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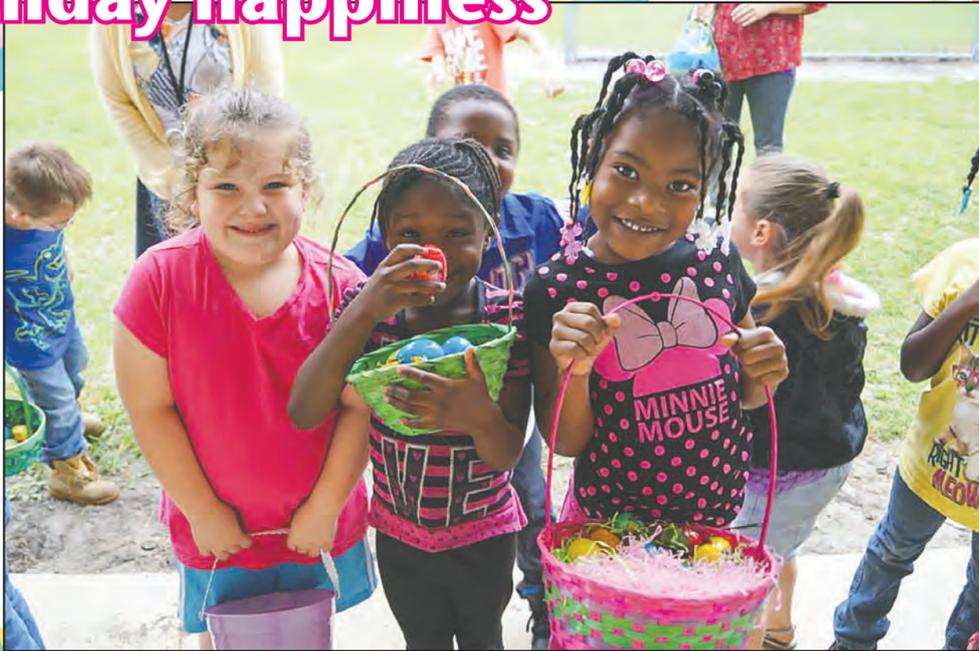
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Holiday happiness



Kindergarteners at Southside Elementary School—including Willow Sampson, Sariah Beard and Leonta Pernell—were treated to an Easter egg hunt before the holiday. For more photos, see inside. Photos provided by Brian Graham.

Former mayor found guilty

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor



Barry L. Moore

Former Hampton Mayor Barry Moore was convicted on two drug-related counts late Tuesday night.

After a daylong trial, the jury deliberated less than two hours, according to Bradford County Sheriff's Office Capt. Brad Smith. Moore was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and dealing in a controlled substance.

According to an investigation that led to his arrest last November, Moore was dealing in Oxycodone.

Foreshadowing the scandal that embroiled the city of Hampton when the results of a state audit were made public in January, Moore's arrest made headlines, and even drew comparison to Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, another public figure notorious for drug abuse and outrageous behavior.

Moore, however, had only been mayor for a few months, and his problems were completely separate from Hampton's, except that his attainment of office was perhaps another example of the lack of vigilance that got the town into trouble. His past included arrests for driving with a suspended license, violating probation and battery.

Moore was suspended when he was arrested and has since resigned from office, apologizing for any embarrassment he caused the city.

Moore has been in jail since his arrest and that will continue until his sentencing, which is scheduled for June 10. Judge Robert Groeb said Moore should be held given previous failures to appear for court.

Not so fast! County challenging Starke annexation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County wants the city of Starke to relinquish a portion of U.S. 301 annexed in 2006 and has consulted the Florida attorney general for a ruling on the matter.

It is also challenging the recent annexation of the property where the new Badcock Furniture store will be built.

Sheriff Gordon Smith and his staff appeared before the county commission April 17 to explain the dilemma posed by the Starke's highway annexations.

"If we don't fix it now, it's only going to create a further problem. It's an issue of right or wrong to me," Smith said.

Sgt. Ray Shuford, director of communications and emergency 911 for the sheriff's office, highlighted some of the problems discovered when they were researching the current and past annexations on 301 south of the city.

In 2005, Starke annexed the Walmart Supercenter. It was contiguous with the city's sprayfield, and the annexation kept the retailer in the city limits in exchange for the extension of city water and wastewater. It is not being challenged.

In 2006, the city commission annexed the traffic signal at Walmart for traffic control purposes, but it did so by annexing the U.S. 301 corridor south of the existing city limits to Walmart. This is the first problematic annexation, according to Shuford.

In annexing the 301 corridor, Starke created three separate enclaves on the west side of the highway—areas that were outside of the city limits but were bounded on all sides by property or right of way inside the city limits.

Enclaves are unlawful, and the confusion they create is detrimental from the viewpoint of public safety, Shuford said. Countywide, addressing follows a national standard to get police, firefighters and paramedics where they are needed.

"The whole idea behind this is that the addresses we create are supposed to help first responders get to people faster," Shuford said. "If we create something that's going to slow any of that down or create any confusion, then we have eliminated the whole purpose



Bradford School District Teacher of the Year Frances Jethro is shown with eager first-grade readers: (front row, l-r) Ricky Brennan, Johnny Mabry, Alexis Lane and Ashton Griffis, (second row) Jaleyah Williams, Patricia Dugan, (third row, standing) Anthony Bennett, Kendall Cook, Samantha Harrell, Gracie Durrance and Amy Johnson.

Brooker teacher named top in district

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Telegraph

Frances Jethro is Brooker Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. She was also selected to represent the Bradford school district and will go forward to compete as Florida's Teacher of the Year.

Jethro teaches first grade at Brooker Elementary and has been in the Bradford system for only three years. She and her family live in Gainesville. She taught one year at Southside Elementary

School in Starke, and asked for a transfer to shorten her daily drive. Now, she gets to work and home again with no more than a pleasant, rural, 20-minute commute.

"It takes that long to get from one side of Gainesville to the other," she said last week.

Frances and Jay, her husband of 32 years, have two boys, one 22 and another 16. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but said she doesn't advertise that much in the South. She was raised in south

Florida and went to college at Lee University in Tennessee. She did some graduate work at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Jethro has almost 25 years of teaching experience. She has taught in Tennessee and in Florida, in private Christian schools and in public schools. Inside school settings, she has taught kindergarten through middle school, and outside school settings she has also taught art and dance.

Since there are only eight teachers at Brooker Elementary, it wasn't surprising that she had a shot at the school's Teacher of the Year title. But, she said, she wasn't prepared for the day Bradford School Superintendent Chad Farnsworth walked into her classroom to tell her she was the district's choice, too.

"I didn't know what to say," she said. "I just stood there looking at him. I mean I knew what he was

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Worth Noting

Food pantry open at True Vine

True Vine Ministry has a food pantry that is open to the public on the second and fourth Tuesday and Thursday of each month. On Tuesday, the food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Thursday, the pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m.

Each household that visits the True Vine food pantry is eligible to receive food on one Tuesday and one Thursday each month.

Bread and produce only are available twice a month, on the first Tuesday and the third Thursday, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please call True Vine Ministry at 904-964-9264.

Hampton crossing closing

The railroad crossing on C.R. 221 at Griffin Industries will be closed from Thursday to Saturday, April 24-26.

This work was postponed from an earlier date.

Master Gardener plant sale April 26

Bradford Master Gardeners will host a butterfly and hummingbird plant sale on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bradford County Extension Office.

The annual Spring Fling event will feature the sale of flowering perennials that are colorful and may be used as part of a butterfly landscape.

There will also be information demonstrations on soil testing, vertical growing system construction and methods, butterfly gardening and composting to make use of yard waste.

Milkweed, Ajuga and Gaura are just a few of the plants for sale for \$3 per six inch pot. The plants were grown in compliance with the Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services standards. See the Bradford County Extension website to see pictures of plants for sale on the posted flyer.

Bringing a soil sample from your lawn or garden. Master Gardeners will help you fill out the form required to submit the sample, take your payment and transport soil samples to the soil testing lab in Gainesville for analysis.

The extension office is located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Call 904-966-6299 to find out more about the Spring Fling.

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Note veterans service office schedule

The Bradford County Veterans Service Office will be closed Tuesday to Thursday, May 6-8 for training. Normal hours are Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Tuesday hours vary. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-966-6385 for an appointment.

Arson investigation uncovers theft ring

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The investigation of a fire that destroyed a Melrose-area convenience store uncovered a theft ring that detectives say victimized over 50 houses and businesses in a four-county area.

According to a Clay County Sheriff's Office report, hours after deputies responded to a blaze at Nick's Quick Stop, a Chevron-branded convenience store at the corner of S.R. 21 and Lakeview Road, Detective Stacey E. Durham made contact with two suspects.

The April 14 fire gutted the structure, which lies inside Clay County but is within 300 feet of Putnam and Bradford counties.



Mathew Cemer

Durham wrote that Mathew Ryan Cemer, 14, and Frederick James Martin, 18, met him two blocks from Nick's Quick Stop.

Durham transported the two suspects to Cemer's home in Putnam County, and asked Putnam deputies to obtain a search warrant for the house.

Once inside the residence, investigators found \$1,000 worth of cigarettes and tobacco



Frederick Martin

products, a computer and other merchandise from the convenience store. They also discovered hundreds of items of stolen property associated with numerous burglaries. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said detectives determined the stolen items are from more than 50 burglaries committed in Bradford, Clay, Alachua and Putnam Counties.



Casey Gaffney

Putnam deputies arrested Cemer and Martin for burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief. They also arrested Kenneth Baldinelli, 14, of Melrose for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft, and Adam Boyd, 14, of Melrose on the same charges.

In addition, Putnam deputies charged Cemer's parents, Casey Marie Gaffney, 33, and Michael



Michael Lavane

David Lavane, 38, both of Melrose with child neglect and dealing in stolen property.

On April 22, Clay deputies served arrest warrants on Martin and Cemer, charging them with burglary, grand theft and arson for crimes committed at Nick's Quick Stop.

County: We'll take animal control and zoning

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The Bradford County Commission is abandoning any fee for animal control services from the city of Starke.

Starke's government won't be expected to supplement the county's animal control budget in any way—part of County Chairman Danny Riddick's plan to put the disagreements of the past to rest and work together more important matters, like economic development.

Riddick told the county commission it would be the start of good things.

In addition to accepting sole responsibility for animal control services, the county commission also wants Starke to turn its building and zoning services back over to the county.

Riddick said they represented the entire county, so this was the "right and proper thing to do."

"It's best for everybody," Riddick said.

Giving up on the animal control fee was bitter pill for some to swallow. Commissioner Ross Chandler, however, said the

county wasn't losing anything; it hasn't received any animal control fee from the city in years. "To me it's a nonissue," Chandler said.

The only caveat was Sheriff Gordon Smith's request that the county only be obliged to follow its own animal control policies, not anything on the city's books.

Commissioner Eddie Lewis asked if the county was going to have to come up with any more money to cover the cost of the department, and Smith said no.

The city has been providing the shelter building and property and paying six months of utility bills a year at the animal control facility. That will no longer be necessary once the county moves into its new facility, which is being built behind the solid waste collection site off of S.R. 100.

The county had also sought compensation from the city to help cover the cost of running the building and zoning office, at which point the city commission decided to reopen its own building and zoning office.

Now the county is backing off

that request with a new proposal to get all building and zoning responsibility back in its hands. The county office wouldn't just process zoning applications, issue permits and conduct building inspections. It would take over the entire process, including placing the city under the county's land development regulations and approving zoning changes and site plans for development in the city. There would be one zoning board/board of adjustment operating under the county commission.

Bradford County would collect and retain all building and zoning fees, although Starke would resume collecting its impact fees once its moratorium has ended. Starke would not have the authority to waive zoning or other fees, which was the original source of the county's complaint.

"This would definitely benefit the citizens, it would be better for Bradford County, and we have a great building and zoning operation," said Riddick, who also claimed support from the North Florida Regional Planning Council. With a city as small as

Starke, he said it doesn't pay to have two separate offices, one part time, when the county has a full-time staff.

County Commissioner Doyle Thomas said he didn't want it to look like the county was trying to take over and tell the city what to do. Lewis said unlike animal control, these are not all things Starke wants the county to do.

But Riddick and Chandler made it clear, this was an offer, not an ultimatum.

Also unlike animal control, which won't cost the county commission any more than it is now, the process of converting the city zoning map to county classifications would come with a price tag.

If that is the case, the Chandler said, the county would have to consider whether it's

economically sound to spend thousands of dollars doing so.

While Thomas said his support for the proposal would depend on the city's complete agreement, Lewis said his support was contingent upon the city not asking for any portion of the service fees collected.

Riddick agreed: one office, one central authority.

"Like you said, I'm not trying to force them to do anything. I just know that the city says they're hurting for money, and this would be a way to help them with that, and it would also be a way to benefit the citizens of Bradford County," he said.

The proposal was discussed by the county commission April 17. It remains to be seen whether the city commission will be receptive to the offer.

Tax abatement on the ballot

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Should the county entice new development by offering tax abatement?

Voters will decide this year, as county commissioners agreed April 17 to put the question on the ballot this fall.

There wasn't much discussion about the move although it has been on, and slipped, the county's mind before.

The commission was approached by business leaders in 2010 about establishing incentives for economic development. Property tax abatement was one idea, but

it must be approved by voters. There was no time to get it on the ballot in 2010, so the soonest it could go before voters was 2012. By then, the request had been forgotten.

Voters gave the commission the authority to abate taxes on new development back in the mid 1990s, but that authority expires after 10 years.

Per Florida Statute 196.1995, "The board of county commissioners of any county or the governing authority of any municipality shall call a referendum within its total jurisdiction to determine whether its respective jurisdiction may grant economic development ad

valorem tax exemptions."

It may do so under two circumstances: either the governing board votes to put the question on the ballot or the public petitions to do so.

As county attorney Will Sexton pointed out, the statute even spells out the language of the referendum.

"Shall the board of county commissioners of this county (or the governing authority of this municipality, or both) be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses

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of the mapping and addressing department.”

Shuford pointed out how the properties along the west side of 301 in that area have alternating city and county addresses.

“How do you find 1750 S. Walnut when he’s bounded on both sides by county addresses?” he asked.

The computer software used by the mapping department automatically rejects this lack of logic, and each time there is an update, staff must manually override it and reenter the Starke addresses. When that happens, the automatic assignment of responding agencies and stations to those addresses goes out the window, Shuford said.

Sheriff Smith said the city is claiming Southwest 143rd Street as well, but all of the properties along the street have county addresses. If the county were to accept that is a city road, he would have to tell those residents their address is changing, and he doesn’t want to do that.

The annexation of the new Badcock property at Southeast 142nd Way, which the city commission approved April 1, is the latest complication. Because it is not contiguous to the city, nothing around it is assigned a

city address. It will be an island to itself.

The city believes the problem will eventually solve itself as more of that area is voluntarily annexed, but Commissioner Eddie Lewis said the residents north and south of the Badcock property don’t want to be part of the city, so it will never be contiguous.

