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## American Legion honors vets in Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

The American Legion's role in honoring the service of veterans goes deeper than its sponsorship of annual Veterans Day programs. The national organization mentors youth, conducts a variety of programs and promotes patriotism.

In addition to taking care of their communities American Legion veterans help take care of each other, including comforting wounded warriors and their families.

And, yes, they sponsor annual Veterans Day observances, like the one Saturday in Starke featuring retired U.S. Air Force Col. John F. O'Sullivan Jr. O'Sullivan said his 30-plus years in the military included service in Vietnam, Desert Storm and other "little scrapes and bruises." He said he was proud to have grown up in a military family, with a father and brother in the U.S. Army and him and his sister in the Air Force. His grandfather enlisted in the Navy and died during World War I, and he has a daughter in the Navy who fought in Afghanistan.

"You might be surprised that doctors can go as combat advisors, as I was. I was stunned, actually. To prepare her, the United States Army trained her to be an urban warfare infantry officer. The stunning part of it for me was, she came out number one out of 700 going through the training," he said.

O'Sullivan's family has taken advantage of the G.I. Bill, an important piece of legislation and a national commitment to reward veterans for their service dating back



JROTC members Burns and Hamilton sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."



JROTC member Ellison places a wreath at the memorial. Members in back include Ledbetter, Howard and Plasters.

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Retired United States Air Force Col. John F. O'Sullivan Jr. salutes as the flag is lowered in memory of lost veterans.



The crown observes a moment of silence for POW/MIA veterans.

## Cooperation pledged as emergency management and fire departments split

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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The Bradford County Commission put Sheriff Gordon Smith in charge of emergency management at a special meeting Nov. 13 and named Fire Marshal Chip Ware as coordinator of the county's fire departments.

Most spoke in favor of the handoff to the sheriff, with the primary arguments against it being we've always done it another way and things were going well under Emergency Management Director Brian Johns.

Johns, however, one of the few dissenters along with County Commission Chairman Danny Riddick, has retired as of Monday, hence the need for the special meeting. Johns said most emergency management functions share a greater similarity to firefighting than law enforcement, and Smith doesn't want to oversee the fire departments.

Sheriff Smith told the commission that all requests for public assistance already come to his 911 center and every response is dispatched from the same center. Response to emergency management incidents would only become more fluid if BCSO is fully coordinating that response, he said. His staff and volunteers would be activated automatically with the emergency operations center, including those with emergency management experience as well as the public relations experience to communicate quickly and effectively with citizens.

Smith said he already has people on staff with years of experience in emergency management — 300 years in total when added up. Asked who would actually hold the position of director, Smith said he was considering Lt. Ray Shuford, commander of the technical operations division overseeing technology, 911 communication

and mapping among other things, and Michael Heeder, a coordinator in 911 dispatch with years of experience in fire and emergency response who was recently appointed chief of the Lawtey Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his staff and volunteers, Smith said he had mobile command vehicles ready to deploy and inmate work squads to assist with recovery. He and his office are involved in the community, and he also has cooperative relationships with other agencies and political influence with state and federal officials.

Most importantly, he said he has a proven record. That was something one of the public commenters speaking in favor of Smith's proposal to absorb emergency management also touched on. Stasia Rudolph said, "If a proven executive

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## Vandals caught, one arrested

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Early morning vandalism involving two teens and a neighborhood of mailboxes led to the arrest of one on drug and other charges.

Starke police officer Logan Hough was dispatched to Pratt Street and North Temple Avenue on Nov. 11 regarding a white SUV stopping around the neighborhood and someone hitting mailboxes with an unknown object.

It was 4:17 a.m., and Hough observed a vehicle matching that description on Pratt Street, east of North Temple Avenue. He followed the vehicle to East Brownlee Street where the SUV was held up by a train. Officer Hough and Sgt. Kelly McMahan made contact with the driver and passenger, April Sabrina Wood and Madison Layne McClellan, both 19 and both from Starke.

While speaking with Wood, Hough said he saw a metal baseball bat in the back of the car on the passenger-side floorboard. Wood was asked to pull into the CSX railroad yard and complied.

Meanwhile, officer Ashley Cisco was investigating on Pratt Street, observing multiple damaged mailboxes.

McClellan gave McMahan permission to search the vehicle and told her there was marijuana and narcotic equipment in the vehicle. McMahan requested Cpl. Brandon Shoup to respond with a K9, which did pick up the presence of narcotics. McMahan and Shoup searched the vehicle and discovered three digital scales with marijuana residue; a multicolor pipe with marijuana residue; a glass jar containing 2 grams of a green, leafy substance that tested positive as marijuana; three metal grinders with marijuana residue; and the pink and black metal baseball bat.

Post-Miranda, Wood told Hough they had been waiting for a friend to finish work. To pass the time, they agreed to go to the West Pratt Street neighborhood and hit mailboxes. Wood was driving while McClellan hit the boxes.

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## Block scheduling proposed for middle and high school

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

The principals and Bradford High School and Bradford Middle School believe a change in class scheduling could be key in turning around student performance.

Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton has advocated the board return BHS and BMS to a seven-period day, but has embraced a proposal by principals Vinnie Blye and John Green, both of whom have had significant experience with block scheduling.

Instead of six or seven courses in a six- or seven-period day, students could take eight courses a semester, going to four classes per day. Instead of 50- or 60-minute class periods, each class would last 90 minutes. Some classes would be Mondays and Wednesdays, some Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Fridays would alternate.

According to the principals, this would provide more time for instruction, project-based lessons and hands-on labs. There is also more flexibility

for differentiation — offering assistance and retaught concepts to students who need more help and enrichment opportunities for more accelerated learners.

It also improves working conditions for teachers, who would have fewer classes to prepare for each day, fewer student contacts per day and fewer assignments to grade each day.

Currently, BHS teachers teach six periods a day without a break, as their planning period occurs during the so-called "zero period" at the beginning of the day, and they've asked administrators about a different schedule.

Students would also have fewer classes, including quizzes and tests, to prepare for and less homework each day. Green said in his experience, this actually results in more work being completed.

While they are enthused about the proposal, they also want teachers to be on board as well. That includes inviting department heads to visit a school operating on a block schedule to learn more and surveying teachers at both schools to

gather feedback.

Green said as a teacher, he only ever worked on a block schedule, so while trying to model teaching for an instructor on the current middle school schedule, he found he couldn't finish in time. With so many class periods — so many startups and endings — the day is too fragmented. There isn't time to employ active teaching strategies or engage students in project-based learning. By the time you take out the equipment and get everyone set up for a science lab, for example, there's very little time in that 50-minute window to work before it's time to begin cleaning up, Green said. As an English teacher, he especially appreciated the extra time he could devote to writing in his classes.

The principals also believe the longer class periods promote stronger personal interactions between teachers and students.

There are some draw backs. More teachers

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## UCI VVA earns 2 national awards

*The UCI Vietnam Veterans of America chapter was recognized for 2 years of hard work*

Union Correctional Institution's Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1080 recently earned national recognition for its efforts at supporting veterans and the community from behind prison fences.

The UCI group earned the National Incarcerated Chapter of the Year Award, which is presented every two years by VVA's National Board.

Union CI Chapter 1080 President Edward Shook also earned the National Incarcerated Member of the Year Award, which is presented every two years as well.

First founded in 2013, the Union CI chapter is comprised of inmates who served in the American Armed Forces and were deployed to Vietnam. These men were later incarcerated, but they first went into harm's way to serve their country prior to committing the act for which they are now serving a prison sentence.

The UCI chapter is sponsored by the Clay County VVA chapter since inmates are not allowed to handle funds of any kind.

Since its inception, the group has sought ways to serve the veterans at UCI, veterans in the community and charitable groups and organizations in the community. The many ways these incarcerated veterans have reached out in their attempts to be of service had a direct impact on the decision to give them these two national awards.

Chapter 1080 provides special programs for the recognition of veteran inmates at UCI on several different holidays during the year. They invite special speakers and organize musical and other presentations.

The chapter sponsors a walkathon each year and requests donations from friends and family members in the community, UCI staff and other veterans' organizations who have expressed an interest in supporting the group's efforts. Each year the chapter decides which charitable group or organization will receive the funds. In the past, they have donated money to Toys for Tots, for school supplies for children who can't afford them, and for several other worthy purposes.

In 2017, a total of 254 inmates walked 1,441 miles in laps around the recreation yard over a period of three days. The oldest veteran walker was 82. The walkathon raised a total of \$3,200, which the chapter voted to divide between two groups. Lake Butler Middle School's sixth grade classes were in need of classroom supplies, so the VVA gave them \$1,600, half of the funds raised. The other half went to Clay County VVA to assist with the effort to establish a facility in Clay County that will house homeless veterans.

Union CI VVA members also volunteer to assist community veterans in Veterans Court, a Duval County pretrial intervention program. A community veteran who does not have a significant criminal history and is not charged with a violent offense is eligible to participate in Veterans Court if he comes before the judge in Duval County. He will have to serve a period of probation, pay fines, do hours of community service and take a trip to Union CI to talk with incarcerated veterans in a mentoring program.



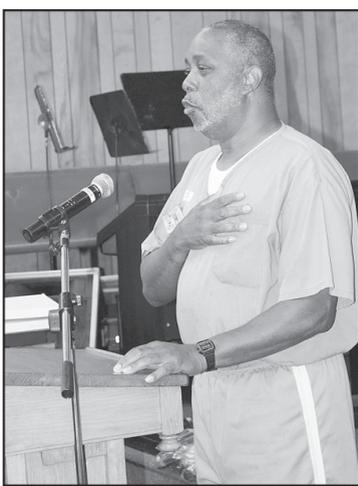
Clay County VVA Representative Gary Newman presented Union CI Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1080 with the National Incarcerated Chapter of the Year Award. Receiving the award were Union CI VVA President Edward Shook and Assistant Warden Tifani Knox. The award is presented by the national Vietnam Veterans of America Board once every two years. The Clay County chapter sponsors the Union CI chapter. Shook also received the National Incarcerated Veteran of the Year Award.



The awards were presented at a special Veterans Day ceremony held at UCI on Nov. 6. Those officials in attendance were: (Back row, l-r) Assistant Warden of Operations Paul Kish, Assistant Warden of Programs Tifani Knox, the Rev. Patrick Archuletta of Jesus Loves Veterans Ministries, Lake Butler Mayor Fred Sirmones, David Treffinger of the VVA Florida State Council. (Front row, l-r) Robert and Ellen Papa of Patriots of Valor, Mary Anne Newman from Clay County VVA, Principal Carolyn Parrish from Lake Butler Middle School, Gary Newman and Vince Gomez, both from Clay County VVA.



Bob Papa of Patriots of Valor, and a representative of a prison ministry in New Jersey called "The Prisoner's Web," acted as keynote speaker for the ceremony Nov. 6.



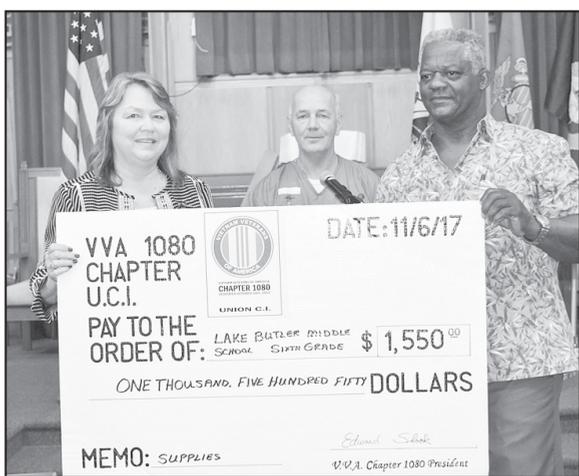
James Perry performed a beautiful a cappella rendition of the National Anthem.



