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## Commissioners put term limits on ballot

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A divided Clay County Commission voted to put a charter amendment on the November ballot that would limit the county's constitutional officers to three, four-year terms.

Gavin Rollins, Mike Cella and Diane Hutchings voted in favor of placing the proposal on the ballot, which would limit the sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser and supervisor of elections to 12 consecutive years in office. Gayward Hendry and Wayne Bolla voted against the measure.

Art Hooker, who served on the charter review committee, told commissioners that he brought the issue of term limits to the panel. He added that he proposed the idea after talking to hundreds of Clay County residents.

"The number one thing I found after speaking to close to three hundred people was term limits," he said. "They were talking about the school board as well which we didn't have any say over, but it came down to all elected officials and in this case county officials. You folks are term limited, constitutionals are not."

Hooker also said he researched the negatives for term limits and found that some people claimed the constitutional offices were more professional than political, requiring years of training and experience.

"Well, there are other people who study and train and prepare to come back to work in Clay County and serve in a public office," said Hooker. "It's not fair to tell them you might have

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## Black Creek project on schedule



Shane Wood of CDM Smith works under the State Road 16 bridge near Penny Farms, on the Black Creek Water Resource Project.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The head of the St. Johns River Water Management District's bureau of district projects and construction told the organization's governing board that the Black Creek Water Resource Project is on schedule.

Robert Zammataro reported to the board on the project during the panel's July meeting, which marked the one-year anniversary of the same board approving the \$41 million pipeline.

Zammataro said the project features an intake pump station capable of pumping 10 million gallons a day from Black Creek, around State Road 16 near the Penny Farms-area.

"A 17-mile transmission main would then transmit the water down to Keystone Heights," he said, "more specifically the southern region of Camp Blanding, and there it would be discharged into an aquifer recharge."

Zammataro said all the major fiscal 2018 milestones for the Black Creek project were met including a topographical survey, geotechnical report, endangered

species report, archeological study, land acquisition, pipeline hydraulic modeling, an analysis of Black Creek withdrawal impacts and Lake Brooklyn impacts. He also said 60 percent of the design work was completed.

He added that upcoming milestones include the commencement of permitting, procuring a construction contractor and beginning construction in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Zammataro said that the design for the intake and discharge systems should be complete in fiscal year 2019 and that Phase 1 of the transmission line should begin that year. Phase 2 of the line will occur in fiscal year 2020 as well as construction of the intake and discharge systems.

The project should wrap up in fiscal year 2021.

Zammataro credited the Clay County Board of County Commissioners and Camp Blanding officials for cooperating with the project.

He also said that surveying, which would have normally taken three months, only took

three weeks because the staff used a mobile application.

During the board's public comment period, Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz applauded the project.

She said that if the Black Creek project had been in place from 1957 through 1998, the water level on Lake Brooklyn would have never dropped below 110 feet during that period. She added that had the project been in place in 2003, the lake's water level would have stood at 107 feet above sea level, instead of its actual level of 87 feet.

"So, this has got to tell you just how important this project is," she said, "and I am extremely pleased and proud of the (district) staff, one, for their efforts, and you guys for your efforts and for our politicians for their efforts. Everybody's communicating, and work is getting done. So, we are extremely, extremely pleased."

Katz also praised the district's staff in communicating the details of the district's proposed minimum flows and levels

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## Team effort, new approaches propel McRae Elementary

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

In the 2017-2018 school year, McRae Elementary School not only improved its school grade from a "C" to a "B", but also achieved the largest point gain in Clay County and one of the largest point gains in the state.

Tammy Winkler took over as principal of the school at the beginning of the year, after two years as an assistant principal at Keystone Heights Elementary.

Winkler said that accepting new approaches to teaching and the entire staff increasing the rigor of its instruction helped propel the students' scores at McRae.

"You can't improve like that without everyone's assistance," she said.

Winkler added that the school's teachers, coaches and assistants worked together, increased the rigor of core lessons and evaluated students frequently.

One key to success was hiring an additional instructional coach: Casey Balkcom. In the previous year, Debbie Taylor was the school's sole instructional coach. However, with the addition of Balkcom, Taylor focused on reading, while Balkcom concentrated on math and science.

"So, we went from having one instructional coach to two," Winkler said, "and one targeted reading, one targeted math and science."

The coaches worked with teachers to design plans for individual students. Then throughout the school day, the coaches pulled small groups of students from the main classes and worked with them.

A second key to McRae's improvement this year was the addition of Leveled Literacy Intervention. In this program, 200 students were individually assessed and coached in reading.

"The assessment evaluates the student to know exactly where their independent reading level is," Winkler said. "It really tells us where that kid is, where that kid's going to start and then we

go from there.

She added that teachers then work to improve reading skills, including phonics work, previewing stories and expanding vocabulary. Students then individually read to the teacher, who tracks the student's progress weekly.

"It's differentiated instruction," Winkler said. "We try to find three or four students that are at a similar place and then the teacher works with those three or four students for 30 minutes a day."

In addition to adding Balkcom as the school's math and science coach, Winkler said McRae's math gains were helped by the addition of the Eureka math curriculum. The program focuses on real-world math problems and encourages students to collaborate when solving problems.

"Students are constantly coming up with different strategies to solve the same problem and then sharing their strategies with their classmates," Winkler said. "Students are able to use other people's strategies to solve problems the next time. It's really a collaborative effort and students are able to learn from each other."

Winkler said that McRae adopted Eureka math for all its grades. She added that the curriculum also teaches students how to approach math problems.

"They had to read (the problem), circle important words, reread it, talk about what the problems were really asking, and then draw a picture that would help them solve it," she said. "Rather than just an algorithm, they saw a picture. So, does this kid really understand what that problem is saying? And it also helped those visual learners."

Winkler also said that bringing in two Keystone Heights High School teachers to work with McRae's ESE students also paid big dividends.

She said the pair: Nikki Jolley and Michele Hanson were in a good position to prepare their students for junior high.

## First ever wedding held at senior center



Bride and groom sharing the cake: Ruthanne Catizone and James Logan.

BY ATHIE SANDERS  
Special to the Monitor

Members of the Keystone Heights Senior Center attended the first-ever wedding held at the William Beam Senior Center as two of their own were united in marriage July 6.

"This is the first wedding ever at any of our senior centers in Clay County," said LaVerne Lanier, the Keystone Heights director. "We are like family here. Everyone did what they could to help make it happen."

The bride, 75-year-old Ruthanne Catizone, and

groom, 83-year-old James Logan met at the center when Michael moved to Keystone Heights five years ago.

"My husband and I came here to the senior center when we first moved to Keystone. We all became friends; it's like one big family here. We did things together. After Michael died, Jim and I just kind of continued to do things. We were just meant to be together," said Catizone.

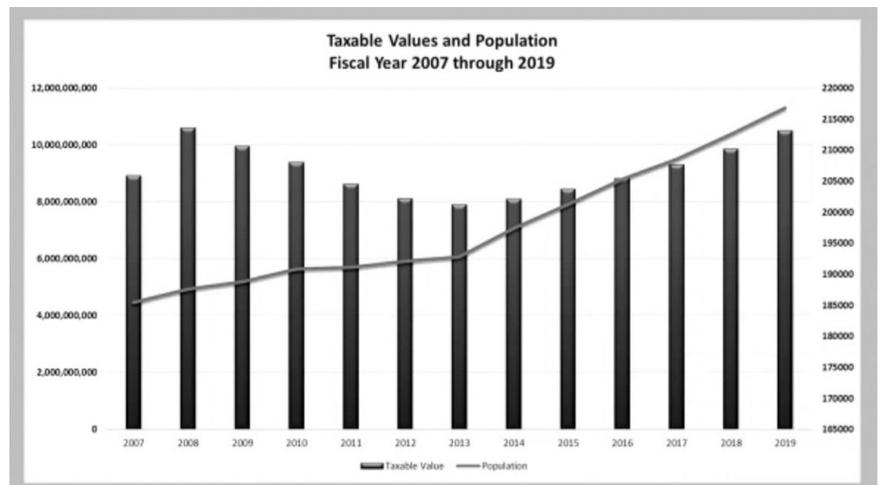
Catizone is known at the center as the haircut lady.

"There were a lot of people here who really needed haircuts, and many did not have the money or transportation to go to a salon. I talked to LaVerne and she said why not! She told me to get my stuff together and put out a tip cup. I did, and it took off," said Catizone.

Until recently, Logan volunteered at Lake Area Ministries, a faith-based food pantry located next door to the senior center. He drove to

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## Clay County proposed budget up \$4 million



Clay County property tax values are now at pre-recession, 2008 levels. However, the county's population is now 13 percent higher than it was in 2008.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Clay County commissioners heard from department heads about the county's \$310 million budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year during a July 19 workshop. The proposed budget is \$4 million more than the current year's. The spending plan includes 21 new positions, maintains this year's funding levels for nonprofits and fully funds requests by constitutional officers.

Budget Director Stephanie Russ said that property values are now in line with 2008 values, but the county's population has grown 13 percent since then.

"It's not that we're growing the size of government," Commissioner Gavin Rollins said about the budget. "It's that we're keeping government the same size, we just have more people."

In addition to asking department heads to propose budgets for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, commissioners also asked them to review their accomplishments over the past year and to highlight innovations they hope to implement in the future.

Animal services \$1.4 million

Animal Services Director Christina Sutherin said she was requesting a 2018-2019 budget that is \$75,000 less than the current year.

"That decrease is due to filling our vacancies, so we don't have those unknown numbers now," she told commissioners. "At this point in time, we actually have one vacancy."

Sutherin added that when forecasting job costs, she budgets for the maximum health insurance costs. However, this year's new hires have requested less than the maximum coverage, so budgeting for those same

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positions for next year is less.

She added that operating costs are down because the department's community partners are donating operating supplies like cat litter and pet food.

"We're having to order less... because we have more of a community involvement that's donating those things to animal control," she said.

Looking back on the current year, Sutherin said animal shelters are now open an additional day during the week to better serve the citizens of the county.

"So, we're open Tuesday through Saturday, where we were closed on Thursdays," she said. "We've extended our hours since March, one day a month and have opened up some Sundays, that's provided an additional 35 hours more for people to be able to come in and do adoptions or for those who do work to be able to come in and reclaim their animals after work on a Sunday."

