and

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Creighton talks school achievement, safety at Kiwanis meeting

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton visited the Kiwanis Club of Starke on April 17 to talk about some of the noteworthy things taking place in the schools, including how Bradford County students have more opportunities in career technical education (CTE) than the general public may realize.

Creighton said Bradford students, because of district career academies and industry certifications offered through North Florida Technical College (formerly Bradford-Union Technical Center), have more than 20 career fields to choose from. She provided a handout to Kiwanis members that showed that Clay County students don't receive as many opportunities, noting that Middleburg and Oakleaf high schools offer 15 and 14 CTE areas of study, respectively. Orange Park High School is the only other high school in Clay to offer more than 10 such opportunities.

"We have more opportunities right here in little, old Bradford County than they do at the bigger schools in Clay," Creighton said.

Creighton said many are aware that Bradford High School students have dual-enrollment opportunities through Santa Fe College, but added such opportunities also exist with North Florida Technical College as well as the University of Florida.

Kiwanis member Cheryl Canova, who is the director of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center as well as a school board member, took the opportunity to

share the news that in working with Creighton, the Stump Center, which is close to the high school (adjacent to the Bradford County Public Library), would finally be utilized in the way it had been envisioned — offering dual-enrollment opportunities during the day.

Creighton said that's a huge plus for students who, because of their involvement in after-school activities like athletics and band, have been unable to take dual-enrollment classes later in the day or in the evenings.

"The kids will be either bussed or escorted, or somehow they will get to the Stump Building and be able to take dual-enroll classes during the day," Canova said. "That will help students that don't have transportation after school to be able to take dual-enrollment classes. We're really excited about that."

Helping students achieve at high levels

Creighton passed out a flyer to Kiwanis members that highlighted, through photos, some of the accomplishments this school year. One photo was of a teacher using technology in the classroom, while another was of the new versatile student stations in one of the BHS chemistry classrooms. The stations act as traditional classroom seating, but can be transformed into laboratory work tables.

The goal is to place state-of-the-art technology in all schools' classrooms.

"We're doing it slowly along and along, but it is coming,"

Creighton said.

The flyer outlined the new gifted curriculum — Cubit — that will be implemented next year for students in grades 2-8. It is designed to adhere to the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) educational approach.

"We're doing a pilot program right now with our middle school," Creighton said. "This will expose our kids to coding, robotics and engineering. Currently, our middle-schoolers in the sixth grade class are designing buildings that can withstand earthquakes. We have an earthquake table to test out their designs."

The flyer also included photos of the BHS football team, which won a regional championship, and band directors Zachary Sullivan (BHS) and Michael Loffredo (BMS). The BHS and BMS concert bands and the BMS intermediate band all earned straight-superior ratings at their performance assessments.

"To our knowledge, we don't know of another county that's had that," Creighton said in regard to three bands accomplishing the feat.

Creighton said business partners and supporters from throughout the community are instrumental in helping Bradford students excel and helping schools provide the best opportunities for students. Supporters, for example, would be beneficial for a band program that's continuing to grow. Creighton said she's love to see a 200-member marching band at BHS, but more band students need more instruments, which cost money.

Giving another example, Creighton said BHS has received a digital classroom grant that will provide for most classrooms' technological needs. However, people need to be hired to maintain that technology. Those salaries would have to come out of the district's general fund, which must also cover the expense of 12 new teaching positions next year.

Creighton said business partners also help prepare students for careers by offering on-the-job training opportunities. "Please know and take comfort and be confident in the fact that our students have tremendous opportunities to achieve and excel right here in Bradford County," Creighton said. "We want to provide students that are ready to jump into employment opportunities right here in our community. This is where we need your help."

School safety

Creighton also talked about safety, saying school personnel have met with Sheriff Gordon Smith in regard to satisfying a new state law that requires having a school resource officer on every campus. Shaun Burgin will act as the school security coordinator.

"Shaun Burgin is in charge of all of the (school resource) officers," Creighton said. "He will ensure that when one is out, there will be a replacement. We plan on rotating officers so that all will have familiarity will all nine campuses. I include the district office in that since we house the alternative ed classrooms.

"(Burgin) will also be responsible for our school safety



Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton discusses career technical education opportunities afforded Bradford students during an April 17 talk to the Kiwanis Club of Starke.

plans and the trainings."

Kiwanis member Bob Milner, who's also the Starke city manager, asked fellow Kiwanis member Brad Smith, who is Bradford County's undersheriff, what the financial shortfall would be in having an officer at every

campus. Smith said the annual cost would be approximately \$200,000, but added "the start-up cost is what the big kicker is. That's going to be about \$425,000 to \$450,000. We're working with

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Santa Fe registering now for College for Kids, summer programs

Registration is underway for the Santa Fe College Andrews Center's annual College for Kids programs and camps.

Junior College for Kids, which is for ages 6-10 entering the second-fifth grades) takes place June 4-8, while College for Kids, which is for children entering the sixth-10th grades, takes place June 18-22. Each session consists of four classes, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon.

The cost to attend is \$80. Exploring Science camps are offered the same dates as Junior College for Kids and College for Kids, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. The cost is also \$80.

Additional camps will be offered for sports, art and LEGO Robotics. The Basketball Fundamentals Camp is offered June 11-15, with an 8-10 a.m. session for ages 6-10 and a 10 a.m.-noon session for ages 11-15. Each session costs \$40.

The Sports Performance Game Camp teaches participants how to perform under adverse conditions and complete tasks by providing a sense of empowerment and personal achievement. A June 11-15 session is offered for ages 8-14, while a June 18-22 session is offered for ages 6-10. Each session runs from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and costs \$80.

The Sports Performance Competition Camp is for children ages 8-14 who want to learn the mechanics of running and transfer it to their sport of choice. Two sessions are offered: June 4-8 and June 25-29. Each session runs from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and costs \$80.

A 2D Art Camp for ages 8-14 will be offered June 11-15 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., while a 3D Art Camp for the same age group and during the same dates will be offered from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Each camp is \$40.

LEGO Robotics, for ages 8-14, takes place June 25-29 from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$80.

For more information, please visit the Andrews Center at 209 W. Call St. (8 a.m.-* p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays) or call 904-964-5382. You may also visit sfcollge.edu and click on the Community Ed and College for Kids links for more information or to register.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 12

The 26th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. To participate, leave a bag of non-perishable food items near your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick it up.

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the county commission right now to see if we can find that money somewhere."

Creighton said the district would be participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, which would appoint certain volunteer school employees as guardians and allow them carry firearms.

The Guardian Program requires appointed guardians to complete 132 hours of training, but Smith said the state hasn't defined any parameters in regard to the specifics of that training.

"We are waiting on the state to produce training criteria and guidelines," Creighton said.

4-H youth collecting cereal donations for Bradford Food Pantry

Bradford County 4-H member Ella Dinkins is collecting donations of cereal and other related items as part of a community service project to benefit the Bradford Food Pantry.

Dinkins, who is accepting donations through Friday, May 25, was motivated

by the fact that one in four children suffer from hunger, with the problem becoming more critical during the summer when children aren't receiving meals at school. She is accepting boxes or bags of dry cereal (think nutritious), cereal/breakfast bars, toaster pastries and oatmeal.

Donations may be dropped off at the Bradford County 4-H office, First Christian Church of Starke and Hope Christian Academy. You may also contact Dinkins at 904-966-6224 to arrange for pick-up or for more information.

Local DAR chapter to present scholarship recipient

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will present its annual Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship recipient at its May meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7, at IHOP in Starke.

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Author Berry uses Starke in latest Malone thriller

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Cotton Malone, the creation of New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry, has been all over the world. In Berry's latest novel, "The Bishop's Pawn," Malone makes a brief stop in Starke in his travels throughout the Sunshine State.

You can thank Starke resident Wanda Smith for that. In fact, Berry, himself, does just that in the acknowledgements section of "The Bishop's Pawn."

Smith has been on several trips Berry takes with his fans, visiting locales he writes about. She and her husband, John, have since become friends with Berry and his wife, Elizabeth, who live in St. Augustine. In fact, it was because of the Smiths that Berry visited the Bradford County Public Library in 2016 for a talk.

When Smith found out Berry was writing a book in which the action took place throughout Florida, she told him he needed to include Starke.

