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## Schools have new science curriculum

The Bradford County School Board voted their approval of the science curriculum from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grades K-12, and from EMC2 for Anatomy and Physiology at the March 12 board meeting. Parents and residents shall have 30 days in which to request reconsideration of the materials. If requests for reconsideration are received within the 30-day window, a hearing before a hearing officer shall be conducted to resolve potential issues before materials are purchased. The link to the request for reconsideration can be found at [www.bradfordschools.org](http://www.bradfordschools.org), or a hard copy can be picked up at the Student Services Department at the district office.

## Poster and speck contest for students

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a poster contest for kindergarten through 12th-grade students and a speech contest for sixth- through 12th-grade students. The theme of both contests is "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home." Posters must be turned in at the Bradford County Extension Office before April 3, and speeches will be given at the April 3 conservation district meeting at 10 a.m. The top three speakers will receive a gift card. The best speaker will go on to the next level in the statewide contest. Poster submissions will be judged, and the top three posters in each grade division will receive a gift card. The best poster in each division will go on to the next level in the statewide contest. Contact Paul Still at [stillpe@aol.com](mailto:stillpe@aol.com) or call him at 904-368-0291 about the rules for each contest. The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on April 3 at 9 am at the extension office. There will be reports on the status of district projects and activities. The board will hear a report on litter and possible improvements to county boat ramps and updates on the Chemours discharges and the construction of the Edwards Bottomlands Project across Alligator Creek at the Edwards Road Park. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. There is a vacant supervisor seat on the board. Anyone interested in being appointed to that position should attend the April meeting to learn about the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District. Contact Still for more information.

## Democrats meet Monday

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet on Monday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Capital City Bank community meeting room, 350 N. Temple Ave. in Starke, just north of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center. All Democrats are welcome.

## Logo committee touts better life in Bradford

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

While it is still a work in progress, a Logo and Slogan Committee formed by the Bradford County Commission has submitted a design commissioners deemed worthy of further development.

The committee consisted of Pam Whittle, president of the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton and Amanda Seyfang, assistant supervisor of elections.

Seyfang told the commission they looked at what other counties had done and then thought about imagery consistent with Bradford County. Matthew Barksdale in the supervisor of elections office helped put the ideas on paper. The result is a concept that will be turned over to a graphic artist for a final design.

"While we are proud of the work we have put into this, what we have provided is in no way a finished product," the committee said in a letter to the commission.

Prominent in the design are the rays of sunshine and colors representing clean air, the waves of local lakes and the green of the county's lush pastures and forests. Superimposed over it all is the strawberry that has become symbolic of Bradford's identity as a rural farming community.



From the quality of the graphics to the font choice, the new Bradford County logo is still a work in process, but it's work the commission approves of.

These elements emphasize the natural beauty of Bradford County, evoking outdoor recreational opportunities, an appreciation for the environment, and the county's agricultural roots and economy.

Seyfang said they wanted the logo to have ties to the past while being a modern representation of Bradford

County.

The imagery is accompanied by a slogan that declares "It's better in Bradford," a proud but not uncommon sentiment for the people who call the county home.

See LOGO, 6A

## Starke 'powerless' to oppose utility relocation costs

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

The days of opining where are long past, and a railroad overpass is being built over State Road 100 in the city of Starke — even if the city commission would rather turn the project away than shoulder the cost of moving it above and underground utility lines.

The Florida Department of Transportation is building the project on its right of way and any additional right of way it must acquire, both to provide emergency services a way across the railroad and to ease congestion by moving traffic through town. The city can move its utilities within the right of way or vacate it altogether.

That is the reality, although that is not the approach FDOT has taken with the city. While its comptroller did not find reason to grant the city's hardship waiver — Starke does, after all, have most of the \$2 million FDOT paid the commission for bypass right of way in the bank — the agency has offered to loan the city the required funds at no interest, allowing 10 years to pay the money back.

The project could cost the city a

minimum of \$400,000, not including construction costs or the cost of having its own engineer oversee the work. One small glimmer of hope is that the comptroller will reconsider the hardship request once construction cost figures have been added to the engineering and design costs. If not the city will be stuck with the entire bill.

The commission complained that the city's future economic outlook was not being considered. The state's bypass and overpass projects could have negative economic impacts for Starke. The overpass will wipe out tax-paying properties and businesses. The bypass could draw business out of town. Unfortunately, the review is being based on recent fiscal years, not anticipated outcomes.

John McCarthy, FDOT's utilities administrator for the district, told the commission if the city's economic reality changes, then a hardship waiver may be reconsidered. If it accepts a loan from agency, the balance of the loan could be forgiven.

Commissioner Wilbur Waters said the overpass is the state's project and asked why the city should be

burdened with paying for it.

The city's options are to accept FDOT's offer to pay for the project and pay the agency back over time or to pay for the project out of pocket.

"We don't have the option to say, 'No, thank you. We choose neither of those options.'?" Mayor Janice Mortimer asked.

The project will proceed, McCarthy said.

"You ask why the department can make you do it. It's department's right of way. Your facilities are in the right of way by permit, and by statute, if we go to improve our highways, you are required to relocate or vacate our right of way."

McCarthy said he hopes they never get to that point. If the city refuses to cooperate, FDOT could carry out the project, performing the utility work and billing the city.

The city is faced with the same situation with the state's plan to replace the U.S. 301 bridge over Alligator Creek. The projects won't even be staggered; they are expected to take place concurrently. Engineering

See COSTS, 7A

## Deputies: National Guard Sgt. raped 11-year old boy

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Clay County deputies arrested a National Guard sergeant at Camp Blanding on Wednesday, March 14, after an 11-year-old boy told law enforcement officials the man raped him.

