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## Trash collector pledges better customer service

### Advanced Disposal implements action plan

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Officials with Clay County's garbage collector admitted shortcomings in its customer service and promised to do a better job in the future.

During a July county commission meeting, Commissioner Gavin Rollins complained that the company's call center was unresponsive to customer complaints and those complaints were making their way into county offices.

"The thing that greatly frustrates me is that I have consistently heard from multiple people, independent of each other, saying the same thing," said Rollins, "that when they call the help center, they do not get help or when they do, it's shoddy help."

Rollins said citizens have few choices when the trash collector underperforms.

"If you go to Walmart and you have a bad experience, then you can go to Target and then Target is fighting with Walmart for your business," he said. "But if you have a bad experience with Advanced Disposal, you just keep calling your commissioner. You keep calling their call center. What is your recourse?"

During an August county commission meeting, Advanced Disposal's Greg Huntington admitted shortcomings in the company's customer service.

"We take full responsibility for the fact that we have fallen short and in many cases, very short in fulfilling our contractual obligations

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## Clay County students return to school



Clay County public school students returned to classes this week.

Clockwise beginning at top, left: McRae Elementary Principal Tammy Winkler welcomes kindergartner Abbygail Adkins to her first day of school. Also pictured are (l-r) Skylar Cantrell, Joanna Clance, Brooklyn Adkins and Lacey Adkins.

Wesley Withrow, McRae Elementary first grader Mallory Withrow and Krystle Withrow.

Tabetha Strickland and Aaron Crews escort (l-r) McRae first grader Bentley Crews and third grader Bryson Crews to the front office. Also pictured is Hadley Crews (right).

Crossing guard Jennifer Garabrandt waits for pedestrians and cyclists near Keystone Heights Elementary School.

(L-r) Keystone Heights Elementary School third grader Gavin Johns with Edna Sumner and Kameron Johns, a sixth-grade student.

Waiting at the end of a long line at McRae Elementary are Michaela Finch, Raylon Finch, 3, Paisyn Finch and Karmyn Finch. Michaela is holding cupcakes to celebrate Paisyn's birthday.

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## Business Association supports groups



The Keystone-Lake Region Business Association made two donations during its August meeting, giving \$500 to the local Lions Club and \$400 to Lake Region Kiwanis in support of its parades sponsorships. Pictured is KLRBA president Harold Gilstrap presenting a check to Lions Club President Barbara Franklin.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CLAY COUNTY**  
**STUDENT CALENDAR**  
**2018-2019**

Tuesday, August 7, 2018	First Day, Teacher
Thursday, August 9, 2018	District Inservice Day
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	First Day, Students
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
Thursday, October 4, 2018	End First Grading Period (37 days)
Friday, October 5, 2018	Planning Day/Student Holiday
Monday, November 12, 2018	Veterans' Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday, Nov. 19 thru Friday, Nov. 23, 2018	Thanksgiving, Student/Teacher Holidays
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	End Second Grading Period (47 days)
Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 - Friday, January 4, 2019	Christmas/New Year's Break, Student/Teacher Holidays
Monday, January 7, 2019	Planning Day/Student Holiday
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	Students Return to School
Monday, January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday, February 18, 2019	Presidents' Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday, March 15, 2019	End Third Grading Period (47 days)
Monday, March 18 thru Friday, March 22, 2019	Spring Break, Student/Teacher Holidays
Monday, March 25, 2019	Planning Day, Student Holiday
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Students Return to School
Friday, April 12, 2019	Fair Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday, April 19, 2019	Good Friday, Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday, May 27, 2019	Memorial Day (Observed), Student/Teacher Holiday
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	Last Day, Students (4th Grading Period - 49 days)
Thursday, June 6 & Friday, June 7, 2019	Last Day, Teachers - Planning Day

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**GRADUATION: Friday, May 31, 2019**

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# Melrose Library hosts how-to fest

**BY ATHIE SANDERS**  
*Special to the Monitor*

The Putnam County Library Association hosted its second annual How-To FEST on July 25 in the adult atrium, meeting room, teen room and children's wing of the Melrose Public Library. The event featured 18 volunteer exhibitors providing how-to instructions in their areas of expertise.

Exhibits included Weaving with Jan Beckenbach, Raising Chickens with Ari Goff, Origami with William Sistrunk, Healthy Cooking with Wendy Lynch from UFIFAS, Coloring Skills with Pam Harween, How to Join the Melrose Library Association with MLA representatives, Kid's Stories with author Fawn Rising, Writing Books with self-published author C.S. Bennett, Every Story Matters with Jeremy Yates, Your Brain with Lindago and Will Stober, Oigong/Tai Chi with Karen Goff, Singing with Under the Porch Singers, Fairy Houses with Andi Blount, Fire Safety with the Melrose Fire Department, Karate with Nomad's Martial Arts, Team Dance with YK&Q Dance, Kid's Sing-A-Long with under the porch singers and Guitar with Seth Hemphill.

"The How-To FEST came about because of Jeremy Yates, our special events coordinator

out of our Palatka library. He is also our major grant writer and does most of our graphics design. He has many hats and works very hard. He is fabulous," said librarian Sheree Sims.

"These are mini-classes to give you the gist, it's an introduction to how to do things," said Sims. "All of the exhibitors are volunteers today. We personally contacted and asked if they would volunteer. If I run into someone that has a skill, I ask," added Sims.

The event was designed to offer within a two-hour period of time, a mini view of 18 things one could become interested in, further explore and possibly develop into a personal interest or hobby.

The large crowd flowed easily throughout the expanse of the entire library. Many stations were open continuously while some performances were time-scheduled.

Hands-on participation was available at many stations and all presenters were available to further discuss their areas of expertise.

Other How-To FESTS are happening at other Putnam County Public Library facilities. For information about additional events and services offered by the Putnam County Library visit FUNinPUTNAM.com.



Jason and Allison Wolterly join Rayne and Snow Day as author and story teller Fawn Rising reads her story, "Kitty Kitty the Wonder Bird", a story about acceptance.



Wendy Lynch of UF-IFAS demonstrates how to prepare healthy snacks such as this one using garbanzo beans as (r-l) Addie Teske, Gretchen Espinetti, Karen Goff and Lindago Stober observe and follow along.



Above: Pat Harween encourages Apphia (7), Abigail (9) and Anna (13) Cook as they experiment with how to color with colored pencils using techniques of a professional artist.



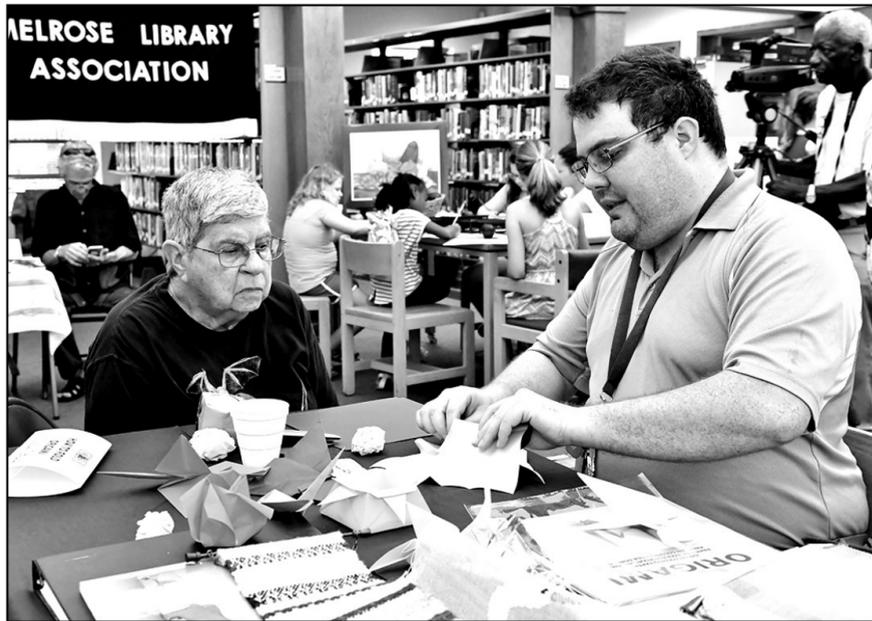
(L-r) Beverly Sketon and Michelle Platel watch skilled artisan weaver Jan Beckenbach while Giuseppe Platel tries his hand at origami.



Left: Maggie Blizzard mans the Melrose Library Association table. She welcomes guests and provides information about the goals of the MLA including plans for the future expansion of the library.



Students from Nomad's Martial Arts in Melrose provided demonstrations on how to be a karate kid with cool ninja moves. Stryker Bradley (9) demonstrates a defensive move on teammate Italeigh Bradley as Damian Noriega and Alexis Nance observe.



William Sistrunk demonstrates his origami skills as Beverly Skelton observes and visits.



Guitarist Seth Hamphill shares how to play basic chords, strum patterns and have fun playing a guitar with Giuseppe Platel and his mom Michelle Platel.

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## Lake Region leaders to participate in second Tallahassee event

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Already taking part in Clay Day, Lake Region leaders may soon participate in a second event designed to build relationships with Tallahassee policymakers.

The Bradford County Development Authority and North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce are spearheading an effort to raise the profile of rural communities in Tallahassee.

Modeled after Clay County's Clay Day, the two-day event will feature a reception on April 16 at a Tallahassee venue and an all-day event in the courtyard of the Capitol the following day.

Development Authority Chair and Capital City Bank President Patricia Evans said Rural Counties Day will include exhibits, live music, speakers and food that will highlight the unique characteristics of Florida's rural communities.

She said that up to 500 people could meet with local representatives at exhibits set up by the school board, businesses, constitutional officers, municipalities and other organizations.