Sutherin also said her department is implementing the county's new animal welfare ordinance that commissioners passed earlier this year.

"We've gotten a really good community response...as well as increased compliance with the ordinances so that's been very, very beneficial," she said. "Our intakes are actually down 200 animals from last year, the same fiscal timeframe, however, our return to owners are up, and so are our rescue transfers. Our rescue transfers are up by over 150 animals being transferred out to other rescues."

Sutherin said her budget request includes an additional staff member to improve customer service for people calling the department and reduce wait times on telephone calls.

### Veterans services \$90,490

Administrative and Contractual Services Director Karen Thomas presented the veterans services budget. She said Veterans Services Director Kimberly Glover had appointments with clients and therefore could not attend the budget workshop. Thomas said the department's budget is the same as last year and is small compared to other county units.

Thomas also said that Glover is focusing on community outreach in an attempt to raise the visibility of the department.

"She loves meeting new people," said Thomas of Glover, "so there's a lot of things she has done that we haven't done in the past like an event at Orange Park Skate Station. She was at the Seagrass (Village) Independent Living Facility grand opening. She's helping with a Back-to-School-Backpack Bash for military families. As she helps these agencies, they come in and help us with our events, so it's a win-win for both of us."

Thomas said veteran's services held the county's second annual Veteran's Appreciation Day at the fairgrounds, and the department is at the Fleming Island Library on the first Tuesday of each month.

Thomas also said Glover is excited about the likelihood the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will open a clinic in Clay County soon.

### Tourism and film development \$1.9 million

Director of Tourism and Film Development Kimberly Morgan told commissioners that the department's budget will increase next year due

to commissioners raising the tourist bed tax from 3 percent to 5 percent.

"That is the only tax that our residents don't pay," she said about the levy on hotel room rentals. "The visitor pays that."

Morgan said the increasing occupancy rates at Clay County hotels are also contributing to a boost in bed tax receipts.

Morgan said that she and the county's Tourist Development Council are in the middle of developing their strategic plan.

"We had five community meetings and went from there," she said of the plan's development. Morgan added that the plan should be complete in August or September and that her department is also supporting a fairgrounds master plan.

She added that the department is launching its first ever digital marketing campaign, is developing a new website, and is providing new tools to applicants of tourism grants.

"We also are doing a test program with the chamber," Morgan said. "They graciously agreed to be the host for a visitors' center kiosk. Once we get that model the way we want it, (the plan) is to put it in hotel lobbies, the Orange Park Mall and various locations throughout the county so that, that information is more accessible."

### Public safety \$22.8 million

Fire Chief Lorin Mock told commissioners that he is seeking a \$750,000 increase for the county's public safety department. He said most of the additional money will fund six additional positions and one additional rescue unit in the Orange Park area.

He also said that due to an increase in construction, he would like to add a fire inspector to the one the county currently employs.

"One of the downsides, I guess, of an active and growing economy in the community is the need to do more both plans review and more inspection of facilities as they come in," he said. "We have existed for almost seven, eight years now with one fire marshal."

Mock added that over the eight years he has been the fire chief, the county's population has increased by 13 percent but the demand for emergency medical calls has inflated by 28 percent.

Mock said he was able to hire 24 new firefighters last year by securing a grant and that the county replaced its radio system. He also said the department is working with the county's finance department to recover more emergency medical costs from patients and their insurance providers.

"You directed us to charge for services when we transport somebody," Mock told commissioners. "We have not been as successful as I'd like to be in that cost recovery, and we're in the process, I think, of turning that around."

Mock also said that the new Keystone Heights fire station should be complete by the end of the fiscal year and that firefighters are excited to move from their existing 600-square foot facility to the new 6,000 square-foot station.

Mock told commissioners that he has implemented a new cancer awareness and prevention campaign.

"I've come to realize, over the course of my career," he said, "is that every single fire we go to is a hazardous material site, and that tracking that contamination back to the

station is putting our firefighters in jeopardy. We're in the process now of implementing things that we need to do to decontaminate the firefighters on the scene, not transport that back (to the station)."

"You know, I could tell you, in the old days," he added, "we would take that all the way back to the home and our families. We're going to stop that practice and change that."

Mock also told commissioners that his department is tracking its assets better, has initiated an internet-based training system, and is increasing the use of dynamic positioning: repositioning trucks and firefighters as the department's resources are called to events throughout the county.

### Emergency Management \$252,010

Mock also presented the emergency management budget to commissioners and said the \$101,000 increase will be used to hire additional contractors for the next major storm.

"As you know with the impacts from Irma we have a desperate need to be able to work with our citizens and our population to prepare grant packages to allow them to recover," he said.

### Parks and recreation \$3.3 million

Director of Facilities Operations and Maintenance James Householder said the staff is requesting \$856,000 less this year for parks than the previous year.

"This is mainly due to reducing the number of large projects that we have been typically trying to put on the books," he said. "Our philosophy is that if we don't think we can execute, no sense in requesting that amount of money."

Householder listed Omega Park improvements, the implementation of a fee schedule for pavilions and fields and a \$400,000 grant for a pier and kayak launch at Camp Chowenwow Park as the department's major accomplishments this year.

"We intend to implement an online reservation payment for park amenities that will use credit cards to reserve cabins and our other buildings," he added.

He also said the department is in the process of partnering with a private citizen to build a fitness course at Ronnie Van Zant Park and he plans to implement a comprehensive park inspection program to improve maintenance and safety.

Householder also said the department is looking to reopen the public boat ramp on King Street in Keystone Heights as water levels rise on Lake Brooklyn.

### Libraries \$4.2 million

Information Services Manager Troy Nagle presented the library budget to commissioners. He said the requested increase of \$100,000 was due to an increase in potential retirement payouts and outsourcing some of the department's cataloging functions.

Nagle said that since the library department started implementing its strategic plan in December, it has added around 40 hours a week of operating time to all branches and has standardized its programming.

"So, if you take a Word class at one (branch), it's the same Word class everywhere, which we found is very beneficial to the people taking those classes," he said.

Nagle also said that by adding a volunteer coordinator, the department has recruited 117 volunteers whom have contributed around 1,600 hours since January.

"And really," he added, "those hours have probably been in the last three months

### 2017 TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

#### Clay County, Florida

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Real Property	Tangible Personal Property	Total Taxable Value	Percent of Total Taxable Value
Clay Electric Co-op Inc	Utility	\$12,150,504	\$168,457,983	\$180,608,487	1.91%
Orange Park Mall LLC	Mall Complex	\$92,605,031	\$0	\$92,605,031	1.03%
Orange Park Medical Center	Hospital	\$44,458,375	\$26,933,030	\$71,391,405	0.74%
Invitation Homes Inc.	Property Management	\$51,249,021	\$0	\$51,249,021	0.48%
Mid-America Apartments L P	Apartments	\$45,100,000	\$793,537	\$45,893,537	0.47%
Teco Pipeline Holding Co., LLC	Utility	\$0	\$45,514,824	\$45,514,824	0.45%
Wal-Mart Stores East LP	Retail	\$35,384,556	\$6,953,596	\$42,338,152	0.40%
American Homes 4 Rent	Property Management	\$36,933,257	\$0	\$36,933,257	0.34%
AT&T Florida	Utility	\$0	\$32,666,356	\$32,666,356	0.26%
Guidewell Group	Health Care	\$0	\$29,908,315	\$29,908,315	0.26%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$317,880,744</b>	<b>\$311,227,641</b>	<b>\$629,108,385</b>	<b>6.34%</b>

Information taken from: 2017 Second Final Assessment Roll for the Board of County Commissioners.

### Clay electric Cooperative is the county's biggest taxpayer, with property value nearly two percent of the county's total.

once (the volunteer coordinator) established the program, having the handbook, and the training class, and the orientation, and doing the background checks, and all the stuff that we're doing."

### Environmental services \$21.8 million

Environmental Services Director Milton Towns said he is requesting an \$800,000 budget increase due to economic and population growth.

"As you know, with economic growth, at least in the solid waste industry, that means you're going to have more garbage to deal with," he told commissioners. "With the building and the additional homes we're serving and the growth in the business community, we're seeing that at our facilities. Almost all of this increase is related to just handling more garbage and disposing of more garbage."

He also said that he plans to add a franchise inspector to his staff to oversee the 14 garbage collectors throughout the county.

"This position would give us someone who could have a full-time presence in the field to follow up on issues,

complaints," Towns said. "It would improve our response time and our response to residents when they did have a problem. That person would also be tasked with documenting more of the haulers' performance and adherence to regulations and our rules."

Towns said 13,000 tons of FEMA-related waste was disposed at county facilities following Hurricane Irma.

"Our residential disposal tonnages, they more than doubled at Rosemary Hill and they were up by 71 percent at the collection centers for that two-month period following the storm versus the period without the storm," he said.

Towns said that in the future, the department is looking to accept credit cards at collection sites for tipping fees, replace some of its more than 20-year-old compactors and increase recycling participation and litter awareness.

### Economic Development \$2.2 million

Director of Economic and Development Services Chereese Stewart said her department is requesting \$145,000 less than last year.

She said that the building department has been remodeled to make the area more customer-friendly and that now, all building inspectors are equipped with smartphones to improve communication between the field and the office.

"The number of our inspections increased by about 6.4 percent thus far," she said, "and our total number of permits issued has increased by about 3.3 percent."

She also said zoning applications are up by nine percent.

"Probably one of the biggest things we're working on is cross-training our employees," she said. "It's just important; we run really slim and everybody needs to know how to do at least part of somebody else's job in case they happen to be out for some reason. So that's real important to us."

She said the county's code enforcement officers are now equipped with tablets to take photographs and notes in the field.

"So far, we've collected about \$13,000 in fines and lien payments," she said of code enforcement. "We've investigated over 400 complaints and closed over 300 cases, so we've been pretty busy."

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Green Cove Springs to pick up bread for distribution from Waste Not Want Not, unloaded trucks, bagged groceries and helped in any way needed.

Logan is also known at the center for his love of playing pool. Although he no longer plays after experiencing health issues affecting his mobility, it has been his passion for years. Pool provided him his niche at the center.