The Clay County Vietnam Veterans of America chapter, which sponsors the Union CI chapter, has been supportive of the ROCK Hounds program at UCI. A number of Union CI VVA members also work in the ROCK Hounds program, which is aimed at rehabilitating shelter dogs and making them more adoptable. UCI has been working with the Baker CI CARE (Canine Assist with Re-Entry) program, which also rehabilitates shelter animals. Clay County VVA donated seven "In Training" vests for use by dogs in the Baker program. Plans are for some of these dogs to eventually be trained as support animals for veterans with PTSD. Gary Newman from the Clay County VVA presented the vests to Baker CI Officer Laquanda Rehkamp, who oversees the CARE program. UCI Officer Mary Goodge (left) oversees the ROCK Hounds program.



The VVA Honor Guard posted the colors during the ceremony. They are (l-r) Allen Brinkman, Johnnie Brown, Keith Creed and Howard Austin.



Union CI VVA Chapter 1080 held a walkathon to raise funds for two purposes. One was to donate to Lake Butler Middle School for sixth grade classroom supplies. Additional money came in at the last minute, so the amount donated to LBMS was actually \$1,600. Accepting the check for LBMS was Principal Carolyn Parrish (left) and Lake Butler Mayor Fred Sirmones (right). Presenting the check was Union CI VVA President Edward Shook (center). Sirmones also works at Union CI and he made the VVA aware that the school was in need of supplies.

The UCI veteran inmates tell the Veterans Court participants about the mistakes they made that led them to become incarcerated. The UCI inmates encourage the Veterans Court participants to make changes in their lives that will help them avoid incarceration. The Duval

County Court System has reported that the program has been very successful in helping ensure less serious infractions don't become big problems. The Union CI VVA also lends assistance to the ROCK Hounds program at UCI. The cooperation began because a number of the inmates who are members of VVA also work in the ROCK Hounds program.

ROCK Hounds inmates take stray/shelter animals and provide them with basic training to make them more adoptable. They also take sick animals and nurse them back to health so they will be more adoptable. The dogs become housebroken, sleep in kennels, are trained to walk on a leash and obey basic commands.

The dog trainers also cooperate with mental health professionals to provide pet therapy for different groups of inmates housed at UCI who have serious mental illnesses.

The inmate trainers gain experience that will assist them if they seek jobs working with animals once they are released from prison.

The dogs gain forever homes with families who love them.

The Lake City Humane Society, a nonprofit organization, sponsors all costs associated with the ROCK Hounds program and often needs the assistance

of donations for pet food, pet medications, or supplies. On occasion, VVA has provided some of the supplies needed by the program.

Recently, through the ROCK Hounds, the VVA has also reached out to assist a similar dog program at Baker Correctional Institution, called the CARE (Canine Assist with Re-Entry) program.

Planning veterans' events, raising donations for a number of

charities, mentoring community veterans to help them avoid prison and assisting with the dog training programs... all of these had a bearing on why Union CI's VVA was recognized on the national level. Chapter 1080 earned these two national awards because of their constant efforts to assist their fellow veterans and give back to the community at large.

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## VETS

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to the World War II era. It has an important connection to the American Legion. O'Sullivan said Harry W. Colmery, a Republican National Committee chairman and former national commander of the American Legion, is credited for writing the first draft of the G.I. Bill during the World War II era, a bill that went further than the legislation previously proposed by President Roosevelt and called for full benefits for all veterans, including educational benefits, unemployment and home purchasing assistance.

Those benefits do not absolve the public from setting aside

time to acknowledge veterans, their families and their sacrifices on Veterans Day, the commemoration of which rests with the American Legion. O'Sullivan talked about several things that are important to remember on Veterans Day, recalling how Francis Scott Key christened the United States as Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

"I believe those words are as true today as they were then," he said, adding that the country hasn't paid its debt to many veterans — hundreds of thousands who died, and millions of others who were wounded.

On the value of the U.S. military, O'Sullivan called it "an amazing institution" because it is one of the world's largest



**Adjutant Mel Koski placed a POW/MIA flag on an empty chair.**

providers of international aid and disaster relief.

"You see it happening right now," he said.

It is also one of the most educated militaries in the world, he added, requiring an education to enter and expanding educational opportunities during and after service.

O'Sullivan and his wife, Cindy, teach in Clay County and one of the things they teach is CyberPatriots, a program affiliated with the Air Force. According to the website, "At the center of CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. The competition puts teams of high school and middle school students in the position of newly hired IT professionals tasked with

managing the network of a small company. In the rounds of competition, teams are given a set of virtual images that represent operating systems and are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities within the images and hardening the system while maintaining critical services in a six-hour period. Teams compete for the top placement within their state and region, and the top teams in the nation earn all-expenses paid trips to Baltimore, Maryland, for the National Finals Competition where they can earn national recognition and scholarship money."

"The value of that is just incredibly important," said O'Sullivan, who said he formed the first cyber team in the Defense Department long before



**JROTC member Langille and Pete make their way to the memorial.**

anyone used the word "cyber." "Whether we like it or not, Russia attacked the United States and they won."

Something he said he learned from a fellow serviceman while at the National War College is that war is not won by weapons but by warriors.

"Make the warrior a weapon and given them the tools to succeed and come home, and no other force on earth can defeat him," O'Sullivan said. "I believe that is the essence of what Veterans Day is about. All we've got to do is prepare that person, and nothing can defeat them."

After recognizing the service members present and the conflicts they were involved in, from World War II through the War on Terror, American Legion

Commander Raymond Hunt also acknowledged prisoners of war and those missing in action, saying that many are unaccounted and the remains of others are still to be found and brought home. Adjutant Mel Koski placed a POW/MIA flag on an empty chair as a reminder to keep fighting for the release of American prisoner and the repatriation of the remains of those who have died. The crowd observed a moment of silence.

Bradford High School's JROTC students were integral to the ceremony Saturday morning, placing memorial wreaths at the monument and lowering the flag to commemorate the fallen, and even performing the national anthem.

## ARREST

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McClellan admitted the vandalism to Hough as well, and she also claimed ownership of the marijuana, pipe, grinders and scales. She was arrested, and then Hough and McMahan searched the neighborhood and discovered 10 damaged mailboxes on West Pratt Street, two on Bradford Street and three on Blanding Street.

While according to the report, Wood was released for her cooperation, but McClellan is facing 15 charges of criminal mischief, one charge for possession of marijuana and seven charges for possession drug equipment. She is being held in the Bradford County Jail with bond set at \$100,000.

## SPLIT

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came to me and said, 'I'll do that job and you don't have to fill the position,' and he had a reputation like Gordon Smith, I would say, 'Bonus!'"

Whether the \$75,000 in grant matching funds that was repeatedly addressed really

represents a savings is debatable. Instead of being spent from the board's budget it will be spent from the sheriff's budget — which is allocated and approved by the board. One way or the other, emergency management, which is largely funded by grant awards, will need local matching funds, as will the grants received for the fire departments.

Smith said it is critical now

that the county begin focusing on building a professional firefighting service and using any savings toward that. Following a unanimous vote to turn emergency management over to the sheriff, the commission voted unanimously to name Ware the county's fire coordinator. He and staff members Benji Bennett and J.F. Miller will work on building the county's fire service, while

Smith said Wendy Russell's years of experience will continue to make her a valuable employee in emergency management.

Smith and Ware pledged a working relationship with each other and the board. Ware said there wasn't a single solution to the problem with fire services. Instead, they are going to have to think outside of the box and work as a team.

Smith said as an elected official, he would also be accountable to voters. He will be accountable to the county commission as well, and so will Ware. As Commissioner Chris Dougherty pointed out to both men, "The board giveth, the board taketh away."



**Congratulations P.F.C Shannon Rosier** for graduating from Marine Boot Camp on November 3rd M.C.R.D. Paris Island South Carolina.

Love from all of your family, Donald and Linda Rosier, Donnie and Brittany Rosier, Crystal and Markayla, Papa Shadd and Aunt Geraldine and aunt Mary Annette, Granny and Papa Griffis, Sarah and Chloe, and Nana and Papa Scott.

## BLOCK

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would be needed, and that will cost more money. How many more teachers and how much more money is still being evaluated. While there will be fewer classes to prepare for, teachers will have to prepare to use the time wisely. If you have a struggling teacher, 90 minutes is a long time to struggle, Green

said. In contrast, highly effective teachers thrive with more time.

While fewer transitions to classes during the day would reduce tardies, student attendance is an ongoing problem. Missing a day means missing more time in the classes scheduled for that day. Green said a block schedule would give them more time to make up work, however.

What about when teachers miss a day? Blye said that doesn't have to mean sticking students with a substitute for 90 minutes. Teachers would fill in for teachers. Green said in his experience, teachers were willing to fill in for each other, trading their planning periods for compensatory time.

Blye said some classes like advanced music courses would

be programmed to take place daily. With eight courses possible per semester, they hope to get more students involved in career-related classes at the technical center, some of which are already taught in blocks. In addition to more electives, Creighton said students could retake courses instead of relying on computer-based credit recovery.

School Board Member Cheryl Canova asked about the impact of block scheduling on dual enrollment at Santa Fe College since courses are typically scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday or on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If the high school is alternating courses on Friday, they will have to do something different with dual enrollment. Ideas mentioned

included opening Fridays up for volunteering or internships. Creighton wants to add electives and start a teacher academy as well so the school system can grow its own teachers.

The superintendent said transportation is not expected to be an issue. Middle and high school students would go to school earlier, with days beginning around 8:15 a.m. and ending around 3:25 p.m.

Blye said no scheduling system is going to solve all of the problems. Research doesn't show one system versus another leads to higher achievement scores. What it does reveal is a need to find what will work best for each school and the community as a whole, and that is what they are trying to do, he

said. That includes creating a better working environment for staff and one that cuts down on student discipline issues between classes.

The board was receptive, but also wants input from teachers and the public.

Blye and Green hope to have a final version of the bell schedule by mid-January. In addition to school board approval, the district would need the approval of the Florida Department of Education Office of Accountability. If the proposal is accepted, they would work toward implementing block scheduling for the 2018-19 school year.

## Early deadline

The offices of the Bradford County Telegraph, Lake Region Monitor and Union County Times will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be an early deadline on Monday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. for editorial and advertising submissions.

The Nov. 23 edition of the paper will be available on the street and in stores Tuesday

evening and in mailboxes on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

## BHS playoff football ticket information

The Tornados are hosting the Region 2-4A championship football game against Dunnellon this Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets for red seats are on sale through Thursday, Nov. 16, for \$10 in the BHS

bookkeeping office. General admission tickets will be sold at the gate on Friday for \$8. Please note that only state series passes will be accepted at the main football gate.

## Blanding announces increased noise

The Camp Blanding Joint Training Center will have increased noise on the post near Starke and Keystone Heights as the Florida Army National Guard

will be conducting low level flight training with helicopters.

Increased noise is expected from late night Wednesday Nov. 15, through early morning Nov. 16. As usual, The Florida National Guard continues to make every effort to minimize noise but there are times such as this when noise may seem louder than normal to the public.

Residents near the training center can discuss noise concerns with Camp Blanding's Range Control Office at 904-682-3351 or the Florida National Guard Public Affairs Office at 904-823-0166.



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## Lawtey alums turn out for school reunion

BY PATRICE RUSSELL  
Special to the Telegraph

On Nov. 4, all alumni, family and friends of alumni were invited to the Lawtey School Reunion at the Starke Golf and Country Club to enjoy a covered dish luncheon. There was a great turnout for the event and lots of delicious food.

The reunion is put on once a year on the first weekend in November, organized by Charles Tatum and A.Q. Smith. The event has been taking place for 15 years. Those who attended the Lawtey school — which has gone by several names including the Lawtey Junior High, Lawtey Elementary and Lawtey Community School — and their families, gathered to reminisce about their school days.

