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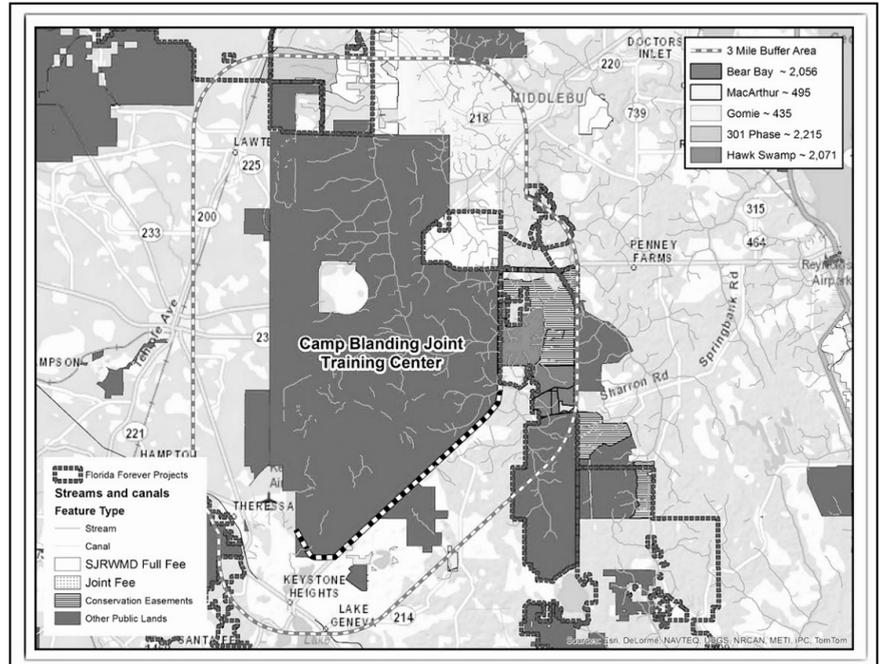
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Indians fall short in preseason game



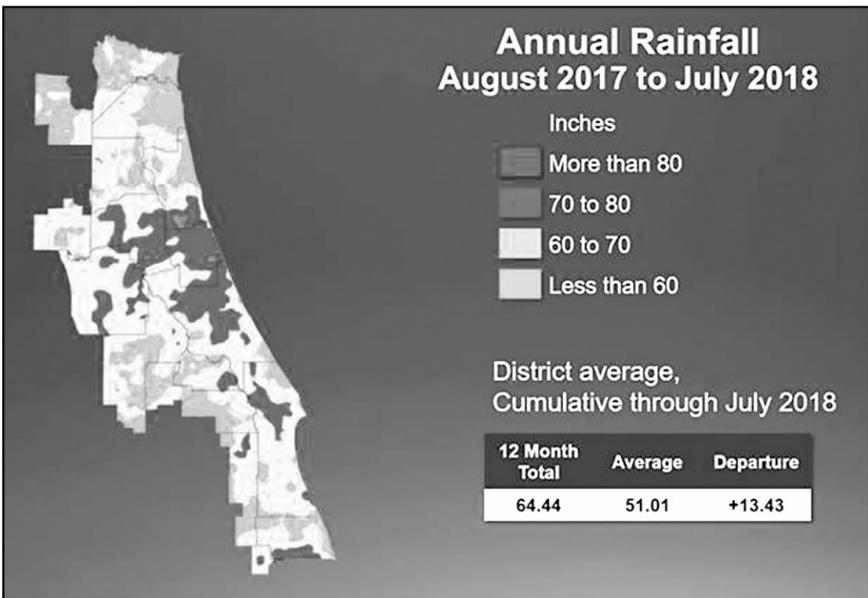
The Keystone Indians dropped their preseason game to Ridgeview, 23-0 Friday night. Pictured is the Keystone defense, including Carter Semione (22) and Josh Hughes (63), closing in on Ridgeview running back Jaiden Turner. See Regional News for more on this story.

Water management district assists with Camp Blanding buffer zone



This map shows a three-mile buffer zone around Camp Blanding and land acquisitions executed to maintain the buffer zone including Hawk Swamp, MacArthur, Gomie and Bear Bay east of State Road 21, and 301 Phase north of Lawtey.

Lake Brooklyn up another 11 inches in July



BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A St. Johns River Water Management District official said that continued above-average rainfall pushed water levels on Lake Brooklyn up another 11 inches in July.

Christine Mundy, Chief of the district's Bureau of Water Resource Information told the organization's governing board, during its August meeting that district wide rainfall totals

remained 13.4 inches above average.

"Flagler County now has the highest 12-month rainfall of 72.7 inches, which is more than 20 inches above its average," Mundy said. "In fact, Putnam, Marion, Flagler and Volusia counties all had more than 15 inches above their average rainfall over the last 12 months."

Mundy said that because of continued above-average rainfall amounts through most of July and into the beginning of August,

the central Florida portion of the St. Johns River experienced minor flooding.

"The entire system was saturated including large tributaries like the Econ River," she said. "Fortunately, water levels have since dropped below flood stage."

Mundy said Upper Floridan Aquifer conditions at the end of July were mostly in the high

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BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

The St. Johns River Water Management District approved a \$15 million budget amendment during its August meeting that will assist in creating a buffer zone around Camp Blanding.

In agreements with the U.S. Department of Defense and the North Florida Land Trust, the water management district will receive the funding from the federal government and then pass the money to the land trust.

The trust will own and manage the acreage.

The money is funding the acquisition of 5,204 acres within Clay County.

Kimberly Hall, a property specialist with the district's real estate services department said that since 2004, the water management district has participated in over 8,900 acres of buffer acquisitions, 80 percent of which are privately-owned conservation easements.

"Buffer programs like these are implemented by the Department of Defense to

support the sustainability of military missions," she said. "Without the buffer programs, these installations and training centers like Camp Blanding face training restrictions which result in more expensive or inadequate training and testing, threatening their future."

Hall added that when proposed buffer acquisitions overlap with areas targeted for natural resource conservation, the acquisitions create a double benefit.

"As in this instance," she said, "the lands are located largely within the southernmost portion of the northeast Florida timberland watershed reserve Florida Forever project. Through conservation and preservation within these buffer areas, compatible uses adjacent

to military installations are achieved."

General Douglas Burnett, a water management district governing board member and former adjutant general of Florida, told his board colleagues that the buffer program is essential for conducting night training at Camp Blanding. He said that warfare has transitioned to a nighttime activity and keeping manmade lighting away from the training center is necessary for operating night goggles and other nocturnal equipment.

He added that Camp Blanding is one of only nine large-manuever training sites within the country and is ranked in the top three in many categories. He also said that as the facility continues to develop, it will provide more jobs to the local economy.

Elementary schools plan strategies for new year

BY ATHIE SANDERS
Special to the Monitor

Week one of the 2018-2019 school year is in the books after Lake Region students in Clay and Putnam counties headed back to school August 14 at Melrose, McRae and Keystone Heights elementary schools.

The activity levels were upbeat and happy across campuses as students checked in to find their new classrooms and meet their teachers. Parents accompanied students carrying bags of classroom supplies in accordance with requested supply lists.

Melrose Elementary School

Melrose Elementary School serves 406 students pre-K through sixth grade with 28 faculty members and a staff of 16. As you enter the main office, receptionist Tiffany Williams offers a warm welcome that sets the tone for what can only be a happy visit to the small jewel of a school tucked away in the small



KHES first day of kindergarten students in Marian McCall's class (L to r) Raylan Starling, Wyatt Darty, Vayda McLear and Aaron Waters explore blocks after completing their early morning art task. "The first two days of school only one half of the kindergarteners come to school each day providing them an opportunity to adjust into their classroom with a smaller number of students, today I had nine students," said McCall.

town of Melrose.

"Many of our faculty and staff went to school at Melrose and many of them also graduated from Interlachen High School.

The school is the center of the Melrose community because so many people attended here when it was a high school," said Leah Lundy, principal.

The last senior class graduated from Melrose High School

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Garden Club of the Lakes hosts Fantasy Garden Workshop

By popular demand, The Garden Club of the Lakes is hosting a Fantasy Garden Workshop at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The young and young at heart are invited. Participants will be able to select a dinosaur garden, fairy garden or jungle garden to design and plant. There is a \$20 registration fee for each garden.

More than one person can work on a garden. All supplies and plants are provided for your creative garden. The workshop will be held at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 2738 State Road 21, Melrose, located midway between Keystone Heights and Melrose on the corner of State Road 21 and Southeast County Road 21B.

Please register at the HEALTHY LIVING 4 U, at 179 South Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights. Seating is limited so register as soon as possible as attendees will be on a first registered, first served basis. You must be pre-registered to attend the workshop. If you have questions about the workshop or Garden Club do not hesitate to contact the club's president, Jackie Host at (352)473-8095.

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Lake Region candidates address environmental issues at forum in Brooker

Melrose's Stasia Rudolph and Tom Germano were among the candidates speaking at an environmental forum in Brooker last week.

The Bradford Environmental Forum offered state and local candidates the opportunity to deliver their environmental platforms. Though only five candidates attended, a crowd of about 50 listened to the candidates' views and questioned them on issues such as flooding, preserving sensitive lands and phosphate mining in Bradford and Union counties.

The speakers were Tom Wells and Yvonne Hinson running for Congressional District 3 from Gainesville; Paul Still running for Florida House District 19 from Sampson City; and Bradford County Commission District 4 candidates Tom Germano and Stasia Rudolph of Melrose. District 4 candidate Danny Riddick had a family emergency.

Wells is a nuclear physicist, and Still has a doctorate in plant pathology. Hinson has a master's degree in education, while Germano and Rudolph have degrees in business administration. The crowd was pleased to see people



Tom Wells



Yvonne Hinson



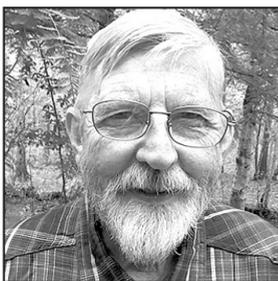
Tom Germano



Stasia Rudolph

Chemours water out of Starke would also reduce flooding along Alligator Creek in Starke, according to Still.