Nearly a hundred seniors attended the wedding. Those who were able helped pull the event together by decorating, making bouquets and centerpieces, cooking the meal, baking a wedding cake and a groom's cake, providing live piano music, setting up furniture and offering to serve so that people did not have to get up and navigate a buffet amidst the crowded dining room while using walkers and canes.

Maria Walker, David Frohlich, Cathy Chalkley and Gale Luke spearheaded the decorations committee with a lot of help from other seniors. Myra Lewis and Linda Hazen joined the group and helped with clean-up.

Chalkley, a professionally-trained chef who volunteers her talents at the center, prepared a full meal of stuffed shells, broccoli, salad and garlic bread.

"Ruthanne said her favorite food was stuffed shells, so that is what I fixed," said Chalkley.

Hannelore Guilbeault prepared the wedding cake and chocolate groom's cake.

Clara Patterson provided live piano music before and after the ceremony. The familiar music she played inspired upbeat sing-alongs and occasional dancing.

All able seniors pitched in and set up the chairs for the ceremony. After the wedding they set up and decorated tables for lunch.

Thirteen-year-old Haley and her 14-year-old sister Destiny Baker volunteered to help serve meals, refill drinks, deliver pieces of cake and respond to needs and request of guests.

Dr. Al Rizer, Executive Director of the Council on Aging of Clay County, attended the wedding. "They have really done a great job out here expanding services," said Rizer. "Every time I come out here there is a good crowd. LaVerne and the staff and volunteers do an outstanding job," he added.

The senior center offers various activities, age-appropriate exercise classes, interesting presentations, crafting, canasta, bunco, pools, meals and food distribution, services to assist in obtaining food stamps and other supplemented services such as senior cell phones, and opportunities for socialization.

Nutritious meals are served at noon Monday through Friday. Home-cooked breakfasts are served Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and continental breakfast is provided Monday and Thursday.

The coffee pot is always brewing. All senior members of the community age 60 and above are welcome. For



**Center Director LaVerne Lanier escorts bride Ruthanne Catizone down the aisle as Herbie Veith and Executive Director Council on Aging of Clay County Dr. Al Rizer look on.**



**Destiny Baker (14) served meals and helped throughout the day.**

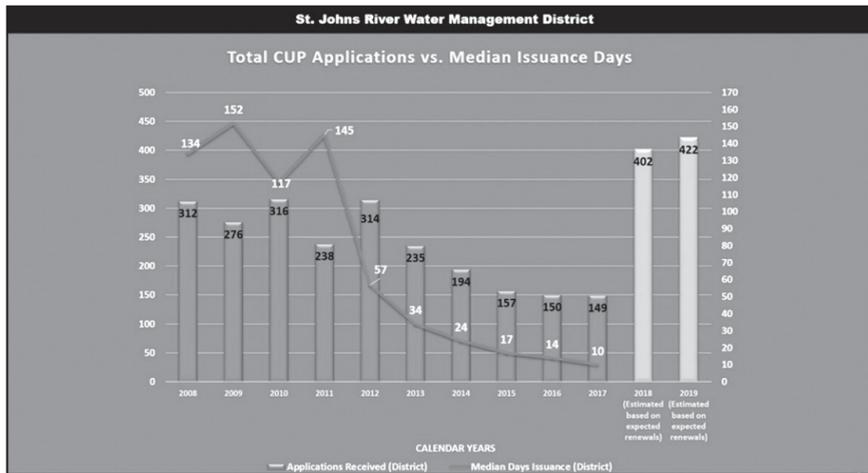


**Maid of honor LaVerne Lanier takes the bouquet from bride Ruthanne Catizone. (L to r) LaVerne Lanier, Pastor Rob Ham, Keystone Heights Presbyterian Church, Ruthanne Catizone, James Logan and best man Mr. Logan.**



**A full meal was prepared by volunteer Cathy Chalkley and served to all guests. (L to r) David Frolich, Gale Luke, Kathy Monroe, LaVerne Lanier and Chalkley.**

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Since 2009, the average time it takes for the water management district to process a consumptive use permit application has dropped from 152 days to 10. In addition, the district is forecasting that 402 CUP applications will be filed this year, compared to less than 160 per year over the past three years.

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standards for lakes Brooklyn and Geneva.

MFLs define the limits at which further water withdrawals would be significantly harmful to the water resources or ecology of an area. The standards define at what time the district must begin prevention or recovery strategies to preserve water resources.

In other news from the July meeting of the St. Johns River Water Management District:

### Board adopts new policy for permit approval

### approval

Richard, Burklew, bureau chief of water use regulation told the board that through June, the district had already issued more consumptive use permits than for each of the previous three years. He said that because of the increase in applications for the permits, especially renewals, the staff was asking for more authority to grant CUPs without the board individually approving them.

Consumptive use permits allow users to withdraw groundwater for industrial, agricultural or other uses.

Burklew said that since 2009, CUP applications have risen from 276 to a forecasted 402 this

year. He added that the average time the district takes to process a consumptive use permit application has dropped from 152 days in 2009 to 10 days now. Before July, any CUP application requesting more than 500,000 gallons a day went before the board for approval.

Under the new rule passed by the board in July, individual board approval will only be required for new applications requesting more than 500,000 gallons a day, or renewals requesting more than 5 million gallons a day and renewals with a 10 percent increase or more. In addition, any CUP application with heightened public interest may still go before the board for approval.

## LIMITS

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to wait 25 or 30 years because this guy's gonna hold it (the constitutional office) for a while. Then they're gonna pick their successor using the power of incumbency."

Hooker said that another factor in the proposal's favor was the committee's belief that if the measure made it to the ballot, it would pass by a large margin.

Richard Klinzman, who also served on the charter review committee, told commissioners the proposal was a bad idea.

"We have some of the best people in the county working as constitutional officers and to simply say: well, we've got to get rid of them — it shows little regard for what these people do and have done."

"I think they do an excellent job and it's no wonder that they get re-elected over and over again," Klinzman added. "You know as politicians yourself that all you have to do is one stupid thing, folks will sure remember it and you lose. Right?"

### George Washington set the example

Commission Chair Gavin Rollins pointed to George Washington as an example of someone who term limited himself.

"He set the example for future generations," Rollins said.

Rollins added that Clay County's charter now limits county commissioners to eight years, and if it did not he would limit himself to two, four-year terms.

"I have for a long time believed in term limits and thought that they were a good idea and in keeping with what our founders believed was a citizen government," he said. "You serve for a time and then you hang up the reigns. You don't stay in power forever."

Commissioner Diane Hutchings focused on the term "home rule" in expressing her support for putting the measure on the ballot for the voters to decide.

"It's about home rule," she said of Clay County's charter. "So, I asked myself: whose home? Is it the five of us? Are we to do the home rule or the voters? Is it their home? As simplistic as that is, I don't think that we represent who should be making the rules when it comes to our charter."

"As a republic and a democracy, we need to give people a chance to have their voices heard," she added. "If they vote for term limits, then it's their home, they should rule. If they vote to leave it like it is, it's their home, it's their rule. I'm fine with it either way."

### "If it aint broke..."

Wayne Bolla argued that county government is functioning well now, and that tinkering with

term limits for constitutional offices might decrease that effectiveness.

"I just want the best possible people working for the county that we can get," he said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That's kind of where I'm coming from."

Bolla said he also agreed with the argument that constitutional offices are more professional than political.

"The tax collector for instance, has to know what he's doing," Bolla said. "There's a lot of laws involved in this...what tends to happen is you get elected to an office, you go in there, you sit down at your desk, and who do you think is really running that department? It's your assistant, because he's a paid guy who's there all the time."

Bolla also said that voters are capable of voting out office holders, pointing to Clay County voters replacing the superintendent of schools and clerk of courts over the past several years.

And while Commissioner Mike Cella said he agreed with Hutchings, Commissioner Gayward Hendry said voters are confusing Washington politicians with local officials. He added that he is a big advocate of term limits at the federal level.

"Go out and stop at any 7-11 store and ask the first 10 people that go inside or outside. Nine of them will say: 'Oh, yeah, yeah. We want term limits,'" he said, "but that is totally, in my opinion, an idea that's been promulgated by Washington, D.C."

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# Melrose library hosts LEGO contest

BY ATHIE SANDERS  
Special to the Monitor



Senior group of master Lego builders was opened to ages 11 - 18. (L to r) Anna Cook (13), Ezra Cook (11), Logan Twitchell (12), Aiden Maz (13) Finn Fetner (11) and Trey Robinson (11) are preparing their projects for the judges.



Judge Andi Blount asks contestant Madeline Mai (9) questions about her project. Blount was interested in what inspired her to build an orphanage and what special details she added that others may be interested to know.

The Melrose Public Library hosted its second annual Lego Building Contest in the children's room of the library July 18 to inspire children to think creatively and apply engineering skills.

"This is the second year we have done this. The kids have had a blast. They made creations at home and brought them in to show them off," said librarian Sheree Sims.

The contest had three age groups; 0-5, 6-10 and 11-18. Each group was awarded first through third place prizes determined by a three-panel judging team. Peers voted to determine a single People's Choice award.

Projects built for the contest were interesting and well thought out. Each child had the ability to express their inspiration and talk about what was required to carry out their plans. Judges were interested, enthusiastic and good listeners. They asked good questions.

Nathan (5) was the only entry in the 0-5 year old class, nevertheless he did a great job of building a truck and explaining what it involved to the judges. Nathan's efforts claimed first place in his age group and he was awarded a package full of creative building and craft supplies.

The largest group was the 6-10 year old group. Madeline Mai (9) claimed first place with her elaborate orphanage designed to make children living there happy. Mai was able to lift hatches and other access points to show judges one surprise after another.

Rebecca Klopper (7) won second place. She constructed a gigantic house. Klopper included a lot of small but significant details and explained to the judges her inspiration.

Sawyer Fetner (7) built a rock-and-roll electric guitar complete with rubber band strings of varying thicknesses to produce real sound. Fetner placed third in his class.

The senior division, 11 - 18 year olds, all put deep thought into their projects. Ezra Cook (11) created two items, both reflecting interest in his planned future career path. Cook built a fire station featuring a fireman's band and a fireman brush truck. When asked by a judge if he wanted to be a fireman one day, Cook responded, "Yes, I am going to be a fireman."

