

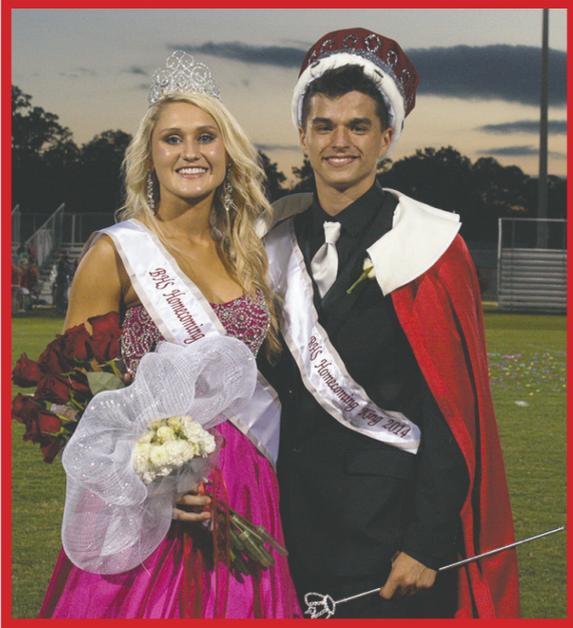
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Tornado twosome



Bradford High School students chose Jordan Davis as their homecoming queen and Preston Strickland as their king. The pair were crowned at Tornado Whirl Oct. 2. For more from Tornado Whirl, the parade and the Tornadoes winning game, see inside.

Hospitalized man confesses to child sexual assault

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Another Bradford County man is behind bars for sexual assault against a child victim.

The alleged perpetrator reportedly revealed the crime while he was in treatment after being committed under the Baker Act.

According to the Starke Police Department report, Thomas Landon Jones, 71, stated to a nurse at the VA hospital that he had molested a young victim at his home approximately eight years ago. The nurse shared that information with the Department of Children and Families, and an investigator with the agency followed up by pulling the victim from class and questioning her about Jones' statement before the case was turned over to the Starke police.

The police department received the information in April of this year, and contacted the victim's mother, who was angry that her daughter had been upset by the investigator and had spoken to her daughter without her consent.

It was approximately a month later before the victim told her story to the police, detailing the incident when she was assaulted. She was only eight at the time and only told a younger family member about what had happened.

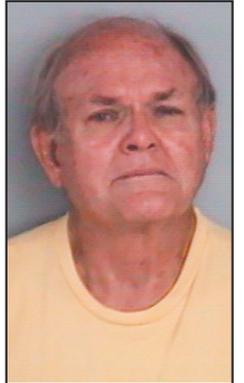
The investigation was further delayed by the VA attorney, who, according to SPD, did not respond to requests for a statement from the nurse, and by the police department's

inability to reach Jones, who had been released from the hospital.

Jones was eventually contacted by phone on Sept. 30 and agreed to go to the police department. He refused to answer questions without an attorney present, but when he was placed under arrest, he reportedly told police the victim was confused by a dream she had a long time ago.

A relative of Jones was also interviewed by police following the arrest and explained that Jones had been in treatment over the abuse he allegedly suffered as a child and had suicidal thoughts over his actions. The family member said Jones was a victim, too, and had suffered enough.

He is still in custody at the Bradford County Jail with bond set at \$250,000.



Thomas Landon Jones

Expect further 301 lane closures — but at night

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Lane closures on U.S. 301 will continue as work proceeds on the Southeast 144th Avenue project.

Recently work along the highway including sidewalk construction and the relocation of city utility lines have traffic jams. Work will resume in that area in the new year as the final phase of the 144th project is completed, but daytime lane closures should not tie up traffic, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Bradford County has already completed two phases constructing 144th as a connection between 301 and S.R. 100 to improve traffic flow downtown, taking pressure off of the Madison Street intersection.

The county has entered a construction contract with J.B. Coxwell Contracting, and the work should be complete within 120 days of starting

the project. However, work on the final phase has been delayed until early 2015. County engineer Jerome Kelley told the county commission last month that the new signalization for the highway would not be ready until then, so construction should actually begin in January.

While the county handles the final phase of road construction using state dollars, the Florida Department of Transportation will be working on 301 in front of the Deerfoot Shopping Center where 301 and the new 144th Avenue will meet.

FDOT's work will include closing an existing median opening and constructing a different opening at the new intersection. Southeast 144th will be constructed between the IHOP restaurant and VyStar Credit Union. The intersection will align with the northern entrance of the shopping center on the west side of the highway, and this is where the traffic signal will be located. That mast arm style signal is not ready, so construction

will not begin next week as planned.

Kelley said the two projects have to line up, so the county cannot proceed until FDOT's contractor is ready. Storm water retention and access to businesses in that area are also a factor.

According to FDOT, construction will involve resurfacing the road as well. The department confirmed the delay due to the signal structure, but said the lane closures that will be necessary once the project gets underway should take place at nighttime.

According to FDOT's Rebecca White, "When FDOT begins work next year, weekday lane closures will be allowed from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. (These times are subject to change as construction progresses.) Also, no lane closures will be allowed during holidays and special events such as the Starke Bike Fest and Great Pumpkin Escape. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times."

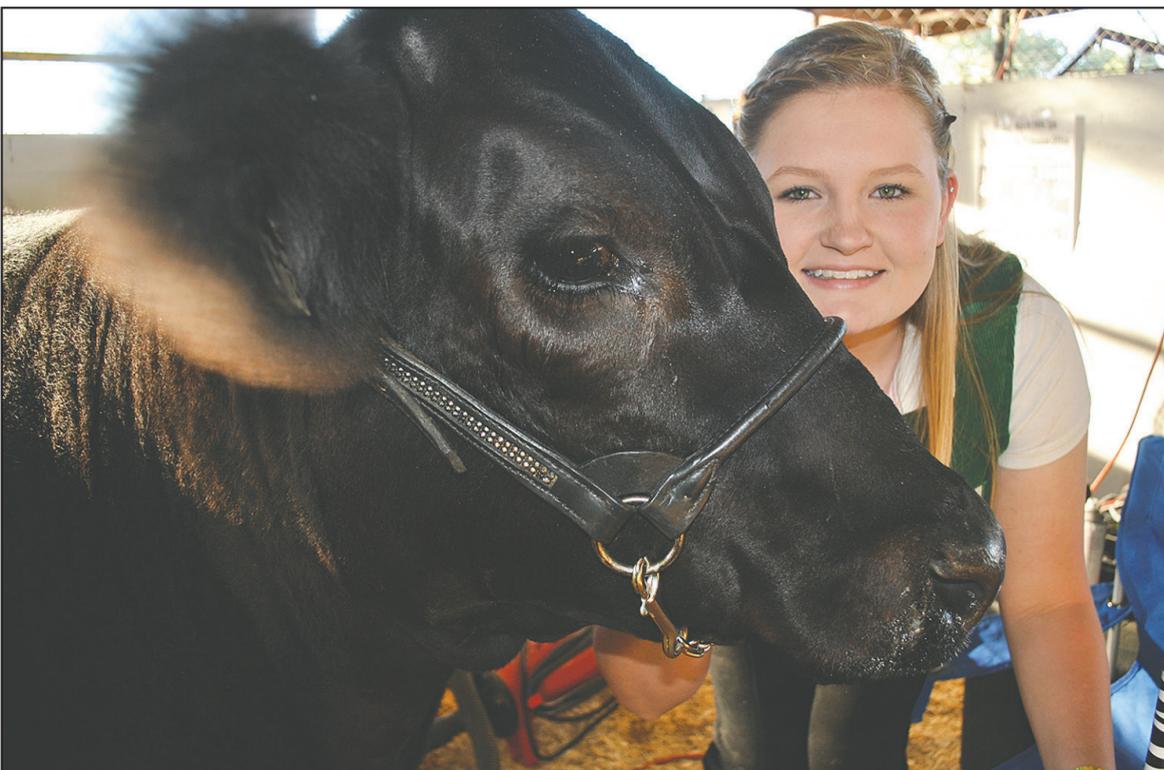
County Commissioner Eddie Lewis said he'd received complaints about traffic delays caused by lane closures during the utility relocation. Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson told the city commission there were times when traffic was backed up to C.R. 227 because lane closures were permitted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The police department and sheriff's office worked together to direct traffic, but Johnson said FDOT should be providing a flagman during such projects, particularly to help with getting emergency vehicles through.

City Clerk Ricky Thompson said he attended a recent meeting where the eventual reconstruction of the Alligator Creek Bridge on 301 was discussed. He predicted that would cause difficulties, too.

White said the bridge would be replaced in the future, but the project is not currently funded.

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Student numbers up

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Enrollment appears to be up in Bradford County Schools, which should help boost the budget as state funding is tied to student numbers.

Each student is worth nearly \$7,000 in state money, and the district is hopeful every year that families will make a special effort to get their kids to school during the official count. That will take place this year from Oct. 13-17.

As of mid-September, enrollment was up from this time last year at Bradford High School, Starke Elementary School, Lawtey Elementary School, and the elementary schools at Hampton and Brooker. The largest growth was at Starke Elementary, which was up 45 students from last September.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Prevatt said enrollment was at 3,094 students last month, an increase of 61 students since last September, which is good news considering the district predicted a loss of 90 students.

If that seems pessimistic, keep in mind that only once since the 2004 school year has total enrollment increased. In 2004, enrollment stood at 3,726 students. This district is still quite a bit off from that high.

Enrollment by year

2004	3,726 students
2005	3,657 students
2006	3,576 students
2007	3,518 students
2008	3,392 students
2009	3,236 students
2010	3,139 students
2011	3,127 students
2012	3,184 students
2013	3,117 students
2014	3,049 students

See STUDENTS, 10A





Tornado players Drian Jenkins, Shawn Aaron and Xavien Jenkins



Tornado players Johnny Hernandez, Jamarian McNeal and Dequan Blackshear



BHS Cheerleader Kierston Boatwright



The freshmen tied with the sophomres (below) for best float.



Hannah Hildebran, as Dorothy Gale with Toto, was one of the Santa Fe College students supporting the Tornadoes.

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Starke Elementary School students — including Abigail Casey, Kencie Wainwright, Katelynd Hughes and Madison Grubbs — made signs supporting the driver and students injured on bus 54 last week.



Chayten Sanders, Jonathan Boulris and Autumn Dehoff say route 45 bus driver Jennifer Swanson is their hero.



Cross country team members Michael Palmer and Brandon King



Hampton Elementary Student Council members Ashton Roach, Erin Warren, Race Black, Gavin Murphy and Madi Mittel.



BHS senior class members with their own wheels: Sabrina Watson, Taylor Barnes, Jamie Latham, Chelsey Thomas and Cameron Jenkins.

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Pleasant Grove meeting Oct. 20

The Pleasant Grove Action Group will hold its meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in the annex of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at the corner of Northwest 177th Street and Northwest C.R. 229. The community is invited to attend and express its concerns.



School Board Member Elbert Hersey hands out candy.

Republicans meet Oct. 9

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Capital City Bank boardroom located at 350 N. Temple Ave. (U.S. 301) in Starke.

Local Republican candidates for Bradford County Commission and Bradford County School Board will be speaking about their campaigns. The group will discuss the general election and the importance of voting. Yard signs will be available for pickup, or you can request signs by calling Chairman David Dodge at 352-222-8609.

The Bradford County Republican Executive Committee represents the Republican voters of Bradford County. Registered Republicans in Bradford County are invited to join. New members are welcome, and there are openings for chairmen in some precincts. Volunteers are needed to help with upcoming events, including the booth at the Great Pumpkin Escape.

Also, if you are interested in helping to pioneer a Republican Women's Club or a Young Republican Club, please contact State Committeewoman Donna Solze at 904-964-5803.

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City processing backed up waste

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

At the end of September, the city of Starke began treating and transporting nearly 450,000 gallons of unprocessed waste that had built up at the sewer plant during a two-month period when its biosolids treatment system was malfunctioning.

Starke was facing some potentially costly decisions for treating and disposing of the sludge, but the company who sold the city the treatment system — BCR Environmental — stepped forward with a more efficient solution.

The city didn't have a contingency plan when the system went down, and after it was back online, the dilemma was how to process the backup while keeping up with the weekly batches.

Starke's engineering firm devised a handful of solutions, with costs ranging from \$36,000 to \$97,000. The most expensive option included the purchase of equipment to provide the city

with a permanent solution for dewatering sludge.

But BCR Environmental was able to show the city a better way, demonstrating that the screw press incorporated in the Neutralizer system could be used to dewater the sludge, which has to happen before it can be hauled to a landfill. The estimated project cost was much less than the other solutions presented — just \$6,500.

City Clerk Ricky Thompson said first week of processing the old sludge went smoothly. The first load amounted to more than 56,000 gallons, and it will take about 12 weeks total to eliminate the backup. It can be done, however, without delaying the normal processing schedule. BCR has left a trailer on site, then hauls off the material once a week, Thompson said.

There has been some work to optimize the performance of the system, and Thompson said the second phase would involve software upgrades that BCR is working on with Clay County.