The candidates talked about land preservation and conservation as an economic boost in ecotourism and related commercial enterprises. They even talked about affordable housing and



Paul Still

donated by Rudolph.

Emcees Carol Mosley from Graham and Kate Ellison from Melrose timed the candidates and asked for audience respect for all points of view. Rather than rowdiness, they suggested a thumbs up or down, or American Sign Language silent clapping (holding hands up and shaking them). The audience enjoyed silent clapping, and it provided needed comic relief.

The Bradford Environmental Forum group said this is just the start of bringing together thinkers and doers to share environmental expertise and planning ideas with local stakeholders.

Still said by re-directing excess water from Chemours to Keystone, the state could save most of the \$41 million that is currently allocated for the Black Creek Project that would pump water from Black Creek at Penny Farms to Keystone.

with scientific backgrounds and higher education willing to serve in elected office.

Despite differing party affiliations, the candidates shared common ground on environmental issues. They all acknowledged the fragility of the aquifer; all were keenly aware of the flooding issues and the flood mitigation efforts underway. Still said by re-directing excess water from Chemours to Keystone, the state could save most of the \$41 million that is currently allocated for the Black Creek Project that would pump water from Black Creek at Penny Farms to Keystone. Taking the

need for careful planning, in-fill rather than sprawl. All were opposed to the phosphate mine proposal in Bradford and Union counties as a risk to the wells and the aquifer, and as a detriment to property values and future growth.

Refreshments were served, and it was announced that "to walk the talk," no Styrofoam would be used. The plastic cups and glass mugs would be washed and reused, and the paper plates composted or burned. At the end, less than half a bag of trash was headed to the landfill. All agreed it had been a great success.

The Brooker Community

The Monitor looks back at 1974



Keystone Heights Mayor Ray Starnes (left) looks on as Robert W. Mojonnier of the Stevens Foundation and Don Morgan architect present the proposed community to the public.

From the January 31, 1974 Monitor

\$4 million Retirement complex planned for Park-of-The-Palms.

100 job openings, 300 new residents seen for Keystone Heights area.

A \$4 million retirement community will bring an estimated 300 to 330 residents and 80 to 100 new job openings to the Keystone Heights area, it was revealed at a meeting in the Park-of-the-Palms Chapel Monday night.

Robert Mojonnier, vice president and secretary of the Stewardship Foundation Inc. of Wheaton, Ill., who will provide financing for the project, said that if work is started in April as anticipated, it is possible that residents will be moving into the first completed unit within a year. The target date for completion of the entire complex is 1979.

Included in the project will

be three, three-story apartment buildings with a total of 204 units, a 50 bed nursing home, a new church building with a 500-seat capacity, a 30-bed lodge, a new dining hall with 350-seat capacity, and a recreation area, including the existing pool, shuffleboard courts, a putting green, and other facilities.

The new development is the outgrowth of a merger of two corporations, Park-of-the-Palms Church, and The Stewardship Foundation Inc. The present facilities and property of the Park-of-the-Palms will be absorbed into the planned community with the exception of the Park-of-the-Palms Chapel which will continue as a separate corporation.

Monday night's public meeting was attended by many residents of the present Park-of-the-Palms community who were assured by architect Don Morgan that there would be an effort to maintain openness in the development with the least possible removal of trees. All utilities will be underground, Morgan said. There will be maximum fire protection, elevators in all buildings, soundproof walls and doors, sidewalks completely surrounding every building, and a covered walk to the dining room.

Morgan said there would also be a docking area for small boats, and gazebo-type shelters near the lake where residents can fish, or just relax. The landscaping will include fountains and ornamental plantings.

In an answer to an inquiry about doctors to staff the new nursing home, Morgan said he had a recent inquiry from a group of Jacksonville physicians interested in establishing offices at a location on Highway 100 across from Park-of-the-Palms.

The architect said that new buildings would follow a tropical style of architecture with heavy decorative beams in natural woods.

Mojonnier said that several details must be settled before starting work this spring. The first will be the matter of zoning, with an application to be filed for a hearing before the Clay County Zoning Board in February, asking for classification as a planned unit development since buildings of various types are involved. Tax-exempt status for the project will also be sought, Mojonnier said.

A self-contained package sewer plant will be utilized

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Distinguished Service

Gavin Rollins

Clay County Commissioner Runs for Re-Election

Clay County Commissioner Gavin Rollins grabbed headlines back when he became Florida's youngest commissioner ever elected. This year Rollins, now a veteran army officer, was unanimously elected Board Chairman by peer-commissioners following his return from a combat zone deployment, where, as a senior intelligence officer defending U.S. Embassies in Africa, Captain Rollins received a medal for Operation Oaken Steel.

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Keystone Heights resident Gavin Rollins currently serves as an officer in the Florida Army National Guard. Use of his military rank, job titles, and photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Department of the Army or the Department of Defense.
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in 1968, after which grades 6 through 12 were moved to Interlachen High School. The elementary school has seen additions over the years to accommodate the growing community and currently has two additional classroom wings and a new administration suite and media center.

The school's theme this year is "A Hero Within" which focuses not on the popular superheroes but on the heroes within the community, school and classroom.

"Last year we started a kindness challenge and we wanted to continue with that idea. A hero can be many different things (a police officer, military personnel, doctor, a kind person, someone respectful, etc.) Our goal is to help all our students find the hero within themselves," said Lundy.

Melrose Elementary is not incorporating new programs this year but has changed the structure of some of its classes in order to ensure students get what they need.

"This year we plan to increase learning gains with all of our students. We plan to increase parent involvement at nighttime events and we plan to incorporate kindness throughout our weekly lessons," said Lundy.

Putnam County Deputy Sheriff R. Webb is currently assigned to the school but will rotate out to different assignments throughout the year.

"My job is here. It's not just what is going on in the world, but I am here to encourage students in learning and in life. I engage in a lot of fist bumps; the kids are really into fist bumps. I try to make contact with every student every day," said Webb.

In response to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, Putnam County has chosen to place guardians within its elementary schools. In addition to a guardian in each school, administrators have also allocated specific deputies that will rotate among the elementary schools on a flexible schedule.

"The guardian is a staff member. They are not teachers. Guardians have received more training than an incoming deputy would have received. They will be armed and will not be identified. They are in the schools to provide an extra level of security," said Allison Waters, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office press information officer.

McRae Elementary School

McRae Elementary School serves 510 students in grades pre-K through sixth grade. It has 47 teachers and 34 other staff personnel.

Principal Tammy Winkler said, "We are so excited about the new school year. McRae made the top gains in improvement in the district last year. We made a 123-point gain moving us from a low-C school to a high B school. Teachers, assistants and coaches all worked together collaboratively

to support students. We were just three points from being an A school last year."

McRae's theme this year is "Under the Sea." Teachers and students are having fun with the theme focusing on learning more about creatures living in the ocean. The plan is to show students videos of animals that live in the sea at various times and in various locations, like in the cafeteria during wait times before lining up and waiting for their teachers to return to class. "Many of our students have never seen the ocean so we are excited about giving them this opportunity," said Winkler.

During preplanning McRae teachers engaged in studying and practicing Level Literacy Intervention strategies to improve student reading comprehension.

"A goal this year is to teach students strategies that will improve their ability to read factual comprehension selections and summarize the content to strengthen reading comprehension at their independent reading level," said Winkler.

"Their independent reading level is determined by pre-testing, then they are placed in small groups with others on their level. Small groups enable us to maximize instructional time and increase student proficiency," said Winkler.

"We have a brand-new reading coach: Heather DeVare. She is going to support teachers in the classroom by moving into the classroom and co-teaching as well as planning with the teachers. They will rely on student data and research. She will assist by locating rigorous, interesting materials for student instruction to apply comprehension skills," said Winkler.

"With the reading coach pushing in to co-teach, classroom teachers will be able to add more small-group instruction. Students will be taught concentrated comprehension skills," added Winkler.

This year District Title 1 awarded McRae a PITSCO Science Lab.

"The lab will allow students to work collaboratively to

complete missions promoting mastery of science standards," said Winkler.

The lab contains a wide variety of science experiments providing hands on experiences of science concepts. This summer the district provided teachers and assistants training on all resources and lessons.

"This will allow all fifth-grade students, who will be taking the fifth-grade state science assessment this year, the opportunity of having fun, hands-on science lessons. The lessons are highly engaging and will allow our students to reach mastery of science concepts. Fifth graders are responsible for third, fourth and fifth grade science standards at the time of the test. So, this program will allow fifth-grade students the opportunity to practice all the science standards, not just those in the 5th grade curriculum," said Winkler.

Keystone Heights Elementary School

Keystone Heights Elementary School serves 820 students in grades pre-K through sixth grade. The school employs 47 grade-level faculty members along with 110 staff personnel.

"We have been an A school for the past two years, so we know we are on the right track with academics. This year we

are focusing on incorporating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) into our curriculum in order to enrich our already strong program," said Melanie Sanders, principal.

This year's school theme at Keystone Elementary is "Full Steam Ahead." During preplanning, teachers spent a half day being introduced to, and engaging in, some of the STEAM activities students will be participating in during the school year while in resource classes.

"We went to the gym to introduce STEAM as it will be applied in PE class, teachers got to try out an activity students will be doing," said Sanders. "It was fun, informative and also created to be a team-building activity as well. We purposely placed teachers with others they did not know very well," she added.

During the first week of classes, art students at KHES were presented an art lesson built around the periodic table of elements. As the scientific information was built into the art lesson, students created an art square representing themselves. They used their upper case first initial along with lower case last name initial to create their element name on their square. Other pertinent personal information, such as their age, was used to

replicate the element square. Marlena Conrad, art teacher, combined all these squares to build a table of KHES elements including all 800-plus students.

Last year Title I resources provided KHES with the start-up of a science, technology, engineering and math lab. Mr. Greene will continue to teach STEM for his second year as

a resource class. The entire student body rotates through resource classes: art, music, library, STEM, computer lab and PE. "All of our student body rotates through our resource classes, including VPK," said Kimmie Chapman, principal's secretary.



Keystone Heights Elementary kindergarten teacher Alison Shuford talks with parent Marisa Gibson after her kindergartener entered the classroom. With mom are big sister Ava Darling (6th) and little brother Jackson Hicks (3).



