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Keystone Heights moves to regulate food trucks

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Keystone Heights council members, during their July 2 meeting, instructed its staff to continue developing food truck regulations.

City Clerk Lynn Rutkoski told the council that a few food truck owners have approached the government about operating in Keystone Heights. She added that Capital City Bank has on occasion invited food trucks onto its property and the city has received some complaints from the bank's customers.

"A couple of the complaints that the city has had is that it's very difficult for (bank customers) to get in and out when these food trucks are there," she said.

Rutkowski and City Attorney Rich Komando said Keystone Heights' proposed food truck regulations are based on a Jacksonville Beach ordinance.

Komando said that the advantage of modeling Keystone's rules on Jacksonville Beach's is that the latter regulations have already been debated and vetted by the public, officials and food truck owners.

Rutkowski added that one decision council members will have to make is whether the municipality will grant food truck permits by exception or as a conditional use.

If the city allows food trucks as a conditional use, their applications could be approved by staff. If food trucks were permitted as a use by exception, the city's planning and zoning board would have to approve each application.

In other news from the city council's regular July meeting:

Commercial Circle traffic complaints

Rutkowski told council members that the city has received many complaints from Commercial Circle business owners about dump trucks using the road as a shortcut between State Roads 100 and 21, avoiding the traffic signal at the intersection of the two highways.

City Manager Scott Kornegay said that the complaints are arising from dump trucks approaching Keystone Heights from the direction of Palatka, traveling westbound on S.R. 100. He said that instead of continuing on 100 and turning right at the intersection of S.R. 21, where Walgreens and CVS are located, the trucks are turning right at the traffic signal at Commercial Drive, near Futch's Power Depot and Azalea Health. They then follow Commercial Drive as the road enters the city and converts to Commercial Circle. The trucks then turn right on S.R. 21, near Ameris Bank.

Council members discussed putting a weight restriction on the road, or limiting truck traffic on the thoroughfare to local deliveries only.

Council members asked Komando to research the matter for developing an ordinance.

Charter review update

Komando gave council members an update on the work of the municipality's charter review committee.

He said the committee is considering a proposal to change

Keystone Heights proposed food truck regulations:

- Must be on a lot with at least 43,559 square feet (one acre);
- Only one food truck is permitted on each lot;
- Operation limited to between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- May not leave food truck on lot overnight;
- May not be parked within 100 feet of any eating establishment, and may not block handicapped parking;
- Must apply for and get city approval before operating;
- Must have state-approved mobile food vending permit;
- Must properly dispose of waste and trash

the residency requirements for city council candidates. Now, candidates must have been a city resident for one year prior to the election. The committee is considering changing the requirement to being a resident at the time of the election, or when a winning candidate takes office. The committee is also considering a proposal to remove the residency requirement if the candidate can obtain a certain number of signatures from city voters.

Komando added that the committee is considering a proposal that would have the city clerk report to the city manager instead of the council, as she does now. He also said the committee is waiting to receive proposed charter changes from the Clay County Supervisor of Elections and a name change proposal from the Keystone Airpark Authority.

When will your road be resurfaced?



Capulin Street off Monongahela Ave. was recently resurfaced according to Clay County's road plan.

this year.
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Managing Editor

With Clay County's road resurfacing plan

now underway, residents can now get some type of expectation when their road will be repaired. Earlier this year, the county continued its endeavor to rank roads

according to condition and use. The county has not made any assertions

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Wings of Dreams hosts Florida Fallen Heroes



(L-R) Roland Delhomme, Katherine Tryon and Woody Andrews discuss the scale of the Space Shuttle Challenger's nose cone. The cone is in the background, as it appears on a Florida license plate displayed on a truck in front of them.

BY ATHIE SANDERS
Special to the Monitor

Wings of Dreams Aviation and Space Museum hosted its monthly Fly-In-Cruise-In Breakfast at Keystone Airpark Saturday, July 7 to raise money for the museum, inform patrons about the work of the Florida Fallen Heroes Organization and provide a tour of the museum grounds.

The first Saturday of each month the Fly In offers aviation enthusiasts an opportunity to meet new friends and visit while enjoying breakfast prepared by volunteers. The meal is cooked and served outside.

Sharon Lynn Unger, chief operating officer at Florida Fallen Heroes in Jacksonville was the guest speaker. The foundation raises funds to purchase and erect Fallen Soldiers Monuments at each hometown high school of a Florida graduate who gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending the United States of

America.

Dave Seaman founded the organization in memory of his son: PFC Timothy J Seaman who was killed in action during the Iraq War. The organization honors all fallen heroes. "Seaman wanted his son and others not to be forgotten," said Unger.

"Currently there are 14 monuments. Eleven are in Jacksonville, one in Fernandina Beach, and two in Clay County. Four more are paid for and ordered and will be placed soon at St. Augustine High School, Bradford High School, DeLand High School and in Tallahassee. Active fund raising is in place for others," said Unger.

A Fallen Heroes monument is five-and-a-half feet tall, consisting of a helmet atop a gun with boots resting on a large granite base. A school will have one monument with names added. The cost is \$7,000.

"I want students to see that monument and be reminded that our freedom isn't free. People who have walked the same

halls they walk now paid the ultimate sacrifice to provide that freedom," said Unger.

"Jim Mitzel, president of Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund, and veteran members, worked hard to raise the funds for Bradford High School and now are working fund raisers for Keystone Heights High School," said Unger.

Upcoming events sponsored by the Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund include a chili cook-off in October at Howlin Wolf in Putnam Hall and a barbecue in April at Florida Cracker Kitchen.

The meeting was followed by a car caravan tour led by Woody Andrews through the outlying areas of the museum. Many exhibits are housed within storage buildings; however, many are outside in fields. A large amount of the exhibits are historical space probe items NASA was about to scrap.

Quick thinking and dedication toward preservation of the

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Storm water plan approved for RV Park



Keystone RV Resort Phases 1 & 2

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Lake Mary businessman Vincent Esson is proposing to build the 73-acre, 395-lot park near the Bradford-Clay County line on State Road 100.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Suwannee River Water Management District, during its July regular meeting, approved an environmental resource permit for the first two phases of the Keystone RV Resort's storm water runoff system. Lake Mary businessman Vincent Esson is proposing to build the 73-acre, 395-lot park near the Bradford-Clay County line on State Road 100.

A district staff member told the board that the plan includes 21 acres of impervious surface, such as parking lots, roads and other structures, two former barrow pits that will be converted into retention ponds with littoral zones, an unaltered wetland that will be surrounded by a 25-foot buffer, one dry detention basin

with no discharge and two dry detention basins that will treat storm water before it enters the wetlands and into its natural flow south, into Santa Fe Lake.

Bradford County and Melrose resident Stasia Rudolph told the water management district's governing board that she opposed the permit.

She said the group she represents hired its own engineer and she argued that the entire acreage outlined in the RV resort proposal is wetland, an assertion with which the district's staff disagreed.

"Twenty acres of the 75 is in a flood zone," she said. "and 54 acres have severe soil restrictions, because it's wet."

North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce President-CEO Pam Whittle also addressed the water management

board about the permit. Whittle is also the executive director of the county's tourist development council.

She told the governing board that both organizations she represents support the RV park.

"The RV resort will be a complementary business to other outdoor businesses already in our area," she said, "such as the Bradford Sportsman's Farm, The FIRM motorsports park located at the Keystone Airpark, the golf course and Karts and Robbers: a new business that has recently come to our area."

Capital City Bank President Patricia Evans, who chairs the Bradford County Development

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Daughters of American Revolution chapters receives national awards



(L-r) Konnie Beauregard, Leslie Harper, Susan Lucas and Anne Smoak.

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Special to the Monitor

Konnie Beauregard traveled to Washington June 19-24, representing Keystone Heights' Col. Samuel Elbert chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the 127th Continental Congress 2018 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Conference.

"Three thousand, five hundred daughters from all over the world attended the conference," said Beauregard.

DAR chapters have been founded in Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

"Countries with high American populations in them have DAR chapters," said Beauregard.

Beauregard attended the convention as a delegate to vote for Vice President Generals, participate in the dedication of the O'Byrne Gallery Floors project and attend business meetings which included discussions of new proposals and acceptance of awards presented to the chapter.

Eleven Vice Presidents were eligible to run for Vice President Generals, but only seven vacancies existed. Each candidate appointed a person from her state to speak on their behalf. Candidates themselves are not allowed to speak for themselves.

Beauregard, State Regents Project Chairman, represented the chapter's contributions at the dedication of the refurbishing project of O'Byrne Gallery Floors in the DAR National Historic Society Building. The floors were restored with historical integrity. Woodmen replaced the worn floors with white oak.

"It was rumored that the

woodsmen got the white oak from approximately the same forest area in Pennsylvania that the original floors came from," said Beauregard.