"I look for that to be another

month or two down the road," he said. It is estimated to cost the city in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000, but the clerk said it should "iron the rest of the bugs out of it." In the past, Thompson said BCR worked with a third-party on the programing for its system, but he said the work is all being done in house now.

Thompson said the city's working relationship with BCR has "absolutely" improved.

"This had gone a long way in restoring the working relationship and trust," Thompson said, adding he believes the company is losing money by assisting the city. "I think it's a good gesture on their part, and it's actually promoting their system."

BCR issued the following statement: "BCR Environmental always aims for 100 percent client satisfaction by offering simple, scalable, environmentally responsible and economically viable solutions. The recent solution for the city of Starke is another example of our commitment."

Starke sewer lines need work

Thompson said the city of Starke is under a consent order from the Florida Department of Highway Protection to remedy areas of the city where its sewer overflows.

The order will bring a small administrative fine and give the city five years to address the problem, which Thompson said only occurs on certain streets when flash flooding overwhelms the lines.

The consent order could actually help the city get a neighborhood revitalization grant to fix the lines by adding points to the grant score.

"Actually, they're hurting us a little bit, but they're helping us a lot more than they're hurting us," Thompson said.

Meanwhile manhole repairs have been completed on U.S. 301 at Powell's and Best Western, where underground erosion was causing the sidewalks to cave in.



Jim Flanary, BCR Environmental's vice president of operations, and Starke sewer plant supervisor Kyle Jerrels observe the sludge processing in action. Also present were Commissioner Travis Woods and City Clerk Ricky Thompson.

Lawtey election coming up

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The road to Lawtey's December city council election begins next week when candidates will qualify to run.

Information on filing is available at Lawtey City Hall. Qualifying will be open from noon on Monday, Oct. 13, to noon on Friday, Oct. 17.

There are two seats on the

council that candidates can qualify to run for. The Group 2 seat is currently held by Sabrina Roberts, and the Group 4 seat is currently held by Dale Crary.

Individuals who qualify will also have an opportunity to run a free announcement of their candidacy in the Telegraph. The deadline for those announcements will be Monday, Oct. 20, at 5 p.m.

The election will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The last day to register to vote is Nov. 3.

In addition to the two seats, voters will also be voting on proposed changes to the city charter. Several of the updates are being made to make the charter gender neutral. One change clarifies that it takes a vote of four out of the five

members to remove someone from the council instead of two out of three. Other changes include clarifying that the police chief and city clerk are elected positions, not appointed. The method for filling a vacancy on the council is also spelled out.

The revisions will be presented as a single ballot question, with voters voting for or against the changes.

Elementary school fall festival schedule

Hampton Elementary School's fall festival is first up Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. There will be games like bingo and a cakewalk, attractions like bounce houses, prizes, music and great food.

Advance purchase tickets are five for \$1. They will be four for \$1 at the festival.

Brooker Elementary School's fall event will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, with a parade to the school at 4:30 p.m. and a festival from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Attractions will include the new zip line, plus the haunted trail, Sweet Shoppe, bingo, a cakewalk and carnival games. Great food will include chili, fries, pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and more.

Advance purchase tickets are five for \$1. They will be four for \$1 at the festival.

Lawtey Elementary School's fall festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. will feature a costume parade, cakewalk, hay rides, bingo, bounce houses and lots of prizes.

There will also be a bake sale, fish dinners for sale, plus candy apples and cotton candy.

Other upcoming festivals include:

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

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

Snakes in your garden?

If you missed Tom Sutton's talk about how to deal with snakes in Florida, or if you would like to see it again, you have an opportunity. On Thursday, Oct. 16, he will give his presentation for the Alligator Creek Garden Club. The public is invited to this free event.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office at 2266 N. Temple Ave. (in front of the fairgrounds). Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Pat Caren at 352-485-2666.

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Re-Elect Doyle Thomas



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- New Senior Center for the elderly with lots of activities to enjoy.
- Convention Center — nice facility to host special events and have community meetings.
- Dedicated county road — I implemented this project to honor pioneer families in our county.
- Road Milling — numerous roads have been milled with more to be added to the project list throughout the county.
- Rescue Station Lawtey — when first elected I made a promise to the then Mayor Marvin Rosier that I would strive to establish a rescue station in Lawtey. We accomplished this with the help of many other dedicated citizens.
- Pleasant Grove Park — through a grant project, I was able to secure a park for the area for families to enjoy.

All of these projects have been accomplished while maintaining a balanced budget with no tax increases to the citizens.

I hope you will place your trust in me with your vote, which will allow me to continue working for the citizens of Bradford County.

Vote Doyle Thomas

County Commissioner District 2

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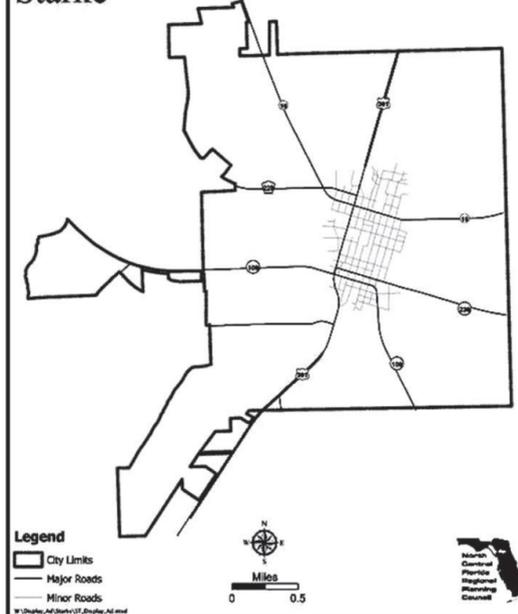
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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text and Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Starke Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 14-01 is an application by the City Commission, to amend the text and Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the City, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

City of Starke



The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The City Commission will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-0717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 14-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED UPON AN EVALUATION COMPLETED BY THE CITY ON OCTOBER 20, 2014 REFLECTING CHANGES IN STATE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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Hampton has new leadership **CHURCH**

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Hampton's new city council took office Oct. 3 after each member was sworn in by County Judge R.B. Davis.

That included Mayor Gene Brannock, who issued supervisory assignments to the council members. Councilman Dan Williams will continue to oversee matters related to the water department, and Councilman Michael Armes was assigned to streets.

Councilwoman Crystal Turner was asked to work with administrative services, social activities and recreation, and she was given a special assignment — contacting other cities for assistance with holiday lighting for the Christmas season. Councilman Bill Goodge was placed over security of city facilities and property, and he will serve as a liaison to the sheriff's office, while Councilman Frank Bryant will serve as a liaison to the fire department.

There was some brief discussion of goals, including street signage and sending a thank you letter to Sen. Rob Bradley and Rep. Charles Van



Judge R.B. Davis reads, and Mayor Gene Brannock repeats, the oath of office.

Zant for the barbecue held following the election. The mayor said there is a lot the city will have to deal with, from updating the comprehensive plan for the first time in years to answering requests for information from the IRS and other entities in the wake of the state audit.

Responding to a citizen question about Halloween, Brannock said there would be a sign-up sheet in city hall for those

who wanted to participate in trick or treating, giving out candy.

The primary purpose of the meeting was filling out paperwork and signing banking forms.

The council's first business meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Agendas will be ready on the Friday before each meeting, regularly scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

Pentecostal Lighthouse Fellowship will hold homecoming Sunday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. and a homecoming revival Oct. 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. Jonathan Church will be the special guest. Everyone is invited.

Bethel Baptist Church will hold homecoming Sunday, Oct. 12, with a message from Bro. Blake Albritton at 9:45 a.m. and special music from Shelby Taylor at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p.m. Bring a dish or dessert.

Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church will hold its annual Senior Citizens Day on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. The community is invited to attend and help celebrate senior citizens.

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.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will be observing its church and pastor's anniversary on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Everyone is invited.



Love Grows Pentecostal Temple will be hosting the third annual Women's Day service on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m. The Four Sisters of Jacksonville will be speaking, including their own first lady, Tanglier M. Newell. Everyone is invited. Dinner will follow at Western Steer (Dutch treat).

Grace United Methodist Church of Lawtey, 1822 Madison St., will celebrate its 126th homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. Officiating the service will be previous Pastor Joe Hofer. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service.

Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church 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.

New Covenant Baptist Ministries invites you to the annual appreciation for the Rev. Isaac P. Brantley and Sis. Rosemary Y. Brantley on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Lake Hill Baptist Church, 5165 C.R. 214 in Keystone Heights, will hold a fall fun night on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. with games, prizes candy and food. Also, the church's clothes closet is open to the public on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New River Baptist Church located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker welcomes all to its Fall Festival on Nov. 8. Eat with members at 5 p.m. and enjoy family fun activities from 6-8 p.m., including a cakewalk and a bounce house, crafts, and games for the children. Call 352-485-2168 for more information.

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



Council members Bill Goodge, Dan Williams, Crystal Turner, Michael Armes and Frank Bryant were also sworn in last Friday.

Gators vs. Bulldogs at VyStar

Football season is here, and the Starke Lion's Club has partnered with the VyStar Credit Union to

put together a little competition between the Florida Gator fans and the Georgia Bulldog fans.

There are two boxes inside the VyStar Credit Union. One is decorated with Gator colors and the other in Bulldog colors. Members are asking fans to bring nonperishable food and put it in

your team's box through Oct. 31.

No matter which team collects the most food, the real winner of the game will be the Bradford Food Pantry. All donations will stay in the community.

Art and Wine Festival at Grandin vineyard

This is the eighth annual Art and Craft Festival at Tangled Oaks Vineyard on Oct. 18 and 19 and it will feature over 45 local artists and crafters, free wine tasting, great food including barbecue, music all day long featuring Lee Kelly, Rivertown and some other regular favorites.

Free door prizes and no admission. Just come by and enjoy the music, and visit the talented artists and crafters. Tangled Oaks Vineyard is located at 1317 S.R. 100 in Grandin.

SRWMD grants available to high schools

The Suwannee River Water

Management District is currently accepting applications for its High School Grant Program. Funding of up to \$2,000 is available per high school for implementing water resource projects.

The district's governing board has designated \$20,000 to assist STEM (science technology,

engineering and mathematics), agricultural and other high school classes to fund the projects.

All high schools within the district's 15-county boundary are encouraged to apply. Grant applications are due Oct. 31, 2014. For more information, email cro@srwmd.org or visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com/hts.

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Worship in the House of the Lord... Somewhere this week!

The churches and businesses listed below urge you to attend the church of your choice!

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<p>COMMUNITY STATE BANK www.communitystatebank-fl.com "Where today meets tomorrow" Starke • 964-7830 Lake Butler • 496-3333</p>	<p>Come worship with us STARKE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Church • Saturday 11:00 a.m. School • Saturday 10:00 a.m. 1649 W. Madison St. Starke, FL</p>	<p>DENMARK FURNITURE It's a fact, you can do better at DENMARK'S. 434 W. Call St. 964-5827</p>	<p>Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Distinguished, Caring Service For Over 80 Years! Joe Gallagher - Owner Starke • 964-6200 Keystone Heights • 473-3176</p>
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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

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 Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Starke will be accepting applications through Florida Works for the position of a Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator until Monday, October 15, 2014.
 Knowledge of water and waste water treatment plants, lift stations, collection and distribution systems operations, policies, procedures and methods. Knowledge of mechanical maintenance of pump stations, electric motors, circuitry and treatment plant. Knowledge of math and chemistry and good mechanical skills a plus. Ability to work rotating shifts and to make and maintain records and reports. Possession of a valid Florida Driver's License, Class "B" Commercial. Minimum of a Class C Water and Waste Water Operators Certification from the State of Florida.
 Do not contact the City of Starke directly. To view the job description and complete an application please contact Florida Works, 819 South Walnut Street, Starke, FL (904) 964-8092
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CITY OF STARKE;
Project Number 2014-15
 THE CITY OF STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTS PROPOSALS OF QUALIFICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS TO PROVIDE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY ATTORNEY. SERVICES WILL INCLUDE ANY PROJECT DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS AND THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.
 THE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICE WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR RENEWABLE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIODS FOR A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS.
 INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION AND WHO ARE LOCATED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA SHOULD SUBMIT ONE ORIGINAL AND FIVE COPIES OF SEALED PROPOSALS CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:
 A. LETTER OF INTEREST
 B. PROFILE OF FIRM
 C. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WITH COPIES OF EACH APPLICABLE FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION FOR PRIME SUBMITTER.
 D. EXPERIENCE (MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE)
 E. KEY STAFF AND QUALIFICATIONS
 F. REFERENCES WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL BEING