Abby Anderson (4th) Jordan Anderson (5th) and parents Mike and Caryn sit and enjoy a few minutes together before the first day of school. "It was like grocery shopping," said Mike referring to the bags of school supplies. When asked if excited about being back at school Jordan replied, "I'm not that excited but its a no brainer."



Morning parking lot crossing guard Kayla Roberts assist during parent traffic as Georgeanna Briley takes Wesley (K) and Grayson (2nd) across the driveway.



(L to r) Assistant Principal Terry Channell, Principal Leah Lundy and Deputy R. at Webb Melrose Elementary School

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initially Mojonner said with the possibility of tying in later with the system proposed to be constructed by the city of Keystone Heights. The temporary plant would be designed to handle 80,000 gallons of waste daily.

Water for the 22 acre development would be provided by drilling a deep well. If water is available from the Keystone Heights system eventually, the new well could be used as a backup system, Morgan said.

Park-of-the-Palms was originally established on the shores of Brooklyn Lake about 40 years ago by George "Pop" Tibbett for use as a winter conference grounds in conjunction with his summer conference center Camp O' The Woods at Spectacular, NY. After Tibbett's death, the park was operated by his protege Gordon Purdy until its sale to the Florida Gospel Pioneers Inc. several years ago. The name of the corporation was later changed to Park-of-the-Palms Church Inc.

Robert Willy, who has been director of the park in recent years, will remain with the new organization as conference director or some similar capacity. It is also expected that John Meyer who is an administrator at the park, will also remain with the new development.

From the April 18, 1974 Monitor

Owens appointed principal of KH Elementary

The Clay County School Board approved the appointment of David L. Owens as principal of Keystone Heights Elementary School for the year 1974-75.

Owens has served this past year as assistant principal at S. Bryan Jennings School in Orange Park. Prior to this time, he was a physical education supervisor for two years at Orange Park Middle School.

A native of Georgia, Owens graduated from Georgia Southern College and received his masters degree at Middle Tennessee State College.

The Owens family (wife Marsha and two children) plan to move to Keystone as soon as they find a house in this area stated Owens.

Mrs. Owens will be a guidance counselor at the new high school.

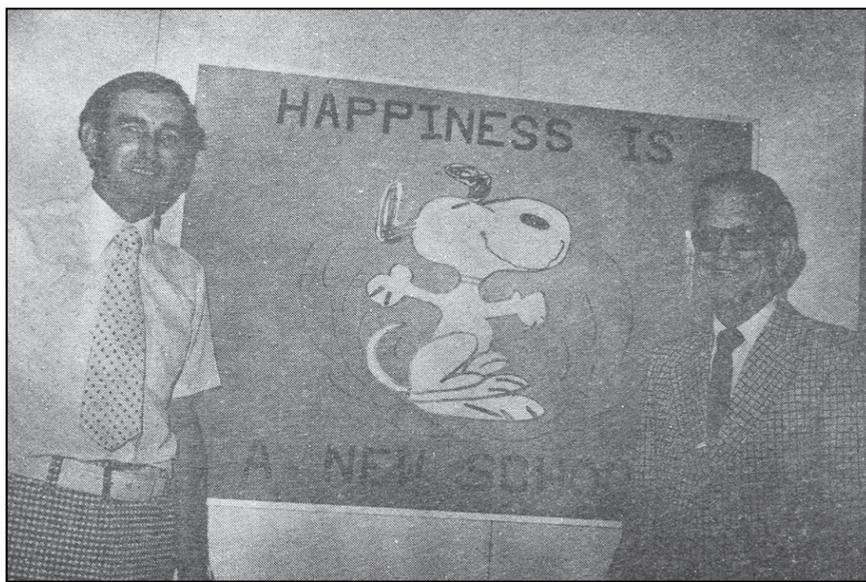
Charles Rider, currently principal of Keystone School, will become the principal of the high school and Hubert White, assistant principal.

In other action at the April 8 meeting, the board approved the fiscal year 1974 Title II project for library resources in the amount of \$16,495. Most of the resources are slated for the Keystone schools, "in order to bring their libraries up to standards of other schools in the county," stated Tom Smith.

After discussion of awarding bids for fencing, Richard Lovorn, school board member, noted that general fencing plans for Clay County schools did not include the Keystone schools. Smith said fencing for Keystone Heights will be included in next year's budget.

The bid for metal lockers for the Keystone High School was awarded to Universal Seating Company of Jacksonville.

Board members approved a request by Jesse Tynes, school superintendent, to establish an average of 25-students-to-one teacher in kindergarten through sixth-grade for all Clay County schools. The figure of 25 cannot be held exactly as some classes may have less than 25 and some may have 26 to 27 students, stated Tynes. Each school will pick up approximately two more teachers and two more classrooms depending upon the



David Owens, principal of the elementary school and Charles Rider, principal of the new high school are all grins as they stand before the poster: "Happiness is a New School."

enrollment.

Mrs. Lorraine Furuseth appeared before the board to object to the reappointment of Thomas Moe as principal of Orange Park High School.

Mrs. Furuseth said there were numerous complaints and problems concerning the principal and people in the area would like a hearing on the matter.

Tynes backed Moe's appointment and said the community would be losing a fine principal as Moe is a hard worker and very capable.

The board agreed to hear both sides at a special meeting to be held April 23 at 4 p.m.

From the September 5, 1974 Monitor

200 attend high school dedication

A long awaited dream finally became a reality for Keystone-area residents and taxpayers with the completion of the first phase and move Tuesday into the new Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School for the 1974-75 session.

Approximately 200 people attended an open house at the new Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School August 29 to view the interior of the building and listen to speeches by Clay County School Superintendent Jesse P. Tynes and School Board Member Richard Lovorn.

Tynes told the audience that he has worked for many years to get funds for this school and faced many obstacles before it became a reality. The state used to require 1,500 students (10th through 12th) before releasing funds toward a new high school, said Tynes, but now has realized the need for the smaller school.

During the course of his speech, Tynes emphasized the need of a well-qualified cooperative school board in order to have a well-run school system.

"We have that kind of school board," stated Tynes.

"They (the board members) look at the need of the whole county and then decide the most feasible and economical way to get the job accomplished," Tynes said. He went on to say that if one member would get selfish and just want things for his own district, then there would be squabbles.

"If you had a divided school board, you probably wouldn't have a new school," Tynes told the audience.

"Of all the school board members, Lovorn probably gives me the most argument," Tynes said jokingly.

At the close of his talk, Tynes urged the young people to take pride in their school. He said it is extremely disappointing to see vandalism and asked students to look down on those who try to destroy the facilities.

Lovorn presented a history of Keystone's school in the form of a fairy tale describing the first one room school, the first high school graduating class and a happy ending of a new

modern separate high school.

An American flag was presented to the school by Mariam E. Slocum in the memory of Bernard Slocum who was a World War I veteran and a resident of Keystone Heights for nine years.

As introductions and speeches were being given, a storm developed outside and soon there was rain dripping through the science room.

Frank Walrath said when contacted about the problem that a hole had been cut in the roof for a vent and once this was installed there should be no problem.

Walrath also stated this was the most unfortunate time for a rainstorm but was sure the problem would not reoccur upon completed installation of the vent.

"The total contract amount, with change orders and alternatives, reached a sum of \$724,704.65," said Ernest Triest of Triest Construction Company in Keystone Heights, low bidder on the contract for the first phase of construction on the new Keystone Heights High School.

Triest also added that with a separate contract on the sewage treatment plant, located in the southwest corner of the site for \$40,974, the total amount for the project was \$765,678.65.

Another local contractor Jimmy Bell of Bell Electric, won the subcontracting electrical bid at around \$65,000, which included the sewage treatment plant.

Triest stated last week he had just signed a contract for additional sidewalks around the campus and an intercom system to reach the temporary buildings, and for more electrical outlets in the home economics section.

According to Triest, an \$8,000 savings was made to the owners due to unavailability of materials.

"This is done with the substitution of brick block in lieu of Corospan panels previously estimated for the exterior of the building," Triest said.

The announcement of the new Keystone High School was made in June 1973 when architect Don Morgan and School Board Superintendent,

Jesse P. Tynes presented plans and drawings of the new school to Keystone Rotarians.

During this meeting, Morgan explained the three-phase construction operation, with the first phase of the construction budget set at \$500,000 and the completion of the third and final phase of construction set at \$1,573,510.

Frank Walrath, an associate of Don Morgan's architectural firm, stated it was safe to assume that this estimated price on future construction would have to be increased due to the rising inflation faced by our country. In October, 1973, Triest was awarded the contract on the new school construction with his low bid submitted at \$665,974, outbidding three other contractors for the job.

Land clearing was started immediately following the opening of the bids and groundbreaking ceremonies took place on October 17, 1973 with Principal Charles Rider, Superintendent Jesse P. Tynes, Dick Lovorn, school board member, architect Don Morgan, contractor Ernest Triest and subcontractor Jimmy Bell on hand with gold shovels.

From the November 7, 1974 Monitor

KH High School principal dies suddenly Sunday

Charles B. Rider, 53, principal of Keystone Heights High School died suddenly Sunday morning, Nov. 3 in Jacksonville of a heart attack.

He was buried Tuesday in the Keystone Heights Cemetery following 11 a.m. funeral services in the Keystone Heights Community Church conducted by the Pastor Leroy

Lewis.

At the time of his fatal attack, Rider and his wife Marjorie were staying with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin in Jacksonville and had attended the Shriners' convention over the weekend.

According to reports from various Shriners attending the convention, Rider showed no signs of illness prior to his early-morning attack. Rider was born on October 2, 1921 in Marion, Indiana, became a resident of Keystone Heights five years ago when he was appointed principal of the Keystone Heights Elementary and High School. He was president of the Keystone Heights Shrine Club and an active Rotarian. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Melrose Masonic Lodge and attended the Keystone Heights Community Church.

This was his first year as principal of the new Keystone Heights High School. After the first day of school, this year, Rider made the comment that it had been the smoothest opening day he had experienced since coming to Keystone.

Clay County School Superintendent, Jesse P. Tynes Jr. stated "I considered Mr. Rider an excellent principal and had great admiration for him. His death is a shock to the entire school system."

