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## Officers fired for inmate deaths

Includes 14 from UCI

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

On Friday, Sept. 19, Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Michael Crews fired 32 guards in connection to inmate deaths, including 14 from Union Correctional Institution.

All were accused of criminal wrongdoing or misconduct in connection with inmates at four state prisons.

Eighteen of those fired by Crews were involved in the April 11 death of Matthew Walker at Charlotte Correctional Institution in an incident the DOC called an “inappropriate use of force.”

Three were from Franklin Correctional Institution who allegedly repeatedly gassed inmate Randall Jordan-Aparo, who died in September 2010.

At Union Correctional Institution, Warden Diane Andrews relayed via email that “Fourteen staff were terminated, two were allowed to resign and (Assistant Warden) N. Jeffcoat and Officer R. Hill were allowed to return to work.”

Some of those terminated are under investigation for excessive use-of-force incidents against prisoners over the past two years. One incident involved the Aug. 16, 2012, death of Rudolf Rowe.

All 32 guards released had been on paid administrative leave pending a review launched earlier this summer.

The DOC secretary started the investigations

after The Miami Herald reported earlier this year on Darren Rainey, a mentally ill inmate at Dade Correctional Institution who died after guards allegedly forced him to shower in scalding hot water as punishment two years ago.

According to United Press International, the Teamsters Union that represents the officers blamed incidents on protocols set by management who have not been held accountable for the deaths of inmates.

“The procedure they were following in Charlotte was well known and condoned by the warden,” Teamsters spokesman Bill Curtis said. “Essentially they promoted the people most responsible and liable for the incident and fired everybody else down the chain.”

The DOC said dismissals won’t necessarily lead to criminal charges, even when accused of criminal wrongdoing — a decision left up to local law enforcement.

Jessica Cary, public affairs director in the DOC Central Office, stated, “The dismissals on Friday were part of a review of those staff statewide on administrative leave. Thirty-two employees on administrative leave were advised of their dismissal effective immediately, and three employees on administrative leave were determined able to return to work. This was a direct result of Secretary Crews’ direction that the status of every individual on administrative leave be reviewed, and all were acted upon.”

“We cannot provide specific information on inmate deaths under an active, ongoing investigation but the department continues to fully cooperate with law enforcement partners and to take all and any appropriate

administrative action as swiftly as possible with those staff who do not meet our expectations.

“The department has a clear and consistent policy that outlines the initiation of disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal against any employee whose conduct violates any criminal statute. A criminal conviction is not necessary for disciplinary action to be taken.”

“While the department has consistently taken disciplinary action against members whose conduct violated state statutes, the current policy applies a uniform standard of dismissal for members who engage in any criminal act, including misdemeanors.”

Earlier this month, Crews stated via email, “This is another step toward increasing accountability and transparency at the department. Our employees should exhibit the highest standards of professionalism and integrity on the job, in the community and at their homes, but if they break the law, they will be held accountable.”

“This policy will keep those who break the law from putting the uniform back on the next day. I have made it clear that I will not allow the bad actions of a few to tarnish the reputations of all the hard working men and women in our department.”

“I have said it before, and I will say it again — our department should be held to the highest standards, and I have zero tolerance for anything else.”

Read additional press releases and announcements at <http://dc.state.fl.us/secretary/press/2014>.

## 3 accidents, 1 fatal

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

A pedestrian was struck and killed on U.S. 301 early Tuesday morning, Sept. 23.

Thomas “Tommy” Albert Baugess was pronounced dead shortly after the accident, which took place around 12:40 a.m.

Baugess was hit in the southbound lane of 301 south of Northwest 178<sup>th</sup> Loop, which is just north of the Starke city limits.

The driver was Eric David of Bennettsville, South Carolina, who was driving a tractor-trailer and did not see Baugess in the road. According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Baugess was under the influence of alcohol. The results of David’s alcohol test were pending.

Baugess was 25 years old, the son of Jackie and Albert Baugess, according to posts on Facebook, where family and friends expressed their shock and sorrow. Baugess had two brothers, Joey and Paul, was a graduate of Bradford High School and an employee at McDonalds, according to his Facebook page.

A driver from Starke was seriously injured Sept. 18 when her car drifted into the path of another vehicle. Kimbirli Y. Feezell, 41, was transported to UF Health in Gainesville, but the two minor children traveling with her were not hurt.

The other driver, Ira J. Barnes, 50, of Gainesville received minor injuries.

Fezell was cited for failing to drive within the designated lane. The accident took place around 7 a.m. on S.R. 100 west of Southeast 129<sup>th</sup> Street.

Another S.R. 100 accident resulted in careless driving charges for Williard Barrow, 59, of Melrose. On Sept. 22 around 3:30 p.m., Barrow was driving a semi behind a Chevy Suburban driven by 43-year-old Traci Reed of Palatka. Reed slowed to turn into a private driveway west of C.R. 216 and was struck from behind.

The suburban was sent rotating into a wooded fence while the semi overturned onto its right side in the ditch. Both drivers were transported to Putnam Community Medical Center with minor injuries.



Tommy Baugess

## Board thanked for sidewalk support

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

County commissioners were happy a Hampton sidewalk project was back on track this week but disgusted by the unnecessary waste of taxpayer dollars resulting from its delay.

Hampton Lake resident Mary Kramer approached the board at it Sept. 18 meeting, grateful that the sidewalk project had been saved.

“We’ve been promised a sidewalk for years, and we finally see it happening. Now with our little situation, I just want to reinforce how important that sidewalk is to our neighborhood,” she said.

The “little situation” Kramer referred to was the abrupt halt and near cancellation of the half-million-dollar sidewalk project after several unhappy residents and state Rep. Charles Van Zant stepped forward after the project

began to try to get it moved to the other side of the road.

The Florida Department of Transportation asked the county commission to reaffirm its support for the project, which it did in an emergency meeting on Sept. 15.

“We have walkers that go up and down the street,” Kramer said, noting the often-ignored 45 mph speed limit and the danger posed to pedestrians and school children.

“This is something we do need and we do deserve, and we hope that you keep pushing forward and working to get us our sidewalk as soon as possible,” she said.

Commission Chairman Danny Riddick, in whose district the project is being built, said the project was set to resume this week. He said he had received a lot of phone calls expressing support and appreciation for the board’s emergency intervention



The sidewalk is to be built along the south side of C.R. 18, between U.S. 301 and Southwest 80th Place.

last week.

“As of right now, the construction’s going to start back Monday, but this is the part that will make you sick. That little 10- or 15-minute meeting that stopped them sidewalks ... it’s estimated

around \$32,000 is what that has already cost,” Riddick said. That only includes construction costs and not additional engineering consultation costs incurred by FDOT and the county.

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## 21 manager apps will be narrowed down

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Starke City Commissioners will soon have a short list of city manager applicants to considered once the candidate pool has been whittled down with the help of a few friends.

City Clerk Ricky Thompson said Mayor Carolyn Spooner asked Lake Butler City Manager Dave Mecusker, former Orange Park manager John Boles and Lawtey Mayor Jimmy Scott to review the applications and submit their recommendations this week. From there, Starke commissioners will consider the applicants, set up interviews and make their selection.

A time frame has not been determined. There was a long and varied list of candidates to choose from. A total of 21 replied to the advertisement. Those candidates were:

- Alica McMillian of Starke, who has served twice as the city’s finance director, from 1987 – 2003 and 2013 – to present, and as the city’s recreation director from 2003 – 2013. She has been with the city since 1983 when she began as a payroll clerk. She has a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

- Michael P. Kane of Snellville, Georgia, with a bachelor’s degree in human resource management and an MBA in public administration. His experience includes being chief of the Lake County, Taylor County and Pompano Beach fire departments.

- Dylan James Lintelman of Lake Mary, Florida, has a BA in political science and a master’s in public administration. He has been a project manager for SunGard Public Sector Cloud Solutions, a budget analyst for the city of Casselberry, Florida, and a grant assistant for Florida Coast Institute of Youth and Justice Studies.

- Edward L. Wall of Keystone Heights, who has a

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## Clay Electric announces \$23M project

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

The general manager of Clay Electric Cooperative said the co-op plans to build four new buildings west of Keystone Heights over the next five years.

Ricky Davis said in the co-op’s newsletter, The Kilowatt that the \$23 million project will house the organization’s data and call centers and its finance, administrative, information and communications technology, human resources, member and public relations, and internal audit departments. The campus will also include the general manager’s office and boardroom meeting facilities.

Workers will construct the new campus on property Clay Electric already owns between its present buildings on the western edge of Keystone Heights and the Keystone Village Square shopping center.

The co-op originally planned to launch the project last year, but delayed construction after it increased its monthly customer charge by \$3 a month in October and raised its energy charge on the first 1,000-kilowatt hours of power from 7.48 cents to 7.63 cents per kilowatt hour.



The planned buildings will house many of the electric co-ops administrative functions.

The following January, Clay began passing along a 4.4-percent fuel cost increase it received from its power supplier, Seminole Electric.

When announcing the delay last year, Davis

said if the co-op would have proceeded with the buildings, the projects would not have materially affected the co-op’s financial

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# What do they earn?

Have you ever wondered what your local elected officials and their top administrators earn? Well, after all, you're the boss ...

## Bradford County

County Commissioners	\$31,039	Building Official	\$55,993.60	Sheriff	\$108,525
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Property Appraiser	\$99,585	Road Department Superintendent	\$55,660.80	Captain Chief of Operations	\$61,366
Tax Collector	\$99,585	Emergency Management Director	\$50,772.80	Captain Jail Administrator	\$61,366
Supervisor of Elections	\$82,029	Emergency Services Director	\$75,712.00	Lieutenant Jail Operations	\$42,407
County Manager	\$67,954	Community Development Director	\$33,904.00	Lieutenant Jail Administration	\$41,196
County Attorney	\$61,006	Facilities Maintenance Director	\$42,411.20	Lieutenant Finance/Human Res.	\$58,338
		Solid Waste Director	\$61,089.60	Lieutenant Patrol Commander	\$42,407
		Library Director	\$43,804.80	Lieutenant Investigations	\$46,729

## School District

School Board Members	\$26,358	Bradford-Union Technical Center Director	\$77,356	Southside Elementary School Principal	\$80,125
Superintendent of Schools	\$99,585	Coordinator	\$69,197	Assistant Principal	\$56,792
Assistant Superintendent	\$89,424	Bradford High School Principal	\$81,260	Lawtey Elementary School Principal	\$69,197
Technology Director	\$87,229	Assistant Principal	\$69,197		
Exceptional Ed./Student Services Dir.	\$85,030	Assistant Principal	\$58,385	Hampton Elementary School Principal	\$61,819
Human Resources Director	\$82,197	Bradford Middle School Principal	\$71,084	Brooker Elementary School Principal	\$64,114
Finance Director	\$82,197	Assistant Principal	\$68,568		
Accountability/Special Programs Dir.	\$76,671	Starke Elementary School Principal	\$70,455	Rainbow Center Coordinator	\$70,603
Food Services Supervisor	\$70,455	Assistant Principal	\$56,792		
Maintenance/Transportation Super.	\$69,223				
Network Administrator	\$54,251				
Network Administrator	\$46,501				
Transportation Manager	\$46,450				
Community Relations Coordinator	\$43,836				

## Starke

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner	\$14,010	Finance Director	\$54,413	Police Chief	\$55,483
Commissioner Tommy Chastain	\$14,010	Purchasing Director	\$37,773	Police Captain	\$45,593
Commissioner Wilbur Waters	\$14,010	Maintenance Supervisor	\$48,776	Police Captain	\$41,454
Commissioner Danny Nugent	\$13,551	Wastewater Supervisor	\$32,968	Lieutenant	\$38,220
Commissioner Travis Woods	\$13,551	Public Works Director	\$29,120		
City Clerk	\$44,990	Meter Department Supervisor	\$27,061	Fire Chief	\$60,174
		Electric Supervisor	\$50,731		

Elected county and school board officials' salaries are obtained from a population-based formula contained in Florida Statutes and calculated annually by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research. The numbers above are the calculations for fiscal year 2014-15. Salaries for elected Starke officials are set by an ordinance adopted by the city commission and will increase by 3 percent along with other city employees' salaries on Oct. 1. The base salaries do not reflect overtime commonly earned by public works, public safety or utility employees.

## Pumpkin Escape turns 20 years old

A rare — maybe even spooky — convergence will take place on Friday, Oct. 31, when the Great Pumpkin Escape in downtown Starke arrives on Halloween night.

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the safe alternative to trick-or-treating envisioned by downtown business leaders has certainly proven successful.

"The quest for a safe place for our children to trick-or-treat has definitely been accomplished," said Lee Sparks, president of the Downtown Business Community Association, in a recent letter seeking corporate sponsorship. "This event has become a real family-oriented occasion.

We encourage surrounding communities to become part of the festival. Games, contests, entertainment and, of course, free candy are all part of the excitement."

In addition to all of that, restaurants including The Downtown Grill and Tony and Al's will be open for diners, and The Florida Twin Theatre will be open showing the latest movies. The Great Pumpkin Escape will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Halloween night.

It has been the community's support for a great idea that has carried the event this long, Sparks said. In addition to the Downtown Business Community

Association, sponsors have included the city of Starke, the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, Walmart, DuPont, Davis Brothers Express, CSX Railroad, Bradford County Telegraph, the residents of Walnut Street, Bradford High students, Phil and Charlotte Cay, Florida Twin Theatre, The Downtown Grill, Williams Jewelry, the fire departments in Theresa and Heilbron Springs, Carl's Signs, and Bradford Salvage & Parts.

Because of the growth of the event, the business association is seeking additional sponsorships and individual contributors. Small toys, candy and gift certificates are all needed.

In addition, you can sign up to run a booth or become a corporate sponsor by calling Sparks at the Florida Twin Theatre at 904-

966-1150, Chrissy Thompson at The Downtown Grill at 904-964-9253 or the chamber of commerce at 904-964-5278.

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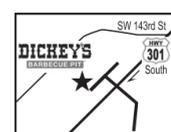
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# Officials, residents celebrate Hampton comeback

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Two state lawmakers, who were intent on dissolving the city of Hampton earlier this year hosted a barbecue for the town's residents to mark the city's achievements.

State Sen. Rob Bradley, Rep. Charles Van Zant Sr. and their staffs served around 150 meals at Hampton's Victory Baptist Church on Sept. 19.

The turnout equated to approximately 30 percent of the city's population.

The church was also the site of a legislative delegation meeting on March 28 where Van Zant and Bradley decided to rescind a measure that would have revoked the city's charter.

Bradley and Van Zant threatened the dissolution after reading the results of a state audit. The report catalogued 31 findings of inadequate accounting practices, poor budgetary controls and deficient administrative and procurement procedures.

Van Zant said during the barbecue that after reading the audit report, he felt he could get the backing from his colleagues to rescind Hampton's charter.

"The legislature generally believed the city of Hampton ought to be dissolved," said Van Zant. "They were a corrupt government and had been so for years. Their claim to fame was a police force out on 301 that was milking the public."

Bradley said that after he and Van Zant read the report, the pair saw dissolution as the most reasonable course of action.

"We were so shocked and appalled by what we read in that audit," he recalled. "It reflected such a deep and longstanding way of doing things that were not consistent with how things should be done. We were concerned that there was no turning back, that it was too far gone."

But shock and anger gave way to empathy when during a Feb. 27 meeting at the Bradford County Courthouse, Hampton residents pleaded with the lawmakers to give their city one more chance.

"They came to us and said,



Resident Donnie Lott and Rep. Charles Van Zant



Sheriff Gordon Smith and Sen. Rob Bradley

"Do not do this. Do not dissolve this city," Bradley recalled. "They agreed with us that what happened in the past was unacceptable and must change."

Sheriff Gordon Smith said that even before the lawmakers stunned Hampton residents with their announcement to dissolve the city, many residents had struggled for years with the town's leadership at city hall.

He said that some Hampton residents have been complaining for years about mismanagement and possible malfeasance within the municipal government, but those complaints appeared to fall on deaf ears. Frustration with the lack of change grew into apathy among the population and a disengaged electorate.

"They legitimately felt that 'no matter who I tell, nothing ever happens,'" he said.

New City Councilman Dan Williams said that participation in city government lapsed so low that the city clerk had to scour the town, recruiting candidates for the council so Hampton could maintain a minimum number of officials. For several years, Hampton went without a mayor because no one applied for the job.

Smith said that after he fielded complaints about Hampton's clerk and police force, he also

at times, did not know where to turn.

"I didn't have any answers," he said.

Smith said that from a law enforcement perspective, he didn't have enough evidence to move against town officials, even though he knew that the claims of mismanagement and abuse of power were valid.

And the complaints kept coming.

"I would go to church," he recalled. "I would go to Walmart. I would go to funerals and I would have people literally coming up to me crying and saying, 'You've got to help us.'"

Smith said that he and Hampton residents who were pushing for change, did not anticipate Van Zant's and Bradley's radical proposal to dissolve the town. He also said the he and others were unaware of the scope and magnitude of Hampton's problems.

County Commissioner Danny Riddick, another official pushing for change in Hampton's police department, said that he also was surprised by the drastic step the two lawmakers proposed.

Williams, who was appointed as an interim council member and won election to the panel on Sept. 9, said Bradley and Van Zant's threat was the ultimate wakeup call.

"That was an 'aha' moment," he said. "From that point on, people have gotten a lot more involved."

Williams said that the February meeting in Starke also signaled a turning point in the town's direction. He sensed a change in the mood in both the town's residents and in the legislators as Hamptonites asked

for a second chance.

Williams' family has been in Hampton since the 1920s and several of his family members have served on the city council through the years. His grandfather was a former town marshal.

He was also the last speaker during the meeting in Starke, and his presentation impressed Van Zant, who asked the T.D. Bank financial services representative to serve on the town's council.

"Rep. Van Zant asked me if I would be willing to serve," Williams recalled, "temporarily, at least until the election."

Williams also worked in credit and collections for Gainesville Regional Utilities in the 1970s and has a background in grant writing, so he had some skills Hampton needed to get its accounting and utilities operations back in order.

"I jumped in and just applied the stuff that I knew and did the best that I could," he said. "We stabilized the water department. We instituted some fiscal controls."

Williams said many of the policies he initiated were basic, like reconciling accounting reports, securing deposits and locking the office door when leaving.

Van Zant said former acting Mayor Myrtice McCullough also played a pivotal role in accounting for much of the town's missing funds and for shepherding the reforms he and Bradley demanded.

"She really hung in there," he said of McCullough. "She took a lot of heat from the legislature. She came to Tallahassee. She pulled the whole thing together and whatever we asked, she got

it done."

The Keystone Heights-based representative also credited Smith, Florida's Rural Water Association, the city of Waldo and a small-government consultant from Georgia for helping the town get back on its feet.

However Van Zant gave most of the credit for the city's turnaround to Hampton residents, who first persuaded the lawmakers to reconsider the plan to abolish the city, and later enacted reforms.

"Folks stepped up to the plate," he said, "good citizens, pastors, people stepped up from all walks of life."

Bradley shared that assessment.

"This was a ground-up movement," he said. "The people of Hampton deserve 100 percent of the credit."

"There were some dark days there over the last year," he added. "But the darkness has subsided and the light has come out and this is a new beginning for the city. The best is yet to come."

"I hear nothing but optimism," Bradley continued. "I hear excellent feedback from the residents. They are excited that they took control of their city and have started to move it in the right direction."

Smith said that due to the international media coverage over the town's impending demise, Hampton's turnaround is now emerging as a case study in community leadership.

"They have shown the world that you can fight city hall and win," he said.

Smith said that the Hampton story is now one of municipal

reform. He said other communities are asking how the town came back.

"I've got people calling me from other countries," he said. "I've got people calling me from other cities in the state of Florida and out of the state asking me, 'How did you get that to happen?' People are interested."

The sheriff echoed Bradley's and Van Zant's judgment that Hampton's rank and file led the charge to save the town.

"The heroes are really the average, everyday citizens," he said during the barbecue, "the people who showed up here. They stood up and they showed everybody that they could make a difference."