REQUESTED MAY BE OBTAINED FROM CITY CLERK, BY FAX 904-964-3998.
 ONE ORIGINAL ALONG WITH 5 COPIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014. ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED "CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES" AND ADDRESSED TO THE CITY CLERK, CITY OF STARKE, P.O. DRAWER C, 209 N. THOMPSON STREET, STARKE, FL
 THE CITY OF STARKE SUPPORTS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT, FAIR HOUSING AND PROVIDING HANDICAPPED ACCESS. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO AWARD THE PROPOSAL THAT BEST SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 2014-CA-000078
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 BRUCE J. MCLEAN A/K/A BRUCE MCLEAN; KATHY S. MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN SAXTON MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN S. MCLEAN A/K/A KATHY SAXTON MCLEAN A/K/A KATHY MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN MCLEAN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE(S) OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2014- CA-000078, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and BRUCE J. MCLEAN A/K/A BRUCE MCLEAN; KATHY S. MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN SAXTON MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN S. MCLEAN A/K/A KATHY SAXTON MCLEAN A/K/A KATHY MCLEAN A/K/A KATHLEEN MCLEAN, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, at 11:00 a.m., on the 20 day of November, 2014 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 EXHIBIT "A"
 FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 A portion of the Southwest one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of the Southeast one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of the

Southeast one quarter, all lying in Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
 Commence at a found concrete monument located at the Northeast corner of Section 1 and run South 00 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds East along the Easterly boundary thereof for a distance of 2665.36 feet to a set 1/2 rebar located at the Southeast corner of the North one half of Section 1, thence run South 89 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds West along the Southerly boundary of said North one half for a distance of 2670.95 feet to a set one half rebar located on the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of State Road No. 200 (U.S. Highway 301); thence run South 24 degrees, 57 minutes, 50 seconds West along said Easterly right-of-way for a distance of 215.95 feet to a set 4 foot by 4 foot concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From the point of beginning thus described run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 703.75 feet to a set 4 foot by 4 foot concrete monument; thence run South 01 degree 09 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 521.48 feet to a set 4 foot by 4 foot concrete monument located on the Northerly boundary of a parcel of land described in Official Records Volume 64, page 629 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; thence run North 89 degrees 45 minutes 08 seconds East along the Northerly boundary of said parcel for a distance of 333.99 feet to a set 1/2 rebar located at the Northeast corner of aforesaid parcel, said point being on the Westerly boundary of the right-of-way of C.S.X. Transportation Railroad; thence run North 17 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East along said Westerly right-of-way for a distance of 1124.27 feet to a set 4 foot by 4 foot concrete monument; thence run South 88 degrees 51 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 1146.46 feet to a set 4 foot by 4 foot concrete monument located on the aforesaid Easterly right-of-way of State Road No. 200; thence run South 24 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West along said Easterly right-of-way for a distance of 580.95 feet to the point of beginning.
 a/k/a HWY 301 N, LAWTEY, FL 32058
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 19 day of Sept., 2014.
 RAY NORMAN
 By Lisa Brannon
 As Deputy Clerk

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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2014 CA 106
 FLORIDA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TRACY F. MAXWELL, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned. Clerk of Circuit Court, Bradford County, Florida, will on the December 4, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at the Front Entrance of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, one by one, to the highest bidder for cash, the property located in Bradford County, Florida, as follows:
 Lot 6 and 7 of Block D, in Pinehurst Subdivision of Starke, Florida in Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East.
 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on Sept. 23, 2014, in the above-styled cause, pending in said Court.
 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.
 Ray Norman, Clerk
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 By: Lisa Brannon,
 Deputy Clerk
 James E. Sorenson, Esquire
 Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, P.A.
 Post Office Box 4128
 Tallahassee, FL 32315-4128
 creservice@wggdlaw.com
 (E-Service E-Mail Address)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 10/2 2tchg 10/9-BCT

NOTICE
 Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a Public Auction on October 10, 2014 @ 10:00 AM at 2117 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL on the following storage units containing personal items.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
 SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 10/23/2014, 10:00 am at 18536 US Hwy 301 N. STARKE, FL 32091-0314, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended and the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing on October 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

CPA 14-01 is an application by the City Commission, to amend the text and Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the City, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future date. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

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

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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timony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPEEDVILLE RECREATION PARK

A public meeting will be held in the County Commission Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091 on October 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is being held to allow the public an opportunity to provide comments on a grant application that will be proposed for submission to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fund recreation improvements at Speedville Recreation Park. The park is located in the unincorporated area of Bradford County at 897 S.E. 35th Street, Starke, Florida 32091. The grant will be funded by the FY 2015-2016 Florida Recreation Assistance Program (FRDAP). The amount being requested will not exceed \$50,000. Proposed improvements may include new playground equipment/facilities, new restrooms, picnic facilities and related recreation improvements. For more information concerning this meeting, contact Rachel Rhoden, CPM, Deputy County Manager at (904) 966-6327.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 04-2014-DR-265
Division:

Richard A. Stitt,
Petitioner
and
Macey L. Stitt,
Respondent.

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

TO: Macey L. Stitt 355 Monument

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Richard A. Stitt whose address is P.O. Box 148 Graham, FL 32042 on or before November 13, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Ave./P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: none. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 10-2-14.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE

A Public Hearing scheduled Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., during a regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners' meeting, to hear a request to rename the Pleasant Grove Recreational Park has been canceled. This Public Hearing is rescheduled to come before the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners' on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting will be located in the Bradford County Courthouse, located in the County Commission Room, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The public is encouraged to attend and to provide comment and input regarding this request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lawtey will hold a public meeting on October 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM at City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, Florida 32058, for the sole purpose of discussing a grant application to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for the development of Tatum Bros. Park located at 22598 Park St. Lawtey, Florida 32058. The Public and any interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Lisa Harley at 904-782-3454.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Department announces receipt of a petition for a variance (file # 0137482-010) from E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc, to delay reclamation of a portion of their Florida Mine for ten years to allow coordination with the Suwannee River Water Management District to develop water resource improvement projects in the area. The project is located east of US 301, in the Santa Fe River basin. Class III waters, in Bradford and Clay Counties, Sections 1 and 12, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 23 East; Section 31, Township 5 South Range 23 East; and Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 22 East.

This application is being processed and the file is available upon request. To request a copy of this file, please call (850)245-7554 or email MiningAndMitigation@dep.state.fl.us and include the file number in your request. Any comments or objections should be filed in writing with the Department at this address. Comments or objections should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that there is adequate time for them to be considered in the Department decision on the application.

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Eggspeditioners form BCs Newest 4-H Club

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph Staff Writer

A new 4-H community has started up in Brooker with a group of youngsters eager to learn about agriculture and the world they live in.

The Brooker 4-H "Eggspeditioners" meet at prearranged locations, including the Brooker Volunteer Fire Department station and members homes. Club leader Casey Lane, who is learning about agriculture late in life, and wanted to help his kids learn earlier, started it.

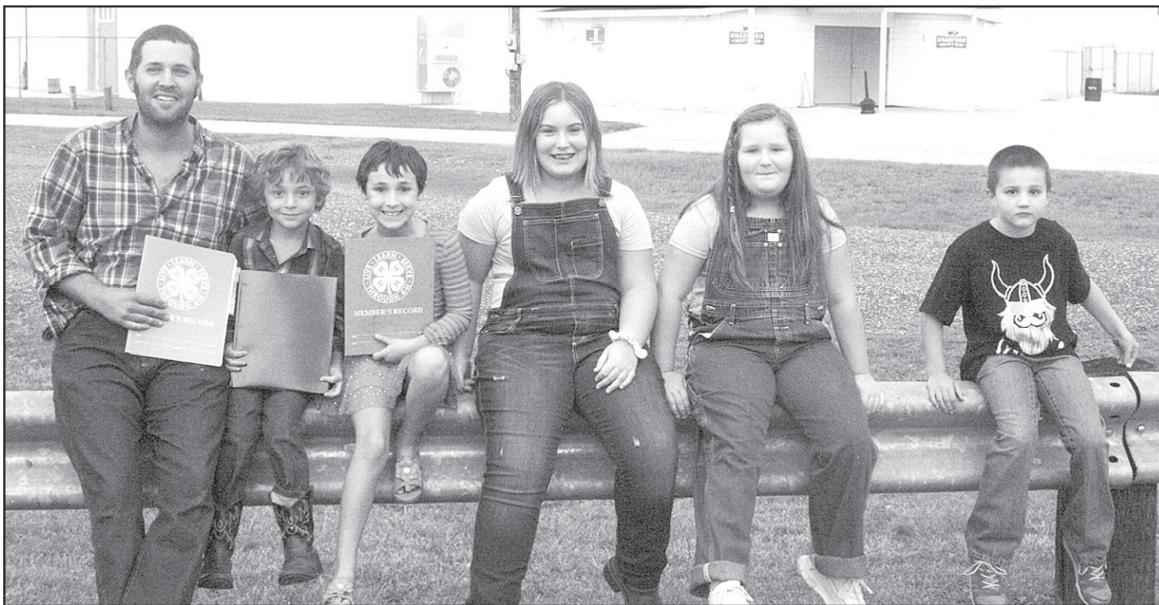
"I wasn't involved in anything like this when I was younger," Lane said. "Now I have kids and a homestead type farm and I'm learning as I go. I want my kids to have the life skills learned through farming and agriculture. I want them to learn something

that's real."

Lane first looked at existing clubs in the county, but failed to find one that had a poultry emphasis, so he went through 4-H leader training and started one. Although members of the club are eligible to engage in projects with any other form of livestock covered by 4-H, the club will focus on poultry and use an educational component about them.

So far the club has nine members. Lane said he is hoping the club will grow as more people find out about it and he hopes for a great deal of parent involvement.

"I want the kids to learn and grow through this program and I think it can be a family activity as well as one just for the youngsters," Lane said.



Casey Lane with his new Eggspeditioners 4-H club from Brooker. Children pictured are: Isaac Lane, Maren Lane, Raelynn Davis, August Lefevers and Rhett Jordon. Members not pictured: Hailey DeGeus, August Jeffery, Bella Jeffery and Dillan Russell.

It's 4-H Week

More than 6 million young people across the country are celebrating National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October.

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4-H National Youth Science Day, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The 2014 national science experiment, "Rockets to the Rescue," will task youth to design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device that can deliver a payload of nutritious food to fictitious disaster victims. Youth will learn engineering concepts, develop math skills, learn about nutrition and help solve a relevant, global issue.

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Colton Cromwell placed in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.



Ella Dinkins mans the fishing booth and waits for a bite at the 4-H Fall Festival.



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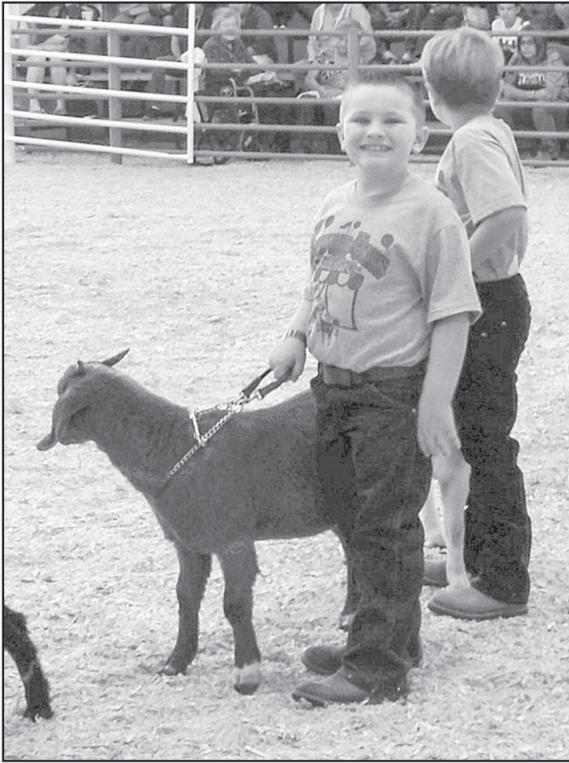
Camryn Williams and Tara Holtzendorf show off their ribbons with Robyn Adkins.



Kenedy Elder and her friends in the GRITS 4-H Club do a little bonding.



4-H'ers learn how to improvise. Like Brooklyn Williams making a snowman out of shaving cream at the group's fun day at the fair.



Jackson Thames is a happy participant in the goat show.



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STUDENTS

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Prevatt stressed that the numbers for this year are tentative until the official count. They also don't take into account compression, which removes students enrolled full or part time in virtual (online) education or dual enrollment. The district only receives partial funding for those students.

"It's just a complicated calculation," Prevatt said. "We're still hopeful that while we don't expect it to be the full 3,094, it sure looks better than projecting down 90."

Not including the high school, each of the schools with higher enrollment is actually exceeding the allowed student-teacher ratio in some grades. Three grades are over at Starke and Hampton elementary schools, two grades are over at Lawtey, and one is over at Brooker. Even Southside, which is down overall from this time last year, is over in the third grade.

While the district is exceeding class size requirements, Prevatt said the schools are still within the prescribed cap, which allows three more students per class. There are funding penalties for exceeding the allowed number of students per teacher, but Prevatt said the penalty winds up being less than the cost of hiring additional teachers. Lawtey, for example, would have to hire two teachers because of an overrun of five students.

The district winds up being better off educationally, Prevatt said, than hiring teachers in the middle of the school year.

"It's educationally better for our kids to be over slightly than to try to put people in a classroom that really aren't ready to teach," she said.