RAINFALL

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range.

"Floridan Aquifer conditions expressed as a district wide medium are at the 89th percentile," she said.

Mundy also said that flows at Silver Springs was in the high range throughout July with a monthly mean flow of 790 cubic feet per second, and that flows at Blue Springs was in the normal range with a monthly mean of 142 cubic feet per second.

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Bradford native's actions result in receiving Navy Commendation Medal

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Zach Griffis displayed composure during a time when it was most vital and earned a medal in the process.

Most importantly, though, he helped save someone's life. Griffis, a 2013 Bradford High

School graduate, was recently presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his actions at the scene of an accident involving a motorcyclist.

"I felt like God put me in that position to be there at that moment in time," said Griffis,

the son of Jody and Staci Griffis of Starke.

Griffis serves in the Navy as aviation ordnanceman, third class, stationed in Bremerton, Washington, aboard the USS Nimitz. He and his wife, Hannah, were traveling home after visiting a lake. Griffis said they drove behind a male motorcyclist for approximately two minutes before the accident occurred.

"He lost control of his

motorcycle," Griffis said. "At that point, he ran into a guardrail and then hit a light pole."

Griffis stopped to check on the man, noting he was bleeding profusely from his right leg. Griffis applied a tourniquet, while his wife dialed 911. While waiting for help to arrive, Griffis kept talking to the man, trying to keep him alert and conscious. He credited his naval experience with helping him act during the

situation.

"We do training on board the ship here," Griffis said via his telephone interview with the Telegraph-Times-Monitor. "It's very real training. They prepare us for all kinds of situations."

Griffis said he and his wife kept searching online to see if they could come across any news



A close-up view of the Commendation Medal.

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Zach Griffis (right) receives the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his actions in caring for a person injured in a motorcycle accident. Griffis, a 2013 Bradford High School graduate, serves in the Navy aboard the USS Nimitz in Bremerton, Washington.

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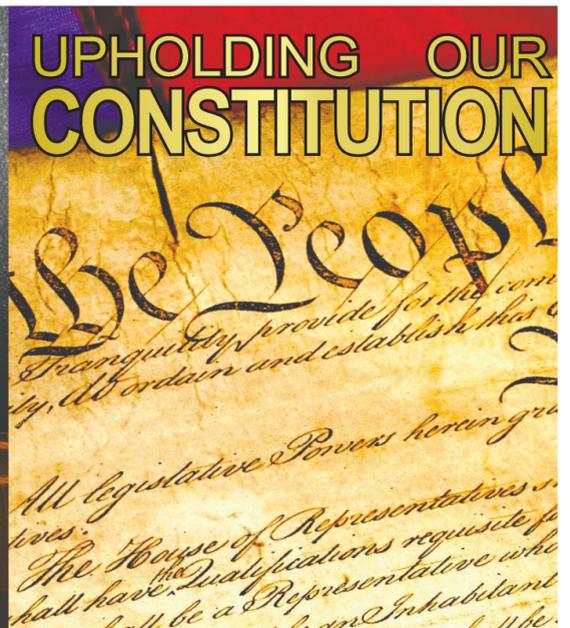
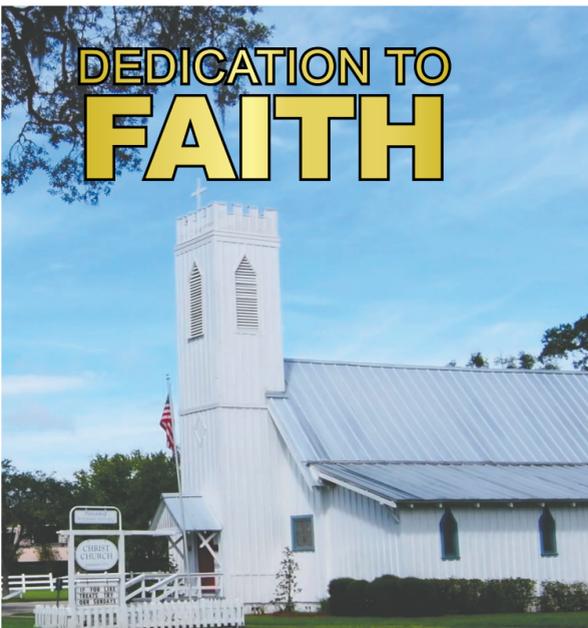
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Ciena, Vaughn combine for 4 TDs in Bradford's 26-15 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Adrien Ciena and Jeremiah Vaughn combined for four touchdowns and more than 350 all-purpose yards in the Bradford High School football team's 26-15 win over host Newberry in an Aug. 17 preseason kickoff classic.

Bradford, which opens the regular season with a road game against Taylor County on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m., trailed at the half, but Vaughn scored the first of three straight Bradford touchdowns when he returned the second-half kickoff 95 yards.

Vaughn had approximately 200 yards on kick returns.

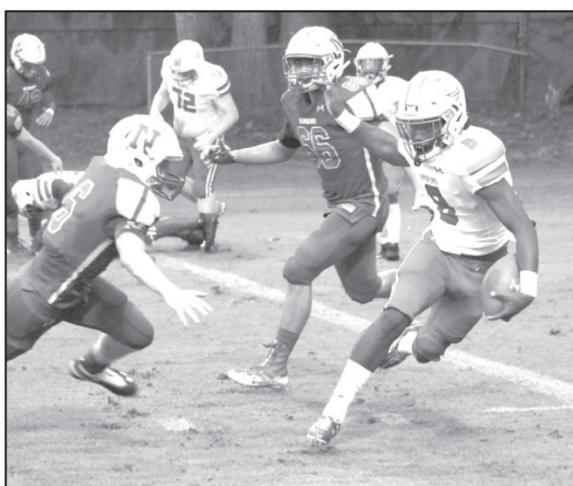
"I love that kid," Bradford Head Coach Brian Tomlinson said of the senior. "I'm going to miss him, but I'm going to enjoy him for a whole year."

While Ciena helped increase the lead with a touchdown reception and a touchdown pass, the defense held the Panthers to 51 yards on their first three second-half drives before Newberry marched 65 yards for a score on its final possession. The Tornados forced three turnovers, with Nathaniel "Nedro" Davis intercepting a pass and Shaytron Cotton recovering two fumbles.

"I couldn't ask for anything more," Tomlinson said. "If we're giving up 15 points a game, we're going to win a lot of them."

The Tornados got two big plays on their first possession. Quarterback Pedro Carter broke three to four tackles and carried another three to four defenders on a 25-yard run that got Bradford out of the shadow of its own end zone, while Ciena, on a fake punt, ran for 17 yards for a first down just shy of midfield. The Tornados, however, would eventually punt.

Three plays later, Bradford had the ball back at the Newberry 24



Bradford quarterback Pedro Carter (far right) avoids being tackled on the one-yard line and ultimately fights his way for a 25-yard gain in the first quarter.

when Malik Hankerson forced a fumble, which was recovered by Cotton. Carter completed an 11-yard pass to Jackson Smith for a first-and-goal at the 10. Vaughn carried the ball for a touchdown on the next play, but the score was nullified on a holding penalty. After an illegal-procedure penalty backed the Tornados up five yards to the 22, Vaughn turned the corner and made his way down the visitors' sideline for a touchdown that counted with 38 seconds left in the opening quarter. Davis' PAT put Bradford up 7-0.

Cotton recovered another fumble on the next Newberry possession, but the Bradford offense, taking over at its own 41, went three-and-out.

Newberry's offense had 47 yards after Kobe Delima was tackled for a three-yard loss to start the Panther's fourth possession. The Panthers, however, surpassed that total on the next play when quarterback Wyatt Parrish hooked up with

Trovon Banks for a 78-yard gain to the Bradford four-yard line. Delima found the end zone from there, cutting Bradford's lead to one at the 4:32 mark of the second quarter. Though the snap on the PAT looked good, Delima, who was the holder, took off and scrambled, looking for a teammate to throw to before he was tackled by Kam Thomas.

The Panthers put together another scoring drive after Bradford's offense again went three-and-out. Delima picked up first downs on a six-yard run and an 18-yard reception, the latter of which put Newberry at the Bradford 15. Parrish then had a six-yard run on first down before Bradford's Tylan Davis dropped Banks for a loss of three yards on second down. Parrish intentionally spiked the ball on third down to stop the clock with seven seconds remaining in the half and allow the Panthers to set up for Garrett Wood's 29-yard field-goal attempt, which was good. Newberry led 9-7.

When play resumed in the second half, it took Bradford 12 seconds to regain the lead. That's how long it took Vaughn to field the ball at his own five-yard line,

hesitate just a second and then turn on the jets for a touchdown. Davis' PAT was blocked, making the score 13-9.

Bradford increased the lead after Newberry turned the ball over on downs at its own 49. Most of the yardage the Tornados covered came on two pass plays from Carter to Ciena — one a 23-yard reception and the other a 24-yard reception in the end zone at the 7:50 mark of the third quarter. The PAT was no good, but Bradford led 19-9.

The Panthers marched from their own 33 to the Bradford 30, but Nedro Davis put an end to the threat when he intercepted a pass, giving the Tornados the ball at their own 24.

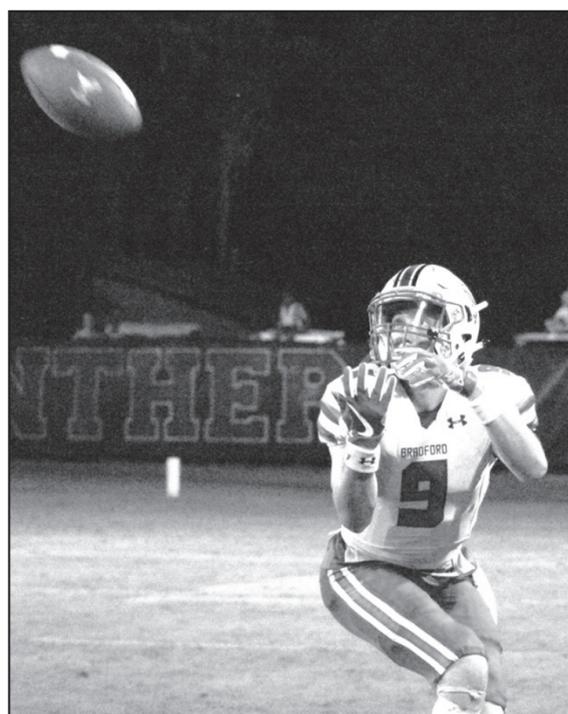
Bradford picked up first downs on two big run plays — one of 16-yards by Vaughn and the other of 31 yards by Ciena, who was now playing quarterback. Ciena completed a 14-yard pass to Thomas to set up first-and-goal at the 10. One play later, Ciena's pass didn't find its original target — Smith — but the tipped ball fell into the hands of Austin Lovell, who was in the end zone. The touchdown came with 11:36 remaining in the game. Davis' PAT made the score 26-9.