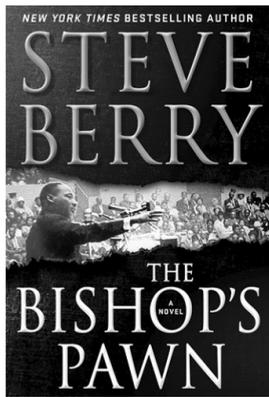
"I think fit the truth is known, he probably figured if he didn't put Starke in it, I'd kill him," Smith said with a laugh.

She also suggested Berry include Micanopy, which he did after making a visit to the town and learning that is where one of his favorite movies, "Doc Hollywood," was filmed.

Though she knew prior to its publication that "The Bishop's Pawn" would include Starke, Smith never expected to receive thanks in the book.

"I was really surprised," Smith said. "He's never done that before. He's never used someone who's traveled with him in the acknowledgements."

That's not to say those who go on Berry's trips don't get in his books. They do as he's used some of their names for characters he's created. That's how Smith expected to see her name used.



The cover of Steve Berry's "The Bishop's Pawn," the 13th book in the Cotton Malone series.

"He told me I wasn't in this book, that he didn't use my name," Smith said. "I thought, 'OK. Fine. There are other books coming.'"

However, Smith said Berry gave her a smile when he told her that, knowing that he was going to include her in the acknowledgements.

Starke is first mentioned in chapter 38 of the 61-chapter novel.

"He describes Starke — driving down 301, fast food and things like that."

John Smith said, "It's not a big thing, but one of the characters supposedly lives here."

The Cotton Malone character doesn't stay long as Starke is one of many stops he makes in Florida.

"He starts out in Dry Tortugas and comes up the coastline," John Smith said.

Actually, before making his way up from Dry Tortugas, Cotton Malone's journey begins in Jacksonville. One of the first lines of the first chapter reads, "I as cruising on Southside Boulevard in Jacksonville, Florida, listening to the radio." That was a thrill

for Wanda Smith to read.

"I lived off of Southside Boulevard," she said. "My childhood home was a block off of Southside Boulevard. I used to catch the bus on Southside Boulevard."

Historical thrillers

The plots of Berry's novels — 13 in the Cotton Malone series and four stand-alones — are based upon legends or conspiracy theories involving historical events. Berry worked the rumor of the FBI's involvement in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. into his plot for "The Bishop's Pawn."

"He finds something in history he can make into some kind of conspiracy thriller," Wanda Smith said.

At the end of each book, Berry writes a lengthy author's note, telling readers which parts they read were fact, fiction and unproven theory.

"Being a history major, whenever I read thrillers or historical fiction, and they'd say something, I'd think, 'Is that true or not?'"

Before Google and the internet, I used to have to go find a history book to check it out," Smith said. "What I like about Steve, from the very first book I read, is he does it all at the back of the book. You don't have to go to the internet. You don't have to go to a history book."

Cotton Malone is a former member of the Magellan Billet, a division of the Justice Department. Malone is retired and runs a bookstore in Copenhagen, but he always winds up being drawn into some international incident, usually by his former boss, Stephanie Nelle.

"The Bishop's Pawn," however, is a flashback

story, recounting Malone's first involvement with the Magellan Billet. The story is told from Malone's first-person perspective.

Smith said Berry's plots are fast-moving and added, "If you like James Rollins or David Balducci or Lee Child or Karin Slaughter, you would like Steve Berry, too."

Enhancing the reading experience

Smith said it definitely adds to her enjoyment of Berry's novels now that she knows him personally and has been on several of his fan trips. In 2015, she accompanied him on a trip to France, visiting locales featured in "The Templar Legacy." Last December, she accompanied him on a trip to Germany, visiting locales featured in "The Third Secret" and "The Charlemagne Pursuit."

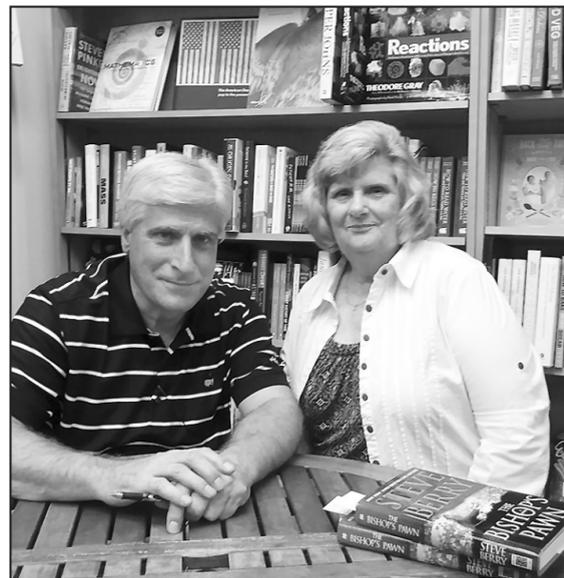
On the trips, Berry discusses how certain places inspired his ideas.

"It's interesting to see how a book comes about," Smith said.

As one of Berry's fan travelers, Smith's name could be used for a character in an upcoming book. The author is currently working on a novel that takes place in Poland. That, Smith said, would create an ideal opportunity for her name to be used. During the trip Germany, she told Berry to research the name Wanda. The next day, he asked her, "Oh, did you want me to do research on the name Wanda because it's the most popular female name in Poland?"

Whenever Berry does include a Wanda in one of his books, what kind of character would Smith like her to be?

"I don't know," she said, adding, "I just would want it to



Wanda Smith is pictured with author Steve Berry at a signing event for his latest novel, "The Bishop's Pawn," which includes Starke as one of the places visited by recurring character Cotton Malone.

be somebody totally different from what I am so people won't really think it's me." If you'd like to learn more about Berry, please visit steveberry.org.

Intermittent fasting leads to significant weight loss, slows aging, UF research review finds

North American wolf packs can feast on bison or elk and then go two weeks before the next kill. But the wolves' bodies and brains still perform at high levels as they hunt for their next meal, researchers say.

Humans, too, appear well-adapted to periods of hunger. This is likely a trait evolved from early human hunter-gatherers who, like wolves, alternated between periods of feast and famine.

The answer as to how the body manages this, University of Florida researchers said, provides insight into an increasingly popular dieting strategy — intermittent fasting.

UF Health researchers said in a recent study published in the journal Obesity that emerging findings in scientific literature show intermittent fasting can be a reliable means of weight loss and may optimize physiological functioning, enhance performance, and slow the aging and disease process.

To understand why, researchers said, one must look to how the body essentially flips a "metabolic switch" during fasting. This means the body moves from burning glucose, or sugar, for energy to fatty acids, which can be absorbed by the body.

During fasting, the body converts fat into fatty acids, which can be absorbed by the body.

Stephen Anton, the division chief of clinical research for the UF College of Medicine's department of aging and geriatric research and the paper's lead author, said research indicates ketones are the preferred fuel for the brain and body during periods of fasting and extended exercise.

Ketones, he said, are a cleaner source of energy than glucose, protein or carbohydrates, the body's other sources of energy. That is because ketones produce fewer "metabolic disrupters," or molecules that can harm cells.

"This switch can happen after a certain period of time fasting," said Anton, who also is affiliated

with the UF Institute on Aging. "It's a gradation in which your metabolism over time shifts to use higher and higher amounts of ketones for energy."

Typically, he said, after eight to 12 hours of fasting, the levels of ketones in the blood significantly increase.

Anton's paper looked at two popular forms of intermittent fasting. The first is time-restricted feeding, when the dieter eats during discrete windows during the day. For example, they might fast up to 16 hours a day, eating during the other eight hours.

And in that window, the dieter isn't restricted to what they eat. "Of course, we recommend healthy food," Anton said.

The second approach is called alternate-day fasting. In the more common model of this fasting regimen, people limit their meals on one day, usually 500 calories. On the next day, they can eat anything at all. "It can be truly called a feasting day," Anton said.

A second version of this fasting method is to eat nothing at all on one day while feasting the next.

In a review of scientific literature, Anton and his colleagues found that people lost significant body fat in 10 of 10 clinical trials involving alternate-day fasts. "So in my mind, it's not a question of whether it works for producing fat loss," Anton said.

Three of four time-restricted feeding studies demonstrated significant fat loss.