Attendees participated in business meetings and discussed new proposals. The CSE chapter partnered with a chapter from Pennsylvania to support a bike trail 35-miles-long from Philadelphia to Valley Forge. The plan is to offer Heritage Oaks for sale. An oak would be planted with a name of an American Patriot with the goal of lining the 35-mile-long trail with the oaks.

National awards were presented during the business meeting. The CSE chapter received the Level 1 Chapter Achievement Award. The Level 1 award is the highest possible award level.

Leslie Harper received a Level 1 award for 100-percent applications verified without errors.

Harper, Florida Co-Chair of the Lineage Research Committee, also received an award from the committee for outstanding services.

"I am one of five members in Florida that fulfill the role of support to other state chapters when they have trouble filling out their forms and having them accepted. There are 105 DAR chapters in Florida. I provide assistance to about 20 chapters," said Harper.

The DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee presented an award to Anne Smoak for outstanding service as a supporting documentation volunteer.

"My job is to decipher script from 1700s and 1800s documents and then type the information so that it can be digitized," said Smoak. "The committee provided me with training then I just worked at it."

Smoak also received an

Outstanding Junior Award from the local chapter for her service across many projects. Women between the ages of 18 to 35 are considered Juniors. "Anne is our youngest chapter member and is active in so many areas," said Beauregard.

While in D.C. Beauregard joined the efforts of other daughters and washed the Vietnam Wall. "That was a massive undertaking," she said.

During the year, daughters may fly in to take care of monuments and other historical areas. They also work to maintain hometown cemeteries. Children of the American Revolution join in local projects.

"Our chapter cleaned Micanopy Graveyard just before Memorial Day, said Beauregard.

Daughters of the American Revolution was founded over 125 years ago by a group of pioneering women desiring an opportunity to express their patriotic feelings and honor their ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent. The objectives then and now are historical, educational and patriotic.

DAR is a lineage-based membership service organization for women who are directly descended from a person involved in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775 and Nov. 26, 1783.

The CSE chapter meets at 10:30 a.m. the first Monday of the month October through May at I-Hop in Starke. There is a business meeting, then lunch and social gathering. Any woman 18 or older who would like to prove their lineal descent from American Patriots of the American Revolution is invited to attend. For more information call Leslie Harper at 352-475-5090.

Melrose Public Library hosts hands-on science program

BY ATHIE SANDERS
Special to the Monitor

Science Rocks, a hands-on science program targeting elementary-aged children and their parents, was presented by Dr. Holly Thomas July 11 at the Melrose Public Library to teach children basic science principals and teach parents how to become partners in teaching their children science.

"Dr. Holly volunteers and she is going to every single library in Putnam County to do science programs," said Librarian Sheree Sims.

"I have been a public-school classroom teacher and a resource



Grandmother Ella Brown sits back and observes as grandchildren Jayla Hill (6), Jaynell Hill (11), Yasmin Bryant (12) and Donald Hill (7) construct their "tri-orama" which will be used to record and display their physics observations. Library volunteer Linda Alvarez stands close by to offer assistance if needed.

teacher all my life," said Thomas. Thomas retired from teaching and is now a library volunteer.

"As a library volunteer, I participate with students in a casual program featuring standards-based topics for elementary grade level science curriculum. The goal is to help children achieve academically and learn the skills they will need as they progress through the grades over time. The science contents I present originate

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This is to inform George Miller, of 1478 Balkin Road, Tallahassee, FL, 32305, he has 30 days to recover abandoned 1995 Harley Davidson, VIN # 1HD1BJL4XSY010783, located at 8136 State Road 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32305. This vehicle will be released to George Miller only. Storage fees of \$ 25.00 per month since Oct. 2013 totaling \$1425.00. A certified copy will be sent to above address.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The Keystone Heights City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on August 6, 2018, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to consider Ordinance 2018-576.

The PUBLIC HEARING will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room. Ordinance 2018-576

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1st, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

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

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Deputies: woman hid 400 cigarettes in her crotch

Arrested for smuggling smokes into Florida State Prison



Rey

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Bradford deputies arrested a Miami woman after she attempted to smuggle 400 cigarettes into Florida State Prison.

Giovanna Carmen Rey, 32, was arrested for smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer Corey Turner was dispatched to the prison's west unit after Rey attempted to leave the facility.

Turner wrote in the report that he met with Correctional Officer Mikayla McDuffie, who told Turner that the defendant arrived at the prison at 10:34 and that McDuffie was conducting routine entrance procedures for visitors entering the prison visitation park.

"Mikayla observed what appeared to be a box-shaped package in (the defendant's) crotch area," Turner wrote. "When Mikayla asked what the object was, Giovanna stated that it was a feminine pad."

McDuffie then called in a supervisor and asked Rey directly if she was carrying any contraband. The defendant then confessed and pulled out two, vacuum-sealed packages which contained 400 cigarettes.

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Authority read a portion of a letter from the authority's board supporting the project.

"We are aware of, and appreciate the concerns raised by a minority in the community that this proposal for development will damage the ecological balance in Bradford County," she said, adding that from listening to government officials and citizens impacted by the project, the development board believes adequate due diligence has been performed for the park.

"With minimal environmental impact and the benefit of future growth, jobs, taxes and short-term housing, this is the type of development that fits our community's needs," she said.

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Lake Region roads ranked by Clay County's road repair plan

Rank	Road	From	To	Distance (feet)	Condition Highest=100	Estimated cost (\$35/foot)	Year ended Sept. 30,	
3	C.R. 315	C.R. 214	Putnam County line	14,085	31	\$ 492,975	2018	\$ 856,065
5	Gas Line Rd	S.R. 21	End of pavement	5,153	31	\$ 180,355	2018	\$ 1,241,203
6	Gas Line Rd	S.R. 21	Immokalee Rd.	7,933	31	\$ 277,657	2018	\$ 1,518,861
16	Capulin St.	Monogahela Ave.	Culdesac	1,500	32	\$ 52,500	2019	\$ 2,940,976
67	Triest Ave.	City limits	Culdesac	569	33	\$ 19,915	2019	\$ 6,942,018
77	Donald St.	Triest Ave.	End	377	34	\$ 13,181	2019	\$ 7,787,543
104	Little Rain Lake Rd.	S.R. 21	End of pavement	3,637	35	\$ 127,301	2020	\$ 10,485,954
117	C.R. 315 (Sharron Rd.)	S.R. 21	Dirt road	11,957	36	\$ 418,495	2020	\$ 12,403,453
119	Crystal Lake Rd.	Bedford Lake Rd.	Culdesac	8,322	36	\$ 291,277	2020	\$ 12,720,980
130	Yale St.	C.R. 214	Colgate Rd.	2,081	36	\$ 72,835	2020	\$ 13,853,513
143	Twin Lakes Rd. South	S.R. 100	Twin Lakes Rd.	1,266	37	\$ 44,310	2020	\$ 14,797,176
162	Laredo St.	C.R. 214	Grand Mesa Ave.	4,732	38	\$ 165,614	2021	\$ 15,965,107
168	Nightingale St.	Sunrise Blvd.	City Limits	2,061	38	\$ 72,135	2021	\$ 16,547,341
173	Sunrise Blvd.	S.R. 100	Paradise Point. Rd	1,436	38	\$ 50,245	2021	\$ 16,906,628
181	Bedford Lake Dr.	Immokalee	Cherokee Ct.	5,484	39	\$ 191,940	2021	\$ 17,668,811
198	S.W. Pecan St.	S.W. Orange	Paradise Dr.	1,303	39	\$ 45,599	2021	\$ 18,805,411
219	Monongahela Ave.	C.R. 214	Coronado St.	6,115	40	\$ 214,025	2022	\$ 20,642,592
228	Bedford Oak Dr.	Immokalee	Bedford Lake Rd.	2,826	41	\$ 98,910	2022	\$ 21,199,684
249	Paradise Point Dr.	Sunrise Blvd.	County line	678	41	\$ 23,730	2022	\$ 22,464,890
254	S.W. Fairway Dr.	S.R. 21	Pointview Rd.	726	41	\$ 25,416	2022	\$ 22,821,721
286	Swan Lake Rd.	S.R. 100	County line	925	42	\$ 32,379	2023	\$ 26,003,179
299	Coronado St.	Monongahela Ave.	Fremont Ave.	3,932	43	\$ 137,620	2023	\$ 26,583,836
307	Grand Mesa Ave.	C.R. 214	Grand Mesa Cir.	2,398	43	\$ 83,930	2023	\$ 27,084,386
308	Grand Mesa Cir.	Grand Mesa Ave.	Grand Mesa Ave.	3,659	43	\$ 128,065	2023	\$ 27,212,451
311	Hutchinson Av.e	C.R. 214	End of pavement	574	43	\$ 20,085	2023	\$ 27,344,221
319	Osceola Ave.	Osceola Ct.	Coronado St.	493	43	\$ 17,255	2023	\$ 28,142,721
332	Twin Lakes Rd.	Twin Lakes Rd. South	Pit	5,065	43	\$ 177,275	2023	\$ 28,819,354
352	Little Lake Geneva Rd.	Gas Line Road	Gas Line Rd.	7,048	44	\$ 246,672	2023	\$ 29,833,730
373	Chataqua Way	S.R. 21	S.R. 21	1,136	45	\$ 39,762	2024	\$ 30,894,538
399	Woman's Club Dr.	Orchid Ave.	Clover Ln.	573	45	\$ 20,055	2024	\$ 31,852,471
438	Ashwood	Brooklyn Bay Rd.	End	2,000	47	\$ 70,000	2024	\$ 34,551,347
440	Berea Ave.	Hebron Ave.	End of pavement	726	47	\$ 25,410	2025	\$ 35,592,997
445	Deer Springs Rd.	S.R. 21	Circle around lake	3,230	47	\$ 113,050	2025	\$ 34,751,276
460	N.W. Berea Ave.	Hebron Ave.	Berea Ave.	321	47	\$ 11,235	2025	\$ 35,974,981
461	Oak Hill Rd.	Gas Line Road	Deer Springs Rd.	1,159	47	\$ 40,565	2026	\$ 36,015,546
498	Silver Sands Rd.	C.R. 214	Silver Sands Cir.	1,500	48	\$ 52,500	2026	\$ 38,248,135