Newberry eventually added the final score of the night, which capped a 65-yard drive that consisted of 11 plays after an incomplete pass started the possession. Rashad Opat found the end zone on a six-yard run with 1:35 left to play. Banks' run on the two-point conversion was stopped short of the goal line.

Bradford finished with 134 yards on the ground, with Ciena rushing for 53 on four carries and Vaughn rushing for 46 on 11. Carter had 26 yards on six carries.

Three quarterbacks combined to pass for 100 yards. Carter was 5-of-9 for 60 yards, Ciena 2-of-4 for 24 yards and Smith 1-of-2 for 16 yards.

Tomlinson said the position is still being evaluated.



Adrien Ciena prepares to catch a 23-yard pass in the third quarter.



Jeremiah Vaughn (right) eludes a would-be tackler in his own end zone.

BHS, KHHS volleyball teams square off Aug. 23

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Bradford and Keystone Heights high school volleyball teams, which are both members of District 4 in Class 5A, will play each other on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. in Keystone.

It will be the Indians' first match of the regular season, while the Tornados played district opponent Pierson Taylor

this past Tuesday.

After playing Keystone, Bradford travels to play Middleburg on Friday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m. The Tornados then travel for a 6 p.m. match against Eastside on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Keystone travels to play Columbia on Monday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. The Indians return home to play Union County on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

MEDAL

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as to how the man fared once he was transported to the hospital.

"We were praying for him," Griffis said.

Eight days after the accident, the man's daughter got in touch with Griffis' superior, who then put her in touch with Griffis via phone. She let Griffis know her father was doing fine. Griffis and his wife later met the man — and his family — in person.

"I was able to shake his hand and look him in the eye, which was an awesome feeling," Griffis said.

Griffis was waiting for that bit of good news. Receiving an award, however, was a surprise. He admitted he didn't know much about the Commendation Medal he received until several people who rank higher than him called him and let him know that its recipients are few and far between.

"It really was a humbling experience. Not many people

receive this award," Griffis said, adding that most Commendation Medals seem to be presented to people toward the end of their service careers.

People who've received the award include Sen. John McCain, Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell and actor Glenn Ford.

"It was a pretty cool deal all the way around," Griffis said of being honored.

Also pretty cool are the frequent phone conversations he has with the man whose life he helped save. At first, the man would ask Griffis to recount the specifics of the accident as he saw it, but the two have since tried to move on and put the accident behind them, getting to know each other better.

"We keep in touch and make small talk now," Griffis said.

Griffis said he would willingly help anyone in an accident if he was able to do and counts it as a blessing that he was in the right place at the right time to help the person he did.

"I thank God," he said.

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Tigers' defense is key to start of 2018 season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School Head Football Coach Ronny Pruitt said his team is still seeking an offensive identity, which will be determined once a starting quarterback is named, so to start out with, the play of the defense figures to be a key to early success.

"We're going to have to have a good defense because I don't really know what our MO is yet (on offense)," Pruitt said.

The good news is the Tigers have plenty of experience back on defense, including the top four tacklers in junior defensive back Hosea Robinson (71 tackles), senior linebackers Trevor Rogers (67) and T.J. Robinson (45), and junior lineman Agelu Nunu (38). Nunu also led the team in sacks last season with eight.

In regard to Rogers and T.J. Robinson, Pruitt said, "They're probably two of the better linebackers I've had in quite a while as far as consistently playing well together. They both play downhill. They'll strike you, obviously. They're not super-fast, but they've got good speed



Clayton Connelly (left) and T.J. Robinson work against each other in practice.

to get to the edge. They close on the ball quick."

Pruitt said Rogers has a knack for always knowing where the

ball is going to be and getting there, while Robinson plays well in coverage on the edge.

"Both of them will hit you,"

Pruitt said. "They like to hit. That's what you want in linebackers."

Nunu 1 of 3 experienced linemen

The defensive line returns starters such as Nunu, senior Sidney Johnson and junior J.B. Godwin. Pruitt said Nunu, who was the state runner-up in weightlifting last year, is a force to be reckoned with.

"You can't block him," Pruitt said of the 6-1, 330 lineman. "Even if you double team him, you can't block him. He's just a physical force."

Pruitt said Nunu and Godwin are the two primary leaders of the linemen. He described Godwin as "just a little bulldog. He's just a short, stocky, bulldog-type kid that's quick. He isn't going to run you down by any means, but from tackle to tight end, he moves pretty well."

Johnson may not be as strong,

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Sept. 21	at Baldwin	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Newberry	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Santa Fe (Homecoming)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Fort White	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Taylor County	7:30 p.m.
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quick or talented as some other players, but he's good at everything he does and possesses tremendous knowledge of the game, Pruitt said.

"He does everything the way you coach him," Pruitt said. "He's always in the right spot and

plays with the right technique."

Pruitt said junior Allan McClellon could be a factor on the defensive line as well, or at linebacker or on offense at tight end. McClellon is the younger

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Quarterback Lake Harris pitches the ball to a running back.

UCHS volleyball team opens with loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team opened the regular season against another Class 1A team that qualified for the postseason last year, losing 3-0 (25-19, 25-11, 25-22) to host Trenton on Aug. 20.

Trenton was a regional finalist last year, while the Tigers

advanced all the way to the state championship before losing to Sneads.

Maegan Beatty had 17 assists for Union, while Emily O'Neal had seven digs. Sabrena Howard had five digs, while Summer Fulgham had seven kills and four digs. Mackenzie Bradley and Kylie Stevens each had four kills.

The Tigers played District 6 opponent Crescent City this past Tuesday and will travel to play Bell on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. Union plays its first home match on Monday, Aug. 27, against Williston at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 28, the Tigers travel to play Keystone Heights at 6:30 p.m.



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CRIME

Woman arrested after accusing neighbor of killing dog

Bradford deputies arrested a Starke woman after she struck her neighbor, knocking a mobile phone out of his hand while he was recording an argument.

Kimberly Ann Nugent, 32, was arrested Aug. 15 by Bradford deputies for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant and victim got into an argument after Nugent accused the man of killing her dog.

"Kimberly stated that the victim told her yesterday that he was going to kill one of her dogs today if it kept going into his yard to defecate," wrote arresting officer Tanner R. Foreman in a report.

Tanner added that he walked to the back of the residence and verified that the dog was dead. He noted that the dog had no signs of abuse and had no gunshot wounds.

"Kimberly stated (the victim) poisoned the dog, which was how it died," wrote Tanner.

The deputy then interviewed the victim who agreed that he was tired of the dog coming over to his yard to defecate. However, he denied threatening the dog's life and said he did not poison the animal.

"(The victim) then showed me a video of him having the verbal confrontation with Kimberly across each other's fence line," Tanner wrote. "In the video footage, (the victim) told Kimberly he did not kill her dog after she had accused him of doing so. The video then reveals Kimberly coming across the fence line and striking (the victim's) arm, causing the phone to fall to the ground. (The victim) stated when he went to pick up his phone, Kimberly struck him on his shoulder."

The deputy wrote that later, the defendant admitted to striking the victim, after he called her profane names during the argument.

Lawtey man arrested after confrontation with skateboard, box cutter and gun

Bradford deputies arrested a 36-year-old Lawtey man after he allegedly pointed a handgun at a 19-year-old, then tried to hit the teenager with his vehicle.

Matthew Thomas Franks was arrested Aug. 15 by Bradford deputies for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to an arrest report, the victim said he was riding a bicycle beside his brother, who was skateboarding along County Road 125 when he saw his boss drive by.

The victim said after he waived to his supervisor, the vehicle in front of his boss stopped and the driver was Franks, adding that he and Franks have had previous confrontations.

"(The victim) stated that Matthew exited the vehicle with a utility knife/box cutter and began making threats to harm (the victim)," wrote arresting officer Joseph Silverstein in the report.

The victim added that when he grabbed his brother's skateboard to defend himself, Franks returned to his vehicle and produced a black and silver handgun, pointing it at the victim and racking the slide back several times.

"(The victim and his brother) both stated that was when Matthew made threats to blow (the victim's) brains out," wrote the deputy.

The two pedestrians said they then fled and Franks returned to his vehicle and attempted to run over them.

The deputy then interviewed two Centurylink employees who were working in the area. Both said they were too far away to see the details of the confrontation, but they did confirm that they saw what could have been a handgun in Franks' possession and they



Nugent



Franks



Homer

saw the defendant adjusting the object. They also said they saw the defendant's vehicle swerve in the direction of the victim and his brother.

Franks told Silverstein that as he was driving by the cyclist and skateboarder, the victim "flipped him off."

He added that he stopped to ask the 19-year-old if he was still upset about their previous disagreement.

Franks said the victim said yes, started hurling vulgarities at him and grabbed the skateboard from his brother, swinging it toward Franks. The defendant said he then attempted to defend himself by producing the box cutter.

"Matthew advised that as (the victim) continued to approach him, he retreated to his vehicle and grabbed his firearm," wrote Silverstein. "Matthew stated that he did rack the slide back a few times, but he never pointed it at (the victim)."

Franks also said that while he did make a U-turn on the road while leaving the scene, he never tried to hit the brothers with his vehicle.

In other arrests:

BRADFORD COUNTY

Javares Lamar Barnes, 37, of Starke was arrested Aug. 19 by Lawtey police for possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kimberly Anne Callan, 41, of Starke was arrested Aug. 15 by Starke police for a probation violation.