### It's Bradford, not Broward

Evans said legislators often confuse Bradford County with a similar sounding area in South Florida, adding that Bradford County may be missing funding opportunities because of the mix-up.

"Sadly, more often than not, people hear Bradford, but they think Broward," she said, "and they're like, well, Broward doesn't need any money, and they probably don't, but Bradford is very different, and our rural area needs money for infrastructure, we need money for a new school, we need support for our Communities in Schools so that we can get the education for our students and get the tutoring."

Evans said face-to-face interaction with legislators is critical in getting state appropriations for local projects.

"When you go visit people and build those relationships," she said, "it's a lot easier for them to understand and see firsthand the need if you're there in front of them instead of just reading an appropriations request on a piece of paper."

Rep. Bobby Payne said a group of people putting on an event has a greater impact at the Capitol than individuals meeting with lawmakers one-on-one.

"When folks show up at the Capitol as a group of people and put on an event in the courtyard and on the steps of the old Capitol, it draws attention," he said.

Payne said that when competing for state appropriations, Florida's smaller communities are at a disadvantage.

"A lot of the money goes south, and it's because we're outvoted by the density they have," he said.

He also said that Florida's urban centers have been holding events in Tallahassee for years and have been reaping the benefits of building relationships with lawmakers.

"Miami, Tampa, and some of these other big cities have been going up there putting on events," he said. "We know it's just as important for rural communities and rural counties to have that same level of exposure."

He said policymakers need to be educated about the contributions rural communities make to the state.

"We want them to understand that rural communities are more than just roads and trees and forests and springs and ditches and farmland," he said. "We are people who have a big significance and make a big difference in Florida."

### Event grows larger

Evans said the event originally was to highlight Bradford County only, but quickly grew larger.

"It originally started out as Bradford Days," she said, "then after conversations with several different organizations and especially guidance from Rep. Bobby Payne and Tammy Still from his office, they suggested

that it be Rural Days. We have to think regionally, and the North Florida Regional Chamber here, they not only just cover Bradford County, they also cover Union, and they cover Keystone Heights."

Evans added that Payne put her in touch with Putnam County Chamber President Joe Pickens, who quickly signed on. Then Daryl Register in Baker County said his area also wanted to participate.

Her steering committee has also been in touch with Keystone Heights and Union County officials.

### Volunteers and funding needed

With a date on the calendar and an organizing committee forming, Evans and Chamber President Pam Whittle are now looking for volunteers and funding.

"We need lots of volunteers," Evans said. "It's a lot of work behind the scenes. It's not just people getting in a van and showing up."

The steering committee is finalizing sponsorship packages for participating businesses.

Evans said the event could prove critical to the future of Bradford County and surrounding areas.

"It's going to be very important for us to be there in front of these legislators and to show them what is special about our rural community," she said. "We need them to know that Bradford is not Broward."

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as it pertains to the waste management contract you have with us," he said.

Huntington said that after meeting with County Manager Stephanie Kopelousos, he developed an action plan to improve services to Clay County residents.

Advanced Disposal's Bill Stubblebine said part of the company's problem is driver turnover, an issue managers are trying to resolve. He said the company's action plan is already working.

"Our call volume has dropped dramatically," he said. "We believe that should continue. I'll be here for the foreseeable future until we see that we've got some consistency."

Commissioners told the company representatives they appreciated Advanced Disposal taking responsibility for the breakdowns.

"I would just like to tell you how much it means to me that you own it," said Commissioner Diane Hutchings, "and that you didn't come in making excuses. We're all human, there's going to be times when things don't work out the way we had hoped. But when that happens, owning it and finding a solution quickly is what we're looking for and I hate that it got to this point but I'm glad that it looks like things are on the right path."

## Group makes donations



Gilstrap said that due to rising security costs, the business group decided to end its sponsorship of the Halloween event: Boo on the Boulevard, and instead use the money to support local organizations. Franklin's nonprofit then took responsibility for the Halloween event and saved money by moving it off Lawrence Boulevard to behind city hall, which will require less security. Pictured is Lake Region Kiwanis President Tina Bullock accepting a \$400 check from Gilstrap.

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# U.S Senate candidates campaign in area

## Nelson contrasts record with Scott

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Sen. Bill Nelson drew contrasts between himself and Gov. Rick Scott during a campaign stop at Starke's RJE Center Tuesday night.

The three-term senator is defending his seat against Florida's chief executive. Nelson was joined by his wife, Grace, and daughter, Nan Ellen, at RJE.

Nelson started his talk with a friendly jibe at his opponent and Republicans.

"Just remember," he said, "an election is like driving a car: If you want to go forward, you put it in D; if you want to go backwards, you put it in R."

Nelson told the crowd of around 100 that he had spent most of the day in north Florida counties.

"A lot of these counties have Florida state prisons in them," he said. "We know what has happened to the salaries of the Department of Corrections officers over the last eight years. We're not going to lose that fact in this campaign as we draw a contrast for the voters between the record of Gov. Scott, my opponent, and me."

### Medicare and Social Security

Nelson said that he has a track record of preserving Medicare and Social Security.

"In my years in the Senate," he said, "I have had to fight over and over and over to keep Medicare from being cut and to keep Social Security from being cut."

He added that he fought against past Republican efforts to privatize Social Security.

"You know what (privatization) means?" he



**Nelson tied the emergence of algae blooms and red tide in south Florida to Gov. Rick Scott's environmental policies. "He has systematically dismantled the environmental agencies of Florida," Nelson said of his opponent.**

said. "It means that what is a guaranteed payment to you in Social Security, all of a sudden becomes subject to the vagaries of the stock market. Well the stock market doesn't always go up. Sometimes, it goes down, sometimes it even crashes."

Nelson also said Scott wants to make massive cuts to the nation's health care plan for seniors.

"If you look at the record of my opponent and some of the things that he said about Medicare, you'll see that he wants to whack 750 to 800 billion dollars out of Medicare," Nelson said.

### Health care

Nelson also took aim at Scott's initial opposition to expand Medicaid after passage of the Affordable Care Act. He said that if the governor and Legislature would have expanded the program, an additional 800,000 Floridians would have had access to health insurance. Nelson said that the federal government would have paid to extend the program.

"The governor and the Legislature refused not for one year, but for the last seven years (to expand Medicaid)," he said. "And that's our tax money that they refused to use to give health care to 800,000 people and our tax money went to other states. "If they hadn't done that, as 31 states did, it wouldn't be 1.7 million (Floridians) that got health insurance (under the Affordable Care Act). It would be that plus the Medicaid expansion. It would be a total of two and a half million people in this state."

### Education

Nelson told the group he has a solid record of supporting public education while in Washington.

"Look at the other fellow," he said. "In his first year as governor, he proposed to cut \$3.3 billion from education. The Legislature balked, and they settled on cutting \$1.3 billion. And look what has happened to public school education funding. They started to siphon it off into private school vouchers. Folks, the strength of America is our broad middle class. Where is the middle class educated? Just

## Gov. makes local stop for senate campaign



Gov. Rick Scott addresses the crowd while Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith and Charlee Montford look on. Montford sang the national anthem and led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Gov. Rick Scott kicked off a five-county campaign swing through north Florida on July 12 with a breakfast meeting at the home of former Bradford County Commissioner

Lawrence Mosley. Dozens of local leaders and officials gathered in and around Mosley's backyard barn between Starke and Lawtey to welcome the governor and candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Scott spent over 30 minutes shaking hands before remarking about why Bradford County residents should support him in his quest to unseat incumbent Bill Nelson.

When introducing Scott to the crowd, Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith heaped praise on the state's chief executive, saying that whenever past local emergencies arose, Scott always telephoned to offer assistance.

"In my 33 years of law enforcement, there's never been another elected official that has done as much as you have, coming out of that capital city up there," he told the governor.

### Environment

Scott emphasized the state's track record of creating 1.5 million jobs during his time in Tallahassee.

"I've worked over the last seven-and-a-half years to build the best economy we can build in the world," he said. "We are beating the nation: our job growth rate, our labor force growth rate, our wage growth rate, we are beating everybody."

He also said that because of Florida's vibrant economy, state revenues have increased by \$20 billion a year while at the same time state taxes and fees have been cut by \$10 billion a year.

"This is your money," he said of the tax cuts. "It's not somebody else's money in Tallahassee. I'm going to D.C. and do the same thing."

The governor traced his emphasis on jobs to his childhood. He said that his mother insisted that he earn perfect grades in school, become an Eagle Scout and attend church often.

"And by the way," Scott recalled of his mother's directives, "If you want any money, go to work. Go get a job." So, I figured out it is important to get a job."

Scott added that seeing his family struggle as his stepfather was repeatedly laid off, due to an oversupply of truck drivers, reinforced to him the importance of employment.

"I'm running for (the senate) because I think that the most important thing that we can do is create a good economy," he said. "People need to be able

to support themselves. If you can't support yourself, crime goes up, people can't afford an education, can't put food on the table. I've watched all that growing up and I don't want that ever to happen again."

Scott also touted his other accomplishments as governor over the last seven-and-a-half years, highlighting a 20-percent reduction in regulations and recent achievements in public education.

"We now have the number one higher education system in the country," he said. "and we are the only state that had K-12 education gains in the entire United States."

Scott also outlined four proposals he wants to take to Washington. He said he will push for term limits on members of congress, similar to those imposed on Florida legislators now. He added that he would like to see Florida's line-item veto used on the federal level and he said a two-thirds majority should be required on any votes to raise taxes.

"And last, here's the other thing that makes me mad," he said. "We have people we send to congress, they don't pass a budget: their number one job, and they still get paid."

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### Scott: It's all about jobs

There were significant decreases in several revenue areas over the amounts anticipated. These include an ad valorem tax decrease of \$1,773,428 and grant funding of \$1,283,070.