According to court papers, James Edward Bowman, 28, was arrested for three counts of sexual battery on a victim under 12 years of age.

Two victims, one eight and the other 11, both described two encounters

Bowman had with the older child. Although the 8-year-old is described as a victim in the reports, court papers sent by the sheriff's office do not specify the defendant's interactions with the younger child.

The 11-year-old told DCF workers and detectives that on President's Day 2018, the victim accompanied Bowman and his family on a camping trip to Camp Blanding and that during the trip the defendant penetrated him without a condom.

The following month, the victim said that while taking a shower in the defendant's home, he noticed that Bowman was watching him.

He added that the defendant then walked over to him, grabbed him by the hips and sexually touched him.

When Clay County Sheriff's Detective Marvin Page and a DCF worker interviewed Bowman at Camp Blanding, the defendant refused to answer questions.

In other Clay County arrests within the Lake Region:

Gary Edward Boyd, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 14 by Clay deputies for selling methamphetamine.

Alysha Jay Kapp, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 15 for grand theft.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that in January, she showed some of her jewelry to the defendant so that the defendant might repair it. Soon after the inspection, the victim discovered a necklace and pendant missing. The victim said she found the missing jewelry at a Gainesville pawn shop. Deputies traced the pawn transaction to the defendant's boyfriend of 10 years.



Bowman

## Quilters spread their sunshine



On Wednesday afternoon, March 14, members of the Sunshine Quilters group sat around a table at the Bradford County Senior Center sewing their labels onto some very special quilts — special because they were made with love and because they were headed to people, young and old, who need the comfort. Waiting to accept the donation was Ben Carter from Bradford County Emergency Medical Services who explained the quilts could be placed in ambulances and used provide warmth and safekeeping to the patients they are treating and transporting — literal security blankets. Pictured at left with Carter are (sitting) Pam Moore, Laurie Allen, (standing) Susan Keding, Kathy Still, Peggy Denmark, Beckie Burkett, Dorothy Bartlett and Pat Stewart. The Sunshine Quilters meet at the senior center on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. and welcome sewers of all skill levels as well as donations of materials and supplies.



## Candidates filing for county offices

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Local political races are taking shape with a number of seats open at the county level, and municipalities are holding elections later this year, too.

The county commission seats for Districts 2 and 4 already have contested races, and the incumbents have not yet signed up. In District 2, Jamie Clemons has announced, as has Chad Brown. In District 4, Tom Germano and Mitchell Gunter have filed to run.

District 2 covers most of north and north west Bradford County, including Heilbronn Springs, Pleasant Grove and Lawtey west of U.S. 301. District 4 includes the east side of S.R. 100 south of Starke down to the Santa Fe Lake area and stretches west to include Hampton and the Hampton Lake area.

The seats are currently held by Kenny Thompson and Danny Riddick.

Districts 1, 2 and 5 are each electing a school board member. Incumbents Sheila Fayson Cummings and Erica Mains Reddish have filed to run again in Districts 1 and 5. Gayle Shuford Nicula has filed to run for the District 2 seat, currently held by Charnelle Whittemore, who has not filed.

District 1 includes east Lawtey and all of the area east of 301 down to State Road 16 in the city of Starke as well as a small portion of the city west of 301 just

south of Market Road. District 5 is most of western Bradford County south of County Road 229, including Sampson City and Brooker.

School board races are nonpartisan. County commission races are not, although both Brown and Clemons are running with no party affiliation. Germano and Gunter are both Republicans.

There are no constitutional offices up for election this year, but two seats currently held by Paul Still and Pam Whittle are open on the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District. To learn more about the board, attend an upcoming meeting. They meet next on April 3 at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office.

The primary election date is Aug. 28, and the general election is Nov. 6. The last day to register to vote in the primary or change political party is July 30. For the general election, it is Oct. 9. Polls will be open on election days at precinct sites from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but there will also be early voting periods at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 13–26 for the primary and Oct. 22–Nov. 4 for the general election.

In addition, you can request a ballot to vote by mail. The deadlines are Aug. 22 for the primary and Oct. 31 for the general election. For a ballot or for more information on elections, call 904-966-6266 or go to [www.bradfordelections.com](http://www.bradfordelections.com).

Federal and state races up for

election this year include senator and congressional representative, state representative and circuit judge, and governor, attorney general, chief financial officer and commissioner of agriculture.

### City elections

In September, Starke could see a major shift in leadership with three commission seats up for election. Districts 1, 3 and 5 held by Danny Nugent, Travis Woods and Wilbur Waters will be decided Sept. 4.

Hampton's election will take place right alongside the general election in November. In addition to Mayor Dan Williams chair, three council seats currently held by Bill Goodge, Jim Mitzel and Frank Bryant are up for election.

Two Lawtey council seats, now held by Sabrina Roberts and Dale Crary, will be decided in December.

### Running an announcement

Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times and Lake Region Monitor have a policy of allowing candidates in local races to submit one free article announcing their candidacy. The announcement can be accompanied by one photograph. This article and photograph will be run free of charge.

Preferably, candidate announcements and photos should be emailed to [editor@bctelegraph.com](mailto:editor@bctelegraph.com). Otherwise, articles should be typed and

## Clemons declares run in District 2

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office submitted by the candidate. Submissions can be emailed to [editor@bctelegraph.com](mailto:editor@bctelegraph.com).