"They have set an example for cities all across this country," Smith continued, "for people who have given up. They have proven that it is worth the fight."

Smith also said that the Hampton story is not over.

Investigators and prosecutors are continuing a criminal investigation of former town officials. Smith said the inquiry has slowed because of the need to assemble a proper paper trail and the requirement of matching specific allegations to the physical evidence.

"The good thing about it is," he said, "even with no criminal charges at this point, the people have made a total difference."

Bradley also said that even while celebrating the town's accomplishments over the past year, work remains.

"This is a long process," he said. "I am confident that they are heading in the right direction."

Williams appeared optimistic, yet reserved when talking about the town's future. He said some Hampton residents are still apathetic, content on letting others handle the town's affairs.

"Maybe it was kind of an emotional thing right at the beginning," he said of his neighbors' efforts to save the city. "We'll see what happens a year from now. I've noticed yards are cleaner. There are one or two yards that have had multiple, dilapidated, junkie cars in them. That has been cleaned up."

Williams also said that civic pride and taking responsibility for the town extends beyond running the government. He said he hopes residents will look out for one another and take pride in the city's appearance.

"I told a guy one day," he recalled, "if you can't figure out what to do to help Hampton, go mow your grass."

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The Bradford County Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. For more information on activities or events, please call 904-368-3955. A calendar of events can be found at [www.bradfordcountyfl.gov](http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov).

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Ninth-grader Hailee Gabel engages the students as she shares her message about protecting our forests and the importance of not bullying others.

## Hope teen speaks to youth about forestry and bullying

BY VIRGINIA DENMARK  
Hope Christian Academy

It doesn't take long to know that forestry and friendship are important to Hailee Gabel, the reigning Teen Miss Florida Forestry. When she speaks, you understand her message: Don't harm the forests or other people.

Hailee, a ninth-grader at Hope Christian Academy, recently spoke to kindergarten through third-grade students during chapel. She immediately got their attention with questions like, "What do we get from our forests?" One reply was, "We get pencils!" while others answered questions how to protect our forests. "If you live in the forest," said one first-grader, "turn off all the electricity or heat when you leave."

Hailee smiled and shared Smokey Bear's famous motto: "Only you can prevent forest fires."



2014 Teen Miss Florida Forestry Hailee Gabel

Speaking passionately, Hailee continued asking questions, this time about bullying. She knows personally how bullying can have a traumatically negative impact on many lives because she had

two friends who were bullied.

"It doesn't feel good (to be bullied), and it's not nice," she said. "It can change a person forever."

The students were asked to look at those seated to their left and to their right and say three nice things about those students. Each student received a Smokey Bear DVD and a certificate for the Smokey Bear Club.

Hailee won the Teen Miss Clay County title in April of this year and went on to claim the state title in July. She makes personal appearances and will participate in the Florida State Forestry Fair and the Gator Homecoming Parade.

"It has been a great experience," she said about the title. "It helps me with my public speaking and interpersonal skills."

Hailee also won Best Interview at state and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STRAIGHT A HONOR ROLL STUDENTS for the fourth semester: (front row, l-r) Bryar Schenck, Ava Babnick, Elizabeth Baldree, Alex Addington, Emma Mueller, Parker Johnson, Olivia Horne, Megan Samson, Lydia Morgan, (middle row) John David Schenck, Seth Rowland, Emma Stanley, Summer Sutton, Jonathan Mayer, Carson Johnson, Emily Davis, (back row) MaKena Morgan, Victoria Denmark, Ethan Hughes, Parker Downes, Ashley Hughes and Logan Miller. Due to summer and vacation schedules, the following students are not pictured: Ashlyn Crews, Grace Fellows, Anna Grace Vigil, William Wynkoop, Lauren Coggins, Caleb Fellows, Caitlin Frampton, Jude Hanson, Chylee Kahakua, Isabella Metzger, Kendall Souza, Isabella 'Fin' Vigil, Brooke McCloud, Bryce Couey, Dalton Hollingsworth, Clayton Kicklighter, Adam Sapp, Tyler Thomas, Owen Gonzalez, Emily Sandridge, Tim Searle, Wyatt Thomas, Carly Stallings, Ashley Brown, Lindsey Murphy, Allie Oberman, Marie Parker, Bailee Peeples, Alyssa Wilson, Andria Frampton, Autumn Overton, Josiah Stallings, Katie Kruzan, Summerlyn Byrd and Nathan Carlton.

## Get ready for homecoming

Bradford High School will celebrate homecoming with a variety of activities starting Monday, Sept. 29, and running throughout the week, including the annual parade on Friday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m.

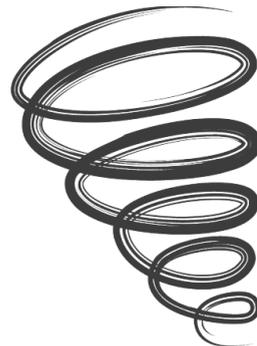
Any groups or organizations wishing to take part in the parade should get in touch with the school now. Parade entry forms can be picked up at the front desk and are due back by Tuesday, Sept. 30.

The Tornado Whirl pep rally will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2. Entry fee is \$5 for students and adults.

The homecoming parade at 1 p.m. on Oct. 3 will follow the familiar route. Lineup begins at noon on Washington Street. Once the parade begins, it will travel south on Orange Street

and turn west on Madison Street (S.R. 100). The parade will then turn south at Epperson and east at Lafayette, making its way back to Orange. It will turn north on Orange and head back to Madison, where it will turn east, then go north on Broadway Street, making its way back to the high school. S.R. 100 traffic will be detoured to Edwards Road (Southwest C.R. 100A).

The homecoming game against Interlachen High School begins that night at 7:30 p.m.



HCA students Emma Stanley, Summer Sutton and Brianna Williams smile as they encourage each other with compliments.

## Elementary school fall festival schedule

**Hampton Elementary School:** Friday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Brooker Elementary School:** Saturday, Oct. 25, parade at 4:30 p.m., festival from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Southside Elementary School:** Saturday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Starke Elementary School:** Friday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Lawtey Elementary School:** Saturday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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# CHURCH

**Providence Village Baptist Church** is seeking vendors for its Ladies Expo Nov. 1. Please contact Darlene at 386-758-2040, 386-397-9478 or darlenelambsmith@gmail.com by Oct. 1.

**True Vine Ministry**, 422 N. Saint Clair St. in Starke, will host The Gospel Keynotes in concert on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The True Vine Singers, LSG, the Austin Sisters and the Bradford Gospel Ensemble will also be featured. There is no admission and the event is sponsored by Goin' Postal and Your Jacksonville Wildcats. For more information, please call 904-352-6532 or 904-428-3202.

**Safe Harbor Congregational Holiness Church**, U.S. 301 North of Starke, will hold a gospel sing Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. featuring Lifesong. Everyone is welcome.

**Mt. Moriah Community Church** will hold its first Woman's Day program, "Let's Talk Woman to Woman," with guest speaker Minister Rebecca



F. Butlter of Gainesville on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m.

**Holy Temple of God**, 927 SE 37th St. in Melrose, presents two powerful nights of deliverance and healing with Apostle D. Patterson of Atlanta on Oct. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. nightly. For more information, call Mamie Tucker at 352-262-6035.

**Madison Street Baptist Church**, 900 W. Madison St. in Starke, invites you to join the congregation Oct. 5 - 8 for nights of celebration praise and worship during its revival with guest evangelist Bro. Rick Coram and soloist Bro. Daniel Crews. Services are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and

Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Brooker Baptist Church** will celebrate homecoming on Oct. 12 with the Rev. Ed Wilds as speaker. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning workshop begins at 11 a.m. Present and past members are invited to visit, fellowship and enjoy dinner on the grounds following the service.

**Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church's** will celebrate the church's anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 4 p.m. The community is invited.

**Walk by Faith Ministries**, 1930 NE C.R. 225, will hold its third annual Veteran's Appreciation event with Voices of Distinction of Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. Come help acknowledge veterans for their service.

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

# ACROSS THE GARDEN FENCE

Across the Garden Fence is sponsored by the Bradford County Extension Service. Readers who wish to pose gardening questions should forward them to Master Gardener Laurie Compton at lcompton@ufl.edu.

## Five fall vegetables for the home garden

While folks up north are preparing to put their gardens to bed for the long winter, here in Florida we are planning our fall gardens! Whether you are new to vegetable gardening, or are an old hand at it, we thought you would be interested in a few of our fall favorites. Start preparing your garden today and you'll be enjoying these fresh vegetables in no time!

### Lettuce

Lettuce is a hardy, cool-season crop that grows well during cool weather. Several varieties of it are grown in practically every garden. Lettuce does best on a fertile soil, well supplied with fertilizer and moisture.

The four principle types of lettuce are crisphead, butterhead, leaf and romaine. While all four types do best in the cooler months, to produce firm heads, crisphead varieties should be tried only during the coolest season. The leaf varieties grow exceptionally well here in Florida. They are colorful and decorative both in the garden and in salads.

Sow seeds very shallow as they need light for germination. Intercrop lettuce with long-season vegetables. Recommended varieties include:

- crisphead: Great Lakes.
- butterhead: Ermosa, Bibb, Tom Thumb, Buttercrunch.
- loose leaf: Simpson types, Salad Bowl, Red Sails, New Red Fire.
- oak leaf: Salad Bowl, Royal Oak.
- romaine: Parris Island Cos, Outredgeous.

### Mustard

One of the best cooking greens for fall through spring production is the garden mustard. Florida broadleaf is a favorite variety due to its extraordinary large leaves that may span 24 inches in width. Curled leaf produces smaller, deeply notched, light green leaves. Unlike turnips, mustard does not produce edible roots.

Because broadleaf types require more space, you may want to consider planting in a wide-row system. Wash freshly harvested leaves well to remove all grit, and then cool them immediately in the refrigerator.

They're best when cooked within a day or two of harvest. Chop your greens and boil them in a pot. Save the nutritious cooking liquid for dipping your cornbread. Recommended varieties include: Southern Giant Curled, Florida Broadleaf, Tendergreen, Giant Red, Green Wave And Mizuna.

### Onions

Onions may be grown from seeds, sets or plants, and timing the planting is very important for bulb formation. Bulbing varieties that grow best in Florida are the short-day varieties, so they must be started in the fall (August to November) for bulbing to be induced by the short days of winter. For extra-large onion bulbs, try moving the soil away from the bulb as it grows.

Spring onions, or green onions, may be started in fall, winter and spring. Plant them close, and thin as needed. Multiplier onions are hardy perennial bunching onions that do not form enlarged bulbs. The shallot is a special form of this type. Multipliers need to be divided and reset every year. Recommended varieties include:

- bulbing: Granex (yellow).
- bunching (green): Evergreen Bunching, White Lisbon Bunching.
- leeks: American Flag.
- multipliers: shallots.

### Strawberries

Okay, so strawberries aren't actually vegetables, but they are a tasty addition to the fall garden. In Florida, strawberries are grown as annuals rather than as perennials. Obtain good, clean, disease-free plants from nurseries or plant suppliers early in the fall. Both bare-root transplants and potted plants are available.

Set plants 12 inches by twelve inches apart on beds mulched with black plastic, straw or spoiled hay. Plants set in the fall begin to blossom in the cold, short days of winter; berry production follows in the late winter and continues to around May. Runners grow from each mother plant in the summer and can be removed for resetting and further runner production. A fresh start with new plants is best for each subsequent year.

Adaptable varieties are a must for satisfactory production under Florida conditions. Gardeners generally plant the same varieties that are grown by the commercial industry due to the seasonal availability of plants. Recommended varieties include: Chandler, Oso Grande, Sweet Charlie, Selva, Camarosa And Festival.

### Turnips

Turnips are a quick-growing, cool weather crop grown both for the tops and for the roots. Space plants 4 - 6 inches apart for good bulb production. Thinned plants can be eaten as greens. Roots should not be allowed to become overmature, as they become hot, pithy and stringy.

Some varieties such as 'Shogoin' don't form tuberous roots. For both roots and tops, 'Purple Top White Globe' is the leading variety. A "Swede turnip" is more commonly known as a rutabaga.

Broadcast seed in wide-row system or single file. Recommended varieties include:

- roots: Purple Top White Globe.
- roots and greens: Purple Top.
- greens: Seven Top, Shogoin.

There are many more vegetables perfect for a fall garden, but whatever you decide to plant, remember that they will need the same care as vegetables in your spring garden: water, fertilizer and mulch. And while most of these vegetables are cold hardy, you will still want to protect them during a freeze.

Happy gardening!  
Excerpts from: <http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/edibles/vegetables>. UF/IFAS Extension is an Equal Opportunity Institution.



Laurie Compton



# LIBRARY

The Bradford County Public Library is located at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke. For a full schedule of events, pick up a calendar from the front desk today. You can also get the latest BCPL news and event notifications on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary). For more information on these programs or other services, please call 904-368-3911 or visit [www.bcplibrary.com](http://www.bcplibrary.com).

## Decorate to win

Bradford County Public Library is hosting a Decorated Pumpkin Contest that is open to the public. Bring in a decorated craft pumpkin (not real) by Sept. 31. Pumpkins will be on display from Oct. 1 - 29 for judging by the public. A \$25 prize will be awarded in each of the four categories: scariest, funniest, most creative and best of show. The contest is open to all ages. The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Bradford County Public Library.

## Quilt Show

Quilts will be on exhibit at the library Oct. 1 through Oct. 3. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, noon to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

## Howl-ween fun for four-legged friends

Dress up your lovable furry pet for a photo shoot on Oct. 6 at the Bradford County Public Library. Sittings are by appointment only and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Each photo costs three cans of food. All photos will be edited, printed at a local retailer and made available for

pickup at the library on a later date. Call 904-368-3921 to make an appointment.

## Book sale

Find DVDs, books and audiobooks at bargain prices during the Friends of the Bradford County Public Library Book Sale in October. Shop early for the best selection. The sale will be open to the public for three days: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

## A black and white and red affair

Adult patrons: Get ready for a visual treat when you enter a black and white world where the only bold color allowed is red. The event is inspired by the novel and soon-to-be movie "Night Circus," a phantasmagorical tale of a traveling circus that moves through Victorian England and only opens at night.

Given that it is a popular party theme, there are plenty of costume ideas on Google images. Whether you choose to release your inner child and let your creative mind go wild or dress in conservative fashion, the dress code is the same: Wear black and white, and accessorize with red. Refreshments will be provided.

The fun begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

## Chills and thrills

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to dress up in their Halloween costume and come to the Bradford County Public Library to participate in spooky Chill-O-Ween activities. The program, which includes a fun

craft, spine tingling ghost stories and scrumptious snacks, begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, and is free for all attendees.

## Call for vendors

The Friends of the Bradford County Public Library is hosting the Third Annual Holiday Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 22. Outdoor spaces are available at a cost of \$10. There are fewer than five covered outdoor spaces that have a rental cost of \$25.

Applications will be available at the Bradford County Public Library up until the Oct. 17 deadline. To request an application to be emailed to you, call 904-368-3911.

## Medieval craft for kids

Children ages 8 to 16 will be making two hand-crafted items at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, that can be brought to the Knight Fest party on Oct. 27. Attend the craft program to learn how to make a fun Elfin Mini Bow and Arrow out of Popsicle sticks and Q-Tips. Then transform ordinary plastic cups into extraordinary Gilded Goblets.

## A knight to remember cometh

Lads and lasses ages 8 to 16 are invited to Bradford County Public Library's Knight Fest at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27. Tis' promised to be a most splendid affair. There will be games, music and light refreshments for all to enjoy. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in medieval style clothing.

parking lot of Madison Street Pharmacy. Bring the whole family, rain or shine.

Connie Hinman at 904-964-7124, or go to [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net).

For more information, call

## Life Chain planned Oct. 5

You are invited to join the area Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 - 3 p.m. at the corner of U.S. 301 and S.R. 100.

Life Chains will be held internationally with participants gathering on publicly to pray and hold signs expressing their opposition to abortion and support for alternatives like adoption.

Participants in the Bradford County Life Chain can pick up their signs at 1:30 p.m. in the

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## ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS SOBRE LAS QUE SE VOTARÁ EL 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2014 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo elecciones en cada condado de la Florida, el 4 de noviembre del 2014, para la aprobación o el rechazo de una propuesta de modificación de la constitución del Estado de la Florida.

### No. 1 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 28 (Iniciativa)

#### Título de la boleta:

Conservación de aguas y tierras: dedicar fondos para adquirir y restaurar tierras objeto de conservación y recreación en el Estado de Florida

#### Resumen de la boleta:

Provee fondos para el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras con el fin de adquirir, restaurar, mejorar y administrar tierras objeto de conservación, entre ellas pantanos y bosques; el hábitat de peces y vida silvestre; tierras que protegen los recursos hídricos y las fuentes de agua potable, incluidos los Everglades, y la calidad del agua en ríos, lagos y arroyos; playas y costas; tierras de recreación al aire libre; establecimientos agrícolas y ganaderos en actividad, y emplazamientos históricos o geológicos. Para ello se dedicará el 33% de los ingresos netos obtenidos del impuesto especial existente sobre documentos durante 20 años.

#### Declaración sobre impacto financiero:

Esta enmienda no incrementa ni reduce los ingresos estatales. El ingreso estatal limitado para los propósitos especificados en la enmienda se estima en \$648 millones para el año fiscal 2015-16 y aumenta a \$1.268 mil millones hacia el vigésimo año. Si eso traerá como consecuencia gastos estatales adicionales depende de futuras acciones legislativas y no puede determinarse. De la misma manera, tampoco puede determinarse el impacto sobre los ingresos de gobiernos locales, si los hubiera. No se prevén costos de gobiernos locales.

#### Texto completo:

### ARTÍCULO X VARIOS

#### SECCIÓN 28. Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras.—

a) Con vigencia el 1° de julio del año posterior a la aprobación de esta enmienda por parte de los votantes y durante un período de 20 años a partir de esa fecha de entrada en vigor, el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras recibirá no menos del 33% de los ingresos netos derivados del impuesto especial existente sobre documentos, tal como se define en los estatutos vigentes al 1° de enero de 2012, enmendados de tanto en tanto, o de cualquier impuesto sucesor o de reemplazo, después de que el Departamento de Hacienda deduzca primero un cargo de servicio con el fin de pagar los costos de recopilación y aplicación del impuesto especial sobre documentos.

b) El dinero del Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras se empleará únicamente con los siguientes propósitos:

1) Como lo establece la ley, para financiar o refinanciar: la adquisición o mejora de tierras, áreas de agua y derechos inmobiliarios relacionados, entre ellos las servidumbres de conservación y los recursos para tierras objeto de conservación, como, por ejemplo, pantanos, bosques y hábitat de peces y vida silvestre; áreas de administración de vida silvestre; tierras que protegen los recursos hídricos y las fuentes de agua potable, entre ellos las tierras que protegen la calidad y cantidad del agua en ríos, lagos, arroyos, manantiales, y tierras que brindan recarga de agua subterránea y sistemas acuíferos; tierras en el Área agrícola de los Everglades y el Área de protección de los Everglades, como están definidas en el Artículo II, Sección 7(b); playas y costas; tierras de recreación al aire libre, incluidos senderos recreativos, parques y espacios abiertos urbanos; paisajes rurales; establecimientos agrícolas y ganaderos en actividad, emplazamientos históricos o geológicos; junto con la administración, restauración de sistemas naturales y mejoramiento del acceso público o disfrute recreativo de las tierras objeto de conservación.

2) Para el pago del servicio de la deuda sobre los bonos emitidos conforme al Artículo VII, Sección 11(e). c) El dinero depositado en el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras, tal como se define en los estatutos vigentes al 1° de enero de 2012, no estará mezclado ni se mezclará con el Fondo de Ingresos Generales del Estado.

### No. 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 29 (Iniciativa)

#### Título de la boleta:

Uso de marihuana para algunas enfermedades

#### Resumen de la boleta:

Permite el uso médico de la marihuana a las personas con enfermedades debilitantes, según lo determine un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida. Permite a los cuidadores asistir a los pacientes en el uso médico de marihuana. El Departamento de Salud deberá inscribir y regular los centros que producen y distribuyen marihuana con fines médicos y deberán extender tarjetas de identificación a pacientes y cuidadores. Se aplica únicamente a las leyes del Estado de Florida. No autoriza infracciones de la ley federal ni ningún uso, posesión o producción de marihuana con fines que no sean médicos.