Lawtey's first school opened in 1885. It began as a school that offered up to a ninth grade of education. In the years that followed the grade levels fell from K-8 to K-6, and now the school serves 237 pre-K through fifth-grade students and employs 19-full time teachers.

The oldest alumnus present at the reunion was Minnie Redding



Bob Nobles and Andy Starling relaxing on the porch.



Linda Tatum

who at 92 is still very young at heart. She shared many stories. Many other alumni shared their memories as well. Several alumni spoke about their fear of going from the Lawtey to school in Starke. It was a big move to go so far away from family and community to attend and complete their high school education. The small community of Lawtey was so close knit and Starke seemed so far away.

People were not rich and so in order to get to school, one alumnus told how they would pick up many of the kids in their pickup truck and transport them to the Starke school.

On the other hand, Charles



Charles Tatum and Arthur Haskins



Dianne Gault and Minnie Redding

Tatum commented that many students at the Lawtey school did not continue after ninth grade

because of their fear of having to go to Starke to finish their education.

## Major renovations underway at local bank

BY KRISTEN PAZ  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Determined to stand out as a trailblazer in banking, Community State Bank of Starke decided it needs to look the part as well.

The main branch office is going to be transformed from top to bottom, inside and out, in less than a year. The \$2.3 million renovation project began in October and will change the look from dated to modern.

"Community State Bank has gained a reputation for being a forward-thinking institution, but our current look does not reflect this," said Terry Vaughan, vice-chairperson of the bank's board of directors. "Once completed, we can truly embrace our slogan: 'Where Today Meets Tomorrow.'"

Vaughan said the board of directors took about two years from the time the idea was presented, to when the project was approved unanimously.

Vaughan said he feels "an equal dose of pride and excitement" about the changes.



Community State Bank in Starke is undergoing a \$2.3 million renovation inside and out to better serve the needs of its customers.

"Customers who walk into the bank will be quickly and efficiently serviced. Every unit within the bank will be streamlined, to include the teller area. Employees will be better able to network with each other

and will be using desks and other equipment more suited to modern-day banking," said Vaughan.

"Every rural region needs a robust, community bank, and the bank they already trust in the

Bradford and Union footprint will be positioned to serve them even better," said Vaughan.

The inside of the bank will be more "streamlined, allowing customers easier access to their questions, concerns and

opportunities," said Jeffrey Oody, president and CEO of Community State Bank. "The exterior will be more esthetically pleasing and appeal to all generations."

Oody said, most, if not all, employees were invited to participate in parts of the planning and design. He also said it was a priority of the bank to use as many local subcontractors as possible for the work.

"Funds spent in the area circulate seven times, which is beneficial for the community; also, the taxable base will go up for the local taxes," said Oody. "This has an intrinsic value for the school system, county and city."

Kenneth Ackerman, project superintendent for Consultants & Builders Inc., is overseeing the renovation. The bank will be "moving 40 years ahead, as far as the looks of the building and technology," Ackerman said.

The bank will upgrade from fluorescent to LED lighting, which is more cost-effective, and lasts longer. The interior will also feature energy-efficient windows, new wiring throughout, high-definition cameras, cash dispensers, and an updated alarm system and security system, said Ackerman.

Rather than use keys, employees will have unique,

remote-entry key fobs that log when they are used. Even more secure areas, like the vault, will have biometric screening, which requires a handprint from authorized personnel.

The first phase of renovations will begin on the second floor, and bring new offices to house executive staff. The second phase will finish the renovation of the second floor by adding new work areas for operations, and supporting back-office staff.

The third phase will add a new meeting room, break room and public bathroom on the first floor. The fourth, and longest, phase includes a revamped lobby area.

"Employees will be impacted dramatically. They will be uprooted and moved around, some multiple times," said Ackerman. "The customers are going to be impacted much less, but they're going to find one day the door may be barricaded off and they will be directed to a side door."

Bank employee Fate Harper said he has no concerns about the renovation, even though he was moved from his office upstairs to work in a closet downstairs. Harper said he loves working temporarily in the small space because eventually he will get a new office upstairs.

## Book fair at middle school

The Scholastic Book Fair is here at Bradford Middle School! There are a lot of great, new books for everyone. Take off on an adventure, make new friends or laugh your head off. Visit the book fair at Bradford Middle School Nov. 13-17.

In addition to school hours, the book fair will host a special grandparents breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 8-9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Senior expo fun and informative

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office's sixth annual Senior Expo will take place Thursday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join the sheriff's office for lunch at the Bradford County Senior Center as well as music and entertainment, raffles and games, and information booths and guest speakers.

Senior citizens 55 and up enter for free. The senior center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave.

in Starke. For more information, please call Gretchen Brooks at 904-966-6918 or Christi Hudson at 904-966-6179.

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## Scouting alums asked to help new generation

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have a deep connection to this area. Boy Scout Troop 70 has been continuously chartered since 1937 here in Starke. Many successful men have roots to their scouting life here in town. The list of those who earned the prestigious Eagle rank in Troop 70 is very impressive, including fathers and sons who passed down the adventure of scouting. The Starke Rotary Club is the charter organization of Troop 70 and continues supporting this character-building organization. Cub Scout Pack 301 provides the scouting challenge to boys in first through fifth grade. Their charter organization is the First United Methodist Church in Starke. This program teaches in a fun environment. Campouts, hikes, crafts and outdoor living are just a few of the activities conducted. The pack has a dedicated adult leadership staff that provide a fun-filled teaching experience.



In recent years the Scout Hut behind the public library has been showing its age. Troop 70 Scout Master David Lee is asking past scouts to once again get involved. A scouting alumni association would be a win-win situation and help keep the proud tradition of scouting available to a new generation. Those who contribute can expect their donations will remain local, said Lee, promising transparency. The help is needed, especially for poorer families who cannot afford to participate. "I can assure you that any help provided would be used on local scouts and not leave Starke. I envision supporting both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; we can only do so many car washes.

All records will be maintained and open for review. Our adult leaders are volunteers and do it for the boys," he said. "We have many needs, uniforms, books, cleaning supplies, and our old camp trailer is beyond repair. This trailer is used to carry camping equipment to and from campouts and storage in between. A complete scout uniform is about \$140 per scout; while some families can afford this, many more cannot." Lee can be reached at 386-623-1090 and dglee2610@gmail.com. A text is preferred, but he said he is available 24/7 to answer any questions you may have about the scouting program. Donations are tax-deductible.

## CHURCH

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church** in Worthington Springs will host Broken But Driven on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call 386-496-2859.

**Pine Level Baptist Church** invites you to hear the Warren Family sing on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m. The musical family



has been traveling for 30 years capitalizing on old-fashioned biblical preaching and "family-style" Southern gospel music.

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

## Worship service to bring community together

This Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m., the Fuse Community Worship Experience will take place at the Bradford High School auditorium. The free event will feature worship leader Torrie Clark, gospel rappers Pastor Casper and C-Dub, Darius Pearl and the Master's Cast, and Goldchylid. Everyone is invited to this community night of worship and prayer for the youth, families, community and nation.

under. Come out and support the players!

## Jewelry and gift sale at the hospital

Come to the Jesse's Girl popup shop in the atrium of Shands Starke Regional Medical Center for buy one get one at 50 percent deal on jewelry and other gifts. The sale will take place Thursday, Nov. 30, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 1, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Onsite monogramming available. Cash, credit cards and payroll deduction accepted. Proceeds benefit the Shands Starke Auxiliary.

## Santa Jam is a musical toy drive

Florida Rocks and Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund will present Santa Jam 2017 on Dec. 10 beginning at 3 p.m. at Whiskey River Saloon. Donate a toy with a \$10 or higher value for admission to the event, which will include music from Pristine Stringz, Chasin' Dixie, Brett Russell, The Hi-Tops and more. There will also be vendors, food and drinks and raffle prizes.

## Your garden and the changing climate

On Nov. 16, Alligator Creek Garden Club hosts Dr. Susan Nugent who will give a presentation titled "Climate Change = Garden Change." Dr. Nugent will also report on other changes around the world that you may not be aware of, but her message is not all gloom and doom. There are things we can do individually and collectively, and she will discuss these. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the senior center. Everyone is invited. At every meeting, there are refreshments and a plant exchange. If you like, bring a snack to share and any plants you wish to pass on to good homes. The Bradford County Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. (U.S. 301) in front of the health department. For more information, call Pat Caren at 352-485-2666.



With Bishop McKnight and his wife, Delois, are family members (back, l-r) James E. and Kendra McKnight, Nick and Candice Jordan with baby Riley Jordan, LaShay McKnight, Laila McKnight, and Devon McKnight Jr. with Devon McKnight Sr.

## McKnight honored for years in ministry

Bishop James E. McKnight Jr. was born in Gainesville, Florida, to Bishop James E. Sr. and Lady Jessie McKnight. As a young boy, he was always serious about the work of the Lord by integrating preaching, praying and teaching into his normal childhood routines. At the age of 18, he committed his life to Christ and served in various capacities including youth minister, deacon, musician, choir president and Sunday school teacher at his local church. In 1985, Bishop McKnight received his call into ministry and later was led to plant a church in Starke. With a clear vision, strong faith, determination and God's help, he founded Starke Church of God by Faith in March 1987. He studied business administration at Santa Fe College and received his license as an ordained elder of Church of God by Faith Inc. in December of 1991. Bishop McKnight is also president and founder of Bradford County Faith Community Center, a faith-based organization that



Bishop James E. McKnight Sr. and Lady Jessie McKnight, the parents of Pastor McKnight.

serves North Central Florida by providing HIV testing and counseling, a recovery program, prison outreach, food distribution and a family literacy program. His dedication and ministry in the Church of God by Faith was recognized by the leadership of the church and as a result, he was recommended as a candidate for Ruling Elder. In December of 2003, he was selected by the National Church at-large and became a member of the executive board. On Dec. 20, 2014, he was appointed and elected by the executive council as the presiding Bishop of the Churches of God by Faith. Since that time, he has launched several innovated initiatives including a National

Prayer Line, expansion of new churches, Second Century By Faith, the renovation of the Ocala Temple, a new Deacon's Training Program, the Church of God by Faith Theological Institute (CTI) and the Financial Solutions Extension Fund. His life and ministry is driven by the fact that, every soul matters to God. His mission is to reach people and develop lives with a message of life and hope. Moreover, his ultimate passion is to resource and help leaders build strong local churches. Bishop McKnight has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Delois Turner McKnight, since 1978 and they have three children and three grandchildren.

## Basketball tournament on Thanksgiving

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will host the 47th annual Charles Jackson Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament Nov. 23-25. Youth will play 6 p.m. nightly and young adults will play at 7 p.m. at the RJE gymnasium on Pine Street in Starke. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 17 and

## 'Coco' showing benefits local schools

Florida Twin Theatre has joined with Communities in Schools of Bradford County to raise funds through a showing of the new Disney Pixar release "Coco" on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6. For group sales, call 904-964-5451.