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I am James E. Clemons, better known to most as "Jamie," a lifelong resident of Bradford County. I graduated from Bradford High School in 1992 where I met my high school sweetheart, Barbie (Thomas) Clemons. I've been blessed with 24 years of marriage and three fantastic adult children, Dillan, Dalton and Kayla.

I am the son of Jimmy Clemons (Donna) and Arlene (Vanzant) Clemons. My grandparents are the late Roy and Ethel Clemons and Carl and Myrtle Vanzant. We proudly live in Heilbronn Springs where I was raised and where we have been so fortunate to raise our children as well. My wife and I are members of First Baptist Church of Starke. We attend a couples Sunday School class with our loving church family.

Every candidate should be prepared to announce his or her decision to seek office by the final qualifying date for their election. That means the final submission date for county elections is June 22. No free announcements will be accepted after that deadline.



Jamie Clemons

I have owned and operated our family business, Clemons Field Service Inc., for 18 years in Bradford County. At this time, our son Dillan and I run the day-to-day operations with Barbie and Dillan's wife, Kaylyn, running our office. I have been a proud sponsor of our youth and other programs throughout Bradford County for years; children truly are our future.

In May of 2012, I graduated from Gateway College after completing the Florida basic law enforcement program. I was awarded perfect attendance as

well as top gun. While working as a full-time deputy and maintaining a successful family business, I obtained several teaching certificates as well. I am still a reserve deputy with the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and assist in ongoing training efforts.

I have spent the last 18 years in the farming and construction industry. That enabled me to gain a vast amount of knowledge and experience in the areas of road building, drainage and problem solving. I believe this would be a great asset to the citizens in District 2 and Bradford County as a whole. I have also spent much time as a public servant in my position of deputy sheriff. This has given me a unique understanding of the challenges our law enforcement agencies face in today's world.

I think we need strong, accessible leadership in this position that is willing to listen to the needs of the voters as well as someone who can make clear logical decisions to benefit the residents of District 2. I will bring this dedication and work ethic with me to this office.

I am seeking the office of county commissioner, District 2. I would be honored and humbled to have your support to represent a community I love so much.

Additionally, the weekly deadline to submit an announcement for each week's edition is Monday at 5 p.m. We, however, reserve the right to determine when to run these announcements as space availability is a factor.

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## CRIME

### Driver jumps in back seat to fool deputy

Union County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

A Jacksonville man caught speeding on S.R. 121 south of

Lake Butler jumped from the driver's seat to the back seat of his moving vehicle, in an attempt to fool the deputy that was pursuing them.

Kristoff Lyndbergh Jones,



Jones

24, was arrested March 17 for driving with a revoked or suspended license, reckless driving, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and being a fugitive from justice.

According to an arrest report, Deputy James Jankowski was observing traffic on S.R. 121 when he clocked a northbound KIA SUV at 60 mph in a 40-mph zone.

Jankowski wrote that after he got behind the KIA and activated

his lights, the driver refused to stop.

"While passing the Lake Butler Apartments," he wrote, "the vehicle ran off onto the shoulder and kicked up some dirt and dust. The vehicle then drifted into the southbound lane, headed towards an oncoming vehicle."

He added that the KIA quickly swerved back into its own lane and continued north. The driver then drove through and intersection, into a Circle K convenience store and up to a gas pump.

In the driver's seat of the KIA was Paul Thornton.

"Paul appeared nervous and hesitant to answer my questions about his driving pattern," Jankowski wrote.

Thornton admitted not having a valid license.

The defendant was in the back seat.

"I asked Paul to exit the vehicle," the deputy wrote, "and when he did, I could see in plain view, a green, leafy substance with a stem along with a plastic bag in the door handle pocket."

Jankowski said the substance looked like marijuana and later tested positive.

The deputy asked Thornton if the marijuana was his. The man replied that he does not smoke, since he is on probation for a prior DUI.

Jankowski then asked Thornton if he was the only one driving that night.

"Paul paused and shook his head before answering," the deputy wrote. "Paul said he had not been driving at all. ... Paul had been in the passenger seat up until I attempted to pull over the vehicle and that Kristoff was driving."

Thornton added that when Jones realized he was being pulled over, he asked Thornton to switch seats, and the passenger refused.

Thornton said the defendant then climbed into the back seat, leaving the driver's seat vacant, and Thornton then grabbed the steering wheel and got into the driver's seat.

Thornton added that this is when the KIA swerved into the southbound lane, nearly striking a vehicle head on.

Deputies searched the KIA after arresting Jones and found two pistols and a bag of .40-caliber ammunition, along with a butane lighter and a glass smoking device.

Jones is also wanted in Washington State for failure to appear.

In other Union County arrests:

Frederick Lythell Williams Jr., 19, was arrested March 16

by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

### Burglary victim finds stolen property at pawn shop

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Daniel James Drake, 48, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 13 by Bradford deputies for fraud and burglary.

According to an arrest report, Bradford deputies investigated a January 2016 daytime burglary on Southeast C.R. 21B.

Deputies noted that the front door of the home had been kicked in and a window was broken as if someone had tried to gain entry through the window. Deputies also collected a blood sample from the scene that appeared to have been left by the burglar.

In June of that same year, the victim spotted some of the stolen items at a local pawn shop. Detective Hannah Hass traced the items to the defendant and discovered he was incarcerated in the Bradford County Jail for unrelated charges.

When interviewing the defendant, Drake claimed he acquired the jewelry by trading knives out of his car at the Waldo Flea Market.

Hass also sent the blood sample to an FDLE lab, which indicated the DNA in the sample matched the profile of the defendant.