Cook received second place from the judges for his bush truck and earned People's Choice award from his peers.

Trey Robinson (11) placed first featuring his Cargo Pod-83. Robinson built with extreme attention to detail and brought music to accompany his presentation. One of his favorite pastimes is building with Legos.

Third place winner was Aiden Mai (13) for "Bill's House, one bedroom one bath." Mai included a dresser perfect for two shirts and two pants. The theme of Bill's house was minimal living.

Other projects built included a ukulele, farmer's dance hall, road monster truck, police car, race car, amazing flying car, psycho drummer, 1972 dragster race car and a bookmobile.

"This has been one of the hottest projects of the summer," said Sims.

The Melrose children's library always has something fun and educational available. The summer program is about to wind down but new and exciting events will be announced for the fall. Stop by the library and pick up a calendar to plan for activities not only for children but for adults as well.

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Bellamy Road, A History Program presented by James Williams is scheduled at Melrose Library August 23 at 2:00 p.m. The Melrose Library Association invites you to register for a light lunch at 1:15. A reception sponsored by Historic Melrose Inc. and the MLA will follow Williams' presentation. Contact Sheree Sims at 352-475-1237 for lunch reservations and more information.



Trey Robinson (11) built a Cargo Pod-83 as the winning entry in the 11-18-year-old class. Librarian Sheree Sims presented Robinson a Lego kit for his win.



Contestants aged 6 - 10 have their Lego projects set up and are waiting for the judges. Five-year-old Nathan joined the front of the group for the picture. Counter clockwise from Nathan, Jayla Brown (6), Lyla Hall (8), Apphia Cook (7), Abigail Cook (9), Rayne Day, Madeline Mai (9), Shannon (9), Kody (7), Sawyer Fetner (7), Hayden Klopper (7) and Rebecca Klopper (10).

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## Lawtey sawmill should be ready to go this month *Alabama millwrights are helping Tatum Brothers in the aftermath of 2017 fire*



A bird's-eye view of the sawmill machinery.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tatum Brothers Lumber Company should be fully operational this month, recovering from a Nov. 30, 2017, fire — caused by a compressor failure — that destroyed approximately half the mill. Thomas “Tommy” Tatum III has been antsy, admitting he would’ve liked to have the rebuilt mill up and running three months ago. Yet when it came to rebuilding, he and the family wanted to ensure that they not only got a quality mill, but that they reduced the chances of fire. For example, the new mill’s equipment will be 5 feet off the ground, which will make it easier to keep it clean and prevent fire hazards.

“We raised it up like it needed to be,” Tatum said. “That mill was dead on the ground when my daddy (Tom) built it. What burned had been installed in the 1960s. Tatum said it’s a wonder a fire hadn’t happened sooner. “We got lucky,” he said. “We made it 50 years with a raggedy, old mill.”

The company didn’t have fire insurance. Charles Tatum (Tommy’s uncle) said, “Sawmill fire insurance — you just can’t afford it. It’s just so high. We’ve had it a few years, but every time we had it, it’d go up, up, up. We just had to quit.” Tommy Tatum said making the mill easier to clean and using a lot of steel in the rebuild is their insurance. “Everything I’m doing (in rebuilding), I’ve got fire in mind,” he said. Tatum Brothers employees, including Rocky Gardner, Norman Wilford, Darrell Youngblood and Tommy Tatum’s son, Thomas, have been working alongside three men from Alabama to get the new mill built.

### The right place at the right time

Tommy Tatum said the company’s crew probably could’ve rebuilt the mill without outside help, but it would’ve been a longer process. “It was just too big for us,” he said. Enter Terry Baker, his son, Adam, and stepson, Owen Oliver,

who make up Baker Millwright Maintenance and Construction Company of Double Springs, Alabama. They’ve been in Lawtey since April working on the project. “It’s coming along real well,” Terry Baker said. “It’s not going nearly fast enough to suit everybody because their whole lives are turned upside down right now. They’ve got money going out and none coming in. We’re doing everything that we can humanly do to make it work for them. So far, they seem pretty happy.” A chance encounter led to the Bakers going to Lawtey. Tommy and Charles were in Alabama, where Charles has a house



Tommy Tatum

“We got lucky. We made it 50 years with a raggedy, old mill.”

“We had too much left here to quit.”

was born in Alabama). Tommy told Charles, “I’m going to go out to Winston Machinery and see if I see anything there I want.” Tommy said Winston Machinery, which is in Lynn, Alabama, builds sawmill equipment. When he got there — on a Saturday — the business was closed, but Terry Baker and his sons were there doing subcontract work for Winston. “There he is,” Tatum said of Baker, “contracted out to them, a major sawmill-building company, doing some of their specialty work that they couldn’t do with their CNC (computer numerical control) machine.” Tatum said it didn’t take him long to realize Baker and his sons “had what it took” to do what needed to be done at the Lawtey sawmill.

“Tommy and I talked for about 15 minutes,” Baker said. “I gave him my card. He said, ‘I’ll call you when we get ready.’ He drove away. I told my sons, ‘We’ll never hear from him again.’”

Two or three weeks later, though, Baker received a call from Tatum, asking him if he and his sons would come and work on the sawmill. Baker said he doesn’t accept any job without looking at it first, so he and his wife went to Lawtey.

“I don’t like to just dive into something blind,” Baker said. Baker accepted the job, which happened to come with a house for him and his sons to stay in. The house, which belongs to the Tatum family, has a bedroom for each man. “They’ve been really good to us,” Baker said of the Tatum family. “They’ve taken care of us in a very good way.”

Baker said he and his sons have enjoyed a good working relationship with Tatum Brothers employees.

“We’re not doing it by ourselves,” he said. “We’ve got all kinds of support. The employees there are doing their part as well, and they’re working really hard to make it happen. They’re really good people, good employees. They’re all professionals at what they do. They’re really willing to work with me and my guys to make it happen.”

Tommy said there was a time when the business wouldn’t have had to bring in millwrights such as the Bakers from more than 500 miles away.

“Thirty years ago, it would’ve been like a 15-mile haul,” Tatum said.

Some of the skilled trades just don’t have the number of workers they used to, but Baker said they offer a good living. Baker remembered that a college education was preached as the goal to achieve when he was growing up.

“Granted, it will help you,” he said, “but I’m making more money right now — and I don’t have a college education — than the teacher who told me I wasn’t ever going to amount to anything ever made in her whole life.”

Charles Tatum said, “People like Terry — they’re few and far between.”

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Adam Baker (left) and Owen Oliver work at Tatum Brothers Lumber Company on July 27. Baker and Oliver, along with their father, Terry Baker, traveled from Alabama — where they own Baker Millwright Maintenance and Construction Company — to help rebuild the sawmill after a fire

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## TATUM

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Tommy Tatum reflected on how he met Baker and said it was a blessing.

"It wasn't God's intent for us to quit," he said.

### Keeping the business going

Tommy Tatum admitted today's world of sawmills is not kind to small, family operations. He said Tatum Brothers "made lots of money at one time," but said, as in most cases, when there's money to be made, larger corporations start taking control.

"Booming your business is the worst thing you can do," Tatum said, explaining that the "big man's going to take it, and he always wins."

Yet it took no time at all for the decision to be made to rebuild after the fire, Tatum said. For one, the family is so entrenched in the business, with Tommy's grandfather and great-grandfather opening the first-ever Tatum Brothers in Ripley, Mississippi, in 1933. Tommy's father and Charles opened the current incarnation of the business in Lawley in 1963. Tom passed away in June 9, 2017, at the age of 76. Charles is 72.

Tommy said Charles would probably view it as the end of his life if the mill shut down for good. As for himself, Tommy said if he didn't have the mill to keep him busy, he'd probably do nothing but sit the rest of his life, thanks to a sawmill accident that injured both of his feet.

Neither man wants that those

outcomes.

"It's hard to quit something," Tommy said.

Another factor in the decision was how much of the mill was saved by firefighters. Tommy Tatum estimated firefighters saved approximately \$3 million worth of equipment. The family is spending more than \$2 million on the rebuilding project.

"We had too much left here to quit," Tatum said.

Tatum said firefighters don't get praised enough, especially volunteers who are "giving up their dadgum time for free."

The new mill will be a little bit smaller than the one before it, Tatum said, adding that plans are to increase the amount of sawing from 3.5 days a week to 4.5 days a week. Room exists to add expand, but Tatum said that's for future generations if they want to.

"That won't be me, probably," he said.

He's happy with the mill that's currently being constructed, calling it a "showcase."

"I don't care who you bring in here," Tatum said. "Bring the biggest sawmiller in the South in here. He'll tell you that's a nice little mill."

Now, it's just a matter of getting it built and operating. Baker said God has looking out for the business in the form of all the rain the area has been receiving, which preserves the wood supply currently sitting at the mill waiting to be cut.

"The good Lord's keeping his logs wet for him until I can get things running," Baker said.

Tommy laughed and said, "Everybody else is crying about the rain, and I'm out here doing rain dances."



**Tatum Brothers' employees, including Thomas Tatum (left) and Darrell Youngblood, are working alongside the Alabama millwrights in constructing the new mill. Tommy Tatum said the Tatum Brothers employees could've done the job themselves, but it would've taken much longer. Baker Millwright Maintenance and Construction Company owner Terry Baker said, "The employees there are doing their part as well, and they're working really hard to make it happen. They're really good people, good employees. They're all professionals at what they do."**

## 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 —

Nicholas James Erickson, 27, of Cupertino, California was arrested July 26 by Lawley police for possession of drugs.

Maximo Garcia-Montoya, 35, of Raleigh, North Carolina was arrested July 25 by Lawley police for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

#### Report: Woman struck tree removal worker in the jaw



L. Klein

Linda Kay Klein, 74, of Starke was arrested July 24 by Bradford deputies for battery.

According to a report, arresting officer Jeffery Smith arrived at a State Road 16 parcel of land, spoke with several witnesses, and concluded Klein struck a member of a tree removal crew working on her and her husband's property.

Smith wrote in a report that while the victim was working, the defendant "approached him, yelling and demanding that he leave the property. (The victim) said that he advised Linda that he was there doing a job that her husband hired him to perform. (The victim) advised that at this time, Linda hit him in the jaw twice."