Schools have been placing an emphasis on attendance supported by the school board's changes in the code of conduct. Attendance is necessary for success, but it's also the law. Students with excessive unexcused absences who continue to miss days after the school has intervened will be referred to the new School Attendance Review Board, which began meeting last month. The goal is to intervene and offer solutions and access to resources before legal consequences are necessary.

The SARB includes representatives from the school district, parents, churches, and organizations like the Corner Drug Store and the Department of Children and Families.

Once referred to the board, students and parents will sign a contract. Students agree to attend class and arrive on time, stay in school and abide by the rules, and report for counseling as directed. Parents agree to make this happen by escorting their child to school if necessary, and to attend conferences and stay in contact with the school about academics and absences.

The review board can introduce struggling families to community services, direct them to attend counseling, arrange for parenting classes, coordinate volunteer assistance to help the student get to school and arrange for tutoring.

The board will track the progress of cases and, as a last resort, it can refer cases for

parental prosecution or file a petition with the court for Child in Need of Services/Family in Need of Services classification. A judge ruling on the CINS/FINS petition could place the child in a supervisory program or in the legal custody of an adult or agency willing to take care of them.

Prevatt said they are grateful to Cindy Blankenship, juvenile alternative sanctions coordinator for the 8th Judicial Circuit, for bringing these program ideas to Bradford.

"We are so thankful she brought this to us. She works with Alachua County. They've done this for years, and it's like the answer to all of our frustrations," Prevatt said.

The board took up its first three cases in September and will continue to meet monthly.

"Hopefully, it will get kids back to school. That's our goal. But if they don't there will be some prosecution for parents or possible residential placement for students," she said.

Attendance is important all year, but it literally counts during FTE Week, which is Oct. 13-17. Students must attend at least one day during that week for them to be counted toward the district's total enrollment. Because school funding is on the line, the district is super active getting kids to school, whether it takes phone calls, home visits or picking a child up and physically taking them to school.

"We work hard to make sure that we get in everybody in that we can," Prevatt said.

A second survey that can also impact funding takes place in February.



Paige Eaves sees eye to eye with a friend.

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 20th 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. 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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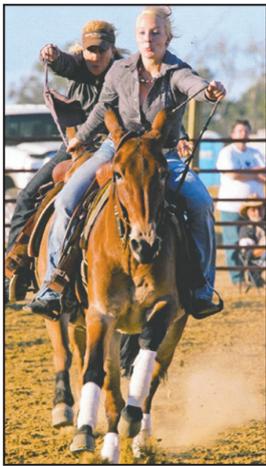
NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

Rainey enjoys the 'more challenging' ride of mules to horses

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Staff Writer

Everyone has heard the old saw "stubborn as a mule," but one local woman disputes that claim, as experience has taught her it should be "capable as a mule."

Shelley Raley was born and raised in Bradford County – the daughter of Doug and Eileen Raley. She attended Bradford High School, where she studied with agricultural education teacher Greg Alvarez, who would



Shelley Raley and daughter Dakota Reddish race on mules at one of the events they attended together.

become a lifelong friend. She has been an active member of the Bradford Riding Club, where she started running barrels and learning the basics of working with quarter horses.

"I was the only person in my family interested in riding horses, but my parents were supportive," Raley said. "They saw that I always had a horse and my mother hauled me to the horse shows at the riding club every Saturday night for years."

Raley went on to show quarter horses, competing in the all-around amateur division, where she was required to display her and her horses skills in trail, western pleasure and western riding – an equitation class where the horse and the rider must demonstrate their ability to work together in complex operations called figures. Raley excelled in these classes, taking best all-around amateur in both 1993 and 1994. She also did some English-style riding as well – both jumping and English equitation.

Raley was a happy horsewoman until one day she was on a trail ride in Camden, Tennessee and tried out a mule. She loved it – a sentiment that was reinforced when she rode mules again in the Grand Canyon. She sold her horses and got started with mules.

"I got started with mules and I



Shelley Raley is a familiar face to anyone who eats at Western Steer Family Steakhouse since she's worked there for 30 years.

got hooked," Raley said. "They are more challenging than horses. They aren't really stubborn, but you can't bully them. They think harder than horses, have excellent memories and are good at problem solving. They don't spook as quick as a horse – they take a moment to decide if they should fight or flee a situation."

Raley started out trail riding mules, but saw mules being shown at a horse-training clinic in Ocala and decided to give that a try as well. She started showing in 2005 and has taken her mules to several states for shows.

"Although mules have been

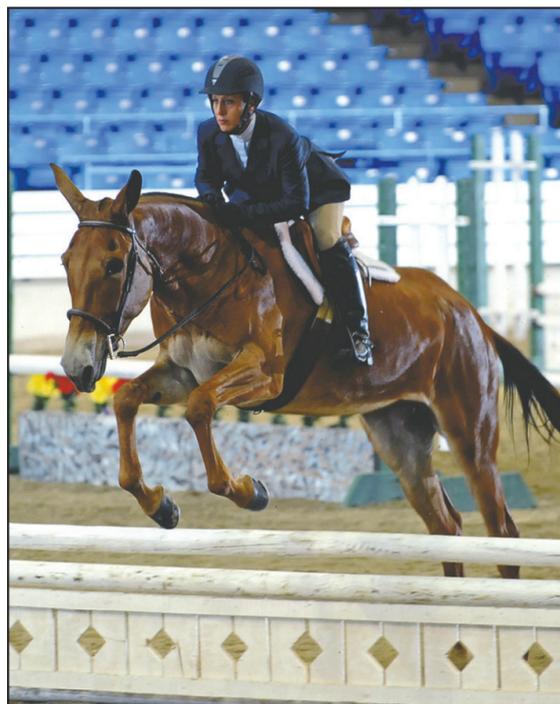
shown for over 40 years, there is only one mule show in Florida – in February at the Tampa State Fairgrounds," Raley said. "I go to Shelbyville, Tennessee in July for a big mule and donkey show, where the riding is both English and western. I also travel to Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma and, once, to California."

Raley also competes in endurance racing on mules. These races are held all over Florida and can extend from 25 to 100 miles. A 25-50 mile race will be held in a single day, while longer races are held over two days.

These are timed races with checkpoints along the way. The animals are veterinarian checked for soundness before being allowed to race and then their heart rates are checked at each checkpoint. Raley has competed against, and beaten, Arabian horses in several of these events.

"Mules can do anything horses can do," Raley said. "They can run just as fast and they are more durable. They have a longer life in general and a longer useful life – a horse is usually pretty much done by age 20; mules can live 40 years and be productive for at least 30 of those years."

Raley said she is glad that she has been able to pass on her love of riding to her daughter, Dakota Reddish. Although now grown and with a career of her own,



Shelley Raley takes Geegee over a jump and both of them make it look easy. Who knew mules could fly?

Dakota still rides with her mom when she can.

Raley said that her ability to take the time she needs for her mule activities, as well as allowing her time with Dakota when she was younger, owes

a great deal of credit to her job at Western Steer Family Steakhouse, where she has worked for 30 years.

"I have enjoyed serving the

See RALEY, 7B

Bikefest, Bike Bash set for this weekend

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Staff Writer

The ninth annual Starke Bikefest returns to Call Street this weekend, Oct. 10-12, with the event starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

Live music will be presented until 11 p.m. that opening night, with three bands playing—Overdrive (rock, blues and country), 6-7 p.m., J.J. Strickland and the Bounty Hunter Band (southern rock), 7:30-8:30 p.m., and the Jamie Davis Band (country/southern rock), 9-10:30 p.m. From 11 p.m. until midnight, CWA wrestling will take center stage, presenting both male and female bouts.

Saturday's offerings will begin with a reptile show by local expert Devon Wheeler at 10 a.m., followed by a day of music and fun.

Biker games, arranged by the Faith Riders, will be held throughout the day and will include the ever popular PortaPotty pull—an event where a bike is hooked to a PortaPotty, a helmeted accomplice is seated in the potty and the rider pulls the potty toward a finish line.

A bike show will also take place on Saturday, with registration from 11 a.m. until noon, and awards presented at 2 p.m. in several classes.

Saturday music will include: All Fired Up (southern rock), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Speeshees (rock), 1-2:30 p.m., Big Trouble (southern rock), 3-4:30 p.m., Southern Burn (southern rock) 5-6:30 p.m., and Clark Hill (southern rock), 7-8:30 p.m.

From 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., the AC/DC tribute band Stiff Upper Lip will take to the stage.

At 11 p.m., the contestants for Miss Starke Bikefest 2014 will take to the stage, competing in two costume classes. The winner will be announced and crowned at the end of the event. The winner will receive \$500 cash and a free photo session before and after the event, as well as a collection of coupons and gift certificates provided by local merchants.

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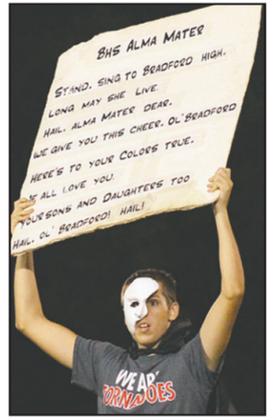
Alexis Shealey (left) and Lainie Rodgers react to the sight of the Wicked Witch of the East underneath a house in the senior skit, which placed first at Tornado Whirl.

Tornadoes on Broadway

In the junior skit, football player Chance Oody shows off his impressive singing voice, the result of being kidnapped by the Phantom. (All photos by Cliff Smelley.)



Freshman Brandon Sandford waves to the crowd, playing the role of legendary BHS coach David Hurse.



The Phantom, played by Thomas Parker in the senior skit, plans to ruin homecoming by stealing the BHS alma mater.



FAR LEFT: Sophomore Taylynn Jackson plays "Annie" as part of the "Tornadoes on Broadway" theme. LEFT: "Grease" is the word, with Randall Glisson and Maddie Miller playing Danny and Sandy in the fourth-place sophomore skit.



Dorothy, played by Madyson Varnes, talks to the Tin Man, played by Mornecca Campbell, in the junior skit.

More Tornado Whirl photos, including the senior court and freshman, sophomore and junior princes and princesses, will be posted on StarkeJournal.com.



BHS head football coach Corey Green visits with ESPN's Game Day crew during the freshman skit, which placed second at Tornado Whirl. Pictured (l-r) are Micah Wright, Peyton Welch, Avery Reddish and Trenton Bryant.

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BIKE

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The deadline to enter Miss Starke Bikefest is at 5 p.m. the day of the event.

On Sunday morning, the Faith Riders will provide a free breakfast at 9:30 a.m. to the sounds of the band Crossfire Warriors, a Christian rock band. At 10:30 a.m., there will be a blessing of the bikes, followed by another Christian rock performance, this one from the Underserved Band, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Thunder Music Park to offer bike fun, too

All the action won't be downtown on the weekend of the Bikefest. Thunder Music Park south of town is also offering activities for bikers and their friends.

Bike Bash 2014 will run from Friday, Oct. 10, through Saturday, Oct. 11. Strip Club Choppers and Gainesville Harley Davidson will be on hand, as well as numerous food vendors. There will be beer on tap and a full liquor bar.

The kickoff party on Friday will feature music by Lisa and the Mad Hatters from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m. Saturday's musical offerings will include Evil Monkey, 3-6 p.m., Local Traffic, 6-8 p.m., and Sons of Anarchy soundtrack artists Preacher Stone, 8 p.m. until midnight.

There will also be games and contests, including a wet T-shirt contest, a bikini contest and a 50-50 drawing for gift baskets.

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Radio work an extension of Emerson's love of football

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

From a broadcasting perspective, trying to entertain listeners during a blowout is less than ideal.

Charlotte Emerson found herself doing just that the first four weeks of the high school football season, but if you're doing the play by play for WUCR (107.9) of Union County High School football games, that's not too bad, since the call letters "UCR" stand for "Union County Radio."

Emerson has been working WUCR broadcasts since 2004. The year got off to an explosive start, with the Tigers winning their first four games by scores of 60-6, 56-7, 41-0 and 59-0.

"It's a lot more exciting for listeners when it's a close game, or at least within two touchdowns," Emerson said, though she admitted that when it comes to the tougher teams on the Tigers' schedule, such as Dixie County, she does like a blowout win in favor of Union.

"I probably am more biased that I should be on occasion," Emerson said, though she added she does try to not scream in excitement when Union County does something good on the



Charlotte Emerson has been working WUCR broadcasts of Union County High School football games since 2004.

field.

"I know that doesn't communicate well over the radio," she said. "Then you end up having to repeat yourself, which is fine. People definitely want to hear the excitement of a game."

The former ag teacher for the Union County School District, who now works for the University of Florida, is a lifelong football fan. She said her family never made plans to travel during football season.

"Our vacation was Florida Field in the fall," she said. "I grew up around football."

Still, she admitted she found it funny when she was approached about doing color commentary

for games on WUCR, with fellow ag teacher David Harris providing the play by play. Emerson said Harris encouraged her, saying she was capable of doing the job. The two would watch videos of game and work on their craft.

With a bit of self-deprecating humor, Emerson said, "I wasn't sure I'd be able to talk that much, but I think I'm OK with that."

In fact, she was once told she was talking too much.