Drake is currently serving one-year sentences in Florida State Prison's West Unit for Bradford and Clay county charges for possession of cocaine, aggravated assault and criminal mischief with property damage. He is also serving five-year sentences from Collier County for possession of a controlled substance, aggravated assault, grand theft, grand theft of a firearm and committing a felony while in possession of a firearm. His current release date is April 6, 2022.

See CRIME, 6A



Drake

## NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



Thursday - March 29, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Camp Blanding Museum  
5629 State Road 16 West, Starke, FL 32091

—HOST—

Maj. Gen. Michael Calhoun  
The Adjutant General, Florida National Guard

—KEYNOTE SPEAKER—

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Richard Capps  
Former Assistant Adjutant General-Army,  
Florida National Guard

—REMARKS—

Representative Ted Yoho  
Florida's 3rd Congressional District

# Springtime in Lawtey



Little Miss and Mr. Lawtey Spring Festival Saniya Thompson and Jensen Norman with Farrah Duhart and Councilwoman Debra Norman.



Lawtey Fire Rescue's Brian Gore, Chief Alex Hatch, Jonathan Mulkey and Kyle Boatwright were on hand to discuss the department and share safety information.



Olivia Scott, wife of mayor Jimmie Scott, talks about the history of Lawtey's Spring Festival.



Farrah Duhart and Debra Norman crown Little Mister Lawtey Spring Festival Jensen Norman. Contestant Skyeleyn Enders looks on.



Saniya Thompson receives her sash from Farrah Duhart as Jessica Brown applauds.



Author Jack Pyle, 97, leads a writing group at the Bradford County Public Library.



Ron Clifflin from CareerSource North Central Florida.



Zumba class members from the Bradford County Senior Center, led by Diane Gaskins (front), show off some of the moves that keep them in shape. Those pictured include June Keefe, Sharon Brady, Jean Kelson, Shirley Wilkerson and Carnell Williams.



Judge Tatum Davis visited the festival, which also featured a car show.



Troxie and Edythe Hill sell spices and Edythe's books alongside author Jack Pyle, who went for a stroll.



Margie Sutton and Kathy Still also danced with the Zumba group, along with Earnestine Williams, Kathy Agan and Joan Whitehead.



Verlean King and Daisy Davis representing the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides job training for senior citizens.

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# Answers hosts 8<sup>th</sup> annual banquet

BY KIM BOX

Special to the Monitor

About 450 attendees and volunteers gathered March 1 at Salvation Army Camp Keystone for the Eighth Annual Banquet of the Answers Health & Resource Facility.

Chief Executive Officer Joanna Weldon described 2017 as a "whirlwind" in which Answers saw God take them "from vision to reality" as their second location in Starke opened its doors last month.

Attendees were seated at tables individually decorated by volunteers. Gabby Fraser, a Northside Christian Academy student, hosted and decorated one of the tables.

Fraser's table featured two inspirational verses. One framed verse read, "There is always something to be thankful for," and another verse was written on a cross and read, "Be still and know that I am God." The verses were complimented by candlelight, scattered stones and several varieties of potted cacti.

"I wanted to do it last year, but I didn't have the resources," Fraser said. "I saved up so I could host a table this year."

Another table's centerpiece was a mound of dirt framed by beans and colored beads. The mound was topped with a few green sprouts and the words, "1 COR 3:6-7," spelled out in beans. That verse says, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

Ken Weaver, the only male member of the Answers board of directors and bi-vocational pastor of LifeSpring Church, welcomed everyone. He offered a prayer of thanksgiving before dinner was served.

"God has done far more than we have asked or imagined," Weaver said.

The Steakhouse in Starke catered a dinner served by youth volunteers from area church youth groups and the Key Club. Other youth volunteers served as parking lot attendants. The meal consisted of salad, chicken kiev, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, sweet iced tea in mason jars and cheesecake with strawberries.

Following dinner, Weldon addressed the group. She began with a prayer and then read a story that she had come across in a book she was reading while preparing for the banquet. She felt strongly led to share the story about a young child who made a paper heart for her mother. The heart was torn, and the mother thought for sure the young girl would be upset.

She instead said to her mother, "Maybe the love gets in easier where the heart is broke."

Weldon said, "Maybe our hearts are made to be broken. God does great things through



Guest speaker Mike Williams



Stephanie Van Zant with an assortment of cake pops.

the wounded. He calls the wounded."

She next said, "We all have broken pieces. I'm going to introduce a broken heart that God put back together, Lindsay Colada."

Colada was the first client served by the G.R.O.W. (Generates Real Opportunities for Women) program initiated in 2017. The program provides women with "a place to develop job skills as a temporary, part-time employee at Answers, readying them for a full-time position in the workforce world."

Colada explained how broken she had been when she found Answers. She worked with

Answers volunteer Bonnie Clark for two years.

"I put my faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior," Colada said through tears. "I now know God has a plan for me. He's got this."

She continued, "I've gone from being a client to working at Answers. Today, I am happy. I have a happy family."

Weldon then announced that, since the banquet last year, Answers started and completed the Starke office. Its approximate value to date is \$180,000, \$60,000 of which is donated labor costs. She thanked all the volunteers and gave a special thanks to construction project manager Frank Bondurant.

"I heard you got a building. Would you like a construction manager for free?" Bondurant said to Weldon back before she even knew who he was.

Sixty-five thousand volunteer

hours were spent on the Starke building. Just before they were scheduled to open, Weldon said she lost two employees.

"I realized we were opening a new office, and I was the only employee," said Weldon. "Shortly, we had four women who came forward to be our voluntary staff."

The Starke office is now a medical facility because Dr. Joelle M. Innocent-Simon agreed to serve as medical director. Bradford County has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates and highest STD rates in the state.