The deputy added that Klein claimed the worker hit her first, but the officer could find no marks on the woman to verify her claim. Other witnesses on the scene also backed up her victim's story.

Smith wrote that he began taking sworn statements from witnesses while Klein was in the back of his patrol car.

"As I returned to my patrol vehicle," he wrote, "I could smell the odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the patrol vehicle."

Smith said he asked Klein if she had been smoking in the back of his car and she said "no."

Smith said he asked Klein to empty her pockets. The deputy found an old Altoids tin can in Klein's possession

## Alabama man educates Starke Kiwanians about millwrights

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

"Does anybody in here not know what a millwright is?"

The question was asked of Kiwanis Club of Starke members by Terry Baker, owner of Baker Millwright Maintenance and Construction Company in Double Springs, Alabama. Several hands were raised in response.

Baker, who accompanied by his son, Adam, and stepson, Owen Oliver, was the featured speaker during the July 17 Kiwanis meeting. He and his sons have been in Lawley since mid-April rebuilding Tatum Brothers Lumber Company's sawmill, which burned in a Nov. 30, 2017, fire.

"A millwright is a person who builds, disassembles, repairs, installs or manufactures equipment for mills or factories," Baker said. "That's basically what we do. We build equipment. We rebuild equipment. We tear apart equipment."

Baker said he and his sons have spent most of their careers working out of boneyards. Every sawmill and lumber company has a boneyard, Baker said, explaining that boneyards are created by combining equipment with different specifications. Millwrights such as he and his sons are then asked to make it all work together.

"They've added on, taken stuff out, bought stuff at an auction — they'll bring this junk into their sawmill, and they'll say, 'I need you to make this do this.' You go, 'OK.' We do it."

Baker said it's not that big of a deal in regard to the work he and his sons do.

"Equipment is just equipment," he said. "It all does one thing. It either turns, it spins or it travels. It's all got to be straight, level, plumb and all of that."

One thing the Bakers don't do is electrical work.

"Not that we're not capable of doing some," Baker said. "I'd just rather not. I stick to mechanical and let the electricians stick to their stuff. We kind of meet in the middle."

Baker said his father worked in construction, including Arizona's Glen Canyon Dam project on the Colorado River, which led to the creation of Lake Powell, the second-largest man-made lake in the U.S.

"He worked on projects all over the country," Baker said. "We all traveled the early part of my life doing that. The only time he wasn't in construction was when he was a highway patrolman. He was a highway patrolman for the state of Alabama for nine years. Then he got back into construction."

Baker said his father was always building something for somebody at their home, which is how he began gaining the knowledge he now employs.

"I'd always help him," Baker said. "I've been welding and using a torch since I was about 15 or 16 years old."

It was his father who created the family millwright business, but Baker started out his adult life in "big-time construction."

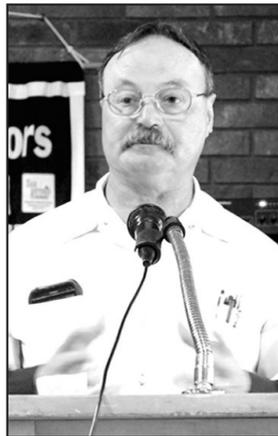
"You see people walking on

with marijuana smell coming from the can after he opened it.

### Homeless man refuses to leave auto repair shop

Walter Robert Laun, 72, of Jacksonville was arrested July 27 by Starke police for trespassing and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, the owner of an automotive garage in the Bradford County Industrial Park came to work to find the defendant in his underwear taking a bash with the



Terry Baker

I-beams and climbing around on steel. That's what I did when I was a young man," Baker said.

Baker was living in Texas and enjoyed his job, but his wife told him they needed to move to Alabama to help his father. He admitted he didn't really want to do that, but he did.

"It wasn't something I was unaccustomed to," Baker said. "I had been in construction for 20 years already. I worked hand in hand with millwrights for years."

Baker said he and his sons will work any kind of job in regard to its duration. Some are weekend jobs. Some are longer, like the Tatum Brothers job, which will take four to five months.

"We'll take anything that comes across as long as it's an honest job," Baker said. "It doesn't have to be a big job. Small ones pay the bills, too."

The Bakers have never done a job like the one they're doing at Tatum Brothers.

"This is our first experience working out of boneyard that also literally had stuff burn up," Baker said. "Some of the stuff we're actually putting in was in the fire, and we're getting it back going."

A Kiwanis member asked how much it cost to build a sawmill from the ground up. Baker said a medium-sized mill "that will produce anything at all" can cost \$5 million to \$6 million.

"There are mills out there that cost \$150 million to build," he said. "It just depends on the scope and what the requirements of the customer are — what their goals are."

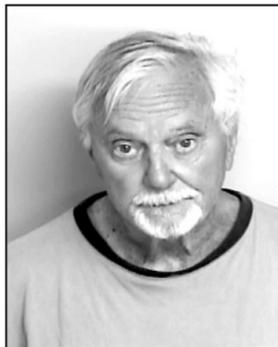
When asked if it was difficult to find equipment to build a sawmill, Baker said no, adding that the unfortunate reality is that there are auctions for places going out of business every week.

"A lot of sawmillers go out to these auctions and buy this equipment for basically pennies on the dollar," Baker said.

Another question asked of Baker was in regard to the explosion in the foreign market for lumber. Baker said, "Well, I don't really get a whole lot into the marketing end of it. I just build them. I don't drive them."

Baker did say a lot of logs are being shipped to China primarily and to other places such as England and Portugal.

"It comes back to us as furniture," he said.



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# Union County's Chessie Flanders honored as 'Fierce'

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chessie Flanders is fierce, but don't be afraid.

For Flanders, fierce means to believe you can accomplish anything, no matter the situation. It means never getting stuck in a rut. It means doing your part to help others become fierce.

The Union County resident was recently honored by "Business in Greater Gainesville" magazine as one of its 2018 Fierce Award winners. According to the "Business in Greater Gainesville" website, the award is presented to business women in the Gainesville area who are "transformative and inspirational" and who have "changed the landscape of our community through their entrepreneurial, charitable and executive work."

Flanders, a former vice president at Florida Credit Union, works in Gainesville at Citizens State Bank, serving as vice president/commercial relationship manager.

"It was a surprise when I received an email saying I received the award," said Flanders, a 1992 Keystone Heights High School graduate. "I was very honored."

Flanders was recognized at a July 16 awards ceremony. She was one of 25 Fierce Award recipients. Honorees work in a variety of career fields, including education, law and medical.

"To be included with those women and all the wonderful things they've accomplished was very humbling," Flanders said.

As an award recipient, Flanders filled out a questionnaire prior to the awards ceremony. Its first question was, "What does it mean to be fierce?"

"Fierce is being strong and confident, while walking through adversity," Flanders wrote. "Fierce is believing you can do or be anything, while viewing challenges as opportunities for growth. Fierce is never allowing yourself to



Chessie Flanders (center) is accompanied at the Fierce Awards ceremony by her brother Jason Jennings (left) and husband, John. Photo provided courtesy of Business in Greater Gainesville.

get into a comfort zone. Fierce is lifting others to show them their beauty inside and out."

Flanders became fierce early in her life when she developed a strong work ethic.

### Valuing and succeeding at work

Flanders grew up in Keystone, raised by a single mother, Vicki, who currently resides at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. She lives in Union County in with her husband, John, and their children: Dalton, who will be a senior at Union County High School, and Landon, who will be a seventh-grader at Lake Butler Middle School. Flanders also has a stepson named Trenton, who is 26.

She is no stranger to Bradford County due to her previous job with Florida Credit Union and being involved in such organizations as the Bradford County Education Foundation (she's an associate board member) and filling the role of current director of the Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant.

Bradford County has been

a part of her family's life. Her grandparents Denver and Chessie Devrick owned an auto parts/hardware store in Starke, where the Downtown Grill is today.

"My grandfather was a really good businessman," Flanders said. "He was president of the chamber for a couple of years. My grandmother was the manager of the high school cafeteria."

Flanders' mother grew up in Starke and graduated from Bradford High School. Flanders remembers hearing a story about how her mother and one of her two brothers successfully auditioned to appear on "American Bandstand" due to the dancing abilities.

"She was an excellent ballroom dancer," Flanders said.

When Flanders arrived into the world, she joined two brothers: Jeff and Jason. She remembers growing up in "very modest" conditions. Sometimes her mother, who worked as a nurse, didn't have enough money to do all she wanted to do for her children. Flanders said because of that, she began working as early as she could, earning her own

money for things. At 14, she worked at Park of the Palms, washing dishes and sweeping and mopping floors. She then worked as a hostess for Johnny's, which is when she first began handling money as part of a job.

"Johnny (Mason) trusted me to handle the money," Flanders said. "I kind of found a real love for balancing that cash register and making sure everything was there."

Flanders, who worked at M&S Bank after working at Johnny's, found more success at her than in school. She said she started taking classes at Santa Fe College after graduating from KHHS, but admitted, "I wasn't at a place (in my life) where that was working for me."

What was working was a job at the Chevrolet dealership in Starke. After a month there, she was promoted to finance manager. She was only 17.

"All of a sudden, I was making \$40,000 a year," Flanders said. "I didn't see the need to keep going to school."

Flanders was recruited to work for Florida Credit Union when it was involved in a car sale with the dealership. She thought of the advice a Chevrolet co-worker told her, which was to not make a lifelong career out of working at the dealership if she had thoughts of raising a family. The dealership was a lot of work during a lot of long hours.

"I wanted a different lifestyle," Flanders said. At Florida Credit Union, she met someone who showed her just how successful she was and encouraged her to do even more.

### Reflecting on success, earning college degrees

Flanders thinks she can accomplish whatever she sets out to do. Her belief is, "If I



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work hard enough and apply myself enough, anything can happen. Anybody else can make that happen in their lives, too."

She was succeeding at Florida Credit Union, working her way up quickly from team leader to assistant branch manager. However, Flanders didn't take the time to step back and see just how successful she was. She was 26 at the time when her manager, Steve Jeppson, told her she was a natural leader. The comment took her aback.

"Although I was an assistant branch manager at that the time,

I was shocked and humbled by his comment," Flanders said. "He pointed out all of my accomplishments and abilities that I had not taken the time to reflect upon and appreciate. He talked to me about going to college. I enrolled and made it happen."