During the 2009 fiscal year the County issued \$71,025,000 of revenue bonds. The Series 2009 bonds are secured by a lien upon and pledge of the discretionary sales surtax. Proceeds of the bonds are being utilized for several large road improvements in the Lake Asbury area of the county. This is the only outstanding bond issue of the county at the 2017 fiscal year end. The balance due on the bonds were \$8,990,000 on Sept. 30, 2017.

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## Hurse, Mullins to be honored for their legacies

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

David Hurse and Laurie Mullins had an impact on so many lives in Bradford County, that it only seems fitting they are the honorees at the Bradford County Education Foundation's inaugural Leave a Legacy event, which is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. at Madison Street Baptist Church in Starke.

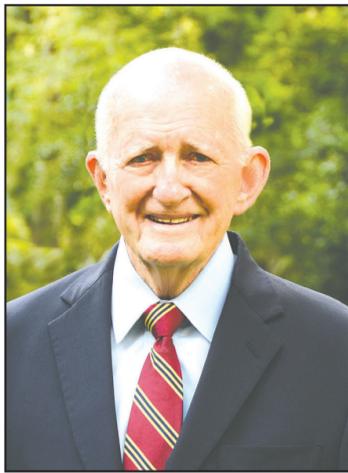
"I think it's nice for them to be recognized and to say thank you to them," Bradford County Education Foundation President Cheryl Canova said.

Hurse, who was the Bradford High School head football coach from 1962 through 1990, said he was surprised to hear he was being honored, but then added with a laugh, "Anybody who can

hang in there as long as I did deserves some kind of recognition."

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

Canova said such Leave a Legacy events are held throughout the nation in association with other education foundations. Bradford County's group learned of it when member Lila Sellars helped cater such



David Hurse



Laurie Mullins

an event in Baker County. The idea of hosting a similar event was brought before the Bradford County Education Foundation board. Canova said, "Everyone was like, 'It sounds great.'"

Next was to determine who to honor. Hurse was an obvious choice.

"Everybody knows Coach Hurse," Canova said.

Hurse was hired as an assistant football coach and head track and field coach at BHS in 1957. He worked under Head Coach Lennard Register until

Register left to take another head coaching job. Hurse took over the football program and went on to win almost 200 games in 29 seasons. He experienced only six losing seasons, winning at least 10 games five times and at least eight games 12 times.

The highlights, of course, were the program's only state championships in 1965 and 1966. Hurse also guided the Tornados to a state runner-up finish in 1985.

He was still winning games before he retired. Bradford went 29-3 his final three seasons, which was better than any other school in the state during that span.

Hurse also coached the Tornados to a state

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## Mullins out as UCHS baseball coach

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Despite leading the Union County High School baseball program to its first district championship in six years, Greg "Boo" Mullins is out as head coach after just one season.

Athletic Director Ronny Pruitt said Mullins never passed the required test for his teaching certification.

"He's known since the beginning of last year he needed to pass this test," Pruitt said. "He just never passed it."

Mullins, who did not respond to a Telegraph-Times-Monitor message seeking comment, led the Tigers to an 18-9 record last season. As the second seed in the District 6-1A tournament, Union defeated

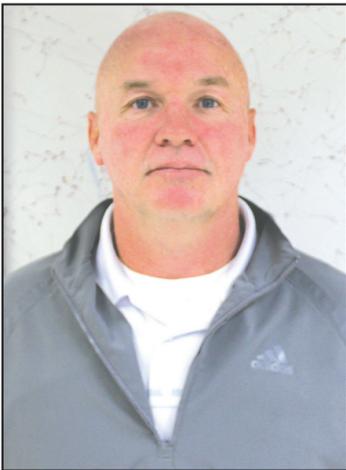
top seed Williston 3-1 to win the championship. The Tigers then hosted a Region 3 semifinal game, losing 8-0 to Lafayette.

Following the Region 3 loss, Mullins was optimistic about the future, describing how the Tigers' starting nine consisted of four freshmen, including his son, Garrett, who earned All-State honors as a pitcher.

"Next year, when we get this far, they won't be so nervous," he said. "Plus, every one of them is going to weigh 15 pounds more. They're going to run faster, they're going to hit it farther and they're going to throw it harder."

Now, if the Tigers get that far again, they will do so with a new coach.

"We've got a few resumes," Pruitt said. "We've got a couple of in-house candidates. We've got some good qualified coaches (that have applied)."



Greg "Boo" Mullins

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# Experienced O-line highlights 2018 KHHS team

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School Head Football Coach Chuck Dickinson has an ideal situation in regard to playing the ball-control offense he feels is so vital to his team's success. All five offensive linemen return from last season.

However, as Keystone prepares to enter the 2018 season, the Indians will need to break in a new quarterback and find some other bodies to line up in the backfield to complement fullback/tailback Ty Friedlin.

The Indians are coming off a 2017 season in which they won only four games, but earned a regional playoff berth. The defense returns six starters, while the offense returns seven, including those five linemen.

"It should be our strength," Dickinson said of the line. "We should be pretty good up front."

Dickinson said the leaders of that group — and really the leaders of the team, period, whether on the offensive side or defensive side — are seniors Dan Dodd (tackle) and Josh Hughes (guard).

"This will be their third year together," Dickinson said, adding, "Communication-wise, I think each knows what the other is going to do."

Both players have worked hard in the weight room to get stronger, Dickinson said. Of



Ty Friedlin, catching a pass in practice, was the team's second-leading rusher last season.

Dodd, who is 6-4, 260 and also plays on the defensive line, Dickinson said, "Dan, with his size, can hopefully take over games sometimes on both sides of the ball."

Dickinson said the strength of Hughes, who is 6-1, 210, is his technique.

"He's not the biggest guy in the world," Dickinson said, "but he does a great job at guard of pulling. He knows what to do. He knows the offense well."

The rest of the line consists of senior Tyler Cumbus at guard and juniors Joey Baxter and Cody Wells at tackle and center,

respectively.

However, none of those positions are etched in stone because of the Indians' lack of depth. Keystone currently has 26 players on its varsity roster. The offensive linemen have to learn how to play multiple positions on the line, just like running backs, for example, have to learn to play multiple positions in the backfield.

Also, offensive players have to learn defensive positions and vice versa. The Indians should have quite a few players playing both sides of the ball.

"We can't control if we have injuries and things like that," Dickinson said, "but what we're trying to instill in the kids is we can't wait until that happens to then try to coach you up to play a position. We're trying to get them to buy into learning more positions. A lot of the kids have done a good job of that."

## Friedlin, Thompson also return as offensive starters

Keystone lost its two primary tailbacks — including leading rusher Blake Sanders (979 yards) — to graduation, but does return second-leading rusher Friedlin, who played primarily fullback and gained 636 yards. The junior was expected to play more at the tailback position this year but may have to start out

## 2018 KHHS Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 17	Ridgeview (Kickoff Classic)	7 p.m.
Aug. 24	at Fernandina Beach	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	at P.K. Yonge	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Bradford	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Umatilla	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Hawthorne	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Crescent City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Wildwood (Homecoming)	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	at The Villages	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Interlachen	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Pierson Taylor	7 p.m.

playing more fullback because of an injury to sophomore Kaleb Vojnovski.

Either way, Friedlin should have success. Dickinson said Friedlin played well at tailback in the spring game, while from the fullback position, he showed his ability to get through the line of scrimmage on quick-hitters.

"He seems to be able to find a way to get through there," Dickinson said. "He's a physical kid."

Vojnovski moved up from junior varsity to varsity late last season and impressed Dickinson with his play at fullback in the spring game.

"He had some good plays and

ran the ball tough," Dickinson said. "Whenever we get him back, I think he's going to be one who will really help us from a depth standpoint."

Some other players in the mix at running back include seniors Colton Crane and Trey Horton, juniors Nick Channell and Andrew Cox, and sophomore Colton Tibbetts.

Junior Dylan Thompson returns as a starter at wide receiver. He showed the ability last year to be a blocker, which is so important in Keystone's offense. Dickinson said receivers can make the difference in a

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## Preseason kickoff classics are Aug. 17

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Prior to the start of the regular season, area football teams will play preseason kickoff classics on Friday, Aug. 17.

Bradford will travel to play Newberry at 7:30 p.m., while Keystone Heights and Union County will both host games at 7 p.m. Keystone will play Ridgeview, while Union will play Hamilton County.

Union Head Coach Ronny Pruitt said on Aug. 13 he heard Hamilton County's coaches had quit and was unsure if the Tigers would actually get to play a game. The Suwannee Democrat reported that Hamilton Head Coach Ric Whittington, who was hired this past March, and assistant coach David May resigned Aug. 13. It was reported that Athletic Director Mike Cohen would hold a meeting Aug. 14 to decide who would coach the team.

Last year, Bradford hosted Newberry in a classic, and despite outgaining the Panthers and holding an advantage in turnovers, the Tornados lost 27-20. Tally Chandler, who has since graduated, scored on a 40-yard run to tie the score at 20-20 with 4:05 to play. Newberry answered with an eight-play touchdown drive that consumed 3:43.

Pedro Carter, who is a sophomore this year, caught a 23-yard touchdown pass, while Nathaniel Davis, a current junior, caught a pass on a successful two-point conversion.

Keystone played Ridgeview in last year's classic, with the varsity team losing 35-13 in the first half. The junior varsity team defeated Ridgeview 6-0 in the second half.

Turnovers were a problem for the Keystone varsity team, which lost six fumbles.

Blake Sanders, who has since graduated, scored on a two-yard touchdown run, with graduate Alex Cruz kicking the extra point to pull the Indians with 14-7, but Ridgeview then scored three straight touchdowns.