In most studies, participants did not lose significant lean tissue, which is tissue other

than fat that includes the body's organs, muscles and skeleton. An adequate amount of lean tissue, Anton said, is necessary to help maintain good physiological function as people age, among other health benefits.

Other forms of dieting, however, often lead to a reduction in both fat and lean tissue, he said.

Anton said research in rodents and other nonhuman species points to the possibility that food restriction, and the turning of that metabolic switch, can lengthen lifespan, improve metabolic health, cognitive and physical performance, lower inflammation, and lead to superior cardiovascular health.

"An important takeaway is that we all have the ability to switch our metabolism from glucose to ketone utilization," said Anton. "And that switch has the potential to have profound health benefits for us, in addition to the positive changes in body composition."

Anton urges anyone considering a new diet to consult with a physician, noting fasting may not be the right for everyone.

Co-authors of the paper include William T. Donahoo, an associate professor in the UF College of Medicine's division of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism; Stephanie A. Lee, a doctoral student in the UF College of Medicine's department of aging and geriatric research and the department of clinical and health psychology in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions;

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Obituaries

Cora Carroll

LAKE BUTLER—Cora Reatha Carroll, Dec. 14, 1920 - April 26, 2018

"Those hands have seen a lot of life," the shiny-eyed nurse said as she looked at Cora Reatha Carroll, called Granny by most, who looked impossibly small in the grip of a hospital bed. Her hands, wrinkled with time and dotted with sunspots, do indeed have a story to tell.

In 1920, when Granny was a baby, she reached for the warm embrace of her papa, James Larramore, "a good man who wouldn't speak bad about nobody" and her mama, Cora Larramore, who didn't always stay out of gossip, but who was a Godly woman nonetheless. With shiny blue eyes and a mop of red hair, she was surely the cutest baby who ever lived.

Born into abject poverty, she had to work hard from the start, but her parents taught her to always lend a helping hand. During the Great Depression, they would offer plates of food to stragglers looking for sustenance. During Granny's life, she was always willing to offer help to family, friends, and neighbors.

From a young age, little Granny kept her hands busy by helping mama in the kitchen, papa on the farm, and playing cards with her brothers. With eight siblings, she learned if you want to do something the right way, you have to do it yourself.

Despite growing up in a time and into a family in which survival took precedence over formal education, Granny always enjoyed learning and reading. As a child, she read the bible with her mama and, though she had to drop out of school after the eighth grade to help at home, Granny remained an avid reader. Since she devoured books of all genres, her hands flipped through millions of pages during her lifetime.

In 1938, she gave her hand in marriage to James Carroll, who preceded her in death. They had four amazing children: Frances, Wayne, Sherron, and Kathy. Eventually, she gained three more beloved children: sons-in-law Tom and Donnie and daughter-in-law Shelley. Much to Granny's delight, she kept her hands busy tending to and spoiling her five grandchildren: Tommy, Leeann, EJ, Craig, and Jamie. Then she was blessed with four great-grandchildren: Lane, TJ, Ryan, and Drew. Granny's absolute love of babies and children kept her spirit young and her heart open. Her family know they are the luckiest people in the world to have known and been loved by such a dynamic woman.

When some of her grandchildren were small, they'd stay the night at her house and she would thoroughly spoil them by buying toys and candy, such orange circus peanuts, from the IGA, and clanging around the kitchen at five in the morning to fix their favorite breakfast. Once the meal was prepared, she woke the children by gently placing her hands on their faces and saying, "Babe, huddle cakes are ready...there's plenty of syrup."

Throughout her life, Granny used her hands to create clothes and quilts. As a child, she learned to sew by piecing newspaper clippings together and by making dresses for her handful of dolls. The dolls were the recipients of her careful attention since she only acquired one a year, for Christmas, and would treat them like her babies. After mastering doll clothes, Granny made dresses for herself, then her mama, then her sisters, and she eventually created and sold clothes within the community. At age 96, when staying in the hospital and sharing stories, she said, "I don't want to brag, but I'd look at any catalog and make an outfit that looked just like it." Her narrow shoulders swelled with pride and her eyes were bright as she recalled a time when some girls from school found out she was the one who made the dresses, as they thought they were from the store. Ever resourceful, when her first three children were young and times were tough, she sewed their clothes using fabric from feed and flour sacks. She worked on many quilts, even during the over fifteen years she worked at the sewing factory. In later years, she couldn't sew due to unsteady hands and diminishing eyesight, but needlework was so ingrained in her that towards the end of her life, when she was in the hospital bed and her mind was affected by medication, she thought she was sewing. Her hands, much larger and sturdier than her small but wiry body, would weave the air as she pulled an imaginary needle and thread.

Granny kept her hands busy weeding, watering, and nurturing plants. She never met a flower she didn't love or one she couldn't keep alive. She inherited her green thumb from her mama, who also adored gardening. Her affinity for bright, beautiful flowers never faded, even when she was no longer able to tend to a garden. When she was given indoor plants for gifts, she managed to keep flowers gorgeous. Even during her final months when she was a skilled nursing facility and she couldn't water them herself, the plants seemed to bloom and prosper in her presence.

She wrapped her hands around many mugs of steaming coffee during her life. When she was a child, they used to know how to make "real" coffee, as they roasted and ground the beans at home and boiled water on the stove to let them percolate perfectly. Her papa always said, "if God made anything better than coffee, he kept it for himself." She judged the quality of a restaurant by its coffee—Heaven forbid they should serve it weak or lukewarm—and her family knew to put the pot on before her visits, as she had to have a cup at all times. After she retired and as she aged, she stopped drinking an entire pot a day, but she continued to enjoy her morning cup for the remainder of her life.

Despite her petite frame and small appetite for food, she was happiest when making sure her loved ones were fed. Granny used her hands to shuck corn, shell peas, dice potatoes into perfect cubes, salt and stir multiple pots of veggies and meat, slice pies, and serve others. The family would squeeze into her tiny kitchen in her modest house and load plates full of Southern comfort food. She always made enough for an army, whether she was feeding three people or fifteen. During the last few years of her life, she was physically unable to produce such massive meals, but her family would recreate the mass feedings and overeating. Granny would sit and observe them as they went back for second and third helpings. She would smile as they laughed and playfully poked fun at one another, perfectly content to be surrounded by her big, crazy family.

Granny's hands were always petting and feeding an animal of some kind. Over the years, she had an array of dogs and cats of varying sizes and personalities. Her cat Scott, also known as Pokey, was truly a companion animal who gave her purpose during her Golden years. Thankfully, her daughter, Sherron loves Pokey too; she derived comfort knowing he would be well cared for once she parted this realm.

The only animals she truly despised were snakes, so it wasn't unusual for her to take a shotgun or a garden hoe to scare off or decapitate a rogue rattlesnake or two, who were likely sorry they'd slithered into her yard. The same regret was shared by those who underestimated her by thinking she was just a folksy, sugar-sweet little lady who didn't know much. Granny, who didn't suffer fools, and would put people in their place using sharp wit and feisty indignation.

Granny used humor to bond with people and deal with life's challenges. She enjoyed keeping people of their toes and delighted in knowing they thought she was funny. She would use her hands to jokingly point at someone while giving them the stink eye, or to essentially play chicken to see who would move their hand first. She had amazing reflexes so usually she won this little game.

A couple months before her passing, she asked to hold a mirror to check out her hair. She gazed at her reflection, touched her hand to her face, and sarcastically said, "Aren't I pretty." In reality, whether as a young, svelte woman with dewy skin and bright red hair, or an elderly woman with coarse



grey hair and wrinkled skin, her compassion for others, her intelligence, her kindness, her humility, and her resilient spirit made her one of the most beautiful women to ever exist.

She frequently held her hands together to pray to a God she believed in wholeheartedly. Her foundation in her faith enabled her to be the amazing and unique "Granny" to all, daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend during her time on Earth. She worked tirelessly. She gave love freely. After nearly hundred years of living life to its fullest, it was time for her to let her hands rest. Now she is cradled in the loving hands of God.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

Kenneth Fanton

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Kenneth "Henry" Fanton, 76, of Keystone Heights died suddenly in his home Tuesday, April 24, 2018. He was born in New York State to Raymond G. and Mildred (Perry) Fanton and grew up on a dairy farm. He worked at a car dealership and owned an auto repair shop. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Robert G. Fanton.