Flanders earned an AA degree at Santa Fe College. She then earned a bachelor's degree from St. Leo University, taking classes mostly on the Santa Fe campus in Gainesville. She succeeded in school even though it was more of a

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# CRIME

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pile of belongings and leave. The defendant refused and moved toward the business owner in an aggressive manner. The victim called police.

Arresting officer Robert T. Jordan wrote in a report that after he asked the defendant to leave the premises, the man refused.

The defendant also resisted when the officer attempted to restrain him. The defendant was placed in hand restraints and transported to jail.

Harvey Timothy McCarthy, 36, of Starke was

arrested July 29 by Bradford deputies for contempt of court.

Ronald Eugene Newman, 48, of Starke was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Amber Nychole Parker, 27, of Starke was arrested July 25 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Lynn Addie Starling, 38, of Hampton was arrested July 26 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Caroline Martin Vilone, 47, of Lawtey was arrested July 30 by Bradford deputies for



S. Brown

an out-of-county warrant.

Russell George Walling, 33, of Walterboro, South Carolina was arrested July 27 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

## UNION COUNTY –

### Woman admits smuggling drugs into RMC

Samantha Holman Brown, 47, of Brunswick, Georgia was arrested July 26 by Union deputies for possession of drugs, possession of narcotics equipment and smuggling contraband into prison.

According to an arrest report, Brown, who was visiting the Reception and Medical Center was caught with a hard, plastic box containing three syringes, a metal spoon, and large plastic band, several empty pill capsules and a glass pipe. The empty pill capsules had residue which tested positive for heroin.

Brown told deputies that

she is addicted to heroin, and that the previous weekend she smuggled K-2 into the facility while visiting her son. She added that she put the drug into a trash receptacle to be picked up later by an inmate.

Robert Brad Kerce, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested July 27 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Tanya Marie Parrish, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested July 27 by Union deputies for battery.

Chasity Lynn Vanover, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested July 27 by Union deputies for battery.

Cameco Catrice Webb, 37, of Lake City was arrested July 27 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

## KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION –

Jason Merle Corbett, 38, was arrested in Keystone Heights July 24 by Clay deputies for battery.

Kevin Andrew Donley, 41, was arrested in Keystone Heights July 27 by Clay deputies for petit theft.

Sherry Lynn Edwards, 53, was arrested in Keystone Heights July 28 by Clay deputies for battery.

Jesse Lee Harwell, 28, was arrested in Keystone Heights July 29 by Clay deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

## The Weekly Paw Print:

There's no doubt people can be weird, and over the years, we've needed to create laws to protect us from ourselves. The same goes for animals. Here are the most unusual animal laws in America:

**Law:** It is illegal for your dog to bark more than ten minutes.

**State:** Oregon

It's annoying just about everywhere, but in Multnomah County, Oregon, it's actually against the law for your dog to bark more than five minutes during at least three different night periods within 10 consecutive days.

**Law:** Dogs may not molest cars.

**State:** Kentucky

Cars feel much safer now. By the way, the penalty is a fine of up to \$500.

**Law:** It is illegal to keep a smelly dog.

**State:** Illinois

Your dog might not like to take baths, but in Galesburg, Illinois, he doesn't have much of a choice.

**Law:** Black cats must wear bells on Friday the 13th.

**State:** Indiana

The citizens of French Lick Springs were so stricken with triskaidekaphobia (fear of Friday the 13th) that they passed this law in 1939. In the decades since, it appears as if the cats have won. This law is no longer on the books.

**Law:** It is illegal to sell a dog's or cat's excess hair.

**State:** Delaware

Groomers in the First State better throw excess hair and fur away. If they try something funny with it, they may be in violation of the state's criminal code.

**Law:** Goldfish may not be given away to entice someone to enter a game of bingo.

**State:** Georgia

A lot of people play bingo for money or fun, but if you know someone who's taken home a goldfish, know they weren't playing in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.

**Law:** Animals cannot enter beauty salons for the purpose of hairdressing.

**State:** Alaska

It is possible lawmakers in Juneau meant for dogs to be barred from getting a haircut in a human salon, not that they're legally unable to be barbers themselves but you can decide. "No owner of any animal or person having control of any animal shall allow such animal to enter into any barber shops or establishments for the practice of hairdressing or beauty culture."

Excerpts taken from <http://www.pawculture.com/for-fun/weird-pet-news/the-weirdest-animal-laws-in-america/>

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# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

S180622A, an application by George W. Stewart and Judi A. Stewart, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) and the Westerly right-of-way line of State Road 21; thence North 89°09'19" West, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) 734.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 08°02'32" East 438.98 feet; thence North 81°35'51" East 177.27 feet to the West right-of-way line of a 100.00 foot Florida Power and Light Company easement; thence South 08°34'07" East, along the West right-of-way line of said 100.00 foot Florida Power and Light Company easement 478.50 feet; thence North 89°09'19" West 576.50 feet; thence North 08°34'07" West 873.63 feet; thence North 01°42'59" East 15.41 feet to the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street); thence South 89°09'19" East 398.11 feet, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 9.99 acres, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be

published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 or 800.955.8771.

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## NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on August 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of the ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S180622A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE

LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) Z 18-02, an application by

George W. Stewart and Judi A. Stewart, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) from on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) and the Westerly right-of-way line of State Road 21; thence North 89°09'19" West, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) 734.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 08°02'32" East 438.98 feet; thence North 81°35'51" East 177.27 feet to the West right-of-way line of a 100.00 foot Florida Power and Light Company easement; thence South 08°34'07" East, along the West right-of-way line of said 100.00 foot Florida Power and Light Company easement 478.50 feet; thence North 89°09'19" West 576.50 feet; thence North 08°34'07" West 873.63 feet; thence North 01°42'59" East 15.41 feet to the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street); thence South 89°09'19" East 398.11 feet, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 9.99 acres, more or less.

(2) Z 18-03, an application by George W. Stewart and Judi A. Stewart, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) from on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying within Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) and the Westerly right-of-way line of State Road 21; thence North 89°09'19" West, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) 734.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 08°02'32" West 438.98 feet; thence North 81°35'51" West 246.25 feet; thence North 08°02'32" West 438.98 feet to the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street); thence South 89°09'19" East, along the South right-of-way line of said Speedville Road (Southeast 31st Street) 276.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.49 acres, more or less. The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendments. Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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## NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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# Obituaries

## Linda Anderson

LAKE BUTLER—Linda Sue Anderson, 59, of Lake Butler peacefully passed away on Monday, July 23, 2018. Linda was born on July 29, 1958 to Barbara Barber Proulx and the late Charles Anderson in Jacksonville. After graduating high school in Jacksonville, she attended a vocational school to study cosmetology. Linda moved to Union County seven years ago. She enjoyed reading, cooking, and being outside in the Florida sun. Above all, Linda loved being a wife, mother, and homemaker. Linda is preceded in death by her father, Charles Anderson; grandparents, Papa Bernard and Nanny Estelle Anderson; grandfather, Papa Henry Whiddon. Linda leaves her beloved family to cherish her precious memory.



Linda Anderson is survived by: her mother, Barbara Proulx (Jean); daughter, Naomi Jones (Loving boyfriend, Michael Gillick); one son, Joseph (Sabrina) Howland; five precious grandchildren, Hayley Ryan, Cameron Jones, Tristan Jones, Samantha Gillick, and Ethan Gillick. A great friend and father to her children, Martin Howland. Loving boyfriend, Jake Bielling and children, Amy Morton, Angela LaGrange, Jake Bielling, and Jason Bielling. Best friend, Charles Watson. Sister, Kathleen (Mitch) Kramer. Niece, Sarah Keene; sister, Brenda Anderson; nephew, Kyle Sherwood; niece, Katie Sherwood; three uncles, Leonard "Shorty" Anderson (Susan) Ronnie Land, and Paul (Becky) Land. Two aunts, Sharon (Jerry) Morrow and Shirley Hosack. Grandmother, Nanny Pauline Whiddon. Linda was loved by many and she will be dearly missed.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Avenue Lake Butler, Florida 32054. For more information, please call (386) 496-2008. Be sure to sign Linda's online guest book at archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

## Irene Boyette

MELROSE— Irene Shealy Boyette, age 87, of Melrose a woman of great faith went to be with our Lord and Savior Tuesday, July 24, 2018. She was born March 2, 1931 in Columbia, South Carolina to Andrew H. and Willie (Bundrick) Shealy. Irene resided in Jacksonville and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and FSCJ. She retired from the City of Jacksonville Council Auditor's Office and Fire Academy Training Office before moving to Melrose in 1999. Irene was member of Trinity Baptist Church and attended Keystone United Methodist Church; she also enjoyed playing scrabble with her friends and volunteering at the Community Christian Church thrift shop. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Shealy Ann Crick.



Mrs. Irene's survivors are: her daughter, Kim (Greg) Correia (and her son, Andy Boyette along with her grandchildren, Amanda Crick, Allyson (Mike) Moreland, Carlee Correia, Angelique Boyette and great-grandchildren, Shealy and Aria. Also left behind is her son-in-law John Crick, nieces and nephews that adored her as well as a loving church family.

Funeral services for Irene were held Saturday, July 28 at Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. A private graveside service followed at Greenlawn Cemetery in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Florida United Methodist Children's Home 51 Children's Way Enterprise, Florida, 32725 or to Haven Hospice, 6400 St. John's Ave., Palatka, FL 32177. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

## Leatha Higginbotham

LAWTEY— Leatha Samella "Sammy" Higginbotham, 79, of Lawtey died on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center with her loving family by her side. She was born in Ripley, Mississippi on June 18, 1939 to the late Ezra Gault and Ottilie Sue Tatum Gault. She was raised in Bear Creek, Alabama and relocated to Lawtey. She was a longtime member of Faith Baptist Church of Starke. She was a school bus driver, worked at Wal-Mart, managed a service station, was a waitress, and worked as a lunch lady at Lawtey Elementary for 19 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of eight years, James Cecil "J.C." Higginbotham; sister, Dottie Sue Gault; and her great-granddaughter, Bridgett Ann Norman.