The enclaves, the lack of compactness, the unlawfulness of annexing a highway corridor were all discussed, but Shuford further showed that the city’s notice to the county and public advertisement of the annexations had been inadequate. The county also had a letter from Scott Koons, executive director of the North Florida Regional Planning Council, which noted the same troubles with the city’s actions and denied that the planning council had advised the city that the Badcock annexation was appropriate under the circumstances.

In addition to creating a public safety nightmare, the sheriff called the annexations illegal and wrong.

“One city commissioner asked me when I became an attorney, and I said I was smarter than that and I can read,” Smith said.

He said he doesn’t have a problem with the city growing, but it needs to be done the right way. The city claims 301,

like the Badcock property, was voluntarily annexed, Smith said.

“Who volunteered?” he asked. The city undertook a voluntary annexation without a petition from a property owner. Smith said he was told the county never contested the annexation, but he said the county was never notified.

“You can’t contest something that you weren’t aware of,” he said.

Shuford said they are now asking the city to contract its boundaries, relinquishing 301.

“The 301 annexation was not done, in our opinion ... legally or properly, and it needs to be undone,” Shuford said.

To that end, county attorney Will Sexton said the first step would be to see if Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi agrees with the county’s assessment.

“I’m not aware that there is another case out there where a city so blatantly did what the city of Starke did,” Sexton said.

If the attorney general finds no problem with the annexations, then that will be the end. But if the city hears from an authority like the attorney general that the annexations were illegal, it might be motivated to act on its own to contract its boundaries before the county has to force the issue, Sexton said.

Smith said he doesn’t know



Sgt. Ray Shuford, director of communications and emergency 911 for the sheriff’s office, and Christi Hudson, the office’s GIS specialist, highlight problems Starke’s annexations have created for the addressing system.

how things got to this point, and thought everything was resolved when they met with the city attorney and clerk about the Badcock annexation. He said he hopes the city and county don’t

end up in court. “Any general citizen can read what the law says, and that’s in total violation,” he said. In addition to instructing staff to forward the case to the

attorney general, the commission voted unanimously to officially contest the Badcock annexation as they were still within 30 days of its approval.

TEACH

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there for; I knew who he was, but I felt like I had to apologize for being so speechless.”

Jethro said she would just as soon the title had gone to other teachers who had been in the system for years. Still, she was selected for the honor by her fellow teachers.

Brooker Principal Debbie Parmenter explained why Jethro deserved to be named Teacher of the Year. In her letter of support, Parmenter wrote, “Mrs. Jethro is the epitome of a career teacher. ... She creates an atmosphere of support both for and among her

students. Teaching is as essential to Mrs. Jethro as breathing. ... No matter what the difficulty, she will find a way to endure and overcome. Most importantly, she will do what she knows is right for her students, no matter what.”

Parmenter gave two examples to explain why Jethro had earned the admiration of her peers. One was her classroom interpretation of “Making Meaning,” the district’s new approach to teaching reading. Jethro said she had trouble with the program at first, but, understood why the approach was important.

“I try to grasp new ideas quickly ... but I don’t do well until I make it my own and understand what the goal is,”

Jethro said.

She worked with District Reading Coach Terry Shewmaker to implement the new system, adding her own creative activities and strategies.

“The new program’s strength is that it tells kids how to do something; how to let them take ownership of their own learning,” Parmenter said. She added that traditional teaching was to tell children what to do; now, it’s about motivating students to direct their own learning.

Parmenter also cited lessons learned from a district “compliments conference” as becoming a strong point in Jethro’s teaching style. Instead of an offhand, “That’s good,” a

classroom teacher might say, for example, “I’d like to compliment you on what you have just done, which was to figure out how to pronounce this new word by sounding out the letters.”

When the compliment is said aloud in the context of the lesson, Parmenter said, not only does the student get a public gold star, but the other students hear the lesson and good habits reinforced.

Parmenter’s letter, some forms and a video were sent to district offices as a Teacher of the Year application.

In the video of Jethro’s classroom and teaching style, a group of first-graders are seated on the floor around her. She is leading them through the act of looking at pictures in the book, to make meaning of the words on the page.

“I was wondering and visualizing,” says one first-grade boy, who looks even younger than his real age. And what was he wondering and visualizing? About whether there was another

frog in the picture and exactly how many there were, he said.

Watching the video, Parmenter said that such high-minded vocabulary words and concepts as “visualizing” in a first-grader is not uncommon. Students pick up words from teachers and the world around them, and there have always been attempts to explain the complicated visualization process. Earlier teachers might have said, “See it in your mind’s eye,” or try to “imagine it” or “think it through.”

Jethro’s classroom shows she has done a great deal of wondering and visualizing herself. Parmenter shows on a computer screen Jethro’s lesson plans, which are carefully written out but also synopsized on a computer calendar to let Jethro see quickly the flow of her lessons, week by week.

Most teachers do this, of course, but Jethro’s are extensive, and she prepares lesson plans months ahead. She said she can reuse some plans and materials, but tries to tailor it to the students she actually has any given year.

Jethro’s classroom is divided into “learning stations,” groups of four or five student desks with folders of various colors placed at each station. Jethro announces which color folder she wants students to study from, and most

of the time it’s the same color of folder.

However, what’s in one student’s red folder may not be the same lesson as in another’s. In first grade, the assumption is that all red folders are alike. But when everyone reads from the red folder, there’s no stigma attached for a repeated lesson.

“I try to mix group activities with individual instruction,” Jethro said. “Having students working like this lets me spend time with individual students, when they aren’t catching on as quickly as others.”

Asked if she had any favorite teachers from her childhood, Jethro said, “Yes, my first grade teacher. But I remember her most for two things. I was having adjusting problems and she took time with me and made me feel like she cared for me. And to me, that’s number one. (I want students to feel accepted and safe with me. ... And the other thing I remember about my favorite teacher was that she always had hot pink tissues. That tells you what decade that was.”

On the other hand, she said, she remembers a sixth-grade teacher who was her least favorite, because he humiliated her in class. “I think that was the moment when I said to myself, ‘When I am a teacher that is something I will never do.’”

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Bradford Middle School and High School FFA members will be at the Beck car dealership in Starke on Saturday, April 26. Join them and test drive a car, because they will receive a \$20 donation for each test drive. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and drivers must be 18 or older.

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CHASTAIN DISTRICT 4	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30
WATERS DISTRICT 5	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6

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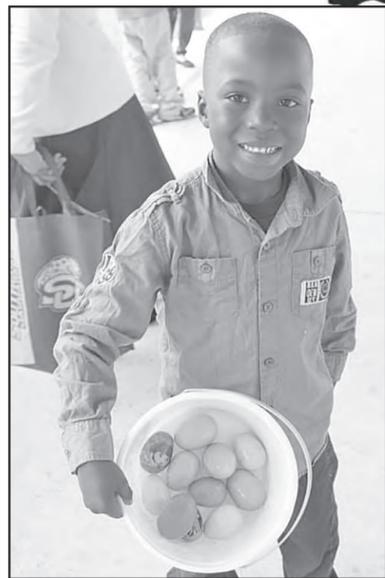
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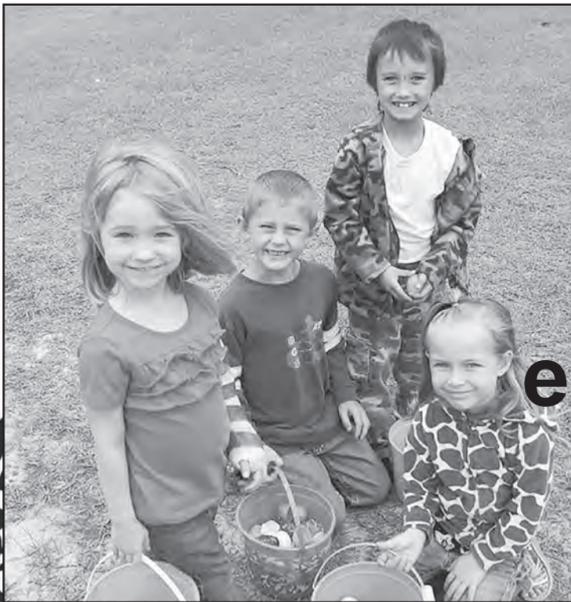
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Leonta Pernell sneaks up as Sariah Beard, Chloe Baker, Ar'Monie Brown and Amy Prescott show off their baskets.



Kelvon Griggers is just short of a dozen.



Happy with their Easter haul: Cadance Rowan, Jason Clifton, Ayden Scott and Haley McCarter.

Easter egg excitement

Haley McCarter shows Principal Lisa Graham the candy surprise inside her egg.



Eagle Scout Jonathon Funderburk

Funderburk earns Eagle Scout rank

On April 19, Jonathon Kyle Funderburk from Troop 70 was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor. Jonathon attends Bradford High School where he is a member of the marching band, FFA and the National Honor Society. During his scouting

career, Jonathon has served as patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is scouting's honor society. During Jonathon's speech, he said, "I was really interested in the patches. But over time when I progressed through my scouting journey, I became less interested in the patches and more interested in making myself a better leader."

He also quoted Herbert Hoover, who said a boy's two jobs are just being a boy and growing up to be a man.

"I believe scouting has helped me and other Eagle Scouts across this nation perform both of those tasks," Jonathon said.

Jonathon awarded the mentor pin to fellow Eagle Scout Sean Jones for all his efforts in grooming him for leadership.

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ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

Across the Garden Fence is a column sponsored by the Bradford County Extension Service. Readers who wish to pose gardening questions should forward them to Mary Bridgman at jtd@ufl.edu.

What plants will grow in sandy soil?

Nancy Murphree,
Kingsley Lake

Surprisingly, my research on your question revealed a number of articles extolling the virtues of sandy soils for plant growth. It may seem obvious, but how do you know for sure you have sandy soil? Does water drain through your soil, rarely forming puddle even after a hard rain? Is it difficult to squeeze the soil into a ball? If so, you probably have sandy soil.

Sandy soil is comprised of many irregular or rounded tiny grains of sand, unlike the many tiny plate-like solid particles that comprise clay soil. Sandy soil grains have more air space between them, which is why it drains better than other types. So sandy soils are best for plants that like to have their roots dry out quickly.

Sandy soil is also much easier to work with than clay soils, it's lighter, doesn't compact, and is easy to dig in or amend with compost. Most flowering plants benefit from its draining

qualities. Transplanted plants sometimes establish more quickly in this type of soil because it's easier for their roots to get a foothold in it. They warm up more quickly in the spring, which can also be beneficial for plant growth.

But, as you've no doubt discovered, sandy soils do not hold water or nutrients very well. You have to water more deeply and use slow-release type fertilizers to get the most out of this type of soil.

Flowering trees that do well in sandy soil are redbud, dogwood, crape myrtle and golden rain trees. Pines do well in sandy soil, and so do annuals like cosmos and lavender. Japanese rose and beach rose likewise do well in sandy soils. You might also consider blueberry—my bushes at Kingsley Lake did much better in sandy soil than my neighbor's, which were planted in heavy, dense soil nearer the shoreline.

I found several helpful articles on this topic on eHow. In addition, you may want to check with the extension office for other suggestions. Good luck!



Mary W. Bridgman



Photo memorializes church elder

Starke First Presbyterian Church office manager, Wynn Armstrong, gratefully accepted this canvas photograph on behalf of the church from local photographer Marian Crawford of Lake Butler. The photo was presented to the church in memory of her mother, Margie Dowling Tidler, formerly of Starke. Tidler resided in Texas and passed away in November 2013. While living in Starke, Tidler owned Dowling's Produce and actively served at First Presbyterian Church as a deacon and ruling elder, as well as choir director. She and her husband, Billy Dowling, were married at the church in 1942. They had five children: Billy Dowling, Margie Dowling Dalton, Nancy Dowling Kinard, Marian Dowling Crawford and Jimmy Dowling. First Presbyterian plans to display the photograph to honor the life of Tidler and her many years of dedicated service. Submitted by Joy Tetstone.



CHURCH

True Vine Ministry, 422 N. Saint Clair St. in Starke, will be hosting Fresh Start Spiritual Renewal and Restoration 2014. The dates are April 24-25, with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers include Pastor Greg Pusateri of Grace Fellowship Church in Starke and Bishop Derek Triplett of Hope Fellowship Church in Daytona Beach. The public is invited to attend. For transportation or more information, please call 904-964-9264 or visit www.truevinemin.org.



Givens, first lady of Free Cannon Church of God's Praise of Starke. See any member of St. John for tickets.

St John Missionary Baptist Church of Lawtey will host the annual Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, at 9 a.m. at the church. The speaker will be Sis. Marie

Walk By Faith Church of Lawtey will hold its 2014 Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 27, with services

at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Guests will include Dr. Kevin McBride of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Gainesville and Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church Elder Moses Long of Palatka. All are invited.

First Baptist Church of Raiford will celebrate its 110th homecoming on Sunday, April 27. The Overall Band will be in concert beginning at 10 a.m. following the concert, former Pastor Jack Stolte, will bring the message. Guests are invited.

Email the details of your congregation's upcoming special events to editor@bctelegraph.com. DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 5 P.M.

Southside students sail on stage

Southside Elementary School will present a story filled with

mystery, treasure, music and laughter when students take the stage with "Pirates of the Curry Bean."

The performance is set for Saturday, May 24, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for

adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at Southside Elementary School.



SRJ audition second round winners were a (l-r) Jolie Crapo, Abigail Carpenter, Brittney Hall, Kellen Vincent, Neshia Moore and Jasmine Horton.

Hall among winners performing at Suwannee River Jam

Nineteen talented country hopefuls put on a show of shows as they auditioned for the chance of a lifetime to be a performer at the Suwannee River Jam.

Five different auditions were held all over North Florida, with more than 75 artists auditioning to get to the finish line, but only nine made it. Among the nine winners was Brittany Hall of Starke.

The other winners included Alyssa Billings of Jacksonville, Steffanie Renae of Orange Park, duo of George Aspinall and John Shilby of Jacksonville, all three who were chosen after the first round. Second round winners

included Hall, Jolie Crapo of Jacksonville, Kellen Vincent of Lake City, Tenesha "Nesha" Moore of Jacksonville, Abigail Carpenter of Glen St. Mary and Jasmine Horton of Lake City.

Despite torrential downpours on April 18, the rain began to move east as audition time arrived at 7 p.m. and a huge crowd was there to cheer on the auditioners.

Each of the winners brought their own unique performances. Hall gave her performance her all, winning over the audience immediately with her strong voice as she hit all the high notes with a big smile on her face.

Now, these nine acts with 10 artists will all perform next week at the April 30-May 3 Suwannee River Jam at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

Besides the winners, superb performances were brought by Jenna Shea-Markham of Lake City, Joe Martino of Lake City, Savanna Bassett of Branford, Jessica Lindsey duo of Starke with Jessica Thornton and Lindsey Murphy, Alexis Branscome of Lake City, Maddie Norris of Greenville and Josh Hage of Steinhatchee.