#### Declaración sobre impacto financiero:

El aumento de costos generado por esta enmienda para el gobierno estatal y los gobiernos locales no puede determinarse. Habrá actividades adicionales de regulación y aplicación asociadas a la producción y venta de marihuana con fines médicos. Las tarifas compensarán al menos en parte los costos de regulación. Si bien el impuesto sobre la venta se aplica a las compras, los cambios fiscales no pueden determinarse de manera razonable, dado que, si no existe una acción legislativa o administrativa estatal, no está claro en qué medida la marihuana con fines médicos estará exenta de impuestos.

#### Texto completo:

### ARTÍCULO X VARIOS

#### SECCIÓN 29. Producción, posesión y uso de marihuana con fines médicos.—

##### (a) POLÍTICA PÚBLICA.

(1) El uso médico de marihuana por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal no está sujeto a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.

(2) Un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida no estará sujeto a responsabilidad penal o civil ni a sanciones, conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, por extender un certificado médico a una persona diagnosticada con una enfermedad debilitante de conformidad con esta sección.

(3) Las acciones y el comportamiento de un centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos inscrito ante el Departamento, o sus empleados, según se contempla en esta sección y en cumplimiento de las reglamentaciones del Departamento, no estarán sujetos a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.

(b) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los siguientes significados:

(1) «Enfermedad debilitante» significa cáncer, glaucoma, estado positivo del virus de inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH), síndrome de inmunodeficiencia adquirida (SIDA), hepatitis C, esclerosis lateral amiotrófica (ELA), enfermedad de Crohn, enfermedad de Parkinson, esclerosis múltiple u otras enfermedades para las cuales, a criterio del médico, los beneficios del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente serían superiores a los riesgos potenciales para la salud de un paciente.

(2) «Departamento» significa el Departamento de Salud o su agencia sucesora.

(3) «Tarjeta de identificación» significa un documento emitido por el Departamento que identifica a una persona que tiene un certificado médico o a un cuidador personal de por lo menos veintiún (21) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana.

(4) «Marihuana» tiene el significado otorgado al cannabis en la Sección 893.02(3) de los Estatutos de Florida (2013).

(5) «Centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos» significa una entidad que adquiere, cultiva, posee, procesa (incluido el desarrollo de productos relacionados tales como alimentos, tinturas, aerosoles, aceites o ungüentos), transfiere, transporta, vende, distribuye, despacha o administra marihuana, productos que contienen marihuana, suministros relacionados o material educativo a pacientes calificados o a sus cuidadores personales y que está inscrito ante el Departamento.

(6) «Uso médico» significa la adquisición, posesión, uso, entrega, transferencia o administración de marihuana o suministros relacionados por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal para ser usados por un paciente calificado para el tratamiento de una enfermedad debilitante.

(7) «Cuidador personal» significa una persona de por lo menos veintiún (21) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana y tiene una tarjeta de identificación de cuidador emitida por el Departamento. Un cuidador personal no puede asistir a más de cinco (5) pacientes por vez. Un empleado de un proveedor de cuidados paliativos o de un centro médico o de un hogar de ancianos puede actuar como cuidador personal para más de cinco (5) pacientes calificados, según lo permite el Departamento. Está prohibido para los cuidadores personales consumir marihuana obtenida para el uso personal y médico del paciente calificado.

(8) «Médico» significa un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida.

(9) «Certificado médico» significa un documento por escrito firmado por un médico, en el que se indica que, en la opinión profesional del médico, el paciente sufre de una enfermedad debilitante, que los beneficios potenciales del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente sean superiores a los riesgos para la salud del paciente, y se indica durante cuánto tiempo el médico recomienda el uso médico de marihuana para el paciente. Un certificado médico sólo puede extenderse después de que el médico haya realizado un examen físico del paciente y una evaluación completa del historial médico del paciente.

(10) «Paciente calificado» significa una persona a la que se le ha diagnosticado una enfermedad debilitante, que tiene un certificado médico y una tarjeta de identificación válida de paciente calificado. Si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación dentro de los nueve (9) meses posteriores a la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección, un certificado médico válido servirá como tarjeta de identificación de paciente para permitir que una persona se convierta en «paciente calificado» hasta tanto el Departamento comience a emitir tarjetas de identificación.

##### (c) LIMITACIONES.

(1) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección afectará a las leyes referidas al uso no médico, posesión, producción o venta de marihuana.

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(2) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección autoriza el uso de marihuana con fines médicos a cualquier persona que no sea un paciente calificado.

(3) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección permite la operación de un vehículo de motor, embarcación o aeronave mientras se está bajo la influencia de la marihuana.

(4) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requiere que se infrinjan las leyes federales o pretenda otorgar inmunidad conforme a las leyes federales.

(5) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá adaptación alguna para el uso médico de marihuana en ningún lugar de educación o trabajo, ni para fumar marihuana con fines médicos en ningún sitio público.

(6) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá que ningún proveedor de seguros de salud u organismo o autoridad del gobierno reembolse a ninguna persona por los gastos relacionados con el uso médico de marihuana.

(d) OBLIGACIONES DEL DEPARTAMENTO. El Departamento deberá emitir reglamentaciones razonables y necesarias para la implementación y aplicación de esta sección. El propósito de las reglamentaciones es garantizar la disponibilidad y el uso seguro de marihuana con fines médicos por parte de los pacientes calificados. Es obligación del Departamento promulgar reglamentaciones de manera oportuna.

(1) Implementación de reglamentaciones. Con el objeto de otorgarle al Departamento tiempo suficiente después de la aprobación de esta sección, las siguientes reglamentaciones deberán promulgarse a más tardar seis (6) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección:

a. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado a las personas portadoras de certificados médicos, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación.

b. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de cuidador personal a personas calificadas para asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación.

c. Procedimientos para la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos, que incluyan procedimientos para la emisión, renovación, suspensión y revocación de inscripciones, y estándares para garantizar la seguridad informática, el mantenimiento de registros, análisis, etiquetado, inspección y seguridad.

d. Una reglamentación que defina la cantidad de marihuana que podría considerarse un suministro adecuado y razonable para el uso médico de los pacientes calificados, sobre la base de las mejores pruebas disponibles. Esta presunción referida a la cantidad puede contrarrestarse con pruebas del uso médico apropiado por parte de un paciente calificado en particular.

(2) Emisión de tarjetas de identificación e inscripciones. El Departamento comenzará a emitir tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado y cuidador personal, y también iniciará la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos a más tardar nueve (9) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección.

(3) Si el Departamento no emite las reglamentaciones, o si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación y a inscribir a Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos dentro de los plazos establecidos en esta sección, cualquier ciudadano del Estado de Florida tendrá derecho a valerse de recursos judiciales para obligar al cumplimiento de las obligaciones constitucionales del Departamento.

(4) El Departamento deberá proteger la confidencialidad de todos los pacientes calificados. Todos los registros que contengan la identidad de los pacientes calificados deberán ser confidenciales y estar exentos de divulgación pública excepto con fines médicos o referidos al cumplimiento de la ley válidos.

(e) LEGISLACIÓN. Nada de lo contenido en esta sección limitará a la legislación para promulgar leyes coherentes con esta disposición.

(f) DIVISIBILIDAD. Las disposiciones contenidas en esta sección son divisibles, y si cualquier tribunal competente declara la invalidez de cualquier cláusula, oración, párrafo o sección de esta medida, o su aplicación, las demás disposiciones continuarán vigentes en la mayor medida posible.

### No. 3 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO V, SECCIONES 10, 11 (Asamblea Legislativa)

#### Título de la boleta:

Nombramiento Eventual para Ciertos Cargos Judiciales Vacantes

#### Resumen de la boleta:

Proponer una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado en la que se establezca que el Gobernador debe cubrir las vacantes eventuales en los cargos judiciales que estén sujetos a elecciones de retención cuando los jueces o magistrados se encuentren por cumplir la edad legal para jubilarse o en el supuesto de que no califiquen para la elección de retención; y permitir los nombramientos eventuales si un juez o magistrado no se retiene en su cargo en una elección de retención. En la actualidad, el Gobernador no puede cubrir una vacante prevista hasta que termine el mandato del juez o magistrado actual.

#### Texto completo:

### ARTÍCULO V PODER JUDICIAL

#### SECCIÓN 10. Retención; elección y mandatos.—

(a) Cualquier juez o magistrado puede calificar para la retención, la cual se produce mediante el voto de los electores en la próxima elección general que sea anterior a la conclusión del mandato del juez o magistrado por las causas establecidas por ley. Cuando si un juez o magistrado no esté habilitado para ser retenido o no cumple con los requisitos para la retención, se producirá una vacante eventual al finalizar el periodo de calificación de retención a fin de nombrar un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante en ese cargo judicial a la finalización del mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado. Cuando un juez o magistrado califique como tal para la retención, en la boleta se deberá leer claramente lo siguiente: "¿Deberá el Magistrado (o Juez) ... (nombre del juez o magistrado)... de la... (nombre de la corte)... ser retenido en el cargo judicial?" Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen retenerlo, entonces, el juez o magistrado continuará ejerciendo sus funciones durante un periodo de seis años. Este mandato del juez o magistrado que ha sido retenido comenzará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero siguiente a la elección general. Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen no retenerlo, una vacante eventual se producirá inmediatamente luego de la elección general con la finalidad de nombrar a un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante en ese cargo judicial a la finalización del mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado.

(b)(1) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de jueces de circuito sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho circuito aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces de circuito mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de los jueces de circuito deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte.

(2) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de los jueces de la corte del condado, sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho condado aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces del condado mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de los jueces del Condado deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte.

(3)a. En la elección general del año 2000 se deberá votar en cada jurisdicción territorial de circuito y de condado para decidir si el modo de elegir a los jueces de circuito y a los jueces del condado será mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. Si los electores votan por no ejercer esta opción local, esta opción no podrá someterse a votación de los electores en esa jurisdicción hasta que hayan transcurrido al menos dos años.

b. A partir del año 2000, cada circuito puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o de la elección de jueces de circuito, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el encargado de los registros estatales. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en la jurisdicción de ese circuito en la última elección presidencial efectuada.

c. A partir del año 2000, cada condado puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o la elección de los jueces del condado, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el supervisor de las elecciones. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en el condado en la última elección presidencial efectuada. Los mandatos de los jueces de circuito y los jueces de condado serán de seis años.

#### SECCIÓN 11. Vacantes.—

(a)(1) Siempre que se produzca una vacante en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir la vacante mediante el nombramiento de una persona entre al menos tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un periodo que finalizará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a las próximas elecciones generales que se efectúen al menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento.

(2) Siempre que se produzca una vacante eventual en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir esa vacante eventual mediante el nombramiento de un juez o un magistrado de entre al menos tres personas y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente. El plazo del nombramiento comienza cuando finaliza el plazo del cargo que quedó vacante y concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a la próxima elección general.

(b) El gobernador deberá cubrir cada vacante de una corte de circuito o de una corte de condado, en donde los jueces sean elegidos por mayoría de votos de los electores, al nombrar a una persona entre no menos de tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un periodo que concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año que sigue a elección primaria y general que se efectúe por lo menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento. Se deberá realizar una elección para cubrir ese cargo judicial por el periodo del cargo que comienza a finalizar el periodo del cargo por nombramiento.

(c) Los nombramientos se deberán realizar dentro de los treinta días desde que se ha producido la vacante o vacante eventual, excepto que el gobernador extienda el período por un lapso que no podrá exceder los treinta días. El gobernador deberá realizar el nombramiento dentro de los sesenta días desde que los nombramientos hayan sido certificados ante el gobernador.

(d) Tal como lo establece la legislación general, deberán existir diferentes comisiones judiciales de nombramientos para el Tribunal Supremo, para cada tribunal de apelación de distrito, y para cada circuito judicial en todos los juzgados de primera instancia del circuito. Las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos deberán establecer reglamentos de procedimiento uniformes en cada nivel del sistema judicial. Tales reglamentos, o cualquier parte de ellos, podrán ser derogados por las leyes generales promulgadas con la mayoría de votos de cada cámara de la Asamblea Legislativa, o por el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia con el voto concurrente de cinco magistrados. A excepción de las deliberaciones realizadas por las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos, los procedimientos de las comisiones y sus registros deberán estar abiertos al público.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 4, 2014, for the ratification or rejection of a proposed revision to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**No. 1  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE X, SECTION 28  
(Initiative)**

**Ballot Title:**

Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands

**Ballot Summary:**

Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

**Financial Impact Statement:**

This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.

b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes:

1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.

2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e).

c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

**No. 2  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE X, SECTION 29  
(Initiative)**

**Ballot Title:**

Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

**Ballot Summary:**

Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

**Financial Impact Statement:**

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative actions

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 29. Medical marijuana production, possession and use.

(a) PUBLIC POLICY.

(1) The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(2) A physician licensed in Florida shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law for issuing a physician certification to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in a manner consistent with this section.

(3) Actions and conduct by a medical marijuana treatment center registered with the Department, or its employees, as permitted by this section and in compliance with Department regulations, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) **Debilitating Medical Condition** means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.

(2) **Department** means the Department of Health or its successor agency.

(3) **Identification card** means a document issued by the Department that identifies a person who has a physician certification or a personal caregiver who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana.

(4) **Marijuana** has the meaning given cannabis in Section 893.02(3), Florida Statutes (2013).

(5) **Medical Marijuana Treatment Center** means an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers and is registered by the Department.

(6) **Medical use** means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana or related supplies by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver for use by a qualifying patient for the treatment of a debilitating medical condition.

(7) **Personal caregiver** means a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana and has a caregiver identification card issued by the Department. A personal caregiver may assist no more than five (5) qualifying patients at one time. An employee of a hospice provider, nursing, or medical facility may serve as a personal caregiver to more than five (5) qualifying patients as permitted by the Department. Personal caregivers are prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the personal, medical use by the qualifying patient.

(8) **Physician** means a physician who is licensed in Florida.

(9) **Physician certification** means a written document signed by a physician, stating that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a debilitating medical condition, that the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient, and for how long the physician recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient. A physician certification may only be provided after the physician has conducted a physical examination of the patient and a full assessment of the patient's medical history.

(10) **Qualifying patient** means a person who has been diagnosed to have a debilitating medical condition, who has a physician certification and a valid qualifying patient identification card. If the Department does not begin issuing identification cards within nine (9) months after the effective date of this section, then a valid physician certification will serve as a patient identification card in order to allow a person to become a "qualifying patient" until the Department begins issuing identification cards.

(c) LIMITATIONS.

(1) Nothing in this section shall affect laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production or sale of marijuana.

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(2) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.

(3) Nothing in this section allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana.

(4) Nothing in this law section requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.

(5) Nothing in this section shall require any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.

(6) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.

(d) **DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.** The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.

(1) **Implementing Regulations.** In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:

a. Procedures for the issuance of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

b. Procedures for the issuance of personal caregiver identification cards to persons qualified to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

c. Procedures for the registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of registration, and standards to ensure security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety.

d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.

(2) **Issuance of identification cards and registrations.** The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and personal caregiver identification cards, as well as begin registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers no later than nine months (9) after the effective date of this section.

(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers within the time limits set in this section, any Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.

(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.

(e) **LEGISLATION.** Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this provision.

(f) **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

**No. 3  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11  
(Legislature)**

**Ballot Title:**

Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

**Ballot Summary:**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justices or judges reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justices or judges term expires.

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE V  
JUDICIARY

SECTION 10. Retention; election and terms.

(a) Any justice or judge may qualify for retention by a vote of the electors in the general election next preceding the expiration of the justices or judges term in the manner prescribed by law. When ff a justice or judge is ineligible for retention or fails to qualify for retention, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur at the conclusion of the qualifying period for retention for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge. When a justice or judge so qualifies, the ballot shall read substantially as follows: Shall Justice (or Judge) ...(name of justice or judge)... of the ...(name of the court)... be retained in office? If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to retain, the justice or judge shall be retained for a term of six years. The term of the justice or judge retained shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the general election. If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to not retain, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur immediately following the general election for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge.

(b)(1) The election of circuit judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that circuit approves a local option to select circuit judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of circuit judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

(2) The election of county court judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that county approves a local option to select county judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of county court judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

(3)a. A vote to exercise a local option to select circuit court judges and county court judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election shall be held in each circuit and county at the general election in the year 2000. If a vote to exercise this local option fails in a vote of the electors, such option shall not again be put to a vote of the electors of that jurisdiction until the expiration of at least two years.

b. After the year 2000, a circuit may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of circuit judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the custodian of state records a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the circuit in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.

c. After the year 2000, a county may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of county court judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the supervisor of elections a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the county in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen. The terms of circuit judges and judges of county courts shall be for six years.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.

(a)(1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(2) Whenever a prospective vacancy occurs in a judicial office for which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the prospective vacancy by appointing a justice or judge from among at least three persons but not more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. The term of the appointment commences upon the expiration of the term of the office being vacated and ends on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy or prospective vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, each district court of appeal, and each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

TO: JENNINGS W. BUNN,  
Case No: 201300523  
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law. Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.

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### NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed ordinance, whose title hereinafter appears, will be brought up for reading and adoption on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Hampton City Hall, 5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at Hampton City Hall, 5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, TU-FR. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.  
ORDINANCE NO: 2014-2  
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF HAMPTON, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

#### GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 04-2014-CA-000237  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
VIVIAN CRAWFORD A/K/A VIVIAN K. CRAWFORD; JOHN P. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIVIAN CRAWFORD A/K/A VIVIAN K. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. CRAWFORD; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, CLERK OF COURTS FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

Defendant(s)  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2014, and entered in 04-2014-CA-000237 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and VIVIAN CRAWFORD A/K/A VIVIAN K. CRAWFORD; JOHN P. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIVIAN CRAWFORD A/K/A VIVIAN K. CRAWFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. CRAWFORD; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; CLERK OF COURTS FOR BRADFORD COUNTY are the Defendant(s). Ray Norman as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave. Starke FL 32091, at 11:00 AM on November 13, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 AND IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22 AND RUN S 01°10'15" E, ALONG THE E. LINE OF SAID SECTION 22 A DISTANCE OF 1424.15 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 100; THENCE RUN N. 78°06'54"W, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 324.32 FEET TO THE POB; THENCE CONTINUE N. 78°06'54"W, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 162.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN N 01°03'30"W, 275.87 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN S 78°06'54"E, 162.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN S 01°03'30"E, 275.87 FEET TO THE POB.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1989 PALM HARBOR DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN#S PH092460A PH092460B

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 this 19 day of September 2014.  
Ray Norman  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 East University Ave., 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.  
Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33448  
Telephone: 561-241-6901 • Fax: 561-910-9002

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### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Matthew D. Wilkinson  
Last known address of:  
1346 Blanding St

Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

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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### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Sandra D. Stemm  
Last known address of:  
10115 SW 112<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

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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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: City of Starke Commission Meeting Room located at 209 N. Thompson Street in the City of Starke

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place. Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice). If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Act Statutes Sec. 83.801-83.809, NOTICE: a Public Auction will be held on OCTOBER 25, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M. at C & C Mini Storage 1648 S. Walnut Street, Hwy 301 South in Starke, Florida. The following units contents will be sold to the highest bidder, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold.

1-57 D. RISBY  
1-65 S. BARNES  
1-81 C. RODMAN  
2-49 B. BURNETTE  
2-71 D. RICHARDS  
2-73 R. LATHAM  
2-3A D. CARTER

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### NOTICE

#### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Bid # 14-04

#### New River Regional Landfill Contract for Cast-In-Place Concrete

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids (IFB) for a service contract for cast-in-place concrete work at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL). The term of the contract will be November 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. At the end of initial contract term, NRSWA has the option to extend the service contract for two 1-year extensions. The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing all labor, equipment, tools, transportation, services, and incidentals and for performing all work necessary to provide NRSWA with satisfactory concrete slabs or walls as directed during the annual contract term. NRSWA will perform all necessary survey, earthwork, and material testing and will purchase all required materials based on quantities provided by the Contractor. All work shall be completed in accordance with specifications and drawings specific to each work order.