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Hope Christian Academy students, staff and volunteers recognized veterans and active military during the 12th annual Veterans Breakfast and Program on Nov. 9. Guests enjoyed a delicious country breakfast provided by the HCA students and prepared by staff and volunteers. The breakfast was served by parents and HCA Key Club members. The guests moved to the Hope Baptist Church sanctuary for the program that kicked off with senior Dawson Rosier welcoming the guests followed by the posting of the flags, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem. Elementary students performed recitations and songs, and war veterans and active military were all recognized. The main speaker was Gadara Baptist Church Pastor Shawn House. Terry Denmark, director of operations, introduced the HCA Key Club members who had collected 800 pairs of socks for veterans; he also invited all of the veterans and active military to join him on the platform as the event concluded in prayer led by Hope Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Larry Strickland. Pictured are (front, l-r) SFC Amanda D. Rollins, SGT Natasha Burnham, Chaplain (Captain) Michelle Lawson, Joy Carlton Plant, Cheryl Merritt, Barbara Fischer, Annie Woodell, (second row) Bill Beck - USN, Dewey Ford - Army, James I. Balkom - FLANG, Curtiss L. Robinson - Army, Lee Mann - FLANG, Dean Slocumb - USMC, Claudes Leasure, David Z. Griffis - Army, Seth M. Plant - Army, Thomas C. Clark, Gerald G. Norman, (third row) Rodney P. Hall, Randy Blankenship, Jeff Morgan, Steve Wilburn, Jerry Hansen, James Burnham, Shawn House, Wayne McCarthy, Don O'steen, Jack Frazier, E.S. Stanley, Jerald Bladwin, (back row) Richard Taylor, Ron Winterburg, Jose Palacios, Justin Simon, William Hersey, Victor Griffis, D.L. Munden and Glenn Merritt.



Lorna Reddish with Carter and Big Papa



Michelle Lawson and her sons

**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Florida Green Finance Authority ("Authority"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of Baker County, Florida; Bay County, Florida; Bradford County, Florida; Calhoun County, Florida; Citrus County, Florida; Clay County, Florida; Columbia County, Florida; DeSoto County, Florida; Dixie County, Florida; Flagler County, Florida; Franklin County, Florida; Gadsden County, Florida; Gilchrist County, Florida; Glades County, Florida; Gulf County, Florida; Hamilton County, Florida; Hardee County, Florida; Hendry County, Florida; Hernando County, Florida; Highlands County, Florida; Holmes County, Florida; Jackson County, Florida; Jefferson County, Florida; Lafayette County, Florida; Liberty County, Florida; Madison County, Florida; Monroe County, Florida; Nassau County, Florida; Okaloosa County, Florida; Okeechobee County, Florida; Putnam County, Florida; Santa Rosa County, Florida; St. Johns County, Florida; Suwannee County, Florida; Taylor County, Florida; Union County, Florida; Wakulla County, Florida; Walton County, Florida; Washington County, Florida, and any additional counties or municipalities of the State of Florida subsequently joining the Authority's statewide program for financing the cost of providing energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively "Qualifying Improvements"). The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and only imposed by the Authority with the prior written consent of affected property owners who wish to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Authority. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., EST, December 7, 2017, at the Town of Mangonia Park Municipal Center located at 1755 East Tiffany Drive, Mangonia Park, Florida 33407. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of the Authority's Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410. All interested persons are invited to attend and present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Authority through its Manager at 2501A Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410. Written comments should be received by the Authority on or before December 1, 2017. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing. In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact Special District Services, Inc. at 561-630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing. DATED this 19th day of October, 2017. By Order of: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLORIDA GREEN FINANCE AUTHORITY

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**NOTICE**  
The City of Starke is conducting a comprehensive review of its Land Use Plan Map in an attempt to identify any properties that may have been unintentionally impacted by previous zoning and land map changes. Any landowner who has reason to believe their property is improperly zoned should contact the Zoning Office at City Hall, 209 N. Thompson St. by the close of business on November 28, 2017. If you have questions surrounding this issue, call the Zoning Office at (904) 368-1332.  
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**NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Act Statutes Sec. 83.801-83.809, NOTICE: A Public Auction will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M. at C & C Mini Storage 1650 S. Walnut Street, Hwy 301 South in Starke, Florida. The following units contents will be sold to the highest bidder, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold.  
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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m. December 7, 2017 at the Bradford County Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 for the following:  
Renovation of residence located at: A. 405 East Market Road, Starke, FL 32091  
A mandatory walk through is a prerequisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. If you plan to submit a bid, a representative of your firm must attend the "walk through" of the unit to become familiar with the property and the scope of work to be completed. No contractor shall visit the subject property for any reason without first making arrangements with the County and owner. All contractors must have proof of Residential, Builder, or General Contractor's License, proof of Liability Insurance, proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (or Exemption Card), a statement of non-discrimination, and at least two references from previously completed jobs. Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on December 7, 2017 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested persons in the County Commissioners meeting room. The opened bids will be read into public record and preserved in the custody of the Community Development Department. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline and in a sealed envelope marked, "Sealed Bid, S.H.I.P." and received by 2:30 p.m., December 7, 2017. Questions to be submitted in writing to the Community Development office at kelly\_canady@bradfordcountyfl.gov or Fax (904) 966-6384 no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017. The County reserves the right to reject all bids when in its best judgment they are too high or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County that the bids be re-advertised. Pursuant to Section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, Bradford County WILL NOT offer a local preference for this project. It is the policy of the County to promote equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin.  
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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER**

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on October 26, 2017: Keystone Airpark Authority 7100 Airport Road permit # 93470-3. The project is located in Clay County, Section 31, Township 7S South, Range 23E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 1.75 acres for a new FBO building and parking lot known as New FBO Facility and Site Improvements. The receiving water body is Crystal Lake.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St. Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.) If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/nor\_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
Juanita Amieva  
Last known address of:  
10017 Factory Ave.  
Hampton FL 32044  
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility

by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.  
Terry L. Vaughan  
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. Box 58  
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C  
Starke, FL 32091  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**  
Notice is hereby given that KAPILDEV CORP., owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of BRADFORD INN & CAMPGROUND located at 1757 N TEMPLE AVE., STARKE, FL 32091 in Bradford

County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**  
SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/07/2017, 9:00 am at 10875 US Hwy 301 HAMPTON, FL 32044, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**  
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## Veterans are why America's great

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
*Staff Writer*

America is great. That's what Brig. Gen. Trey Chauncey proclaimed to the crowd he was speaking before. He explained America isn't great because he says it is or believes it is, and it isn't great because those in the crowd say it is or believe it is. It is great because of the freedoms all of us as Americans enjoy.

Who's to thank for those freedoms? Veterans.

At the Veterans Day ceremony at the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, keynote speaker Chauncey and the assembled crowd had the chance to do just that — express their thanks.

"Those freedoms were won and defended by veterans," said Chauncey, who is the Florida Army National Guard's assistant adjutant general for Training, Installations and Programs. "The men and women who put the ideals of country before themselves. Today, we honor all who have served and those



Dr. George Cressman (left), the president of the Camp Blanding Museum Association and Rep. Bobby Payne, as well as Camp Blanding Commander Col. Matt Johnson (background), stand for the pledge of allegiance.

who are still serving. Today, we say thank you. Today, we stand up for the men and women who fought for us and returned home with the scars and wounds of wars, both visible and invisible."

Chauncey said so many of us know someone who has served or is currently serving, especially considering the nation has been at war or in a persistent state of conflict since 9/11. He added, however, that those in service constitute less than 1 percent of America's population.

"The military experience is one which is nearly incommunicable," Chauncey said. "Even less so is the experience of combat. Those who have not served and have not seen combat, in truth, can never fully understand it."

"Today — Veterans Day — we gather to honor all those who willingly and in previous decades even unwillingly have

done the often unpleasant work of protecting our nation. We honor all of those who have stood between us and war during times of peace, offering everything of themselves to preserve that very peace. As someone once put it, "Those who have given Uncle Sam a blank check for any amount up to and including their lives."

Those who participate in combat sometimes receive awards for acts of valor, but Chauncey said such honors are not coveted.

"Often those who have served will balk at accepting accolades and titles such as heroes," he said. "That is because war is an ugly thing. Veterans, I would submit, do not serve to garner such titles for themselves, by and large. Rather, they serve for the sense of duty and an instinctual understanding of the need to defend what they hold most

dear." At a recent meeting in Washington, D.C., that involved Army senior leadership, Chauncey and others talked about the Army's readiness for possible future threats, "while hoping and praying that peace soon breaks out."

Though peace is the desired outcome, Chauncey said good can come out of war, explaining that the good is the preservation of a society that allows for what Sir Thomas Aquinas referred to as "human flourishing." Chauncey elaborated by paraphrasing Founding Father and President John Adams: "I must study politics and war that my sons and daughters may have the liberty to study mathematics, philosophy, natural history, agriculture and navigation in order to give their children the right to study painting, poetry, music and architecture."

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Brig. Gen. Trey Chauncey speaks about what veterans mean to America and its freedoms.

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# Dr. Joelle Simon loves to help others with her skills

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
UCT Editor

Imagine knowing what you wanted to do in life at the age of eight. Knowing what you wanted to do and how you wanted to do it. With a physician for a father, and a dedication to really helping people, local physician Dr. Joelle Simon has made her childhood dream into a passion for medicine that she said she would follow even if she were a millionaire and did not need to work to earn her living.

Simon and her family immigrated to the United States from the island of Haiti when she was eight. The family first lived in Maryland, where her father (who was already a practicing pulmonologist in Haiti) did a residency in psychiatry at a Johns Hopkins University-affiliated hospital. When he completed his studies, the family moved to Starke when he accepted a job at Florida State Prison as a psychiatrist.

Simon attended Hampton Elementary School, Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School. She then moved south to attend Nova Southeastern University, studying to be a Doctor of Osteopathy (one of two academic tracks one can follow to become a doctor).

"Osteopathy is a more holistic approach to medicine than MD training," Simon said. "We are taught to take the whole person

into account and part of this is training in the healing and calming power of touch."

When she graduated, Simon did her residency in Miami, then worked in the West Palm Beach area for about four years as a part of a rural health center. She remembered one of the centers she worked at was in Indian Town, where many of the patients and their families were migrant workers.

After having her two sons, Simon decided to move back to Starke and her family.

"I was working and I had my kids in before-school care and afterschool care and was beginning to feel like I was allowing strangers to raise my children for me," she said. "I decided to move back home and let my mother help me raise them instead."

Upon her return, Simon first worked with local chiropractor Dr. David Sikes in a dual practice for a couple of years, then had her own practice for another two. She then joined with Shands Starke and is now both an attending physician and medical director.

In addition to her work at Shands Starke, where she works in family practice medicine, she is also an attending physician at Riverwood Healthcare and is involved in an outreach ministry with Grace Community Baptist Church that helps women who

want to overcome addictions to drugs and/or alcohol.

"Medicine is my great love, but outreach to women is a passion for me," Simon said. "To help women grow and improve through overcoming obstacles in their lives is a wonderful thing to do and I enjoy helping any way I can."

Although she seems to have enough on her plate to keep her busy, Simon still finds time to mentor and encourage her two sons, who are now in college, with one majoring in mathematics and the other in computer science. She said she also likes to spend a little quiet time reading, either faith-based literature or general fiction.

She said she also felt she was obligated to assist her patients in every way possible to take the best possible care of themselves. This has motivated her to reach out to them, many of whom had never had insurance before the advent of affordable healthcare, on the insider tricks of getting the most for their money from their insurance.

"When New Year's Day 2018 rolls around in a few short months, the slate will be wiped clean and everyone will get a fresh start to another new year," Simon said. "Unfortunately, this means that the tally of healthcare expenses you have incurred in 2017 which count toward your deductible."



Dr. Joelle Simon is pictured with her sons Jaron (left) and Jonathan.

Simon said many people did not understand that at the start of the year they began to accrue an expense tally which eventually totals up to the threshold where insurance will often begin

paying most, if not all, of their medical costs. She said people need to check and see if they have reached this threshold, or are close to it, and take the opportunity for savings offered by having any needed medical tests or procedures they may need before the first of the new year.

"This is the ideal time to maximize your plan benefits and save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars out of your pocket," Simon said. "Also, people with Flexible Spending Accounts need to check on their balances because the IRS requires that these pre-tax dollars, set aside for healthcare-related expenses, be depleted by the end of the year or forfeited. Taking 15 minutes to set up appointments now could save you a significant amount of money."