In addition to Hall, 12-year-old Jaelyn Jackson has also been



Jaelyn Jackson has also been invited to perform.

invited to perform. She'll be at the First Street Music Stage Friday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. Hall is scheduled to perform at 2:20 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support.

Tickets for the Suwannee River Jam are still available at www.suwanneeriverjam.com, www.musicliveshere.com, at spirit@musicliveshere.com or at any S & S Food Store.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive in Live Oak.

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A parcel of land containing 4.09 acres, more or less, being a portion of the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found 1/2" iron pipe located at the SE corner of the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22 and run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along the South line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 1067.78 feet to a set 1/2" rebar for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along last said South line, for a distance of 262.12 feet to a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the SW corner of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds East, along the West line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 666.80 feet to a found 1" iron pipe located at the NW corner of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, thence run North 89 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East, along the North line of South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 for a distance of 272.27 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run South 01 degree 25 minutes 26 seconds West, parallel with the East line of

said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 667.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. Reserving therefrom the Southerly 30 feet for ingress, egress and general road purposes. Subject to and together with a 30 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and general road purposes, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found 1/2" iron pipe located at the SE corner of the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22 and run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along the South line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 for a distance of 533.70 feet to a set 1/2" rebar for the Point of Beginning of said 30 foot easement. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along last said South line, for a distance of 796.20 feet to a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the SW corner of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds East, along the West line of said South 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 for a distance of 30.00 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds East, parallel with said South line of South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 796.66 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run South 01 degree 25 minutes 28 seconds West, parallel with the East line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 for a distance of 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Description Verified ejn/kra.

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A parcel of land containing 1.02 acres, more or less, and lying in the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Lot 53 of River Bend Estates (an unrecorded subdivision) as per plat attached hereto and made a part hereof; said Lot being conveyed with a right of ingress and egress over easements as shown on plat, also being subject to easements to Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. as shown on said plat. Said parcel being further described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and run South 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 697.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds West, parallel with the Northerly boundary of said W 1/2 of SW 1/4, a distance of 685.41 feet for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run South 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 sec-

onds East, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 429.04 feet; thence South 71 degrees, 34 minutes and 48 seconds West, 105.03 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 37 minutes and 18 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 460.94 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds East, parallel with said Northerly boundary, 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Reserving therefrom an easement for ingress and egress over the Southerly 25 feet. Description Verified ejn/kra.

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Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument at the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and running South 01 degree 09 minutes 52 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, 427.45 feet to a concrete monument for the point of beginning; thence continue South 01 degree 09 minutes 52 seconds East along said West line, 203.83 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East, 428.26 feet to a concrete at the point of a curve to the left concave to the Northeast having a radius of 200 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 44 degrees 19 minutes 29 seconds East, 285.09 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 12 seconds West, 631.58 feet to the point of beginning.

Assessed To: NELLIE B LINDSEY, NELLIE LINDSEY, NELLIE BRYANT LINDSEY, JOHN FRANKLIN PRINCE, JOHN F PRINCE

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A lot of land being 233.69 feet North and south by 201 feet East and West in southwest corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, except right of ways of street on West and on South, Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Containing 1.078 acres, more or less.

Assessed To: THOMAS MARK JOHNSON All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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Commence 182 feet North from the SE corner of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run West 239 feet, North 182 feet, East 239 feet, South 182 to Point of Beginning. Except part I the NE Corner 136 feet East and West by 60 feet North and South.

Assessed To: MOZELLE FRAZIER, RAPHAEL DELESTRE, DAVID E FRAZIER JR, DAVID E FRAZIER, DAVID FRAZIER, GEORGE FRAZIER JR, MALETA DELESTRE, BARBARA A DELESTRE, THOMAS MARK JOHNSON All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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A parcel of land containing 3.26 acres and lying in the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being shown as Parcel 30 on a map prepared by Patrick B. Welch & Associates, Inc. and recorded in Misc. Map Book 1, Page 4 of the public records of said County, also being described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Southeast corner of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 and run North 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 1384.85 feet to a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes and 07 seconds West, along the Northerly boundary of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4, a distance of 400.00 feet to a set concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run South 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds East, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 380.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 89 degrees, 43 minutes and 07 seconds West, parallel with said Northerly boundary, 374.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 24 minutes and 51 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 380.00 feet to an iron rod set on said Northerly boundary; thence North 89 degrees, 43 minutes and 07 seconds East, along said Northerly boundary, 374.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Above described parcel being conveyed subject to and with a right of ingress and egress over all roads shown on aforesaid map recorded on Page 4 of Misc. Map Book 1. Also being conveyed subject to any

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That PNC %TC TAMPA 1 LLC The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2014-0021 Certificate Number: 240 Parcel Number: 00901-0-03300 Year of Issuance: 2011 Description of Property: Legal Description: 00901-0-03300

A parcel of land containing 2.00 acres, more or less, and lying in Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Lots 33 and 34 of River Bend Estates (a subdivision) as per map recorded in Miscellaneous Map Book 1, Page 7, public records of Bradford County, Florida; said lots being conveyed with a right of ingress and egress over easements as shown on said map, also being subject to easements to Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc., as shown on said map.

Assessed To: CHRISTOPHER C FIELDS, CHRISTOPHER FIELDS, MARILYN FIELDS, MARILYN L FIELDS All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL. on the 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN BRADFORD COUNTY CLERK OF COURT BY LISA BRANNON, DEPUTY CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 04-2014-DR-168 Division: Williams, Carrie E., Petitioner vs. Williams, Joshua P., Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Joshua Paul Williams 2090 Raiford Rd., Starke, FL 32091 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to or Carrie Elizabeth Williams whose address is 22891 NW 27th Ave., Lawtey, FL 32058 on or before May 15, 2014 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Ave. / P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: None

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated 4-7-14. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Lisa Brannon Deputy Clerk 4/10 4tchg 5/1-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 04-2013-CA-605 FRANK HUNTER, Plaintiff, vs. SHELDON CLARK and CHRISTINE CLARK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the east front door of the Courthouse of Bradford County at Starke, Florida, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property: LOTS 9, 10, 11 AND 12, CROSBY LAKE INLET, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN DOUBLE MOBILE HOME TITLE NUMBERS: 10725881 AND 10725880. VIN NUMBERS: GDH246010549A AND GDH246010549B. The real property described herein is not the constitutional homestead of the Grantor herein as that term is defined by Article 10, Section 4, of the Florida Constitution.

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Case No: 04-2013-CA-605 now pending in the Circuit Court in Bradford County, Florida.

DATED this 14 day of April, 2014.

Ray Norman, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Lisa Brannon Deputy Clerk 4/17 2tchg 4/24-BCT

NOTICE

T&M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on May 1st 2014 at 9:00 am at T&M Towing storage yard located at 1451 Hayes St. Starke, FL 32091. T&M reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2012-CA-000625 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. TODD EUGENE HENDERSON, ET AL.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000625, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida. BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and TODD EUGENE HENDERSON; LYNV FUNDING LLC are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the LOBBY of the Courthouse; 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, SMOKERISE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at BRADFORD County this 15 day of April 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Lisa Brannon Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

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Starke, Florida 32091, at (352) 337-6237.

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Evelyn Womack with guest Paula Fraley and Nancy Roberts.

Local artist speaks to Woman's Club

BY MARY W. BRIDGMAN
Woman's Club President

The Woman's Club of Starke welcomed local fiber artist Judy Jull, proprietor of Elza M Studios on Sampson Lake, as its April speaker. Jull presented an informative talk on fibers utilized in fabrics and clothing, including their sources and care. She illustrated her talk with pieces from her collection, many of which incorporate textiles that she had either woven or dyed.

Samara Deary, Bradford County's newest extension agent, was voted into membership at the meeting. Three new members voted in at the March meeting were recognized and presented with their yearbooks: Cleo Elder, Valeri Moore and Chrissie Owens.

The April luncheon menu featured baked spaghetti, Caesar



Local fiber artist Judy Jull presented the April program.

salad and garlic bread sticks with a choice of fruit or chocolate mousse for dessert. The historic clubhouse was festooned with Easter and spring decorations provided by Vickie Teal and Linda Gillingham. Lu Sanders presided over the punchbowl, welcoming members and guests with cups of frothy pink punch.

The club hosted a "Strawberry Café" at the Bradford County Strawberry Festival on April 12-13. Linda Lee coordinated the event, with assistance from Denise Durban and Gloria Gillenwaters as well as other members of the club who provided and prepared strawberry shortcake.

The Woman's Club of Starke meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through April, concluding each year with its "May breakfast" the first Saturday in May. The club is actively seeking new members and encourages anyone interested in visiting or joining to contact any member of the club.

The final event of the 2013-2014 year is a fashion show scheduled for noon on Saturday, May 10, "Fun in the Sun." Young ladies interested in participating as models should contact Lisa Tatum. Tickets are available for \$20 each. Lunch will be provided.

County lends support for new MFLs

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Without explicitly asking, the Suwannee River Water Management District received Bradford County's support for the proposed changes to the minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and associated springs.

The support lends weight to SRWMD's case, which is headed to an administrative law judge because of challenges that have been filed protesting the MFLs. Other challenges are being considered.

For some the MFLs go too far, and for others they don't go far enough.

Carlos Herd, director of the agency's water supply division, told the county commission April 17 that a total of four administrative complaints had been filed, three originating from a single individual and the fourth from the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Minimum flows and levels are the lowest water flows and water levels that can occur in a Florida water body without intervention. Water flow reductions are indicative negative impacts to water resources and can be harmful to an area's ecology.

Herd said the MFL rule changes would protect the county's water resources and allow the district to begin developing conservation

projects. Based on the district's report, both rivers fall below the recommended MFLs, making recovery strategies necessary. The primary impact will be on water use permitting, Herd said.

Bradford County's concern was for residents and farms. Homeowners don't require water permits and are not impacted. Larger agricultural users could be.

According to Herd, applicants for new consumptive water permits will be required to offset projected impacts to the MFLs. The rule was changed to accommodate those with existing permits, limiting renewals to five years unless there is an agreement to begin offsetting impact. If applicants agree to offset their impact, they will be eligible for a permit up to 20 years.

Applicants or renewal applicants not impacting MFLs will not be restricted by the rule.

"We're not telling folks they can't have permits, but we're putting a little more restriction on those permits before we allow the resource to get in any worse shape," Herd said.

The rule will be reviewed and either repealed, modified or readopted by the end of 2019 based on the results of a new groundwater flow model the district is currently working on in conjunction with other

agencies. The model is meant to show where the greatest impact on groundwater is taking place.

"At that point, the rule will probably look much different than it does today," Herd said.

If the MFL rule isn't adopted, then permits will continue to be issued as they are now and the water levels in the rivers and springs could get worse, he said. Recovery in the long run will cost more.

While residential wells are exempt from permitting, larger wells or smaller wells pumping more than 100,000 gallons a day would fall under the rule.

Herd said the district was not asking the county to intervene, but it could show its support with a vote as the administrative law process moves forward.

Suwannee County has done so, and Alachua County has reversed its decision to challenge the rule change. Gainesville, on the other hand, is preparing but not filing a challenge, concerned about the requirements that could be placed on GRU's permit renewal.

"It is good if the administrative law judge sees that local governments are in support of the rule," Herd said.

The Bradford County Commission voted unanimously to intervene in the rule challenge on behalf of the water management district and Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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and expansions of existing businesses?"

Voting yes gives, the board the authority to do so, and voting no denies it.

Starke has also been discussing tax abatement, writing it into a development agreement with Badcock furniture and, at its most recent meeting, discussing

offering it as an incentive for future annexation.

In other business:

- Commissioner Lila Sellars reported that tourist development dollars could be used to erect billboards attracting motorists to the city of Starke and the TDC board would be willing to work with the county on this. The idea was raised during a previous discussion by Commissioner Doyle Thomas.
- the county swapped parcels

of land with VyStar Credit Union. The county will be using the land where the credit union's retention pond is currently located to finish construction Southeast 144th Avenue. The retention pond will be relocated.

- Sheriff Gordon Smith approached the board about rewriting noise ordinance to eliminate the need for a decibel meter and instead rely on a "plainly audible" standard as other jurisdictions do.

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University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR DEMOLITION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Project No. 11DB-C5-03-14-01-H17 Bradford County (herein referred to as the "County") Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" - Bradford County Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2010" to be financed by the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity under the provisions, and subject to the requirements, of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, will be received by the County on behalf of the following owner for Demolition/Replacement of the following dwelling unit: Demolition/Replacement Unit No. 10-08, Charles and Dianne James, 789 SE 58 Street, Keystone Heights The owner listed above invite bids for the demolition/replacement of the

above referenced property. In order to be considered, the proposal must be made upon the Bid Proposal Form and in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Copies of these forms can be obtained at the County Community Development Office, 925-E North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida on May 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The improvements are to be made for and under contract to the owner of the subject property as described above. Disbursements for funds for the improvements will be made by the County on behalf of the owner.

Bids will be received at the County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, P. O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091 in the Office of the County Clerk, not later than May 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the property owner's name and address. Bids will not be accepted if they are turned in later than the deadline specified above. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on May 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time in the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

CONTRACTORS, please note that the County will need to know the following information.

1) Your state of licensure, 2) Your license number, 3) Your license class, 4) Certificate of Completion of Lead-Safe Work Practices Training, if applicable, and 5) Your insurance coverage.

A "walk through" of the above property is scheduled for May 6, 2014.

Please meet at the County Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, prior to going to the unit. If you plan to submit a bid, a representative of your firm must attend the "walk through" of the unit to become familiar with the property and the work to be completed.

No contractor shall visit the subject property for any reason without first making arrangements with the County and owner.

No Bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Erika S. Gordon Last known address of: 17376 NW State Road 16 Starke FL 32091

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Terry L. Vaughan Bradford County Supervisor of Elections P.O. Box 58 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C Starke, FL 32091

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a special meeting at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 24, 2014 in the County Commission Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse to consider adoption of a resolution initiating local government conflict resolution procedures pursuant to Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, regarding the annexation of certain real property by the City of Starke, Florida.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2013 CA 0467 CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

v. Susan L. Christmas d/b/a A-1 Bail Bonds; James E. Christmas; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 13, 2014 and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-0467 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and Susan L. Christmas d/b/a A-1 Bail Bonds and James E. Christmas are Defendants, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m. E.T. on the 5th day of June, 2014, at the Lobby of the Bradford County Family/Civil Justice Center located at Eighth Judicial Circuit Court In And For Bradford County, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, beginning at 11:00 a.m. E.T. the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run South 00 degrees, 20 minutes East, 200 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence run North 87 degrees, 53 minutes West, 204.60 feet to the East right of way line of State Road 200 (formerly State Road 13); thence run South 17 degrees, 27 minutes West along the right of way of State Road 200, 50 feet; thence run South 87 degrees, 53 minutes East, 218.31 feet; thence run North 00 degrees, 20 minutes West, 50 feet to the Point of Beginning, all situated in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. DATED this 14th day of April, 2014.

s/ Ruth E. Vafek KENNETH R. HART, Fla. Bar No. 192580 RUTH E. VAFEK, Fla. Bar No. 0034220 Ausley & McMullen, P.A. 123 South Calhoun Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 224-9115 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Capital City Bank

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/07/2014, 10:00 am at 18536 US Hwy 301 N. STARKE, FL 32091-0314, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 19UUA5656XA044055 1999 ACURA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled May 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room located in the north wing of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL. A copy of the Agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website www.bradfordcountyfl.gov or from the office of the Bradford County Manager located in the north wing of the Bradford County Courthouse.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 04-2013-CA-000047 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. MARY E. MATA, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 15, 2014, and entered in Case No. 04-2013-CA-000047 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Mary E. Mata, Rodolfo M. Mata, The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in front of the Bradford

County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 19th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT: LYING IN THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 31 MINUTES AND 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD A DISTANCE OF 98 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 200-A, RUN THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 440 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTHERLY ALONG AFORESAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, THENCE WESTERLY AND PERPENDICULAR TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE PERPENDICULAR TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE AND POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 23910 GROVE ST, LAWTEY FL 32058

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Bradford County, Florida this 16 day of April, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida By: Lisa Brannon Deputy Clerk

AlbertelliLaw Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813)221-4743

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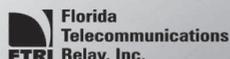
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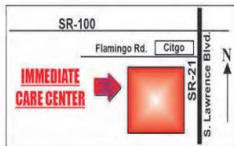
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- Medical Bio
- Graduate University of Wisconsin Medical School in 2002
 - Family Medicine Residency at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton - Oceanside, California
 - Pakistan - 2002 Earthquake Medical Relief Supervision of Primary Care to Women and Children Marine Corp.
 - Afghanistan - 2009 Physician for Camp of 450 Army Infantry Soldiers at Mazar-e-Shariff, Northern Regional Hospital
 - Okinawa Japan - Family Practice with credentials in Women's Healthcare, Colposcopy, Newborns and Pediatric
 - Associate Professor Uniformed Services University of Healthsciences 2010



Jessica Miller, M.D.

Kimberly Beers Castillo, A.R.N.P.

- Medical Bio
- University of Florida graduate; Master of Science in Nursing, FNP, Dec. 2009 and Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2007.
 - Primary Care experience in rural health with adults, pediatrics and women's health.
 - Experienced in both the ICU and Medical Surgical environments.
 - A former Peace Corps volunteer and is also skilled in Spanish... both written and oral.



Kimberly Beers Castillo, A.R.N.P.



Matt Modansky, M.D.

"CHANGES"

With regret after 5 years, Dr. Modansky has left our practice to move closer to his home near Jacksonville Beach. The one and a half hour drive became too much for his family. He will be at The *St. Vincents Primary Care Center* in Fleming Island and we at *Starke Family Medical Center* will be happy to help with record transfer if you want.

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Dr. Charles Franson, D.O. will be covering Tuesday and Thursday in our Starke office and of course Kay Bonett will be here taking care of people everyday!

Great people sometimes take a while to find...we've been interviewing candidates since February. We will take our time to find the right physician to join our group.

We regret any inconvenience and we have the capacity to continue care for everyone!

VILLAGE DOCTORS STARKE MEDICAL CENTER

Brenda Kay Bonett
ARNP
Board Certified
Family Nurse
Practitioner



Brenda Kay Bonett, A.R.N.P.

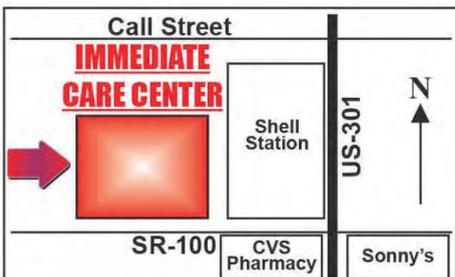
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Relay for Life: walking for hope, finishing the fight

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

American Cancer Society statistics show that the cancer death rate for men and women combined decreased by 20 percent from 1991 through 2010.

Good news, to be sure, but according to "Cancer Statistics 2014," which was published in the American Cancer Society journal "CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians," it is estimated that 585,720 people in the U.S. will die from cancer in 2014. It is estimated that 1,665,540 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2014.

What the numbers show is that even though there is hope for those who are diagnosed with cancer, cancer is still a prevalent disease that claims a lot of lives.

The quest for a cure continues, and it is that end goal that keeps people walking around the Bradford High School track throughout the night during the annual Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

This year's Relay, which



Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life Chair Linda Lee poses with "Pua the Purple Pig," which was part of just one of many pre-Relay fundraisers.

combines the efforts of Bradford County and Keystone Heights, Saturday, April 26. The theme is: "Walking for a Cure on Hope Island." "We're just imagining the

middle of the track is an island, and the track itself is the beach," said Linda Lee, the event's chair. "We're all marooned on that island, and we're going to keep walking until we find a cure." Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to a dinner—sponsored by Altrusa of Starke and Community State

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Cleesen: encouraging others while fighting her own battle

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

The American Cancer Society is encouraging people to help "finish the fight" that began with the organization's start 100 years ago.

Laura Cleesen of Starke has been told she can't finish the fight and become cancer free, but that does not make her any less of a fighter.

"I may have bad days, but I'm going to be here as long as I can," Cleesen said. "As I say to everybody, I may not win the war, but I'm going to win every battle until that point. That's just my mindset."

Cleesen has battled through two bouts of breast cancer and an occurrence of uterine cancer. In March 2013, the discovery of a small lump on the back of her neck led to a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Doctors have told Cleesen she will never again hear the words, "You're cancer free." The cancer is spreading throughout her body, but that hasn't stopped Cleesen from wearing a smile on her face, putting her best foot forward and trying to be an encouragement—an encouragement to her family, friends and even those who don't know her.

That's why Cleesen will be a part of the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life this Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. at the Bradford High School track. (See related story.)

"When you share a story (about cancer), it makes an impact, whether you've gone through it, you've survived it, you've lost someone or you're caring for someone," Cleesen said. "It makes a big difference."

There was a time when Cleesen didn't share with others what she had gone through and was currently going through. However, she met and became friendly with several people



Laura Cleesen

involved in Relay for Life, which

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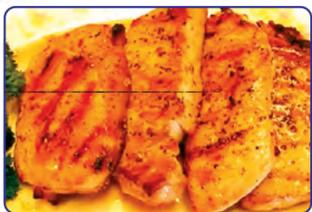
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Kingsley Kruizers fundraising dinner is April 24

The Kingsley Kruizers are hosting a dinner to benefit the American Diabetes Association on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Dinners, consisting of chicken tetrazzini, salad, green beans, tea and dessert, are \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for children 12 and under. Diners may eat in or take out.

Please call 904-966-1002 or see Christie Torode, Shelley Luke, Josh Luke, Danny Luke, Erin Waters, Lamar Waters, Norma Cox, Darlene Padgett, Guy Padgett or Cassi Smyth for tickets.

The Kingsley Kruizers is a local group that participates in the annual Tour de Cure—a bicycle ride to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association—in Jacksonville. This year's ride is scheduled for May 17.

Registration now open for College for Kids programs

The Starke campuses of Santa Fe College are once again hosting Jr. College for Kids and College for Kids this summer, and registration is open now.

Jr. College for Kids, which is for rising first-, second-, third- and fourth-graders, is scheduled for June 23-27, 8 a.m.-noon each day. College for Kids, which is for rising fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders, will be held Mondays-Fridays, July 7-18, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Half-day sessions are an option.)

The cost for Jr. College for Kids is \$95, while the cost for College for Kids is \$270, or \$135 for half-day sessions.

Scholarships are available, thanks to generous donors in the community. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Thursday, May 15.

Visit the Santa Fe College Andrews Center to register for either Jr. College for Kids or College for Kids, or to pick up a scholarship application.

You may also call 904-964-5382.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 5th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. SE 14-01, a petition by Wilbert E. Thrasher, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.8.5 (Residential Single Family-1) # 11of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for Equine Activities to be located at the property being described as follows:

P/O The NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, being Bradford County Parcel Number's 06001-0-00100, 06001-0-00106 and 06001-0-00107, containing 6.32 acres, more or less.

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

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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DAR chapter to announce scholarship recipient May 5

This year's recipient of the Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the Monday, May 5, meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at IHOP in Starke at 10:30 a.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Any woman 18 or older—regardless of race, religion or ethnic background—who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between

April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership.

Please contact Konnie Beauregard at 352-475-1865 for more information.

Santa Fe College to host May 17 concert at BHS

A concert featuring Alter Eagles and the three winners of the 2014 Bradford Fest Talent Showdown will be hosted by Santa Fe College on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium.

Alter Eagles is a tribute band

that plays the music of Eagles, the group responsible for such hits as "Take It Easy," "Lyn' Eyes," "One of these Nights" and "Hotel California."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved seats. They may be purchased at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center or the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce.

All proceeds will go to the Santa Fe Foundation to fund scholarships for Bradford County students.

The Bradford County Tourist Development Council is a main sponsor of the event.

For more information on Alter Eagles, visit www.altereaglesband.com.

Airman Ellis graduates from basic

Air Force Airman Joel T. Ellis graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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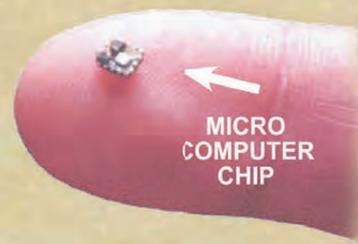
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Starke to host Bradford-Union Law-Enforcement Memorial May 1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

A special recognition of Jerry Whitehead and the dedication of a new monument area devoted to fallen Bradford County law-enforcement personnel will highlight this year's Bradford-Union Law-Enforcement Memorial Service, which will be hosted this year by the Starke Police Department on Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Starke Square (538 E. Call St.) between S.R. 100 and S.R. 230.

The annual service pays tribute to the officers who gave their lives during service to their respective areas: six in Union County and 19 in Bradford

County.

Starke Police Capt. Barry Warren said attending the service is a great way for people to express their thanks to those who did so much for the place they call home.

"Basically, these are the people who made our community as safe as it is today," Warren said.

Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead, Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith and Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson will pay tribute to Jerry Whitehead, who died Dec. 18, 2013, after a brief illness. He was the longest-serving sheriff in the state, having been elected in 1984 and serving up until the time of his death.

"It's a great opportunity to recognize him," Warren said.

Also planned is the official dedication of a monument area to the 19 Bradford County law-enforcement officers who gave their lives in service. The area, which will include 13 benches, consists of a memorial stone placed in honor of each officer as well as 18 palm trees planted in their memories. (One tree represents both father and son George W. Epperson and Henry W. Epperson, who were both former sheriffs.)

Warren said the idea for such a physical memorial has been in the works for approximately 10 years. Thanks to the support

of donors in the community, the idea has become a reality—a reality that has been overdue, Warren said, pointing out that the first officer killed in the line of duty was Dec. 25, 1885, while the last was July 26, 1995.

"It's time," Warren said. "It's beyond time for these people who served their last call in service to this community."

Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead will perform the roll call for those who gave their lives in service to Union County: Union deputies Hal Croft (May 23, 1961) and Ronald Jackson (May 23, 1961), Department of Corrections officers Paul Jordan (Jan. 24, 1976) and John

S. Dennard (May 5, 1983), Union deputy Renee D. Azure (Aug. 6, 2002) and Department of Corrections officer Adam Sanderson (March 6, 2009).

Bradford County Sheriff's Department Capt. Brad Smith and Lawtey Correctional Institution Warden Barry Reddish will perform the roll call for Bradford County's fallen officers: sheriffs George W. Epperson (Dec. 25, 1885), Henry W. Epperson (Jan. 20, 1890) and David Levy Alvarez (May 30, 1891), Bradford deputy Andrew J. Kite (Feb. 21, 1899), Starke Marshall Jeff Jones (Nov. 19, 1903), sheriffs Everett E. Johns (Dec. 6, 1905), Joe A. Bennett

(Aug. 9, 1907) and J.W. Langford (Aug. 23, 1912), Bradford deputy W.T. Andrews (Feb. 1, 1914), Constable Richard Bennett (March 30, 1925), Starke officer Leonard E. Colson (Dec. 26, 1951), Florida State Prison Assistant Superintendent James G. Godwin (April 4, 1955), Starke officer William Burtis Jackson (April 20, 1956), Department of Corrections officers Howard D. Starling (July 2, 1964), Julie Gabor Caddell (Sept. 22, 1974) and Richard Burke (Oct. 12, 1980), Bradford deputy Hesley Delmar Griffis (May 13, 1992) and Department of Corrections officer Jerome A. Williams (July 26, 1995).

CLEESEN

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led to her first-ever involvement with the American Cancer Society fundraiser. Cleesen was asked to give a survivor's speech at this year's kickoff party.

"It was very hard to give that speech because I was never open," Cleesen said, adding, "When it was done, I knew I made an impact on some people. They told me it helped them to realize things. If I can do that, then I'm accomplishing something."

"With this Relay, if I can reach out and just help one person through it emotionally, then I know that I'm doing OK."

Cleesen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. It was a shock, of course. Cleesen said the diagnosis left her wanting to "crawl in a hole," but at the same time, she didn't want to let the disease slow her down. Her approach to chemotherapy, for example, was to undergo treatment on Fridays so she could rest on weekends, be "green" on Mondays and then be able to go to work on Tuesdays.

In fact, she told her boss that if she ever called in sick, he was to give her a hard time about it and not to ever let her "give up."

"I was bound and determined I was going to continue working," Cleesen said.

Cleesen, though, because of that determination, was holding all of her emotions in check. When the chemotherapy caused her hair to start falling out, she called her boss to say she wouldn't be in to work that day.

Her boss' response was to go pick Cleesen up, take her to her office and give her the OK to have the emotional outburst she was needing.

"He physically came and got me, put me in his car—in my pajamas—took me to my office, shut the blinds in my office, shut the door and looked at me and said, 'Just cry. You haven't cried. You just keep going like everything's OK.'"

"I let it go. I just let it out. Then he took me home, and I



Laura Cleesen (center) is surrounded by (clockwise from top) son Larry, husband Lawrence, daughter Ashley, granddaughter Courtni and daughter Amber. Not pictured: son Mark and grandson Camden.

was OK."

Cleesen said eventually hearing those words, "You're cancer free," was a blessing, but she would later be diagnosed with breast cancer again. She wanted to have a double mastectomy done, but doctors advised against that, saying that the surgery was too risky due to the fact Cleesen has an enlarged heart due to cardiomyopathy.

It turned out to be a true definition of a catch 22. Having a double mastectomy was a risk, but not having it was a bit of a risk as well. In March 2012, Cleesen was diagnosed with uterine cancer. She said it was the result of cancerous breast tissue.