Survivors include: his wife of 52 years, Cyndi; two daughters, Patti (Brian Collins) Tritt of North Carolina and Kathy (David) VanEtten of New York; son, Ken Jr. (Carrie) of Keystone Heights; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Lester R. (Joan) Fanton and James (Barbara) Fanton of Wellsville. At the request of Fanton his services will be private and the interment will be in Stannards Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

Ruth Gawley

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Ruth Naomi (Hokanson) Gawley, age 100, of Keystone Heights passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville after a brief illness. Ruth was born at home in Porter, Indiana on July 7, 1917, and was the sixth of eight children born to Victor and Anna (Lindblade) Hokanson. As a teenager, Ruth worked in the family grocery store then moved to Chicago, living with her sister, Edith, to attend business college. Following college, Ruth was employed at Armour Meats in Chicago as the secretary in their personnel department. While attending a Lawrence Welk Show, Ruth met Jack Gawley. He was recently discharged from the Navy and worked in his father's construction company. They were married on June 8, 1947 and set up housekeeping in Chicago. Jack and Ruth moved to Keystone Heights in 1973 when Jack received a job offer at Park of the Palms. Following Jack's death in July of 1982, Ruth continued to be a part of the Park of the Palms community, volunteering in the dining hall into her 90's. She enjoyed the friends and when housekeeping became too much, she moved into the Manor (ALF) at Park of the Palms. She was able to have Paul and his two sons, Rich, Lorie, Jean, Jack and their youngest son and his wife visit in her last days.

Ruth is survived by: her and Jack's three children, Jean Gawley (Jack) Strating, Paul (Jill) Gawley, and Richard (Lorie) Gawley. Also left behind are nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and a host of additional family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10 in the Manor at Park of the Palms. Private family graveside services for Ruth were held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Stewards Ministries, 1101 Perimeter Dr. Suite 600, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Johnny Johnson

STARKE—Johnny Mitchel Johnson, age 71, of Starke passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018 at his residence with his loving wife by his side. He was born in West Florida in 1946 to the late Frank W. Johnson and Dorothy Lockhart Johnson. Johnny relocated to Bradford County as a teenager. After he was saved by his Lord and Savior, Johnny met the love of his life, Arbutus Pearsall, while attending a church event. They were happily married soon after on Nov. 14, 1975. Johnny was a devoted husband and loving father. He loved his family more than anything and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed his longtime career as a truck driver for W.S. Saunders Hauling where he worked for over 20 years until retirement. When Johnny wasn't working, he was always outdoors, either fishing, tending to his lawn, rescuing squirrels, or using his mechanic skills to repair automobiles. He also enjoyed attending Bradford Baptist Church, where he was a member for many years. Johnny was preceded in death by: his parents; his brother, Wayne Johnson; and his sister, Jane Johnson.

Johnny is survived by: his loving wife of 42 years, Arbutus Johnson of Starke; his daughter, Jenny (Joseph) Davis of Starke; his brothers, Franklin Irving (Ingrid) Johnson of Green Cove Springs, and Frederick Johnson of Hampton; his grandchildren, Bryan, Shawn, and Erika Davis; and many nieces and nephews.

A Going Home Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 5:00 pm at the Bradford Baptist Church of Starke with Pastor Rick Jackson officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book. 904-964-5757.

PAID OBITUARY

Jose Sanchez-Gutierrez

WALDO— Jose Alfredo Sanchez-Gutierrez, age 60, of Waldo passed away April 15, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. He was born Oct. 28, 1957 in Santa Rosa de Lima Guanajuato Gto, Mexico to Gregorio Sanchez and Maria Peidad Gutierrez Mendez. Jose moved to the area over 45 years ago and was a caretaker at Cypress Grove Farms. He enjoyed tinkering with cars and loved animals especially goats, horses and geese. His favorite pastime was gardening. More than anything Jose loved his family and spending time with them. Jose is predeceased by his parents.

Jose is survived by his children, Jennifer (Dylan) Sanchez of Crawfordville, Javier Sanchez of Tallahassee, and Megan (Ever) Pineda of Tallahassee; siblings, Maria Elana Sanchez Gutierrez, Rosa Sanchez Gutierrez, Jose Daniel Sanchez Gutierrez, Maria de Jesus Sanchez Gutierrez, Sofia Sanchez Gutierrez, Ines Adriana Sanchez Gutierrez, Ma Soledad Patricia Gonzalez Gutierrez, Agustin Ignacio Gonzalez Gutierrez, Jose Juan Gonzalez Gutierrez, Maria Dolores Gonzalez Gutierrez; granddaughters, Adeline Brodie, Teona, Isabella, Meya Pineda.

A visitation was held on April 28 at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. 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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Barbara Whaley

STARKE— Barbara Jean Wilkinson Whaley, 83, of Starke died Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. She was born on May 3, 1934 in Lawtey to the late Wesley and Nellie (Austin) Wilkinson and moved to Starke from Tampa 25 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Kingsley Lake Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Thomas George "Tom" Whaley; and her sister, Daisy Boch.

Survivors are: daughters, Lynn Whaley, Kelli (Danny) Luke, Jana (Jerry) Revels all of Starke, Mindi (John) Raymond of Valrico; sisters, Amanda (Bob) Smith of Starke, Magdalene Griffiths, and June Griffiths both of Palatka. Also left are twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church on April 27. Interment will be at a later date in Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



Socials

Eaves, Thornton to wed

Kimberly Eaves and Steven Thornton were engaged on Oct. 30, 2014.

The bride is the daughter of Donald W. Davis Sr. and stepmother, Cheri Davis of Starke and Deborah Ann Batten (deceased) and stepfather, Stoney Ray Batten. The groom is the son



of Richard and Carolyn Thornton (deceased).

They plan to be married on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1 p.m. at the Holy Mission of Jesus Christ Church, 625 East Brownlee Street, Starke.

Oody graduates jump school at Fort Benning

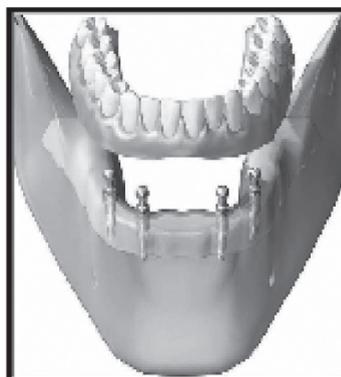
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The vast majority of students at Airborne School come from the U.S. Army. These include soldiers headed for assignments to the 82nd Airborne Division,



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Letters

Hurt over advertisement

Dear Editor:
Our family has been harassed, stalked and bullied by an individual for a few years now. He has threatened our lives, abused our mother, and went to the extent on exhuming her body and moving it to another county. This was done secretly, without contacting any family members. The Sheriff's office has been involved after the death threats, and has even taken this person into custody, after which the person was put into a mental rehab facility. Unfortunately, the Union County Times/Bradford County Telegraph has been pulled into this harassment. They have been used as a tool to further harass and abuse our family. I understand they may not have time to review or investigate every ad that someone pays to put in the paper, but we are not talking about selling a piece of furniture or a job offer, we are talking about people's lives. I would ask readers to consider that anything can be printed about you. Remember there are two sides to every story and usually one side is wrong. I plead with the Union County Times/Bradford County Telegraph to consider how words in print can affect people's lives. Think about what you would be willing to print about someone you know personally. What about "Do Unto Others" ... What would you do?

You would probably take the time to check facts, or you could choose not to print because of consideration or how this does not help anyone to print, but it definitely can hurt. Blatant disregard for common courtesy just makes the paper look like a public forum for someone's pettiness.

*The family of
Linda Gay
Lake Butler*

Museum thanks

Dear Editor:
"The Rose Crystal Bell" was put on in the auditorium of the Santa Fe Cultural Building this past April 19th. Without the support of the community and the businesses in Starke, it would not have been the success it was. The Telegraph and WEAG-FM advertised the event. Local business let us put up flyers about the event. On the night of the play, Dinks and Tony and Al's gave a ten percent discount to people bringing in their program. The play was a joint effort between the Matthews Museum and the BHS drama class. The students, led by Mrs. Young did the performance. Chuck Kramer did the 1954 news, both national and local. The museum thanks the community and individuals who made this evening a success. We hope to bring other events for the community.