She is survived by: her children, Carl E. Griffis, Jr., Debra G. (Robert) Norman and Cathy K. (Randall) Higginbotham all of Lawtey; her brother, William E. (Diane) Gault of Starke; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held on July 30 at Long Branch Baptist Church with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

## William Moore Jr.

LAWTEY—William Fredrick Moore Jr., or Fred, as most knew him, died peacefully on Sunday afternoon, July 22, 2018, surrounded by loved ones. He had just celebrated his eightieth birthday.



Fred was born on July 8th, 1938 in Lawtey, to William Frederick Moore, Sr. and Mary Boyer Moore. He was the fourth child of ten, and the first-born son. He spent his childhood growing up around the produce business following his father. He graduated from Bradford County High School in the Class of 1957. Fred joined the Marines and the National Guard and had a brief career in the new and challenging industry with IBM's 701 (early computers) and the Western North Carolina manufacturing business. He had strong ties to the Hendersonville area and was married and began his own family there.

Fred's real interest was farming, and he spent the next fifty years in South Florida, around Homestead, representing local vegetable farmers and fruit growers. He was well known and respected in the farming community, and successful, always having the farmers best interests; and found lifelong friends in the agriculture industry. He will always be remembered for the truckload of fresh vegetables he donated at Thanksgiving. Fred retired in 2013 to relax and enjoy his home on Kingsley Lake, a cherished dream.

Fred loved Kingsley Lake and spent every summer there over the years... sharing it with his family. He was always welcoming loved ones to come and enjoy a visit and hosted an annual reunion to celebrate his mother's birthday; continuing the tradition after she passed. After his retirement, he also reconnected with his Bradford County High School classmates who lived in the surrounding areas. And he regularly attended the Kingsley Lake Men's Breakfast every month.

Fred is survived by: his wife Valeri, his five children, and five grandchildren, Rick Moore of Gainesville, and grandson Coby; Pamela Nevers, husband, Kevin and grandson, Kyle of Homestead; Greg Moore of Middleburg; Jason Moore, wife, Serenity and granddaughter, Jessica, grandsons, Jacob, and Jordan of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Patrick Moore of Jacksonville; His first great-grandchild, Hudson, is due to be born at the end of August. Fred's surviving sisters, Gayle Todor from Daytona Beach; and Georga (Reeney) Houseman from Jacksonville; and surviving brothers, Jimmy from White Springs; RC (Chuck) and wife, Celia from Cooper City and Michael (Mickey) and wife, Denise from Lawtey. We will all miss him greatly.

A Celebration of Life Memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4th at 11 am at the Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, 6289 Mary Dot Ln., Starke. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Fred's life.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Make-A-Wish in memory of his late grandson Tyler Nevers. (Make a Wish of So. Fla.; 4491 S State Road 7, Suite 201, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314)

The family would also like to thank the staff at St. Vincent's Medical Clay County, and the Haven Hospice Orange Park for their diligent care, kindness, and effort.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200.

PAID OBITUARY

this county goes, to stay within the budget, they just can't seem to grasp it.

Rather than holding departments accountable and stay within their budget, our commissioners have decided that raising taxes and levying special assessments to pay for out-of-control spending is the way to go. Where will it stop? Fiscal conservatism never is even thought of.

It's not only the fiscal recklessness that they have practiced, but in some of those cases, the bills are genuinely unpayable. That's why construction has been halted on the Speedville fire station. There's only one reason why construction projects stop...lack of funding.

That cost to the taxpayers is going to be more than three times what we were told, and more than likely even higher, but they unanimously voted for it anyway.

Maybe after this election cycle we will have board members

who will seek to reverse the trend. You cannot dig your way out of a hole through the bottom. The commission needs to learn what the value of a dollar is.

Managing a \$46-million complex budget should be on your mind when you vote. Can the person I vote for do that or even understand it?

As taxpayers and voters, we have to take some of the blame also. For allowing it. By not holding our elected officials accountable.

Our financial future depends on all of us.

Paul McDavid  
Bradford County Taxpayer  
and Voter

## John Schafer, Jr.

STARKE— John Lester Schafer, Jr., 54, of Starke died on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania on Oct. 27, 1965 to Gloria Blum Schafer and the late John Lester Schafer, Sr. He grew up in Tampa and graduated high school in Orlando. He joined the Army National Guard while a junior in high school and following his graduation he relocated to Camp Blanding. He served as a Sergeant First Class and also a supply person at the Army National Guard at Camp Blanding. He was preceded in death by: his father, John Lester Schafer, Sr. and his wife, Marjorie "Margie" Schafer.

He is survived by: mother, Gloria Schafer of Pennsylvania; son, John (Samantha) David Schafer of Middleburg; step son, Justin Phillips of Starke; brothers, Gary (Susan) Bakken and Raymond Masey both of Starke; his sister, Tammy (Kevin) Sheets of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren; and many other family members.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

## Peregrine White

BROOKER—Peregrine "Perry" Edward White, 88, of Brooker died on July 26, 2018. He was born on April 9, 1930 in Waldo to the late Calvin White and Nora Brooker. At the age of 18, he joined the United States Army. He worked as a maintenance man for the VA hospital for 29 years. He attended Brooker Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Jo; daughters, Candice Watkins and Sandra White.

He is survived by: son, Larry (Lois) White of Gilchrist County; daughter, Jean Nessmith of Alachua; step-children, Dan (Linda) Godwin of Kentucky, Martha Chancey of Newberry, and Nancy (Lester) Gunter; brothers, Kenneth (Evelyn) White of Port Orange and Anthony (Betty) White of Fruitland Park; sisters, Helen Peoples of Alachua, Deanna (Otis) Tetstone of Brooker and Judy White of Titusville; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on July 30 at Brooker Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

## Mildred Winkler

STARKE—Mildred R. "Millie" Winkler, 89, of Starke died Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Lake Butler Hospital. She was born in Riesel, Texas on July 31, 1928 to the late Emil and Helene (Paar) Richter. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She retired from the State of Florida Department of Corrections accounting department.

Survivors are: her husband, Edward "Arthur" Winkler, Sr. of Starke; daughter, Cindy (Don) Green of Hardyville, Kentucky; son, Eddie and Christy Winkler of Melrose; sister, Helen Larsen of Texarkana, Texas; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Also left are her brother and sister-in-law, George and Burney Winkler; sister-in-law, Sue Winkler all of Starke along with many other family members.

Memorial services were held on August 1 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Reverend Herbert "Bert" Daly officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

# Letters

## Bradford spending out of control

Dear Editor:

I'm sure everyone has noticed our dedicated County employees out and about, keeping busy, busy with drainage projects, tree trimming, etc. Some of us wonder what took so long to finally get these done, some wonder what it all costs. Aren't election years great?

As with all counties, every year they are required to have a financial audit performed on all departments that fall under the oversight of the board of county commissioners. The presentation of that document was recently done at a board of county commissioners meeting. Once again, for the fifth year in a row, the county spent more than it had coming in, and the savings account took another large hit: nearly \$800,000! So, what can they do to stop this trend? Raise taxes and cut services was the answer I was given. Wow.

By comparison, our neighbors in Union County received positive news in their audit. Their unrestricted fund balance has

increased by nearly 250 percent over the past 4 years!

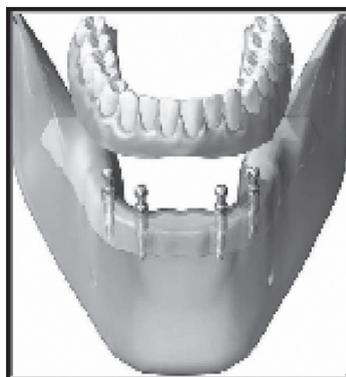
We are investors in our local government and, therefore, have a stake in Bradford County's overall financial well-being. We expect good financial management so that our investment here increases in value, whether that be our homes, businesses, jobs, safety, environment, etc.

The county commission is ultimately responsible for that. This is one of the primary policy matters that a county commissioner must get a good grasp of, because they control the purse strings for each branch of government locally.

There are many aspects that can help determine whether or not a community of people are being effectively represented or led. One of those barometers is fiscal responsibility.

Five years in a row, they have not shown that. If this happened one year due to, say, hurricane damage that had to be cleaned up and stuff repaired, that's one thing, but this has become a very bad habit, and once this culture has been instilled, it is hard to break out of it.

After repeated warnings from the clerk and finance director, who know where every penny in



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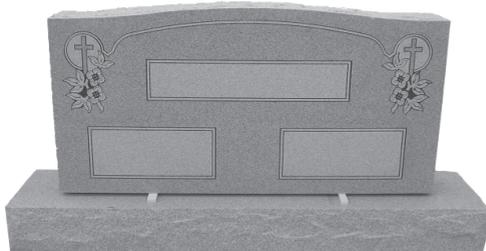
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# Houston player with Starke ties shines in all-star festivities



**Ron Brown**

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff Writer

University of Houston baseball player Ron Brown won the West Coast League All-Star Home Run Derby and helped the North team win the All-Star game.

Brown, a rising sophomore, is the nephew of Starke's Carolyn Spooner and grandson of Starke native and former Pittsburgh Steeler Larry Brown.

The son of Ronald and Tansia Brown is a pitcher and first baseman for the Port Angeles

(Washington) Lefties of the West Coast League, which is a summer wood-bat league for college-eligible players. In 24 games, Brown is batting .214 with two doubles, four home runs and 12 RBI.

West Coast League All-Star festivities were held in Port Angeles, concluding with the All-Star game that was won by the North team 10-6 on July 17. Bating fourth in the lineup, Brown went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. He also hit a hit a ball down the left-field line that cleared the fence, but was ruled foul.

The night before, Brown hit five home runs in a five-swing tiebreaker to win the home run derby. By doing so, he received bat autographed by Mookie Betts of the Boston Red Sox.

Derby competitors took their swings from a floating barge in Port Angeles Harbor. A home-run ball was one that cleared a boom 200 feet from shore.

Brown won the North Division of the derby by hitting 21 home runs, edging out the Bellingham (Washington) Bells' Mike James, who had 20. Brown then competed against South Division

winner Cody Hawken, who plays for the Corvallis (Oregon) Knights.

Players kept swinging until they reached five outs (any ball that didn't clear the boom). Hawken led the event off with 10 home runs. Brown hit five home runs, but was down to his last out. However, he hit five straight, which forced the five-swing tiebreaker.