At first, Cleesen didn't suspect the return of cancer. She has diverticulitis and suspected that was what was causing her

stomach to swell.

"I kept getting bigger and bigger in that area," Cleesen said. "I actually looked like I was pregnant."

As it turned out, Cleesen had three tumors the size of baseballs in her uterus.

It was one of those here-we-go-again moments, but Cleesen said she thought of how many other ways she had been blessed in life and decided there was nothing to do but keep fighting.

That mindset was severely tested a short time later with the discovery of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Cleesen had large, cancerous masses on her neck and on the lymph nodes in her throat. She also had a 6.2-centimeter mass under her tongue toward where her tonsils would've been.

She had all the masses surgically removed with the

exception of the one under her tongue. Cleesen said she's not taking a chance getting that removed because she doesn't want to lose the ability to be able to talk to her two grandchildren.

Family has kept Cleesen going, whether it's grandchildren Courtni and Camden, children Mark, Amber, Larry and Ashley, future son-in-law Ross or her husband of more than 20 years, Lawrence. She recalled how a doctor told her she wouldn't be around to see the high school graduation of her daughter Amber. Well, Amber, who is 20, has since graduated.

If Cleesen has her way, she'll be around to see 15-year-old Ashley graduate. However, she has no control over the future. She just focuses her energies on each day as it comes around.

"You know how people say, 'Don't count the days, make the days count?' That's basically what I do," Cleesen said. "I just enjoy every day. I have my kids, my grandkids, my husband and my friends. Basically, I just pour my heart into all of that."

"I can't worry about tomorrow because it's not here yet. I just live every day."

There are bad days, of course. Cleesen said there are some days she doesn't want to get up out of bed.

She thinks of others, though, and says to herself that even though her problems may look bad, there is someone out there with worse problems.

"I've got to get up," Cleesen

said. "I can't feel sorry for myself, and I don't like people to feel sorry for me. I don't want sympathy."

Sympathy, no, but support is another matter. Cleesen said it really means a lot to open an email, for example, and read, "Good morning, beautiful," or, "How are you today?"

"What cancer patients need, more than anything, is support," Cleesen said.

With that in mind, Cleesen

tries to put on a smile every day and do what she can to be an encouragement to others. That's why she's looking forward to Relay for Life. She wants to have that positive impact on people who have cancer, even though she, too, has the disease.

"There's a reason why I'm still here," Cleesen said. "That's the way I look at it. There's a reason why this happened to me. There's a reason why I'm still fighting, and I'll continue to fight."

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Kathryn Henry

Independent American Party issues statement on ranch standoff

Dear Editor:
Justice Joseph Story stated in his Commentaries on the Constitution 3:§§ 1833 the truth that, "The militia is the natural defence of a free country against (1) sudden foreign invasions, (2) domestic insurrections, and (2) domestic usurpations of power by rulers."

The Bundy Ranch Standoff is an example of #3 above. This is where the IAP stands in this fiasco? We stand with Cliven Bundy, who said: "I don't recognize them (the federal government) having any jurisdiction or authority over this land."

In the United States the people are the government; their united voice is the only sovereign that should rule, and only power that should be obeyed. The fact that a desert tortoise is endangered doesn't change this fact. The BLM (Bureau of Land

Management) usurpation in forcing the Bundy's to pay for land that has been in his family for 140 years doesn't change this fact.

For those of us who still labor under the conviction that the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, it must be observed that the only crimes assigned to the federal government in the Constitution for law enforcement purposes are Treason, Piracy, Counterfeiting, and International law violations. That's it! All other law enforcement matters are the purview of the individual states, according to the Tenth Amendment.

Unfortunately, for most of the Twentieth Century the federal government has demanded more and more power and authority that it does not constitutionally possess. And, for the most part, the individual states have sheepishly done little to resist, not to mention (in this case) County law enforcement. All of which has led to the events that are now playing out in Clark County, Nevada.

To coin a maxim from the German pastor, Martin Neimoller: "First, they came for the Randy Weaver family in Idaho, and I did not speak out; next, they came for the Branch

Davidians in Texas, and I did not speak out; then, they came for the Cliven Bundy family in Nevada, and I did not speak out; then, they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out."

Independent American Party

BC children show hope for future

Dear Editor:

Greetings from the hills and hollows of wild wonderful West Virginia. Just wanted to take a minute to express an opinion and offer a compliment to the folks of Bradford County. I've been coming down you folks way for more than forty years and I intended to write this letter last year but like most other of my good intentions, I procrastinated, got busy and it got away from me. So I will do it now while I'm thinking about it. With all due respect, I believe you folks are blessed in many ways. To name a few, the people I know and run into around the ball fields, neighborhoods and generally out and about are good, honest, hard workin, straight shootin, friendly, country lovin, god fearin solid

citizens. Your children are mannerly and respectful. It's not like that everywhere you go. I think one of the reasons you are blessed is because you work at it. Over the years I've had the great pleasure and opportunity to watch many of your children grow through t-ball/little league to high school JV and Varsity teams. I have great respect for the parents, the coaches and all the others that work long and hard to make this happen for the children. I especially wanted to send my love, respect and best wishes to the boys and girls on the Bradford County High School Tornado baseball and softball teams. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and know you and watch you compete and excel with great success on and off the field. Thanks for the memories!! To the folks that haven't seen the teams play and compete, I would highly recommend it. As Tony the Tiger says, "they're great," and it's money well spent. In closing I would say, that to some of us it appears that the direction our country is taking is worrisome at best and frightening at worst but I take some comfort and optimism when I see and meet some of your children. Raising

them up respectful and with the values that made this country a great country reflects greatly on you. Thank you...and thank you for listening to an old man ramble... May god bless and keep you and the children safe. May God Bless America...

*Sincerely:
RW Pettit
Left Hand, WV*

Let him rest in peace

Dear Editor:

Mr. Busby, you call it the good ol' boy system but the people of Union County kept Jerry Whitehead, Sheriff for almost 30 years. Sounds like you are saying the people were wrong. You bring up Mr. John, who has been gone for five years. I say let them rest in peace. If you will give Brad a chance the people wilt see that he will take care of them. A true southern gentleman would let them rest in peace so their family can have closure. So let me remind you it's called a democracy, not the good ol' boy system and a real man would know the difference.

Willum Sullivan

Henry to celebrate 90th birthday

We are having a surprise 90th birthday celebration for Kathryn Henry. We will gather at New River Baptist Church, 16703 SW 144th Ave. Brooker, for a time of socializing from 2-5:00 pm on May 3rd, 2014. Come and enjoy refreshments, photo ops and reminiscing. In lieu of gifts: Donations will be accepted on Kathryn's behalf — with proceeds to benefit Northside Baptist Church "Family Life Center" fund.

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Bank—at 6 p.m. at the track. Then, once the Relay begins with an opening ceremony that will feature Amber O'Neal performing the national anthem, survivors and their caregivers will walk the first lap.

"Once those survivors get on the track, there's usually not a dry eye," Lee said.

Another emotional moment is the luminaria ceremony, which is scheduled to take place at 9:30 p.m. The ceremony consists of paper bags, containing lighted votive candles, placed around the track, bearing the names of survivors, those who are currently battling cancer or those who have lost their lives to cancer. The track stadium lighting will be turned off so that only the glow of the candles is visible as the names of those the bags represent are read aloud.

The rest of the event will consist of various themed laps (Mardis Gras, pajamas, hula hoop, super hero, etc.), a scavenger hunt, a Zumba class, a "Miss-ter Relay" contest, a dance competition and other fun activities, as well as musical performances by Melissa Mann, Shelby Clark, Jessica Thornton and Lindsey Murphy.

You also do not have to be a member of a team or a survivor/caregiver to attend. People are encouraged to show up because there will be several fundraisers going on at the Relay. Many teams will be serving up delicious items, including such fare as fruit kabobs, boiled peanuts, cotton candy, Teriyaki wings and chicken and rice. The Community State Bank team will even be roasting a whole pig.

"If you go out and eat on Friday night, come down to the track and eat with us," Lee said.

As of April 17, 38 fundraising teams (178 participants) had registered to take part in Relay for Life. Though fundraising takes place at the event, it is really a yearlong effort. That's why teams had already raised \$31,000 as of April 17. Community State Bank, for example, had raised more than \$5,000 with its Pua the Purple Pig campaign, while D. Mosley Trucking, which joined the cause for the first time a few weeks prior to last year's Relay, hosted a golf tournament that raised \$4,500.

Every year, Maria Stephenson raises the most money as an individual, and this year looks to be no different. As of April 15, she had raised \$4,087.

The fundraising effort doesn't begin and end with Relay for Life, which ties in with the American Cancer Society's

mission this year—"Finish the Fight."

"What that means is we want to encourage everyone who is raising funds for this to finish the fight through Aug. 31 when our fiscal year ends," Lee said. "A lot of people think the fundraising ends at the event, but it doesn't. We go on."

Last year's Relay for Life and various fundraisers raised approximately \$72,000, with approximately \$9,000 being raised solely at Relay for Life. Both totals were record numbers, and the goal is to do even better this year. Lee said this year's total fundraising goal is \$90,000.

Participating in Relay for Life and raising funds for the American Cancer Society is near and dear to Lee's heart. Lee, who lost her mother to lung cancer in 1999, said many people with cancer are not benefiting from the various services and programs the American Cancer Society makes available.

"The one thing I have found is a lot of people who have been diagnosed with cancer are not aware of the American Cancer Society," Lee said.

This will mark Lee's sixth year of involvement with Relay for Life. Her fifth year, when she served as team development chair, had one especially memorable moment. Lee was contacted by a woman who had heard about Relay and was seeking more information about it. The two communicated back and forth before Lee met the lady in person at the event.

After the event, the woman told Lee she had a "wonderful" time and said, "You don't know how that changed my life. I was homebound. I was just giving up. I wasn't getting out. It's just completely changed my life."

Moments like that are what make participation in Relay for Life so special.

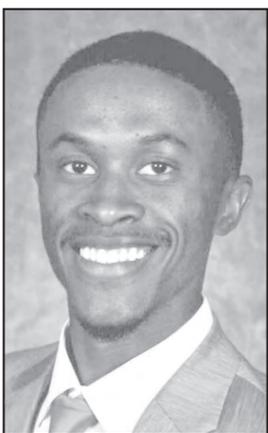
"If you don't touch but one person, it's worth it," Lee said.

For more information on the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl.

Wear, show off purple Friday, April 25

The city of Starke has issued a proclamation to "Paint the Town Purple" on Friday, April 25, in support of the Bradford-Keystone Heights Relay for Life, which will take place from 7 p.m. on April 25 until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

To show your support in the fight against cancer, wear purple, hang a purple wreath, display purple bows or find other creative ways to show your purple spirit.



Shanon Kiser

Kiser to graduate summa cum laude

Shanon Joseph Kiser, son of Emanuel Joseph and Cassandra Kiser of Lawtey will be graduating Summa Cum Laude (the highest distinction of honors) from the Florida State University in Tallahassee on Saturday May 3. He will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As an active member of Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Lambda all honor societies, his GPA is 3.97. Kiser is a BHS graduate.



Marissa Molina

Molina to graduate magna cum laude

Marissa Evelyn Molina, daughter of Mary Ann Lester of Elmira, N.Y. and the late Julio Molina will be graduating Magna Cum Laude (second highest distinction of honors) from the Florida State University in Tallahassee on Saturday May 3. She will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As a member of WEB Dubois, Golden Key and Phi Eta Sigma, all honor societies, her GPA is 3.89. Molina is a BHS graduate.

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Talkin' big bass—past and present

The recent large bass caught in Kingsley Lake have created a lot of talk among local fishermen. This is the second year in a row that 14-plus-pound bass have been caught in Kingsley. In 2013, Len Andrews pulled into a dock on the western bank of the lake and weighed one that went over 14 pounds. Afterward, he released the fish unharmed.

This year, two fish over 14 pounds have been landed, weighed and released. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission accepted the 14-pound, 9-ounce bass that Brooks Morrell caught, placing him at the top of the FWC Trophy Catch Program. Brooks indicated that he has landed nine bass over 9 pounds, four over 10 pounds and two over 13 pounds—all in Kingsley Lake. He is also aware of three others that have been caught that were over 13 pounds.

Kingsley Lake is no stranger to large bass. In 1967, Benny Zoltoski was trolling around Kingsley with two bass in his livewell that weighed about 10 pounds each. However, when he passed what was then Kingsley Beach and headed to the Officer's



LEFT: Buddy Wright with his replica that matches his 18-pound, 13-ounce bass both in length and girth. BELOW LEFT: Brooks Morrell shows off a 10-plus-pounder taken in Kingsley Lake.



Club at Camp Blanding, he had a huge hit, which he thought was a hang-up, until the line-water intersection began to move outward, indicating that the hook was moving toward the surface.

Making a long story short, it was not a hang-up, but a 16-pound, 6-ounce bass that was eventually mounted, hanging on the wall of Strickland's Store for years.

The history of big bass in North Central Florida does not

center entirely around Kingsley Lake, however. Buddy Wright, a current resident of Keystone Heights who has always fished from a 12-foot jon boat and has never fished in a bass tournament, was having a good day on the St. Johns River south of Palatka in April 1987. He had a couple of nice catches under his belt that weighed over 5 pounds each.

His last catch of the day—caught on a Bill Norman Weed Walker lure—was a monster that weighed in at 18 pounds, 13 ounces. Unfortunately, the fish lost a lot of roe before its first weight on a certified, accurate scale. The fish was subsequently frozen and thawed out for another certified weight. However, the FWC would not recognize the fish because a wildlife officer did not get to Wright's home until two weeks after notification and after the fish was frozen, thus depriving Wright of a Florida record.

All was not lost, though, because the International Game Fish Association did recognize the catch as a world record for a 16-pound-line weight catch, and Wright has that plaque on his wall beside the replica.

Believe it or not, the largest bass landed in Bradford, Clay or Union counties, according to this research and in recent history, came from Brooklyn Lake in Keystone. In 1966, "Forest and Stream" magazine, which later became "Field and Stream," published an article about an 18-pound, 2-ounce bass caught by Hugh Paul.

Though there have been larger bass caught, the gold standard for record largemouth bass is still the 1932 George Perry bass that weighed 22 pounds, 4 ounces, with a 32.5-inch length and 28.5-inch girth. Manabu Kurita caught a 22-pound, 4.97-ounce bass in Japan on July 2, 2009. (Despite bettering the Perry bass by almost an ounce, IGFA rules consider the catch a tie with the Perry bass.) In 2006, Mac Weakley foul hooked and landed a 25-pound, 0.01-ounce bass that was photographed, weighed and released.

Paul Nosca has done a significant amount of research on the 25 largest bass ever caught, and he makes several good observations about record largemouth bass. Many of the larger Florida bass have been

very long and comparatively light in weight. Bill Whipple caught what is considered to be the world record longest bass in 2002 on Lake Toho. The bass was 33 inches in length, but weighed only 14 pounds and 6 ounces. Certainly bass caught in the spawn and full of roe would have a significant weight advantage over fish caught while not spawning.