County Road 315 at the Clay-Putnam County line shows the Putnam County portion (foreground) recently resurfaced while the Clay County portion shows signs of wear. Clay County is scheduled to resurface the road later

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when any road will be resurfaced. However, with a current annual budget of \$5 million, residents can estimate when their roads might get done.

For example, Berea Avenue in the Park of the Palms neighborhood, from Hebron Avenue to the end of the pavement, is ranked 460 on the county's list, and \$34.7 million of work is ahead of that road. Based on the county's \$5 million annual budget, the *Monitor* forecasts that Berea will get

resurfaced in the fiscal year 2025, if the county's road budget and rankings remain the same.

Some Lake Region roads on the county's list have already been resurfaced, like Gas Line Road and Capulin Street.

Public Works Director Dale Smith told county

commissioners earlier this year that of the county's 770 miles of paved roads, his team has analyzed 400 miles, so the rankings could change in the future.

According to the county's current list, it will take 12 years to work through all the roads in need of repair.

FLY-IN

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historical significance of early space exploration by Bob Oehl, Wings of Dreams executive director, resulted in Keystone Heights being the home of innumerable space artifacts.

The ultimate dream is to have a first-class museum that is on the drawing board built to properly house the NASA collection as well as the rich collection of aviation history Wings of Dreams possesses. Historical tourism is a vast industry and Wings of Dreams has the makings of a top-notch historical museum.

Wings of Dreams welcomes community members to their monthly Fly-In/Cruise-In Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. They also have volunteer community service opportunities. Group tours of the aviation museum can be arranged by appointment and special events can be arranged for your group. Behind-the-scenes tours of the historic aviation

and space artifact collection are



Sharon Lynn Unger, chief operating officer of Florida Fallen Heroes, spoke to bring awareness of her organization's mission and to gain support and understanding for its cause.

available by appointment. For further information please call: (352) 256-8037 or (352) 219-2285.



(L -r) Larry Shanks, Don Riley and Bill Foti. Shanks and Foti were in town visiting Riley and he brought them out to the museum to share one of his favorite places.



Woody Andrews leads a tour of Wings of Dreams Aviation and Space Museum. Here Andrews explains the simple kitchen on the shuttle serviced by the water heater in the foreground. Andrews reminded everyone that all that was needed was hot water because the food was dehydrated and in pouches.

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(L to r) Ella Brown, Yasmin Bryant (12), Jayla Brown (6), Jaynell Brown (11), Donald Brown (7), Dr. Holly Thomas, Ezra Cook (11), Apphia Cook (7), Abigail Cook (9), Bella Aguillon (7), Joel Aguillon, Kelly Aguillon, Emylee Aguillon (7) and Sheree Sims participated in Science Rocks at the Melrose Public Library.



Above: (L-r) Bella Aquillon (7) anchors the line as Ella Brown observes granddaughter Jayla Hill (6) launch her rocket balloon past Dr. Holly Thomas, Ezra Cook (11) demonstrating Newton's Third Law of Motion, that for every action or force there is an equal and opposite reaction.



Dr. Holly requested parents to work along with their children during the presentation because she was there to teach the parents as well as the children. Kelly Aquillon works along with daughters Emylee (7) and Bella (7) as Dr. Holly explains how to make a presentation board.

Right: Ezra Cook (11) and sister Abigail Cook (9) construct a model of the water cycle using a zip lock bag. The model is to be taken home and hung on a window receiving sunshine.



Right: Bella Aguillon (7) was asked by Dr. Holly to try to shove the table a few inches first then to do the same with the roll of tape. Observing Newton's Second Law of Motion, if you exert the same force on two objects of different mass, you will get different accelerations.



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Keystone Heights
Lake Brooklyn home- 3/2 with 2276 sq. ft., library/ office, stone fireplace and 100 ft lake frontage.

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from Core Curriculum, State Standards and National Science Foundation guidelines," said Thomas.

Thomas is also an adjunct professor at Jacksonville University where she instructs young teachers how to teach science effectively.

Thomas encourages parents and guardians to be active partners in their children's science education. She requests parents attend the presentations.

Thomas introduces standards-based science principals, engages students in hands on experimentation of the concepts and provides simple but effective ways to display a summary of what they have learned.

Each child made a "tri-orama" from construction paper following step-by-step directions from Dr. Holly. As each of Newton's Laws of Motion was observed, children recorded a diagram and pasted a written description of the law on their tri-orama. "If you are asked to do a science project for school and you present your findings like this, your teacher will love it, I guarantee you," said Thomas.

"Our nation's teachers work with children in their classrooms to achieve academically and to learn the skills they will need to be successful and productive citizens. The library program 'Science Rocks' is designed to provide another form of support for our children and provide

methods and resources," said Thomas.

The program covers biology, environmental science, physical sciences and methods to help students develop the skills needed to strengthen their background knowledge.

Thomas hopes that students will leave her presentations with fresh ideas and plans for the new school year.

"The plan is for students to learn and use the tools they will need to uncover, understand and explain the facts and information they gain," said Thomas.

Thomas also hopes students will heighten their interest in science investigations and realize the many career paths this curiosity could lead to: aquaculture, environmental science, geoscientist, park ranger, soil and water conservation, astronomer, audio and video technician, aviation, chemist, electrician, forensic science, medical science, research in all domains, nuclear medicine, space science and education to name a few.

"There are so many possibilities for student's futures," said Thomas.

"Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and devoted adults who bring the students to the Putnam County Science Rocks program," said Thomas.

Thomas offers science programs during the summer and throughout the school year. For more information contact Dr. Thomas at 904-762-4816



REGIONAL NEWS

NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

Crews takes the reins as new BHS volleyball coach



New Bradford High School Head Volleyball Coach Katie Crews participates in the program's fundraising tournament, which was held July 14.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Volleyball has always been a part of Katie Crews' life. Now she gets her first opportunity to be a head coach.

Crews, a 2005 Baker County High School graduate, is the new Bradford High School volleyball coach. Crews was a middle blocker/outside hitter and played at the high school varsity level for three years. She went to Washington State for a time, where she was an assistant coach for her brother, Gary Williams, who started a club team there. Back home in Baker County, Crews looked for an opportunity to get into coaching there, but no positions ever became available. Then she saw that Bradford High School was looking for a coach.

"Whenever I found out a coach was needed here," Crews said, "I was like, 'All right. Maybe this is my chance.'"

After meeting with Athletic Director Lamar Waters and Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton, Crews found out it was indeed her chance as she was hired to become the program's sixth head coach in 14 years.

"My goal is to be here for as long as possible," Crews said.

Crews said she's played volleyball for as long as she can remember. When her time as a Baker County High School player ended, she didn't stop playing. She remains active on church teams.

"It was just something my family's always done," Crews said of playing volleyball. "At every event, we were either playing football, or we had a volleyball net set up."

Crews will now attempt to turn around a Bradford program that has mostly struggled since Shari Bishop was head coach. The

we're going to lose.' I don't want that kind of attitude," Crews said. "I want to go in with a winning attitude every single time — a positive outlook. We're going to hold our heads up high when we leave."

So far, Crews said she has seen the confidence and game knowledge improving in just the short amount of time (a couple of hours a day for two days a week) she's been working with players since May.

Coaching more than high-school players

Some Bradford Middle School players have been participating in open-gym workouts. She said one middle-school player was afraid to dig balls hit by high-school varsity players Karizma Calloway and Olyvia Griffin because they hit it so hard. After a time, though, that middle-school player was asking Crews to dig balls for those forceful hitters.