Hawken went first and hit four home runs. Brown knocked every pitch over the "fence," with the first three pop-ups to center barely clearing the boom. In regard to those pop-ups, Brown was quoted in the Peninsula Daily News, a Port Angeles newspaper, as saying, "I was standing there saying, 'Oh, please go out.'"

Brown was a four-year letter winner at Bellaire (Texas) High School, where he was a three-time first-team All-District honoree and qualified for the Houston Area Junior and Senior All-Star teams and the Texas Senior All-Star Team.

As a freshman at the University of Houston, Brown made 22 appearances, with eight starts at first base or as a designated hitter.



**Ron Brown (center) is pictured between his parents, Tansia and Ronald, with his brother, Rodrick, standing in front of him. Brown, who played at Bellaire (Texas) High School is a rising sophomore at the University of Houston.**

# Top-coach award brings much-needed joy for Union's Bryan Griffis

*The Union County High School girls weightlifting coach has had a year of ups and downs*

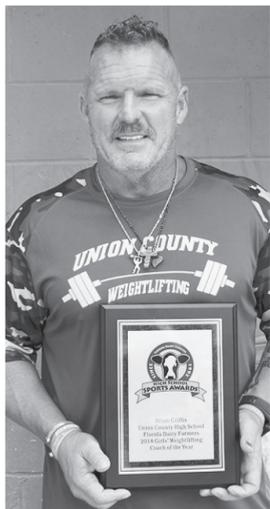
**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bryan Griffis, who coaches the Union County High School girls weightlifting team, sits in his house and gestures toward shelves that hold numerous awards and trophies, including the one denoting UCHS as the 2018 Class A state champion.

"All of these accomplishments are nice," he said. "I thank God for them, but nothing will mean more to me than getting my young'un healed."

Griffis and his wife, Tammy, are praying and asking for prayers for their 24-year-old son, Dustin, who is experiencing failure with the one good kidney he has. Therefore, it's hard to think about awards.

Receiving an award, however, gives Griffis a bit of a break from worrying about his son. The latest award came at just the right time. Griffis was named



**Bryan Griffis pictured with his Florida Dairy Farmers Coach of the Year award.**

the Florida Dairy Farmers 2018 Girls Weightlifting Coach of the Year.

"In the midst of all the bad news, you're needing some good news," Griffis said. "I'm sitting here and getting all this bad news about Dustin. Then I get good news. It made me happy."

UCHS Athletic Director Ronny Pruitt called Griffis and told him he had in his possession a nice-looking award, but he didn't know who it was for. Pruitt sent Griffis a picture of it, with a hand covering up the pertinent information, so Griffis couldn't see what the award was for or who it was for.

Pruitt didn't keep Griffis in suspense, sending another photo of the uncovered award. Pruitt told Griffis, "It's yours. Look at it."

It was in recognition of a year that saw UCHS win its first team state championship in girls weightlifting. UCHS is the smallest school, in terms of student population, to win a girls weightlifting state title.

Four individual state champions propelled the Tigers to that feat: Kurston Bakken, Josie Godwin, Mia Jackson and Brandy McCoy.



**Union County High School Head Girls Weightlifting Coach Bryan Griffis displays his Florida Dairy Farmers Coach of the Year Award while surrounded by family, which includes girls and boys weightlifters/athletes. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Callie Combs, Brandy McCoy, Taylor Gainey, Breyonce Cummings, (back, l-r) Josie Godwin, Tammy Griffis (Griffis' wife), Griffis, Dustin Griffis (Griffis' son), Caitlin Krebs (Dustin's fiancé) and Quinn Raulerson.**

"That was their goal, to win a state championship," Griffis said.

It was McCoy's third straight state championship. She'll try for another next year in her senior

year. Godwin returns for her senior season, too, so she'll be aiming for a second state title. Bakken and Jackson have graduated.

The Florida Dairy Farmers award recognizes Griffis as the state's top coach, but he said it's

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For an extra \$35, fans can also get one reserved red seat for football games and a reserved parking pass for football.

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

## 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.

## Open gym for BMS volleyball to start July 31

Open gym for Bradford Middle School students interested in

playing volleyball will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning on July 31, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Tryouts will begin Tuesday, Aug. 14.

## 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

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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 and announcement as a quarter supporter.

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Reserved red seats for five home games may be purchased

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## Hurse, Mullins to be honored at Leave a Legacy event

David Hurse and Laurie

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# GRIFFIS

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the weightlifters who earned the award. They put forth the hard work. They formed the strong bonds with each other and their coach to become a close-knit group.

"This award's about coaching, but it's really about your kids, getting them to be there with you and making it like a family," Griffis said. "These kids are all like my family."

Members of the girls weightlifting team spend a lot of time working out at Griffis' home gym. Griffis said girls weightlifters are probably in his gym for two to three hours each day, six days a week.

A lot of the girls weightlifters also attend Griffis' church, Fellowship Baptist, where he ministers to youth. Watching them grow in Christ means more to him than watching them succeed in the weight room. Griffis was emotional, for example, when talking about Taylor Gainey, who prayed at his church during its revival services.

"She stood up and brought the

house down, like normal," Griffis said. "The kid is an exceptional young'un. The stand she takes, as a teenager, for Christ is amazing. Most kids are scared to take a stand. She has really set herself apart."

Right now, those weightlifters who have become like family have really helped Griffis and his wife during a tough time.

## Concerned, yet having faith in God

Griffis' son was born with only one kidney, really. He has two, but one was one-third of its normal size and had no blood going to it. Eventually, as a result of that kidney receiving no blood, the healthy kidney's blood flow was hindered, which has now caused it to fail.

How come he couldn't recognize earlier that his son was sick? That was the type of question Griffis was asking himself.

"Why didn't I see some sign? Why couldn't I have done something as a parent? I was really beating myself up," he said.

A doctor put Griffis' mind at ease and helped bolster his

faith by telling him, "If my son looked like your son, I would never have thought there was anything wrong. You're going to have to quit beating yourself up and give it to God. God's got a purpose for your son. He's going to be OK because God has a purpose for his life."

That brought tears to Griffis' eyes. He's cried a lot lately, tears of sadness and tears of joy. "I have cried more in this last year, with my son — everything going on with him — and everything the Lord has let me accomplish this past year with these girls."

Those girls, because they are like a part of Griffis' family, are dealing with the emotions brought about by Dustin's illness.

"They pray for Dustin," Griffis said. "They talk to him and act like he's their brother. They all look up to him. They were used to working out with him."

Prayers are that Dustin will receive a donor kidney. So while receiving the Florida Dairy Farmers award was nice and allowed him to think about something else for a brief moment, Griffis said it doesn't mean much in the grand scheme of life. What his son is going through puts everything in its proper perspective. Family is important. Making a positive impact on youth in the weight room or in church is important.

"None of this really matters in life," Griffis said while looking at his awards and trophies. "What matters in life is your family and your kids and what you can do for the community."

# FIERCE

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challenge this time around. She was juggling a family with two young children and her full-time job. She took classes at Santa Fe part-time, but was a full-time student when working toward her bachelor's degree, taking classes at night. She had risen to vice president at Florida Credit Union at that point.

Just as Jeppson was an encouragement to her, so, too, were professors Van Dubolsky and Rom Gilbert.

"It was not easy, but it was well worth it," Flanders said. "Someone told me once that a degree was something that you earned that is yours to keep. No one can ever take that away from you. Those degrees are special trinkets of accomplishment that I'll always carry with me as proof of my skills, ability, knowledge and tenacity."

Flanders said she was looking for a new challenge when it came to her career, which is why she accepted a position with Citizens State Bank a year and a half ago. She works in the area of commercial lending, enjoying her role of providing assistance to businesses.

"I love to do anything where I'm able to influence maybe a business owner or help anyone with their finances in any way so they can make their dreams come true and make things happen for them," Flanders said. "That is really what I'm passionate about in my career."

As with her job at Florida Credit Union, Flanders is enjoying working with various

organizations, such as the Downtown Rotary Club, of which she's the 2018-19 president-elect, and the Newberry-Jonesville Chamber of Commerce, of which she's the vice president.

"I've been blessed to have the opportunity to work with organizations in the community to help in other ways that really make a difference," Flanders said.

## Being 'Fierce' and encouraging others

As a Fierce Award winner, Flanders was asked what success, accomplishment and achievement mean to her, to which she answered, "Success is very individual, and I believe that no one can define success for you but you. Success, for me, is showing and sharing God's light and love in my home and job and to everyone I meet. It is also doing my very best to help others in all my actions."

"Accomplishment is the satisfaction of knowing that I have done the best I can in every situation."

"Achievement is reaching the goals I set for myself and always striving for improvement and constant development."

Flanders said she doesn't like the fact that women have to be set apart when it comes to recognizing successes, accomplishments and achievements, but gaps still exist between women and men, so honors such as Fierce Awards are important.

"I really feel like we've done such a good job of trying to blur the lines (between women

and men) in the corporate business world and in business in general," Flanders said, "but when you really look at the data and the statistics, there is still a long way to go."

Flanders said because of that, women may become discouraged from seeking higher positions in their jobs or may feel that if they have families, there are limits to what they can do. She hopes she can serve as an example to other women that there don't have to be such limits.

"I never believed anything was impossible," Flanders said. "I always believed everything was possible if you work hard enough."

She encourages women to aim high and to set goals.

"Write your goals down," she said. "Start with once a month, then once a week. It works. It is OK if it's not perfect. Work toward it and do your best."

Also important is to feel good about yourself. That was an important lesson Flanders learned from her grandmother Chessie Devrick. See yourself as a beautiful person inside and out.

"Love your mind, love your body, love your hair — love everything about yourself," Flanders said. "You will never be as young as you are today, so give yourself some love and appreciation."

If you'd like to read more about Flanders and this year's other Fierce Award winners, pick up a copy of this month's "Business in Greater Gainesville" issue, or visit [businessmagazinegainesville.com](http://businessmagazinegainesville.com).

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Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The title of the ordinance reads, as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 18-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING

DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 18-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING

FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 or 800.955.8771.

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**NOTICE**  
The New River Community Health Center Board of Directors will meet August 8, 2018 at 395 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
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~ Carson McCullers