Garrett Lamar Drayton, 26, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 16 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Daniel Smith Griffis, 34, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant and two probation violations.

Teresa Ashley Hollingsworth, 30, was arrested Aug. 13 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Dustin Ziek Homer, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested

Aug. 14 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to an arrest report, the defendant came over to her house and began acting wild, fighting with her. As the day wore on, the defendant grew angry and spat in the victim's face.

"At this time she got up to let him out when he spat on her again and she slapped him in the face," wrote arresting officer Dalton Sumner in a report.

Leslie Michelle Parrish, 36, of Lake City was arrested Aug. 16 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Andrew Warren Simmons, 28, of Valdosta, Georgia, was arrested Aug. 16 by Starke police for two probation violations.

Heather Lucille Smith, 23, of Lake City was arrested Aug. 16 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Mark Duwayne Williams, 62, of Starke was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

James William Young, 45, of Keystone Heights was arrested Aug. 17 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

UNION COUNTY

Mark Estin Crawford, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 18 by Union deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Michael David Dudley Jr., 37, was arrested Aug. 15 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Richard Leroy Hall, 25, of Middleburg was arrested Aug. 9 by Union deputies for criminal mischief with property damage, burglary and larceny.

Calvin Leonard Hill, 21, of Gainesville was arrested Aug. 13 by Union deputies for a probation violation.

Teresa Phillips Kent, 54, of Alachua was arrested Aug. 17 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Marty Hunt Kuczenska, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 13 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Willie Jerome Newsome, 19, of Lawtey was arrested Aug. 14 by Union deputies for battery.

Ashley Seay, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested Aug. 14 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

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Obituaries

Rosemary Daurer

MELROSE — Rosemary Baxa Daurer, 90, died unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at her home in Melrose. She was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College with a major in physical education. She taught in Chicago and later worked at the Museum of Science and Industry.

She and her late husband, Joe Daurer, moved to the Melrose area more than 60 years ago. She earned a master's degree from the University of Florida and taught at the P. K. Yonge Laboratory School before retiring in 1973. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Daurer; her parents, James and Mary Kubat Baxa; and brothers, Robert Baxa and James Baxa Jr.

Surviving are her cousin, Evelyn Veri of Homer Glen, Illinois; niece, Carol (Kent) Strang; and nephew Randy (Sue) Overmyer from Indiana.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 17 in the Eliam Cemetery in Melrose, with the Rev. Tony Powell officiating. Forest Meadows Funeral Home in Gainesville is in charge of arrangements.



Thomas Gillmore

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Thomas "Tom" Daniel Gillmore, 78, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at the V.A. Hospital in Gainesville. He was born Oct. 1, 1939, in Salamanca, New York, to Bradley and Jennie (Phillips) Gillmore. In 1957, he joined the United States Navy and retired as chief in 1978. Following his first retirement he started a new career and retired a second time as a QA Specialist from the Civil Service. In 2006, he made Keystone Heights his home and was of the Presbyterian faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, David Mills Gillmore and Thomas Daniel Gillmore II; and his son-in-law, Michael Higginbotham.

Survivors are: his wife of 59 years, Marjory Ann (Freyermuth) Gillmore, and daughter, Janean Higginbotham, both of Keystone Heights; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31, in the Jones Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with military honors. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

Tyrone Tyson

ORLANDO — Tyrone A. Tyson of Orlando died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, at Vitas Inpatient Care Center. He attended the local churches in the community. He retired as a laborer and truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra DeSue Tyson; son, Tyrone A. Tyson Jr.; daughters, Shardee Tyson and Tierra Tyson; father, Albert Tyson; mother, Ruthell Tyson; brother, Stanley Tyson; sisters, Jeanett Tyson, Charlene Early and Lynett Register; four grandchildren; mother-in-law, Jarutha DeSue; brother-in-law, Glen DeSue; sister-in-law, Carol Jones; and many other family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, in the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Lawtey with Pastor James E. Rackley conducting the services. Interment will be held in Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., Starke. There will be no viewing on Friday. The repast will be held at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church immediately following the interment. The family will line up at the church at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Calvin Watson

LAKE BUTLER — Calvin Gene Watson, 69, of Lake Butler died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018. He was born on March 22, 1949, in Cullman, Alabama, to the late Etheridge and Annie Watson. He worked as a truck driver for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Watson; children, Julie, Kevin, Brandi, Tonja, Jennifer and Misty; stepchildren, Crystal and Josh; siblings, Carol, Charlotte, Sheila, and Ricky; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and many other family members.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

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Gravesite Grinch sentenced to 3 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A woman who Bradford deputies said stole hundreds of dollars in gravesite decorations to support a methamphetamine addiction was sentenced to three years in prison.

Jenni Marie Hudkins was also sentenced to two years drug offender probation.

The sheriff's office said Hudkins swiped Christmas decorations from graves in Crosby Lake and Brown cemeteries before Christmas 2017 and sold the items to a Starke thrift store.

In other news from the Aug. 14 Bradford County criminal court dockets:

James Dwight Akins pleaded not guilty to the June 16 offense of lewd and lascivious molestation on a child under 12. According to an arrest report, the victim was sleeping alone in a bedroom when the defendant entered the room around 4 a.m. The girl told investigators that Akins rubbed his hand both under and over her clothing. When she turned over to make him stop, the defendant ran out of the room.

The State Attorney's office dropped charges against Abdulrahman Alshammari for the July 1 offense of driving without a valid license.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Christopher Alan Bibby for the June 11 offense of attaching a tag not assigned.

Crystal Lynn Braswell was sentenced to 12 months' probation and 50 hours of community service for the Oct. 19, 2017, offense of DUI. She was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine and court costs and her driver's license was suspended for six months.

Timothy Lee Brooks was sentenced to 30 days in jail and one-month probation for the July 29, 2017, offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license. He was also ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs.

Malina Gayle Browning was sentenced to 120 days in jail for the June 30 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked



Hudkins

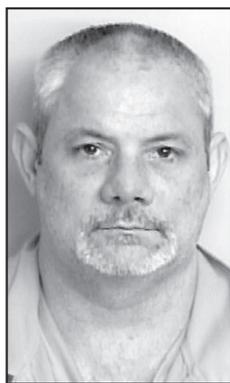
license - habitual offender.

Daylon Cayl Burnette was sentenced to six months' probation for the June 18 offense of leaving the scene of an accident with more than \$50 in property damage.

James A. Conn was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 364 days' probation and 50 hours of community service for the Feb. 19 offenses of DUI and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. His license was suspended for six months and he was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Brian Sean Copeland was sentenced to 36 months in prison for the Nov. 22, 2017, offense of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. According to an arrest report, the defendant threatened the victim with a butcher knife, and when the victim attempted to leave the residence, he attacked her. Arresting officer John Riles of the Starke Police Department wrote in a report that he found the victim at the Griffis Loop Circle K, wearing only panties and covered in blood. He wrote that the victim had a laceration on her right shoulder, a contusion under her left eye, a fracture on her right hand and a small laceration on her left foot.

John Joseph Danella Jr. was sentenced to 80 days in jail, 12 months' probation, ordered to attend anger management counseling and was prohibited from contact with the victim for the May 25 offense of improper exhibition of a dangerous weapon. According to an arrest report, the defendant pulled a pocket knife on a man at the Lost Valley Campground. The defendant told a deputy that he showed the knife because he thought three men were about to attack him. However, witnesses contradicted the defendant's claim.



Copeland

Eddie Devon Dean was sentenced to 12 months' probation and 50 hours of community service for the March 25 offense of resisting an officer without violence. According to an arrest report, a Bradford deputy was investigating an assault complaint when the intoxicated defendant repeatedly interfered in an interview the deputy was conducting.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Edgar Garcia-Hernandez for the June 24 offense of driving without a valid license.



Danella

Marie Green was sentenced to 120 days in jail for the March 21 offense of possession of cocaine.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Shamira Deloris Green for the July 5 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Charles D. Henley was sentenced to 120 days in jail for the June 2 offenses of fleeing and eluding, driving with a suspended or revoked license and resisting an officer without violence. His license was also suspended for one year.



Miller

Michael Thomas Ivey Jr. was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three months' probation for the June 16 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kimberly M. Johns pleaded not guilty to the July 24 offenses of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mark Timothy Kurimay was sentenced to 14 days in jail and 18 months drug offender probation for the April 26 offenses of possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of



Thompkins

drug paraphernalia.

Cecil Alton Litton was sentenced to 15 days in jail for the April 25 offenses of attaching a tag not assigned and driving with a suspended or revoked license. He was also ordered to pay a \$75 fine for the June 6 offenses of driving a vehicle not registered and driving without a valid license.

David Kelly Long was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the July 5 offense

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ARRESTS

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Joey Richard Snerperger, 22, of Alachua was arrested Aug. 17 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

James D. Willis, 32, was arrested Aug. 15 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and possession of narcotics equipment.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION

Ryan Edward Brunsmann, 21, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 18 by Clay deputies for retail petit theft.

Lynn Idell Conner, 41, was arrested in Keystone Heights Aug. 15 by Clay deputies for simple battery.

Donald Jack Warren, 51, was arrested Aug. 13 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Service

Cornwall graduates basic military training

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Ethan Cornwall graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Ethan Cornwall

Community College of the Air Force.

Cornwall is the son of Jerry Cornwall of Starke. He is a 2016 graduate of Hope Christian Academy.

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Tigers trump Trojans in 20-6 triumph

BY KIM BOX

Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

A sparse crowd of die-hard Union County Tiger and Hamilton County Trojan football fans persevered first under umbrellas and then through high humidity as they cheered on their teams in an Aug. 17 preseason classic in Lake Butler.

The Tigers' varsity team ended the first half with one touchdown to Hamilton's none. While the Trojans did score a touchdown in the second half, the Union junior varsity team came out on top in that half as well, with the final score of the full game being 20-6.

If Hamilton County was seeking an excuse for its loss, deep digging would not have been required. Just four days before Friday's game, Hamilton's head coach, Ric Whittington, resigned.

Coming from Williston High School, Whittington had only been in his position as head coach at Hamilton since March. Another assistant coach that had come from Williston resigned as well. He accepted an assistant coaching position at Madison County.