*James Love,
Chairman Eugene L.
Matthews Bradford County
Historical Museum.*

It even helped us to grow up faster because we were treated like adults. The only problem, as I see it, is that the Bradford County School system does not use enough Starke/Bradford County businesses. There are enough businesses in Bradford County that could handle all of our school's needs so far as maintenance, products, electric, air conditioning, networking/wi-fi, phones, camera/security and of course paper/office equipment. I know that the school board uses some businesses but there are more of us that would like some of the school's business.

Some of the best times that I have had in my over 34 years in business was with the principal of the middle school when he asked me to sponsor the "student of the month" award. He thought it was going to be just one student but we made it one student per grade or 3 plaques/trophies plus a cash award per month. This was back in the late 80's, early 90's. We continued with that program for about 3 or 4 years and I have some of those students that still have their plaques come up to me and thank me. What caused this, simple economics, the school board paid me, and I paid the Sporting Chance for the plaque (with the child's name engraved on it). We had a live video presentation and gave back to our school children. Sporting Chance made some very impressive plaques and the children enjoyed receiving them. But had it not been for the work we were doing for the schools, the middle school principal would have probably never met me.

This was a win-win for us and the Sporting Chance, but mainly the children won. The school system receives the highest amount of taxes from all residential and business real estate so even more reason that the school system would benefit more by using local business.

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BMS earns straight superiors at assessment



MEMBERS OF THE BMS INTERMEDIATE BAND: (front row, l-r) Layica Padilla, Melanie Sammons, Gabriel Prevatt, Madison Taylor, Ja'taiya Glover, Mario Small, Gavin Staats, Darien Williams, (second row) Alyssa Murphy, Teagan Bradley, Shawn Davis, Erica Davis, Reagan Weller, Omari James, Madilyn Wilsey, Astrid Sellars, Sabrina Creighton, Mauricio Mena, Shaynah Miller, (third row) Tristan Mobley, Deja Miller, Zachary Clayton, Jessica Traylor, Joshua Higginbotham, Gavin Sakkinen, Clayton Brems, Gideon Jordan, Kaylee Walker, Alonna Wilcox, Randall Smith, Saul Urrutia and Cyrus Coblentz.



MEMBERS OF THE BMS CONCERT BAND: (front row, l-r) Tanner Aucoin, Claire Marwich, Omari James, Autumn DeHoff, Cynthia Macedo, Allison Funderburk, Christine Sammons, Mattison Warren, (second row) Ancelmo MacedoBanda, Shaynah Miller, Erica Davis, Haley Jones, Shelby Burkhalter, Melanie Sammons, Sabrina Creighton, Astrid Sellars, Reagan Weller, (third row) Judah LeVassure, Darien Williams, Nicholas Teague, Brooklynn Reddish, Aaliyah McLeod, Madison Taylor, Emma Burns, Gage Hannah, Joshua Ackermann, David O'Brian, (fourth row) Gavin Sakkinen, Drew Crews, Mia Thomas, Bobby Bradley, Nicholas Jordan, Rhett Bradley and Abigail Clouser.

On April 6, the Bradford Middle School Intermediate and Concert Bands attended their annual music performance assessment in Minneola, Florida. Both bands were tasked to perform three contrasting pieces of music for three certified state adjudicators. Each piece of music is scored in multiple categories with a rating of poor, fair, good, excellent or superior. Bands are then taken to a room and given two pieces of music they have never seen before. The band director is allotted 3-5 minutes of silent (speaking only) rehearsal time to go over the music and then the band must play the music and receive a score. At this year's state assessment, both BMS bands

received the highest mark, superior, for sight reading and straight superiors across all categories on their stage performance!

School were guest clinicians that helped to prepare the students this year. The BMS Band would also like to thank Clay Cobb from Williston Junior/Senior High School and Jim Peronto of Bradford County for volunteering their time at the pre-assessment concert.

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Infantry Regiment of the Texas ARNG, divisional Long Range Surveillance Units, the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, or the Special Forces Qualification Course. Chance Oody, a past graduate of Bradford High Class of 2016, recently received his wings while completing Jump School at Fort Benning. Oody, a recipient of the Nomination to West Point Class of 2020, has now been relocated to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he will undergo the endurance associated with Special Forces Qualification Course.

School district should shop local

Dear Editor:
In response to BHS principal Blye's comments at the Kiwanis Club on April 10, I do agree with Mr. Blye and Ms. Worrell that businesses need to get involved in our schools. I am sold on vocational schooling. This is where I had my first formal electronic training at the Vo-Tech and it was some of the best training.

Starke Shriners set record with paper exchange



Four members of the Starke Shrine Club spent Saturday morning at the intersection of U.S. 301 and S.R. 100, handing out information about Shrine hospitals and collecting donations for the facilities in what the Shriners call a paper exchange. The men started at 9 a.m. and continued for two-and-a-half hours until fatigue set in, according to member Ted Barber.

Barber added that thanks to the generosity of drivers, the group set a new record for the local paper exchange.

He also said that one member: Rocky Hudson, unable to walk the intersection, instead made a significant donation to the cause. Pictured are (l-r) Ted Barber, David Kniseley, Roy Weiland and Mark Griffith.

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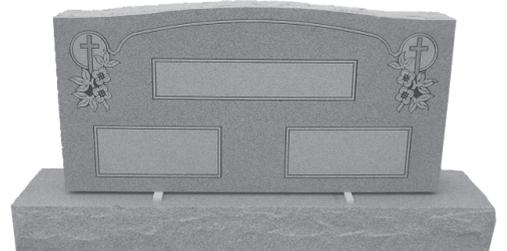
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Bradford County arrests

Witnesses trail hit-and-run suspect until deputies arrive

Bradford County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Bradford deputies arrested a Keystone Heights woman after the 32-year-old allegedly fled the scene of a traffic crash on SR 21 Saturday night.

Samantha Lumpkins was arrested for hit-and run and DUI.

Bradford deputies took Lumpkins into custody at Chiappini's Gulf Station in Melrose. But the collision occurred four miles away, just south of Trinity Baptist Church in Bradford County.

There, Johnny Austin of Keystone Heights said he was driving toward Keystone Heights when he saw an oncoming car cross the centerline and head straight for him.

"I tried to go in the ditch, but she still clipped me," Austin said. "She caught my side and then spun my back end around."

Austin's car wound up in the Melrose-bound ditch facing Melrose.

Auston added that the driver of the other car, a female, lost her left, front tire in the collision, but kept going. Austin said the other driver then drove by the crash scene twice before leaving for good.

Neither driver was injured. Ryan and Theida Tusher said they were following behind Austin when they saw the crash occur.

"We saw the whole thing," said Ryan Tusher.

"We had to swerve off the road too," added Theida Tusher.

The Tushers decided to find the hit-and-run suspect. It wasn't hard. Without a tire, Lumpkin's rim and wheel left a trail on S.R. 21 that the Tushers followed to the Melrose convenience store.

"We pulled up behind her but kept our distance," Ryan said, "called 911 and waited for the police to arrive."

Another Bradford County arrests;

Demetri Blount, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Clay County.

Samuel Reese Box, 23, of Starke was arrested on April 28 by Starke officers for possession of drugs.

Travis Q. Brown, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Marie, Shantell Clark, 38, of Fort Myers was arrested April 29 by Starke officers for larceny.

Ronald Lee Colvin, 58, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Allegra Cashun George, 43, of Starke was arrested April 29 by Starke officers for larceny.

A'vion Treavon Gunsby, 27, was arrested May 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana, and an out-of-county warrant (Marion County).

Brandi Nicole Harrison, 36, of Glen St. Mary, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Baker County

for violation of probation.

Jason Bernard Howell, 38, of Brooker, was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for DUI – Unlawful Blood Alcohol.

Mark Timothy Kurimay, 36, of Graham, was arrested April 26 by Bradford deputies for two counts of possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Shiquita Mays, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Union County for aggravated battery.

Leroy Roger Mccauley, 42, of Starke was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Jonathan Gregory Norman, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies in a hold from the Department of Corrections for probation violation.

Cody Allan Summerlin, 25, homeless, was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant (Alachua County) for failure to appear.

Ryan Michael Taylor, 25, of Starke, was arrested May 1 by Starke officers for a moving traffic violation.

Donald Wayne Thornton, 35, of Starke, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Christopher Allan Willingham, 44, of Starke, was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Richard William Wright, 45, of Starke, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for sexual assault.