NRRL is approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the Administrative Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids must be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. The NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be used. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submittal is Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 3:00 p.m. (local time).

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### NOTICE

#### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Bid # 14-05

#### New River Regional Landfill Precast Box Culverts

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids (IFB) for furnishing and delivering precast box culverts. The culverts are approximately 40 linear feet of double-barrel 12-foot-span by 6-foot-rise precast box culverts. This IFB also includes add alternates for furnishing and delivering precast concrete wingwalls, endwalls, and footings or for installing cast-in-place concrete wingwalls, endwalls, and

footings. The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing and delivering precast materials including preparing shop drawings, transporting the precast materials, and providing a precast bar or lifting tool for the Owner's use at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL). All materials shall be furnished and delivered in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and contract requirements included as part of the contract documents.

NRRL is approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the Administrative Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids must be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. The NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be used. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid packages. The DEADLINE for submittal is Monday, October 6, 2014, 3:00 p.m. (local time).

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

Case No. 14000023CAAXMX  
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-2  
Plaintiff

vs.  
CYNTHIA T. WILKINSON A/K/A CYNTHIA WILKINSON, EDWARD W. WILKINSON A/K/A EDWARD WILKINSON, DECEASED THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER EDWARD W. WILKINSON A/K/A EDWARD WILKINSON  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m.; 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 on January 15, 2015, the following described property:  
LOT 14, OF KNIGHTS REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1011 N. Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091

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: Sept. 19, 2014.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator 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. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

WITNESS my hand and me seal of this court on Sept. 19, 2014.

CLERK:  
Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk of Court  
Udren Law Offices, P.C.  
2101 W. Commercial Blvd.  
Suite 5000  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

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### LEGAL NOTICE:

#### Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee to Meet October 13, 2014

The Bradford County LMS Planning Committee/Work Group will meet at 10:00 am on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Bradford County Emergency Management Office. The County encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation of the Bradford County LMS, which serves as a plan to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the affects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. Please contact the Bradford County Emergency Management Department at: (904) 966-6336 for more information.

The public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring assistance or an interpreter for the hearing impaired, the visually impaired or language interpreter should contact Brian Johns, County Emergency Management Director, at the above address at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments to the County Emergency Management Director by October 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the above address. Agendas may be obtained by calling 904-966-6336, no earlier than October 6, 2014.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Bradford County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will hold a meeting September 30, 2014 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Development office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Contact Kelly Canady at (904) 966-6382 with any questions.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled October 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commis-

sion 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 IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2012-CA-452

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
RACHEL BARKSDALE; ROBERT C. BARKSDALE, III; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,  
Defendants.

### AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, will on the 13 day of November, 2014 at 11:00 AM at In the lobby of the Courthouse in Starke, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Bradford County, Florida;

Lot Two (2), Block Two (2), BRADFORD HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, according to plat of same recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 62 of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, EXCEPT the Southerly five (5) feet thereof and EXCEPT the Easterly two and one-half feet thereof, recorded in Official Records Book 27, Page 349 of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 19 day of Sept., 2014.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice unpaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
Alette Marie Charles  
Butler & Hosch, P.A.  
3185 S. Conway Rd., Ste. E  
Orlando, Florida 32812  
(407)381-5200

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

CASE NO: 04-2014-CA- 404  
CITY OF HAMPTON, a  
Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
CHARLES E. HAWKINS and  
VERTIS S. HAWKINS, their heirs  
and/or assigns,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CHARLES E. HAWKINS AND VERTIS S. HAWKINS, THEIR HEIRS AND/OR ASSIGNS  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a COMPLAINT FOR EMINENT DOMAIN has been filed regarding real property in Bradford County, Florida, in the above styled Court and you are required to serve a copy of your written response to JOHN S. COOPER, the law offices of Cooper & Loper, 704 North Lake Street, Suite A, Starke, Florida 32091, on or before 5th day of November, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, either before service on the above-named attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Court on the 18 day of Sept., 2014.

RAY NORMAN,  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk

John S. Cooper  
Cooper & Loper  
704 North Lake Street, Suite A  
Starke, Florida 32091  
(904) 964-4701  
Fax: 964-2216  
Florida Bar No: 0910340  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
eservice@johnscooperpa.com  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
DAVID R. GILMORE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID R. GILMORE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):  
DAVID R. GILMORE  
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID R. GILMORE  
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
A parcel of land containing 1.03 acres lying partly in Lot 19 and partly in Lot 20 of Woodlawn, Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument set at the Southwest corner of said Lot 20 and run North 00 degrees 00 minutes and 25 seconds West,

along the Westerly boundary thereof, 622.10 feet to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 125 (formerly State Road S-125); thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes and 21 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 614.85 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 89 degrees 10 minutes and 21 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 21.95 feet to a concrete monument found at a jog in said right of way; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes and 39 seconds East, along said jog, 10.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes and 21 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 150.02 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 225-A (formerly State Road S-225-A); thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes and 45 seconds East, along last said Westerly boundary, 124.85 feet to an iron rod set at a jog in said right of way; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes and 15 seconds West, along said jog, 10.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 00 degrees, 08 minutes and 45 seconds East, along last said Westerly boundary, 141.49 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes and 17 seconds West, 166.23 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00 degrees 46 minutes and 22 seconds East, 257.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

a/k/a 24032 NW CR 225A, LAWTEY, FLORIDA 32058-

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 on or before October 24, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 945 North Temple Avenue, Rm. 137, Starke, FL 32091, Phone No. (904)966-6280 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 18 day of September, 2014.

RAY NORMAN  
As Clerk of the Court  
By Lisa Brannon  
As Deputy Clerk

Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000  
Plantation, FL 33324  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 140003396CAAXMX

U.S. Bank National Association  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
John Donhue Crawford a/k/a John D. Crawford; Unknown Spouse of John Donhue Crawford a/k/a John D. Crawford; Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Unknown Spouse of John Donhue Crawford a/k/a John D. Crawford  
Last Known Address: 4641 SE 8th Avenue, Melrose, FL 32666  
John Donhue Crawford a/k/a John D. Crawford

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida:

PARCEL "A"  
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24; TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 00°30'32" WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 387.41 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 88°16'45" WEST 179.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°30'32" WEST, 177.92 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00°30'32" WEST, 109.34 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 88°16'45" WEST, 325.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SPEEDVILLE ROAD A 60 FOOT COUNTY PAVED ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 19°57'02" WEST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 117.63 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88°16'45" EAST, 366.69 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

## THANKS

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Once the project was stopped, work began to undo what had already been accomplished. Riddick said had the board not provided a letter of support to FDOT on Sept. 16, sod would have been delivered the next day to finish up the repair work, doubling the construction costs incurred and ending the project

permanently.

Riddick said he has continued to talk with FDOT to ensure that those who had concerns about impacts to their properties would be satisfied by the end product.

"When it's all said and done, it's going to be a really nice project. That's the bottom line," he said.

It wasn't the final word, however. When notifying the board of the emergency last

week, Riddick tried to keep the names of those responsible quiet, but that left questions about how the project was stopped and how the situation had become an emergency. Commissioner Lila Sellars apologized to Riddick for being so persistent and putting him on the spot, but at the same time, she was glad Van Zant was named as the responsible party.

"This board should not have to take the heat that we did not

cause," Sellars said, adding she was sorry for giving him grief and that she appreciated and honored his work for the county.

Engineers had been working on the project for more than a year, after a 15-minute drive around the lake, Riddick said, one man was able to call a stop to it and try to get the sidewalk moved to the other side of the highway.

"That's crazy. That's just way too much power," he said.

Commissioner Ross Chandler reiterated his belief that the representative did not have that authority.

"We are the local governing board, we made a decision to do the project. If there was anything, it should have come back to this board," he said. "I just believe that was wrong."

Riddick said the same thing happened with the city of Hampton. He credited Van Zant of helping him address citizen

complaints and get Hampton's police off of U.S. 301. He said he asked for help to get the city's books in order. He didn't ask to "tear the whole city apart," he said of the threat to abolish the Hampton.

Likewise, he asked for help addressing the concerns of one resident on Hampton Lake.

"I didn't want the whole project destroyed," he said.

## CO-OP

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results or customers' costs.

"These types of capital expenditures don't affect our expenses all that much because the money is borrowed and paid back over a long period, but I think it's wise to put these projects on hold," Davis said.

In 2013, the co-op completed construction of a new 7,496-square-foot Lake City district office at a cost of \$2.6 million. It also remodeled and expanded its Orange Park district office.

Davis said conditions are now favorable for the co-op's \$23 million project because of low construction costs and interest rates. He also said Clay Electric's

normal year-to-year construction budget is lower this year.

The need for the project first arose from a 2007 study which concluded that the co-op's current buildings in Keystone Heights, housing its administrative and other units, were vulnerable to fire and storm damage.

During the 2004 hurricane season, the structure housing the co-op's data and communications

equipment suffered water damage to its walls, carpet and equipment.

"If we were to experience a fire or other damaging event," Davis wrote in The Kilowatt, "our communications and data links would be down for a while and many of our functions would stop until these systems were replaced."

Davis also said the co-op's call

center, now located in Keystone Heights District offices on Citrus Street, has outgrown the 1958 structure.

"The call center has grown in recent years to the point that it's now a less efficient work environment for our personnel," he wrote. "It's clear we need a new call center facility that offers additional space, more soundproofing features, and an

area set aside for training."

Davis said the cost of the project, spread over 30 years and among 167,000 accounts, amounts to around 65 cents per customer per month. He added, however, that the co-op will not raise rates to cover construction costs.

## MANAGER

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degree in sociology and criminal justice. He was an investigator with the Public Defender's Office for 20 years, and since 2008 he has been an investigator for the Office of Regional Council.

• Mitchell Gunter of Starke, a Bradford High School graduate who works as a maintenance superintendent at the Department of Corrections. He has also worked in electric and wastewater construction projects.

• Vince Khimie of Lakeland, Florida, who has his BA and MA degrees in civil engineering, with subsequent work in public administration. He was public works and utilities director for Bremerton, Washington, Riviera Beach, Florida, and Oviedo, Florida. Since 2010, he has offered contractual management services, for example as the director of public works for Avon Park, Florida.

• Angelina Wilson of Keystone Heights, who has a BA in business administration and is pursuing her master's degree. She is the owner of Mommy & Me Boutique and co-owner of Wilson Custom Home Builders.

• Raymond F. Devin of Ashland, Ohio, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration. From 1981 until January of this year, he held multiple positions at Bookmasters Inc., a book manufacturer, including president, general manager and director of marketing. Since then he has been working as a consultant to book manufacturers.

• Richard J. Stark of Sunrise, Florida, who has an AA in business administration plus certifications in areas like vehicle maintenance and repair and medical device sales. He is co-owner of Hectic Graphic Installations, which installs vinyl graphics on vehicles.

• Glen Ellery Sapp of Punta Gorda, Florida, who has a

doctorate in public administration a master's in criminal justice administration and a bachelor's in criminology. He has worked for the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan as senior police and border security advisor. Closer to home he worked for the Charlotte County sheriffs office and was an investigator for the Florida Department of Corrections.

• George Philip Roth of Starke, Florida, who has a BA in building construction. He has been project manager of the Aldine Independent School District in Houston, Texas, and for several construction companies in Florida. He also worked in corrections in Lake Butler for several years.

• Jason Pilcher of Starke, who has a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is accounting services administrator for Region 2 Department of Corrections and has also served there as government operations consultant and senior professional accountant.

• Bruce T. Pagel of Keystone Heights, who has a doctorate in educational leadership, a master's in political science and a bachelor's in history. He has been city manager and assistant city manager of the city of Archer, a social studies teacher and department head for Wilkinson Junior High and an adjunct political science professor at Santa Fe College, on top of his military experience.

• Thomas Ray Keith of Simpsonville, South Carolina, who recently received his master's of public administration. He has been director of solid waste for Gwinnett County, Georgia, environmental program manager for Greenville, South Carolina, and director of public works for Sarasota County. He was also assistant county administrator for Charlotte County, Florida.

• Angelina LaPiana of Miami Florida, who has a BA in political science. She has been a legal assistant and interned at the Sweetwater, Florida, mayor's

office

• Chris Breedon of Jacksonville, a graduate of Liberty County Adult School. He has experience in office management, website consulting, and has worked as a vehicle technician, vehicle equipment installer and tire technician.

• Thomas Ernharth of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with a BA in geography and a MA in public administration. He has been township manager for South Londonberry Township in Campbelltown, Pennsylvania, since 2005. Prior to that he worked for Penn Township and East Hempfield Township.

• Chris Edgens of Smyrna, Georgia, who has a variety of educational experiences including an HVAC diploma, building apprentice certification, political science coursework and business and legal studies. He is the owner of Buildingsuniverse.com, which markets properties, and has been a facilities inspector and engineer, maintaining

electric, plumbing and HVAC systems.

• Lee Daugherty of Grove City, Ohio, with a BA in business administration in addition to his military experience. Since 2005, he has been a freelance consultant performing projects for businesses and he's served as chief operating officer and regional vice president of operations for KD International in Syria.

• Rufus J. Borom of Palatka, Florida, who has a BS in information technology and a master's in business administration. He is a senior technical analyst for Georgia Pacific. He has been there since 1999 working in IT.

• Merino Michael Barker of Middleburg, Florida, who has an AA from Edison Community College. He is a career post office employee since 1978, serving as a postmaster from 1998 until he retired earlier this year.

## Afterschool Meals Program offers no-cost meals

Regeneration Church of God in Christ announces the sponsorship of the Afterschool Meals Program, a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks and meals to the children in afterschool programs.

Snacks and meals are available at no separate charge at Regeneration Church of God in Christ, 1003 N. Pine St. in Starke, Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m. All school age children 18 years of age and under are welcome.

## Support Farm City

Are you interested in supporting farming and agricultural awareness in Bradford County? If so, please consider making a donation to support the annual Farm City Celebration.

The event features educational demonstrations for Bradford third-graders followed by a luncheon celebrating farmers and consumers of agricultural commodities.

Donations will be used for transportation costs to transport third-graders to the event, provide educational materials and to purchase food for the luncheon. No donation is too small.

Call the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6299 to find out how to contribute.

If you are or know a farmer willing to supply food for the event, or if you would like to set up a display at the event featuring your agriculture-related business or activity, you should also call the extension office.

The Farm City Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18. UF/IFAS is an equal opportunity institution.

## FFA car wash Sept. 27

Come out to support the Bradford Middle School FFA students and have your car washed for a donation of \$5. The car wash will take place at Community State Bank on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon.

## Democrats holding open house

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Bradford County Democrats Executive Committee will be hosting an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. at the RJE Alumni Tiger's Place, formerly known as the Reno Recreation Center at the corner of Florida and Pine streets in Starke.

Meet and greet candidates running for office in November's general election, get information about restoration of voter rights, and meet and share ideas with other Democrats. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Paul or Kathy Still at 904-368-0291.

## National Public Lands Day Sept. 27

Lend a hand and beautify the park entrance and ranger station area at Gold Head Branch by creating two new native plant gardens.

Native plants use less water and attract native pollinators and wildlife. This is a great opportunity to learn about native plants.

Gold Head needs your help. Please wear comfortable clothes, close-toed shoes, a hat, sunblock, insect repellent, and bring gardening or work gloves, and anything else you need to be comfortable while working outside. The park will provide water and necessary tools like shovels and rakes.

All volunteers that participate in the event will be allowed free entry into the park for the rest of the day and will receive a free entry pass to any Florida State

Park for a future visit!

For more information, call the ranger station at 352-473-4701.

Gold Head is located six miles north of Keystone Heights on S.R. 21.

More information about National Public Lands Day can be found at [www.publiclandsday.org/about](http://www.publiclandsday.org/about).

## Play volleyball for the cure

Northside Christian Academy is accepting team entries for the second annual Power in Pink Volleyball Tournament, to raise awareness and money in the fight against breast cancer.

Teams are coed, with a minimum of eight members and at least three female members on the court at all times. Players must be 12 years old and older. The cost to signup is \$10 per team member. Sept. 26 is the registration deadline. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 9 a.m.

The spectator entry fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, but players and public servants in uniform (police, fire, etc.) enter for free. The Northside gym is located at 7415 NW C.R. 225.

Contact Dede Hill at 904-263-2560 or [hillddb777@gmail.com](mailto:hillddb777@gmail.com) to register you team. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

## Training offered in food safety

The University of Florida's Food Safety and Quality Program is dedicated to providing training which enables food managers and staff to offer Florida consumers food that is prepared in a clean and safe environment. This training is offered through IFAS Cooperative Extension county offices throughout the state of Florida.

The training will be offered at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke, on Monday, Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, please call toll free 1-888-232-8723, or email [shannonjackson@ufl.edu](mailto:shannonjackson@ufl.edu).

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## Starke physician settles suit with DOJ

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

A physician with offices in Starke and Keystone Heights agreed to pay a \$100,000 settlement in connection with a Palatka-based sleep clinic for which he served as medical director.

According to a U.S. Justice Department press release, Dr. George Restea, acted as the medical director for the Sleep Medicine Center in Palatka. The center also operated an office in Keystone Heights but later closed it.

In the lawsuit, justice department lawyers claimed that Restea failed to properly carry out his role as medical director.

The Sleep Medicine Center, along with its proprietor, Dr. Hubert Zachary, also settled with the government. The center agreed to a \$200,000 payment and both the center and Zachary voluntarily agreed to be excluded from participation in federal health care programs for eight years.

The civil suit claimed that

from Jan. 1, 2010, until Nov. 13, 2013, Zachary ran the center, a clinic that treated patients for sleep-related disorders. Rather than treat patients in accordance with Medicare and TRICARE regulations, the government contended that Zachary and the Sleep Medicine Center submitted claims for polysomnographic sleep studies and psychological testing that were not medically necessary, were not conducted by appropriately licensed individuals, or were not actually performed.

Donna Nichols, a former employee of the center, originally filed the lawsuit under the whistle-blower provisions of the False Claims Act. She claimed that the defendants, the center and four physicians, violated the law by knowingly submitting false claims to the government for payment. Nichols will receive more than \$60,000 as part of the government's settlement with the center, Restea and Zachary.

The justice department's cases against the remaining two defendants, Dr. John DeCerco

and Dr. George Young, continues.

The government contends that these individuals also agreed to act as medical directors and staff physicians. While these doctors certified that they would supervise the clinic, the government alleges that the doctors merely lent their names in exchange for compensation.

DOJ lawyers contend that the Sleep Medicine Center would not have been able to bill the federal health care programs, had the defendants exercised proper oversight.

For example, the government alleges that Young signed durable medical equipment orders for patients that he never saw and that DeCerco signed sleep study interpretations even when the machines allegedly performing the approved studies were broken.

Phone calls seeking comment for this story on Tuesday afternoon, to Restea's office in Starke were forwarded to a recording listing the practice's normal operating hours.



National Merit Scholarship semifinalist John Baier is pictured with his mother, Carol, a third-grade teacher at Hampton Elementary School, and his principal at Bradford High School, Bryan Boyer.

## Bradford student among National Merit semifinalists

Hundreds of high school students throughout Florida joined approximately 16,000 students nationwide as semifinalists for the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation officials recognized high school seniors with the highest scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test who met published program participation requirements.

Semifinalists are now eligible to compete for one of 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$35 million. Among them are John Baier of Starke, a student at Bradford

High School.

Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart said, "I am very proud of our students for being nominated as National Merit semifinalists. I am especially appreciative of Florida's teachers who have prepared them for postsecondary success."

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship Award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to become a finalist. The semifinalist and his or her school must submit a detailed scholarship application that includes the student's academic record throughout high school, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership

abilities, and honors and awards received.