Nosca's research on the largest 25 bass ever caught can be found online under his name.

Fishing outlook

Despite some reports to the contrary, especially on Newnans Lake, the specks should be moving to deeper water as they finish their spring spawn. Shellcrackers and bluegills should be swapping places with the specks as they prepare for their first spawn. The initial spawn for the shellcrackers will be their primary bedding season for the year, while the bluegills will bed continuously throughout the summer, especially around full and new moons.

The "big fish" and comprehensive weights at the local tournaments have shown a little decline, which would suggest that the bass spawn is beginning to wane somewhat. It might show a brief spark after the traditionally cool Easter, but this yearly phenomena will also soon begin to close ranks. When

that occurs, the quest for bream and bass will begin to compete equally for the remainder of the summer.

The better part of the sheepshead spawn on both inshore coasts, but the stripped and toothy creatures will continue to hang out around the rocks, oyster bars and bridges over the summer. As the coastal waters warm, pompano and whiting will take up residence on the beaches, and the kings will move in to the beaches in time for the big kingfish tournaments on the east coast.

Local tourney results

The results of the April 16 Bald Eagle Bass Tournament are: Drew Carroll and Chris Hollingsworth in first, Chris Kadlec and Glenn Barnes in second, Wayne Geiger and Zach Smith in third and Ryan Gonzales with the big fish.

The results of the April 17 Sampson Lake Tournament are: Braden Gray and Cason Noles in first, Ronny Pruitt and Matthew Elixson in second and Elixson with the big fish.

If you have a story, idea or photo to share, please contact Mickey Agner via email at mka@maoutdoors.com, or by phone at 904-964-1488. Photos may also be submitted in person at the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times or Lake Region Monitor.

Tigers put together an almost perfect junior varsity season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

It was a season to be remembered and a good sign for the future of Union County High School baseball as the junior varsity team went 12-1, with its lone loss coming by one run against Williston.

"Our varsity program certainly has some promise," Union head coach Bret Dukes said.

The Tigers scored an average of 11 runs per game, while allowing an average of just four per game. Their last game—a 17-1 win over Dixie County—"was a good way to put the icing on the cake of an unbelievable season," Dukes said.

Offensively, sophomore Willie Rogers and freshman Phillip Joyner provided a spark, batting .520 and .470, respectively, in the lead-off position and number-two positions.

"Hitting and getting on base is almost contagious," Dukes said.

Though Rogers and Joyner led the team, Dukes said it was hard to really single out any player from the rest of the lineup, which batted a cumulative .360.

"We were so consistent in our lineup," Dukes said. "It did not matter who was coming up. You had confidence the kid was going to get it done."

Dukes said the Tigers had several players who could throw

strikes, including freshman Taz Worrell, who led the team. Worrell went 4-0 and had a 2.30 ERA.

Dukes, though, singled out freshman J.C. Lovelace for providing consistency as one of several middle relievers as well as sophomore Casey Driggers, who got in a zone the last couple of weeks of the season and pitched "lights out."

The Tigers opened the season by defeating Interlachen 10-5 and followed that with a 6-3 win over.

In their third game, however, the Tigers got off to a slow start and committed six errors in the first two innings. Visiting



The UCHS junior varsity baseball team is: (front, l-r) J.C. Lovelace, Phillip Joyner, Taz Worrell, Dylan Thornton, Seth Hendricks, Stephen Milner, Garrett Ritch, Dalton Teston, (back, l-r) assistant coach Chance Bailey, Willie Rogers, Casey Driggers, Jarrett Shadd, Matthew Jobin, Garrett Williams, Kyle Davis and head coach Bret Dukes.

Williston would go up 5-0 before hanging on for a 7-6 win.

Rogers and Worrell batted 2-for-3 and 2-for-2, respectively, while freshman Seth Hendricks went 2-for-3 to help Union rally. The Tigers had the tying run on third base in the last inning, but Dukes said the Williston shortstop made a great play on a ball that would've normally been a hit in most cases.

The Tigers responded to the loss by winning all 10 of their remaining games, including a 6-5 win over Williston.

That second matchup against Williston saw Union take a 6-0 lead into the seventh, but an approximately 30-minute injury timeout after two Williston outfielders collided seemed to take something away from his

team, Dukes said. Williston scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh, but Lovelace entered the game and did a good job on the mound, Dukes said. Lovelace forced the Devils to hit a couple of ground balls before Williston hit a dribbler back to the mound for what would be the game's final out.

Worrell started the game, giving up one hit and striking out five in five innings. At the plate, Joyner was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Lovelace was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

After avenging their only loss, the Tigers won their final five games by an average score of 14-3. They defeated Interlachen 7-4, Bell 10-5, St. Francis 25-0, Hamilton County 9-7 and Dixie County 17-1.

In the season finale against Dixie, Rogers and Joyner were 4-for-4 and 4-for-5, respectively, while sophomore Garrett Williams was 3-for-4. Worrell was 2-for-2, while Driggers and sophomore Dalton Teston were each 2-for-3.

Also contributing to the best season Dukes can ever remember were sophomore Kyle Davis and freshmen Matthew Jobin, Stephen Milner, Garrett Ritch, Jarrett Shadd and Dylan Thornton.

"There were not many games that all 14 did not in some way contribute," Dukes said.

The Tigers also excelled in the classroom, with each player maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA. Half the team had weighted GPAs of 4.0 or higher.

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OBITUARIES



Vera Aaron

Vera Aaron

STARKE—Vera Jean Aaron 59 of Starke died Thursday April 17, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center Gainesville. A lifelong resident of Starke, she was a member of Truevine Outreach Ministry Church and served in her community. She attended the local schools of Bradford County.

She is survived by: mother, Zerline Aaron of Starke; sisters, Barbara Aaron Bennett and Pamela Kimmons, both of Starke; goddaughter, Mariah Monroe; brothers, Alfred Griffin and Anthony Aaron both of Starke, Bernard Carter and Calvin Aaron of Waldo, and Morris Aaron of Lawley.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 26 at the True Vine Outreach Ministry Church with Elder Ross Chandler Eulogist conducting the services under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Church 3:30-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday one hour prior to the services. The Cortège will form at the home of Aaron at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday 14647 S.E. 44th Avenue "Lincoln City". In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: North Fla. Foundation for Cancer 7000 NW 11th Place Gainesville, FL 32605.



Muriel Bradley

Muriel Bradley

HAMPTON—Muriel Marie Bradley, age 91, of Hampton, passed away Saturday April 12, 2014 with her loving daughter and granddaughter by her side. Marie was born in Belize, Central America on Nov. 20, 1922 to the late James Bradley and Kelly Caroline Phillips Bradley. Throughout her life Marie lived in Belize, Central America, Queens, New York, Edentown, New Jersey, and Miami before moving to Hampton eight years ago. She was a resident of Bradford Terrace where the staff affectionately referred to her as "Mamacita". To her family, she was known as "Nin" or "Nin Nin" and can be remembered for her love of gardening and flowers, especially orchids. Marie was passionate about music and singing. Her favorite song was "Amazing Grace". She also loved to dance. Marie was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Marie is survived by: her daughter, Gail (Theodore) Gonzalez of Hampton; brother, William Bradley of Eatontown, N.J.; sister, Olga Bradley of Starke; four grandchildren, Sheralyn (Gary)

Frisbey of Mobile, Ala., Suzette (Guitian) Gilbert of Miami, Theodore "Casey" (Shannon) Gonzalez of Miami, and Christopher Gonzalez of Miami; seven great grandchildren, Adrian, Eric, Jillian, Brittany, Brandon, Mason and Gavin.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 11:00 am at St. Edward's Catholic Church with Father Conrad Cowart officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date in Our Lady of Mercy - Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Miami. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, 14397 US Highway 301 South, Starke, 904.964.5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



Carol Brunson

Carol Brunson

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Carol Ann Brunson, 74, of Keystone Heights passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014 following an extended illness.

Carol was born on Aug. 15, 1938 and was raised in Gloucester, Mass. She has lived in the Lake Region area for more than 30 years. Carol loved wildlife and enjoyed the squirrels and birds that frequented her yard. Her favorite was the hummingbirds. Carol had many interests including playing tennis, twirling the baton and drinking root beer floats. She found joy in everything and was the life of any party with her contagious smile, laughter and positive outlook on life. Her motto was "Young at Heart." Carol was a wonderful and loving sister, mother, friend and role model.

Left to cherish her memory is: her twin brother, Donny (Joanie) Enos; younger brother, Kenny (Elaine) Enos; Vivian (Ivan) Gouldthorpe; Nathan (Angie Clines) Womble; Lisa (Scott) Darnall; Karen (Bill) Pruss; Barbara Campbell; and her second husband Al Brunson. "Nana Carol" was adored by her 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Helen Enos, and late husband, Ray Womble.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 5pm. Please call 352-475-5855 for details. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution in her name to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

PAID OBITUARY

Shirley Campbell

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Shirley Christine Campbell, age 82

of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, April 18, 2014, at the Orange Park Medical Center. She was born in Hoxie, Kan. on Oct. 4, 1931, to the late John and Aurelia (Shalz) Schumaker and was a resident of Orange Park before moving to Keystone Heights 18 plus years ago. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Campbell was a Dental Assistant along with being a homemaker and an active volunteer. Mrs. Campbell was a member of St. William Catholic Church and read her devotionals daily along with saying the Rosary. She loved to watch old black and white Westerns on TV along with "Wheel of Fortune," "American Pickers" and "Paw Stars." Before she became sick, she enjoyed fishing and riding behind her husband on their motorcycle throughout the United States. She and her husband Robert traveled extensively in the United States and abroad and Mrs. Campbell proved herself to be a most adventurous lady.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by: her husband of 64 years, Robert L. Campbell; and her daughter, Mary (John) Westmoreland of Keystone Heights; two grandsons, Robert Scott Gilbert and Christopher Jon Gilbert both of Middleburg; and one great grandson, Bradley Jon Gilbert of Orange Park. She also leaves behind a brother, John Schumaker of Riverside, Calif. and a sister, Maxine Monsen of Oroville, Calif.

Funeral services for Mrs. Campbell were held April 22, in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Father Mike Williams presiding. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to St. William Catholic Church, P.O. Box 721, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights.

PAID OBITUARY

Curtis Crawford

STARKE—Curtis Lamar Crawford, 55, of Starke died Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Hospice Custeard Care Center in Orange Park. He was born in Starke on Aug. 17, 1958, and was a Lieutenant with the Gainesville Fire and Rescue Department. He was an active member of Kingsley Lake Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by: his father, Gerald Crawford; and brother, Steve Crawford.

Survivors are: his wife of 30 years, Ronda (Stern) Crawford; three children, Ashley (Derek) Browning, Amber (Hunter) Reichert, and Austin Crawford all of Starke; mother, Aline (Crews) Crawford of Kingsley Lake; brother, Dennis (Joan) Crawford, and his father and mother in law, Roland and Lucinda Stern all of Starke.

Funeral services were April 19 at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church with Pastor Zeb Cook and Pastor Jeremy Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions please be made to the Kingsley Lake Baptist Church in memory of Curtis, 6289 Mary Dot Lane, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Joyce Epling

STARKE—Joyce Irene Epling, 81, of Starke died Tuesday, April 15,

2014. She was born on Dec. 20, 1932 in Marion, Ind. to the late Walter and Margaret (Lemons) Voland and moved to Starke seven years ago. Prior to retirement she worked as a beautician for over 40 years.

Survivors are: children, Andrea Weston of Starke, Pam Lovings of Arizona, and Raymond Purtee of Indiana; sister, Nancy Saenz of Arizona; nine grandchildren; twenty six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorial services and interment will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



LaVaughn Fraser

LaVaughn Fraser

GAINESVILLE—LaVaughn "Von" Hodges Fraser age 76, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born in Doerun, Ga. on Feb. 22, 1938. Von was the eighth child born to Wallace and Sallie (Hodges) Fraser. He was raised in a large family in a small, rural town with a strong work ethic. At age 12 he was a telephone switchboard operator and worked a paper route. On summer breaks he picked cotton, cropped tobacco and stacked peanuts while completing his high school education. When questioned about stacking peanuts he replied, "Anyone who grew up in rural Georgia in the 1950's can tell you what that means!" He inherited his love of conversing with others from his mother. With her nine children gathered around the dinner table on Sundays, she enjoyed sharing stories of growing up in rural Georgia. When questioned why he talks fast, Von replied, he had to talk fast to get a word in edgewise with eleven people at one table. After a tour of duty in

the United States Army as a Non-Commission Officer, Von attended the University of Florida where he earned his BSBA in Accounting in 1969. In 1992, he received a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of North Florida. Von was hired in 1977 by the Alachua County Clerk of Court as a Supervisor of Finance and Accounting. He was hired in 1981 by the Alachua County Tax Collector's Office where he held the position of Assistant Tax Collector until 2000 when he was elected Tax Collector. During his tenure as a public servant, Von used his inherited talent for conversation from his beloved mother to reach out to thousands of people in all walks of life to help them with tax issues or personal concerns. He often said "no tax payer's concern is too small or too large; they deserve my undivided attention."

Von's extraordinary commitment to service was evidenced by the many positions of leadership he held both locally and statewide. His involvement included but was not limited to: Florida Tax Collector's Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion, Military Support Group, Florida Credit Union, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Gainesville Alumni Association, Cotton Club Museum and cultural Center, League of Women Voters, African American Accountability Alliance, Florida Cattleman's Association, NAACP, PTA, A.L., Mebane Alumni Association, Inc., Arts Council of Elementary Schools, and the Gainesville Lion's Club. Most

notably, among all honors, awards and accolades, Von was elected and ordained Honorary Deacon at two local churches, Third Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by: brothers, Warren Fraser, Wendell Fraser, Wallace Fraser, and Arthur DeLacey Fraser.

Survivors are: sisters, Sadie King of Gainesville, Evelyn Chesser of Dinsmore, Mary O. (Raymond) Hunt of Starke, Joy (Glen) Edmunds of Albany, Ga.; sister-in-laws, Nell Fraser of Dublin, Ga. and Lucille Fraser of Valdosta, Ga.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 Nona Street in Starke on Saturday, April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be an additional viewing on Sunday, April 27th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave., Gainesville, 32653 with funeral services beginning at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow services in Rock Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, County Road 231, in Brooker with Pastor Roswell Henderson and Pastor Jim Sandlin officiating. A reception will follow the graveside service at Rock Primitive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for family and friends. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200. On-line condolences may be left at www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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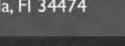
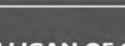
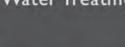
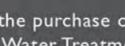
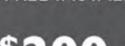
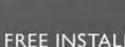
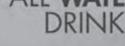
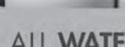
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OBITUARIES



Robert Griffin, Jr.