Brent Antonio Young, 29, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested April 26 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Suspect arrested for 6 Keystone burglaries

Clay County

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Clay County deputies arrested a suspect in six Keystone Heights-area burglaries.

Cirocco David Fox, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 15 on unrelated charges but was interviewed as a person of interest in a number of break-ins which occurred over the last few months in the Lake Region. He was positively identified by photograph in all of the cases.

The first incident took place at a residence on Appomattox Avenue on Feb. 14. According to the arrest report, Fox entered the dwelling while it was unoccupied and stole items from the inside.

Fox is also accused of a Feb. 16 burglary, at a home on Silver Sands Circle. In this incident, the arrest report states that Fox entered the unoccupied dwelling and stole a tablet, a laptop, paper currency and a box of condoms. There was no forced entry and it is believed that the suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door.

The third break-in occurred on Feb. 25, about a block away from the Silver Sands Circle burglary. A house-sitter told investigators that she noticed

items missing and reported the burglary. Missing are guns, a four-wheeler, two book bags, a variety of ammunition and other small items.

Deputies also linked Fox to a Feb. 25 theft on Hillridge Road. According to an arrest report, early on Feb. 26, the owner of a backyard shed noticed the door open and a motorcycle stored in the structure missing. Deputies found the bike nearby, leaning against a utility pole. However, they did not recover other items missing from the shed, including woodworking tools.

Another break-in occurred on Silver Sands Circle on March 7. In that incident, the resident noticed his back gate open the next day and informed law enforcement. The victim was in the process of moving and noticed several boxes of items missing from the home, including one marked electronics and another containing several bottles of liquor. Also missing was a tool set and some laundry soap.

The final theft occurred on March 18 on Rollins Street. The victim reported that he had been out grocery shopping with his disabled mother and left his 2007 Hyundai running at the curb in front of the residence while he walked her inside. When he tried to return to the vehicle a short time later, he found it missing. Charged this time with grand theft auto, Fox was identified by the victim as a former friend. The victim added that he never gave Fox permission to drive the car.

In other Clay County arrests:

Rebekah Louise Hall, 29, was arrested April 30 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for retail petty theft, and possession of drug equipment.

Robert Dalton Thornton, 32, was arrested April 28 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for domestic battery.

SWAT team used to capture Union County man

Pierre Louis Williams, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested April 25 by Union Deputy Charles Townsend for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon (firearm or concealed weapon), drug possession (controlled substance without a prescription) and felony violation of probation.

According to the arrest report, Townsend responded to a call in reference to a disturbance on SW 126th Ave. in Lake Butler. Dispatch had advised that a male and a female at this residence had been arguing verbally earlier in the day, but that the male was now in the possession of a firearm and was threatening to shoot her and any police present.

The female was able to get away from the male and later identified him as

Williams. When she made contact with deputies at the scene she said Williams was in possession of two firearms and had discharged one twice. She described the guns as a .45 pistol and a 9 mm pistol. She said Williams had threatened to shoot her and law enforcement. She said she had last seen the .45 in the car, and that Williams had the other pistol and was going out the back door of the home. She also said he had extended the stock of the 9 mm to make it look like a rifle. She also reported that Williams told her that he had taken 7 to 9 Zanax pills and she thought that was why he was acting as if he was intoxicated and could not walk.

Sheriff Brad Whitehead and Captain Lynn Williams were notified of the situation and the RMC K-9 and SWAT Leader Sgt. Andrews were activated and arrived at the scene, taking command. Deputies surrounded the house and the female was allowed to retreat to a safe location with family.

Bradford/Union SWAT was able to take Williams into custody without incident. After the residence had been cleared, the female gave deputies permission to search the residence and vehicle, which were photographed before the search began. The firearms were both located in the car. During the search, deputies noticed a game camera behind the residence, outside the residence's back door which appeared to be operational. The camera was taken as evidence. Also found inside the vehicle were seven Zanax pills stored in a clear plastic bag.

Williams is currently on felony probation, of which he only had four months left.

Ethan Paul Crawford, 16, of Raiford was arrested on April 26 by Union deputies on a Union County Take into Custody Warrant for burglary of a dwelling, unarmed with no assault or battery and larceny – theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000 and another Union County Take into Custody Warrant for burglary of a structure or conveyance, unarmed, without persons inside and a second count of larceny.

In ther Union County arrests:

Dalton Wayne Elixson, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Caleb Michael Glaspy, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Justin Lee Lanterman, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 25 by Union Deputy Jason Lepanto on a Union County warrant for burglary of a structure of conveyance,

unarmed without persons inside and larceny, theft of \$300 but not more than \$5,000 and another warrant for another count of burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, unarmed, without persons inside and another count of larceny.

Shiquita Semon Mays, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies for aggravated battery – person uses a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Willie Jerome Newsome, 18, was arrested April 27 by Union deputies for distribution of marijuana, possession of narcotic equipment and on a warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Torrence Demetrious Reed, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a warrant for distribution of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver within 1,000 feet of public housing, and possession and/or use of narcotic equipment.

Susan Alison Shuler, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 26 by Union Deputy Robert Fipps on an out-of-county warrant.

Bradley Ryan Spiegel, 15, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

William Ira Tillman, 48, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union Deputy Shelby Seay Ellis on a Union County warrant for felony

violation of probation.

Pennie Arla Waldron, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested April 28 by Union Deputy David Gladding for delivering/distributing drugs (methamphetamine), possession and/or use of narcotic equipment and smuggling contraband into prison (a controlled substance).

Curtis Donell Watkins, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union Deputy Shelby Seay Ellis on a Union County Warrant for sexual assault on a victim over 12 years of age with physical force but no damage.

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Arch G. Mainous III, the Florida Blue Endowed Professor of Health Administration and chair of health services research, management and policy in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions; Christiaan Leeuwenburgh, a professor and chief of the UF College of Medicine's division of biology of aging who also is affiliated with the UF Institute on Aging; and researchers from The Johns Hopkins University and the National Institute on Aging Intramural Research Program, both in Baltimore.

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The Weekly Paw Print: Sunburn and Sunscreen

This past weekend I got to spend time with friends outdoors. While we were applying sunscreen my friend Kim posed the question, "Is it okay to use sunscreen on my dog?" The shortest answer is yes. However, everyone knows I tend to talk a bit so let us expound a little on the subject of sunburn and sunscreen.

Keeping a dog indoors from 10 am to 4 pm is the best way to protect them from the sun's harmful rays. Dogs can also experience heat stroke in the summer. Making sure your dog has access to water and shade is an essential part of keeping your pet safe on hot days.

White dogs with short-hair like Bull Terriers, Pit Bulls, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Greyhounds, and Boxers are more susceptible to sunburn than dogs with darker skin and thicker coats. Even though these breeds are more likely to burn, all pet parents should consider the use of sunscreen for their dogs in the summer.

A sunburned dog can suffer from red, inflamed skin that becomes irritated and painful. Sunburns on dogs can also lead to skin cancers such as squamous cell carcinoma, malignant melanomas, hemangiomas, or hemangiosarcomas.

The safest and most effective sunscreen to put on your dogs is one that is specifically designed for canine use, like Epi-Pet Sun Protector. When this is not possible use a children's sunscreen without fragrance. Remember, it will likely be ingested because we are dealing with dogs so it is important to read the label. DO NOT use products with Zinc Oxide or PABA: both can be toxic if ingested. Try it on a small area first to make sure it does not cause a skin reaction before you spread it all over you dog. Focus on hairless and areas of thinned hair. Also all exposed pink skin.

So Kim, yes. You can and should put sunscreen on your dog.

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Hits hard to come by in 3-1 KHHS loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff
Writer

Keystone Heights High School struggled against Newberry pitcher Brett Baron, who gave up four hits and struck out seven in 6.2 innings as the third seed Panthers defeated the fourth seed Indians 3-1 in the April 30 quarterfinals of the District 5-5A baseball tournament in Keystone.

Connor Osteen pitched a complete game for the Indians (9-16), giving up six hits and one walk, while striking out five. Keystone, though, couldn't generate much offense and left five baserunners stranded in scoring position. Kaison Harvey went 2-for-3 with a double, but the rest of the team went a combined 2-for-23.

Harvey put the Indians up 1-0 in the third inning when he singled and eventually scored on an error.