"She's not scared anymore, which is good, because when she goes to play middle-school girls, she'll be like, 'Oh, I can play high-schoolers. You're nothing.' I want to build that mentality," Crews said. "You can do anything you set your mind to."

Crews would like to host camps where the high-school players are instructing younger girls. She realizes that working with younger kids helps build a successful high-school program.

"It's getting them in here and showing them the world of volleyball — getting them interested and showing them that anybody can play it," Crews said. "As long as you put the time and effort into it, it's not a hard game to pick up."

When not coaching her team, Crews will be a stay-at-home mother. She and her husband, Justin, have three daughters: Kallie, Kinlee and Karlee.

Actually, you could say Crews

has more than three children because of the bonds she has already formed with the BHS players.

"I would do anything for any one of those girls," she said. "They're like my kids now."



BHS Head Volleyball Coach Katie Crews

"It's not a one-year program. It's going to take a couple of years to build us up to where we need to be."

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BHS volleyball open gym runs throughout summer

Bradford High School's volleyball program is having an open gym throughout the remainder of the summer on Mondays through Thursdays from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Tryouts will be held Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

BHS, BMS football practices begin July 30

Monday, July 30, is the first day of football practice for Bradford High and Bradford Middle schools. High school practice begins at 7 a.m., with players meeting at the field house. Middle school practice begins at 3:45 p.m., with players meeting at the gym.

Players must submit all required paperwork on July 30.

For more information, please call Athletic Director Lamar Waters at 904-364-6614.

Hurse, Mullins to be honored at Leave a Legacy event

David Hurse and Laurie Mullins will be the honorees at the Bradford County Education Foundation's first-ever Leave a Legacy event, which will be held Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Madison Street Baptist Church gym at 6 p.m. The event includes dinner.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from any education foundation board member, Capital City Bank or the Santa Fe College Andrews Center.



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TRUCK MONTH

Sharing creativity, serving God Daisy Davis to present her latest faith-based play on July 28

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Daisy Davis of Starke has been a creative person for most of her life, falling in love with the process of writing as a teenager. However, it wasn't until late in life that she began to share her gifts with an audience.

Now, Davis is set to present the third showing of her second faith-based play, "You Don't Have a Clue About What I've Been Through," on Saturday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Starke. Tickets are \$30 (single person) and \$50 (couple). Dinner is included.

Please contact Davis at 352-745-1106 to purchase tickets.

Davis isn't seeking recognition for herself. She said she was led by God to write the play so that people could be drawn to Him. The goal is for people to take something away from the viewing that relates to and can



Daisy Davis is pictured with her "Miss Mary" painting. The artwork served as an inspiration for her first play, "Momma Told Me It Was Gonna Be Like This," and one of its main characters. Davis' second play, "You Don't Have a Clue About What I've Been Through," will be performed Saturday, July 28, at the Woman's Club of Starke.

a lifetime." "You Don't Have a Clue About What I've Been Through" features such characters as Crunella, played by Nakisha Williams, Charlotte, played by Beverly Mosley, Jordan, played by Elijah Hamilton, Sarah, played by Mary Cummings, Mayleaze, played by Valarie Jones, and Viola, played by Rita McNeal. The play also features the talents of Melvin Davis Jr., Jimmy Hankerson, Kamara McNeal, Nadia Mitchell and Stefan Nichols.

"Most of the cast comes from my church," said Davis, who attends True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

The play examines the relationships between people and how they're impacted by life and the choices they make. That's why Davis is sure the play will resonate with everyone who sees it. We all have relationships and ups and downs in life.

"There's nothing new under the sun," Davis said. "People have so many similarities as well as differences."

The play is a sequel to the first play she wrote, "Momma Told Me It Was Gonna Be Like This," which was inspired by a work of art.

Miss Mary speaks

It took Davis only three hours

to write her first play. She sat down at her dining room table and looked at a framed painting hanging on her wall. It was titled "You Don't Care About What I've Been Through," it included Harold and Idella Chandler, Kenya Crum, Darlene Douglass,



Daisy Davis

"The play is guaranteed to leave you with a grateful heart. You'll be talking about it for years to come. It will be something that will leave an impression on you for a lifetime."

"Miss Mary" and painted by Tom McKinney. The artwork's namesake is an elderly woman sitting on a stoop leading into an apartment building.

Davis said she bought the painting because Miss Mary "reminds me of my grannie."

As she began writing her play, Davis, after praying to God for guidance, looked up at the painting and asked, "Miss Mary, what do you want to say to me?" Davis could almost hear Miss Mary telling her, "Child, just tell them Momma told me it was gonna be like this." Thus, the name of the play was born, but Miss Mary provided more than the name. Davis thought of what kind of person Miss Mary was and developed her into the character of Miss Ann, who was portrayed in the play by Carnell Williams.

Then, the story began unfolding.

"It just kind of started evolving around a nosy, old woman, who likes to sit on her porch watching people go up and down the street," Davis said. "She's just that neighborhood nosy woman. Every neighborhood has one. I just kind of spun it from there."

The play, in part, debuted at True Vine Outreach Ministry before being performed in its entirety at the Bradford High School auditorium on Sept. 24, 2016. Aside from some of the actors who are currently featured

Tameka Griner and Oliva Ross. It was a good feeling watching the play being performed in front of an audience.

"I really wasn't awe-stricken," Davis said. "I was just thankful and grateful that my work, that I had spent such quality time on, had come to life. I was just well-pleased."

Giving of herself in a different way

Davis, who grew up in Starke until her family moved to Orlando in the late 1960s (before she started high school), fell in love with writing as a youth. She began writing songs, saying she got to where she was writing one a day. She sometimes recorded herself singing them, but they were never heard by a wide audience.

"I was sharing it with my parents or with my siblings or whatever — different people and friends I knew — but I never did anything with it," Davis said. "I have a book full of songs I've written, and I haven't done anything with them."

She performed and placed first in a pageant in 1972. One of the judges happened to be a member of James Brown's band. He spoke with Davis after the pageant, saying he loved the way she sang and that he could get her started on a career if she accompanied

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impact their own lives.

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him t New York City.

“You have what it takes,” he told her.

Davis had two young children at the time. Her mother encouraged her to go to New York, saying she would take care of the children, but Davis just couldn’t do it.

“I knew I had the voice and could easily make it because I had been singing since I was 6 years old in front of people,” Davis said, adding, “I didn’t pursue it because I was more concerned about my children.”

Davis carried on with life, never pursuing an outlet for her creativity. She moved back to Starke in 1980 and worked at Union Correction Institution for 22 years. She worked in the medical records and classification departments before working as a secretary in mental health. Being such a people person, though, Davis said, “The psychiatrists and the psychologists used to come sit in my chair, and I would counsel with them.”

That defined who Davis was. A person willing to lend an ear to anybody. A person willing to give of herself to help others. She admitted, however, that

she reached a point where she was giving too much, while neglecting herself.

“I was juggling so many balls,” Davis said. “I was keeping everybody’s balls up in the air, while even trying to do my own.”

Davis, who retired from her job at UCI due to an injury and began working at her church, said she looked in the mirror at home one day and didn’t recognize the reflection as her own.

“It was just like the Holy Spirit said, ‘Look closer.’ I just kind of leaned forward and looked at the person looking back at me,” Davis said. “I didn’t know her. I’m telling you, it was almost like an audible voice came to me and said, ‘Go find Daisy. When you find her, tell her to make (the word) ‘no’ her friend.’”

“What I had done was depleted myself. To complete myself, I needed to retreat.”

After working as an office manager at True Vine Outreach Ministry for 11 years, Davis retired again. After so many years, it was time to devote more time to herself and start to get her creative works out into the public — not because she wants any kind of fame, but because she believes her works will benefit others, even after she’s gone. God is using her, and now she’s allowing herself to be used.

“With me getting older, I said,

‘I’ve got to get what’s in me out of me.’ I want to leave a legacy,” Davis said. “I want to leave something in the earthly realm for somebody to take, grab hold of and just keep going.”

The story continues

What began with “Momma Told Me It Was Gonna Be Like This” and “You Don’t Have a Clue About What I’ve Been Through” will continue with a story centered around Miss Ann. That story, as well as the two plays, will be printed in book form. Miss Ann’s story will also be recorded on video as a movie.

“In the book, Miss Ann’s story is so colorful,” Davis said. “I can put it into words, and I think you can visualize it, because I’m trying to write it in such a way where you can actually what I’m trying to depict or relay, but I feel that it will be even better if you see it with your eyes. I want to make it visual.”

For now, though, the focus is on the July 28 performance of “You Don’t Have a Clue About What I’ve Been Through,” which will actually be the play’s third performance. It was first performed Dec. 2, 2017, at the BHS auditorium and then again on March 10 in Hastings.

Davis said the play has two major sponsors in Community State Bank and Roberts Insurance, though other individuals and organizations are supporting this play, including True Vine Outreach Ministry, Bradford County School Board, Bradford County courthouse officials and Falstreux Heating and Air. Davis also wished to give thanks to the Woman’s Club of Starke for hosting the play and for all the members of her backstage crew/support staff.