The student must also be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn an SAT score that confirms the earlier performance on the qualifying test. Finalists are selected based on exceptional skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a not-for-profit organization established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The scholarships honor the nation's scholastic champions and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

## Water permit rule ruled invalid

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County resident Paul Still's petition for an administrative hearing on rule changes to the Minimum Flows and Levels for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs was partially successful in challenging the new permitting rules.

In addition to establishing minimum flows and levels for the associated water bodies — the limits at which further withdrawals would result in significant harm to the water resources and system ecology — the rules also set criteria for consumptive water use permits in the region.

It was the impact on agriculture of these permit requirements that most concerned Still. Under the rules, applications for new permits with potential impacts to minimum flows and levels must eliminate or offset the impact to be granted.

Applications for renewals that do not increase the amount of water being used would be permitted for five years, regardless of impact to the minimum flows and levels. If there is an impact that is eliminated or offset, the five-year limit would not apply.

Applications for renewals that do increase the amount of water withdrawn would have to eliminate or offset the impact to be renewed. The renewal is limited to five years unless the existing impact was also eliminated or offset.

One rule did not inform those affected what data the water management district would be using to determine compliance, and so it was found to be vague.

"It was, in my opinion, a very poorly drafted rule. Fortunately the administrative law judge agreed with me," Still said. "It is not a rule that would have been good for Bradford County."

Several other examples of vagueness Still noted did not hold up, however. According to the judge, Still also failed to provide evidence to prove that the minimum flows are not based on the best available information. He had argued that inadequate models and methods were used in determining the minimum flows and levels but did not offer expert background or testimony to back his opinion.

He also failed in challenging whether the rules impose the lowest cost regulatory alternatives and whether nonregulatory measures such as proposed water supply projects must be adopted as part of the rule.

Still, a member of the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, reported the outcome to the county commission, which had chosen to back the water management district and FDEP, on Sept. 18. He said what the district would do now that the rule was declared invalid is unknown, but he encouraged the county to become involved in the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Recommendations made there that make it into the regional water supply plan being drafted could have significant impacts on future development and agriculture in Bradford County, he said.

Another thing the county should be involved in are plans for an aquifer recharge project on land near Lawtey since how it is developed could impact flooding, he said. The district also has potential projects on the drawing board near the airport and between Graham and Brooker.

He suggested the county commission request a workshop with the district to discuss these items as well as the drafting of minimum flows and levels for Lake Santa Fe and Lake Hampton that will be completed this year and a grant program that could help with blockages at the canal and water control structure at Lake Sampson.

Bradford wasn't alone in backing the district's Minimum Flows and Levels for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers. Also intervening were Alachua, Gilchrist, Suwannee and Columbia counties, the North Florida Utility Coordinating Group, Clay County Utility Authority, JEA, and the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Like Still, Florida Wildlife Federation and the Ichetucknee Alliance were petitioners against the rule changes. The Florida Wildlife Petition was dismissed for lack of standing.

## September is National Preparedness Month: What you can do?

(Article published by the National Weather Service at [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov))

If an emergency occurred tomorrow, would you be ready?

September is National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by FEMA, National Preparedness Month aims to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

National Preparedness Month is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters, both large scale and smaller local events. The National Weather Service knows that emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities just like yours, to people like you. It's seen tornado outbreaks, river floods and flash floods, historic earthquakes, tsunamis, and even water main breaks and power outages that impact communities for days at a time.

As commendable as they may be in their profession of assisting those in need, police, fire and rescue may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take in helping your local responders is being able to take care of yourself



and those in your care for at least a short period of time following an incident; the more people who are prepared, the quicker the community will recover.

You are not helpless in the face of an emergency. With just a few simple steps, you can "Be a Force of Nature" by knowing your risk, taking action and being an example in your community.

### Take action

Make sure that you and your family are prepared for an emergency. Ensure that you can go for at least three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or other local services. Prepare a disaster supply kit with at least three days of food and water. Create a Family Emergency Plan, so that your family knows how to communicate during an emergency. Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.

### Be an example

Be a positive influence on your community by sharing your preparedness story. Let your friends and family know that you're prepared for an emergency — and that they should be prepared, too. Research has shown that many people won't prepare until they see others doing so. Share your preparedness story on Facebook so that friends and family will know what you'll do in case of disaster.

FEMA's Ready.gov website provides detailed information on what may be most important to you and your family. You can find specific information tailored to specific needs such as people with disabilities, seniors, assisting children, business readiness and even information for your pets. For more information, see Ready.gov

### Get computing at the senior center

Become a desktop publisher with Microsoft Publisher, Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 2 – 4 p.m. Learn how to make brochures, newsletters, greeting cards, flyers and much more with this program.

In two weeks, the senior center will begin its series of free computer classes for seniors. These classes will begin Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 2 – 4 p.m., and continue every Wednesday through the month of October. The first class will be Basic Computers for those just starting out using the computer or in need of a refresher class. Next will be Internet for Beginners. The following week will be All About Email. On Oct. 29, the topic will be Facebook.

Seating is limited so please call 904-368-3955 to sign up.

The Bradford County Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. For more information on activities or events, please call 904-368-3955. A calendar of events can be found at [www.bradfordcountyfl.gov](http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov).

### Haunted Hike and Costume Ball at Gold Head

Prepare to be scared! Ghostly tales say the woods at Gold Head Branch State Park will be filled with more haunts than ever this year.

The annual Moonlight Haunted Hike and Costume Ball is set for Saturday, Oct. 4. Hikes begin at dark.

Use discretion bringing sensitive children. No pets or strollers allowed. Please wear appropriate footwear. The hike is approximately one mile long over a sandy, uneven and unpaved trail.

The costume ball dance party with DJ JukeBox Larry begins at 7 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume (family friendly) or come as you are. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Presented by the Gold Head Associates Inc., proceeds from event are used for various projects for the park and trail.

So come for the hike and stay for the dance or come just to dance. Only \$5 per person gets you in for both.

For more information, call 352-473-4701.

### BCMA has community grants available

Through a one-time only Community Betterment Grant Program, the Bradford County Ministerial Alliance seeks to benefit as many qualified nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations located in Bradford County. (IRS tax-exempt status required. Those awaiting this status are not eligible.)

Community Betterment Grant awards can be in the range of \$500 to \$1,000. Because funds are limited the ministerial alliance is unable to act favorably on all applications received. The Bradford County Ministerial Alliance also reserves the right to partially fund requests in order to provide funding to more organizations and projects.

The deadline to submit a proposal for the Community Betterment Grant is Thursday, Oct. 9, at 5:30 p.m. All proposals must be submitted to True Vine Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 1255, Starke, FL 32091. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted; no exceptions.

For more information, contact Daisy Davis at True Vine Ministry, 904-964-9264.

# REGIONAL NEWS

NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

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## Gilligan: interesting pet, star of children's books



**"I so want to get on the other side of this fence." Gilligan the goat did indeed always want to be on the other side and in the backyard. He was unlike any goat Donna Harris' family had and inspired her to write children's books about him.**

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
*Staff Writer*

Just sit right back, and you'll hear a tale—not a tale of a fateful trip, but one of a curious, interesting goat.

This tale is about Gilligan, but not the first mate aboard the Minnow that TV audiences came to know so well. This Gilligan is a "crazy goat" that inspired Union County resident Donna Harris—with inspiration from children Ashley and Lake—to write a series of children's books about his adventures.

"He just got pretty popular, so stories began that way," Harris said. "We just wrote down things here and there about him."

Whether it's to a hospital,

library, daycare or "Nana's" house, Gilligan's adventures are chronicled in a series of 10 books, which are available for download as e-books through the Lulu.com self-publishing Website. Links to the books, which are \$2.99 each, can be found on Gilligan's Facebook page ([facebook.com/gilliganthegoat4president](http://facebook.com/gilliganthegoat4president)).

As of Sept. 23, Gilligan's Facebook page had 1,062 "likes," which was a 31-percent increase from the previous week's total.

Think it's odd for a goat to have a Facebook page? Gilligan, who is now deceased, proved to be one unique goat in a lot of aspects, including how he interacted with Harris' children.

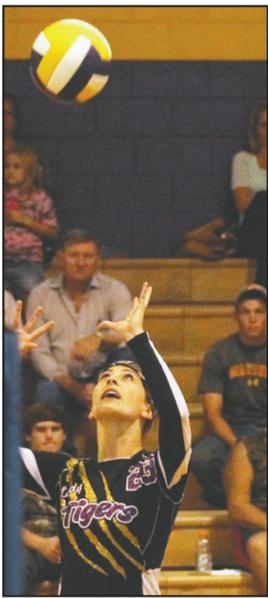
"If they went down the slide, he went down the slide," Harris

said. "If they ran around the backyard, he chased them, or they chased him. He waited on them to get off the school bus, and he waited on them at the gate when they came home. He would holler at them when they came down the driveway here until they opened the gate and let him out. He just wanted to go in the backyard and be with them."

The Harris family is always buying and selling goats. Ashley and Lake, who are 13 and 11, respectively, and involved in 4-H and FFA, participate in goat shows.

However, the family never had a goat like Gilligan, who stood out during a trip to a market

See GILLIGAN, 11B



### Tigers treat home crowd to exciting win

Lilly Combs sets up one of her teammates in the Union County High School volleyball team's 3-2 District 7-1A win over Dixie County on Sept. 18. See page 12B for more.

### Bradford-Union Great Strides is Sept. 27

Whether you walk or run, your efforts equate to "great strides" in the fight against cystic fibrosis at the sixth annual Bradford-Union Great Strides event on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Starke.

The 3-mile walk—a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation—will commence at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center at 9 a.m. Registration is on site at 8 a.m. or prior to the event via the [cff.org](http://cff.org) Website.

Lawtey native Katelyn Sims, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 4, helped start the event. Funds raised have increased each successive year for the most part, which leaves Sims grateful for the support of her home community.

"Every year, it raises more awareness," Sims said following

See STRIDES, 2B

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# STRIDES

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the 2012 event. "It helps everybody learn what (cystic fibrosis) is."

Last year's rainy weather did not prevent approximately 175 people from participating and helping to raise more than \$16,000. Following the event, Sims said, "To see them standing out here in the rain, with the wet heads and the wet T-shirts, and still going anyway—that blows me away. It really does. We live in such a great community."

So why not show up and help out a good cause. As the Great Strides motto states: "Walk today. Add tomorrows."

For more information about the event, or to learn more about cystic fibrosis, please visit [cff.org](http://cff.org).

**Katelyn Sims is pictured at the end of a long, wet day of filming "Ax-Men" with her fellow Dreadknots: the Kraken (left) and Capt. Clint. They will join Sims at the Sept. 27 Bradford-Union Great Strides.**



Restaurants to help

**Great Strides effort**  
Two Starke restaurants have set aside days on which they

will donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation/Great Strides in the fight to find a cure.

The Downtown Grill will donate proceeds from all-day sales on Thursday, Sept. 25, while Tony and Al's Deli will do so from 4 p.m. until closing on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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## BHS volleyball team to host fun tournament Sept. 27

The Bradford High School volleyball team will host a fun volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. at the school's gym. This is a round-robin tournament.

Teams are co-ed, with no set minimum of males to females on the court.

Registration is \$100 per team. Admission for spectators is \$3.

If interested in playing on a team or registering a team, contact Robbie Best (352-745-1593) or any of the varsity volleyball players.

## Learn DAR's 'little-known' facts at Oct. 6 meeting

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution begins its 2014-15 schedule with a Monday, Oct. 6, meeting at 10:30 a.m. at IHOP in Starke. The program is "Little-Known Facts of the DAR."

Visitors are welcome.

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## Northside Christian hosts Power in Pink volleyball tourney Oct. 4

Northside Christian Academy in Starke will host the second annual Power in Pink breast-cancer awareness volleyball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m.

Teams are co-ed and must have three females on the court at all times. There is an eight-member minimum per team.

Players must be 12 years or older.

The entry fee is \$10 per player.

For more information, please contact Dede Hill at [hillddb777@gmail.com](mailto:hillddb777@gmail.com) or 904-263-2560.

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Adam Shetler holds the cross he plans to carry all the way to California.

## Taking steps in faith

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Staff Writer

Demonstrations of faith can come in all shapes and sizes. For many it can be as simple as attending church every Sunday or reading the Bible daily – for others it takes a more public form, designed not only to demonstrate faith but also to encourage it in others.

Adam Shetler, 34, of Starke said he was called by God to make a pilgrimage of sorts back in 2005, but that his “faith was small then and he chose to live for himself.” On July 30, after reading a Christian book from the library, he was motivated back to his faith.

“I prayed about it and the very next day someone spoke the same words back to me that I had used in my prayer,” Shetler said in a telephone interview while walking between Live Oak and Greenville on U.S. 90. “I knew it was time.”

Shetler sold his sister Dawnya and the rest of his family that God had called him to walk across the country carrying a 10-foot cross. He found both his family and his co-workers at Western Steer Steakhouse to be supportive and encouraging.

The employee Bible study group at the steakhouse helped him out with some funds to get started, while Harry Hatcher IV provided him with a tent, sleeping bag and hikers backpack. His

employer, Harry Hatcher III said his job would be waiting for him when he gets back.

“The whole family is really proud of him,” Dawnya said. “He’s out there talking to people, spreading the word. HE says God will tell him to stop and talk to a specific person and he will. He’s very dedicated to this mission.”

Shetler plans on doing a lot of walking over the next few months, but he catches rides when he can. As long as his cross is visible in the back of a truck, he is happy. People also help him along the way with food and drinks, and many take time to talk with him about his quest.

“I want everyone to know that Jesus Christ is the son of God and all I want to do is serve him,” Shetler said. “I thought this would be a simple thing just for me to do, but God has already used it in so many ways. He has used the mission he gave me to spark conversations between parents and children and helped me to speak to people and rekindle their faith. I really feel that I’m doing what I am supposed to be doing.”

To follow Shetler’s progress, or to help him along the way, he may be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AdamwalkingwithGod](http://www.facebook.com/AdamwalkingwithGod) or for donations at [www.gofundme.com/AdamwalkingwithGod](http://www.gofundme.com/AdamwalkingwithGod).

## Arthur, Minnie Redding: enjoying each other’s company for more than 70 years

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Staff Writer

After 72 years of marriage Arthur and Minnie Redding seem just as content together as one can imagine them being all those years ago – obviously enjoying each other’s company and doing things together.

Both Arthur and Minnie were born in Lawtey, both within about 5 miles of where they live now.

Lonnie Arthur Redding was born in March of 1923 to Henry and Celia (Wilkerson) Redding – one of 10 boys. He said he is now the only one still surviving.

Minnie was born in October of 1925, but her family tree is a little more complicated. Her mother, Daisy, was a Rosier, who was first married to a Mosely. The couple had five children before he passed away. She then met Chalker Pringle, whose wife had died and left him with four children.

“He proposed to her by saying that if she would cook for his he would work for hers,” Minnie said with a smile.

The couple married and, besides their combined brood of nine children, they had five more, with Minnie being one of them. She is now the only survivor of the couples 14 children.

“This was all back during the Depression and right after,” Minnie remembered. “Times were difficult, but it didn’t seem that way then because it was the same for everyone we knew. It’s not nearly so bad when you don’t

know any different.”

The couple went to school together and, when Arthur was 19, he became the school bus driver. Sixteen-year-old Minnie was his childhood sweetheart and she rode on the toolbox while he drove. The couple started dating in high school, then married in 1942 after he dropped out.

“Both families were against our marriage,” Minnie said. “They said it wouldn’t last. We are still waiting to see if it will.”

They were married in April and he was drafted into the Army the following December. He left for three years in February of 1943 – first to Camp Swift in Texas for basic training and then on to England. Arthur participated in the D-Day plus one invasion and was present for the Battle of the Bulge, but was sent back behind the lines with frozen feet before the massacre.

His frozen feet saved his life – only 13 of his unit, of over 200 (the 2nd Infantry Division) survived the end of the battle. After hospital time in Belgium and Paris, Arthur returned to active duty and spent time serving in England and in Czechoslovakia.

When he had left home, Arthur had had a son, Lonnie Jr. When he returned he and Minnie had three more sons, Billy, Jerry and Roger, and a daughter, Barbara Joy.

The couple decided that since they were raising a family of boys that they should move to the country. They bought 40



Minnie and Arthur Redding with some of Minnie’s quilts on display at the Bradford County Fair.

acres and started truck farming vegetables.

“We taught the boys to work,” Arthur said. “They were raised on the farm and we kept them out of trouble. They all grew up good.”

Arthur went to barber school in Jacksonville on the GI Bill. He remembers practicing giving knick-free shaves on balloons and Minnie drilling him for his

written tests. Once he graduated with his barber’s license, Arthur embarked on a 62-year career as a barber.

Arthur’s first job was in Gainesville at the Alachua Barbershop in the uptown area. He then went to NAS-JAX for a while as a barber, then back

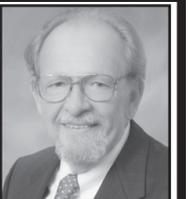
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## LETTERS

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## Everyone didn't know where the sidewalk was going

Dear Editor:

I reside on CR 18 at Hampton Lake and have property on both sides of the road. The sidewalk will be a benefit to the area. However, the statement reported in last week's edition that, "Everyone knew where the sidewalk was going..." is patently untrue. Although there are markers for underground utilities and the limit of right of way, that leaves often a large area where the sidewalk can be placed. I only found out where it was projected for my property by tracking down a construction foreman, getting him to my property, and having him show me the plans. With the planned 301 Bypass, there have been announced meetings at the Fairgrounds with plans laid out for all to see. The specifics of the CR18 project have not enjoyed the same openness. As far as the right of way belonging to the government, while that is technically true, the residents have been the ones who have largely maintained, mowed, and improved (plantings, flowers, etc.) this area. The residents are the reason for the right of way, not vice versa. Finally, Representative Van Zant has done what we want our elected officials to do -- get involved to ensure his constituents concerns are heard. How can anyone feel or say different? It is Florida DOT administering the project after all, and Mr. Van Zant is a Florida State Representative. Thank you for letting me have my say as a citizen.

Ben Bridgman  
Hampton

## We have moral responsibility in regard to climate change

Dear Editor:

The UN Summit on Climate Change is taking place this week and there has been a lot of debate about what should be done to limit the harmful effects of climate change. But what's not debatable is the moral imperative that we, the concerned residents of Bradford County and many others, must act.

Recent EPA efforts to reduce pollution from coal-fired power plants and improvements to water quality standards are a good start. But government actions alone are not enough. All of us can do more. Every year the United States generates approximately 230 million tons of trash, that's approximately 4.6 pounds per person per day.

This waste could be significantly limited and Planet Earth remain healthy and livable for our children and future generations if each person, the writer included, started consuming less, composting more, living sustainably and then teaching others to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
John X. Linnehan  
Hampton

## No evidence of harmful climate-change effects

Dear Editor:

I am constantly amazed by the willingness of so many people, including supposedly educated Americans, to believe absolute nonsense. Take Global Warming (or Climate Change-or whatever new term is being applied today) for example. Millions of folks throughout the world actually think there is scientific evidence that increasing carbon dioxide levels are going to destroy the world. We even have our own Secretary of State claiming that this is the greatest threat to humanity facing the world.

If there is such evidence of a coming doom, I have yet to see it.

If rising carbon dioxide levels are causing an artificial, and dangerous, rise in the earth's temperature, how is it possible that for the past 18 years our planet's temperature has not risen even one degree? That's certainly not because of decreasing CO2 levels since China and India alone have cranked up their output of this gas by considerable percentages. Again, where is the evidence?

Instead of presenting real facts to back up their story, professional Global Warming Entrepreneurs, like Al--let's-jet-around-the-world-and-make-some-cash--Gore, make claims like this: Global warming is causing the drought in California, shrinking polar ice caps (which are actually expanding), terrible winter storms, increasing crime, the conflict in Syria, and NFL players to abuse half the population of the United States (naw, I made that last one up, for now). Does it matter that California has been suffering from droughts even worse than the current one--forever? Does it matter that "green things" such as (probably insignificant) trees and crops and such actually benefit from an increase in carbon dioxide? Does it matter that the earth is designed so that there is variation in all of its dimensions, like temperature, hurricane production, earthquake frequency, rainfall, etc., etc. Global Warming, as "Chicken Littled" by the Obama Regime, and others, is complete, absolute bunk.