Newberry (15-8) answered with two runs in the bottom half of the inning, with one run scoring on a passed ball and another scoring on an infield ground out.



First baseman Nate Gagnon fields a ground ball.

The Panthers advanced to play second seed P.K. Yonge in a semifinal game this past Tuesday.

Keystone's final week of the regular season didn't go very well, either, as the Indians lost games to Ridgeview, Clay and Buchholz.

Host Ridgeview erased a 4-0 deficit to defeat the Indians 5-4 on April 24.

Andrew Cox, Alex Kanos and Gary Searle each had an RBI, with Kanos going 2-for-3. Cox and Trey Alsbrook each hit a double, while Nate Gagnon went 2-for-3.

Alsbrook pitched three innings of scoreless relief, giving up two hits.

On April 25, Gagnon and Kanos each had three RBI, but it wasn't enough as visiting Clay handed the Indians a 23-8 loss in five innings.

Gagnon and Kanos each went 3-for-3, while Osteen went 2-for-2.

Keystone managed just two hits in its regular-season finale, which was a 9-0 road loss to Buchholz.

Cox had both hits, going 2-for-3.

BHS' Alvarez to play football at Kentucky Christian



Jakob Alvarez, seated between parents Leavy and Melissa Alvarez, signs his letter of intent to play football at Kentucky Christian University.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff
Writer

If one thing can be said about Bradford High School senior Jakob Alvarez, it's that when he sets a goal, he reaches it.

One goal was to continue playing football. He gets the chance after receiving a scholarship from Kentucky Christian University, which is located in the city of Grayson.

"I'm just excited," Alvarez said following an April 25 signing ceremony in the BHS media center. "Just to get to play college football — that's what I've been waiting for."

BHS Head Coach Brian Tomlinson recalled first meeting Alvarez when he was hired last May. Alvarez told his new coach he was going to win a state championship in weightlifting, which he did earlier this month. Tomlinson said after football season was over, Alvarez said he wanted to play college football.

"I do believe he can do anything he puts his mind to," Tomlinson said.

Alvarez, an offensive lineman, said a couple of other schools, such as Point University in West Point, Georgia, were interested in him, but he believes he made the right choice in selecting Kentucky Christian. He became convinced of when he was shown around its campus by coaches. He said to himself, "Yeah. This

is where I want to go."

The school's nursing program was an appeal also, as was the fact Alvarez said Grayson feels a lot like Starke to him.

"I felt right at home," he said.

Tomlinson said one of the biggest assets Alvarez — who received second-team Gainesville Sun All-Area and Florida Times-Union All-First Coast honors this past season — possesses as an offensive lineman is his attitude.

"A lot of people say they want mean and nasty offensive linemen," Tomlinson said. "He is, but the great thing about him is he's only mean and nasty for that four six seconds of the play. After that, he's a great person — a great, young man with a bright future."

Tomlinson said Alvarez still has techniques to learn about playing on the line, but that will come once he gets into college and is around coaches who will devote a lot of time to teaching him.

"He has a few things he's still going to have to learn, but he's a quick learner," Tomlinson said. "He's smart. He's intelligent. He understands what has to be done. Then you throw in the fact that he's so strong. Being a quick learner and being as strong as he is — it makes it a lot easier as a coach to have an offensive lineman like that."

Alvarez played tackle at BHS,

but that could possibly change.

"He may have to end up making a change from tackle to somewhere like center," Tomlinson said, "but if anybody can do it, he can."

It doesn't matter to Alvarez. He just wants to be on the field contributing.

"Wherever they put me, I'll play," he said.

The Kentucky Christian Knights are coached by Corey Fipps, who is entering his third season. The team went 4-18 his first two seasons.

KCU plays at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics level and is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association. The Knights play football in the Bluegrass Division of the Mid-South Conference.

When asked what it'll feel like to be on the field for the first time as a college player, Alvarez said, "Probably a little nerve-wracking, obviously, because you don't know anybody."

His high school coach thinks he'll do just fine.

"I think Kentucky Christian's getting a hard-working young man," Tomlinson said. "I can tell you, they're going to fall in love with him. They're going to get him on the field, and they're not going to want to let him off the field. They're going to make sure he's out there."

BHS baseball season ends with 18-3 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff
Writer

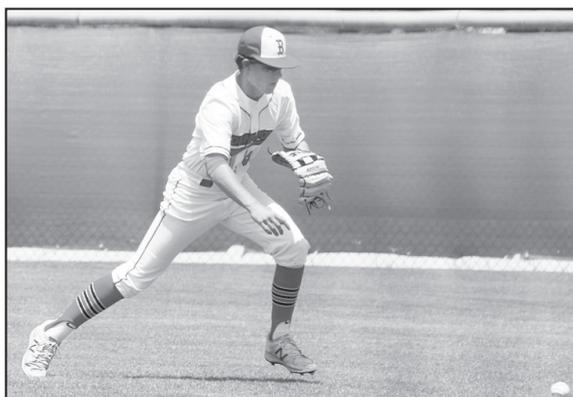
Jacob Polk went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, but the rest of his teammates couldn't get anything off Palatka pitcher Chandler Mullins, who gave up four hits and struck out 13 as the seventh seed Panthers defeated the sixth seed Tornadoses 18-3 in the April 30 quarterfinals of the District 5-5A baseball tournament at Keystone Heights High School.

Polk scored Bradford's first run when Tucker Stack was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. His second came on a steal of home from third, while his third came off a Stack single.

Palatka had no trouble against four Bradford pitchers, getting 17 hits.

Bradford, which lost its final eight games, ended its season with an 8-14 record.

Palatka (11-15) advanced to the tournament semifinals this past Tuesday to play top seed Santa Fe.



Logan Evans chases a ball in right field.



Garfield Johns (left) takes a lead at first after getting hit by a pitch in the third inning.



Second baseman Trent Bryant makes a throw to first.



Jacob Polk watches a pitch come in. He was the only Bradford batter with multiple hits, one of which was a double.

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Elite Automotive marks one-year anniversary in Starke

Breakfast at Grannies, reading the Telegraph and watching traffic crawl along U.S. 301. Chris Forbach and Chuck Trotter may not live in Bradford County, but after a year working out of their Elite Automotive shop at the corner of U.S. 301 and Pratt Street, the two are very comfortable with Starke and the surrounding area. But more importantly, Bradford County residents have gotten very comfortable with Chris and Chuck.

Their small-town outlook: Chris lives in Hawthorne and Chuck in MacClenney, their honesty and the pride they take in their work have made them a favorite, not only of individuals but also of businesses and governmental entities within the county.

Ask them what they appreciate most about owning their own business and the answer may surprise you.

"We're grateful for the relationships we're building around here," said Chris.

"And we're thankful for the large number of referrals we've gotten from our new friends here," added Chuck. "I mean, the best compliment you could have is for one of your customers to send a friend to you: 'We came because so-and-so said you guys are the best. All we've heard are good things about you.'"

"It's gratifying and humbling to know that our customers not only trust us with their vehicles but also trust us with their friends," Chuck added.

New equipment, technical expertise

Although the pair opened Elite Automotive a little over a year ago, they spent nearly a month refurbishing the former site of Corbett's Auto Repair before opening the doors: remodeling the office and installing new equipment.

Since that time, they've invested more money into the operation with a new, four-post, 14,000 lbs.-capacity truck lift and a new state-of-the-art alignment machine.

What they don't do is more important than what they do

The new equipment gives the guys the capability to use the technical expertise they have accumulated over three decades. Chris worked for 31 years as a shop foreman for Chrysler and is a 5-star Chrysler technician. Chuck has owned several automotive repair businesses in Florida and has been a service manager with Ford Lincoln Mercury. Both men are ASE certified master technicians.

But there are some things they don't test for on the ASE exams: like honesty, building trust and valuing relationships over money.

Chuck and Chris believe those values are just as important, maybe even more important than their technical know-how.

And it's what they don't do that is more important as things they do.

They don't take on business they can't handle; they don't use lowball pricing and then cut corners on quality; and they won't tell you that you need to replace a part when it's not true.

They're just regular guys who know a lot about cars and appreciate their friends in Bradford County.

Drag racing crash leads to friendship and business partnership

The two met on the NHRA drag racing circuit and became friends after Chris was involved in a bad crash. The friendship grew over time from two guys who competed together to two guys with common interests, both at the track and away from it.