"We can now offer proof of pregnancy, which is a piece of paper needed for pregnant women to get any help; STD testing, which will bring in even more women; and ultrasound so expectant mothers can see and hear their babies," Weldon said.

Clay Electric has given a grant that Answers is using to work on a curriculum for "Learn While You Earn." Clients can earn points and supplies as they complete valuable courses on topics such as budgeting and parenting.

Weldon said, "We are giving them accountability, not just giving them handouts."

The next highlight of the evening was the cake auction. Bill Elrod of Elrod Auctions drove over from his home in Penney Farms to lead it.

The sale of 10 cakes — baked by Nicole Cubbedge, Lori Maxwell, Keystone Cupcakery, Mike Stanley, Lorrie Teate, Alice Douglas, Angela Mosley, Janice Goetzman, Darlene Blye and Virginia Autry and sold in that order — contributed \$7,625 to Answers. That money alone is enough to cover the projected electricity and water costs for the Starke facility for 2018. For the Keystone Heights and Starke facilities combined, Answers' total annual projected expenditures for 2018 are \$158,600.

Virginia Autry's Strawberry Cake sold for the highest price at \$1,750. The Man Cake was built by Mike Stanley with layers of meat loaf wrapped in bacon with a savory sauce. Although Elrod assured everyone that at least \$25 worth of bacon went into the cake, it still sold for just \$300.

Tanya Dennis bought not one, but two, cakes. She first bid on the Lemon Blueberry Cake made by Keystone Cupcakery and sealed the deal at \$625. Next, she bid highest on the Amaretto Cake by Janice Goetzman that went for \$850.

Dennis and husband Jimmy own Ray's Electric.

"Jimmy helps Answers with electrical supplies," said Dennis. "He told Joanna what she needed to get up to code."

The keynote speaker for the evening was Mike G. Williams, Christian comedian and missionary to the Dominican Republic. After his talk, he led the door prize raffle and closed the event in prayer.

Williams explained how he grew up a welfare kid, street kid, Southside kid from Chicago. His mom gave him to the mailman while he was still in her womb.

She said she chose the



Joanna Weldon



Tiffany Sanders with a cake by Virginia Autry that sold at auction for \$1,750.

mailman because he was the only Christian man she ever knew. She made that determination because the mailman told everyone on his route, "God bless you."

The mailman told her that his daughter and son-in-law would love to have her child. They had tried to have a child and prayed for one for 12 years.

"I'm a rescue kid," Williams said.

Williams and his wife rescued their own son from the same situation. He was a teeny-tiny, asthmatic 8-month-old when he came to them.

Williams said most moms in these situations never had a good mom themselves, so they do not know how to be a mom.

"Answers has answers for them," said Williams.

He knows because his son's biological mom went through the "Earn While You Learn" classes. She came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

She then joined the military. The Sisters of Mercy convinced her to trust God to turn trial into

triumph. She was a chaplain's assistant in the military, and she's a nurse now. She even leads children's church at her church.

He closed by saying that his son was recently involved in a "40 Days for Life" campaign. For 40 days, outside abortion centers, groups pray. His son went every day for 40 days. He asked his dad to come with him on the last day because they were going to form a prayer chain and pray that God would take down the abortion center.

"My son is a tough boy and does not cry," Williams said. "He saw two large containers labeled 'Medical Waste' behind the center."

He said, "Daddy, that was what Mom was going to do to me. But God had a better plan for me."

Williams said, "I'm here to say thank you for all those children who will hear 'happy birthday.' You are the children's heroes."

"Joanna and team, we're the foundation behind you," Williams said. "We want to save the children."

## County banning commercial fishing

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

In response to complaints about commercial fishing operations in Bradford County, the county commission has directed staff to develop regulations pertaining to those activities on local lakes.

Bradford County attorney Will Sexton brought up the complaints at the March 15 meeting.

"There is no state law that prohibits it, so there's nothing FWC can do about it," Sexton said.

According to Commissioner Danny Riddick, however,

the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is enforcing commercial fishing regulations in counties that have put them in place.

"It would be difficult for us to enforce that given the resources we have and the sheriff's office has, but FWC indicates that they are happy to enforce it for us if it's something that we're willing to adopt," said Sexton.

The county's cost would be limited to producing signage stating that commercial fishing is not allowed and posting them at public boat ramps.

Describing the activity the commission was being asked to prohibit, Riddick said it involves placing long setlines with hundreds of baited hooks in place.

"I'm talking huge, like, 500-hook at least setlines," he said. "We had an incident at Hampton Lake where some people actually got tangled up in it, and that's what got my attention and

brought me into this."

Riddick said he did not realize long setlines were allowed, and followed up several times with an FWC officer.

"He said in lakes like Hampton and several of the other ones we have in the county, he did not recommend us allowing this to go on," said Riddick.

"I have talked to several fishermen to get their opinions on it, and everybody I talked to, nobody even knew we allowed it. They didn't even know it was going on, but it is going on and that's why I wanted to bring it before the board," he said. "Most of them definitely did not want that type of fishing in the lakes."

Commissioner Frank Durrance said he was surprised the state did not already have a rule in place, asking if a commercial fishing license was necessary. Other commissioners confirmed it was. He asked about the negatives,

See FISH, 7A

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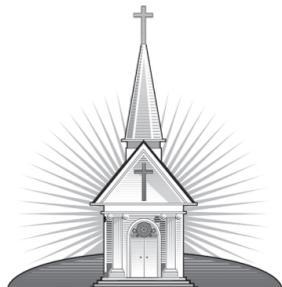
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# Church

**Bayless Highway Baptist Church**, 11798 NW C.R. 225 near Starke, will hold a spring revival March 21-24 at 7 p.m. and March 25 at 10 a.m. with Evangelist Randy Lamb and music from Trinity River Band, Backwood Boys, New River Ramblers and more. Hope to see you there.