It's enlightening to remember the fuss and shrieking done in the seventies by some of these same "informed" geniuses. At that time it was called--drum roll here please--The Next Ice Age. (Get out there and get your five pairs of long undies; you're gonna' need 'em.) Again; more bunk.

If anyone believes that God made this planet so poorly that it could be destroyed by puny mankind, you're barking up the wrong Creator. Yes, he expects us to take care of AND USE this beautiful home. We should be grateful for but never abuse this big blue marble of his. But, it was given us to use. And that includes fossil fuels.

P.S. Anyone out there is the market for some quality, unused long underwear?

Leonard C. Young  
Keystone Heights

## Lake Butler not following public-records statutes

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 1, 2014, I went to the Lake Butler City Hall and made a public records request. I was required to fill out a form giving my name, address, home, work and cell telephone number as well as my e-mail address. Of course I also had to write the specific documents I wanted. I bit my tongue and completed the form. On Sept. 8th, I went by City Hall, got the requested documents and paid the statutory fee. On Sept. 15, I delivered a typed letter to City Hall with another detailed list of records I required. I asked to speak to the Records Custodian. I was told all the office staff were records custodians and was again given the request form to complete, even though my letter identified me, my address and telephone number. I told the official I was dealing with that since some of the records should be readily available, please let me know when I could pick up some and get the rest later. On Sept. 22, I went by City Hall to see if any of my requested records were available. I was told the Records Custodian was out sick and had a death in the family, therefore nothing was ready. I thought that funny that last week they were all custodians but this week there was only one and she was off duty. How convenient. Apparently if the Records Custodian succumbs to her illness, no one will be able to get public records from City Hall ever more. I voiced my concern to one of my City Commissioners who assured me that according to the City Manager, City Attorney and the League of Cities, Lake Butler was in compliance with public records statutes.

They are in error! Florida Statute Chapter 119 does not authorize an agency to require that requests for records be in person or in writing. A custodian must provide records which are sufficiently identified and for which the fees are paid.

If the agency maintaining the records thinks it necessary for written documentation of the request, the agency may require the custodian to complete the appropriate form. A person requesting records cannot be required to disclose their name, address telephone number "or the like." Florida Statute provides for civil and legal penalties for violation of the public records laws. Notably, the statute mandates that actions brought under FS 119 are entitled to immediate hearing and take priority over other pending cases.

I wish City Hall took the provisions of the public records statutes as seriously as the legislature and courts apparently have. Anyone wishing to know the law can obtain a copy of "Public Records, A Guide For Law Enforcement Agencies", published by the Office of the Attorney General, which makes legal language digestible for simple folk like me.

On Aug. 22, the Lake Butler City Commission met and passed a budget with little public challenge except on the issue of funding the Recreation Department. In that respect the Commission appropriated \$5,000.00 for the 2014-2015 budget to go to recreation and none will be paid for the 2013-2014 budget year.

Another issue addressed during the meeting briefly was the Lake Butler Community Redevelopment Plan. Conceived

in the mid-90s, the redevelopment plan was to make Lake Butler a more desirable place to live and for business by improving its appearance, infrastructure and public facilities. Phase 1 was Courthouse Park, sidewalks, curb cuts and streetscape to be done between 1997 and 1999. Phase 2 was business facades and water lines to be done between 2000 and 2002. Phase 3 was sewer lines, fire hydrants, streetscape and Lake Shore Park between 2003 and 2005. Phase 4 was the Rails to Trails Park to be done between 2006 and 2008. Estimates were \$1,644,343.00 to complete. To date, \$604,514.41 has been spent. At the meeting between the City and County Commission last week, the County wanted to withhold the \$41,000.00 for redevelopment in their new budget. Tonight the city decided to let the county keep half of the obligation to redevelopment. We will see how that flies. On that note, I went to the Union County Tax Collector's Office and requested a copy of the redevelopment plan and the amounts contributed by the city and county to date. Without identifying myself or any other personal information I had the documents requested and was out of there in 20 minutes. Now that is service on a public records request. The city could learn from the tax collector.

Lastly, Mr. Mecusker challenged my comment last week on the cost of a city election and reiterated his position that it cost \$5,000.00, to have an election instead of my quoted \$2,709. My quote was taken straight out of Mecusker's 2013-2014 budget, a total of his numbers for election expense, legal election expense and postage for election. Mecusker stated the \$5,000.00 figure was more accurate because it reflected salary and other costs associated with the election. With that news, my humble opinion is Mr. Mecusker's budget as presented to the City Commission for their vote was not accurate because he knew it did not accurately reflect actual expenses associated with the election.

Question is, what else in his past and recently passed budget does not accurately reflect expenditures?

Jack Schenck  
Lake Butler

## Johnson graduates from basic at San Antonio-Lackland

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kyle J. Johnson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the

Community College of the Air Force.

Johnson is the son of Vicki Johnson of Keystone Heights. He is a 2008 graduate of Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School.

## Starling family reunion is set for Oct. 4

Descendants of Alma and Joseph E. Starling will have a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4th at the Community Center in Lake Butler. Signs will be posted. Come early to visit with family both young and old. Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm. Bring your favorite covered dish and drinks. Setup will begin at 10:00 am. Any help would be appreciated.



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## Durn breaks Spiller record, Tigers rout Rams 59-0

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Being a young team, the Interlachen Rams didn't put up much of a fight against the Union County High School football team, which shut them out 59-0, but Antwan Durn did. The running back broke C.J. Spiller's record for number of touchdowns scored in a single game with seven.

The one that put him in the history books was a 74-yarder after working his way out of a tackle or two about halfway to the goal line. He's now in good company with Spiller, the famous running back who continues to have a successful career in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills. Just last week, the NFL announced that Spiller was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Week for his dynamic efforts in Week 2. (It was Spiller's second such honor, having also been named a Special Teams Player of the Week in 2010.)

The second-ranked Tigers (4-0) continued their strong play this season, while Interlachen made mistakes and little progress throughout the night, though it did gain a few first downs. Union County's defense shut down what gains the Rams did make, and

the offense put up 39 points in the first half, scoring 26 points in the first quarter alone.

The first touchdown came less than two minutes into the game when Darian Robinson intercepted the ball and easily ran it in for half a field length as fellow Tigers provided plenty of protection. With Tyler McDavid's extra point good, Union County was already up 7-0, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

After Interlachen's second set of downs, the Tigers took over and scored again when Durn made the first of his record-breaking seven touchdowns. Though the extra point was no good, Union County was up 13-0 halfway through the quarter.

The Rams (0-4) got the ball back and made a first down, but Union County's Alden McClellon recovered a fumble.

The Tigers had three first downs on the ensuing drive, with Durn taking it in from the 2-yard line for his second touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but the Tigers were up 19-0 with just over half a minute left in the quarter.

After a sack by Union County's Josh Smith, the Rams lined up to punt, but fumbled the ball on the snap, and the Tigers recovered. Durn took it in from 13 yards for his third touchdown. After the extra point, the Tigers were up 26-0 with 18 seconds left in the quarter.

To close out the quarter, Interlachen's quarterback ran around to make it to midfield. On the first play of the second

quarter, however, he fumbled the ball on the snap, and the Tigers recovered.

Union County quarterback Caleb Cox passed the ball to Zak Lee to get it down the field, and then tossed the ball to Franklin Williams for a touchdown. Though the extra point was no good, the Tigers were now up 32-0 less than two minutes into the quarter.

The Rams were probably experiencing some déjà vu at this point—and it was not a good feeling.

Interlachen got a first down, but Smith sacked the quarterback again during this set of downs. McClellon blocked the punt thanks to a wobbled snap.

The Tigers took over and, of course, scored again. After Cox completed a deep pass to Zak Lee, Durn ran it in again for his fourth touchdown, for those keeping count. With a successful extra point, that put the Tigers up 39-0 with just under eight minutes left in the first half.

On Interlachen's next set of downs, the Rams fumbled again, and the Tigers recovered again.

On this set of downs, with the scoreboard looking pretty secure already, the Tigers tried something different with their first attempted field goal of the season. McDavid, however, couldn't quite get it to go. It was the only time the Tigers didn't score on a possession, if you don't count the one-down set closing out the half.

With 5:36 to go in the half, the Rams worked the ball a while, but had difficulty as they simply moved it back-and-forth on their half of the field. That ended with a fumbled snap on the punt, though they recovered it.

With just 21 seconds left on the clock, Union County took a knee to close the half, with the Tigers up 39-0.

Mercifully for all involved, the officials let the clock run during the second half, which ended up being more about helping Durn set a record than winning, which the Tigers had well in hand at this point.

Union County got the ball to start the second half, and after two first downs, Durn took it in from the 6-yard line to rack up

his fifth touchdown. After the extra point, the Tigers were now up 46-0.

Interlachen then went three-and-out, with the Tigers getting the ball back on their own 47. After marching it down the field, Durn was set up to get his sixth touchdown after a 24-yard run. Casey Driggers attempted a two-point conversion during a fake extra-point kick. Nevertheless, the Tigers were now up 52-0 to close out the third quarter.

The Rams received the ball to start the fourth quarter and made a first down, but made little progress after that and had to punt.

With the ball on Union 27-yard line, Durn—on his second carry of the drive—made his record-breaking seventh touchdown of the night with a 74-yard run. The announcer then shared the news of his accomplishment. With a good extra point, the Tigers handily won the game 59-0.

While it was a big, though unexciting night, for Union County, it proved to be the biggest night ever for Durn, who was all smiles. He had 15 carries for 204 yards, averaging an impressive 13.6 yards per carry.

Alexander had two carries for 24 yards, averaging a respectable 12 yards each time.

Cox completed half of his attempts (6-of-12) for 131 yards, averaging 21.8 yards per completion, with one touchdown pass.

"I like how hard Antwan Durn ran the ball," Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said.

Pruitt also liked that his younger players stepped up and got in some quality playing time and plays. He is also pleased with what the defense is doing.

Next week, however, will be a different story for everyone. Pruitt warned his team that from what he's heard and seen, they're "fixin' to get into the fire, and it's going to start next week" against Hamilton County, whom the Tigers host on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The Trojans (3-1) beat Maclay—a Class 3A team out of Tallahassee—51-17 last week and are third in the Class 1A rankings.

Hamilton also has a 20-14 win over Class 4A Fort White and a 33-7 win over Chiefland, one of Union's fellow District 7 members.

The Trojans' lone loss was 41-6 to Suwannee, a Class 5A team ranked seventh in the state.

## Tornadoes drop district opener 28-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Drian Jenkins rushed for 100 yards on 10 carries, but the Bradford High School offense couldn't find the end zone in a 28-0 road loss to the Villages on Sept. 19.

It was the District 4-4A opener for the Tornadoes (0-4), who failed to capitalize on three drives inside the Villages' 35-yard line. That included a first-and-goal opportunity at the 3-yard line that Jenkins helped set up with a 61-yard run.

The Villages (3-1) got 179 rushing yards and two touchdowns from Jabari Jiles.

Only 67 yards separated the two offenses, but the Buffalo capitalized on an interception return and a blocked punt for two late scores.

It was a good start for the Tornadoes when Jenkins broke loose for his 61-yard run on the second play from scrimmage, setting Bradford up at the host team's 13-yard line. Quarterback Jacob Luke went over center for a 2-yard gain on fourth-and-2 to set up first down at the 3-yard line. What followed was a run for no gain, an illegal procedure penalty, two straight runs for a loss of yardage and a 5-yard pass completion on fourth down that left the Tornadoes 8 yards shy of the end zone.

The Buffalo threatened to score early in the second quarter. They drove from their own 14 to the Bradford 31, but Luke—playing linebacker—drilled running back Tyler County as soon as he received a handoff for a 5-yard loss. Counts was then held to no gain on second down before two straight incomplete passes led to a turnover on downs at the Bradford 36.

Bradford was forced to punt on the following series and committed a 15-yard facemask penalty on the return, giving the Buffalo the ball at the Bradford 42. Jiles was held to no gain on first down, but then had runs of 5 and 11 yards to set up first down at the 26. A 5-yard run by Jiles, along with a 5-yard facemask penalty, put the Buffalo at the 16. Jiles scored practically untouched on a run from there, with Gunnar Pettus' PAT putting the Villages up 7-0 with 4:52 left

in the first half.

A 15-yard run by Aundre Carter to the 50-yard line and a personal foul penalty on the Villages had the Tornadoes on the move with a first down at the 34. However, Jenkins was tackled for a 5-yard loss before Don Jeffers caught a pass for an 8-yard gain two plays later, setting up fourth-and-7. Luke was sacked for a 12-yard loss.

With 3:20 remaining before halftime, the Buffalo threatened to score again, thanks to a 42-yard run by Jiles to the Bradford 20. Quarterback Kole Harris later fumbled the ball on a run to the 10, with the Tornadoes' Jeffers recovering the loose ball in the end zone.

Bradford's defense forced the Villages to go three-and-out to start the second half. Toddreke Reed tackled Jiles for a loss of 2 yards, while Jeffers held Jiles to a 3-yard gain on second down. Defensive back Xavien Jenkins then broke up a pass to force the punt.

It was hard for the Tornadoes to build upon that momentum, though, when they were flagged for personal foul following a 39-yard punt. The result was a drive starting at their own 10-yard line.

Bradford did gain a first down, thanks to runs of 6 and 4 yards by Jenkins and Carter, respectively, but the Tornadoes couldn't overcome a loss of yardage on a fumble and eventually punted the ball back to the Buffalo.

Starting at the Bradford 41, the Villages marched downfield for its second score, with an offside penalty on Bradford on a fourth-down play keeping the drive alive. The Buffalo later faced another fourth-down play, but Harris went around left end on a keeper and found the end zone on a 19-yard run with 4:04 to play in the third quarter. The PAT put the Buffalo up 14-0.

A 23-yard run by Jenkins on a fake punt gave the Tornadoes a first down 3 yards past midfield. Dequan Blackshear then had a 22-yard run to the 25-yard line. A holding penalty, though, put Bradford in a long-yardage situation, and the Tornadoes eventually turned the ball over on downs on a fourth-down incomplete.

The Buffalo went up 21-0 with six minutes remaining in

See BHS, 11B

## Frederick, Padgett lead BHS at Mt. Dew meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Sarah Frederick and Kristopher Padgett led Bradford High School at the Sept. 20 UF Mountain Dew Cross Country Invitational in Gainesville.

Frederick placed 279<sup>th</sup> in the 421-runner field with a time of 24:09. Padgett competed in a field of 456, placing 404<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:45.47.

The following also competed for the boys' team: Lane Gillenwaters 22:10.29, Robert Martin 22:24.61, Brandon King 23:16.99 and Donald Seymour 23:29.99.

Bethany Bryan and Simran Patel had times of 26:39.03 and 26:44.55, respectively, in the girls' race.



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## Turnovers hurt Indians in 41-14 district loss

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

Umatilla quarterback Justin Lewis passed for 215 yards and ran for 118 more, while the Keystone Heights High School football team lost two fumbles and tossed three interceptions, resulting in Umatilla busing out of Keystone with a 41-14 District 4-4A win on Sept. 19.

The Indians (0-3, 0-1) suffered another key injury when running back Ray Trimble went down in the first half with a knee injury. Trimble's third carry of the game resulted in a 76-yard touchdown, which put the Indians ahead 6-0 with 5:38 left in the first quarter. J.J. Schofield added the PAT.

Trimble, who ended the game with 84 yards on four carries, joined fellow running backs Anton Noble—who suffered an ankle injury in the Indians' first game—and Sam Anderson—who went down before the season began—on the team's injured list.

Following Trimble's score, Lewis brought his team right back, completing passes of 12, 7 and 10 yards, and rushing for 4, 10, 6 and 3 yards. The 6-0, 175-pound signal caller accounted for 52 of the 70 yards Umatilla chewed up on its first scoring drive. Edwardo Cosio kicked the extra point with 2:05 in the first quarter, tying the score at 7-all.

Cosio added two field goals in the second quarter—the first from 39 yards and the second from 29 as time expired, giving the visiting Bulldogs (2-2, 1-0) a

13-7 lead at halftime.

On Umatilla's first possession of the second half, Lewis marched his squad 71 yards in just under four minutes, running an option offense combined with an effective passing attack that kept the Indian defense off balance. Lewis hit Caleb Robinson on a 20-yard strike, then connected with Kyle Driver for 14 more during the nine-play drive. Lewis completed the effort with runs of 9 and 11 yards, the latter terminating in the end zone with 4:57 left in the third quarter. Mauricio Miranda added the extra point, giving the Bulldogs a 20-7 lead.

Two plays after the ensuing kickoff, Austin Bush intercepted an Indian pass, giving the visitors the ball on the Keystone 15. Two plays later, Lewis hit Ethan Madden for a 17-yard touchdown pass. Miranda added the extra point, giving the Bulldogs a 27-7 lead with 3:24 left in the third quarter.

As the third quarter wound down, the Bulldogs threatened again and appeared to open up a 26-point lead when Lewis hit Madden for a 16-yard pass. Just before Madden crossed the goal line, however, he lost the handle, and an Indian defender recovered the ball in the end zone.

On the very next play, though, Keystone returned the favor, with Umatilla's Quintin Davis yanking an Indian fumble out of mid-air and returning the miscue 20 yards for a touchdown. Miranda came on for the extra point, giving Umatilla a 34-7 lead with 10:45 left in the game.

Keystone offered Umatilla another gift on its next possession—this time an interception picked off by Lewis,

who was playing in the defensive backfield for the visitors. From the Keystone 23, Lewis followed his defensive highlight with a 15-yard pass to Madden and a 3-yard touchdown run with 8:38 left in the game. Miranda's PAT gave the Bulldogs a 41-7 lead.

With the game clock winding down, Keystone found a bright spot with the debut of running back Justin Raysin. The 10<sup>th</sup>-grader rushed for 24 yards on five consecutive carries until Keystone's drive petered out at the Indian 49.

After Dakota Hodge pounced on a muffed punt by the Bulldogs, the Indians took over on the Umatilla 13. Jacob White accounted for 6 of the 13 yards with one run, and Raysin took care of the rest, pounding out a 2-yard gain and then scoring on a 5-yard run with 3:50 left in the fourth quarter. Schofield added the extra point, taking the final score to 41-14.

After the game, Keystone head coach Chuck Dickinson first stated the obvious.

"We turned the ball over way too many times," he said.

Dickinson added that he thought his defense played well in the first half.

He also said that he knew coming into the game that Umatilla would likely contend for the district title this year because of its talented quarterback and because the team played a lot of young players last year.

"We've got things we've got to work on," Dickinson continued. "We've got to find a way to win."

Keystone travels to play Newberry Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers (1-3) won their first game last week, defeating Chiefland 17-13. Two

of their losses have come against bigger schools—26-9 against Class 5A Santa Fe and 21-0 against Class 4A Fort White.

Newberry is in Class 1A.

## BHS wins 2 straight in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford High School swept host North Marion 3-0 (25-13, 27-25, 25-23) for its second straight win in volleyball on Sept. 18.

Lainie Rodgers had 15 kills, while Karen Clark and Kia Lane each had 12 assists to help the Tornados improve to 6-7. Nyasia Davis and Jaci Atkinson had eight and seven kills, respectively, with Davis also adding two blocks and three service aces. Clark also had three aces.

Prior to playing North Marion, the Tornados traveled to play Interlachen on Sept. 16, winning 3-1 (26-28, 25-15, 25-16, 26-24) to improve to 2-2 in District 5-4A. Rodgers had 14 kills and eight digs, while Hannah Jones had five kills, nine aces and 10 digs. Davis had six kills and three blocks, while Clark and Lane each had 13 assists. Atkinson had five aces.

Also of note, Bradford's junior varsity team competed in a tournament at Keystone Heights High School, finishing second in its pool and beating previously undefeated Union County. Zahriah Collins was named to the all-tournament team.