Union played Providence last year, with the varsity teams playing to a 7-7 tie in the first half and Providence's junior varsity team winning 14-0 in the second half.

Providence took a 7-0 lead in the varsity half. The Tigers' Keyshawn Young, a current senior, scored a touchdown, with Alex Perez, another senior, kicking the extra point to even it up.

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# Louisiana native Stilley is new BHS baseball coach

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School struck out on its first attempt to hire a new head baseball coach, but now has its man in Matt Stilley, who previously coached as an assistant at Doyle High School in Livingston, Louisiana.

Stilley, a Louisiana native who will teach English at BHS, is eager to get his head coaching career started. When a player's mother asked him via text message a couple of weeks ago when baseball season started, he replied Aug. 13 — the first day of school.

"I'm ready," Stilley said.

Bradford first hired John Staples to replace Stewart Duncan. Staples, who has 344 career wins as a head coach, had been working as a volunteer assistant coach at Baker County High School, where he was previously the head coach. He changed his mind approximately a week after accepting the position, citing the fact that after giving it more thought, he didn't want to take on the responsibilities of being a head coach.

Enter Stilley, who applied for the job when it was first posted.

"I had some family moving this way, so I came out here," Stilley said. "I was searching online. This was one of the

schools I had looked at to come teach at. The baseball job came open. It was kind of like, 'Wow, this is a really good coincidence for me.'"

Stilley interviewed with Athletic Director Lamar Waters before Staples was hired. When Staples changed his mind, Waters contacted Stilley and asked if he was still interested. His answer was, "Absolutely."

"This is a great opportunity for me," Stilley said. "It was a no-brainer."

Funny enough, a BHS staff member later heard that he, too, had changed his mind taking the job, but he told her, "No. I'm not going anywhere."

## The path toward being a head coach

Stilley grew up in Albany, Louisiana, and pitched for Albany High School. He had the chance to play in college, but decided that's not the route he wanted to take.

"I just wasn't interested in that opportunity because I knew that I wanted to be a coach and wanted to get started with that, which I really think was the best course for my career — to go ahead and get my foot in the door and be able to, within 10 years, be a head coach somewhere and have that experience," he said.



**Matt Stilley, a Louisiana native who's had two assistant head-coaching positions, takes on his first head-coaching job at Bradford High School, where he is also teaching English.**

Stilley said he was inspired to go into coaching by the two head coaches he had in high school: Keven Darouse and Chad Goulas. Of Darouse, he said, "We're real good friends now. We travel everywhere watching LSU play."

Stilley went to Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond and began his coaching career while in

school, serving as an assistant at Independence High School for four years. After graduating, Stilley took an assistant coaching job at Doyle, where he spent six years. Doyle went 7-15 prior to his and Head Coach Tim Beatty's arrival. The team went 13-9 their first season there in 2013 and followed that up with 23-9 and 22-8 seasons.

It was enjoyable to bring about

a culture change at a school that hadn't been experiencing success.

"We went to the playoffs all six years I was there," Stilley said. "We went to the semifinals in 2013. It was great. It was really nice to watch what you wanted to implement come to fruition and see those kids grow."

Stilley said he's looking to change the culture at BHS, challenging the players to take playing seriously. He plans to do his part, saying that bringing about such change takes more hours than what practices consist of.

"It's a 24-hour job," Stilley said. "You always have to be mindful of what you want to do, getting your focus and your point across."

Stilley believes he is ready for his first-ever head coaching job because of the duties he had at Doyle.

"I took on a lot of the administrative responsibilities — organizing tournaments, helping make the schedule, fundraising and all that good stuff," he said. "Really, just all of that together kind of prepared me to come into this role and really take on, obviously, more responsibility. It's really been a seamless transition because it's stuff I was already doing to begin with."

## Pesky team that improves daily

When asked to describe himself as a coach, Stilley said, "I would say very intense, but also very caring about (players') needs, wanting to push them toward what is best for their future, whether that be going to play at the next level, whether that be going to a four-year university or two-year university for their education, or whether that be going into the workforce, to prepare them for life after this."

"That should be our primary goal, even more than wins and losses. Prepare them to be better people and to be better citizens."

Stilley said his teams' motto will be, "Play fast."

"We want to be that team where even if you come in here and beat us, you leave here going, 'Oh, man. I don't ever want to play those guys again. That was awful.' One of our biggest philosophies is going to be to get in and out of innings as quick as possible. We want to be the team that's kind of pesky and always a pain to play."

What Stilley wants to see more than anything from his players is growth every day. He wants his players to ask themselves how they got better from one practice to the next or from one game to the next.

"Our goal should be to get better every day," Stilley said.

## Volleyball regular season starts next week

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Following preseason play, the volleyball regular season begins next week for the Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high schools, with the Tigers playing the first match of the three.

The Tigers, who were last year's Class 1A runner-up, play three straight road matches: at Trenton on Monday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at Crescent City on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m., and at Bell on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. Union then plays its first home match, hosting Williston on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Bradford gets play started with a home match against Pierson Taylor on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. The Tornados then travel to play Keystone on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. Bradford travels to play Eastside on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m.

The Bradford match is Keystone's first of the season. The Indians travel to play Columbia on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. and then host Union on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

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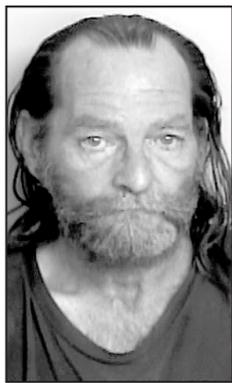
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## Man nearly hit by truck retaliates with gunfire

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Bradford deputies arrested a 51-year-old Hampton man after he allegedly fired a handgun in the direction of a pickup.

Michael L. Windle was arrested Aug. 12 for discharging a weapon in public or on residential property.

According to an arrest report, Windle was walking toward a disabled vehicle near the intersection of U.S. 301 and County Road 18 when a pickup truck nearly hit him. According to the victim and several witnesses, he then got into an argument with the driver of the pickup, took out a handgun from his waistband and fired rounds in the direction of the truck.

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Oak was arrested Aug. 11 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Lebraun Devan Crawford, 32, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 12 by Lawtey police for attaching a tag to a car not assigned to the car and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Ray Harris, 32, of Starke was arrested Aug. 9 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Justin Tyler Harris, 28, was arrested Aug. 9 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Cynthia Marie Lavery, 51, of Starke was arrested Aug. 7 by Bradford deputies for resisting an officer and disturbing the peace.

Michael Rodney McCarter, 40, of Starke was arrested Aug. 7 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Daren Peter Merich, 29, of Starke was arrested Aug. 11 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to an arrest report, the defendant became intoxicated and punched a mirror, pieces of which cut a family member's



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foot. He also threw a full beer can at the family member, striking her in the head.

Jada Nicole Minter, 20, of Starke was arrested Aug. 9 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant.

Erwin Robles-Guerra, 25, of Charlotte, North Carolina, was arrested Aug. 12 by Lawtey police for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Robert Lee Smith, 22, of Starke was arrested Aug. 10 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Richard Lee Soilberry, 32, of Starke was arrested Aug. 8 by Starke police for reckless driving, resisting an officer, driving with a suspended or revoked license and fleeing and eluding.

Joshua Francis Spaulding, 25, of Starke was arrested Aug. 12 by Starke police for burglary and larceny.

According to an arrest report, a resident in the area of Starke's Washington and Church streets caught the defendant burglarizing his vehicle, but declined to press charges because no items were taken. However, police connected Spaulding to a similar theft on Walnut Street in which



Smith

cash and lottery tickets were stolen from a truck.

Reginald Thomas, 40, of Jacksonville was arrested Aug. 7 by Lawtey police for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Allen Lee Williams, 36, of Starke was arrested Aug. 11 by Lawtey police for possession of cocaine.

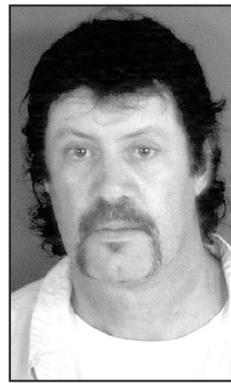
### UNION COUNTY

Joseph Edward Baker, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 11 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Frank Crum, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 6 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to an arrest report, the defendant and his girlfriend were arguing over a washer and dryer. When a deputy arrived, the defendant grew louder and more disorderly, to a point where he was arrested.

Anjette Anita Smith, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 7 by Union deputies for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant drove to the victims' house, pulled the hair of a female victim and punched her in the mouth, causing a tooth



Sydenstricker

to loosen. The defendant then scratched a male victim, causing his left hand to bleed.

Corey Lee Thornton, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 8 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

### KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION

Carl Wayne Chatman, 54, was arrested in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for domestic battery.

Jesse Lee Harwell, 28, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 12 by Clay deputies for battery on a law enforcement officer.

Joshua Allen Jewell, 29, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 10 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Jillian Kimberly Miranda, 36, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 10 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jeffery Sydenstricker, 48, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 9 by Clay deputies for domestic battery and three counts of battery.

According to court papers, on



Taylor

May 1, the defendant became intoxicated and verbally abusive to those in the household. When his girlfriend began to pack her belongings, the defendant kicked a chair into her, striking her on the back. He also closed a door on her, striking her twice with the door.

The defendant also threw a two-liter bottle of Pepsi at one of his girlfriend's sons, striking him in the chest. He also hit the girlfriend's other son and her nephew on the shoulder and back, trying to entice them to fight him.

Justin Edward Taylor, 25, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 8 by Clay deputies for armed burglary.

According to an arrest report, when the victim opened her front door after returning home from work, she heard the back door of the house open and what sounded like someone running away from the home through the bushes.