"When David Harris and I were still calling the games, I had a man hit me up at the meat counter in Spires," Emerson said. "He said, 'You've got to hush when David's talking.'"

Actually, the two made quite a

team when Harris was still doing the broadcasts. He and Emerson worked all day together in the Union County ag department, so they knew each other well.

"It was just a continuation of the day on Friday nights," Emerson said. "Obviously, we had a rapport and got along really well. Most of the time, I knew what he was thinking, and he knew what I was thinking."

When Harris stopped doing the play-by-play duties, Zachary Sweat stepped in for a while, with others, such as George Green also stepping in to help out.

Now, Emerson is the veteran broadcaster and working alongside such young men as recent UCHS graduates Kyle Mosher and Dalton Townsend, and her son, Case, who is a senior at UCHS.

"I'm trying to teach them," Emerson said. "Of course, I'm no expert. It's been a lot of fun, though. It's fun to work alongside my son and watch him and his appreciation for the sport. He doesn't play, but he loves football."

During an exciting play, listeners can usually tell just how much Emerson and her broadcast partners love football as they all try to describe just what

happened.

"Everybody's trying to get in and give the play by play on it," Emerson said.

So, what's more exciting—a play on offense or defense?

"I enjoy a scoop and score, and I enjoy a pick six, so obviously that means I'm a little more defensive," Emerson said. "Obviously, you have to score to win the ball game. I like both. There are exciting players on both sides of the ball."

"The combination of those two things is what makes football exciting."

As you might imagine, players want to hear their names on the radio, and their families do, too.

"You'd love to be able to call as many names as you possibly can," Emerson said. "Being a mama, you want to hear that. That's where I can relate to all the ladies, for sure."

Emerson prefers home games, which is understandable since Union County is her home, but there is also so much more to working an away game. Away games are streamed online (Floridacast.com) for listeners, so Emerson has to make sure there is Internet access and that

See RADIO, 11B

Incubator program helps woman grow business from sand

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Looking at the "monster" sand hills at DuPont, where she used to work, Nikki Cundiff wondered if the activity of snowboarding, which she loves, could translate to sand.

That simple thought helped plant the seed for creating a business centered around sandboards. The Bradford County Incubator program provided the water to help that seed grow.

Cundiff now has her own business called Slip Face Sandboards, which she started while living in Starke. (She lives in Destin now.) She participated in business training through the Bradford County Incubator program, which is provided by the Santa Fe College Center for Innovation and Economic Development in partnership with CareerSource North Central Florida.

It's not easy to start a business, Cundiff said, adding that the 12 weeks of training in the incubator program helped her tremendously.

"It was great," she said. "You'd start feeling a little discouraged, and you'd go to the class, and it was like, 'I can do this.' Everyone's super helpful."

Those sand dunes at DuPont led Cundiff to do some searching online, where she discovered that sandboarding is an actual

activity. Then, while at the gym, she saw a flier advertising the incubator program.

"It was fate—absolutely," Cundiff said.

Her original idea was to open a sandboarding park, but incubator personnel suggested she consider first starting a business making

sandboards. Cundiff didn't really embrace that suggestion at first, but after thinking about it, she was open to it.

She now believes that was definitely the best course for her to follow.

"I was a little discouraged at first," she said. "I was like,

'Man, really? I don't want to have to make things all the time. I just want to have fun and own a park.'

"They were right. I can't open a park and not have sandboards, first of all. I'd have to get them

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Plum Creek needs revised proposal

Dear Editor:

Let's be honest. Most of us have heard of flood insurance. Most of us don't have it. Most of us don't live in floodplains. We've all heard of people who have had their residence or business flooded. Sometimes these people were located in floodplains, sometimes not. Most of us have wondered how "they" could allow building in floodplains in the first place and even more surprised to find out that they have built there and been bailed out repeatedly. How could "they" allow this to happen?

Now it's our turn. We are the "they." We know the exposure and we are the ones who can act rationally.

Let's focus on the future and the huge buy-out and remediation cost of "undoing" development in a place it does not belong.

We know that the locations in question range from 13% to 42% floodplain. If we allow dense development in these floodplains, the rain will still have to go somewhere. Our engineering and "water management" may work for some storms, but every time we think we have flooding controlled, Mother Nature proves us wrong and usually with catastrophic results.

After a few events, which may take 2-3 years or 20-30 years, we'll be faced with the truth that we have built in the wrong place. We will be faced with the enormous economic and human costs of disaster relief and most likely facing buy-out of the flood prone properties and remediation.

In just one of many such examples, Travis County and Austin, Texas has finally arrived at this conclusion this month. The costs of litigation are over and now the Federal Government (our dollars) is coming up with \$11.8 million and the taxpayers of Austin and Travis County are coming up with an additional \$39 million to buy out 660 home built in and adjacent to the Onion Creek floodplain. On top of this buy-out money, additional taxpayer dollars will be required to restore this land to this original state - money to remove homes, signage, roadways, sewage systems, utilities and other infrastructure.

But we don't need to look as far as Texas. The taxpayers of Gainesville and Alachua County are in the final phases of the 125 acre purchase and remediation for the Payne's Prairie Sheetflow Project. This buyout and remediation is only \$26 million, but then this was grazing area, not developed land. Can you imagine cost to the taxpayer to restore the approximately 15-30% of 37,250 acres and 10,000 homes that is proposed in this sector plan.

The economics of wetlands and floodplains are that we cannot afford to fix the mistake of building in them. So if Plum Creek wants to continue to pursue a Sector Plan amendment, let them carve out the high ground and come back with a revised proposal.

Keep us from being the "they" in "how could they have let this happen."

Thank-you,
Laura Berkelman
Melrose

Help understanding global warming is available

Dear Editor:

The difficulty for many people in understanding global warming and the humans' role in it is understandable. It falls to the scientific community to help us get some grasp of the complexities of the subject matter—the biosphere which comprises the comprehensive ecological systems that support all life on planet earth, like oceans, air, soil, energy, flora, fauna and so forth.

The Union of Concerned Scientists (www.ucsusa.org) is one among many credible and balanced scientific groups that can answer some of our questions and help us come to an informed opinion on climate change and the environmental challenges of these times.

Also, faith communities are getting concerned about believers' lack of awareness and actions in protecting the integrity and wholeness of planet earth. "We recognize that climate change is not merely an economic or technical problem, but rather at its core is a moral, spiritual and cultural one. We therefore pledge to join together to teach and guide the people who follow the call of our faiths. We must all learn to live together within the shared limits of our planet."—Interfaith Declaration on Climate Change (www.interfaithpowerandlight.org)

For a first-hand source, talk to most any Florida coastal resident. You will hear about higher tides, more powerful storms, eroding beaches and the cost of getting their houses up on piers along with their rising insurance premiums.

Many coastal municipalities are already making long-range plans to adjust to the rising ocean. Check out Miami on the east coast and Cedar Key on the west coast, or most any coastline township.

We hope that some of these references might be helpful to you in coming to an informed decision about global change and our role in it.

Respectfully submitted,
John X. Linnehan
Hampton

Lake Butler commission meeting is eye-opening

Dear Editor:

The Sept. 22, 2014, Lake Butler City Commission meeting was educational for unintended reasons. Its purpose was to adopt the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014 - 2014 which was accomplished. Unintended information was that no money will be given to the Recreation Board by the city during fiscal year 2013-2014, which ends

September 30. There was \$4,000 appropriated in the original budget, however according to City Manager David Mecusker, the City Commission amended the budget during the Jan. 2014 City Commission meeting, moving the money from the Recreation Board to the water park. I looked at the minutes of the Jan. 2014 meeting and it shows Mecusker advised the Commission of unspecified proposed budget adjustments to the 2013-2014 budget. Mecusker advised of changes to the budget format. With no documented discussion the adjustments were passed unanimously by Commissioners Beasley, Sirmones and Jenkins. Stalvey was absent and the whereabouts of the fifth Commissioner is not noted. If the Recreation Board money was discussed in the meeting, it is not documented and the written meeting minutes are useless.

Based on a conversation with a City Commissioner last week, I now know how the Lake Butler City Commission can meet and pass the budget and other items with little or no discussion unless incited by the public. According to the Commissioner, the week before Sept. 22, 2014, Mecusker scheduled meetings with each of the Commissioners individually to discuss his proposed budget. I will not speculate on how any differences of opinion on the budget were resolved between the Commissioners and between Mecusker and the Commissioners but it is sufficient to say that at the public meeting, the only budget discussion was about the recreation money and issues with the inter local monies between the city and county. I guess technically the City Commission is meeting in the sunshine but it would appear an awful lot of city business needing Commission approval is occurring in a very dark place. My perception is Mecusker is the City Manager and the Commissioners proxy during the so-called individual meetings. Unfortunately all too often perception is reality.

I've also learned the budget, proposed or actual, is not an accurate reflection of city expenditures. Again, Mecusker proved this on Sept. 22, 2014, where he made reference to my comments on the cost of a city election. The 2013-2014 budget allowed \$3,750. According to the budget, \$2,709 was actually spent. Mecusker has repeatedly stated an election costs \$5,000. At the Sept. 22 budget meeting he reiterated an election cost \$5,000 after adding in staff salary and other expenses. If we accept his statement as true, and there are a

number of witnesses, his budget is not an accurate reflection of city expenditures regarding elections. If wrong about elections, where else is it wrong in the rest of the \$2 million plus budget.

Another example of inaccuracy is Mecusker's salary. His original contract executed on Sept. 13, 2010, specified \$69,500 per year with a salary supplement of "not less than \$5,400" per year for family group insurance, total of \$74,900 per year. The original contract provided for salary increases the same as other employees. A Contract Extension Agreement was signed on April 9, 2012, extending the original contract through Aug. 24, 2014. The new contract signed Feb. 10, 2014, effective Aug. 24, 2014, specifies a salary of \$78,166.44 annually with an insurance supplement of not less than \$6,510.40. In 2011, employees got a 5% raise, 3% in 2012, 3% in 2013 and will get 3% in 2014.

The "not less than \$5,400" per year for family group insurance evolved into \$6,000 in 2011/2012, and into \$6,510.40 in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014. Using simple math, as in his salary, plus the annual percentage raise, I concluded his actual salary with or without the insurance supplement does not agree with the city provided salary schedule or the budget for the last three years.

I'm not being paid to identify and resolve problems at City Hall, the Commission is. I hope the Commissioners, including newly appointed but seasoned and vocal Mr. Scott Cason, take a look at what they are getting for our money in City Hall.

Jack Schenck
Lake Butler

Sheriff's offices' Facebook use comparable to lynch mob

Dear Editor:

As a resident here for over 15 years, I am outraged! Could someone please tell me how Union County Sheriff's Office and Bradford County Sheriff's office are able to legally plaster the faces of our citizens who have been arrested, but NOT CONVICTED with a crime on Facebook and then allow the public to comment, chastise, belittle and humiliate these individuals who are sometimes then released without being convicted or even charged. These Sheriff's offices then arbitrarily delete some comments being made and leave other comments in order to sway either innocence or guilt. The last time I checked a citizen in the United States is innocent until proven guilty.

I know that most Sheriff's offices do have a Facebook page, but they post things such as roadblocks, traffic alerts, comments about good deeds of officers and citizens, etc. Some Sheriff's offices have a special web site for Mug Shots of recent arrests...but they do not post it on Facebook and allow people to comment, publicly humiliate and persecute the people who have been arrested but not yet had a trial or been convicted.

Shame on you UCSO/BCSO! This is wrong. Surely you must know in a small town like ours this will make it impossible for these individuals to get a fair trial. Let's try to give everyone in our county a fair and impartial chance! STOP THE PUBLIC HUMILIATION OF OUR

CITIZENS!

Bill Durrant

Several factors in Department of Corrections openings

Dear Editor:

As a past employee and in reply to the last article on the Dept. of Corrections, I would like to say that the article is quite accurate. But what it doesn't tell the public is why there are so many open positions, and the firing of 32 officers is not part of the whole reason. It is very hard for anyone with a family to work 12 hours at a regular job on the street, let alone in a prison setting. Many of the officers are single parents and can't afford daycare for their children and daycare providers can't take children 12 hours a day, so many officers resign because of this conflict. Secondly, it is a stressful job at best and working 12 hours without any relief is a lot to ask of anyone in this type of environment. These convicts are smarter than you think, and watch the officers to see when they are too tired to do their job correctly. It isn't that the officers aren't trying to do the job to the best of their ability, it is just not possible to maintain a home life and then work 12 hours straight. This does not take into consideration travel time to and from work and family life, which is almost non-existent. I feel that the old 8 hour a day shift system was much safer and there was never the shortages of officers that there is now. I also feel that since there has been no raises in several years this has not helped keep employees on the payroll.

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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

Miguel Esteban Carrion-Moore, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Frankie Ann Carlile, 40, of Starke was arrested Oct. 6 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop on an out-of-county warrant from Columbia for probation violation from original charge of worthless check. Bond was set at \$233.38 for the charge.

Gabriel Stephen Cartwright, 36, of Starke was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Ricky Leon Culpepper, 53, of Jacksonville was arrested Oct.