The hope, of course, is that the July 28 performance impacts as many people as possible, but Davis said the play will go on regardless of the size of the crowd. She is fulfilling God’s purpose for her life.

“If one person shows up, we’re going to do the play for that one person,” Davis said. “If (God) sends more, fine. All I ask Him to do is just send one, so we can get them the message. Whatever they take from it, I’m just hoping it’s something that they need.”



This is the poster for “Momma Told Me It Was Gonna Be Like This,” the prequel to “You Don’t Have a Clue About What I’ve Been Through.”

CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

BRADFORD —

Tyler Jason Caldwell, 36, of Starke was arrested July 13 by Bradford deputies for two counts of possession of drugs.

Jessie D. Carter, 51, of Starke was arrested July 11 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant.

Christopher Garin Chestnut, 28, of Gainesville was arrested July 12 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Dalton Wade Cochran, 25, of Lake Butler, was arrested July 10 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Gary Wesley Cole, 52, of Middleburg, was arrested July 10 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Shandah Michelle Crawford, 44, of Starke, was arrested July 12 by Starke police for one possession of cocaine, two counts of drug possession and three counts of possession of drug equipment.

Heather Elizabeth Dockery, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested July 14 by Florida Highway Patrol troopers for DUI.

Danwand Lee Green, 37, of Lawtey was arrested July 15 by Starke police for failure to appear and possession of drugs.

Kamry Alexis Nicole Hill, 20, of Starke was arrested July 13 by Starke police for battery.

Eduard Alfonso Jimenez, 29, of Starke was arrested July 13 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Andrew Michael Jones, 29, of Lake City was arrested July 13 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant.

Terrell Kishay Kennedy, 29, was arrested July 11 by Starke police for two counts of battery and obstructing justice.

Walter Gage Leukel, 27, of Hampton was arrested July 14 by Bradford deputies for domestic battery and possession of a weapon by a felon.

Lou Jean Oates, 44, of Gainesville was arrested July

11 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

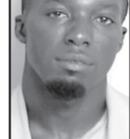
Beverly Ann Osborne, 43, of Starke was arrested July 15 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Anthony Scott Payne, 44, of Hawthorne was arrested July 9 by Bradford deputies for dealing in stolen property.

Rex David Pinkston, 40, of Worthington Springs, was arrested July 11 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant.

Pink shorts help ID suspect

A man driving with a suspended license attempted to hide among the backseat passengers in the car he was driving, but a Starke police officer identified him as the driver in part by noting the color of his shorts.



Seymour

Brad Keith Seymour Jr., 29, was arrested July 14 for resisting a law enforcement officer without violence and driving with a suspended or revoked license — habitual offender.

According to arresting officer David Watson, he was observing northbound traffic on U.S. 301 in the area of Walmart when, just after 9 p.m., he saw a gray, four-door Hyundai traveling north at a high rate of speed.

“I visually estimated the vehicle speed to be 68 (in a) 45-mph zone,” Watson wrote in a report. “I activated my department laser...and received a target speed of 70 mph.”

Watson wrote that he conducted a traffic stop, and as he approached the vehicle, saw the driver climb from the front seat into the back, where three, rear seat passengers were

sitting.

“I was able to identify the subject by sight,” Watson wrote, “and he also was wearing bright pink shorts.”

The officer added that once he and other assisting officers had the vehicle’s occupants get out of the car, he ran Seymour’s identification card through federal and state databases.

“Seymour had numerous DL suspensions and was listed as an habitual traffic violator,” Watson wrote. “Due to Seymour climbing into the rear seat and denying he was operating the vehicle, Seymour was charged with resisting without violence and (as a) habitual traffic violator.”

Earl David Williams, 49, of Starke was arrested July 10 by Starke police and Bradford deputies. for larceny.

Shelley Marie Williams, 41, of Starke was arrested July 10 by Starke police and Bradford deputies. for larceny.

Stephen Michael Young, 30, of Hilliard was arrested July 9 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

UNION COUNTY —

Nakesha Williams Cray, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested July 14 by Union deputies for disorderly conduct.

Brittany S. Davis, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested July 9 by Union deputies for battery and criminal mischief with property damage.

Kenya Marlett Jones, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested July 12 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Christine Lashawn Mabery, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested July 14 by Union deputies for disorderly conduct.

Cole Dewitt Seay, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested July 9 by Union deputies for battery and criminal mischief with property damage.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION—

Kristian Isacc Riley, 21, was arrested July 16 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Kalvin Wayne Roe, 37, was arrested July 14 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams.

Aaron Scott Pons, 29, was arrested July 13 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights, for grand theft auto and dealing in stolen property.

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- ★ Extended Rails to Trails path from SR100 around county landfill to existing trail in Keystone Heights
- ★ Repaired Santa Fe Lake and Hampton Lake boat ramps
- ★ Fixed drainage problem in front of Hampton City Hall
- ★ Fixed drainage problem in Theresa with \$60,000 grant
- ★ Repaired railroad tracks in Hampton
- ★ Installed 2 new fire hydrants in Keystone Golf & Country Club
- ★ Helped with water main extension to Salvation Army and continued to corner of 21B and SR100, with fire hydrants
- ★ Bought new Brush Truck and Tanker for the Theresa Volunteer Fire Dept
- ★ In progress: building new fire station/county annex office behind Watson Center
- ★ New park in Speedville with grant money
- ★ In the works: approved for August 2018 to Chip Seal S.E. 3rd Ave with S.E. 5th Ave, S.E. 30th Street, S.E. 16th Way, S.E. 16th Street with S.E. 5th Ave
- ★ Identified and added 5 new roads previously marked private now county maintained

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Obituaries

Ann Asa

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Ann Marie Johnston Asa, age 61, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home, Saturday, July 14, 2018 following an extended illness. She was born May 17, 1957 in Kissimmee to the late John J. and Mary Grace (McCallister) Johnston. Mrs. Asa was raised in Kissimmee on a dairy farm and was also a licensed cosmetologist. In 2006 she and her husband made Keystone Heights her home; her church membership was with the Keystone United Methodist Church where she was also employed as their secretary. Mrs. Asa loved all animals and was known for watching the Kentucky Derby every year.

Her survivors are: her husband of 39 years, Thomas Robert "Bob" Asa of Keystone Heights; and their two children, T.R. (Christina) Asa and Jessie Marie (Ryan) Ailts all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind is a brother, David Jones (Heather) Johnston of Kissimmee and a sister, Lorraine VonClock of Saint Cloud along with three grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mrs. Asa will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 21 in the Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. Interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to ASPCA, aspc.org/donate. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Linnie Elwood

LAKE BUTLER—Linnie Mae Elwood, 79, of Lake Butler passed away on July 14, 2018. Linnie was born on Dec. 22, 1938 to the late Aubrey and Virgie Adams. In her free time, she enjoyed fishing, playing cards, painting, and flower gardening. Linnie especially enjoyed her rose garden. She enjoyed life. Above all, Linnie loved spending time with her family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband of 20 years, Dwight Vincent Elwood. Linnie leaves her beloved family to cherish her memory.

Linnie Mae Elwood is survived by: three sons, Bernerd Keith Lancaster, Darrel Emory Lancaster, and Joseph Townsend Jr.; one daughter, Cheryl Ann Owens; one brother, Dennis Aubrey Adams; one sister, Faye Wilkins. She is also survived by: 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and two nephews, Charles Hatch III and Ray Hatch. Linnie was loved by many and she will be missed.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 20 at 6-8 pm, at Archer Funeral Home. Services will be on Saturday, July 21 at 11 am at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 N Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386) 496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY



Robert Ford

MELROSE—Robert "Pork Chop" Vincent Ford, age 45, of Melrose passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at work in Melrose. Robert was born in Key West, Florida on Oct. 9, 1972 to Robert Casper Ford and Kathryn Ann Blanchard. He was raised in Putnam County and graduated from Interlachen High School in 1992. Shortly after graduation, Robert married his high school sweetheart, Laura Ann Ford, and was blessed with their daughter, Katie Lynn Ford. When Robert wasn't working, he surrounded himself with family and friends and was always the "Life of the Party". In addition, nothing could get between him (Grandad) and his grandson, Robert Fischer Gager, as he was always his biggest supporter and friend. Robert has made an impact on many lives throughout Melrose and will be missed by many. He was preceded in death by: his sister, Bobbie Lynn Ford.

Robert is survived by: his wife, Laura Ann Ford of Melrose; daughter, Katie (Ryan Gager) Lynn Ford of York, South Carolina; parents, Robert (Linda) Ford and Kathryn Ann Blanchard both of Melrose; brothers, Donald James (Nancy Marie) Ford and Timothy James Ford both of Melrose; his grandchildren, Robert Fischer Gager and Oaklynn Hunter Gager; nephews, Robert (Brittany Evangeline) Ray Ford and Ricky Everett Keen both of Melrose; niece, Sydnie Shea Keen of Melrose; and numerous other relatives and close friends.