Deputies later found the defendant loitering at a Lake Region business, in possession of a knife and in possession of jewelry that belonged to the defendant.

## Don't be afraid to ask for help

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becoming a victim of elder abuse. Talk to your clergy, doctor or someone you trust and call the confidential Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) if you or someone you know is being abused.

## Letters

### What we can learn from children

Dear Editor:

Don't be childish. We have all heard or said those words, implying being childlike is a negative thing. A letter on Saturday to the Gainesville newspaper pointed out the folly of learning from young people. I learned that somehow tadpoles can talk to frogs.

Last week I took my kids to see "Christopher Robin." He has grown up and left the forest behind. A "happily married man" with an important job in post-war England.

It seems that Christopher forgot some of the simple things he learned with his friends in the Milne classic. That friends/family are more important than you realize and that the world around you can bring you insights to magic that children can easily see. Of course, their minds are not clogged up with adult problems like bills and bosses and efficiency reports.

I worked with children for 40 years in my career as a teacher, most of it on the PE field and playground. Sometimes, I think, I was at the door of a

portal between childhood and adulthood. Let's have fun but not too much fun. Let's do this but not too much of that. I finally realized that children can self-regulate much of their play and experience during play and that adults can do much to mess it up. My goal became to teach them enough and lay just a few ground rules and then step back to see if they could do it on their own. I discovered they could and actually had more fun doing it. I will admit that back in the early 80s I had more children that were prepared to cooperate in a group than I do now, but it was still my goal.

But back to the lesson of Pooh and Christopher. Children are honest and more open to revealing what they feel. Adults learned long ago to keep those cards close to their chest. Children want love and to love you back. They want to know things because of their limited knowledge. They like to laugh and create things. They know how to live in the minute. "Kid stuff" we might call it.

I can tell you from watching the news and listening on social media that children are doing a much better job of being mature about life than many adults. If being an adult means taking everything seriously 24/7 and chasing money all day long

without regard to those around us, we are doomed to the life Christopher found himself in.

You are probably thinking this guy is Peter Pan and never grew up. I think I grew up but with the aid of kids realized there are lessons we learned as a child that are eternal and need to always be incorporated into our daily lives: kindness, patience, empathy, and listening to our friends, family and children. We can still learn. We can return to a more civil society, but it begins with each of us.

Steve Acree  
Brooker

### Reader supports Putnam for governor

Dear Editor:

I strongly believe that it is important for everyone to vote in the upcoming primary election as we are choosing the leaders who will determine the direction of Florida's future. In every race, we should cast our vote for the person who most closely mirrors our values and our hopes. For

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James 4:12 — There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save.

### RE-ELECT DANNY RIDDICK BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

There is not one day that goes by that I don't think about how to make Bradford County better. This is Bradford County on the move.

- Resurfacing CR 325 has begun.
- New Fire Station/County Annex Office floor has been poured. The steel building coming in September.
- Chip seal project starting in a couple of weeks.
- Comcast bringing High-Speed Internet to Starke.
- Four-Story Holiday Inn Express proposed for south end of Starke.
- Around 2020/2021, DOT scheduled to extend Rails To Trails from SR100 through Hampton and pave SE 49th Ave.

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# Obituaries

## Mary Carver

STARKE — Mary Delorese Carver, age 83, of Starke passed away Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at NFRMC in Gainesville. She was born in Wausau, to the late Rev. M.C. and Essie (Pitts) Curlee. She grew up and graduated high school in Chattahoochee, where her father was pastor at a local church. She married Donald Andrews and had three sons while working at Florida State Hospital and the Florida Department of Corrections, where she retired after 30 years. She enjoyed bowling in a league and shooting her pistol, as well as playing bingo and collecting glassware.

She is preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Robert Carver; son, Ronald Andrews; sister, Verdine (Curlee) Davis; brothers, Garrie, Paul, Felton and Olan Curlee; and granddaughter, Suzi Andrews.

She is survived by: sons, Joseph Andrews of Waldo and Kenneth Andrews of Keystone Heights. Surviving grandchildren are: Nick Andrews of Louisville, Kentucky, Matt and Kristin (Andrews) Franks of Lawtey, and Mary O'Neal of Middleburg. Survivors also include many nieces and nephews and six great-grandchildren. She will be truly missed by the many friends and family that knew her as a good, caring, loving and generous person.

A celebration of life service for friends and family will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, at 6565 NW C.R. 125 in Lawtey at 3 p.m.



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## Carolyn Dyal

BROOKER — Carolyn Kelley Dyal, age 83, of Brooker passed away Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. She was born Nov. 15, 1934, in Brooker to the late Clyde Otis Kelley and Doris Sue Sowell Kelley. Carolyn was a lifelong resident of Brooker and graduated from Bradford High School in 1952. She found the love of her life, Bobby Eugene Dyal, in fourth grade and they later married June 12, 1953.

After high school, Carolyn attended the University of Florida and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. Carolyn implemented her degree by becoming a teacher with the Bradford County School System. She enjoyed a long and successful career and retired after 30 years of service.

Carolyn was a member of Brooker Baptist Church and was the church pianist for many years. She enjoyed all sports especially, Gator football and basketball. To relax Carolyn would play the piano, read and tend to her garden. Most of all, she was very family oriented and loved her children and grandchildren dearly.

Carolyn is predeceased by her parents and sister-in-law, Edwina Kelley. Carolyn is survived by: her loving husband of 65 years, Bobby Eugene Dyal Sr. of Brooker; children, Bobby Eugene (Jane Willcox) Dyal Jr. and Dana (Joseph) Shuler, both of Brooker; brothers, Roswell C. (Alma) Kelley of Brooker, Charles B. Kelley of Waldo, Winston D. (Verdene) Kelley of Brooker, Lenox S. Kelley of Ormond Beach, and Hollis Jerome (Robin) Kelley of Brooker; sister, Dottie K. (Terry) Cranford of Branford; five grandchildren, Tori (Aaron) Inman, Amy Dyal, April Dyal, Zeke (Sunshine) Scaff, Cailyn Scaff; and one great-grandson, Kaleb Bass.

A celebration of Carolyn's Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. at Brooker Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Samson and Pastor Terry Cranford officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton. The family will receive friends on Friday, Aug. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In addition to flowers, donations may be made in honor of Carolyn's life to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606 or Brooker Baptist Church, P.O. Box 96, Brooker, FL 32622. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel of Starke — 904-964-5757. Visit [www.ferreirafuneralservices.com](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.



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## Patricia Gauthier

GRAHAM — Patricia Ann Gauthier, 74, of Graham died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, at Acosta Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville. She was born on March 7, 1944, in Mayo to the late Willard Thomas and Hazel Hart Thomas. She was a wife and homemaker. She worked in the cafeteria for the Bradford School System. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Gerald Thomas.

She is survived by: her husband of 34 years, Eugene Joseph Gauthier of Graham; sons, Terry Holt and Gerald Holt, both of Alaska, and Grady Gosnell of Hampton; sister, Ida (Billy) Cox of Starke; brother, Mitchell (Grace) Thomas of Hampton; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside celebration of life was held on Monday, Aug. 13, at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

## LETTERS

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me, in the governor's race that person is Adam Putnam.

We need a governor with a deep understanding of our state, as well as our region, both urban areas and rural — and someone who appreciates the complexity of the issues we face. We also need a governor with a positive vision for Florida's future and the depth and span of experience to steer our state into that brighter future. Over the last eight years, Adam Putnam has been an active and important part of the conservative leadership that has created an environment in Florida where our citizens can find work and their families can prosper.

Adam is a proven leader who is guided by his principles. He has a vision to make Florida the launch pad to the American dream, and he has plans to make that vision a reality. Of special interest to the people in our area, Adam has taken action to provide rural communities with greater economic opportunities. He is also in vast support of funding for both our vocational/technical training schools and state colleges in order to provide career and trade specific training and certifications — which are so desperately needed in our state. His goal is to strengthen workforce training so that people have the opportunities, as well as the necessary skills, for meaningful careers here locally and so that our best and brightest will not have to leave home to find good jobs. These opportunities will allow the area to thrive without losing the qualities that make it special. Adam is a proven leader, an innovative thinker and an honorable man. To me, those are the qualities that will keep Florida moving forward in a positive direction, and that is why on August 28th I am voting for Adam Putnam for governor.

I urge all of the eligible voters to please take the time to go vote for their candidate of choice in the upcoming primary election.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Avery C. Roberts

## Basketball tournament features \$10K cash prize

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County presents a basketball tournament Saturday through Sunday, Aug. 18-19, at Bradford High School. The double-elimination tournament features NBA Finals referee Eric Lewis and a \$10,000 cash prize.

The entry fee is \$550. Play takes place from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Aug. 18 and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Aug. 19.

Admission for spectators (all-day pass) is \$10 and \$5 (students K-5). Admission is \$10.

For more information on the tournament, please call Sherry at 352-278-3540, Alica at 904-966-1100 or Jimmy at 386-688-2200.

For more information on the comedy show/after party, please call 386-295-4189.

## Hunter safety courses offered in September

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering free hunter safety internet-

completion courses in 13 counties — including Bradford — during September.

Courses will be held in Starke on Sept. 6 (6-9 p.m.) and in Graham on Sept. 8 (8 a.m. until complete), Sept. 15 (8 a.m. until complete) and Sept. 29 (8 a.m. until complete). Specific locations will be revealed to those registering in advance.

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

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

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

Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future

## John Koski

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — John Eino Koski, 76, of Keystone Heights died on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. He was born on May 28, 1942, in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He moved to Gainesville in the early 1960s where he raised a family and worked in the automotive industry. He later moved to Keystone Heights, which he called home for more than two decades. He was preceded in death by: his brother, Charles; parents, Winifred and Eino Koski; and daughter, Judy.