They also discovered that they shared the same business values: honesty, technical proficiency and pride in workmanship.

That's why they came to Starke. They figured that their way of doing business: building a reputation for quality work and fair prices, would work better in a small community than in the big city. Funny thing is, now people in the big city, like Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra are driving to Starke to have their cars worked on. Turns out that small-town values are appreciated in the big city too.

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Chuck Trotter and Chris Forbach with their new alignment machine and truck lift (below).



alignment and repair. They also offer new and used tires and tire repair. The shop is equipped with complete state-of-the-art

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Bradford resident Sutton to play baseball at Delgado

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

P.K. Yonge's baseball team attempted to extend its season this past Tuesday in the semifinals of the District 5-5A tournament, but regardless of the outcome, there is more baseball in Austin Sutton's future after he accepted a scholarship from New Orleans' Delgado Community College.

"I love it," said Sutton, who lives in Bradford County and is the son of Brian and Elizabeth Sutton. "That's all I've ever wanted to do, go to college and play baseball and get my education. I'm going to be able to do that."

The grandson of Monica Clements and Ken and Glenda Sutton — all Bradford County residents as well — said Delgado was the first school to show interest in him. He took a visit to the school and was surprised to receive an offer during that visit.

"It didn't really kick in until I got home and was talking to my parents about it," Sutton said. "It was great."

The school felt like a good fit, Sutton said, explaining, "They campus up there is beautiful. All the players are nice. They're a family up there."

This year (through April 30) for P.K. Yonge, Sutton has hit a team-leading 13 doubles. He currently has a .432 batting average, which is third on the team, and has 28 RBI, which is second on the team. He is 22-for-22 on stolen-base attempts.

As a junior, Sutton broke the P.K. Yonge record for stolen bases in a season with 33. The old record was 26 set in 1981.

Sutton also batted .375 as a junior and earned second-team Gainesville Sun All-Area honors.



Bradford County resident Austin Sutton, who is a senior at P.K. Yonge, accepted a scholarship to play baseball at New Orleans' Delgado Community College. He is seated with his sister, Lila, at his signing ceremony. His parents, Brian and Elizabeth Sutton, are pictured standing behind him.

Though he plays shortstop now, that may change at Delgado.

"They're talking about me playing some in the outfield and maybe playing second base," Sutton said.

However, any position is fine with him.

"As long as I'm on the field," Sutton said.

In looking at his game, Sutton said he needs to work on his discipline at the plate and do a better job of recognizing balls and strikes. He also needs to prepare to adapt to a different level of play.

"Next year is going to be a lot

better," he said.

Sutton, of course, hopes to move on to a four-year school after two years at Delgado. He said playing for LSU would be a dream.

Delgado, as of press time, was 33-17. The Dolphins' head coach is Joe Scheuermann, who is in his 27th season.

When asked what it will feel like when he steps onto the field for the first time as a Delgado Dolphin, Sutton said, "It's going to be amazing, I know that. I just can't wait for it."

Guy to compete in 2 state events for KHHS



Alex Guy qualified for state in both the 800m and 1600m.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Alex Guy is the only Keystone Heights High School track and field athlete who will be advancing to the state finals after his performances in the 800m and 1600m at the Region 2-2A finals, which were held April 25 at Orlando's First Academy.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to compete in the Florida High School Athletic Association Finals, which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Guy finished as runner-up in the 800m with a time of 1:59.37. Tavares' Dalton Brown won the event with a time of 1:57.47.

In the 1600m, Guy earned the last state-qualifying spot ahead of Brown, finishing fourth with a time of 4:32.36. Brown had a time of 4:32.38.

The times for Guy's races at state are 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4, for the 800m and 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, for the 1600m.

Girls' team member finished two spots out of qualifying for state in the 1600m, placing sixth with a time of 5:25.91. Williams also placed seventh in the 320mm with a time of 12:43.23.

Others competing for Keystone included Marcus McGruder, who was in three events: high jump (5-5.75), long jump (18-5.25) and triple jump (38-2.75). The boys' team was also represented by Raymond Anderson in the discus (112-11) and by Guy, Ryan Williams, Garrett Stanley and Jerry Payne in the 4x400m relay (3:41.39).

The girls' 4x400m relay team of Danielle Garvey, Haley Phillips, Lindsay Schrader and Jessi Yeldell competed, finishing with a time of 4:37.59.

As individuals, Phillips competed in the 1600m (5:47.31), while Yeldell competed in the high jump (4-6).

Victoria Bannon also competed, running a time of 19.93 in the 100m hurdles.

Harris, Hines to compete at state for BHS



Meghan Harris will participate in three events at state: the 400m, 300m hurdles and triple jump. She will also be joined at state by teammate Jade Hines, who will compete in the long jump.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Meghan Harris and Jade Hines will represent Bradford High School at the Florida High School Athletic Association Track and Field Finals after their performances at the April 25 Region 2-2A finals, which were hosted by Orlando's First Academy.

The top four individuals in each event earned the right to advance to state, which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Harris qualified in all three events she competed in, placing

fourth in each one. She jumped 34-11 in the triple jump, earning the last state-qualifying spot ahead of Lake Highland Prep's Payton Sorensen, who jumped 33-9.5. In the 300m hurdles, Harris edged out Orlando Jones' Destini Franklin for the last qualifying spot with a time of 49.40 (Franklin had a time of 49.43), while in the 400m, Harris posted a time of 59.51 to beat out Trinity Catholic's Sarah Richmond, who had a time of 59.57.

Hines competed in two events and will advance in the long jump after jumping 16-11.25, which was good for third. Hines also competed in the 200m, placing seventh with a time of 26.96.

On Friday, May 4, at state, Harris will compete in the 400m preliminaries at 1:10 p.m. and the 300m hurdles preliminaries at 2:50 p.m. The finals will be held Saturday, May 5, with the 400m starting at 3:30 p.m. and the 300m hurdles starting at 4 p.m.

Hines will compete in the long at state at 5 p.m. on May 4. Harris will compete in the triple jump at 10:30 p.m. on May 5.

Jeremiah Vaughn just missed out on advancing in the 200m. He had a fifth-place time of 22.90, which left him trailing Orlando Jones' Jadan Robinson, who had a time of 22.62.

Vaughn also competed in the 100m, placing sixth with a time of 11.18.

Jordan Hill placed eighth in the high jump (5-7.75), while Travis Lee was 11th in the triple jump (39-1).

Tigers advance to district title game with 12-2 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players drove in two runs each as the Union County High School baseball team defeated second seed Crescent City 12-2 in five innings in the semifinals of the District 6-1A tournament on May 1 in Lake Butler.

The third seed Tigers (17-8) play for the district championship on Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. against either top seed Williston or fourth seed Hilliard.

Union scored four runs in each of the first two innings. Trevor Rogers drove in two runs on a single in the first, while Tripp Davis drove in two off a triple in the second.

Whip Davis and Matthew Starling each had two RBI as well, with Davis going 3-for-4. Leadoff batter Skyler Shatto went 2-for-4.

Caden Cox threw all five innings, giving up six hits and two walks, while striking out three. He also picked off two runners at first base.



Paden Clyatt dives back to first base as Crescent City attempts a pick-off play.

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Season ends for UCHS track, field athletes at regional level

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Solomon Jones and Austin Wilson competed for Union County High School at the April 25 Region 2-2A track and field finals at Orlando's First Academy, but neither placed high enough to qualify for state. Jones placed had a 15th-place distance in the shot put of 33-8, while Wilson had a 16th-place

time of 5:07.23 in the 1600m. Athletes had to finish in the top four to move on to the Florida High School Athletic Association Finals. Kurston Bakken qualified for the Region 2 finals in the discus, but did not make the trip to Orlando. Jaylon Diston qualified to

compete in the high jump, but wasn't listed as having any official results. The Telegraph-Times-Monitor could not reach coach Robbie Best for clarification on what occurred.

UCHS defeats BHS 5-2 in regular-season finale

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Whip Davis and Caden Cox combined to pitch 4.1 scoreless

innings as the Union County High School baseball team defeated host Bradford 5-2 in the regular-season finale for both teams on April 26. The Tigers trailed 2-1 after the first inning, but scored two runs in the top of the second to take the

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