A Graveside Celebration of Robert's Life will be held on Monday, July 23 at 10:00 am at Eliam Baptist Church Cemetery with Mr. John Roth officiating. 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.

PAID OBITUARY



Debbie Hall

MELROSE—Debbie Rae Hall, age 47, of Melrose passed away Thursday, July 12, 2018 unexpectedly. She was born March 12, 1971 in Gainesville where she lived until two years ago when she moved to Melrose. Debbie worked hard assisting with installing flooring; she also loved plants, flowers and especially animals, which included her pup "Summer". Preceding her in death was: her biological father, Jimmie Ray Hall; maternal grandmother, Ann Nobles and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall.

Survivors are: her parents, Alan and Glenda (Nobles) Eldred of Melrose; and four siblings, Dana (Larry) Sampsell and Delinda (Lyn) Dowling all of Melrose, Deborah (Alice) Eldred-Trout and Michelle (Bobby) Eldred all of Gainesville; and seven nieces and nephews. Also left behind is her very devoted and close friend, Neal Troup of Waldo along with additional family and friends that will miss her dearly.

Visitation for Debbie will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 21 at Eliam Baptist Church and the memorial service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Arthur Johnson officiating. There will be a private burial at Eliam Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Debbie's name to Eliam Baptist Church, P.O. Box 509, Melrose, FL 32666. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Charles Jewell

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Charles "Chuck" William Jewell, age 81, of Keystone Heights passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018 following an extended illness. He was born Nov. 17, 1936 in Roseau, Minnesota to William H. and Edna (Helmstetter) Jewell. Mr. Jewell attended the University of Minnesota where he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education. After graduation he entered military service where he later retired from the United States Navy as Lieutenant Commander following 21 years of dedicated service. Mr. Jewell earned his MBA degree from the University of West Florida, and while living in Pensacola had owned a picture frame shop; in 1999 he relocated to Keystone Heights. He worked with H & R Block as an enrolled agent, and taught AARP safe driving courses in Keystone Heights and Penney Farms for nearly 15 years. He loved woodworking and was known for his collection of model railroads.

Mr. Jewell is survived by: his wife of 60 years, Arlene (Nelson) Jewell of Keystone Heights; and their three children, Dea (Dave) Miller, Brian (Judy) Jewell and Ellen Fowler. He was also known as "Grandpa" to several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Jewell will be held at a later date. Interment will be at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, National Headquarters, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to the WoundedWarriorProgram.org Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Doris King

LAWTEY—Doris King, age 88, of Lawtey passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the Custead Care Center in Orange Park. She was born in Clay County on April 20, 1930 to the late Leonard Griffis and Ruby Lauramore Griffis. Doris was a lifelong resident of Lawtey and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lawtey. She was a devoted wife to Lloyd C. King, her husband of 47 years and a loving mother to her four sons and her daughter. Her main passion in life was her family, but she also enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers. When Doris wasn't gardening, she loved spending time with family and friends and always enjoyed having company. She was preceded in death by: her loving husband, Lloyd C. King; her brothers, Woodrow, Monroe, Ray, Edward, Junior, Leroy, Clen, Leon, Don, and Billy Griffis; her sister, Joyce Griffis; and her sons, Paul Leonard and Larry Wayne Griffis.

Doris survived by: her loving children, Gene King of North Carolina, Troy King of Palatka, and Sandra King of Lawtey; her brothers, James (Deborah) Griffis and Riley (Janie) Griffis both of Starke; her sisters, Wanda Corbitt, Diane Moody, and Rosemary (Dwayne) Vanzant all of Starke; and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Celebration of Doris's Life will be held at a later date. 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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Baby Girl Mosley

Baby Girl, Ivori Rose Mosley died on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. She was born on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in Jacksonville, to Christopher Brian Mosley and Kennedy Bryant. She was predeceased by: maternal great-grandmother, Leafy Bryant; and her great uncles, Robbie Fugatt and Robert Harris.

She is survived by: her parents, Christopher Brian Mosley and Kennedy Bryant of Lake City; half-brother, Brighton Mosley; half-sister, Michelle Mosley; maternal grandparents, Theresa (Christopher) Watson of Starke, and Daniel Lee Bryant of North Carolina; paternal grandparents, Tonya (Turk) Frame of Macclenny; maternal great-grandparents; Theresa (Robert) Taylor and Leroy (Manda Lee) Bryant; and her paternal great-grandmother, Amanda Delk.

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The Weekly Paw Print:
 With its legalization in various states across the United States, marijuana is becoming very more prevalent in households for medicinal purposes. In fact, over the past 6 years, pet poison helplines have experienced a 448% increase in marijuana cases. Here's what you should know about marijuana in pets.
 Dogs have larger concentrations of cannabinoid receptors than humans, which make them more susceptible to the effects of cannabis than people.
 Marijuana can contain up to 60 different cannabinoids. The primary psychoactive compound of marijuana and its derivatives is delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol, more commonly called "THC." Three primary forms exist and the amount of THC present varies in each form. The dried herb contains from 1% to 8% THC. The resin of the flowering tops is used to create hashish, which contains from 3% to 6% THC and the concentration in hash oil is 20% to 50% making it the most toxic.
 Pets are usually exposed by ingestion and clinical signs can appear within 30 minutes, depending on the form of the drug and total amount consumed. The drug is absorbed into multiple organs and the highest concentrations are localized in fatty tissue. Metabolism occurs in the liver and metabolites are excreted in both bile and urine. Enterohepatic circulation results in very slow elimination of metabolites. Complete elimination of the drug and its metabolites can take several days.
 Clinical signs of marijuana toxicosis include incoordination, disorientation, and slow heart rates. Other signs that may also be present include depression, agitation, vocalization, vomiting, diarrhea, hypothermia, urinary incontinence, seizures, and coma. Fatal exposures are not common but are related to larger exposures.
 The pet should be kept in a separate area with good ventilation until marijuana smoke has cleared. Any dried herbs or oil should be kept up and away from accidental consumption. This will help prevent many of the marijuana poisonings from occurring.
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Beatrice Murphy

INTERLACHEN— Beatrice “Lani” Elaine Murphy, 65, of Interlachen passed away Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville from injuries she sustained in a motorcycle accident. She was born Dec. 28, 1952 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late Albert Eugene and Ruby (Pittman) Wright. Lani has been a resident of Interlachen since 2005, and retired from the Florida State Prison as a dental hygienist. She loved photography and in the past she was a photographer with Dixie Biker; Lani was also a former member of Keystone Jaycees and was an avid motorcycle rider. Lani was always happiest sharing the wind with her motorcycle family.



Survivors are: her daughter, Kerri (Ken) Glass of Keystone Heights; and four sisters, Javoni Martin of Casselberry, Debbie Meinert of Sanford, Lugene Buhls and Tami Harris both of Spring Hope, North Carolina. Also left behind are her two precious granddaughters, Ashlyn Wallace and Miranda Wallace along with a host of extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 p.m. July 21 at the home of Tommy Manning, 5493 CR 352 Keystone Heights. A Memorial Ride will take place on July 28, leaving from Howlin Wolf with the time TBA. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Whitey's Fish Camp reference Fallen Riders Foundation 904-269-4198. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Kathy Rosier

STARKE— It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of a loved one, Kathy R. Rosier. She went to be with her savior on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 10:40 pm at her home in Starke. She was born on Nov. 14, 1953 in Raleigh, North Carolina to the late Francis William and Inez Elizabeth (Bennett) Lawler and was a long time area resident. Kathy was a member of Northside Baptist Church and prior to retirement she worked as a teacher.



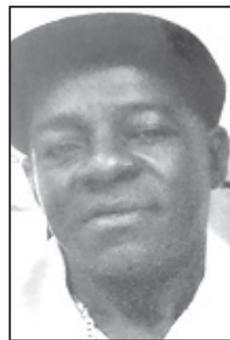
Survivors are: her husband, Daniel Rosier of Starke; children, Jeffrey M. Cruce of Starke, Meighan K. Rosier of Jacksonville, Dawson K. Rosier of Starke; sisters, Deborah Lewis of Jacksonville, Sharon Hall of Deltona and Sheryle Sullivan of Deltona. Also left are her grandchildren, Kearston, Daniel, Lexi, Zoye, Chloe, Levy and her great-grandchild Brantley.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 10:00 am at Northside Baptist Church, Starke. Anyone wishing to call may view a pictorial of her life from 9:00 am to 10:00 am prior to the service at Northside. In lieu of flowers Kathy asked if you would please bring a book bag filled with school supplies to be given to a child in need. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Benjamin Ross

LAWTEY— Benjamin Franklin Ross, 56, of Lawtey died Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Shands Medical Center Starke. He was of the Christian faith. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and he was employed at Owen Joist Steel as a supervisor for many years.