## Relay for Life car show is Nov. 18 in Starke

The Bradford-Keystone-Union Relay for Life will hold a car show on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the town square located off of East Call Street in Starke.

More than 30 awards will be presented. Door prize drawings will be held for all who show vehicles.

If you would like to enter a vehicle, the entry is \$10.

The event also consists of Relay team yard sales, vendors, a 50/50 drawing and, of course, nice vehicles from all over north Florida.

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Senior citizens 55 and up enter for free. The senior center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. For more information, please call Gretchen Brooks at 904-966-6918 or Christi Hudson at 904-966-6179.

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# Tigers rally for first-ever trip to state finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Playing volleyball should be fun. That's what Union County High School head coach Jordan

Windham has preached to her team throughout the season. No matter what happens, go out and enjoy the game.

The Tigers had plenty of fun on Nov. 11, rallying

to force a tiebreaker set and then teaming up to defeat visiting Williston 3-2 (29-27, 17-25, 18-25, 25-22, 15-10) to win a Class 1A semifinal and earn the right to play for a state championship for the first time in program history.

"It feels amazing," said Taylor Beatty, one of the team's four seniors. "I'm so thankful we have the opportunity to go to state."

Union (14-11) will play four-time defending champion Sneads (25-4) on Friday, Nov. 17, at the University of North Florida Arena at 1 p.m.

"It's really overwhelming," senior Madelyn Kish said. "This has just been our goal the whole season. We want to play Sneads." Beatty added, "I am thankful to God that we have this opportunity to go because that is the only way we have won so far."

Their semifinal win against Williston (21-5) wasn't quite as dramatic as their Region 3 championship win over Lafayette — a match in which they were one point away from losing 3-1 — but the Tigers still had to rally from being down two sets to one.

"These are my heart-attack kids," Windham said. "They get me every time, but this is my dream team. They fight, they give it all they've got and they don't stop until we come out on top."

Union trailed 15-14 in the first set until getting two consecutive kills from Beatty. Another kill by Beatty later in the set put the Tigers ahead 18-15. It was 23-22 in favor of Union when a service point by Emily O'Neal put the Tigers one point away from the win. However, a tip by Williston's Arena Acree forced side-out. After another Williston point tied it at 24-24, Beatty had a kill to force side-out, but a service error gave the ball back to the Red Devils.

An attack error put Williston up 26-25, but Kish, following a Union time out, had a kill that landed just fair in the back corner to give the serve back to the Tigers. Beatty then recorded a kill in the same corner to put Union ahead 27-26, but another tip by Acree forced a side-out. Union was able to force

another side-out, however, and eventually close out the set with Madison Adams serving. A back-row kill by Kish provided the winning point.

Kish and Beatty finished with 27 and 23 kills, respectively.

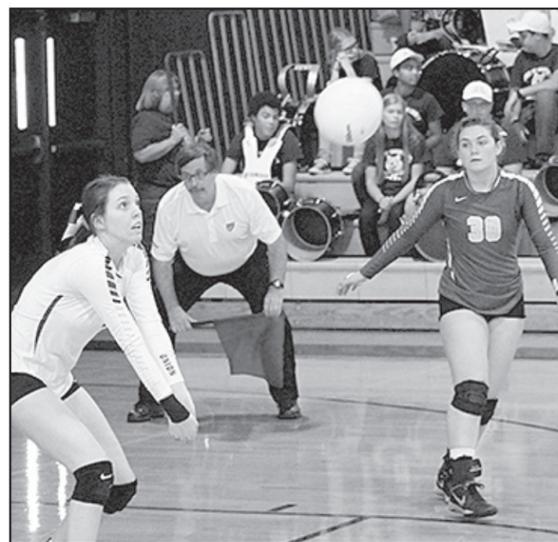
"They stepped up," Windham said. "It was more than I could ever ask of them. We've been pressing that in practice this week — really pressing to have an aggressive offense because we do have such seniority and leaders in our hitters. They both make very good decisions."

The Tigers found themselves in a must-win situation as they dropped the second and third sets. Kish said, "We got together and were like, 'This is our last home game and could be our last game forever. We just have to come together right now, play our hearts out and leave everything on the court. If we walk out of this gym regretting something we didn't do, that's going to be the worst feeling in the world.'"

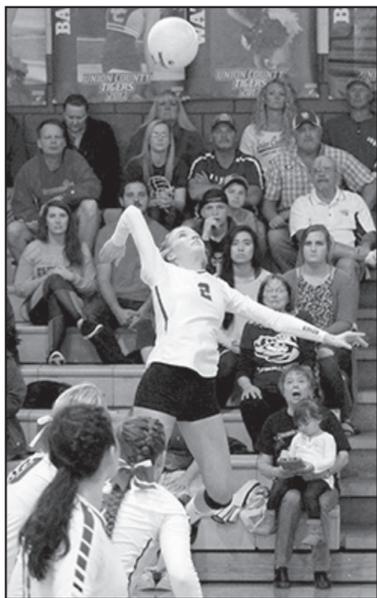
Beatty said she and her fellow seniors — Adams, Kish and Brooke Waters — were not ready for their volleyball days at UCHS to end.

"We just don't want that," Beatty said. "We want it to last as long as possible."

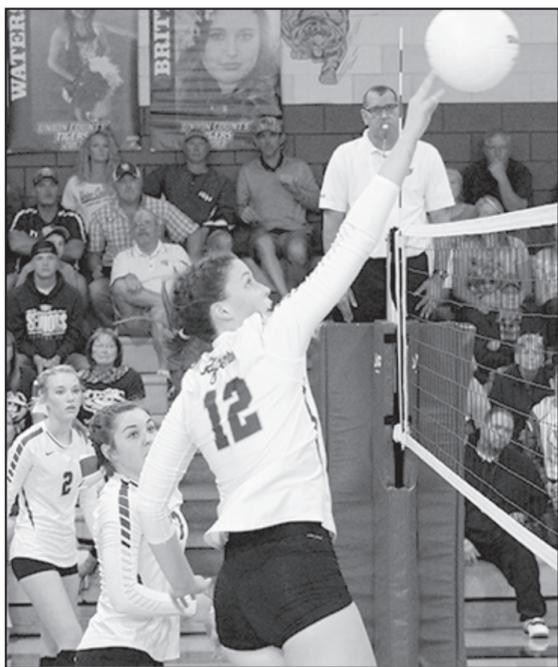
Kylie Stevens had two kills during a four-point stretch with Beatty serving to give the Tigers



Madelyn Kish (left) prepares to make a pass from the back row as Brooke Waters looks on.



LEFT: Kylie Stevens goes up to spike the ball in the Tigers' 3-2 Class 1A semifinal win over Williston, which has them now playing for the state title for the first time in program history. BELOW: Taylor Beatty sends the ball over the net as teammates Madison Adams and Stevens look on.



# KHHS' Jackson competes in state golf tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School freshman golfer Camilla Jackson placed 45<sup>th</sup> out of 93 in making her second straight appearance at the Florida High School Athletic Association Finals for Class 1A, which were held Nov. 7-8 at Mission Inn Resort and Club in Howie-in-the-Hills.

Due to tying scores above her, she actually had the 24<sup>th</sup> best score, which was 163. Golfers at state play two rounds for a total of 36 holes. Jackson shot an 82 in the first round and an 81 in the second.

"She just could not get any putts to fall either day," Keystone head coach Billy Jackson said. "Although a little disappointed with her scores, she is very thankful for the experience and vows to practice harder over the

next year."

Ariel Yu, a sophomore at Orlando's The First Academy, had the top score: 135 (68/67). She and her teammates helped

The First Academy win the team championship with a score of 565.

Jackson placed 41<sup>st</sup> at last year's finals.

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## Thank you for support of Veterans Day

Dear Editor:

On behalf of The American Legion Post 56 Starke and all veterans, we would like to thank all who attended Charlie Schaefer Veterans Park to commemorate Veterans Day on November 11th.

We would also like to express our appreciation to those who assisted in the ceremony, the Bradford Jr. ROTC for their assistance with the flag ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem.

The speech by USAF (retired) Col. John F. O'Sullivan Jr. was timely and inspiring.

Earlier in the week some of our members were honored to attend a celebration of veterans by the faculty and students of Bradford County at Southside Elementary.

In closing we would also like to thank all those who took the time to thank a veteran for his or her service and those merchants who offered Veterans Day specials and a free or discounted meal, with a special tip of the hat to Grannies Restaurant for the POW/MIA Table and to WEAG for the public service announcements.

Post 56 is a family oriented

non-alcohol post and would like to invite all veterans to join us for coffee and conversation Monday through Saturday between 7:30 am and 10:00 am and consider becoming a member.

Raymond Hunt,  
Post Commander

## Why was Melrose tree removed?

Dear Editor:

Hurricane Irma hit us pretty hard, especially the trees. Two of our biggest trees in Melrose Heritage Park came down, one into the road, one falling part way, still partially rooted and propped up by branches. Citizens quickly worked to cover the roots of that tree and cut away the broken branches. The tree was doing fine, a monument to survival after Irma, and to our love of Florida's trees.

We knew there were concerns about the possibility of kids climbing this tree and falling off, and we wanted to bring in more soil to raise the ground under the high part of the trunk.

Then, without warning on Sunday, a Sunday, no less, the tree was removed. Who would do that? It was obvious there was a desire to save the tree. So who would do that? Not someone

committed to Democracy, or even the value of dialogue.

Citizens are outraged, because this destructive act has no remedy. All we can do is vote, because our opinions have no value whatsoever.

Fran Rossano  
Melrose

## Clay Electric dialogue is informative

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing this dialogue, because it might be informative some of your readers. I am responding to the letter to the editor from Clay Electric's Derick Thomas, published on Nov. 9.

I hope he understood I was not criticizing the hard work and the service Clay Electric provided after Irma, given their absolute reliance on electric lines running through the trees.

I don't always read the Kilowatt, but I signed up for info about solar power when several years ago I saw in that newsletter an offer to keep a list of people interested in solar when it came. I've never received any info as a result of joining that list. Right now, most people, including me, can't afford to buy and install solar panels, with or without

advice from Clay Electric.

Maybe there have been articles about solar power coming to Hardee County, and maybe there was something about putting solar on the roofs of Clay Electric's new facilities. I couldn't find anything about that on their website, nor did any of my friends know about this plan. I'm glad to find out they will be making productive use of their new roofs. I wish that for everyone.

Solar power can be used temporarily in a home without the distribution lines. It requires a converter, which (I'm guessing) people must have if their power is going into the grid (meter running in reverse). It also must require a shut-off valve or something, so that electricity doesn't flow into the grid when the wires are damaged.

The cost of solar panels is coming down, and more people will be buying them and running their meters in reverse. What I am suggesting is apparently novel, and outside Clay Electric's current business model. There are problems with this suggestion, I'm sure, but it is not rocket science. They could figure it out if they wanted to.

Clay Electric could devise a plan to buy solar panels cheaply in bulk like private co-ops do, and install them (with converters) on

the roofs of everyone who wants them. Retaining ownership, Clay Electric would continue to sell them the power (this is the stumbling block they would have to fix). During emergencies, the panels would provide power to some limited appliances when the sun was shining, thus avoiding catastrophe.

Also avoided: the use of private generators, which are noisy, smelly, expensive, require buying gas, and kill people dumb enough to use them inside.

I'm glad Clay Electric is no longer pushing the use of coal, one of the dirtiest fuel sources we have. The real switch they are making is to fracked gas, which brings another set of problems, from earthquakes to leaking pipelines to unregulated methane emissions, also really dirty.

Because, as the Clay Electric representative told us, the solar component is 2.2 megawatts now, 40 megawatts in the near future. The new fracked gas facility is 1000 megawatts. There is just no comparison. A new power plant will last what, 40 years? So, the real plan is to rely on fracked gas for the foreseeable future. They call it natural gas, same as we've always had. But now it comes from fracking, and causes a variety of dangerous side effects we are just beginning to comprehend.