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LAWTEY—Robert Rollin Griffin, Jr. "RJ" age 23, of Lawtey, passed away April 14, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. RJ was born Feb. 10, 1991 in Jacksonville, to Robert Griffin, Sr. and Barbara "Barbie" Griffin. He resided in Lawtey for most of his life before moving to Baker County two years ago. RJ was a graduate of Middleburg High School and attended the police academy in St. Augustine. He has worked as a Corrections Officer at Columbia Correctional in Lake City for the past two years. Prior to becoming a Corrections Officer, RJ worked with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, dog wheeling, watching Georgia Bulldog games, and spending time with his family and friends.

Robert is survived by: his father, Robert Griffin; his mother, Barbara "Barbie" Griffin; brothers,

Clint Austin Griffin and Steven Norman; fiancé, Amber Cernik; grandparents, Richard (Linda) Norman, Kay (Linda) Sands, Homer (Billie) Griffin and numerous aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on April 19 at Highland First Baptist Church in Lawtey, with Daniel Padgett officiating. Interment followed in Highland First Baptist Church Cemetery. The arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, 250 North Lowder Street, Macclenny. (904)259-5700. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Emiko Gunn

MELROSE—Emiko Muria Gunn, 82, of Melrose died Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the Robert's Care Center in Palatka. She was born in Kouousa, Japan on July 5, 1931 and became a U.S. Citizen in 1954. She had lived in Gainesville before moving to Melrose and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by: her husband of 42 years, Koin D. Gunn; and children, Junji Brown of Lake City, Jannet Brown of Keystone Heights, Maki Brown of Gainesville, and Mary Deukuffny of Orange Park.

There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Janice Kelley

LAKE CITY—Janice L. Kelley, 56, of Lake City died Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at her residence after a brief illness. She was born on Aug. 20, 1956 in Lake Butler to the late

Sidney and Letha Ellis Todd. She was a LPN until ill health forced her to retire. She was raised in Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs.

She is survived by: her husband, David Allen Kelley; sons, Gregory Kelley, Joseph Kelley, and Christopher (Tabitha) Kelley; two grandchildren; brothers, Sidney Todd, George Todd and Charles Todd; sisters, Shirley Taylor and Lanita Combs.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 25, at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, burial to follow in Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Family invites friends for visitation Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 pm at Archer Funeral Home.



Christine Lawson

Christine Lawson

STARKE—Christine Stringfellow Lawson, 100, of Starke, died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Shands Hospital in Starke. She was born in Headland, Ala. to the late Nathaniel Stringfellow and Mary Catherine (Molly) Owens Stringfellow on Aug. 20, 1913. She moved to Starke in 1947. She was one of the charter members of Madison Street Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 74 years, James (Jim) Thomas Lawson; her daughter, Patricia "Patti" Sue (Neil) Crawford; and son, Hal Thomas Lawson.

She is survived by: daughter, Alice "Aliese" Louise (Tom) Harding of Odenton, Md.; eight grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 24, from 6 pm to 8 pm in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am at Madison Street Baptist Church with Rev. Justin Kirksey and Brother Charles Warren officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby

Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Tommy Linzy

LAWTEY—Tommy Kendrick Linzy, 66, of Lawtey, died Tuesday April 22, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Starke on May 31, 1947 to the late Hayward Randolph Linzy and Lois Rose Linzy. He served in the United States Army. He was employed by Merita Bread Company as a Salesman. He was a member of Smyrna Baptist where he served as a Deacon. He is preceded in death by: his parents; his brothers, Benjamin Linzy and Kenneth Linzy; and sisters, Wanda Sapp and Betty Deese.

He is survived by: his wife of 48 years, Virginia Cruce Linzy; sons, Thomas Kevin Linzy of Lawtey, and Brian (Kimberly) Keith of Grover, N.C.; sister, Elsie Carlton of Raiford; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, April 25 at Smyrna Baptist Church in Starke with Pastor Charles Starling officiating. Interment will follow at Sapp Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

Verna Mathews

LAKE BUTLER—Verna Florence Mathews, 92 of Lake Butler died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Shands of UF in Gainesville. She was born in Brewer, Maine on March 30, 1922 to the late Edward and Marie Rose Georgine DeGrace Pooler. She lived most of her life in Leesburg and came to Lake Butler in 2005. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lake Butler Ward. She is preceded in death by her husband Harold Franklin Mathews.

She is survived by: her sons, Bill (Johanna) Mathews of Lake Butler, Vernon Edward (Regina) Mathews, of Roseville, Michigan and John (Pam) Mathews of Leesburg; daughters, Merline Sanders of Umatilla and Marilyn Mathews of Daytona; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am in the Lakeside Memory Gardens, in Eustis. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 386-496-2008.

Robert Mitchell

MELROSE—Robert "Bob" Allen Mitchell, 87, of Melrose died Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Willey Manor ALF home in Keystone Heights. He was born on Aug. 12, 1926 in Hooksett, N.H. and retired as an electrician with the telephone company. He served in the United States Navy with the Seabees during World War II. His

brother had preceded him in death. He is survived by: son, Gregg Mitchell of Melrose. There are no scheduled services at this time. Interment will follow at a later date in California. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Diana New

Diana New

STARKE—Diana Marie New, 54, passed away April 17, 2014. She was born to the late Myron and Dorothy Bartholomew, Aug. 11, 1959 in Rochester, Mich. She was a former driver for the Suwannee River Economic Council. Mrs. New was a devoted Wife, Mother, and Grandmother who loved spending time with her family.

Diana is survived by: her husband, Anthony New; daughter, Christia New; son, Glenn (Ashley) New and beloved Grandson, Myron.

Memorial services for Mrs. New will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Starke Community Nazarene Church, 1:00 pm. Officiating for her service is Pastor Mike Meek.

Arrangements trusted to ICS Cremation & Funeral Home 357 NW Wilks Lane Lake City, 386-752-3436 www.icsfuneralservices.com

PAID OBITUARY

Cherie Rangler

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Cherie Lynn Rangler, age 68, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday April 14, 2014 at the Acosta-Rua in Jacksonville. She was born in Manchester, Mich. on May 14, 1945 to the late Harold and Leona Belle (Smith) Roberts, and has been a resident of Keystone Heights for 15 years. Cherie worked as an Assembler for the Ford Motor Company and was also a member of the Keystone United Methodist Church. She was involved with the Make A Wish Foundation at Amvets Post 893 in Rockledge and the Ladies V.F.W. Auxiliary. Her husband, David Rangler has preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her three children, Laura (Dorsey) Turner of Clinton, Mich., Stormy (Matthew) Wimberly and Christopher (Jessica) Rangler all of Keystone Heights. Also left behind are her loving grandchildren, Destiny and James Norton of Deland, Thomas Christopher and Theresa Rodriguez of Tecumseh, Mich., Dylan and Dixie Black of

Keystone Heights, Shelby Rodriguez of Clinton, Mich., Bobby Bates, Dakota Black, Cheyenne Rangler, Tully Rangler, and Christian Rangler all of Keystone Heights; great-grandchildren, Aiden Lindemuth, Ryleigh Norton, Kayden Rodriguez, Devin Black and Emmalyn Black.

A memorial service for Mrs. Rangler will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 26 at the Keystone United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Moore officiating. The family will be receiving friends immediately following the services in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Jewel Sellers

Jewel Sellers

KINGSLEY LAKE—Jewel Faye "Jackie" Sellers, 86, of Kingsley Lake died Monday, April 21, 2014. She was born on Nov. 2, 1927 in Jacksonville to the late Rufus and Esther (Lee) Parnell. Prior to retirement she worked as a lab technician in the Medical field. She was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Starke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert S. Sellers, Jr.; daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Holder and Susan Faye Sellers; sister, Ynez Marsh; and brother, Eddie Parnell.

Survivors are: sons, Herbert S. (Tana) Sellers III, of Kingsley Lake, James A. (Beth) Sellers of Middleburg; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 24, at 11:00 am in the First Christian Church of Starke with Pastor John Faulkner and Charles Soper officiating. Interment will follow at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Carolyn Thornton

STARKE—Carolyn Marie Thornton, 66, of Starke died Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the ET York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born March 18, 1948 in Starke to the late Aaron and Rosie Muse Sumner, living most of her life in Raiford and Starke. She was a member of the Morgan Road Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard A. Thornton.

She is survived by: her sons, Tim (Tammy) Thornton of Starke, Les (Michelle) Thornton of Starke, Travis Thornton of Starke and Steven Thornton of Starke; daughter, Tammy (Roger) Tetstone of Starke; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Carl Sumner of Keystone Heights; sisters, Evelyn Booth of Starke and Nancy Jacobs of Brooker.

Graveside funeral services were held April 23 at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford, with Rev. Al Paulson officiating. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Card of Thanks

We, the families of Steve and Curtis Crawford would like to thank everyone from the Gainesville, Bradford and Clay County Fire Departments for their loving support in our time of loss and sadness! We are also very thankful to the Kingsley Lake Baptist church family for their prayers, food and support!

We are so grateful to Pastor Zeb Cook for his constant love, prayers and presence! We appreciate the Bradford County Sheriffs Department for their support during Steve's funeral. So many people have been so kind and giving over the past few years, we apologize for not mentioning everyone, but we are so blessed by everyone's love and support!!

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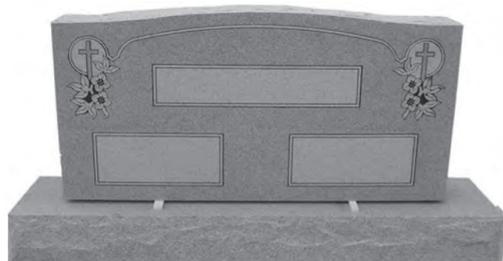
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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

Bradford

Shane Allen Arnett, 21, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Arnett started arguing with his brother and then began to hit him in the head with his fist. The victim told deputies Arnett knew he couldn't fight back due to a medical condition, including a dialysis port on the side of his chest.

Joshua Bryan Coffman, 33, of Starke was arrested April 16 by Starke police for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Brian Sean Copeland, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 20 by Bradford deputies for larceny and for loitering. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to the Kangaroo store on S.R. 100 and Griffiths Loop in Starke about two suspicious men hanging around out front. When the deputies arrived, the men went into the woods, but Copeland was stopped and arrested. The other man wasn't located, but video from the store showed both men shoplifting items, including beer and wine. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charges.

Mario Correa, 53, of New Haven, Conn., was arrested April 16 by Lawtey police for driving without a valid license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Travis Dekon King Covington, 27, of Starke was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Covington was stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charges.

Chuckie Detroy Covington, 24, of Starke was arrested April 18 by Starke police for assault and for simple assault. According to the arrest report, Covington threatened to kill a family member and then threatened to attack and beat up the police officer when they were called to the area. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Maria T. Davis, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for two out-of-county warrants from Union for probation violation for original charges of grand theft.

Roosevelt Chevelt Ferguson, 29, of Gainesville was arrested April 17 by Lawtey police for carrying a concealed weapon, for possession of marijuana and drug equipment and for driving while license suspended or revoked. According to the arrest report, Ferguson was stopped by an officer because his windshield was broken on the driver's side and he wasn't wearing a seat belt. When the officer asked for his license, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana. He then asked for his registration and observed a pistol in a tote bag Ferguson

was looking in. A further search of the bag revealed a loaded .45 Taurus pistol, several bags of marijuana and an electronic scale. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Terrius Germaine Green, 22, of Starke was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for destroying evidence. According to the arrest report, Green was in a vehicle stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Joaquin Guerrero, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested April 19 by Lawtey police for driving without a valid license. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Linda Hankerson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 19 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Jennifer Renee Harris, 22, of Lawtey was arrested April 16 by Bradford deputies for two probation violations.

Denise Nicole Hengl, 25, of Hampton was arrested April 17 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for not having a valid registration for her vehicle. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

William Christopher Kahakua, 37, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for criminal mischief-property damage. According to the arrest report, Kahakua was at the Kangaroo store on Morgan Road and got into an argument at the gas pump. He then hit the victim's vehicle with his fist, leaving a large dent on the passenger side. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Eunice Ann Langford, 35, of Waldo was arrested April 16 by Starke police for disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, Langford was causing a disturbance at a home in Starke, yelling loud enough to bring neighbors out of their homes. She refused to calm down with the officer and was arrested. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Carl Frances McKinley, 33, of Lawtey was arrested April 16 by Lawtey police for burglary, larceny and three charges of dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, McKinley went to Guide Metals on U.S. 301 three times in the past several weeks with loads of stolen items from a resident of Lawtey. He sold the items for scrap metal. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Monique Lashay Newman, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested April 21 by Starke police for probation violation.

Terri Lynn Palmer, 30, of Hampton was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for felony child neglect. According to the arrest report, law enforcement was called after a neighbor of Palmer's encountered a 3-year-old boy walking down the road and picked him up. The deputy took the child and went down to a nearby trailer, where he encountered an 11-year-old girl

and four other children younger than her in her care. The 3-year-old was her brother, and she told the deputy her parents were in town grocery shopping. While the deputy waited for the parents to come home, the 11-year-old proceeded to cook dinner for the others, boiling water for hot dogs. When the parents, Terri and Christopher Palmer, showed up, Terri Palmer said this was the first time they had left them alone. The deputy stated he had been told otherwise, at which point Terri Palmer started to have a negative attitude, according to the deputy. She also stated she knew she was going to be arrested, so he should just go ahead and arrest her. In the report, the deputy noted that Palmer never seemed upset or remorseful, and she made it seem like it was the children's fault the deputy was out there arresting her. The children were left in the custody of their father.

Wendy McMaster Pettit, 48, of Middleburg was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies on three charges of failure to appear.

Mava Grace Proctor, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 18 by Starke police for possession of drugs. According to the arrest report, Proctor was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over for a faulty tag light. The officer stated the driver and Proctor appeared nervous and asked if they had anything illegal in the vehicle and if he could search the vehicle. The officer found four hydrocodone pills in Proctor's purse, which she didn't have a prescription for. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Felicia Matasha Richardson, 23, of Gainesville was arrested April 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of amphetamines and for destroying evidence. According to the arrest report, Richardson was in a vehicle stopped by a Clay County deputy in the Speedville area after the deputy observed someone throwing three plastic bags out the window of the vehicle. The bags contained crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Sherri Foreman Roberts, 50, of Starke was arrested April 15 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Roberts was in a vehicle with three other passengers when they got into an argument about which convenience store to stop at. They stopped near the Veterans Memorial Park in Starke, and Roberts got out of the vehicle and continued arguing through a back window with a passenger before striking the victim in the face. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Don Edward Rosier, 51, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Starke police for three charges of felony child neglect and three charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Rosier purchased three "dime" bags of marijuana for his 11-year-old son and two other juveniles who are 9- and 11-year-old brothers. Rosier and the three juveniles then smoked all the marijuana at Rosier's residence. The brothers went home and got sick, and their mother called law enforcement after they told her what happened. When arrested at his residence, Rosier admitted

to purchasing the marijuana and smoking it with the juveniles. Bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Walter Edward Schneider, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 16 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for failure to appear for original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,550 for the charge.