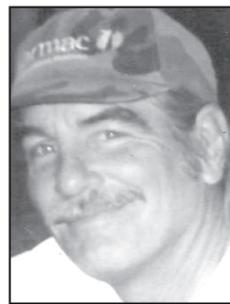


He is survived by: mother, Mamie Ross; daughter, Dana Ross; brothers, Edward, LaTaurus, Jevane, Eddie, Alfred, Jimmy, Ellestene and Wallie Ross; and sisters, Ireta Duhart and Novetha Jenkins.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday July 20th in the Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel at Haile Funeral Home Inc with Pastor Curtis White conducting the services. Interment will be held at Peetsville Cemetery Lawtey. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc, Starke. The family will meet at Haile Funeral Home Inc at 10:45.

Billy Williams

FLORAHOME— Billy Gene Williams, age 64, of Florahome passed away Monday, July 16, 2018 in Gainesville after a brief illness and was born on Jan. 12, 1954 in Jacksonville. Billy was a longtime construction worker and raised in a Christian family. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Taylor and Ellen (Carroll) Williams.



He is survived by: his wife, Frieda Williams; and his son, Robert Williams both of Florahome, along with his granddaughter, Haley. Also left behind are Billy's three older brothers, James (Carla) Williams of Aviano, Italy, Howard (Peggy) Williams of Keystone Heights and David (Ernestine) Williams of Roysce City, Texas.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 21 at Paran Cemetery in Grandin with his brother Pastor Howard Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Susan Young

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Susan “Sue” Ann Young, 52, of Keystone Heights died in Melrose Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from injuries she sustained in an accident. She was born July 26, 1965 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Joe Meller and Ilene (Beese). She was a member of Gadara Baptist Church, wife and mom. She leaves behind her husband of 33 years, Steve Young of Keystone Heights; sons, Stephen Francis Young of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Shane Young and Shaun Young both of Gainesville; siblings, Mary (Ron) Sweeney of Washington State, Patrick Smith and Nicole Smith both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania along with additional family members and a host of friends.

A memorial service was held July 18 at Gadara Baptist Church with Pastor Shawn House officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Gadara Baptist Church, 6779 County Road 315C, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

Letters

Follow the rules in with mining application

Dear Editor,

It is a great idea to take a close look at the regulations we already have for mining in our Comprehensive Plan. It makes you realize HPS II is pushing a non-existent Preliminary category for its application to mine phosphate. We do not have a two-step process for approving a mine permit. Instead, we consider permits after they have been scrutinized and approved by the relevant state and regional boards such as Fish and Wildlife, DEP, and our water district. Everyone expects these agencies to eventually rubber stamp the project. Still, we MUST follow our own rules, and not let these would-be miners bully us. Their permit application is premature, and that is why it has been so challenging to develop a response.

The terminology used in the mining process is revealing, namely “removing the overburden” in order to reach the ore they seek. Everything life-sustaining gets labeled “overburden” and tossed aside. That is, the rich soil that water percolates through, the wildlife habitats, the wildlife itself, the unique vegetation. Calling topsoil, trees, and turtles by the sanitized term “overburden” allows greedy men all over the world to disregard the value there. And it provides decision-makers cover from part of the destruction they are really causing when approving a mine.

The study done by Dennis Price

for the non-profit, Our Santa Fe River, shows that behind the offensive terminology is clear evidence that the substance HPS II plans to return to the stripped-out land will be nothing like what was there before, especially in terms of water movement. The existing land varies in how much water flows through it, about 1-40 feet of water per day. The processed sand and clay HPS II plans to produce will uniformly seep water at only one foot per day, according to the permit application. It is not comparable to the existing soil they will be replacing.

It is only natural that County Commissioners would not know enough to evaluate this complex permit application. The county Comp Plan expects them to allow the state's scientists and technocrats to evaluate it first, and then decide what is best for us, based on the analysis they will have developed. The proper course of action is to reject the current permit, and let all the state agencies complete their reviews of this proposed mine. Then, if approved, a permit application could be filed, already vetted and containing the scientific part of the information Commissioners need to evaluate it for Bradford County. Don't let the bullies push us into a corner!

Kate Ellison
Melrose

Concerned about aerial spraying

Dear Editor,
I am highly concerned about aerial spraying of organophosphate insecticide Naled for controlling mosquito population in Bradford County.

Only a fraction of what is applied in aerial spraying reaches the target. “More than 99.9% of pesticides used move into the environment where they adversely affect public health and beneficial biota, and contaminate soil, water, and the atmosphere of the ecosystem” (David Pimentel, “Amounts of pesticides reaching target pests: Environmental impacts and ethics”, Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics 8 (1):17-29 (1995).

Naled has long-term health implications affecting the nervous, circulatory, reproductive, and immune systems. Breakdown product of Naled – dichlorvos - is classified as “possible human carcinogen” by the EPA (USEPA, 2006. Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for Naled. Office of Pesticide Programs, Washington DC).

EPA registration documents note that Naled is highly toxic to honey bees, and very highly toxic to freshwater aquatic organisms.

The CDC has stated that spraying pesticides intended to kill adult mosquitoes is usually the least efficient mosquito control technique (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2001. Epidemic/Epizootic West Nile Virus in the United States: Revised Guidelines for Surveillance, Prevention, and Control. Atlanta, GA. Available at <http://www.cmmcp.org/wnv-guidelines-apr-2001.pdf>).

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BHS offers football sponsorship packages and individual red-seat pricing

Bradford High School is offering five sponsorship levels for football, and of which include a 4-foot-by-8-foot sign on the field, some type of advertisement in the game program and at least one reserved parking pass.

The F1 level (\$350) comes with the field sign, one reserved parking pass and a business card-sized ad in the program. The F2 level (\$500) comes with the field sign, one reserved parking pass and a half-page ad in the program as well as two T-shirts, two reserved red seats, two hot dog combos per home game

Removing mosquito breeding areas and using larvicides, such as Bt, are much more efficient and cost-effective in eliminating mosquitoes.

It is easier to target larval mosquitoes in a contained body of water than trying to target them when they become flying adults, covering a much larger area and requiring more pesticide (Pinellas County Integrated Pest Management, <http://www.pinellascounty.org/publicworks/mosquito/pest-mgmt.htm>).

Bt larvicide is approved by EPA for use in residential, commercial and agricultural settings for control of mosquito larvae. Bt has no toxicity to people and is safe for honey bees. (USEPA, 2017, Bti for Mosquito Control, <https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/bti-mosquito-control>).

Bt is used across the United States for mosquito control. In Florida, Bt larvicide is already routinely used in Pinellas, Charlotte, and Volusia counties. By following their example, Bradford County will promote healthier environment for its residents, and help local beekeepers and organic farmers being able to continue their business operations.

Respectfully,
Sofya Tairova
Lawtey

and announcement as a quarter supporter.

The F3 level (\$1,000) comes with the field sign, two reserved parking passes, a full-page ad in the program, four reserved red seats, four hot dog or hamburger combos per home game and announcement as a game sponsor. The F4 level (\$1,200) comes with the field sign, two reserved parking passes, full-color ad in the program, six reserved red seats, six hot dog or hamburger combos per home game, six polo shirts, six T-shirts and announcement as quarter supporter.

The highest level, F5 (\$2,000) comes with the field sign, a scoreboard sign, three reserved parking passes, full-color ad in the program, six reserved red seats, six hot dog or hamburger combos per home game, six polo shirts, six T-shirts and announcement as quarter supporter.

Reserved red seats for five home games may be purchased on an individual basis at three different levels. The F1 level (\$50) includes a reserved parking pass, while the F2 level (\$75) includes a reserved parking pass, hot dog combo and T-shirt. The F3 level (\$100) includes a reserved parking pass, hamburger combo and two T-shirts.

Please contact BHS Bookkeeper Beth Johnson at 904-966-6086 for more information.

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Fans of Bradford High School athletics can take advantage of Tornado Club all-sports passes, which allow admission to all home events for \$100.

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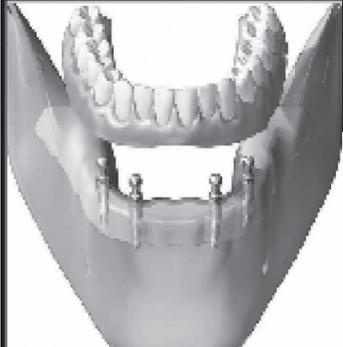
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Volleyball team raises money with tournament



Team Twenty Cents, consisting of (l-r) James Lightner, Summer Nichols, Julie Nichols and Bob Nichols, placed first in the co-ed division.

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Bradford High School's volleyball program hosted a fundraising tournament on July 14, with nine teams competing in two divisions: co-ed and all-girls'. Killa Hitters, which won the all-girls' division, consisted of (l-r) Olyvia Griffin, Zamaria Fuqua, Karizma Calloway and Brooklyn Wiggins.