On the Tigers' sideline, the coaching staff looked much the same as last year, with one exception. Rufus Jefferson, last year's defensive line coach, was fired last year as Union County's head basketball coach and, as a result, is no longer part of the football staff either.

The Tiger defense gave a strong performance, giving the offense a lot of play time. Sidney Johnson and J.B. Godwin stopped the Trojans' first plays of the game short. With assistance from Chesley Bivens, Godwin also completed a sack before the end of Hamilton County's first drive.



Union quarterback Lance Thornton (far right) carries the ball. Photos by Lola Lacy.

On the Tigers' first play of its first possession, Trevor Rogers ran the ball up the middle. Throughout the game, Rogers gained significant yardage with that same play. It was Jaelen Watkins' turn to run the ball next.

Keyshawn Young picked up the next first down on two runs, and Watkins came close to another first down, bringing up third-and-short at the 15-yard line. Watkins picked up the first on a carry to the 12-yard line, but second down brought no gain and ended the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, Young carried the ball to the seven-yard line, with five yards to go for the first. The fourth down brought the Tigers to the five-yard line. Watkins was the first to carry the ball across

the goal line, scoring the first touchdown of the game.

Hamilton County's next possession was almost ended by a near interception by Union's Alonzo Perry. A few plays later, the Trojans punted to the 19-yard line.

The last Tigers possession of the half was a nail-biter with a heartbreaking outcome. Hamilton County's punt rolled dead at the 50-yard line. On the first play, junior quarterback Lance Thornton kept the ball and ran up the middle.

The Tigers then lost some yardage on the next few downs. Young then ran seven yards for a first. Watkins caught a pass from Thornton and ran it to the 38-yard line.

After the Tigers gained a first down and found themselves within scoring range, Thornton, who had a great premiere as varsity quarterback, unfortunately showed his inexperience in his last few minutes of play time. With time running down on the clock, in the last few seconds of the half, Thornton lost valuable seconds on several plays before realizing he should spike the ball to stop the clock.

With time so crunched, all the players tensed up. Jaylon Diston barely missed a pass in the end zone, which he would most likely have been completed had everyone not been so on edge.

The buzzer blared, and the Tigers dejectedly headed for the locker room. One of the water

boys said, "This ain't going to be a good halftime."

Something must have turned around for the team in the locker room because the Tigers who emerged hit the ground running, but then so did their opposition. Hamilton County never gave up the entire game.

On the Tigers' first possession



Mitchell Rizer (foreground) gives the touchdown signal on a score by Jaeln Watkins.

after stopping the Trojan punt on the 40-yard line, minutes into the second half, Rogers ran the ball in a fantastic series of plays. His longest run of 37 yards ended with a first down on the seven-yard line.

Rogers then ran the final yard on a third down for six points. The PAT by Alex Perez was good.

Union intercepted a Hamilton County ball after only three downs. Within only a few plays of

their next possession, the Tigers scored their last touchdown of the game, making the score 20-0.

In a totally unexpected twist several possessions later, the Trojans fielded a punt and ran it all the way back for a touchdown. The game ended in a 20-6 Tigers win much the same way the half ended, with the Tigers carrying the ball all the way to the four-yard line before the buzzer sounded.

Freshman quarterback Martin Odom, JV running back Holtzendorf and a host of other JV players worked extremely well together in the second half.

Another active game player who left it all on the field was right tackle and defensive tackle Jamari Williams. He is a tall, well-built junior, who looks like he was born to play football, but this is his first year playing.

When asked why he decided to play this year, he said, "Just to try it."

Well, he has now tried it and decided that he likes it.

"I really enjoyed it," Williams said. "I want to get off the line quicker in the coming games."

The interaction of the JV Tigers players made the second half of this season opener quite memorable and entertaining.

"I had a lot of fun that second half. Did y'all have fun?" Head Coach Ronny Pruitt asked his team in the post-game huddle.

"This was something to build on, and the young guys got some play," Pruitt said. "That's what I wanted."

Union's next varsity game is a match-up with Williston High School at Williston on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m.



Keyshawn Young (foreground) looks to sprint past a Hamilton County defender.

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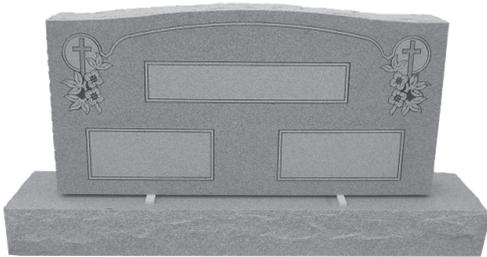
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Varsity Indians drop preseason half 23-0

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Ridgeview's Tyler Huff passed for 151 yards and a touchdown leading the varsity Panthers to a 23-0 win over Keystone Heights in the first half of the two team's preseason game. The schools' junior varsity teams faced off in the second half.

Huff completed 13 of 15 passes en route to the double-digit margin of victory.

The Panthers' first score came on an eight-play, 67-yard drive midway through the first quarter. Huff threw for completions of 17, 8 and 20 yards while Jaiden Turner tacked on rushes of six and nine yards, completing the drive with a 5-yard walk into the end zone.

Matt Koziolk added the point after touchdown giving the visitors a 7-0 lead.

The Indians came to life with just over 10 minutes left in the second quarter when the Keystone defense forced a Ridgeview fumble at the Keystone 1-yard line. However, two plays later Panther defenders caught Keystone's quarterback in the endzone, resulting in a safety and a 9-0 Panther lead.

With the Indians backed up deep in their own territory midway through the second quarter, Ridgeview's Jacob Myer



The Keystone defense, including Carter Semione (22) and Josh Hughes (63), close in on Ridgeview running back Jaiden Turner.

picked off a Keystone pass on the Indian 7. On the next play Huff connected with Turner on a 7-yard completion and Koziolk added the extra point, extending Ridgeview's lead to 16-0.

The Panthers completed their scoring with 2:58 left in the half after recovering an errant

Keystone pitch on the Indian 33.

A Keystone penalty and two Nathan Schad rushes of 5 yards each took the ball to the Keystone 5, where Rey Gonzalez capped the drive with a 5-yard run.

Keystone travels to Fernandina Beach for its season opener tomorrow night at 7.



Ty Friedlin gets off a punt.

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The SREC office is located at 1210 Andrews Circle in Starke.



Keystone quarterback Gage Stevens scrambles while Andrew Cox (7), Joey Baxter (78) and Tyler Cumbus (56) provide protection.

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of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Samantha Joy Lumpkins was sentenced to 30 days in weekend jail, 12 months' probation and 50 hours of community service for the April 28 offenses of DUI and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage greater than \$50. Her driver's license was suspended for six months.

Johnathan Joseph Martinez was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the June 6 offense of leaving the scene of an accident with greater than \$50 in property damage.

Traci Hunter Mickel signed a pre-trial intervention agreement for the Dec. 19, 2017, offense of introduction of contraband into a county detention facility.

Mariam Hodge Miller was sentenced to 105 days in jail and 36 months' probation for the Sept. 14, 2017, offense of child neglect without great bodily harm. She is also required to wear a GPS tracking device and may have no contact with the victim.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was verbally abusive to a child in her custody, homeschooled the student, but failed to offer individual help, leaving the child on a computer with educational software that the student could not understand. In addition, when the minor told the defendant she was sexually involved with an adult neighbor, the defendant failed to protect the child from the neighbor.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Francisco Morales for the June

27 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Lou Jean Oats was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the July 11 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license — third conviction.

Earnest James Pearcey was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs for the July 3 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Vanessa Lynn Phillips was sentenced to two days in jail and 18 month's drug offender probation for the July 8, 2017, offense of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Giovanna Carman Rey pleaded not guilty to the July 14 offense of introducing contraband into a state prison. According to an arrest report, a correctional officer caught the defendant trying to smuggle two, vacuum-sealed pouches containing 400 cigarettes into Florida State Prison by concealing the pouches in her crotch area.

Reeva Vendell Rogers was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs for the June 27 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against John David Ruble for the July 2 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Judith Diana Salle pleaded not guilty to the July 23 offense of grand theft.

Randolph Lee Salle Jr. pleaded not guilty to the July 23 offense of grand theft.

The State Attorney's Office dropped charges against Alexis Sherree Sanders for the May

22 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Raymond Anthony Smith was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs for the June 17 offense of driving without a valid license.

Kevin Laroy Sullivan was sentenced to 30 days in weekend jail and three months' probation for the May 19 offense of driving without a valid license.

Philip Leigh Taylor was sentenced to 364 days' probation for the June 13 offense of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Eddie L. Thompkins III was sentenced to 110 days in jail for the April 25 offense of felony battery. According to an arrest report, the defendant and victim have a child in common and got into an argument after leaving Starke's Walmart because they had forgotten something. The defendant struck the victim two to three times in the face with his fist before the victim hit back and stated, "Stop hitting me." After the fight, the couple picked up their daughter from daycare.

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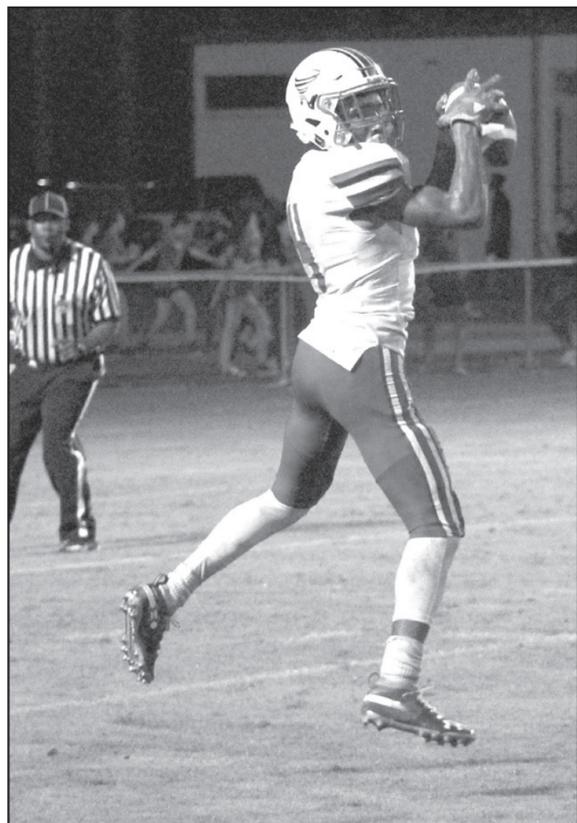
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Nedro Davis intercepts a pass in the third quarter.