**Anchored at Calvary Community Church**, 5091 NW C.R. 229 in Starke, is having a yard sale and fish fry on March 23, and the sale will continue on March 24 with hot dogs and sausage plates with chips and a drink. Donations to the church building fund are also welcome. Come and see what treasure is here for you.

**Revelation Church of Lawtey** on U.S. 301 (newly renovated next to Lawtey Post Office) invites you to celebrate its seventh homecoming anniversary on Sunday, March 25, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The special guest speakers will be Kevin and Anne Durant. For more information, please call 904-226-3053.

**New Covenant Baptist Ministries** will be celebrating its 16th anniversary on March 25 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Rev. Rudolph Lennon and 1st Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Gainesville will be in charge of the afternoon service. The public is invited.

**Pine Level Baptist Church** will host John and Kate Denner in concert Sunday, March 25, at 6 p.m. John is an award-winning pianist and Kate is an accomplished composer. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please contact the church office at 904-964-6490.

**First United Methodist Church of Starke** is holding Holy Week services March 26-29 at 6:30 p.m. Dinners each evening will begin at 5:45 p.m., and there will be a nursery and children's ministry activities each night. Please call or email La-Tanya to reserve your meal at 904-964-6864 or latanyamcbride@firstumc.cc.

**St. Edward Catholic Church** of Starke's Easter Holy Triduum schedule includes the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m.; The Lord's Passion on Good

Friday, March 30, at 3 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; a Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m. and an Easter Vigil that evening at 8:30 p.m.; and Easter Sunday Mass on April 1 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Kingsley Lake Baptist Church**, 6289 Mary Dot Lane near Starke, invites you to its Walk With Jesus and annual Easter egg hunt for children ages 0 to fifth grade on March 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be lots of fun activities and prizes.

**Believers Worship Center** will hold an Easter Egg excitement event Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an egg hunt, free food, music, bounce houses and more. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy. For more information, please call Ronda at 386-614-6430.

**Grace Christian Fellowship Baptist Church** of Worthington Springs will be having an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 31, 2-4 p.m. There will be food, fun and fellowship. Everyone welcome. For more information, please call 386-496-2859.

**Greater Allen Chapel AME Church** will hold its Easter sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. Everyone is invited.

**Hope Baptist Church**, 3900 SE S.R. 100, will host a one-night only revival with Gary Bowling on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

**Starke Church of God by Faith**, 3900 SE S.R. 100, has a food pantry open every first and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon with a variety of food items available to give away.

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

# Library



With a few materials and some hot glue, crafters assembled cute DIY projects at the library to get ready for spring. Patrons put together a burlap bunny wreath, using flowers and painted plastic eggs as embellishments. Pictured with their bunny wreaths are Cyndy Weeks, Judy Mullens, Diane Ennis, Michelle Mello, Priscilla Davis, Sue Crawford, Susan Rasado, Jessica Hall, Vickie Crews, Debra Hall, Loretta Edwards, Debbie Geiger, June Keefe, Bonnie Perea, Linda Jones and Mary Alice Perone.

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

### Good Friday

In observation of Good Friday, Bradford County Public Library is closed on Friday, March 30. For your convenience, online library services are available at [www.BCPLibrary.com](http://www.BCPLibrary.com). The library's book drop is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Books & Brunch

Cheryl Bradshaw's "Eye for Revenge" will take on Karen Cleveland's "Need to Know" at the Books & Brunch Battle of the Books. Read both books and discuss them with us during a delicious lunch at a local restaurant on Call Street. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19. Bring lunch money. Contact Kathy at 904-368-3921 for restaurant information and other details.

### Book donations

Friends of the Library is currently accepting donations for the upcoming 2018 Spring Book Sale. Gently used items can be dropped off at Bradford County Public Library during normal business hours. The book sale is scheduled for May 10 through May 12.

### Garden Tea Party - March 23

Keep your social life active by meeting new people and catching up with friends during the garden-themed tea party for



Another craft involved repurposing empty wine bottles and decorating them with burlap ribbon, jute, and colorful flowers. Pictured above are Kathy Paddock, Bobbie Brown, Williene Moten, Priscilla Davis, Sharon Petiprin, Marilyn Key, June Keefe, Susan Rosado, Loretta Edwards, Vickie Crews, Bonnie Perea, Linda Jones and Mary Alice Perone.

adults at Bradford County Public Library. The Garden Tea Party begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 23. Attendance is free. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. by calling 904-368-3921 or stop by the library's front desk.

### Protect Florida Democracy - March 28

Once every 20 years the Florida Constitution is opened for revision and it's happening right now. Find out what you need to know and how you can participate in the process to protect democracy in Florida. Bruce B. Blackwell, CEO/executive director of The Florida Bar Foundation, will speak at Bradford County Public Library on Wednesday, March 28. The presentation begins at 11 a.m.

### Easter Bunny - March 29

Grab your camera and hop on down to the library to meet the Easter Bunny on Thursday, March 29! The bunny will visit with children from 6 to 7 p.m.

### Teens Tabletop Game Day - April 5

Challenge your friends to a fun card game or choose from a variety of entertaining board games to play at Teens Tabletop Game Day on Thursday, April 5, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Attendees may bring games such as Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering cards as well as snacks. Everyone between the ages of 13 to 19 is invited. Contact Curtis and Amy for details.