Kate Ellison  
Melrose

## Powell letter puts things in the right perspective

Dear Editor:

Last week an answer was given to the professor of Santa Fe College in Gainesville by a man named James Powell of Starke. I had wanted to answer the same letter, but Mr. Powell did a much better job that I could have. How true it is that anyone who sees the lack of freedom in other countries such as North Korea, where a young man had his life taken away for taking a piece of paper, can be overlooked when the men of the police forces in our country give their very lives, to protect their very freedom, let alone those men and women in our military service who do the same thing. I thank God Almighty, that as a naval petty officer I got chills whenever I saw our American flag hanged as it should be. Mr. Powell put a lot of things in the right perspective.

America, where she is being led will not perish by murder, she will perish by suicide from within. I thank God my parents taught me God, Family and Country. If you are not happy here, by all means, leave it!

Frank the Baker



LEFT: Emily O'Neal (right) watches Shelby Spratlin make a play from the back row. BELOW LEFT: Seniors Brooke Waters (left) and Madelyn Kish share a hug following the win.



Though the season was on the line, it wasn't a reason to forget about having fun. Indeed, in the team huddle before the fifth set, Tigers players could be seen smiling and laughing, showing no signs of feeling any pressure.

"We just try to make each other smile," Beatty said. "Everyone has to show teeth before every set. We try to encourage each other because if one person is

down, the whole team is down."

Adams, who is the team's setter, dumped a couple of balls over the net along with two Kish kills to help the Tigers take a 9-6 lead in the fifth set. A Beatty kill later made it 11-7 and forced side-out. Union then scored two straight with Beatty serving.

Another Beatty kill made it 14-9 before a side-out gave the Devils the serve trailing 14-10.

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a 5-2 lead in the fourth set. Later, with the score tied at 15-15, Kish had two kills, while Summer Fulgham had a block to put the Tigers up 18-15. Beatty and Kish had two kills each to help Union stay ahead and eventually lead 23-20. Williston pulled within 23-22 before a kill by Millenia Jennings forced side-out. Waters stepped in to serve with a 24-22 lead. A Kish kill sent the match into a fifth set.

On assessing the fourth set, Windham said, "We were able to start keeping up with those longer rallies. We were able to work our defense and read their ball a little more. Then we controlled their offense. Our offense controlled theirs because they had to send over free balls, and they had to make those adjustments. That's where we could get our big swings in, which is something we're so good at. That helped a lot with us being to run our offense."

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A kill by Fulgham ended the match as the Tigers made school history.

"She has stepped up this year," Windham said of Fulgham, who is a junior. "She's been on JV for two years. She never played before her freshman year. Coming in and this being her first time playing (on varsity)... she has just come a crazy long way and has just stepped up."

Beatty added nine service points, three aces, two blocks and 10 digs to her totals, while Kish had 12 points, two aces and 26 digs. Adams had 58 assists and 11 digs, while Waters had 21 digs.

O'Neal added 10 digs, while Stevens and Fulgham had seven and five kills, respectively.

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# Tornadoes advance with 27-7 win over Indians

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Tally Chandler rushed for two first-half touchdowns to help lead the Bradford High School football team to a 27-7 Region 2-4A semifinal win over visiting Keystone Heights on Nov. 10.

"Anytime you can beat a rival — it's tough," Bradford head coach Brian Tomlinson said. "To do it in a playoff game is big. We wanted one more round. We've got it now."

Bradford, which now hosts Dunnellon (8-2) for the Region 2 championship on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m., broke a five-game postseason losing streak. The Tornadoes (9-1) had not won a playoff game since defeating Tavares 42-12 in the 2004 Class 2A regional finals.

"I know it's been a while, but wow," Tomlinson said. "I'm proud of them. They did a great job."

Keystone (4-6) is now 0-9 in postseason appearances. The Indians did what head coach Chuck Dickinson wanted them to do in putting together several time-consuming drives, but they just couldn't capitalize on several opportunities, including having a first down at the Bradford 25 in the second quarter trailing 14-0 and having third-and-goal at the 1 in the third quarter when trailing 21-0.

"Bradford's got a good football team," Dickinson said. "We knew we had to control the ball. At times, we did. We just didn't finish."



**Bradford running back Tally Chandler (far left) follows teammates Trace Barber and Chris Cummings, who is blocking Keystone's Trey Horton in the Tornadoes' 27-7 win in the Region 2-4A semifinals. It was Bradford's first playoff win since 2004.**

Bradford struck pay dirt the first time it had the ball. Jeremiah Vaughn began the drive with a 28-yard run to the Keystone 27 and followed that with a 7-yard run. Chandler then carries of 5 and 14 yards before he found the end zone from a yard out with 8:17 to play in the first quarter. Zion Barber's PAT put the Tornadoes up 7-0.

Keystone picked up two first downs on its second possession on a pair of 3-yard runs by Blake Sanders. Quarterback Adrien Ciena fumbled on first down from the Keystone 38, recovering for no gain. Sanders was then held to no gain by a host of Bradford defenders, including Taz Curry. Bradford's

D.J. Mackey pressured Ciena into throwing an incompletion on third down, forcing the Indians to punt.

The Tornadoes answered with another touchdown drive. Keystone's Carter Semione tackled Chandler for a 6-yard loss that forced Bradford into a third-and-14 play, but Barber connected with Isaiah Crum on a 44-yard pass play that resulted in a first down at the Keystone 21. Three plays later, Barber scrambled for a 14-yard score. He added the PAT to put Bradford up 14-0 eight seconds into the second quarter.

"We wanted to start fast, and we did," Tomlinson said. It would be a while before

Bradford's offense saw the ball again as the Indians put together a seven-plus-minute drive. After a pass interference penalty gave Keystone a first down at its own 34, the Indians gave the Bradford defense a steady diet of Sanders, who had 10 straight carries for 41 yards, moving Keystone to the Bradford 25. The back, who finished with 150 yards on 32 carries, twice picked up first downs on third- or fourth-down plays.

The Tornadoes' defense stiffened, with Gerald Smith sacking Ciena for a 5-yard loss, which, along with an illegal-procedure penalty, forced the Indians into a third-and-20 play. Ciena completed a 10-yard pass

to Briar Smith, but his pass attempt on fourth-and-10 was incomplete.

Bradford drove 75 yards to take a three-touchdown lead before halftime. Chandler, who rushed for 75 yards on 10 carries, started the drive with a 20-yard run and followed that with a 24-yard run to the Keystone 31. Vaughn then had an 11-yard reception before carrying the ball for a 5-yard gain to the 15. An 11-yard run later by Chandler set up first-and-goal from the 1. Chandler scored from there with 1:53 left in the half. Barber's PAT made the score 21-0.

Keystone recovered an onside kick to begin the second half. The Indians held the ball for more than six minutes, with two of their three initial first downs coming on Bradford penalties. A pass-interference call put Keystone at the Bradford 10. After a 3-yard carry by Briar Smith, an offsideline call on the Tornadoes put the ball at the 3. Ty Friedlin had a 2-yard run to the 1 before Smith was held to no gain by Bradford defenders such as Mackey and Gerald Smith. Keystone was backed up by an illegal-procedure penalty, setting up fourth-and-goal from the 6. Ciena scrambled away from pressure and made his way toward the end zone, only to be held up at the 1 by Mackey and Nathan Davis.

After the turnover on downs, Vaughn was tackled for no gain,

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**Keystone Heights High School football player Dan Dodd**

## KHHS' Dodd gets Army All-American Combine invite

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Is everything bigger in Texas? For Keystone Heights High School junior Dan Dodd III, the football stage will definitely be bigger as he will be one of 600 players from across the country showcasing their skills at the National Combine at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Jan. 4-6 in San Antonio.

Dodd actually received two invitations to the combine based on his performances at football camps. He realizes how rare such an opportunity is.

"I was really excited," Dodd said. "Players from Keystone don't get that too much. It's kind of a high-level thing — a lot of exposure."

As his mother, Kristi, put it, "He got the golden ticket."

The combine measures speed, strength, quickness and football skills, while also providing seminars on recruiting, leadership and improving speed and strength.

Dodd, a 6-4, 265-pound lineman, said what he looks forward to the most at the combine is the chance to battle it out one on one with other players.

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# Tigers' season ends with 50-6 loss to Cowboys

BY KIM BOX  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

To no one's great surprise, the Madison County Cowboys stamped the Union County Tigers 50-6 in a Region 3-1A semifinal game Nov. 10 in Madison.

Perseverance has been the

code word for what is left of the Tigers team.

Plagued by injuries, the crutch-and-sling brigade grew in number the last few games of the season. Before Friday's game, they even lost their not-so-secret weapon, running back Charles Strong, to a hand injury requiring surgery the day before

**A Madison County player is corralled by Union County's Jackson Pilcher (far right), while another Tiger, Dawson Johns (far left) arrives to help finish the play in Union's 50-6 loss in the Region 3-1A semifinals. A banged-up Tigers squad ended the season with a 6-5 record.**



the big game.

Spectators had not been seated long, with 6:05 left in the first quarter when the Cowboys (11-0) put their first six points on the scoreboard. They never stopped or slowed through the entire first half, running up a 41-0 score by the time the Fighting Tigers Band took the field for its nearly perfect "Swinging to the '60s" performance.

When the Tigers (6-5) blocked the Cowboys' first PAT, spirits soared. But by the last play of

the first half, the Tigers had to be wishing the agony would just end so they could begin the long trip home.

In a final attempt to score before the halftime buzzer, Alex Perez attempted an overly ambitious field goal, which fell short. It was truly unfortunate since Perez has faithfully stood on the sideline with tee in hand all season long, kicking anything asked of him. He has rarely missed a PAT throughout the season, but did that in this game

as well. Most of Perez's missed PATs were usually the holder's blunders. Almost every one of his punts was perfectly placed. In fact, this missed field goal was perfectly placed — just short.

With such a great season, it was too bad he will remember this game as his last. Perez, a kicker who learned most of his kicking skills on the soccer field, will graduate this year. He will only play football in college if offered a scholarship.

As if to follow his teammate's insult with a slam, Maurice Strong sacked the Cowboys' quarterback on the last play of the half. The defense, as usual, expended great effort throughout the game.

Amidst tears of nostalgia — not bitterness — after the game, some seniors were very emotional as their last game of high school football ended. Others were so jovial you would have thought they had won the game.

Parents, family, friends and fans, who hung around after the game, were also in good spirits. The pervading atmosphere was one of relief that the season had

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"You see, those latter things are the things that truly constitute human flourishing because they are the most uniquely human things we can do," Chauncey said. "These, along with family, church and community, are what, at the end of the day, make life truly worth living, but in order that these things may be practiced, there must always be, as someone once said, rugged men and women standing ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us."

"So today — Veterans Day — I encourage you to remember and honor veterans, but less because of what they have done and more because of what their service represents — that is, a space for robust civil society and human flourishing. A country

worth dying for must be worth living for."

Rep. Bobby Payne was a platform guest and spoke briefly as well. Payne talked about how this year marked the 99<sup>th</sup> observance of Armistice Day/Veterans Day and expressed his thanks to those who have served or are currently serving.

"Today, I stand here as the son of an Army colonel who had the opportunity to spend much of his youth here on Camp Blanding. I'm proud to stand to honor our men and women who serve in uniform. We thank them. We thank their families. Our thoughts, our prayers and the gratitude of our nation, our state and our communities are with them."

"They are the cornerstone of our American character, our liberty and our freedom. God bless our veterans, and God bless our country."

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finally ended after the major decline it took in the last half.

"I love you guys," head coach Ronny Pruitt told seniors on behalf of the coaching staff. "Thank you for the privilege of being your coaches."