He is survived by: his wife, Liz, and daughters, Faye, Michelle, Stephanie and Amy; his former wife, Sandy, and their daughters Dee and Mary; his sisters, Nancy and Jean; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

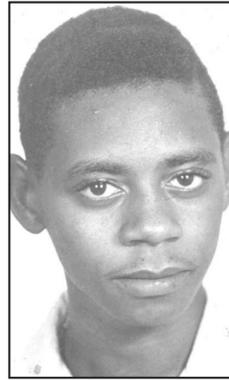
A memorial service was held at Koski's home, Aug. 10. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

## Lessly Spates

STARKE — Lessly George Spates, 76, of Starke died Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. He was a lifelong resident to Starke and was baptized at Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church in 1953. He worked in construction and maintenance for many years.

He is survived by: sons, Eddie Dean Sr., Joseph Beard Sr., and Anthony Spates; daughter, Lessly Christine Spates; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, in the Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Dewayne McBride, eulogist, and the Rev. Alvin Green presiding. Interment will be in Oddfellow Cemetery, Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., Starke. Visitation will be held in the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Friends from: 3-6 p.m. The cortege will form at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Dean at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, 802 Parkwood Place, Starke.



## Paula Waldron

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA — Paula Marie Waldron, 72, of Augusta, Georgia, died on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, at her residence. She was born in Washington, North Carolina, on Nov. 4, 1945, to the late Roy Hoffer and Pauline Smith Hoffer. She was raised in North Carolina and Florida and graduated from Tavares High School. She was a wife, mother and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband of 22 years, Robert Warren Waldron; and her sister, Wanda Thompson.

She is survived by: children, Sidney (Lisa) Booth of Tennessee, Wayne (Hollie) Dykes, Robert "Robbie" (Jennifer) Waldron, Terri Taylor, and Nicholas Mattox all of Florida, Alycia Burch and Roberta Waldron, both of Georgia, and Ryan (Necole) Waldron of Texas; brother, Rocky Hoffer of Florida; and 13 grandchildren.

A graveside celebration of life was held on Aug. 8 at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton, with Pastor Larry Johnson officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

## Agnes Wainwright

LAWTEY — Agnes Thomas Wainwright, age 93, of Lawtey passed away Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. Agnes was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church. She met and married the love of her life, James T. "Cobby" Wainwright, and together they lovingly raised their son and daughter. Agnes was a devoted homemaker who loved her family dearly. She enjoyed cooking, taking care of others and always put her family first.

Agnes was preceded in death by: her parents; her loving husband of 59 years, James T. "Cobby" Wainwright; her daughter, Elaine Steinmeyer; her son-in-law, Harold Stienmeyer; her three brothers, Carl, M.J., and Russell Thomas; and her sister, Doris Starling.

Agnes is survived by: her loving son, Wayne (Rhoda) Wainwright of Starke; her two grandchildren, Kenneth (Kim) Wainwright and Kristen (Pete) Quinones; her six great-grandchildren, Tyler Wainwright, Carson Wainwright, Kencie Wainwright, Ava Quinones, Luka Quinones, and Malia Quinones.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 2-3 p.m. at the Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. A celebration of Agnes' life will be held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Marty Starling and Pastor Roman Alvarez officiating. Interment will follow at Kingsley Lake Cemetery in Starke. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke — 904-964-5757. Visit [www.ferreirafuneralservices.com](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.



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# Flashback

## Starke woman bakes up Christmas joy

*Editor's note: In support of the Aug. 23 Leave a Legacy event, the Telegraph-Times-Monitor presents this story, originally published Dec. 19, 2002, on Laurie Mullins' tradition of baking cookies for friends and family prior to Christmas. Mullins' husband, who is mentioned in the story, has since passed away (May 25, 2015).*

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff Writer

It's beginning to smell a lot like Christmas at the Mullins household in Starke.

Laurie Mullins has been baking cookies. That can only mean that Christmas is approaching. Mullins bakes approximately 35 varieties of cookies every year and then invites friends and family over to collect cookies in their own tins.

It has become a tradition. Mullins starts baking around Thanksgiving — not long after people begin asking her if she has started yet.

"I feel like Christmas has started when I start my cookies," Mullins said.

The tradition of baking cookies for friends and family began when Mullins was in college. She said it was an inexpensive way for a student to give Christmas presents.

When she first started, Mullins said she bought her own tins, packed the cookies and then gave them to people. At that time, she said tins were 25 cents apiece.

As the price of tins increased, coupled with the time-consuming task of packing them, Mullins decided to invite people over and



**Laurie Mullins lays out the dough for chocolate mint cookies, which she baked approximately a week before her annual cookie party. Mullins bakes approximately 35 varieties of cookies and stores them in gallon jars.**

have them use their own tins.

"I just invite people over on a certain day, and we have some punch and cookies," she said.

That has been going on now for 15 years, but Mullins began baking cookies 50 years ago.

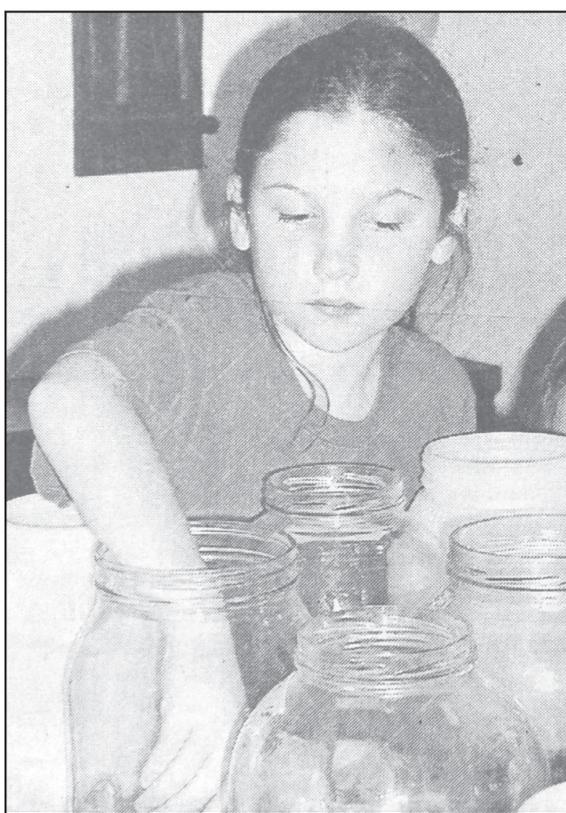
Mullins' mother was a home economics major and did a lot of baking. That included baking cookies. Mullins' mother used what she called a "refrigerator" dough. Mullins uses that same dough today for many of her cookies.

"About a third of the cookies

I make is with the refrigerator dough, which means that you make it, roll it and put it in the freezer," Mullins said. "It will store for months that way. When you're ready to use it, you can just slice and bake as much as you want."

Using the refrigerator can have a possible downside — that is if someone in the house enjoys eating raw cookie dough as Mullins did as a child.

"(My mother) would think she had enough in the refrigerator to bake for some occasion, and



**Patricia Carney reaches into a jar for a cookie. She and her sisters, Dana and Marjorie, were just some of the many people who took home some of Laurie Mullins' cookies.**

she'd go in and I would've eaten too much," she said.

Mullins, as you would expect, uses some of her mother's recipes, but she has collected recipes from other sources as well. The M&M cookies she

makes, for example, are from a recipe she found on a bag of the candies.

As a teacher at Southside Elementary School in Starke, Mullins had the opportunity to try many cookies children

brought from home at school parties. If she tasted a cookie she particularly liked, she would ask for the recipe. Once, a student copied a recipe for Mullins, complete with a smiley face at the bottom.

Every year, Mullins will usually unveil a new cookie. However, she leaves no doubt as to what her favorite recipes are.

"I think the best ones I've gotten, I've gotten from my mother," Mullins said.

Mullins usually spends three weeks baking cookies. She stores the cookies in gallon jars, which she said will keep the cookies fresh for six weeks.

The cookie-filled jars are stored in a room of her house, awaiting the day when people come to collect them. That day this year was this past Tuesday.

Mullins makes so many cookies, however, that there are always plenty of leftovers. Family members who visit for Christmas then help themselves to the cookies. Whatever's left after that, Mullins takes to Southside Elementary School.

Well, maybe not all that are left over.

"I may pick one or two of my favorites and keep those jars to pick at a little," she said.

Don't think Mullins' husband, Bob (Doc), gets left out. He gets the rejects.

Before you feel too sorry for him, though, bear in mind that the "rejects" are simply cookies that are too big or broken.

"I bag or put those in a Cool Whip tin, and my husband eats all of those," Mullins said.

## COURT

### Man sentenced for possession of fraudulent credit cards

**BY DAN HILDEBRAN**  
Managing Editor

A Tampa man was sentenced to 36 months' probation after Bradford deputies discovered 18 fraudulent credit cards in his possession.

Junior Alvarez-Gordon was also sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for 10 days already served for using a scan device to defraud, driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of more than five or more fraudulent credit cards.

According to an arrest report, on March 8, Sgt. Terrell Williams of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office noticed a suspicious vehicle parked at the MJM Food Store, located at the intersection of U.S. 301 and C.R. 18. The store was closed, and the defendant's car was the only vehicle in the parking lot.



**Alvarez-Gordon**

When the sergeant got out of his vehicle, the suspect was bent down putting air in his tires. The defendant did not speak English well and told Williams he needed air in his tires.