### Crazy 4 Art - April 2

The benefits of art goes far beyond the completed picture that can be hung on the wall. It's an activity that benefits the body and mind. It stimulates creative thinking, builds motor skills, encourages understanding and opens the mind. It can be enjoyable hobby or developed into a money-earning skill. Because of the importance of art for children, a grant has been awarded to Bradford County

Public Library to provide additional art programs for ages 5 to 12. Instruction will be designed for children, however, family members are welcome. All materials, including canvases, will be provided to children between the ages of 5 to 12 for free. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, we'll have some fun with mystical unicorns and dragons.

### Stress-free Painting - April 11 and 23

Listen to the soothing sounds of musical legends while your brushstrokes bring comfort to your soul. We call it art therapy. During Stress-free Painting, which begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, and at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 23, you can find inspiration in the artwork of others. Paper and paints are supplied at no cost. Canvas prices begin at \$1. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Children will not be admitted.

## Easter egg hunt at RJE

The third annual Easter egg hunt will be held at the RJE ballfield on Old Lawtey Road in Starke on Saturday, March 31. Sponsored by Concerned Citizens of Bradford County

and people in the community, the free event includes the egg hunt, candy, food, drinks, bounce houses and entertainment. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

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## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the Zoning Map of the City of Starke Land Development Code, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, as follows:

Z 18-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code to change the zoning district from SINGLE FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY (R-1C) to SINGLE FAMILY, MOBILE HOME, MEDIUM DENSITY (R-1D) on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 21, lying East of the Easterly right-of-way line of CSX Transportation Railroad and lying South of the South right-of-way line of East Market Road. Containing 31.45 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, East of the Westerly right-of-way line of CSX Transportation Railroad. Containing 101.36 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Lots 30 and 31 of Harutha Heights, an unrecorded subdivision. Containing 0.37 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section said 21. Containing 10.06 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Blocks 18 and 21 of Knights Addition, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida. Containing 2.41 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All street and railroad rights-of-way. Containing 28.96 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28, lying North of the North right-of-way line of State Road 16 and lying East of the Westerly right-of-way line of CSX Transportation Railroad. Containing 66.29 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All of Block 20, Lots 3 and 4 of Block 33, Lots 3 and 4 of Block 34, Lots 1 and 4 of Block 35, Lots 1 and 4 of Block 46, all of Block 47, and all of Block 48, of Livingston, Truby and Company's Subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida. Containing 3.73 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5, all of Block 8, the South 250.00 feet of Block 9, all of Block 10, Lots 1, 2, 13, 14 of Block 19, and Lots 1, 2, 13, 14 of Block 24, in Livingston, Truby and Company's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida. Containing 7.83 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All street and railroad rights-of-way. Containing 16.79 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying within Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The Northwest 1/4 of Section said 27. Containing 13.43 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All street and railroad rights-of-way. Containing 0.60 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying within Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East right-of-way line of Old Lawley Road and the South right-of-way line of East Market Road for the Point of Beginning; thence Northeasterly, along the East right-of-way line of said Old Lawley Road, 1,179.00 feet to the North line of said Section 22; thence East 333.00 feet, along the North line of said Section 22; thence South 17°48'53" West 1,920.00 feet; thence South 15°00'00" West 887.00 feet; thence South 10°00'00" East 415.00 feet; thence East 500.00 feet; thence North 528.00 feet; thence East 409.00 feet; thence South 504.00 feet; thence East 528.00 feet; thence South 546.00 feet; thence West 183.00 feet; thence South 347.00 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence West 71.00 feet, along the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence South 235.00 feet; thence West 592.00 feet to the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence South 131.00 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence West 341.00 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence South 600.00 feet to the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 22; thence West 645.00 feet to the West line of said Section 22 and the East right-of-way line of said Old Lawley Road; thence North 3,972.00 feet, along the West line of said Section 22 to the Southerly right-of-way line of said East Market Road; thence Southeasterly 448.00 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said East Market Road, to the Point of Beginning. Containing 92.98 acres, more or less.

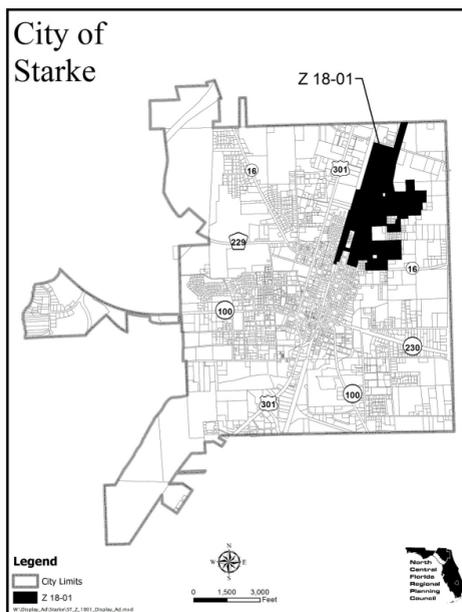
LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the North right-of-way line of Jenkins Street and the East right-of-way line of Old Lawley Road, being also the West line of said Section 22 for the Point-of-Beginning; thence North 357.00 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said Old Lawley Road, being also the West line of said Section 22; thence East 471.00 feet; thence South 158.00 feet to the South right-of-way line of Tom Hall Street; thence West 63.00 feet to the West right-of-way line of said Tom Hall Street; thence Southwesterly 200.00 feet, along the West right-of-way line of said Tom Hall Street to the North right-of-way line of said Jenkins Street; thence West 376.00 feet, along the North right-of-way line of said Jenkins Street, to the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.48 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All street and railroad rights-of-way. Containing 12.80 acres, more or less.