Bethany Jessica Smith, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Timothy Joshua Staten, 30, of Dade City was arrested April 20 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Timothy Jerome Stewart, 22, of Starke was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Reginald Bernard Trumpler, 37, of Palatka was arrested April 17 by Starke police on a warrant from the Florida Parole Commission for a parole violation out of Putnam County. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Shannon Marie Vansyckel, 34, of Starke was arrested April 16 by Starke police for larceny and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to the arrest report, Vansyckel and two juveniles were observed placing items in their purses at Walmart by an employee. The employee was able to detain the two juveniles, but Vansyckel left the store and then left the area on a bicycle. The juveniles, one of whom is related to Vansyckel,

had also come to Walmart on bicycles and were able to tell the police where Vansyckel lives. Vansyckel was located and arrested, but denied knowing the juveniles and assisting them by placing items into bags, so she was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. With eight other theft convictions in her past, Vansyckel's theft charge was upgraded to felony larceny (instead of petit theft). Bond was set at \$7,500 for the charges

against her. Walmart declined to press charges against the juveniles.

Matthew Carter Wells, 31, of White Springs was arrested April 21 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

James William Young, 41, of Hampton was arrested April 18 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for contempt of court from original charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$355 for the charge.

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Kenneth Baldinelli, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

Adam Boyd, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

Mathew Cemer, 14, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief.

Casey Marie Gaffney, 33, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for child neglect and dealing in stolen property.

Michael David Lavane, 38, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for child neglect and dealing in stolen property.

Frederick J. Martin, 18, of Melrose was arrested April 15 by Putnam deputies for burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief. According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Martin, Baldinelli, Boyd, Cemer, Gaffney and Lavane were part of a theft ring that committed over 50 residential and commercial burglaries in Putnam, Clay, Alachua and Bradford counties.

Charles Chamberlain, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 18 by Clay deputies for

child abuse without great harm.

Summer McKinnon, 18, of Starke was arrested April 18 by Clay deputies for petit theft.

Union

Julian Demetrius Merriex, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested April 8 by Union deputies for kidnapping a minor-interfering with custody, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, child neglect, failure to appear and felony escape. According to the arrest and offense reports, a 14-year-old runaway from Columbia County stayed with Merriex at his mother's home in Providence for four nights and five days before a deputy located her at the residence in mid-October of last year. The runaway was returned to her family, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Merriex. When deputies returned to the Providence area several days later to arrest Merriex, the same runaway was with him again, and they tried to elude the officers by fleeing into the woods. They were tracked and located several hours later by the canine unit. The runaway had a lot of superficial wounds on her body from being dragged through the brush and woods by Merriex trying to elude the deputies. Merriex was handcuffed and placed in a patrol car and transported to the jail, but he apparently worked his hands from behind his body to the front of his body during the trip. When the deputy went to remove

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Georgia Gail Massey, 29, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Union deputies for probation violation.

Willie Lee Gainey, 58, of Lake Butler was arrested April 14 by Union deputies for larceny, disorderly intoxication and resisting property recovery from a retail merchant. According to the arrest report, Gainey was at the CVS in Lake Butler when he attempted to conceal a bottle of wine in his pants and leave the store. The manager followed Gainey out to get him to stop, but he didn't until an unidentified customer stopped him. When the officer arrived, Gainey stated he had been drinking all day and ran out of alcohol at his house, but didn't have the money to pay for the wine, so he thought he would just take it from the store.

James Alan Simmons, 29, of Starke was arrested April 11 by

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Matthew Aaron Dover, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested April 21 by Union deputies for burglary and for petit theft and on an out-of-county warrant from Suwannee for probation violation of a domestic violence injunction. According to the arrest report, Dover showed up at a relative's residence uninvited and plundered through a bedroom, stealing a gold-rod chain valued at \$200. Law enforcement was called, and he was located and arrested for the theft and the out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$835 for the probation violation charge.

Joshua Oneal Perry, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested April 16 by Union deputies for possession of a weapon on school property. According to the arrest report, during a routine search at the UCHS alternative school, a knife was found on Perry under his waistband.

Zachery Weldon Robertson, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested April 16 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for probation violation on a driving-under-the-influence charge. No bond was allowed for the charge.

A 15-year-old was arrested April 16 by Union deputies for

disturbing the peace at the UCHS alternative school.

Jimme V. Lewis, 49, of Alachua was arrested April 19 by Union deputies for two charges of false imprisonment and two charges of burglary. According to the arrest report, Lewis went to an ex-girlfriend's home late at night and barged his way in after someone answered the door. He refused to leave and then started to tear up and throw several items in the home. The victim then gathered up her infant child and tried to leave, but Lewis wouldn't allow her to. The victim finally shoved Lewis against the door and ran out of the house to her mother's home across the yard and called law enforcement. Lewis was located in Alachua and arrested.

Shawn Matthew Eiserman, 25, of Lawtey was arrested April 18 by Union deputies for hit and run, distribution and possession of marijuana, possession of drugs public order crime-using two-way device to facilitate a felony. According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to the Hungry Howies in Lake Butler about a traffic crash. Eiserman told the deputy he backed into a car on the other side of a gas pump, but was acting very nervous and stuttering and shaking when he was getting out his driver's license. The deputy asked him to get his registration from the vehicle while he interviewed the owner of the car Eiserman hit. Instead of getting his registration,

Eiserman went behind Hungry Howies and jumped in a vehicle parked there with an acquaintance of his in it. He then threw what appeared to the deputy to be a bag of marijuana on the driver's side of the floorboard. The deputy had both men exit the vehicle, retrieved the marijuana from the acquaintance and arrested Eiserman. A later search of his vehicle turned up a brown bag with a over 50 grams of marijuana in it and a pill bottle with cocaine.

The acquaintance, Joseph James Lacy, 32, of Lake Butler, was also arrested and charged with resisting an officer, possession of marijuana and possession of drugs, using a vehicle to sell or store drugs and public order crime-using two-way device to facilitate a felony. After his arrest, Lacy told deputies that Eiserman was on his way from Starke to meet him to "make a deal" for the marijuana. When Eiserman had the accident at the gas pump, he called Lacy, and Lacy came to the store. Lacy stated that Eiserman went over and gave him the marijuana right before the deputy arrived. When Lacy was ordered out of the vehicle along with Eiserman, he refused several times to place his hands on the vehicle so the deputy could pat him down for weapons. He only did so after the deputy told him he would be tasered if he didn't cooperate. The deputy also found a bag with cocaine in it during his search of Lacy.

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Tornadoes rally in 7th, defeat Blue Wave for district crown

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Mackenzie Gault capped a three-hit night with a single that scored what would prove to be the winning run in the Bradford High School softball team's 2-1 win over P.K. Yonge in the District 5-4A championship game on April 17 in Alachua.

Tornadoes (18-7), who played District 6 runner-up South Sumter in a regional quarterfinal game on April 23.

Bradford, the tournament's second seed, had lost its previous two matchups with top seed P.K. Yonge by one run each.

"It's an indescribable feeling," pitcher Ashton Adkins said. "It's amazing just knowing that we've struggled with them the past two times. This win meant so much

to me and my team. It's just tremendous."

The Tornadoes had three hits entering the top of the seventh, but lead-off batter Annie Luke hit a single, while a throwing error on Jaci Atkinson's ground ball to the shortstop gave Bradford two on with no outs. After P.K. Yonge recorded the inning's first out, Lindsey Wiggins hit a hard single up the middle to score courtesy runner Taylor Crawford



Posing with the District 5-4A championship trophy are: (front, l-r) Jordan Davis, Lindsey Wiggins, Ashton Adkins, Mackenzie Gault, Lainie Rodgers, Taylor Cruce, (back, l-r) Alexis Shealey, Chelsey Thomas, Shelby Wilkison, Annie Luke, Kaylen Chitty, Jaci Atkinson, Sabina Watson and Taylor Crawford.

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Gault, who doubled in two of her previous three at-bats, followed with another single that scored Atkinson.

"I didn't hit it where I wanted it, but, hey, a single will work for me," said Gault, who was 3-for-4.

Adkins gave up seven hits and five walks, but pitched the Tornadoes out of several jams. P.K. Yonge (21-3) loaded the bases twice, but failed to score in each instance, and also had innings where it failed to score when it had runners in scoring position with one out.

Of Adkins' 10 strikeouts, five ended innings.

"We always say it's one versus

nine—nine players against that one batter," Gault said, "but (Adkins) really held us in this game. She worked her heart out. She pitched great."

For her part, Adkins said, "I just knew I had to focus and concentrate on our main goal, which was to not let them score hardly any runs so we could have a chance to win this game."

Gault got the Tornadoes off to a good start when she doubled to lead off the game. However, P.K. Yonge pitcher Kalen McGill retired three straight batters to leave Gault stranded on third.

Two hits and a walk loaded the bases for P.K. Yonge with just one out in the bottom of the inning. A baserunning miscue

by the Blue Wave after a force-out at home allowed Bradford to get out of the inning without surrendering a run.

P.K. Yonge put two on with no outs in the second, but Adkins recorded two strikeouts as well as holding the two base runners in place after fielding a bunt before throwing to first for an out.

Adkins recorded her fifth strikeout of the game to end the third inning after the Blue Wave loaded the bases with two outs.

"(Adkins) always gives great effort and shines every time she goes on the mound," Bradford head coach Daniel Davis said.

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BHS, UCHS to play for baseball titles

Bradford and Union County extended their seasons and will play for the championships in their respective district tournaments, while Keystone Heights saw its season come to an end in its district semifinals.

Second-seeded Bradford (16-9) defeated host and third seed Santa Fe 2-1 in the April 22 semifinals of the District 5-4A tournament and will play

fourth seed Fort White for the championship on Thursday, April 24, at Santa Fe High School at 7 p.m.

Fort White advanced to the championship game by defeating top seed Keystone 3-1.

In Williston, second seed Union defeated third seed Newberry 3-2 in the April 22 semifinals of the District 7-1A tournament. The Tigers (15-6)

will play top seed Williston for the championship on April 24 at Williston at 7 p.m.

Championship game participants will advance to the regional playoffs. Bradford will play its first regional game on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m., while Union won't play its first regional game until Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

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Region champ Ardley, 2 BHS teammates heading to state finals

Three athletes from Bradford High School will compete in four events at the state track and field finals, including Keaaris Ardley, who was the Region 2-2A champion in the high jump.

Ardley won the high jump by clearing 6-2. He will be joined at the May 2 Florida High School Athletic Association Finals at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville by teammates Diontre Jonas and Kenny Dinkins. Jonas was the Region 2 runner-up in the 200m dash with a time of 22.22 seconds and was fourth in the 100m with a time of 10.84. Dinkins was third in the 400m with a time of 50.45.

The top four placers in each event earned the right to compete in the state finals.

Bradford competed in the boys' 4x400m relay, placing 10th with a time of 3:38.80, while Sarah Frederick was 14th in the 1600m with a time of 6:18.54.

Union's Cook places 10th at regionals

Union County High School will not be represented at the Florida High School Athletic Association Track and Field Finals, but Kristen Cook did earn a top 10 finish at the Region 2-2A meet on April 16 in Orlando.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to move on to state. Cook placed 10th in the shotput with a distance of 28-4.75.

Nancy Slocum also competed for Union, placing 15th in the 200m with a time of 30.13.

Bradford pulls out 5-4 win over Suwannee

Zach DeWitt and Carson Yowell each went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI as the Bradford High School baseball team closed the regular season with a 5-4 win over visiting Suwannee on April 17.

David Hall and Matt Stanwix-Hay each drove in a run, while pitcher Jacob Luke (3-1) earned the win, giving up two hits and one walk in three innings.

Starter Jackson Reddish gave up one hit in three innings, while DeWitt gave up no hits in one inning.

On April 15, Bradford traveled to Forrest, losing 6-1. Only two of the five runs scored against starting pitcher Wyatt Barnes (4-3) were earned. Barnes gave up five hits and one walk in 4.1 innings.

At the plate, Reddish hit a double.

Keystone falls to Clay 9-2

Visiting Clay held the Keystone Heights High School baseball team to five hits as the Indians lost their regular-season finale 9-2 on April 17.

Morgan Bass and Cory Taylor each went 2-for-3, with Taylor hitting an RBI single in the fifth inning. That scored Morgan Smith, who reached after getting hit by a pitch.

Blake Richardson hit an RBI single in the second, scoring Tristan Starling, who reached on a walk.

Prior to playing Clay, the Indians (14-11 prior to April 22) defeated New York's Iroquois 2-1 in eight innings on April 15 in Keystone.

Starling scored the winning run, hitting a single to lead off the bottom of the eighth, moving to second when Richardson was hit by a pitch and stealing third before going home on an error.

Starling finished the game 3-for-4, while Kyle Hix hit an RBI single that tied the score at 1-1 in the third inning.

Bass pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and one walk, while striking out 12.

Union wins last 2 regular season games

Union County High School's baseball team bounced back from its 11-1 loss to Suwannee by defeating Interlachen 10-0 on April 15 and then capping the regular season with a 6-4 win over Crescent City on April 17.



Keaaris Ardley won the District 5 and Region 2 titles in the high jump and will advance to the Class 2A state finals with Bradford High School teammates Kenny Dinkins and Diontre Jonas. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

The Tigers got a complete-game (five innings) performance from pitcher Corey Hersey in the win over Interlachen. Hersey allowed just two hits and struck

out six. Offensively, Garrett Hersey was 3-for-3 with a double and three runs scored, while Colten McAlister was 3-for-4 with a

double and an RBI. Trey Owen was 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Chris Starling and Cole Kite were 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively. Starling and Kite each had two RBI, with Kite hitting a double

and a triple. Corey Hersey drove in a run as well. The Tigers traveled to Crescent City to earn their second win in a row heading into this week's

District 7-1A tournament. (The Telegraph-Times-Monitor did not obtain stats of the Crescent City game by deadline.)

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"I'm very fortunate to have her. She keeps you in games."

P.K. Yonge finally took advantage of an opportunity when a walk and an error put two on with one out in the fourth. Kaitlyn Burke hit a double to score a run, but Adkins also had two strikeouts to prevent any more damage.

"They were very resilient

tonight and pushed through some tough spots to pull out the win," Davis said. "It was a great team win."

If Bradford advances to the Tuesday, April 29, regional semifinals, it would host either P.K. Yonge or the Villages. The game time would be 7 p.m.

Visit www.StarkeJournal.com to view photos from this game. Membership required.

Bradford defeats host

Santa Fe in semifinals

Gault drove in two runs, while Adkins gave up four hits and two walks in the Tornados' 5-1 win over third seed Santa Fe in the District 5 semifinals on April 15.

Luke was 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Adkins and Jordan Davis each hit a double and had an RBI. Lainie Rodgers was 3-for-4 with two doubles.

Adkins had five strikeouts in earning the win.

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