Williams left the scene but took the precaution of running the vehicle's tag. The check revealed that the tag had been expired for six months and that the owner did not have a valid driver's license. Williams caught up to the vehicle, which

had already pulled out onto the highway, and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was informed of the situation and he advised Williams that he was not a U.S. citizen. Williams was then notified by dispatch that there was a warrant outstanding for the suspect from Tampa on a driver's license charge. While doing an inventory on the vehicle before it was towed, Williams found a laptop computer on the backseat. He then received a call from the deputy who had transported the suspect to the jail and was told that numerous credit cards had been found on the suspect tucked in his shoe. Tucked in his pants was a pink cord, which mimicked some sort of skimmer device.

The suspect had a total of 11 credit cards in his shoe and another seven in his wallet. All of the cards had the suspect's name on them.

In other dispositions from Bradford County felony court on Aug. 7:

Nicolis Chase Altman was sentenced to 31 days in jail and

18 months' probation for the July 8 offense of felony habitual driving with a suspended or revoked license and attaching a tag not assigned to a vehicle.

Jahron-Jaekwon Robinson was sentenced to 18 months' drug offender probation for the Aug. 29, 2017 offense of possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis.

Joshua Ethan Wilkerson was sentenced to 100 days in jail for the April 26 offense of possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon.

Richard John Miller was sentenced to 36 months' probation for the Sept. 14, 2017, offense of child neglect without great physical harm.

### Misdemeanor court dispositions from July 24

Robert James Burton was

sentenced to six months' probation for the June 27 offense of driving with no valid license.

Gretchen Dianna Crews was sentenced to 60 days in jail for the Feb. 27 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license — second offense. Related charges of not providing proof of insurance and driver not wearing a seat belt were dismissed.

Gianna Grace Guercio was sentenced to 12 months' probation and three days in jail for the April 30 offenses of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joshua William Johnson was sentenced to 180 days in jail for the May 20 offense of battery.

Wendy Jo Kinnard was sentenced to 12 months' probation and three days in jail for the May 14 offenses of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

David Michael Laylock was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three months' probation for the Dec. 11, 2017, offenses of criminal mischief causing \$200 or more in property damage and trespassing. A charge of trespassing for a May 23 offense was dismissed.

Charges were dropped against Alexis Danielle McGahee for the May 19 offenses of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Maria Angelina Pernell was sentenced to six months' probation for the June 9 offense of petit theft.

James Rodell Riley was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the June 27 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Quintavon Emon Stokes was sentenced to 30 days in weekend jail and two months' probation

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# Flashback

## Hurse's reputation outlives that of pink Thunderbird

*Editor's note: In support of the Aug. 23 Leave a Legacy event, the Telegraph-Times-Monitor presents an edited version of an Aug. 31, 2000, story in which has former BHS Head Coach Lennard Register reminisces about David Hurse, who he hired as an assistant coach in 1957. Hurse became head coach when Register left after the 1961-62 school year to take another head coaching job. Register has since passed away (Oct. 16, 2014).*

**BY MARCIA MILLER**  
Telegraph Staff Writer

He most remembers his years working with David Hurse as being characterized by cooperation, dedication and a deep and abiding love for football.

And then there was that pink Thunderbird.

Former BHS Head Football Coach Len Register hired Hurse as his assistant in 1957. Register left after the 1961 season to coach at another school. Hurse took over as head coach, and a local legend was born.

Register said he and Hurse always seemed to be on the same wavelength during the time they coached together. There were few disagreements between the two. Decisions made about the team almost always involved the

whole coaching staff.

Register did have some reservations, however, about that car.

"One day (a year or two after he was hired), David drove up in a pink Thunderbird, and I thought, 'Oh, my Lord,'" Register said. "I was a conservative rat, and that car was just outside the margins. Everyone teased him about that car, even the players. He traded it after a year or two, but while he had it, it got to be a popular thing. Everyone knew when Coach Hurse was coming because he drove that pink Thunderbird."

Driving what must have been an outlandish car in the late '50s or early '60s in Bradford County may have been a mark against Hurse among the most conservative members of the community, but it was an exceedingly small mark when compared to the mile-long footprints (with cleats) this man left.

Register said he was impressed with Hurse from the very beginning. That was why he hired him as an assistant football coach and head track and field coach.

Most people remember the state championships Hurse won and the times he took the Tornadoes to the playoffs, but not that many remember the earlier years before the playoffs existed when the Tornadoes



**David Hurse, as he appeared in 1962, his first year as head football coach at Bradford High School.**

were a force to be reckoned with. Register and Hurse, along with the other assistant coaches, led the program to undefeated seasons in 1960 and 1961. At one point, the team was lauded for a

32-game winning streak (plus one tie).

"David Hurse was responsible for a great deal of that," Register said. "He was my right arm."

Register said the Tornadoes

had several years of talent and a coaching staff that worked well together. The records, championships and other honors the Tornadoes earned under Hurse's guidance can be laid directly at Hurse's feet, Register said.

"He is a super person. He's a great football coach and a super person as well," Register said. "He and his wife both have given Bradford County a lot to be thankful for." (Myrna Lou Hurse worked for Register when he was the principal at Bradford Middle School.)

Hurse worked mainly with the offense for the Tornadoes during his time with Register. Coaching duties were divided up then as they are now, Register said. An assistant wasn't assigned a specific squad to work with, but Hurse spent most of his time working with the offensive backfield and kicking staff.

"His strong points were an ability to teach and relate well with the players and (having) the strength to demand strict discipline," Register said. "He had great ideas. Whenever we made decisions about the team, we did it as a staff. I was blessed to have David and some other fine coaches as assistants. I always got the credit for the wins, but the other coaches had as much to do with that as I did."

"Dedication" is a word

most coaches understand well. Register said Hurse had a bigger dose of dedication than most.

"When David and I were coaching, we hardly knew our children's names during football season," Register said. "We lived and breathed football day and night."

Register and Hurse stayed friends, even after Register left to go to another county. When Register returned to the area, the friendship continued, and it is still in force today.

"David Hurse still lives and breathes football — more so now than I do," Register said.

Football may be just a game to some people, but Register said he has always felt it was important in the lives of young men in Bradford County.

"I'm a firm believer that football makes a man out of a young adolescent," Register said. "It teaches him something he can't get anywhere else. It teaches him to get out there and take the hard knocks and learn to take the bad with the good. When they get knocked down, they learn to get back up and go at it again. They learn to never give up."

Register said Hurse was able to teach those concepts to the players on his teams.

## LEGACY

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championship in track and field in 1961 and state runner-up finishes the next two seasons.

Canova said when it came to selecting a woman to honor alongside Hurse, she thought of Mullins, who teaches her

Sunday school class at First United Methodist Church of Starke. Foundation board members thought Mullins, who was Bradford County's first-ever Teacher of the Year, was a perfect choice, Canova said.

Mullins and her now-deceased husband, Bobby, moved to Starke in 1954 so that Bobby could establish a veterinary

clinic there. Mullins taught second grade at Starke and Southside elementary schools. She later taught kindergarten when it became part of the school curriculum.

She taught for 32 years and continued to volunteer and fill in as a substitute teacher after she retired.

"She's shared letters with us in

Sunday school from students that had her in kindergarten and, as adults, had written and thanked her," Canova said.

Mullins was active in Girl Scouts locally, earning a Thanks Badge in the process. Besides teaching Sunday school, she is active in First United Methodist Church's women's ministry, vacation Bible school and

missions studies.

The Telegraph-Times-Monitor was unable to reach Mullins for comment, but Hurse said the Bradford County Education Foundation could've solely honored her.

"She the most deserving of all," Hurse said.

While Leave a Legacy's goal is to honor people who've had a

positive impact on the county's schools and students, Canova said she also views the event as a sort of pep rally to drum up support for the schools.

"My goal is to get the community back involved in the schools and to get excited about Bradford schools," Canova said.

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for the Jan. 14 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Amber Gray Tharpe was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the Feb. 15 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kaitlyn Nicole Watkins was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the June 26 offenses of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Heather J. Wells was sentenced to 12 months' probation, 29 days rehab and 40 hours of community service for the March 18, 2017, offense of petit theft.

David Wilburn was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the Oct. 28, 2015, offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Alan Williams was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the Feb. 11 offenses of disorderly intoxication and battery.

## Misdemeanor court dispositions from Aug. 7

Alan Eugene Crawford was sentenced to 30 days in jail for the Feb. 8 offenses of driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving a vehicle without a tag. Charges of no proof of insurance and failure to yield at an intersection were dismissed.

Tyler Charles Lewis was fined \$25 and court costs for the Oct.

22, 2016, offense of reckless driving.

Sabrina Lynette Bexley was sentenced to six months' probation for the May 26 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Shannon Marie Frady for the April 19 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Rebecca Lynn Gerding was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs for the April 19 offense of driving without a valid license.

Shelby Blake Gonzalez was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs for the May 6 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Jimmie Lee Jones for the June 23 offense of attaching a tag not assigned.

Amos Daniel Lamoree was sentenced to 12 months' probation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Heather Rae Morgan was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs for the Jan. 19 offense

of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Dakota Lee Schmidt was sentenced to six months' probation for the May 3 offense of driving without a valid license.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Beverly Diane Silver for the June 21 offenses of driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving a vehicle not registered.

Tamara Alicia Tosen was sentenced to six months' probation for the Oct. 9, 2011, offense of petit theft.

## Lake Swan Camp dedicating Billy Graham Chapel in Melrose

Lake Swan Camp, where Billy Graham first started his preaching ministry, will honor America's Preacher and Evangelist, at its 2018 Homecoming Reunion and Vision 2027 Banquet, Saturday, Aug. 25, at 647 State Road 26 in Melrose.

During three days of fun, food, and fellowship (Aug. 24-26) partners, individuals and friends will attend:

- a homecoming reunion.
- the dedication of the Billy Graham Chapel in Minder Hall, the camp's main meeting hall. Keynote speaker will be Gigi Graham, Billy Graham's daughter. Local, regional and state officials and church leaders will be in attendance.
- the second annual Vision 2027 Banquet, Lake Swan Camp's renewal campaign, in anticipation of its 2027 centennial anniversary.