To younger players, he said, "Young guys, you got great experience."

Pruitt promised players that, after the game, he would feed them like kings, so the bus headed for Burger King before the ride home.

Even though the game was a loss, Sidney Johnson, Tevon Lee, Jaylon Diston, Hosea Robinson and others still played excellent games. Pruitt, in a rare offering, presented the game ball to one of his senior players, Joe Syzmanski, who scored Union's only touchdown of the game.

"I normally don't do this, but I'm going to give the game ball to someone who has worked hard all season long," Pruitt said.

All in all, the uninjured Tigers who could actually play in the game had addressed most of the "little things" about which Pruitt had been concerned. For a welcome change, almost every penalty of the game went against Madison County, not Union.

From the scoring facts of the game alone, it is obvious that something changed for the Tigers in the second half. They only allowed the Cowboys to score nine points compared to 41 in the first.

On their first possession of the

second half, Madison County kicked a 39-yard field goal. With 1:13 left in the third quarter, they scored a touchdown, but that was called back because of a facemask penalty. The Tigers' defense held them until the third down when they scored the touchdown again, adding the PAT. The score was 50-0 with 9:53 left in the fourth quarter.

The next Tiger possession was priceless. After receiving the punt at the 24, Lee carried up the middle to the 30, bringing up second-and-4. The Tigers carried 3 more yards on the next two downs. They pushed through the final yard for the first down. You would have thought they won the game. Everyone was so excited — about a first down!

On second down, the Tigers' quarterback completed a pass to Syzmanski after faking to another receiver. Syzmanski ran 30 yards to score the Tigers' only touchdown. By this point, no one even cared that it was their only touchdown — they were just delighted to have one.

A Tiger celebration erupted in the final seconds as they received the last Madison County punt. Their excitement about scoring six points rivaled that of the Cowboys with their victory.

"I'm so proud of you," Pruitt said. "Keep your heads up."

While Madison County may have backed off a bit and become a little sloppy in the second half, Union County quickly reminded them that they were not named Tigers for nothing. They fought and fought hard the entire game and the entire season.

Pruitt said, "I told you to keep swinging, and you did."

## OBITUARIES



John Adams

### John Adams

ATHENS, GA— John Edward Adams, 73, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. He was born in Starke and resided in Athens, GA. Mr. Adams was a son of the late Henry Herlong "Doc" Adams and Norma Jean Mosley Adams. He was a real estate appraiser and worked as a banker for C&S Bank.

He is survived by: Joan McWaters Adams; children, Sam (Jenna) Adams of Hartwell, GA and Amy (Will) McCormick of Cocoa; stepchildren, Valerie (Josh) Giles of Winterville, GA and Jessica (David) Cox of Anderson, SC; one brother, Bill (Denise) Adams of Kingsley Lake; one sister, Jane Farnsworth of Starke; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Nov. 5 at the chapel of Bernstein Funeral Home, Athens, with Howard Cox officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Outdoors Without Limits, 333 Briarwood Trail, Winterville, GA 30683. Bernstein Funeral Home and Cremation Service had charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at [www.BernsteinFuneralHome.com](http://www.BernsteinFuneralHome.com).

PAID OBITUARY

### Evelyn Bass

BROOKER— Evelyn Juanita Bass, 61, of Brooker died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. She was born to John Bell and the late Julia Lyons. She spent most of her adult life in Brooker. She attended Bayless Highway Baptist.

She is survived by: her husband, Jay G. Schrom; sons, Samuel Jacob "Jake" Young, Jack Barnette "JB" (Rachel) Emerick, and Louis Bryan Bass; brothers, John Allen Bell and William Roberts; sister, Anita Bright; nine grandchildren; and one

great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held at Bayless Highway Baptist Church on Nov. 10. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.



Timothy Coleman Sr.

### Timothy Coleman Sr.

LAWTEY— Timothy Coleman Sr., 59, of Lawtey died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 at his residence. Born in Hartford, CT on April 9, 1958 and later moved to Lawtey, he served in the United States Army.

He is survived by: his wife, Amanda Coleman; mother, Louise Coleman; children, Shameka Coleman-Jones of Canal Winchester, OH, Mahogany Coleman, Willie Coleman and Lee Gaines all of Lawtey, Aisha, Keshia, Timothy, Robert (Prince), Preston Coleman all of Hartford, CT; sisters, Earlene Hales of Salisbury, NC, Patricia Earls of Columbus, OH, Annie, Lovie Mae, and Lisa all of Lawtey; brothers, Horace Nichols, Joe Nichols, Johnny Nichols and Ben Nichols all of Florida; 23 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many other family members.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 6 in the True Vine Outreach Ministries Church with Elder Ross Chandler conducting the services. Interment was held in Pectusville Cemetery. Conducted by Haile Funeral Home Inc, Starke.

### Angela Eason

SPRING, TX— Angela Carnes Eason, 36, of Spring, TX died suddenly on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017

following an accident. She was born in Hialeah on June 11, 1981 and graduated from KHHS in 1999. She was a stay at home mom, who recently returned to school to finish her education.

She is survived by: her husband, Paul Eason, Jr.; daughter, Rainey Strickland; step sons, Paul Eason, III and Payton Eason; parents, Michael and Penny Carnes; sister, Pamala Cambor; and many other family members.

A private service will be held at a later date.

### John Gregory

DELAND— John Lawrence Gregory, age 93, of Deland passed away Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at the Alliance Community Facility in Deland. He was born Dec. 26, 1923 in Jacksonville, son of the late Joseph and Marguerite Gregory. John attended Orlando High School where he met his sweetheart in chorus. He then attended the University of Florida until just after Dec. 7, 1941. He first enlisted with the Navy, where he was told he wasn't pilot "material". John and Clarice were married May 15, 1943. He joined the Army in October of 1943, where he made high scores on his pilot's exam. During this time he piloted Martin B-26 "Marauders". After the war he returned to Florida, where he was the first person Delta hired in Jacksonville. He was one of the first air traffic controllers. In 1953 he was called up to fly B-29's in Okinawa. After six months he returned to the FAA at the Air Route Traffic Control Center as a controller and then a watch supervisor in Jacksonville. He retired after 33 years. John was an avid golfer, he played in many tournaments and enjoyed golf courses around the world. He also was on the State Board of Missions of the Florida Baptist Sate Convention, and was a deacon at the First Baptist Church for many years. He is predeceased by his wife, Clarice; son, John Lawrence Gregory, II; two brothers, Chandler Gregory and Robert Gregory.

Survivors are: his children, Bruce Allison Gregory and Kimberly G. Passwater; as well as two daughters-

in-law; one son-in-law; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mr. Gregory were held on Sunday, Nov. 12 at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com) 352-473-3176.

PAID OBITUARY

### John Helwig, Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— John William "J.W." Helwig, Sr., 64, of Keystone Heights died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was born in Ft. Lauderdale on July 7, 1953 to the late Capt. Richard and Betty (Fisler) Helwig and had served in the United States Army. Prior to retirement he was a crane operator.

He is survived by: children, John Helwig, Jr. of Keystone Heights, Shane Helwig of New York and Jenny Maynes of Vermont; brother, Wayne Helwig of Middleburg; half-brother, Richard Lantagne of Ohio; sisters, Janet Swails of Citra, Kathy Kowalski of Ohio and Margaret Nelson of New York; two granddaughters; and the mother of his children, Linda Dawson Helwig of New York.

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

### Card of Thanks

*We, the family of the late Mr. Timothy Coleman Sr. would like to say thank you for all the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your calls, thoughts, and prayers. May God bless each one of you.*

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**Kathy Hobbs**

## Kathy Hobbs

STARKE—Kathy Casey Hobbs, 60, a beloved and respected teacher and Apple Distinguished Educator, passed away surrounded by her children on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at 5:18 am in the care of Hospice ET York in Gainesville. Born as Mary Kathryn Casey at Bradford County Hospital in Starke on Dec. 26, 1956, she has continued to reside in Bradford County for her nearly 61 years.

A proud graduate of Bradford High School and alumnus of the University of Florida graduating in 1977. She taught at many schools in the Bradford County School District and spent two years in the Orange County School District.

During her time as an educator, she brought thousands of dollars and cutting edge technology to the county through grants. She inspired generations of students through her innovative teaching approach. Upon retiring as an educator, she served as Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Bradford County where she continued to provide opportunities for students to succeed in life by connecting them to community resources.

Kathy's late parents, Tom and Barbara Casey, instilled within her the belief that everything was a life lesson. By exposing her to many people, places and experiences, she developed an infectious zeal for life she shared with others.

A selfless adventurer with a suitcase half-packed, Kathy was ready to take off at a moment's notice. She offered those who journeyed with her a once in a lifetime experience and unforgettable memories.

Some of her greatest accomplishments in fact are not her many awards, but her heartfelt compassionate love for family, her "children" and for serving others that will continue to impact generations to come.

She is preceded in death by her husband, the Honorable Johnny R. Hobbs and is survived by her children; Christopher "Peet" and Sierra, Will and Brittany and her precious grandchildren, Peyton, Kairi and Liam. She also leaves behind her brother, Levi "Lee" Casey and his family.

A Celebration Ceremony honoring her life will take place on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 5:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in her behalf to CIS of Bradford County, 113 E Call St. Starke. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com 904-964-6200.

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## Ina Klise

ALACHUA—Ina Lee Ellis Klise, 76, of Alachua died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017. She was born on Feb. 24, 1941 to the late Eugene Ellis and the late Mattie Norman in Alachua County. She is preceded in death by: brothers, Marion Ellis and Grady Coleman Ellis.

She is survived by: children, Sandra Jones, Lesa Roe, and Mike Benton; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A funeral service was held at First Methodist Church on Monday, Nov. 13. Arrangements are under the

care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.



**Kerry Royalty**

## Kerry Royalty

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Kerry Royalty of Keystone Heights passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 surrounded by loved ones. He was 56. Kerry was born in Louisville, KY and graduated from Nelson County High School. He was a talented artist, truck driver and loved playing the guitar. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lee Ann.

He is survived by: a daughter, Hannah Royalty of Keystone Heights; parents, Marshall and Shirley Royalty; sisters, Stacey (Randy) Rose and Paige (Jeff) Cousins; nephews, JP, Spencer and Jacob and a host of relatives in Kentucky.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 4 pm at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 SE 75th Street, Starke. This will be a casual event with a bonfire. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Green Cove Springs. 904-284-7720.

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by: his parents, Billy and Gloria Meek; and his brother, Jack Meek.

Tim was a driver for Lewis Oil and the US Postal Service as well as a mechanic with Fisher's Auto in Gainesville. He was active in Melrose Youth athletics for many years with his children. He was a member of the Brothers of the Sword and was also known as "Earl the Pearl" a nickname that stuck from boyhood basketball games - Tim was the "Earl" of many things, the earl of laughter and story telling. The earl of friendship as he counted all he met as friends and brothers. He was an avid Gator fan and truly appreciated his Chiappini's and Betty's Pizza families. He was loved by his large extended family of an aunt and uncle, cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews. Tim had the gift to make everyone feel at home. We will miss him and cherish those memories. God Speed dear brother until we meet again.

Tim is survived by: his children, Katie (Shaun) Burgin of Starke, T.J. Meek and Justin (Jessica) Meek of Melrose; his sisters, Becki Smith of Starke, Theresa (Woody) Long of Keystone Heights and Charity Emmons of Melrose; his grandchildren, Mattox Burgin, Kinslei Meek, Avery Burgin, Ktoei Meek, Paislee Burgin, and Rihanna Cooper.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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(Edith), Michael (Brittany), and Mark (Estelle); two daughters, Sharon (Dan) Beardsley and Sheryl Basco; two sisters, Harriet and Leona; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Randolph Slawinski

EARLETON— Randolph Ray Slawinski, 74, of Earleton died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation in Starke. He was born Oct. 7, 1943 in Owaso, MI to the late Rudolph and Rosalie Slawinski. He has lived in Earleton the last 17 years. He is predeceased by his parents.