Shaytron Cotton (background) tries to disrupt a play as Newberry players scramble to recover a fumble.



Nedro Davis (left) and Tylan Davis bring down Newberry running back Rashad Opat.

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"I'd love to be able to tell you who's going to start (against Taylor County)," he said. "I think we're going to be all right with whoever we choose."

Ciena led the Tornadoes in receiving with 47 yards on two catches. Thomas caught two passes for 17 yards.

Tomlinson liked some of

what he saw offensively and defensively, saying, "When they execute like we teach them to, they do some things well. I'm pleased with that."

However, Tomlinson told his players after the game that some positions were going to be up for grabs, so he expected to see tremendous effort in practices.

"There are a few (positions) where we're going to make some changes," Tomlinson said. "Hopefully, it lights a fire under them."

Socials

Kembro celebrates 90 years

Jessie Kembro celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 9 at a dinner in her honor with friends, family and all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren present.



Jessie Kembro

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brother of a former Tiger who's been a standout at North Carolina Central University.

"He's fast and likes to hit," Pruitt said. "That's Alden McClellon's little brother. If I can get him as good as Alden was, I'll be smiling."

Robinson a leader in defensive backfield

Hosea Robinson returns as a starter at strong safety. Pruitt said what he likes about Robinson is that he's a leader and a physical player who at 6-0, 190, can have an impact as a college player.

"He knows where everybody's supposed to be and comes downhill to strike you. He's one of those kids who can have a good career at the next level."

Senior Jaylon Diston also brings experience at one of the corner positions. Diston recorded 30 tackles last season.

Other players in the mix in the secondary include senior Jaelen Watkins, junior Alonzo Perry and sophomore B.J. Harvey.

Pruitt said a lot of those secondary players lack height, but they make up for it in speed and their physical style of play.

OL is experienced, while players must step in to fill leading rusher's shoes

Offensively, the strength of the team is its line, which returns four starters in Godwin, Johnson and seniors John Manning and Jackson Pilcher. Pruitt said Johnson is probably the leader of that group because of his knowledge and versatility.

"He can play all five positions," Pruitt said. "He can remember all the plays. On the field, he's one of those guys that brings his lunch box and is going to give you his best effort. He's not a real verbal, loud guy. He's somewhat quiet, but he'll do any and everything you ask. He's just a soldier and a quiet leader on the team."

Manning and Pilcher are "just now getting back into the groove," Pruitt said, alluding to Manning's return from a broken hand in the spring and Pilcher's return from knee surgery.

The line won't be paving the way for Charles Strong anymore as Strong, who accounted for all but 685 of the team's 2,083 rushing yards, has graduated and is now at Texas A&M University.

Two of the players Union will rely upon in the backfield are senior Keyshawn Young and Rogers, who rushed for 248 and 199 yards, respectively, last season. Each averaged six yards per carry in 2017.



Lineman Sidney Johnson gets work in with a tackling sled.



Defensive lineman Agelu Nunu gets some agility and speed work in.



Jackson Pilcher (above) is one of four returning starters on the offensive line along with J.B. Godwin, Sidney Johnson and John Manning.

"Trevor's one of our leaders," Pruitt said. "Last year, he shared the backfield with (Strong), so he was able to play a whole lot more defense. This year, we really need him on defense, but he's going to have to come over to the other side."

Rogers has played fullback, but Pruitt said Rogers took reps at halfback during the team's Aug. 13 practice and looked as if he had been playing that position

all along. "Trevor brings so much football intelligence to the game," Pruitt said. "He is one of those you want — a coachable kid. You tell him something, and he knows what to do. He's played the game so long, he's got the instincts to play any position and play it well."

Young is valuable at multiple positions. He'll line up in the backfield and at wide receiver.



Keyshawn Young looks to be a threat at running back and wide receiver.

He led the team last year with 22 catches for 261 yards and four touchdowns.

"Keyshawn's an athlete," Pruitt said. "He's that receiver, running back, DB-type kid that can play."

As to Young's versatility, Pruitt said, "It makes things on the sideline a little easier on Friday nights."

Hosea Robinson, described by Pruitt as a "big, fast kid," looks to figure in the mix in the backfield as well, along with Watkins and junior Tevon Lee. Pruitt said Lee, who moved up from junior varsity late last season, could be a vital part of the offense if fully healthy (he's on crutches right now).

"He isn't very big, but when he turns it up, he gets north and south quick," Pruitt said. "For

what we're running, that's kind of what you have to do."

QB spot up for grabs, while Perez returns to give boost to special teams

Who'll hand the ball off to those backs is still to be determined as junior Lance

Thornton and sophomore Lake Harris are both taking snaps in practice. Thornton is 5-6, 130, but Pruitt said, "He's got good feet. Runs the ball real well. Tough as nails." Harris is more of the "drop back-type kid" at 6-0, 150.

"They're both great kids. Very smart," Pruitt said. "If I could combine both of them, then I'd be doing really well. We've got one that's stronger in one area and one is stronger in the other."

Besides Young, other players who'll factor in at wide receiver include Diston and Perry. Pruitt said Diston is "super-fast," while Perry, a basketball player who went out for football this past spring, "can get out in space and do well."

Also look for junior Mitchell Rizer to contribute at receiver.

The special-teams unit has a key returner in senior Alex Perez, who handles placekicking duties. Perez made 23 of 27 PATs last season.

Pruitt said punting will most likely be handled by Watkins, who not only punts well, but "gives us a lot of options for fakes and stuff."

Staying healthy

Pruitt said with so many of his players needing to play both offense and defense, or multiple positions on one side of the ball, it is vital that the Tigers keep players on the field.

By his own admission, Pruitt said the Tigers have a couple of smaller schools on the schedule, which could benefit the Tigers at the beginning of the season and at the end. However, the schedule consists of six teams in classes 3A or 4A, including playoff qualifiers Newberry and Taylor County. Fellow Class 1A teams on the schedule are playoff qualifiers Dixie County and Williston.

"We've got to try to avoid injuries," Pruitt said.

Younger players may have to step up. Union has as many sophomores as it does seniors.

"There's a whole lot to be learned and a whole lot of potential," Pruitt said of his younger players, "but we've got to develop it."

Union, which played a preseason kickoff classic against Hamilton County on Aug. 17 (see related story), opens the regular season at Williston on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers play their first home game the following week against Merritt Island Christian on Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m.

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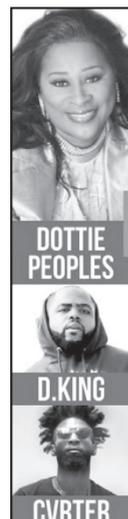
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Teal Tile serves area for more than 40 years

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Keeping a business running and successful these days, with all of the economic ups and downs over the past several decades, is an achievement. Keeping a business running and successful for more than 40 years takes skill, luck and a great deal of dedication. In Starke, one such enterprise is Teal Tile, a family business that has become a mainstay in the downtown area.

Ken Teal was born in Durham, North Carolina, in 1944. After high school and the Air Force, he moved to Orlando in 1968 to work for a bank, then in 1970 took another job while attending Valencia Junior College.

He drove a truck delivering newspapers to the old Jackson Building in Starke, which is now property owned by Teal Tile. He earned an associate degree in business and met his wife, Vicki, while in Orlando. While in Central Florida, he also went to work at the order desk of Atlantic Distributors, a flooring wholesaler.

The couple moved to Lake City when he took a sales job, covering north Florida and southeast Georgia for a floor covering business there. A year later, Teal went to work for a company in Gainesville, moving to Keystone Heights. When the Gainesville company was sold in 1976, he decided to open his own business in Starke, first located in the storefront that now is filled by Scarlett's.

"I always did sales," Teal said. "I was never an installer, but I knew installers and hired them. Then, as now, most of my installers are from out of town and I am still very selective about who I hire."

Vicki came to work at Teal Tile after the first year. Their only child, Kim, was born in 1973 and came to work in the family business in 1992 when she was 19 years old.

Kim and her husband, Kevin Hamilton, are the future of the business. The Teals grandchildren, Ty and Kensley, have also participated in the family enterprise, working summers. Ty is now attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural



(L-R) Kim Hamilton, Vicki Teal and Ken Teal work as a family to provide quality floor covering to all their customers.

College in Tifton, Georgia, and Kensley is a senior at Union County High School and has a softball scholarship to attend Lander University in South Carolina in the fall of 2019.

Teal said he started with a couple of installers and a secretary. Now, he employs about

40 people, plus subcontractors.

"The stock here never changes," Teal said. "We sell carpet, flooring and ceramic tile. The specifics of the items may change, with so many things getting improved over the years, but the basic type of things we sell never changes — simply

floor coverings."

Teal said that customer demand has changed over the years. He said people are mostly buying hard surface flooring now, mainly because it is easy to keep clean.

Teal Tile sells and installs for individuals, but Teal said about

80 percent of their business is commercial.

"We do government buildings, schools and offices," he said. "We have annual contracts with University of Florida Housing, Duval County schools, Alachua County Schools and most of the other school boards in northeast

Florida."

Teal said there are few unexpected occurrences in his businesses, and the ones that come to mind when asked are usually pleasant ones.

"Sometimes we will get a job and, when the installer goes out to do his work, he will find an old Teal Tile business card under the old flooring, dated and left there by the previous installer. It may have been years, but it makes us feel good that a customer comes back to us."

Teal Tile works to be involved in the community. The company annually funds two scholarships through Communities in Schools' Take Stock in Children program, is among the original backers of the annual Shop with a Cop program and is a major supporter of FFA and 4-H through the swine and beef sales at the Bradford County Fair.

"Starke has been good to us," Vicki said. "We have been blessed with the support of this great community for 42 years and we are proud to take care of all of our customers, both new and returning. None of this would have been accomplished without the dedication of our employees — the Teal family."

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