6 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Aaron Joseph Ferrell, 31, of St. Augustine was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Malachi Skye Fields, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 30 by Starke police as an out-of-state fugitive from Kentucky. Bond was set at \$4,000 for the charge.

Carol Cox Geiger, 64, of Starke was arrested Oct. 3 by Starke police for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Jarrod Montgomery Green, 26, of Crystal River was arrested Oct. 5 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Natalie Edwina Hamilton, 40, of Starke was arrested Oct. 1 by Bradford deputies for resisting an officer—obstruction of justice, and David Lee Hamilton, 43, of Starke was arrested Oct. 1 by Bradford deputies for domestic battery. According to the arrest report, deputies arrived at the

Hamiltons' residence after Natalie called to say she was being battered by her husband, David. When they arrived, David Hamilton stated they got into a verbal argument and that Natalie Hamilton had been drinking vodka and acting crazy. Natalie Hamilton then told deputies that her husband had not hit or pushed her during the argument, stating she had lied to dispatch. Another witness at the home stated they did see Hamilton push his wife out of the doorway of the home. Both were arrested, with bond set at \$5,000 for David Hamilton's charge.

Lawrence Blair Isette, 59, of Melrose was arrested Oct. 3 by Starke police for two charges of probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Grady Norman Johnson, 53, of Lawtey was arrested Oct. 3 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence.

Thomas Landon Jones, 71, of Starke was arrested Sept. 30 by Starke police for sexual assault against a minor. (See the A section of the Bradford County Telegraph for more details). Bond was set at \$250,000 for the charge.

Debra Marie Kelley, 24, of Brookier was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for child neglect-without great bodily harm. According to the offense report, Kelley left her young child in a wet diaper and ignored the child for an extended time several days before her arrest, leading to a diaper rash. She also commented to family members the next day that she no longer wanted the child and that she had shaken the child harder than she should have earlier in the day. When Kelley posted on the Internet that she cut herself, family members called law enforcement, with DCF also called in to investigate. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Justin Michael Keever, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for two charges of dealing in stolen property. Keever was incarcerated at the Clay County Jail and was transported to the Bradford jail for the charges. According to the offense report, Keever obtained a digital camera that was stolen and pawned it for cash. Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charges.

Casey Lea King, 27, of Starke was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Renee Lynn King, 40, of Jacksonville was arrested Oct. 1 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 42, of Starke was arrested Sept. 30 by Starke police for trespassing. According to the arrest report, an officer was performing a property check at the Day's Inn in Starke when he observed Martin riding her bike in the parking lot. The officer, aware of an earlier trespass order against Martin from the owners of the Day's Inn, confirmed it through dispatch and arrested her. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Crystal Shiko Masters, 29, of Starke was arrested Sept. 30 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of drugs, resisting an officer and destroying evidence. According to the arrest report, a person called in about a reckless driver on U.S. 301 heading south. The deputy observed Masters driving well below the speed limit and driving over the solid white line for several hundred feet before turning into McDonald's

in Starke. When the deputy stopped her and questioned if he could search the vehicle, Masters tried to conceal a bag with something in it, first hiding it under her leg, then attempting to put it down the front of her shirt. Masters wouldn't let go of the bag until another deputy arrived to provide assistance. It was eventually discovered that the bag contained a controlled substance, and she was arrested. Bond was set at \$27,500 for the charges.

Koal Allan Swann, 22, of Perry was arrested Oct. 4 by Starke police for driving under the influence.

Aaron Coe Taber, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for fraud—swindle. Taber was incarcerated at the Duval County Jail and was transported to the Bradford jail for the fraud charge. According to offense report, Taber rented a big screen TV and an Xbox from Rent a Center in Starke, with the value of both almost \$1,950. Taber did not make payments for the items and wouldn't return the items to the store. After several attempts to repossess the items, the store filed charges, with Taber over 55 days in default. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Jason Wilkerson Techaira, 35, of Lawtey was arrested Oct. 1 by Starke police for four charges of possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana and possession of drugs. According to the arrest report, officers were responding to a disturbance that possibly involved a gun when Techaira was observed putting something under the seat in his vehicle as law enforcement arrived at the scene. The officer asked Techaira to search his vehicle, and he found a bag under the seat with three small bags of marijuana, 10 small bags of methamphetamine powder and three glass pipes in it. Techaira was arrested, with bond set at \$20,000 for the charges.

Christopher Russel Thornton, 43, of Starke was arrested Sept. 30 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for driving while license suspended or revoked, possession of cocaine and destroying evidence. According to the warrant affidavit, Starke police pulled Thornton over on Sept. 4 for running a stop sign, and through dispatch learned his license was suspended. After searching his vehicle for anything illegal, with negative results, the officer noticed Thornton attempting to conceal something in his mouth. The officer then asked him to remove what appeared to be crack cocaine from his mouth, but Thornton tried to swallow it. The officer grabbed him by the throat, preventing him from swallowing it. The substance was later identified as crack cocaine. Bond was set at \$115,000 for the charges.

Vernon Wayne Todd, 40, of Starke was arrested Oct. 5 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Todd got into an argument with his wife and pushed her out the back door of their residence, causing her to fall down steps and injure her knees. A witness in the home also stated that Todd then punched the victim in the face near one of her eyes after she fell down the steps. Todd, who was asleep when the police arrived, denied touching the victim and said there wasn't any argument at all—that he just returned home from work and went straight to sleep. He was arrested, with bond set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Elmer Warren Williams, 55,

of Lawtey was arrested Oct. 2 by Bradford deputies for indecent exposure and obstructing a criminal investigation. According to the arrest report, Williams was standing naked on a road in Lawtey when two people drove by him on their way to a store. When the two returned, Williams was still there and masturbating. One of the witnesses is related to Williams, and they called law enforcement. When deputies arrived to Williams' home, he said that he was home in bed and denied being naked on the side of the road earlier. He was arrested, with bond set at \$100,000 for the charges.

Kelvin Lashane Williams, 40, of Starke was arrested Oct. 1 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for two charges of possession of marijuana—over 20 grams with intent to sell or deliver. According to the arrest report, a bag with approximately 2 pounds of marijuana was found in the vehicle Williams was driving when he was stopped. Three cell phones and \$330 in cash were also found in the vehicle. Bond was set at \$120,000 for the charges.

Keystone/Melrose

Sammy Daniels, 56, of Melrose was arrested Oct. 1 by Putnam deputies for disorderly intoxication.

Ricky Keen, 23, of Keystone Heights was arrested Oct. 5 by Clay deputies for DUI.

Justin Keever, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 30 by Clay deputies for dealing in stolen property.

Jeremy Manning, 35, of Starke was arrested Oct. 1 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

Benjamin McKenna, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 30 by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Cody Lee May, 19, of Melrose was arrested Oct. 1 by Putnam deputies for battery.

Dustin Ridge, 20, of Melrose was arrested Oct. 1 by Clay deputies for grand theft. According to an arrest report, a deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle call just after 1 a.m. in the area of Acadia Street and Monongahela Avenue. When the deputy arrived, he found Ridge attempting to remove a 1994 Crosley Trailer, valued at \$1,000, from the yard of the trailer's owner.

Daniel Kenneth Seypura, 31, of Melrose was arrested Oct. 4 by Putnam deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Union

Miladys Susset Delgado, 44, of Worthington Springs and Rolando Dopicco, 46, of Worthington Springs were arrested Sept. 30 by Union deputies for producing marijuana, possession of marijuana, trafficking drugs, dangerous drugs and on a weapon offense—keeping weapons while committing a felony. According to the arrest report, the husband and wife team were conducting a marijuana grow operation at their property, with over 200 plants seized during the arrest. (See the A section of the Union County Times for more details.) The Drug Enforcement Agency was also involved in the arrest operation along with UCSCO.

Matthew Andrew Lee Fritz, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested Oct. 1 by Union deputies on a warrant for probation violation.



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Casey Driggers (right) fakes a handoff to Franklin Williams.

Tornadoes defeat Interlachen for 1st win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Aundre Carter rushed for three touchdowns—including a 67-yarder on the first play from scrimmage in the second half—to help the Bradford High School football team celebrate homecoming with its first win of the season by the score of 35-13 over District 4-4A opponent Interlachen on Oct. 3.

"It was a big win for this football program," head coach Corey Green said. "These kids have been working hard. They've had to fight through a lot of adversity week in and week out, so I'm happy for these kids. They deserve this."

Carter rushed for 107 yards on seven carries as the Tornadoes (1-5) not only earned their first win, but evened their district record at 1-1.

"You have to be able to control your own destiny when it comes to district play," Green said. "We preached that to them this week, and they were able to come out and fight and able to win the game."

It was a big turnaround for a team that had managed just 27 points in its previous five games. The Tornadoes had been averaging approximately 130 yards of offense per game, but finished with 383 yards against Interlachen. All but 20 of those yards came on the ground.

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Toddreke Reed (right) pulls Interlachen quarterback Jase Foshee down for a sack.

See BHS, 8B

Turnovers hurt Tigers again in loss to Dixie

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The Union County High School football team shot itself in the other foot in its District 7-1A opener against Dixie County on Oct. 3, losing 30-18, though the Tigers fared better against the Bears than they did against Hamilton County the previous week.

There's a reason the Bears (5-0, 2-0) are the number-one team in the state, though they are not unstoppable.

The defense continued to play well, and special teams tightened things up, but just like they against Hamilton County, the Tigers gave up two touchdowns due to turnovers, and this time around were stripped of a couple thanks to penalties. That's why they lost what could have been a great upset.

Additionally, the offense was weak, with short gains on runs and an air game that was touch-and-go.

In the end, the Tigers (4-2, 0-1) failed to capitalize on multiple scoring opportunities.

Dixie County struggled in the second half, never able to score, but its quick 22 points in the first quarter seemed to seal Union County's fate. The Tigers, though, at least scored in the following three quarters.

It was a good start for the Tigers, who gained two first downs to start the game and drove into the red zone, 2 yards shy of gaining another first down. A failed fourth-down conversion, though, turned the ball over to Dixie County.

The Bears took over at their own 19-yard line, ran it down to their 43-yard line and then advanced to the Tigers' 6-yard line. Dixie scored from there, setting the pace for the rest of the quarter. Union County was able

to stop their 2-point run attempt to keep the score at 6-0 with 7:12 to go.

Union County started its next drive at its 33-yard line, but quarterback Caleb Cox got sacked and fumbled the ball. Dixie County recovered at the Tigers' 25. As the Bears took over, Union County head coach Ronny Pruitt gave Cox a heated

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The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Flu season is October through May. The CDC recommends getting vaccinated in September or as early as the vaccine is available. However, if you miss that deadline it may still help to get vaccinated later in the flu season as most of the seasonal flu activity peaks in January or later. There are two types of flu vaccines: the flu shot and the nasal-spray flu vaccine. The flu shot is given with a needle and contains the "inactivated" virus. It is approved for use in people 6 months of age and older, including healthy people, people with chronic conditions and pregnant women. The nasal-spray contains a vaccine made with live,

weakened flu viruses and is approved for use in healthy people 2-49 years of age who are not pregnant.

If you or your family members are feeling a bit under the weather and want to know whether it is a cold or the flu, be sure to see your Provider soon. Your Provider may prescribe flu antiviral drugs if you are very sick or are considered high risk, but it's very important that they be used early—within the first two days of symptoms. People considered at high risk for severe flu illness include pregnant women, young children, seniors, and those with certain chronic health conditions.

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Braxton Britt, Sr.

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STARKE—Braxton Leon Britt, Sr., 56, a longtime resident of Starke, died on Oct. 4, 2014 at the Roberts Care Center in Palatka. Braxton was born on Nov. 4, 1957 in Lumberton, North Carolina to the late Leon "Buddy" Britt and Clembertine Freeman Davis. He was raised in North Carolina and in 1968 he relocated to Florida where he graduated from Bradford High School and started his career as a car hauler.

He is survived by: his wife of two years, Stephanie J. Wood Britt of Keystone Heights; children, Braxton Leon Britt Jr. of Starke and Jarrod Austin Britt of Keystone Heights; step-children, Ashley M. Wood of Starke, Dylan Coiana, and Joshua Coiana both of Keystone Heights; brother, Jimmy Robert Davis of Lumberton; sisters, Pamela Marie Rogers, Rita Faye Hardin, and Lisa Carol Smith all of Lumberton; and

four grandchildren. Graveside services were held on Oct. 8, at Griffis Family Cemetery in Starke, with Brother Ricky Dale Griffis officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services of Starke.



Mayme Davis

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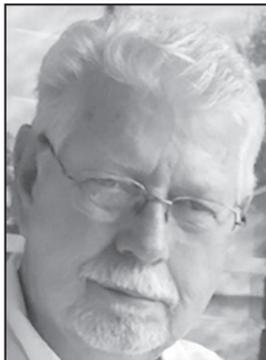
LAKE BUTLER—Mrs. Mayme Welsh Davis, 91, of Lake Butler affectionately known as "Mine" passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014 at her home with family by her side. She was born on Jan. 29, 1923 in Rimersburg, Pennsylvania to the late Thomas and Gladys Welsh. Mrs. Davis was the owner of the Starlite Diner in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. She was a member of The Women's Auxiliary for American Disabled Veterans and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints, Lake Butler Ward. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Robert Davis Sr, Brother Tom Welsh, and Aunt Lucille Conover.