Free and open to the public, the day's festivities on Saturday, Aug. 25, will begin at 10 a.m., but guests must register at <https://lakeswancamp.com/celebration-weekend/>.

The schedule also includes

the Gatorland Ski Show Team at 11 a.m., a beach picnic at noon, the chapel dedication at 3 p.m. and the Vision 2027 Banquet at 6 p.m. A special lunch and parking and valet transportation will be provided in anticipation of hundreds of guests and visitors. The camp invites all to participate.

Other guests and speakers

include Congressman Ted Yoho, State Sen. Keith Perry, State Rep. Bobby Payne, and county commissioners from Alachua, Putnam and Clay counties Ken Cornell, Larry Harvey and Gavin Rollins.

Ministry and church leaders will include Mark O'Farrell, president, Trinity College of FL (Graham's alma mater); Chuck

Hughes, district superintendent, alliance southeast, Christian and Missionary Alliance; and Paul Alford, friend of Billy Graham, former vice president of Christian and Missionary Alliance, and president of Toccoa

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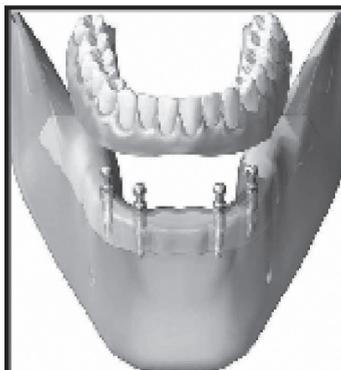
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# INDIANS

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running back gaining 60-70 yards as opposed to 15-20 yards.

"We've got to have wide receivers that block," Dickinson said.

He also likes the fact Thompson is willing to play wherever he's needed. In practices, Thompson will also line up at tight end and offensive guard.

"He's going to do whatever it takes to help the football team," Dickinson said.

Senior Chandler Padgett is one of the other players vying for time at wide receiver, while the tight end corps features players such as senior Carter Semione, junior Colby Townsend and sophomore Ian Schofield.

## Who's the QB?

Last year's starting quarterback Adrien Ciena transferred to Bradford, so three players are battling for the position this year: Cox, junior Kaleb Wiggins and sophomore Gage Stevens.

Dickinson said Cox probably has the strongest arm, but the junior, as mentioned earlier, is also getting reps at running back. Plus, he'll be a starter in the defensive secondary.

"It's a good thing for him to learn quarterback even if he doesn't end up being the quarterback," Dickinson said, adding, "With him getting reps there, I think that's going to make him a better football player."

Wiggins is a transfer from P.K. Yonge, but he previously attended KHHS. However, the KHHS offense has changed since he was last there.

"He throws a good ball," Dickinson said. "Of course, this is his first year with us and what we're now doing offensively. He's behind the curve on the learning end because he wasn't here in the spring."

Dickinson said Stevens probably has the best handle on the offense right now.

"He does a good job of knowing what to do and calling the plays," Dickinson said.



Michael Touchton (right) breaks up a pass intended for Kaleb Wiggins.

## Secondary is experienced

Half of the defense's six returning starters will line up in the defensive backfield: Cox, Crane and Horton. Cox actually played linebacker last season — and was second on the team with 57 tackles (40 solo) — but he played in the secondary as a freshman. Dickinson hopes Cox's play at linebacker benefits him at free safety, allowing him to be a factor in an opponent's run game.

"We've got somebody back there who can come up and make some tackles in the open field," Dickinson said.

Crane played free safety last year but will most likely be a corner this year. He led the team in tackles last season with 62 (40 solo).

"At the beginning of the year, he was real aggressive," Dickinson said. "He was able to come up there and make some tackles."

Horton was fifth on the team last year with 42 tackles (28 solo) from his strong safety position.

"I think he learned a lot last



Quarterback Gage Stevens (foreground) gets wrapped up by Dylan Thompson.

year, so we're expecting him to be able to play that position a lot better this year," Dickinson said.



Defensive lineman Colby Townsend (right) prepares to take on Preston Anderson.



Lineman Dan Dodd brings down a ball carrier in practice.

## Experienced trio fill LB, DL positions

Though they were primarily linemen last season, returning starters Hughes and Semione will fill two of the three linebacker positions. Dickinson said the two, who combined to make 84 tackles last season, had a good spring at their new positions, which, of course, come with added responsibilities.

"At the line positions, they were primarily run stoppers,"

Dickinson said. "At the linebacker position, they've got to understand the drops and the routes and what people are trying to do (in regard to the pass game). That's where the learning curve comes in."

Dickinson expects big things out of Dodd, who will remain on the line.

"I think Dan likes defense better than he does offense," Dickinson said. "In the spring game, I thought he made some good plays defensively. He was a lot more aggressive. He looks like he's gotten quicker. He's

worked hard."

Baxter should be a key on the line, too. Dickinson said Baxter is hard to block and expects him to line up at nose guard.

A newcomer Dickinson is excited about is Townsend, who has been playing soccer, but went out for football this past spring.

"He's very strong. He's done a good job in the weight room," Dickinson said. "He seems to be enjoying it."

Junior Layton Murphy, who was moved up from JV to varsity late last season, could be a contributor on the line, too.

"Last year, he played defensive lineman," Dickinson said. "He's not real big (5-10, 180), but he gave great effort. Hopefully, he'll learn and be able to help."

## Punter settled, kicker up in the air

Friedlin punted last season, averaging 37 yards per attempt. The Indians, though, are looking for someone to replace placekicker Alex Cruz, who graduated. Right now, Schofield, Townsend and junior Anthony Briseno are battling for the job.

Dickinson said strong special-teams play as a whole is one of the keys for Keystone having a successful season.

"We've got to be better than the teams we play on special teams," Dickinson said. "Even if we don't that kicker that's better, we've got to be able to cover well. We can't give up the big play on special teams. We've got to do a great job on our coverages."

With only 26 players currently on the team, the biggest key of all is avoiding injuries.

"We've got to have a little luck in the sense of injuries," Dickinson said. "We've got to avoid the injury bug. I think we can have a very successful year if we can avoid injuries — or have the chance to be successful."

Keystone hosts Ridgeview in a preseason kickoff classic on Friday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. The Indians open the season in earnest with three straight road games, beginning with Fernandina Beach on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Keystone's first home game is against Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

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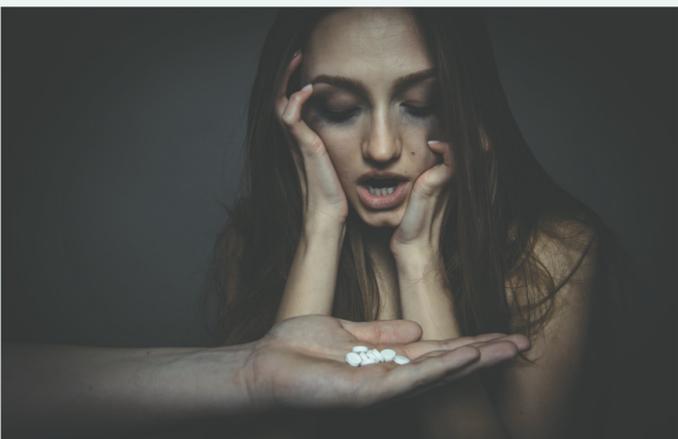
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## IT'S NOT FUN ANYMORE...

*"It started with pot and alcohol...and then coke. I had always controlled it...for years. But when I started oxy's, I couldn't stop. I really connected with the feeling. Now nothing was on my mind except getting it and getting back to it. And worse...I couldn't get back to the beginning when it felt so good. It took more and more. What used to be getting high was now trying to feel normal again... I wish I could feel normal again." ~ D.T.*

Most drugs of abuse target the brain's reward system by flooding it with dopamine a neurotransmitter. Dopamine regulates emotion, motivation, and pleasure. Normal levels of dopamine compliment natural emotional and affective responses. Over stimulating the system with drugs produces intense euphoric feelings which reinforces the drug abuse behavior. When dopamine artificially increases due to drug usage, the brain naturally makes less dopamine on its own. Increasing the drug use is an attempt to gain the euphoria that was experienced when it was first taken. As the amount of the drug is increased to try and recapture the initial feelings, the body becomes more and more physically and now emotionally dependent. What was once taking drugs to feel high has now become taking drugs to stop withdrawal symptoms and the ever-present anxiety.



*"I kept using more but feeling less. It's all I did. All I cared about. One night I had a nightmare...I had been using and woke up and I saw in the mirror I was this giant...what looked like... a rat. I was in like a basement that was dark and dirty. I walked over to a large round steel cage shaped like a wheel. I don't know why but I just knew what to do. I opened a small door on the cage and squeezed in. Then I started walking and as I walked the cage turned. Then I realized what it was...a hamster wheel. As I pedaled, and even though no one was around or guarding me, I had the sense that I couldn't leave...that I would always be there. No escape. Then as I pedaled with this horrible sense of doom, I saw images of me as a child playing and I cried out as I woke up sweating with my heart pounding. For the first time in a long time, I saw myself...what I had become. A hamster in a cage. Pedaling and not going anywhere. Depending on a drug to just try to feel normal feelings. Feelings that used to be natural. It was so messed up, so dark. That was it...something inside said that was it, no more. I wasn't sure but I called an old friend that didn't know how bad it had gotten. A friend that I knew had it together. I went to rehab. It's been tough. But I'm off the wheel. I'm one day at a time." ~ M.C.*

If it is not fun anymore you can talk with someone 24/7 about getting off the wheel,

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