He is survived by: his wife, Louise Henning Slawinski of Earleton; daughter, Tina Louise Slawinski of Norfolk, VA; sister, Roxi Johnson of Alameda, CA; brothers, Andrew Slawinski of Filer, ID; and John Slawinski of Oakland, CA.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

care. Donations can be mailed to Brad Parker, 5100 SE 1st Street, Trenton, FL 32693.

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**Betty Tracy**

## Betty Tracy

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Surrounded by her family, Betty Jean Montague- Strickland-Wayshner-Tracy was called to her eternal home with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2017. Betty was 88 years young, a lifetime resident of Florida, and a member of the Keystone Heights Church of Christ. Betty was the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Sarah (Loka) Montague. Betty was preceded in death by: her sister, Catherine Holt; and her two brothers, Robert and James Montague.

Betty is survived by: two daughters, Cathy (Boone) Hardin and Sarah (Melvin) Monk, two grandchildren, Linda (Joe) McGhghy and Kelly (Joe) Hagan; four great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren, and one brother, Halbert Montague.

Services for Betty will be held at the Keystone Heights Church of Christ at 6963 Hwy 21 North on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 11:00 am with a Visitation one hour prior to services. There will be a reception held at the church immediately following the services.

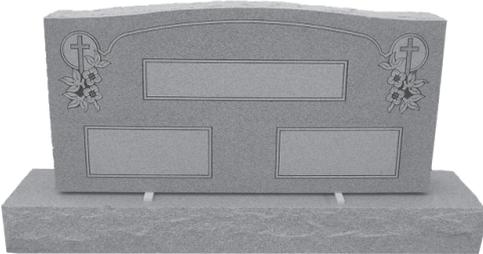
Special thanks Dr. Michael Rozboril, Michelle Minnick, Carolyn Donathan and Laurie Thrift for the special loving-care that they provided for Betty.

The family requests that in lieu of flower arrangements that donations be made to Community Hospice Foundation (4266 Sunbeam Rd Jacksonville, 32257) for the wonderful care provided by their providers Dr. Bobby Lafferty, Chris Salvatore, Lee Sillasen, Susan Haselwood, Jackie Carmicle, Rebecca Frye and Jennifer Schroder. Arrangements are under the care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home, Gainesville.

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**Annamay Sanderlin**

## Annamay Sanderlin

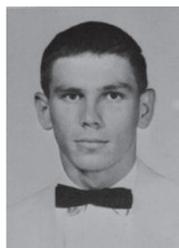
STARKE—Annamay Sanderlin, 81, of Starke passed away on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017. Annamay was born in Salem, NJ, where she lived nearly all her life. Annamay enjoyed working with children and visitation. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church. Annamay leaves her beloved family to cherish her memory.

Annamay Sanderlin is survived by: her husband of over 62 years, Richard Sanderlin, who she loved dearly; three sons, Richard Jr.

**Timothy Meek**

## Timothy Meek

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Timothy Curtis Meek, age 58, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was born in Tampa Nov. 6, 1959 and moved to Belmore at age four. He attended school in Keystone Heights and was a member of the KHHS Great Class of 1977. He was preceded in death



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# ARRESTS

## Bradford

Troy Lamorris Aaron, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for two felony probation violation charges. No bond was allowed.

Theresa Ann Benner, 54, of Lawtey was arrested Nov. 12 by Bradford deputies for simple assault—threat to do violence. According to the arrest report, Benner threatened to harm the victim in front of a deputy that had been called to a residence for a domestic dispute.

Helen Leann Boardman, 29, of Starke was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$100.

Joshua Adam Carlyle, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for two charges of misdemeanor probation violation. No bond was allowed.

Hao Chen, 22, of Gainesville was arrested Nov. 7 by Lawtey Police during a traffic stop for reckless driving. According

to the arrest report, Chen was clocked doing 68 mph in Lawtey when an officer started pursuing him. Instead of stopping, Chen sped up to over 90 mph, heading north on U.S. 301 as the officer drove at speeds over 100 mph to catch him. Chen finally pulled over at the Clay County line and stated he was trying to get to his sick mother in Jacksonville.

Matthew Wayne Collins, 26, of Middleburg was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for failure to appear. No bond was allowed.

Candice A. Elixson, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for failure to appear.

James Brandon Harsey, 25, of Middleburg was arrested Nov. 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed.

Joel Benjamin Hayes, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies on warrants for two charges of possession of synthetic

narcotics—with intent to sell and for two charges of selling synthetic narcotics. According to the warrant affidavits, Hayes twice sold Buprenorphine, an opioid, to confidential sources of the drug task force in October and December 2016. Bond was set at \$40,000.

Dwayne Deshaun Hendricks, 22, of Starke was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies for misdemeanor probation violation. Bond was set at \$698.

Lashanta Marie Johnson, 31, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

John Patrick Kent, 32, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 13 by the Florida Highway Patrol during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked—third or subsequent offense and on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Madison Layne McClellan, 19, of Raiford was arrested Nov. 11 by Starke Police for 12 charges

of criminal mischief—property damage under \$200, possession of marijuana—not more than 20 grams and for seven charges of possession of drug equipment (see Telegraph A-section for more information). Bond was set at \$100,000.

Shane Patrick Mroz, 24, of Starke was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence—with property damage. According to the arrest report, Mroz was driving on S.R. 100 east when he left the roadway and crashed into a guardrail, disabling his vehicle. A deputy responded to the scene. Mroz failed the field sobriety exercises, leading to his arrest. Bond was set at \$35,000.

Alessandra Darrella Pittman, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Daniel Dewayne Reese, 32, of Starke was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for battery. Bond was set at \$25,003.

Christopher Lee Smith, 33, of Hampton was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies for battery, and for resisting an officer—obstruct without violence. According to the arrest report, deputies were dispatched to a residence in Hampton about a domestic altercation. Smith had been drinking and arguing with his girlfriend and restraining her with his hands when she called law enforcement. When a deputy arrived, Smith wouldn't speak with him and attempted to go inside the residence and shut the door. The deputy got his foot in the door, but Smith still wouldn't cooperate and started walking to the back of the home, disregarding the deputy's order to stay where he could see him. The deputy then struck Smith with his Taser and handcuffed him. After being treated by EMS, Smith was transported to jail, with bond set at \$10,000.

Timothy Jerome Stewart, 25, of Jacksonville was arrested Nov. 13 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked—habitual offender. Bond was set

at \$10,000.

Dakota Matthew Webb, 19, of Hampton was arrested Nov. 9 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Christopher Steven Wilburn, 43, of Starke was arrested Nov. 11 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for driving under the influence—alcohol or drugs. Bond was set at \$3,000.

## Keystone/Melrose

Jason Travis Cross, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 9 by Clay deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Kaylee Marie Fowler, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested Nov. 13 by Clay deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

## Union

Nicholas David Cyr, 36, of St. Petersburg was arrested Nov. 7 by Union deputies on a warrant for felony probation violation. No bond was allowed.

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# ARRESTS

**Union**  
Justin Clayton Todd, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested Nov. 11 for driving while license suspended or revoked and

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As a deputy was heading to the residence, he observed Todd driving a vehicle. He eventually conducted a traffic stop on and arrested him for DWLSR. Todd already had a trespass warning

on him for the same residence, leading to the trespassing charge. The following day after a No Contact Order with the victim was imposed on Todd, he was released from the jail.

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**SALARY: \$10,000.00 annually.**  
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but Barber then broke free for a 74-yard run to the Keystone 25. A 15-yard run by Vaughn then set up first-and-goal at the 10, with Vaughn scoring on a run from there to make the score 27-0 with 3:51 remaining in the third quarter. Barber's PAT was no good.

Vaughn finished with 83 yards on 11 carries, while Barber's 74-yard run gave him 106 yards for the game on just five carries.

Sanders carried the ball on

seven of the ensuing series' first eight plays as the Indians moved to the Bradford 26. Crum ended the threat when he intercepted a fourth-down pass in his end zone and returned it to the Bradford 30-yard line.

Keystone, which was defeated 33-0 by Bradford during the regular season, avoided the shutout with a 60-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter. Runs of 6 and 12 yards by Sanders and Briar Smith, respectively, resulted in first downs, while an 18-yard run by Sanders set up first down at the Bradford 12. After a 3-yard run by Smith,

Sanders had a 6-yard run to the 3. Smith then carried it to the 1, setting up a Sanders touchdown run with 15 seconds left. Alex Cruz added the PAT.

"I'm proud of our kids and the effort," Dickinson said. "We played hard the last two games of the year to get a chance to get into the playoffs."

The Tornadoes now prepare to meet Dunnellon for the third straight time year in the postseason. Dunnellon, which defeated Bradford 35-6 in 2015 and then 48-21 last year, is coming off a 49-7 win over Trenton.

**Keystone quarterback Adrien Ciena (center) tries to fight his way into the end zone, but he's held up at the 1-yard line by Nathan Davis (left) and D.J. Mackey. The Bradford defense didn't give up a score until 15 seconds remained in the game.**



## KHHS boys soccer opens with 1-0 victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Jacob Hopkins scored the lone goal in the Keystone Heights High School boys' soccer team's 1-0 season-opening win at St. Francis on Nov. 13.

Hopkins scored off Landon Ricketts' corner kick in the 65th minute. Goalie Caleb Cushman had five saves.

The Indians hosted a preseason tournament on Nov. 11, defeating Clay 1-0 and Trinity Christian 7-0.

Alex Cruz scored the goal in the win over Clay off an assist from Cushman. Cushman, in the net, had eight saves.

Cruz and Hopkins scored three goals each in the win over Trinity Christian, which also featured a goal from Ricketts. Ricketts also had two assists, while Hopkins and Kaleb Dockery each had one.

Cushman made two saves.

Keystone plays at Suwannee on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:20 p.m. before then traveling to Gainesville to play Eastside on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:20 p.m. On Monday, Nov. 20, the Indians travel to play West Nassau at 7:20 p.m.

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"That's when the coaches get to see what you're made of," he said.

The 40-yard dash is an area he'd like to make some strides.

"All my measurements and stuff are pretty solid," Dodd said. "The thing I'd like to get better in is my 40. You always want to get faster."

Dodd received his first combine invitation in April while participating in a regional FBU (Football University) showcase in Orlando — a showcase in which he received the defensive MVP. He then received another while participating in the FBU Top Gun Showcase in South Carolina in July.

It was all part of quite a busy time for Dodd. He participated in camps at such universities as Kentucky and Maryland, where KHHS graduate and former Auburn player Jimmy Brumbaugh coaches.

Dodd said he has received interest from a lot of schools, including South Florida, LSU, Kentucky, Boston College and Harvard. He admitted he has one dream school he'd love the chance to play for.

"Everybody in my family is a Gator," Dodd said. "Gainesville's 30 minutes down the road."

Wherever he winds up playing, he'll be following in the footsteps of his father, who played football at the University of West Georgia.

"It'd be cool," Dodd said of him and his father both having the opportunity to play college ball.

Dodd's National Combine experience will make up just part of his trip to Texas. On Jan. 14, he'll be a member of the True 19 Florida all-star team that will play against Georgia in Dallas.

In all, it'll be a great way to start 2018. Kristi Dodd said, "He's not happy unless he has cleats on."

Being part of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl National Combine is certainly a thrill, but what if Dodd got the chance to play in the All-American Bowl itself following his senior season at KHHS?

"That would be absolutely amazing if I got to play in that game," Dodd said. "There are so many great athletes in that game. It's just crazy."

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