She is survived by: her daughter, Marie Davis (Larry) Pittman of Lake Butler; son, J.R. Davis of Lake Butler; two grandchildren, Tim and Brett Pittman; two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Bryce Pittman; and personal assistant, Melissa Proctor.

Funeral services for Mrs. Davis were held Oct. 5 at Archer Memorial Chapel with Bishop Paul Waters officiating. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008

PAID OBITUARY



Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Charles "Chuck" Lewis Ellis, age 73, of Keystone Heights, passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 in Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation Center. Chuck was born Dec. 26, 1940 in Micanopy to Thomas Lewis and Loye Viola Mobley Ellis. He graduated from the University of Florida and was an avid Gator fan. Chuck proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He was a member of

the Elks, VFW and Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Chuck is survived by: his wife, Rhoda Ellis; daughters, Valerie (Johnny) Mason of Keystone Heights, Regina (Jimmy Ray) Stephens of DeFuniak Springs, and Deanna (Ray) Thompson of Fleming Island; sisters, Mary Dell Keene of Brookier, and Shirley Parrish of Gainesville; niece, Kathy Stearns of St. Augustine; grandchildren, Deanna, Jennifer, Tim, Ashford and Wesley; and great-grandchildren, John Walter and William.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, Oct. 9 at 2:00 p.m., in Keystone United Methodist Church, 4004 SE SR 21, with Dr. Craig Moore and Dr. Tom Farmer officiating. Please visit Chuck's memorial page at www.williamsthomasmemorialhome.com. For further information Williams-Thomas Downtown (352) 376-7556.

PAID OBITUARY

Katherine McKinley

STARKE—Katherine "Kay" McKinley, 86, of Starke died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at Windsor Manor Nursing Home in Starke. She was born in Burlington, New Jersey on Feb. 25, 1928 to the late Thomas and Ena (Ireland) Davidson and was a housewife. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her husband of 65 years, Harold "Mac" McKinley preceded her in death.

Survivors are: daughters, Katherine Jean McKinley of West Point, Pennsylvania, Nancy McKinley Bull of Newark, Delaware, Betty Anne McKinley of Pennsville, New Jersey, and Laurie McKinley (Dan) Smith of Starke; brother, Kerr (Roxanne) Davidson of Burlington, New Jersey; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10001. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral

Home of Starke.

Lovurn Rivers

GLEN ST. MARY—Lovurn Box Rivers, 79, of Glen St. Mary died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville with her family at her side. She was born on Nov. 7, 1934 in Lake Butler to the late Alfred and Natalie Christie Box. She graduated from Union County High School. She was a self employed income tax consultant. She was a member of Raiford Road Church in Macclenny. She was preceded in death by brothers: J.E. Box and Michael Box.

She is survived by: sons, D.C. (Carolyn) Rivers of Glen St. Mary, James (Marion) Rivers of Macclenny, and David (Debbie) Rivers of Glen St. Mary; brother, A.C. (Johnnie Bell) Box of Lake Butler; sisters, Josephine Addison of Lake Butler, Alief (Randall) Bryant of Glen St. Mary, Delores (Glenn) Brannen of Lake City, Durrelle (Emory) Bailey of Lake City; one grandson; and four step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, at Raiford Road Church in Macclenny, with Pastor Johnny Raulerson and Pastor Eddie Griffis officiating. Burial was in South Prong Cemetery in Sanderson. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler.

RALEY

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community here in Bradford County and working with many wonderful people," Raley said. "I am very fortunate to have the time to follow my dreams and to have had time to allow Dakota to attend private school – seeing that she would get there and get home on time each day."

Raley said she has no plans to change her riding activities. Currently, she owns two mules, Perfect Percy and Bea, as well as a donkey named Rita. She also owns Bea's mother, a mare (horse) named Maggie.

She had another mule for many years, Geegee, which she had to have put down due to equine protozoal myeloencephalitis. This is a debilitating disease of the nervous system caused by the animal (horse, mule or donkey) ingesting grass or hay that has been urinated on by an infected opossum. Raley said she misses her.

"As long as I can ride I will," Raley said. "I want to retire to the hills of Tennessee so I can ride in the mountains. I love it there."

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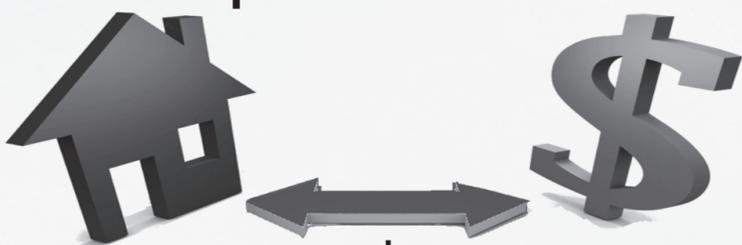
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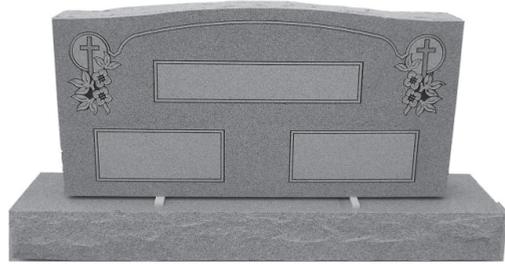
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Defense excels, but Indians lose 7-0 to Eustis

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

The Keystone Heights High School football team's defense played its best game of the year, but Eustis limited Keystone's offense to 64 yards and shut out the visiting Indians 7-0 on Oct. 3.

Nolan Lowery and Justin Raysin led the Keystone defense. Lowery notched 12 tackles and six assists, caused a fumble and recovered a fumble. Raysin had eight tackles and eight assists. He also caused a fumble and recovered one.

Fletcher Teague and Brighton Gibbs each picked off Eustis passes, and Earl Hall recovered a Eustis fumble.

Keystone's defensive performance was highlighted by a fourth-quarter, four-play, goal-line stand in which Eustis (3-2) started with first down on the Indian 6. Two plays later, Eustis had advanced to the 1 and tried

two consecutive running plays, but Keystone's defenders kept the Panther rushers out of the end zone.

The game's only score came with 11:42 left in the second quarter when Eustis' Donta Perdue threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Holland. Jose Raya added the extra point for a 7-0 Panther lead, which turned out to be the final score.

The Eustis offense churned out plenty of yardage, rushing for 161 yards and passing for 152 more. However, two interceptions and three lost fumbles kept the Indians (0-5) in the game.

The Panthers also hurt themselves with penalties. Officials flagged the home team seven times. Two of the infractions nullified Eustis touchdowns.

Officials stopped play with 8:59 left in the fourth quarter because of lightning. A light

rain also began at the beginning of the delay and continued throughout the rest of the game. However, after the initial flash in the western sky, officials observed no more lightning, and play resumed after a 53-minute break.

During the delay, Keystone coach Chuck Dickinson said his defensive players were "playing their hearts out."

He added that the Keystone offensive line was having difficulty driving the Eustis defense off the line of scrimmage. He also said that on several occasions, Indian running backs missed holes or assignments.

Raysin, a sophomore, led the Indians in rushing with 18 yards on seven carries.

Quarterback Wyatt Harvin went 1-of-6 for 12 yards, with one interception.

After the game, Dickinson said he thought that changing his defensive front's scheme

from a 3-3 stack to 5-2 and 3-4 alignments helped the crew. The more traditional schemes, which use an extra linebacker or lineman, typically entail less blitzing and are less complex.

Dickinson said the players appeared to understand their assignments better under the 5-2 and 3-4 schemes. He added that his linebackers did a good job filling gaps.

However, he said the biggest defensive improvement over previous weeks was more fundamental. He said the squad tackled much better than earlier in the year and forced more turnovers.

Keystone has an open date this week before hosting District 4-4A opponent The Villages for homecoming on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The Buffalo (4-2) fell to 1-1 in the district after losing 34-10 to Umatilla on Oct. 3.

Keystone is 0-1 in the district.



Brighton Gibbs intercepts a Eustis pass in the fourth quarter. (Photo by Tonya Gibbs.)

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with the Tornadoes then putting together a six-play, 81-yard scoring drive. Big runs again paved the way for Bradford, which finished the game averaging 10 yards per play. Jenkins and Luke had runs of 16 and 19 yards, respectively, while Luke also completed a 20-yard pass to Don Jeffers. Luke's 19-yard run resulted in a first down at the Interlachen 23. Carter scored on a run from there, using brute strength as he carried what seemed like four Interlachen players on the final 15 yards. With Hicks' PAT, the Tornadoes

led 14-0 less than a minute into the second quarter.

Interlachen provided an answer that counted on its next possession. An offside penalty on Bradford on a third-down play gave the Rams a first down, while a personal-foul penalty after a 30-yard reception by Daniel Perez resulted in a first-and-goal at the 8. Aaron Mitchell eventually scored on a 3-yard run, capping an 80-yard drive that pulled the Rams to within 14-7 with 5:05 left in the first half.

That was enough time for Bradford to increase its lead before halftime. Jenkins gave the Tornadoes great field position with a 30-yard kickoff return to

the Bradford 48. A 16-yard run by Luke on a third-and-8 play resulted in a first down at the Interlachen 18. Two penalties backed Bradford up to the 22, but Jenkins took a handoff on a reverse and found his way into the end zone. Bradford led 20-7 with 56 seconds left in the half.

That score became 28-7 just 17 seconds into the second half as Carter took off on a 67-yard touchdown run. Chance Oody had a successful run on a two-point conversion.

The Tornadoes started the half strong defensively, as well, with Jeffers and others tackling Mitchell for a 2-yard loss on the Rams' first play from scrimmage. Hicks later led a group of tacklers

in dropping Mitchell for another 2-yard loss, while Toddreke Reed sacked Foshee for a 12-yard loss.

Bradford blocked a punt to give itself the ball at the Interlachen 23, but the Tornadoes fumbled the ball away two plays later.

The Rams did drive downfield to the Bradford 19, but defenders such as Vince Brown, Johnny Hernandez and Jamarian McNeal all made tackles for either a loss or no gain. Interlachen eventually turned the ball over on downs on an incomplete pass.

Jenkins looked as though he was going to join Carter with a long-distance touchdown run as he took a handoff on a reverse and had open field ahead of him. He slipped on the wet and muddy

field, though, after a gain of 14 yards. Still, it was a big run on a second-and-15 play that helped the Tornadoes march 81 yards for their final score. Blackshear and Luke had runs of 28 and 25 yards, respectively, with Carter capping the drive with his third touchdown—a 3-yard carry at the 9:07 mark of the fourth quarter. Hicks was successful on the PAT.

The Rams had two possessions in the final quarter. They went nowhere on the first, thanks in large part to a 5-yard sack by Hernandez. On the second, they drove 54 yards and scored a touchdown with 45 seconds left in the game. Donte McClendon scored on a 3-yard run.

Green said Bradford players have never given up during a season in which the Tornadoes lost their first five games by an average score of 38-5, so it was gratifying to see their commitment finally rewarded with a win.

"They kept believing in themselves and kept believing in what we're trying to do with them," Green said. "That's all you can ask for from a group that hasn't won a ball game up to this point—to come back and keep working hard."

The Tornadoes travel to play Class 5A Wakulla (4-2) on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The War Eagles are coming off of a 60-21 loss to Tallahassee Godby.

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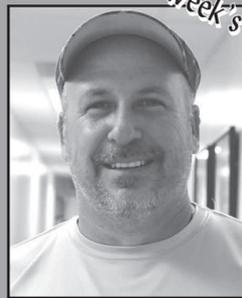
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KHHS runners shine at district warm-up meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's cross country teams competed in a district warm-up meet on Sept. 25 in Live Oak, with Naomi Proctor winning the girls' race with a time of 23:05.

Spenser Echevarria led the boys' team, earning a fourth-place finish with a time of 19:09.

Frederick, Palmer lead Bradford at Bale-n-Trail

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School competed in the Sept. 27 Bale-n-Trail cross-country meet, hosted by Bartram Trail High

School, with Sarah Frederick and Michael Palmer leading the girls' and boys' teams.

Frederick placed 121st in a field of 209 with a time of 23:52.90. Simran Patel had a time of 25:58.50, followed by Bethany Bryan (26:21.70) and Taylor Rehberg (29:44).

The boys' race consisted of 245 runners. Palmer placed 175th with a time of 20:56.40. Kristopher Padgett had a time of 21:36.10, followed by Lane Gillenwaters (21:43), Donald Seymour (20:08.60), Robert Martin (22:41.90) and Brandon King (23:30.10).

Tornadoes lose 3-0 to Newberry in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School's volleyball team was swept 3-0 (25-13, 26-24, 25-6) by host Newberry on Sept. 30.