Bradford played Santa Fe this past Tuesday and will host Keystone Heights on Thursday, Sept. 25. The Tornados then travel to play Newberry on

Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Junior varsity match times are at 5 p.m., with varsity matches following at approximately 6 p.m.

## KHHS goes 1-1 against Clay teams

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School suffered just its second loss of the season in volleyball as host Clay handed the Indians a 3-0 (25-16, 25-8, 25-15) defeat on Sept. 18.

Abi Loose had four kills and two aces for the Indians (4-2 prior to Sept. 23). Hanna Crane had 11 assists.

On Sept. 16, Keystone played at Oakleaf, winning 3-0 (25-11, 25-11, 25-7). Loose had six kills, while Crane had 12 assists. Jordan Jennings and Bailey Zinkel each had five service aces, while Shelby Skelly had two blocks.

Keystone played District 5-4A opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Bradford on Thursday, Sept. 25, before returning home to face district opponent Santa Fe on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Matches are scheduled for 6 p.m.

## Keystone girls take 3rd at Clay County meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Naomi Proctor and Moriah Combass earned top-20 finishes, helping the Keystone Heights girls' cross country team place third out of seven schools at the Clay County meet on Sept. 18 in Middleburg.

The Indians had a team score of 97, finishing behind champion Fleming Island (25) and runner-up Ridgeview (40).

Proctor and Combass finished 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, respectively, with times of 25:04.69 and 25:07.10.

All five runners who earned points toward the team score placed in the top 50 of the 89-runner field. Jennie Getz was 32<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 26:23.07, while Riley Dingman and Caitlin Cumbs were 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup>, respectively, with times of 26:41.78 and 26:51.97.

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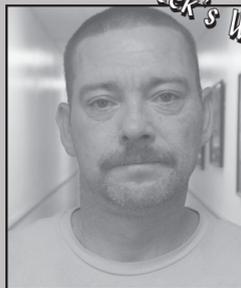
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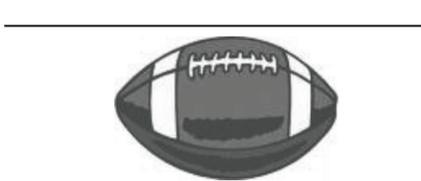
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**CRIME**

**Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union**

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

**Bradford**

James Lee Aldridge, 30, of Starke was arrested Sept. 21 by Starke police for two charges of battery. According to the arrest report, Aldridge and his girlfriend got into an argument after he failed to pick her up from work, and she had to walk home. During the argument, the victim said she threw a pillow at Aldridge, causing him to become angry and grab her by the throat, making it difficult for her to breathe. He then shoved her against a dresser and then onto the bed, partially on top of their 1-year-old child, holding her there. He also eventually hit her in the mouth before the police arrived and arrested Aldridge. Bond was set at \$7,000 for the charges.

Shaunda Denise Allen, 46, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 18 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for failure to appear for original charge of petit theft and on a Bradford county warrant

for larceny. According to the warrant affidavit for Bradford, Allen and another person went into the In and Out Food Store at the corner of U.S. 301 and S.R. 16 in Starke in early August to purchase a beer. While they were at the counter, Allen was able to place a box of Swisher Sweet cigars and an unknown amount of Natural Wrapper cigarillos in her purse while the cashier was counting loose change for the beer. The owner was able to spot the theft when he reviewed surveillance video, leading to the warrant for Allen's arrest. Bond was set at \$10,002 for the Clay charge, while bond was set at \$30,000 for the Bradford charge.

Cedric Carter, 34, of Starke was arrested Sept. 22 by Starke police on a warrant for selling cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, public order crimes—keeping a public nuisance structure for drug activity and possession of drug equipment.

Telv Deltwan Coleman, 25, of Sanderson was arrested Sept. 21 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana. According to the arrest report, Coleman was trying to enter an event at the fairgrounds in Starke late Saturday night when a search by a security guard revealed a bag with marijuana in it in his front pocket. The security guard escorted Coleman to a deputy working the event, and he was arrested and transported to jail.

Christi Lynn Curtis, 43, of Brooker was arrested Sept. 21 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for felony larceny less than \$10,000 against a person 65 years of age or older. According to the warrant offense report, Curtis went to the 72-year-old victim's home in Brooker on Aug. 1 to wash her vehicle and vacuum her home. Curtis was paid for the work and left, but returned a short time later saying she had left her license at the home. Curtis and the victim looked in the vehicle first, then went in the home to look. While the victim looked in a bathroom, Curtis apparently grabbed her purse and ran out of the home. The victim saw her purse was gone when she returned to the living room and ran outside to see Curtis climbing over a fence and getting into a black SUV at the end of the driveway. The purse contained the victim's driver's license, Social Security card, a debit card, \$400 in cash and various other items. Law enforcement was called, with a warrant eventually issued for the arrest of Curtis. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Derek A. Ely, 26, of Starke were arrested Sept. 20 by Starke police for kidnapping—false imprisonment. His girlfriend, Paige Huckabey, 25, of Starke was also arrested Sept. 20 by Starke police for kidnapping—false imprisonment and for battery during the same incident.

According to the arrest report, Ely and Huckabey were at the Dempsey Motel in Starke where Ely's mother was staying when they got into an argument with the mother about using her vehicle. Ely and Huckabey then turned the argument physical, with both pushing the mother into her room. Once in the room, Huckabey struck the victim several times in the face while Ely told her to do it, according to the report. The victim tried to leave several times, but was restrained from doing so, and finally consented to take Ely and Huckabey to their home in Starke after they attempted several times to take her car keys. When the victim returned to the motel, the owner spoke with her about the incident and then called law enforcement. EMS was also called to check the victim and advised her that a cut inside her lip would require stitches and that she would need to get an x-ray for a possible fracture to her orbital bone. Ely and Huckabey were arrested at their home and transported to the jail. Bond was set at \$15,000 for Ely's charge, while bond was set at \$20,000 for Huckabey's charges.

Micahel Monroe Green, 31, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 18 by Bradford deputies for shoplifting. According to the arrest report, Green was at the Harvey's Supermarket between Melrose and Keystone Heights and was observed by the store manager opening a package of scrub pads and stuffing one into his pants. When he passed all the cashiers, the manager asked his to stop, but he left in his vehicle and was arrested minutes later by a deputy.

Arthur Lemuel Hamlett, 20, of Starke was arrested Sept. 19 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, an intoxicated Hamlett started yelling at his girlfriend at their apartment around 2 a.m. Friday morning. After she asked him to stop yelling several times in order to not wake up her 2-year-old child, Hamlett backed the victim up against a wall and placed his hands around her neck. He then started to break things in the apartment, including a bathroom window, before police arrived and arrested him.

Charles Henderson, 56, of Lawtey was arrested Sept.

21 by Bradford deputies for fleeing/eluding police—failure to obey law enforcement order to stop. According to the arrest report, Henderson was ordered to stop by a deputy who saw him driving without a seatbelt. Henderson told the deputy, "Hold on," but then continued driving. The deputy activated his lights and eventually his siren, but Henderson made several turns and continued driving until arriving at his home outside of Lawtey.

Thomas George Heyder, 62, of Tampa was arrested Sept. 17 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Gabriel L. Hicks, 33, of Starke was arrested Sept. 21 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Wade Anderson Meadows, 34, of Starke was arrested Sept. 21 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Joshua Dean Padgett, 21, of Starke was arrested Sept. 17 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Amy Jean Pasternak, 24, of Lake City was arrested Sept. 20 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, Pasternak was trying to enter an event at the fairgrounds in Starke late Saturday night when a search by a security guard revealed a small bag with white powder and a straw in it. A field test by the deputy confirmed the powder was cocaine, and Pasternak was arrested and transported to the jail.

Chadly Derick Richey, 33, of Waldo was arrested Sept. 16 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Wesley T. Robey, 25, of Middleburg was arrested Sept. 19 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Tonya Marie Starling, 29, of Hampton was arrested Sept. 22 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Ahmad Rashad Strong, 35, of Starke was arrested Sept. 17 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Hillsborough on an original charge of failure to return hired/leased property. The warrant was issued Nov. 5, 2013. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charge.

Rocky Clinton Thompson, 57, of Starke was arrested Sept. 19 by Starke police on a warrant for possession of opium or derivative with intent to sell and selling opium or derivative within 1,000 feet of a specified restricted area. Bond was set at \$150,000 for the charges.

Adrian Lane Varnum, 18, of Starke was arrested Sept. 20 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. According to the arrest report, Varnum was on a dirt bike in the Sampson City area of the county when a deputy observed him driving on a paved road around midnight without any lights on the bike. The deputy pulled him over and discovered he didn't have a driver's license. When asked if he had anything illegal on him, Varnum said he had a glass pipe and admitted to having just finished smoking marijuana with it shortly before the deputy pulled him over. In addition to the charges, Varnum was issued a citation for driving an all-terrain vehicle on a public highway.

**Keystone/Melrose**

Bradley Adkins, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 16 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Roy Clark, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 16 by Clay deputies for battery.

Brittany Fike, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 18 by Clay deputies for disorderly intoxication.

Erick Hagerhorst, 18, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 21 by Clay deputies for burglary.

Jessica Hylton, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 22 by Clay deputies for driving without a valid license.

Brian Levelle, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 19 by

Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Allison Suzanne Lord, 37, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 17 by Putnam deputies for three probation violations.

Lisa Matthews, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 19 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Thomas Recard, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 16 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Dessa Stockman, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 19 by Clay deputies for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

**Union**

Rhonda Truett Cone, 48, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 21 by Union deputies for driving under the influence and for driving while license suspended—habitual offender. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charges.

Cassandra Pagan, 28, of Gainesville was arrested Sept. 18 by Union deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Eddie James Smith, 55, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 20 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Smith was at a gathering and highly intoxicated, waving a knife around and threatening everyone with it. When the deputy arrived, Smith was standing in the street yelling and causing a disturbance. He was arrested and transported to the jail.

Riley Paul Thames, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 17 by Union deputies for disturbing the peace and possession of marijuana. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to Thames' home several times the night of his arrest before finally arresting him on the third visit. Thames had been drinking and arguing with his wife, but had left the home when the deputy came by the first time after a neighbor called about a disturbance. The deputy came back again when Thames came home and the wife called law enforcement. After speaking with the deputy, Thames agreed to go to bed and not argue anymore. About 30 minutes after the deputy left, he was called back to the home after Thames started destroying things in one of his children's rooms and yelling in the home. Thames was arrested, and when he was searched at the jail, a small bag of marijuana was found in his pocket.

Ronald Austin Moore Jr., 32, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 19 by Union deputies for aggravated battery. According to the arrest report, Moore got into an argument with his mother and stepfather, then went outside their home on the front porch and started tearing up a radio. His mom and stepfather then locked the door, but Moore tried to break down the front door and go in through a window before finally prying the door open and entering the home. Once inside, he continued to argue, then picked up a pot of soup and hit his stepfather in the mouth, causing him to fall to the floor, hit his head and become unconscious for a moment. Moore's mom called law enforcement, and when they arrived, Moore fled out the back door, but he was caught in the woods behind the home by a deputy. Moore was arrested and transported to jail, while EMS came to check on the stepfather, who was OK by that time.

Joshua Oneal Perry, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 16 by Union deputies for disturbing the peace, escape and two charges of failure to appear. According to the arrest report, Perry was at the Outpost Alternative School when he started causing a disturbance in a class. After the instructor asked him to leave the classroom and go to the hallway, Perry refused to do so and continued to curse and threaten another student. When the deputy arrived, he was speaking with the instructor and Perry when he received word from dispatch that there were two warrants for Perry's arrest for the failure-to-appear charges. When the deputy went to place handcuffs on Perry, he yelled that the deputy wasn't going to take him in and snatched loose and ran out of the building. Approximately 10 minutes later, Perry was apprehended outside of the Union County Library without any resistance and arrested.

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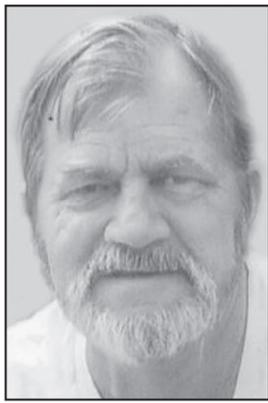
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## OBITUARIES



Leon Cooper

### Leon Cooper

BRADFORD COUNTY—Leon Cooper, age 58, a lifelong resident of Bradford County, went to be with our Lord on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 with family by his side. He passed peacefully at the E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville from an extended illness. Leon was born in Starke on Feb. 24, 1956 to the late Robert Reynolds Cooper and Martha Ann Prescott Cooper. Leon was a very thankful man as he was blessed with the wonderful Gift of Life in the form of a lung transplant in 2004, which gave him an extra 10 years to enjoy his family and friends. He was an exceptional and very strong man who would do anything he could to help others. Leon was grateful for every person in his life and he never met a stranger. He retired after 35 years of dedicated service as a construction worker and master electrician. Leon enjoyed using his chainsaw to clear land, maintaining his yard, landscaping, and riding his John Deere tractor. He loved being outdoors and traveling to the mountains. Most of all, he was a loving husband and father and will be missed dearly by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and step-father, Melvin Nettles.

Leon is survived by: his loving wife and soul mate of 23 years, Arlene A. Griffis Cooper of Starke; his son, Shane L. (Susan Leann Baker) Cooper of Starke; his sisters, Bea Strickland of Hampton, Audrey (Robert) Thornton of Starke, Katie Hardin and Betty (Lonnice) Kight, both of Plant City/Lakeland; his brothers, William Cooper of Starke and Henry (Tina) Cooper of Plant City/Lakeland; his in-laws, Shirley Bishop and Louis (Bonnie) Griffis of Keystone Heights, Lillian (Tim) Marsett of Lake City, Marilyn (Leon) Nehring of Reddick, and Vincent Griffis of Starke; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends he loved very much.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Jason Crawford officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton. The family will receive friends on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



James Douglass

### James Douglass

STARKE—James "Sonny" Edd Douglass, 69, of Starke died on Sept. 18, 2014 at the E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville with family by his side. He was born in Fort Meade on Feb. 18, 1945 to the late Edgar W. and Sarah L. McClure Douglass. He was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. He served in the United States Navy for many years serving in the Vietnam War. He retired from Clay Electric after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by: his wife, Jenny Gaskins Douglass of Starke; daughters, Kimberly (Matt) Stucky, Sunnie (Beau) Pearson, Shelley (Phil) Smith all of Starke; Brenda (Karey) Saunders of Keystone Heights, Melissa Gillenwaters of Starke; and Elizabeth Sheppard of Starke; five brothers; seven sisters; thirteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 21 in the chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Services with Pastor Dwight Hersey officiating. Interment followed at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. The arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

### Roger Gibson

LAKE BUTLER—Roger "Wayne" Gibson, 66, of Lake Butler died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born on Dec. 24, 1947 in Starke to the late Henry Gibson, Jr. and Lillie Ann Swofford Gibson. He lived most of his life in Lake Butler. He was preceded in death by: brothers, Bobby, Terry, Kenny, and Ricky Gibson.

He is survived by: son, Nicholas Miller of Lake Butler; one granddaughter; brother, John Gibson of Lake Butler; and sisters, Penny Smith of Newberry, Diane Cochran of Bonafay, and Belinda Ergle of Bell.

A memorial service was held Sept. 24 at Archer Funeral Home. The arrangements are under the care

of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler.



Charles Higgins

### Charles Higgins

HUDSON—Charles E. Higgins of Hudson died at his home on Sunday, Aug. 24th after a lengthy illness. He was born in Jamestown, New York on July 9, 1927, the son of Harold H. Higgins and Blanche McKinney Higgins. He was a resident of the Youngsville-Pittsfield area for most of his life, moving to Lake Butler in 1999. Chuck was an artisan bricklayer/stonemason who learned the trade from the best, the late Roger Luvison, formerly of Youngsville, Pennsylvania. After working with him for many years, he and his cousin, Jack Wood, were craftsmen, and in addition to his work on many churches, schools, and banks in Northwestern Pennsylvania, he was best known for the beautiful stone work at Peak n' Peak Resort in Clymer, New York. Prior to his retirement, Chuck was active in his church, St. Francis of Assisi in Youngsville, serving several terms on the Vestry and coordinating the annual Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper, and he was a long term member of the Youngsville Recreation Commission.

As a young man he was an accomplished trumpeter and served as the unseen bugler for "Taps" at the burials of Youngsville area soldiers lost in the Battle of the Bulge. He attended Perkiomen Preparatory School in Pottsville, Pennsylvania where he lettered in basketball and track. Unsettled by the loss of his older sister's friends in the war, he secured his father's permission to join the Navy just after his 17th birthday. He served with honor on the USS Independence in WWII Pacific Theater, and returned to graduate from Youngsville High School with the Class of 1947.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Howard Becker; brother-in-law, Robert Gentz; sister, Beth Gantz; and mother-in-law, June Becker.

He is survived by: his wife, Judith Becker Higgins of Hudson; son, Charles "Chad" (Cynthia) of Palm Beach Gardens; daughter, Kathleen "Kate" (William) Smith of Lutz; grandsons, Colin Patrick and Kyle

Matthew Smith of Lutz; brother-in-law, George (Sherril) Becker of Newcastle, New Hampshire; sister-in-law, Lynn (Robert) Keiser of Edwards Colorado; niece, Joan "Jody" (William) Hanley of Bluffton, South Carolina; nephews, Thomas Gentz of Youngsville; Andrew (Krista) Keiser of Beaver Creek, Colorado; Zachery (Melissa) Becker of Phoenix, Arizona; Brian (Rebekah) Keiser of Kona, Hawaii; Bradley (Kristin) Becker of Chicago, Illinois; great nieces, Caitlin Higgins Hanley of Clemson South Carolina; Elizabeth June Keiser of Beaver Creek; Hannah Riley Becker of Phoenix and Sophia Lynn Keiser of Kona; great nephews, Drew Robert Keiser and Joshua Dwight Keiser of Beaver Creek; and Calvin Lee Keiser of Kona.

A private service will be conducted at Prevatt Funeral Home in Judson by Steve Simpson, after which Chuck will be cremated.

Burial with full military honors will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Friday September 26th at 11:00 am with Bishop Ron Kuykendall of St. Andrews Anglican Church in Gainesville conducting the Rites of Burial.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors of Jacksonville or a charity of choice. Visit [www.prevattfuneralhome.com](http://www.prevattfuneralhome.com) to leave message of condolence.

PAID OBITUARY



Effie Patrick

### Effie Patrick

JACKSONVILLE—Effie Mae "Pat" Crawford Patrick, 91, entered into Heavens Gates on Sept. 19, 2014! Effie was born Nov. 1, 1922 in Lawley to Robert Newton Crawford and Viola Chism Crawford. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy A. Patrick in March of 2001. She was also predeceased by all of her brothers and sisters (7). She retired from Carolina Casualty Insurance Company in 1988. Effie was an avid genealogist and never passed up an opportunity to discuss her family roots. Next to genealogy, her passion was working in her yard. That was a stress reliever for her. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend! She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by: her daughter, Gail (Johnny) Grimes of Jacksonville;

and her granddaughter, Amanda Kathryn Grimes of Carrefour, Haiti.

Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 25 from 6-8 pm at Hardage-Giddens, Town and Country Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32205 and services will be Friday, Sept. 26 at 11 am at Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 6731 Ramona Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32205. Burial immediately following at Riverside Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gods Heart for Haiti at [godsheartforhaiti.org](http://godsheartforhaiti.org)

PAID OBITUARY

### Vivian Patterson

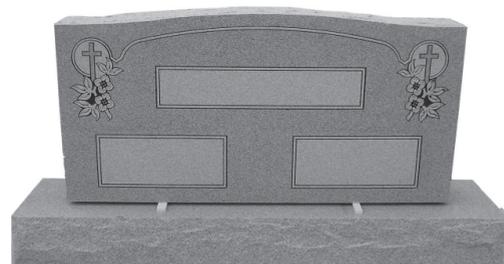
STARKE—Vivian Bertha Morris Patterson, 84, of Starke died Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 at Windsor Manor Nursing Home. She was born May 23, 1930 in Kankakee, Illinois to the late Edward and Charlotte (Beach) Morris and had been a longtime resident of the Starke area. She was a poultry farmer and attended Sampson City Church of God. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, James "Bennie" Patterson; and their son, Jimmie Patterson.