Karizma Calloway makes a play on the back row. Her team, Killa Hitters, won the all-girls' bracket.



Left: Summer Nichols gets low for a dig. Her team, Team Twenty Cents, won the co-ed division.



Tommy Sapp prepares to spike one over the net.

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Left: Rilynn Kelley, who is the niece of new BHS Head Volleyball Coach Katie Crews, passes the ball as Bradley Henderson looks on.



Lainie Rodgers keeps a ball in play.



Katie Sue Walls makes a serve.



Left: Zahriah Collins receives a serve.



Stacy Wiggins receives a serve as teammates (background, l-r) Zahriah Collins and Edrick Hamilton look on.

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Seven SEAS teaching kids about sports and more

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

As a place that's often associated with a stern-faced person shushing people making too much noise, a library seems to be the wrong setting for children to engage in physical activity. The Bradford County Public Library, though, in providing opportunities for summer fun, has been hosting a sports camp put on by the nonprofit organization Seven SEAS.

OK, most of the physical activity took place outdoors behind the nearby Santa Fe College Stump Center, but the children get the camp started indoors, which includes a bit of running in place and practicing proper footwork.

Chris Chandler, a 1997 Bradford High School graduate and the founder of Seven SEAS, was a standout sprinter in track and field at BHS, Wallace Community College (Dothan, Alabama) and the University of Nebraska. As he instructed the children on their form, he said, "Don't rush. It's all about patience." Then, as eight children — approximately 14 more would eventually show up — made a lot more noise than Chandler while running in place, he said, "I weigh more than anybody in here. How are my feet lighter than yours?"

Chandler knows what he's talking about. He holds three University of Nebraska indoor track and field records in the 60-meter dash (6.61, Feb. 12, 2000) and 200-meter dash (20.84 March 4, 2000, and 20.73 on an oversized track Feb. 26, 2000) and two outdoor track records in the 100-meter dash (10.16 April 1, 2000) and 200-meter dash (20.59 May 21, 2000).

Yet training children to grow up to be world-class athletes is not what Chandler and fellow Seven SEAS members Adrian Chandler and Stefan Nichols (1995 BHS graduate) are aiming for. Their goal is

much broader and, ultimately, many not involve sports at all. It's all about preparing children to succeed in life and teaching them to be the captains of their own ships.

Sailing seas of life

The "SEAS" in Seven Seas is an acronym. It stands for Specifics, Equality, Academia and Sports. The image of seas also correlates with Chris Chandler's vision of what he wants to accomplish. Seas are vast, open bodies of water. The idea is to help children grow up to embrace the wide-ranging possibilities for their lives rather than limiting themselves in any way.

"Most people — especially small-town people — have a small state of mind," Chandler said.

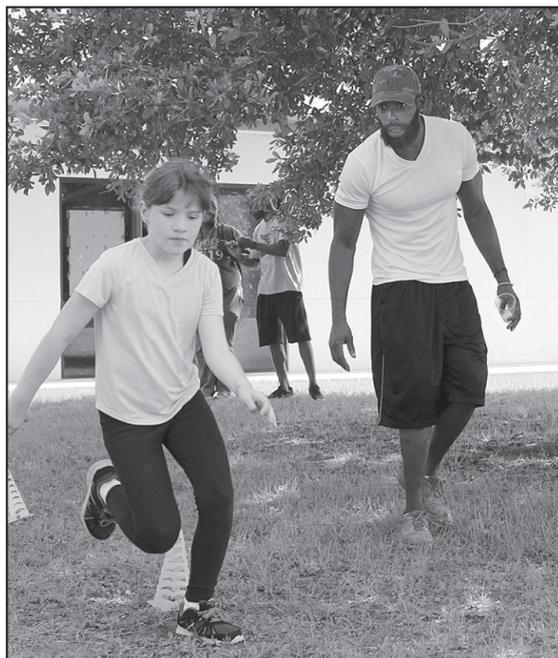
Sometimes children can fall into the trap of letting what others say dictate the paths their lives take. For example, believing someone who says no one from Bradford County can be successful or prosperous.

"With the right mindset, you can go and achieve all that you wish to achieve," Adrian Chandler said. "What people are telling you is nonsense. All you have to do is go apply yourself. Be accountable and responsible and apply yourself, and you can get to wherever you want to go."

Life isn't confining. Neither is a particular career field. Say a child dreams of a future in athletics. Like in any other career field, athletics consists of multiple roles.

"You don't have to be the actual athlete," Adrian Chandler said. "You can be the owner (of a team). You can be in the front office."

For those children who dream of playing sports, they are taught to embrace the full role of a student-athlete. Opportunities beyond high school aren't going to come by neglecting the student



Shyann Bresee (left) runs through a drill as Stefan Nichols observes.

part of that equation.

Chris Chandler embraced both roles. He said he was an honors student at Bradford High School. While getting the chance to compete in athletics at a major university, he still didn't neglect his academics. Nebraska made tutors available to him if he needed them. He said he used tutors for every class he took.

"What happens with most kids is when they don't have that same passion — they don't have those same results in the classroom — they put all of their eggs in the athletics part," Chandler said.

Also, not everyone gets the chance to play at the collegiate level. An even smaller number will go on to play professionally. "That's what we're trying to get them to understand," Chandler said. "We do the percentages."

That's why classroom time is part of the sports camp. When the children meet inside the

library, Chandler talks to them about the basics of health and life skills. For example, Chandler has talked to the children about the importance of drinking water, especially before physical activity. On the morning of July 11, he asked, by a show of hands, how many children drank water when they woke up. When one student said he drank soda instead, Chandler said, "The last thing you should grab is some soda."

"Most kids, when they think about this (camp), they always want to come play," Chandler said. "Being in a classroom for an hour? Not necessarily so. For us, it's bringing them into a classroom and getting some excitement out of it. We try to do the basics. Then we just bring that all together with sports."

Whether it be athletics or not, Chandler wants children to understand that the path to achieving their dreams doesn't depend upon perfection. Like when he shows children at the sports camp a certain drill or exercise. A lot of them aren't going to do it correctly the first time, but Chandler makes them laugh about and enjoy the experience of getting it right. "The generation nowadays is so scared to fail that they won't even participate if they think they're going to fail," Chandler said.

Giving back

Chris Chandler, who has his own sports-performance business (Top of the Morning Faster), never envisioned doing what he's doing now as part of Seven SEAS. He said children seem to be drawn to him, but he admitted he did not set out to work with children.

Chandler was not only a track and field athlete at Bradford High School. He played football and basketball, too. He decided he wanted to try to play professional football, so he dropped out of school at Nebraska with an eye on working out at the NFL combine. However, his mother's one desire was to see him earn



Chris Chandler (right) demonstrates how to perform a drill to Katie Alexander.

a degree, so he put his NFL aspirations aside and went back to school.

It was a great decision, Chandler said, referring to the facts coming out now about concussions and the kind of impact playing football can have on one's health. He knows people his age who played in the NFL and now suffer with the effects of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease.

"It kind of saved me," Chandler said of shunning football and returning to school, though he later did play briefly for an arena team in Salt Lake City before it folded.

The words of a mentor eventually led to the birth of Seven SEAS. That mentor was former Nebraska great Charlie Green, who was on the U.S. gold-medal 4x100-meter relay team at the 1968 Olympics. He saw that Chandler was someone who could have a positive impact on lives.

"He was like, 'Look, it's time for you to give your gift away.' That conversation bred all of this," Chandler said.

Chandler, who continued to compete in track and field events until four years ago, was living in Orlando when he decided to start Seven SEAS. However, he realized Orlando was not where he needed to be.

"As I was looking around, I had nothing (in Orlando) that associated with me," Chandler said. "I was like, 'Why would I do that down here? I'm taking it back to the crib.'"

Though he lives in Jacksonville, Bradford County is considered the base of Seven SEAS, which serves multiple counties in North Florida.

Chandler said he's not the only one from Bradford County who's achieved athletic success at the collegiate level. Some have even achieved professional success. However, Chandler said he doesn't see many of those people return to try to make a difference in Bradford County.

"That's what sparked me to come back and do something (here)," he said.

Chandler said he'd like to reach out to some of those people and "get them to come back



Adrian Chandler assists Tyler Gray with his footwork.

and bring them into our fold." They can help Seven SEAS' mission, as can members of the community who've never left. Chandler, Adrian Chandler and Nichols may be the three people behind Seven SEAS, but it's an entire community that will make it ultimately successful.

"We need the help of Bradford County," Chris Chandler said. "We want the help of Bradford County. We want the community to start getting involved with what we're doing and extending that right hand to us. We're ready to grab it."

With the community's help, Adrian Chandler said Seven SEAS strives to help children "find what they're passionate about — what they love to do — and give them some tools and some resources to where they can research it a little bit more and get a better grasp or understanding of it...in order to be successful."

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