Nyasia Davis and Lainie

Rodgers had seven and five kills, respectively, while Rodgers and Jaci Atkinson each had five digs. Kia Lane had four assists.

The Tornadoes (6-10) played District 5-4A opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play Chiefland on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. Bradford plays in Keystone Heights High School's annual tournament on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11, and will then host Chiefland on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m.

Keystone loses 1st district matches

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's volleyball team started

off 4-0 in District 5-4A, but is now 4-2 after losses to Santa Fe and P.K. Yonge.

The Indians (6-4 overall) hosted Santa Fe on Sept. 30, losing 3-0 (25-20, 25-12, 25-17). Hanna Crane had six assists and three service aces, while Anna Wilkes had seven assists. Crane, Abi Loose and Miriah Maxwell each had three kills.

On Oct. 2, Keystone traveled to play P.K. Yonge, losing 3-0 (25-5, 25-16, 25-9). Shelby Skelly and Bailey Zinkel each had two blocks.

Keystone plays at Oak Hall on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. and will host its annual tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11. The Indians then host Columbia on Monday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. and district opponent Interlachen on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m.

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talking-to on the sideline.

The result of the fumble was a second touchdown for Dixie, which converted the two-point conversion to go up 14-0.

The Tigers gained a first down on their next series, but Isaiah Johnson fumbled a handoff from Cox, and the Bears again recovered on Union County's 24-yard line.

Great field position again after this second turnover allowed Dixie County to make quick work of it for another touchdown and successful 2-point conversion. That put the Bears up 22-0 with about three minutes left in the first quarter.

After the second turnover, Pruitt put Casey Driggers in as quarterback. Driggers helped his team march down the field, handing off to Antwan Durn several times and taking a

quarterback sneak himself. A facemask penalty against Dixie County helped the Tigers, who made it to the Bears' 30-yard line on fourth down with 4 to go at the end of the quarter.

To open the second quarter, Union County again failed on a fourth-down attempt to get a first down, so the Bears' offense took over. The Tigers' defense forced Dixie County to go three-and-out, with notable plays from players such as Josh Smith, Joseph Merriex, Josh Hedman, Khris Wimpy, Darian Robinson, Zak Lee, Jacquez Warren and Driggers.

For the game, Alden McClellon led the Union County defense with 24 tackles, followed by Treyce Hersey with 21 and Kel Galloway with 18. Clay Halle had the Tigers' only sack of the game.

The Tigers' defense, though, had trouble stopping the Bears on their next series. Dixie County gained five first downs

Union volleyball team falls to 4-3 in district

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team hosted District 7-1A opponent Newberry on Oct. 2, losing 3-1.

Stats were unavailable from the loss, which put the Tigers' district record at 4-3.

Union (8-11 overall prior to Oct. 6) won two straight prior to playing Newberry. On Sept. 29, the Tigers hosted Crescent City, winning 3-0 (25-12, 26-24, 25-18).

Madelyn Kish and Kaylan Tucker each had six kills and two blocks, with Kish adding eight service aces. Lilly Combs had 13

digs, eight aces and eight assists, while Kayla Andrews had 11 digs and two blocks. Madison Adams had seven assists.

The Tigers hosted district opponent Chiefland on Sept. 30, winning 3-2 (25-23, 25-19, 13-25, 23-25, 15-12). Tucker had 12 kills and four blocks, while Andrews and Kish each had nine kills. Andrews also had five aces and 23 digs, while Kish had 17 service points and nine aces. Combs had 21 assists, 11 digs, eight kills and five aces, while Tristyn Southerland and Devin Lewis had 19 and 14 digs, respectively.

Southerland also had seven kills, while Adams had 13 digs and 13 assists.

Union played Bell this past Monday and district opponent Williston this past Tuesday. The Tigers will host Baker County on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m.

as it marched downfield to put its final points on the board with about four minutes left in the first half. The Bears' 30-point total, after a successful two-point conversion, would prove to be enough to win the game.

Cox was back in the quarterback slot after the Tigers received the ball on the ensuing kickoff. His time off the field seemed to help because he came in with four straight completions, including one to fellow quarterback Driggers, who was back in at his preferred position of receiver. He also executed a quarterback sneak that was stopped at the line of scrimmage, and then had an incompletion, all thanks to some good defense by Dixie County. Cox's 16-yard touchdown pass to Franklin Williams (four receptions for 34 yards) finally put Union County on the board before halftime. A failed two-point conversion put the score at 30-6.

Dixie County received the ball to open the second half and went three-and-out, with Williams almost coming up with an interception.

As the Bears began their second drive of the third quarter, there was some confusion on the Tigers' sideline regarding getting the right defensive players on the field, and they were subsequently called for illegal substitution. But with that sorted out, Union County's defense kept pressure on the Bears and recovered a fumble just over four minutes into the quarter.

That turnover resulted in Union County's second score of the game, with Johnson (20 carries for 57 yards) taking it into the end zone from 11 yards out after a previous 9-yard carry. Another failed two-point conversion—pushed back due to a delay-of-game penalty—put the score at 30-12.

Both teams seemed to experience some kind of transformation in the locker room at halftime, with the Bears oftentimes going three-and-out, while the Tigers made much better progress and created more scoring opportunities.

Union County—helped my multiple penalties against the Bears for roughing the quarterback and unsportsmanlike conduct—marched down the field to put itself in scoring position. Unfortunately, the drive came up empty when Cox was intercepted in the end zone.

Dixie County's offense responded by making a couple of first downs, but the Bears fumbled the ball, with the Tigers recovering.

Cox launched the ball to Zak Lee (three receptions for 45

yards), who went all the way for a touchdown, but a holding call brought the ball back. It was a reminder that officiating goes both ways.

The Tigers, though, continued to march the ball down the field before just coming up shy of a first down on a fourth-and-9 play inside the Bears' 20-yard line.

Dixie County's offense went three-and-out again, thanks to Halle's sack.

Following the change of possession, the Tigers made progress right off the bat, with Cox (17-of-23 for 153 yards) tossing a nice pass to Lee for 20 yards that put them in the red zone. Johnson then had a couple of carries, with the Tigers getting down to the 1-yard line. On fourth down, Darian Robinson tried to take it in for the score, but was tackled in the backfield. The Bears took over at their own 5-yard line approximately halfway through the fourth quarter.

Union County's defense continued to shine, shutting down the Bears offense and forcing a fumble on third down that the Tigers recovered. That led to a quarterback sneak for a touchdown by Cox to put the score at 30-18.

Though those were the last points of the game, the Tigers had a chance to score again, thanks to a blocked punt with over three minutes remaining. Cox connected with Williams for what looked like a touchdown, but a penalty against the Tigers nullified the score. Union County eventually turned the ball over on a failed fourth-down attempt.

After the game, Pruitt told his players how proud he was of them for fighting to the end.

"That's good. I'm going to give you that," he told them, but added, "Do we see how one play—one mistake—can turn a game? Understand the importance of every play... execute every play like it's your last one."

"As bad as it feels right now, I feel a lot better than I did last week... I saw a whole lot more positive things tonight."

He praised the defense for the adjustments it made in the second half—just like it did against Hamilton County—and said he was pleased with the special teams, who "came out (and) did everything we asked them to do."

The Tigers get to rest up and regroup during a bye week before traveling to play district opponent Newberry on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers (3-3) improved to 2-0 in the district with a 28-8 win over Williston on Oct. 3.

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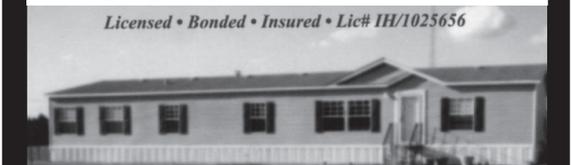
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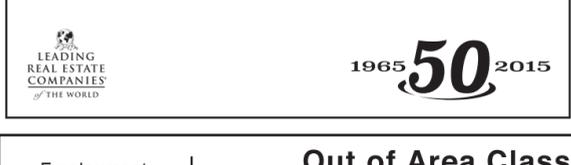


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"I think it worked out a lot better this way. Now, I don't even want to own a park, but I'd like to design one someday."

Cundiff said she did not miss a class in the incubator program and also took advantage of opportunities outside of regular sessions, such as attending meetings to hear and meet business people.

"It was more than just the class," Cundiff said. "You could get extra help."

She said the incubator program was most helpful in the area of marketing, which was really confusing at first.

"That was definitely a lot more than I thought it was going to be, and it's the most important part," Cundiff said. "If no one knows you're there, you can't sell anything."

What she's selling are sandboards of various types, such as jump boards, which are small and light weight, making them good for jumps and tricks;

speed boards, which are really long with a flat back and rounded front; and carved boards, which have an hourglass shape and are really good for turns.

Cundiff makes the boards herself—a process that took her approximately a year to perfect.

"I started with trying to steam plywood and bend plywood," she said. "It just doesn't hold."

What she found is that she needed a skateboard press to properly do the job.

"It's a hydraulic press, so there's no electricity involved," Cundiff said. "I can use it anywhere, which is really nice."

Cundiff typically makes boards to offer, saying she can make three boards at a time because that's how many the press will hold. It takes a couple of days to make three boards when factoring in the 24 hours the boards are kept in the press so that they're "really solid," Cundiff said.

"It's not too long of a process," she said.

Customers so far have included state parks in North Carolina and Texas and a surf shop in Michigan.



Nikki Cundiff is pictured with a couple of her Slip Face Sandboards.

Sandboarding is an activity that is more prominent in the western U.S. and in some other countries. Cundiff said she has called stores in states such as California and Colorado to try to generate interest in her boards.

She was going to take a trip out west with 40 boards she had made, but she wound up selling

those boards. Cundiff still plans to make that trip, though.

"I have a trailer made," she said. "Once I get another stock of boards built up, I'm going to start traveling around."

Cundiff also sells board wax, which she also makes herself.

It is definitely satisfying to see what her efforts pay off.

"It's really nice when you make a big sale," Cundiff said. "It's like, 'I did this totally on my own.'"

Thanks to the Bradford County Incubator program, the intimidating thought of trying to start her own business became a reality. Cundiff said she couldn't imagine starting a business without the help she received and encourages anyone with a business idea to take advantage of the incubator program.

"It's hard doing it on your own," Cundiff said. "You definitely need people to talk to."

For more information on the Bradford County Incubator program, call 904-701-8121, or go to scollege.edu/cied and click on the incubator link and then the link for Bradford County Incubator.

The website for Slip Face Sandboards is slipfacesandboards.com.

As for that name, it makes perfect sense. Cundiff studied geology at the University of Florida and said a slip face refers to the steep side of a sand dune.

RADIO

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it's working. Plus, she has to make sure the commercials run when they're supposed to.

"There are a lot of moving parts," she said, adding, "A home game—it's just simply plugging into the phone jack."

Also, UCHS has space in its press box for the broadcasters, which isn't always the case elsewhere. Sometimes, the set-ups can be a little distressing. Emerson mentioned being on a small platform at Chiefland and having Union County coaches above her on another platform.

"It's moving, and you're trying to make sure you don't fall out," Emerson said. "It's a little scary, and there's very minimal space."

When asked what some of her most memorable games were, Emerson admitted that after time, they all tend to run together.

Players are easier to remember, such as the dynamic backfield duo of C.J. Spiller and Jeremy Brown.

"You had to be fast to keep up with him," Emerson said of Spiller. "Of course, Jeremy Brown was always fun to try to keep up with, too, but he was a little bit easier to keep up with."

Her duties don't consist solely of calling the action on Friday nights. Emerson hosts a coach's show every Monday night during the season with Ronny Pruitt. Emerson said it is a privilege to do the show, and she often learns something in the process.

"It's kind of a measuring stick for me," Emerson said. "I say this particular played well, and he may say, 'Well, he did play well, but here are some things we want him to work on.'"

Emerson said she never worries about asking Pruitt a particular question. She's learned what to ask and what not to ask. Plus, Pruitt's good at saying things unprompted that the listeners want to hear.

"He's really, really good," Emerson said. "He must have taken a PR class in college because he's really good about sharing information I think he knows people want to hear."

Since she has been broadcasting games, Emerson finds that she pays a little more attention to announcers on television when she's watching games.

She can also relate to any mistakes they make, like prior to this past season's BCS championship game when Brent Musburger said, "I'm Kirk Herbstreit along with Brent Musburger." Emerson said she's done that before, introducing herself as David Harris and Harris as herself.

It's not hard sometimes to get tongue tied in the booth or say something embarrassing.

"I can put my foot in my mouth if I have to," Emerson said.

When she's not broadcasting a game—mistakes or not—Emerson stays pretty busy. Her job as director of student development and recruitment for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences—part of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences—requires her to travel quite a bit. Plus, she's currently working on a Ph.D.

Emerson said she enjoys the busy lifestyle, saying that all the various aspects of her life are what keep her going.

How long will broadcasting UCHS football games be part of that busy life? She's not sure, but Emerson said any time she's given thought to giving it up, she thinks of the players.

"I think that I need to retire, but then I think of the effort they give every day after school," Emerson said. "The least I can do is support them by spending four to six hours going to the games."

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