Survivors are: sons, Danny (Deborah) Patterson and Frank (Karen) Patterson all of Starke; sisters; Doris Kuebler of Cissna Park, Illinois and Ginie Chambers of Ft. Worth, Texas; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with funeral services beginning at 4 o'clock. Brother Johnny Frampton will officiate. A private burial will be at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

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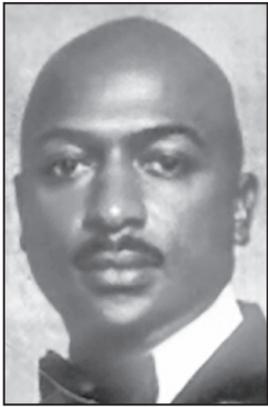
## Billy Piper

MELROSE—Billy J. Piper, 59, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 at his residence. He was born Feb. 20, 1955 in Micanopy to the late Billy Alton and Flora Mae (Smith) Piper and was a longtime resident of Melrose.

Survivors are: daughters, Amanda Hart, Jeannie Piper, and Sandy Michaux; siblings, Melvin Monk, Alan Monk, Irene Piper, Libby Withrow, Faye Ponds, and Richard Ponds; three grandchildren; and former wife, Patty Piper.

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

Elixson. Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 14 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Lake City. Interment followed in Philippi Baptist Church Cemetery, South Columbia County.



Gerald Simmons

## Gerald Simmons

KILLEEN, TEXAS—1st Sgt Gerald Jerome Simmons of Killeen, Texas died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Starke on Sept. 25, 1958. He joined the US Army in 1976 and served for 26 years, retiring as 1st Sgt in 2002. After retirement, he worked as an engineer in St. Augustine and also as an armed security officer for the Department of the Army. Simmons

was a member of The Christian House of Prayer in Killeen.

He is survived by: his wife, Nicole D. Simmons of Killeen, Texas; son, Sean M. Simmons; daughters, Joyce N. Simmons and Iecena N. Simmons; brothers, Eddie Holmes of Starke, Ronald Strong of St. Augustine, Willie (Donny Ray) Strong of St. Johns, William Simmons Jr. of Miami, and Kevin Reddish of Tampa; sisters, Marjorie Richardson of Starke Sharon Simmons of Pembroke Pines, Marsha Sturup of Miami, mother-in-law, Gladys B. Simmons; father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferebee of Powell Point, North Carolina; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 in the True Vine Outreach Ministries with Elder Ross Chandler conducting the services. Interment will be held in Clark Cemetery in Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke. Viewing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at True Vine between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Cortege will form at the home of Eddie "Sonny" Holmes, 444 S.E. 146th Terrace, Starke at 10:30 a.m.

Angela (Wade) Overstreet of Franklin, Tennessee; a son, Justin (Paige) Williams of Melrose; brother, Buck Tiller of Melrose; four sisters, Anna Laura McEleven, Anne Tyner and Carolyn Newsom all of Hartsville, South Carolina and Connie Wise of Orlando; and four grandchildren, McKenzie Williams, Tyler Overstreet, Carson Williams and Will Overstreet.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 26 at 2:00 pm at Eliam Baptist Church in Melrose with Pastor Rick Ergle officiating. There will be a lunch and visitation from 12 noon till 2:00 pm at the church prior to the services. Burial will follow services at Eliam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to E T York Roberts Haven Hospice Care Center in Palatka. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home of Melrose.

PAID OBITUARY

## Lorine Youngblood

HAMPTON—Lorine Youngblood, 86, of Hampton, died on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 at her

residence with family by her side. She was born in Taylor on Oct. 14, 1927 to the late Clifford Rhoden, Sr. and Thelma Davis Rhoden. She was raised in Waldo. She has been a resident of Bradford County since 1946. She retired after 20 years as a shift supervisor at Sunland and Tacachale. She attended the Church of Hampton. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Lawton Youngblood; brothers, Rudolph and Clifford "Junior" Rhoden, Jr.; and mother-in-law, Alta Youngblood.

She is survived by: children, Larry (Donna) Youngblood of Hampton, Elaine (Tony) Kennan of Waldo; Sandee (Mike) Hoover of Keystone Heights, and Darrell (Donna) Youngblood of Hampton; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 1:00 pm at The Church of Hampton with Pastor Aaron Morgan officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.

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## Bettye Richardson

HIGH SPRINGS—Bettye L. Richardson, 72, of High Springs, died in her home, Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, surrounded by her family, after a lengthy illness. She was born on April 8, 1942, in Worthington Springs. She was a member of Hague Baptist Church, and had worked for the Alachua County School Board and later was a C.N.A., doing private duty nursing. She is preceded in death by: brothers, Wilbur and Wallace Seay; and husband of 47 years, Cecil Richardson in 2007.

She is survived by: children, John Richardson of High Springs, Dennis Richardson of High Springs, Kim (Erfan) Raffii of Jacksonville, and Darryl (Kim) Richardson of High Springs; one grandson; two step-grandchildren; sisters, Anna (Dale) Bass, Thelmalee (Edward) Allen, Ethelene Woodard, and Lori



Reda Williams

## Reda Williams

MELROSE—Reda Mae Williams, age 70, of Melrose passed away Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 at E T York Roberts Haven Hospice Care Center in Palatka. Reda moved to Melrose where she has lived most of her life from Hartsville, South Carolina 56 years ago. She was a member of the Fightin' Gator Touchdown Club and a member of CrossPoint Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Williams.

She is survived by: her daughter,

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to Gainesville to the MacDavid Barber Shop across from the University of Florida. This was an eight-chair shop, which eventually closed in 1967, according to Arthur, due to the rise of the fashion of long hair for men.

Arthur came back to Starke to work at the City Barber Shop, which then belonged to Carlos Johnson. Later, his oldest son, Lonnie Jr., bought the barbershop when he retired from DuPont and had his father run it for him. Arthurs brother Louin was also a barber and worked there for a while. Louin passed away last year at the age of 99.

"I cut three generation of hair in that shop and gave a lot of the men in the county their first hair cut," Arthur remembered. "I don't know why children are scared of the barber, but they are. I can remember many times that the parents and myself had to actually hold the child in the chair to cut their hair."

Arthur has lots of everyday memories of cutting hair and long conversations with just about all the men in town, but one day sticks out in his mind as unique.

"One hot day we were working with the back door open, hoping to catch some breeze," Arthur said. "In walked a deer, which proceeded to panic when it realized where it was. It ran into the front window, breaking it, then spun around and ran back out the door it had come in by. A little later it was struck and killed on U.S. 301."

During his working years, Arthur spent his spare time gardening, hunting and fishing. Since his retirement, he still gardens a little, but spends most of his time traveling between his two recliners – one in the living room and one in the den – and taking care of numerous "honeydods" provided by Minnie.

The couple is, and has been, active in Madison Street Baptist Church, where Arthur was an usher for 10 years. Minnie still teaches quilting at the church, as she has for the last five years,

every Tuesday. Her class makes lap pads for nursing home residents, as well as projects of their own.

"We love Madison Street and everyone there," Minnie said. "It is our church home."

Minnie had been a homemaker for many years, but about 25 years ago she discovered her true vocation quite by accident.

"I was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church at the time and I decided that we needed some social activities for the members as well as the services, so I started a quilting club/class," Minnie remembers. "At the time I did not know the first thing about quilting, but about 20 older ladies joined and they taught me."

Minnie learned so well that she taught quilting at the Bradford-Union Technical Center for nine years, teaching about 400 people in Bradford County to quilt. Today, in addition to her classes at Madison Street, she quilts for herself and does machine quilting for others. When they travel, she lap quilts while Arthur drives.

"We love Bradford County," Minnie said. "It means a lot to us. We have our barbering friends, our quilting friends and our church friends all here. We have spent our whole life together here and our family is here. We are a blessed couple with five children, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. That's what you call home."

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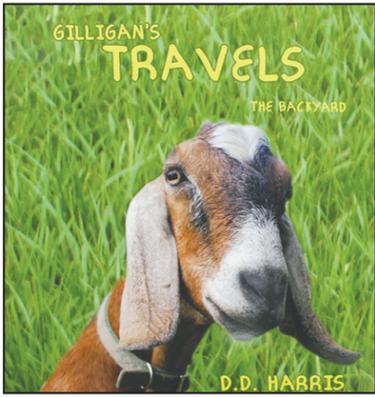
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This is the cover of Donna Harris' first book on Gilligan. "Gilligan's Travels: The Backyard" is one of 10 books available for download.

## GILLIGAN

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in Columbia County. Harris said her husband, David, "saw this one crazy goat that was just in everybody's business. Everybody would come by, and he would stick his head out and look at them or mess with them. "Ashley took a liking to him and just wanted that goat. (David) bought it and brought it

home. The kids just played with it like a dog."

Harris said she is the one who comes up with the names of the family's animals. The goat's long ears and just its face made her think of the TV character Gilligan.

Over time, Harris would hear the name "Gilligan" shouted out many times, just as the Skipper would holler at his first mate on the TV show.

"It was just so fitting," Harris said.

Gilligan had quite the personality and became well-known by many people in the community. He was asked to accompany agriculture students and their animals on a trip to the hospital. He was asked to participate in a drive-through nativity scene during Christmastime.

People who attended the annual 4-H goat show at the Bradford County Fair became familiar with Gilligan, whom Ashley always insisted on entering in the show, though Gilligan wasn't quite show-worthy. (Ashley did always enter another goat, which she did quite well with.)

"He came in last every year, but it didn't matter to (Ashley)," Harris said, adding that Gilligan almost seemed like he would pout if he wasn't taken to the show.

The organizers of the goat show would always put Gilligan in stall number one in the barn. He always attracted a crowd.

"Everybody came by, and he would stick his head out, and they'd pet him and pet him," Harris said. "It was just like he was a meet-and-greet kind of goat."

Harris was no stranger to writing, making it a practice to record life events in a journal. Her children suggested she write about Gilligan, so she wrote the first story, solely for the enjoyment of her children.

That first book, "Gilligan's Travels: The Backyard," was written in 2008. Like the books that followed, it is composed of real pictures of Gilligan, as well as pictures of Ashley and Lake.

Harris said she did some research online as well as buy children's books to teach herself that style of writing. She even contacted some publishers to help her "pinpoint" her audience.

The first book remains Harris' favorite of the series. She will always associate Gilligan with the family's backyard.

"That was where he always wanted to be," Harris said. "I could go out into the backyard,

and he was always standing at the gate waiting for somebody to let him in. He was going to put his paws on the gate and baa at me until I let him in.

"Lots of times, I really thought he was just the most aggravating thing in the whole world," Harris said with a laugh.

Harris admitted she never thought of a series of books on Gilligan. She said it was hard to believe Gilligan had so many adventures until her children kept reminding her of all the different places he traveled.

The remaining nine books were written over a period of three years. They chronicled such adventures as Gilligan climbing into one of the dog boxes on the back of David's truck and Gilligan escaping and eating the flowers of the Harris' neighbors.

One of the books that really surprised her by how well it turned out was "Gilligan's Travels: The Gift," Harris said. It is about Gilligan's participation in the aforementioned drive-through nativity scene. Harris said her children had been told of the "gift" being the baby Jesus. When Lake saw an untethered Gilligan standing in place by the manger, he said, "I wonder if Gilligan thinks he's the gift everybody's coming to see."

Harris remembered how her son would pet Gilligan on the head and say, "You're not the gift, Gilligan."

That's what makes the books so special to Harris. They are a record of some of the things her children have said and done.

"I think sometimes we forget good memories," Harris said. "We may remember bits and pieces of them, but when you write them down and put them all together, that memory becomes larger."

Harris created the Facebook page, as well as a Twitter account, in an attempt to get Gilligan exposed to a bigger audience. As a mother who is immersed in all of her children's busy activities, it is hard for her to devote time

RIGHT: Donna Harris pictured with her children, Ashley and Lake. BELOW: Gilligan, always wanting to be let out.



to taking a more active role in marketing the book. As Harris put it, the Facebook page "may get someone's attention, while I still go to all the (athletic) practices and all the field trips."

It would be neat if Facebook interest became so great that it caused someone to want to make a movie about Gilligan, Harris said, but she added, "I understand that it's a long shot, and I understand that it's wishful thinking, but the kids have encouraged me to do it. They see the validity in social media."

Gilligan may not be around anymore, but his memory lives on, and not just in the books. Harris has a photo of Gilligan superimposed onto a life-sized cardboard cutout and also has a supply of library tote bags adorned with Gilligan's photo. They are part of the materials she takes with her when she

participates in such events as library readings, self-publishing workshops, etc.

Her daughter, though, is always on the lookout for a living replacement.

"Yes, she has definitely talked many times about getting another goat that looks just like him," Harris said.

Another such goat could perhaps inspire more stories. As it stands now, Harris said she has given consideration to writing children's books based upon other animals on the family's farm, as well as writing a fictional pirate series and a book on her grandfather, Johnny Bates.

Maybe Harris could reimagine "Gilligan's Island" with the goat taking the place of Bob Denver. When asked what it would be like to be stranded on an island with Gilligan the goat, Harris laughed. She said anything you built on the island would most likely be destroyed.

"He would eat your hut for sure," Harris said.

Aside from the links provided on Gilligan's Facebook page, books can be downloaded from iTunes at goo.gl/T298tB. Books are also available for the Barnes and Noble Nook, Amazon Kindle and Kobo.

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## BHS

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the game when Dylan Leiva intercepted a tipped pass and returned it more than 30 yards for a touchdown. A blocked punt later set Jiles up for a 7-yard touchdown run.

Bradford finished with 165 yards—137 of that on the ground. Don Jeffers caught all four of Jacob Luke's completions for 28 yards.

The Buffalo finished with 232 total yards.

The Tornadoes travel to play Class 5A Palatka on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers (1-2) are coming off of a 20-19 loss to Ridgeview.

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Lilly Combs' eighth kill was the match winner for the Union County High School volleyball team, which defeated visiting Dixie County 3-2 (25-21, 17-25, 25-23, 15-25, 15-12) on Sept. 18, just three days after Dixie swept the Tigers in Cross City.

The Tigers improved to 3-2 in District 7-1A and became the first district team to hand Dixie (3-1) a loss.

Union (6-7 overall prior to Sept. 22) held a 16-15 lead in the first set before scoring three straight points with Kaylan Tucker serving. Kayla Andrews made a nice dive in keeping play alive during one part of the sequence and later recording one of her team-high 18 kills in the process.

It was 22-21 late in the set when the Tigers closed it out with Madelyn Kish serving.

The Bears led throughout the entire second set as Union failed to string consecutive points together.

Union fared much better in the third set, scoring seven straight points with Tucker serving to go up 10-4. Most of those points came off of Dixie errors, but Tucker had an ace, while Kish had a kill.

Dixie later took a 21-19 lead before a tip at the net by Kish and a kill by Andrews helped the Tigers score three straight with Combs serving. Combs closed the set out with a kill off of a Madison Adams assist for the 25-23 win.

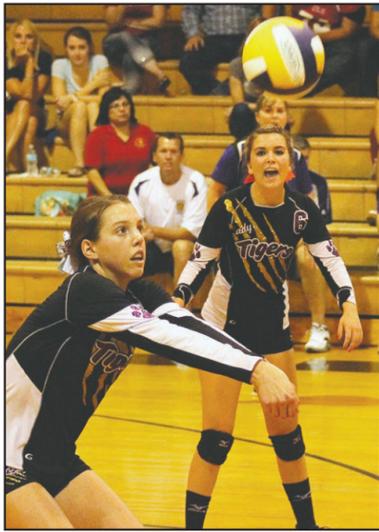
Eight straight points by the Bears in the fourth set gave Dixie a 20-9 lead. The Tigers made few plays late to help them get back into it, though Kish had a kill and Tucker a block.

The fifth set was a back-and-forth affair. With Dixie leading 11-10, the Tigers scored three straight with Adams serving. The Bears committed three attack errors during the sequence, but did recover from a block by Combs to eventually force side-out.

A play by Tucker, though, gave the serve back to the Tigers, with Combs making the play to give Union an important district win.

Tucker finished with 10 kills, while Combs and Kish each had eight. Tucker led the team with 12 service points, while she and Andrews each had four aces.

Tucker and Kish shared the team lead in blocks with three, while Combs had two. Besides leading the team in



**Madelyn Kish (foreground) makes a play on the back row as teammate Kayla Andrews looks on. Kish shared the team lead in blocks (3) with Kaylan Tucker. She also had the second-most digs (15), shared with Madison Adams, and kills (8), shared with Lilly Combs.**

kills, Andrews also recorded a team-high 37 digs, while Adams and Kish each had 15. Tucker and Devin Lewis each had 12 digs.

Combs and Adams had 15 and 14 assists, respectively.

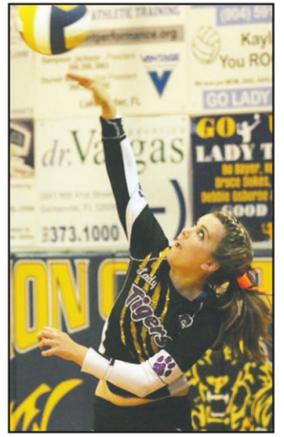
Prior to playing Dixie, the Tigers traveled to Williston on Sept. 16 and defeated the Red Devils 3-0 (25-12, 25-20, 25-23). Kish and Tucker each had eight kills, while Lewis and Combs had seven and six, respectively. Andrews and Adams had 13 and 11 digs, respectively, while Kish had 10. Andrews had eight aces, while Combs and Adams had 13 and 11 assists, respectively.

The Union County High School gym not only hosted the exciting varsity match between the Tigers and Dixie on Sept. 18, but also the Union junior varsity

team's 2-0 (25-23, 25-11) win over Dixie to remain undefeated on the season. Maddee Peeples and Madison Rimes each had five kills, while Lauren Britt and Alli Perez each had four. Peeples also had two blocks, while Rimes and Brooke Waters each had one.

Britt added eight assists, while Maggie Parrish had 11 digs. The junior varsity team also consists of Taylor Beatty, Lauren Eaton, Ashley Harris and Brittney Manning.

Union's varsity team will host Christ's Church on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 5:30 p.m. before hosting Crescent City on Monday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 30, beginning at 5 p.m., both teams will play at home against Chiefland during the annual "Dig Pink" breast cancer fundraising event.



**Kayla Andrews serves for the Tigers. She had four aces to go along with a team-high 37 digs.**

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Caroline Dixon and Makenna Wylie also competed, finishing with times of 29:11.37 and 33:59.79, respectively. Dixon placed 52<sup>nd</sup>.

The boys' team finished in sixth place, but did get a 13<sup>th</sup>-place finish from Spenser Echevarria, who had a time of 19:14.02.

Three other individuals earned top-50 finishes in the 90-runner field: Luke Dennis, who was 30<sup>th</sup> with a time of 20:16.15, Jason Dillard, who was 40<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:15.69, and Steven Rodriguez, who was 44<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:33.73.

Zach Davis and William Crouch finished 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup>, respectively, with times of 22:21.04 and 22:22.67.

Also competing for Keystone were: Connor Getz 23:09.97, Logan Williams 23:23.16, Joseph Danella 23:57.92, Matt Echevarria 24:20.65 and Adrien Valentine 26:28.

# KH competes in large Mountain Dew field

Spenser Echevarria finished in the top 50 percent, while Proctor and Combass weren't far from it in the Sept. 20 UF Mountain Dew Invitational in Gainesville.

Echevarria placed 187<sup>th</sup> out of 456 with a time of 18:19.59. Proctor and Combass were 229<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup>, respectively, out of 421 with times of 23:16.72 and 23:17.98.

Also competing for the girls' team were: Cumbus 24:25.31, Dingman 24:40.63, Getz 25:04.57 and Dixon 29:08.92.

In the boys' race, the Indians were also represented by: Dennis 20:07.40, Dillard 20:26.43, Crouch 21:35.62, Matt Echevarria 21:54.03 and Getz 22:37.07.