All said lands containing 218.48 acres, more or less.



The first of two public hearings on the amendment will be held on April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 18-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM SINGLE FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY (R-1C) TO SINGLE FAMILY, MOBILE HOME, MEDIUM DENSITY (R-1D) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8771 at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

## LOGO

Continued from 1A

A previous attempt at developing a county brand was rejected by the board. There was no enthusiasm for the concept, developed by a grant-funded firm with the input from county staff. The image was a winding path past the Andrews Center to no particular destination, conceived in drab colors. The message — “Supporting Florida’s Progress” — assigned the county the role of machine cog and communicated nothing of why anyone would want to come here.

By contrast, the new logo was embraced and applauded at the March 15 commission meeting.

One feature of the design is its adaptability. The logo could be used in different ways to unify the county, Seyfang said. One example: replacing the strawberry with a tornado to celebrate the school sports

programs and tailoring the logo to read “Football is better in Bradford.”

Turning the logo into Bradford’s branding will take time, but it will eventually show up on everything from business cards and letterhead to apparel and county vehicles. First, however, staff will bring the commission back a cost for getting a graphic designer involved to perfect the logo.

## Run for Brooker Elementary

Brooker Elementary School is raising funds through a 5K run — One Town, One School, One Family — on Saturday, April 21. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m., and the run starts at 9 a.m.

Children 12 and under can register for \$10, and those 13 and up enter for \$20, with the exception of school district employees who can register for \$15. Register before April 6 to receive an event T-shirt.

## CRIME

Continued from 2A

### Police: Man leased Xbox, then pawned it

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Howard Jermaine Jonas, 29, of Starke was arrested March 15 by Starke police for fraud and by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and selling cocaine.

According to a Starke police report, Sergeant Paul King responded to a May 8, 2017, complaint from Rent-A-Center that the defendant failed to return a leased television, soundbar and Xbox.

Store personnel told King that Jonas was 33 days past due, and that they visited his home, left phone messages and sent certified mail in order to retrieve the property.

“I conducted a check ... and found that the suspect pawned an Xbox belonging to Rent-A-Center on 05-11-17 for \$50,” King wrote in the report.

The television and soundbar was valued at \$2,509.20.



Jonas

### Crash victim runs from lawman

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Michael Joseph Meng, 35, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies for leaving the scene of a crash with property damage and resisting an officer without violence.

According to an arrest report, Deputy Dalton Sumner was responding to a single-vehicle, roll-over traffic crash on U.S. Highway 301 near Lazenby Equipment Sales when he made contact with the defendant.

“Michael was very disoriented,” Sumner wrote. “I instructed Michael to have a seat in the rear of my patrol vehicle until medical personnel arrived.”

Instead, the defendant ran away, north along the road. Sumner caught the man after a short foot pursuit. Meng refused medical treatment.

In other Bradford County arrests:

Cody Kent Barnett, 21, of Starke was arrested March 18 by Starke police for a probation violation.

Glenn Andrew Griffis, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested March 19 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Dontavious Breon Hampton, 25, of Jasper was arrested March 16 by Bradford deputies for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Mikari Deon Harrison, 21, of Wildwood was arrested March 19 by Bradford deputies for larceny.

Earl Johnson, 25, of Lawley was arrested March 19 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Raymond Leon Jordan, 20, of Tampa was arrested March 15 by Lawley police for possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana and distributing marijuana.

Antonio Antwan Lott, 25, of Starke was arrested March 18 by Starke police for larceny.

David Gilbert Marchak, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested

March 18 by Bradford deputies for battery, false imprisonment, criminal mischief and obstructing justice.

According to an arrest report by Deputy Dalton Sumner, the defendant pushed a Broker woman to the ground, and held her against her will in her bedroom for two hours. The victim also said the defendant broke her mobile phone while she was trying to call law enforcement.



Marchak

Joshua Bruce Norris, 29, of Lawley was arrested March 15 by Starke police for driving with a revoked or suspended license and possession of marijuana.

Jessica Lynette Padelford, 29, of Lawley was arrested March 14 by Bradford deputies for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Teyona Cierra Lashay Powell, 51, of Waycross, Georgia was arrested March 13 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Donnell Nathaniel Robinson, 45, of Starke was arrested March 18 by Starke police for disorderly intoxication.

Michael Raymond Slone, 57, was arrested March 17 by Bradford deputies for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Brandon A. Stanton, 28, of Starke was arrested March 15 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

James Adarius Strong, 28, of Lawley was arrested March 14 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Leland Carlie Watson, 63, of Starke was arrested March 12 by Bradford deputies for DUI.

Tonnie Lee Williams, 52, was arrested March 13 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant.

### Deputies: Man fired weapon during dispute

Union County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

A Lake Butler man was arrested after witnesses said he fired a weapon from his vehicle after a man complained about the defendant leaving a vehicle in the victim’s yard.

Antonio Woodrow Edwards, 24, was arrested for aggravated assault and discharging a firearm from a vehicle. Witnesses said they were not sure if the gun was fired at them or in the air. Deputies found .25-caliber casings near the alleged incident.

The victim told deputies he had been complaining to the defendant for four months about the defendant leaving his vehicle in the victim’s yard. The witnesses told deputies that they saw a silver sedan drive toward their direction, on Southwest S.R. 238, west of Lake Butler. They then heard someone yelling from the front, passenger seat of the vehicle and heard the words, “Come get it,” just before several shots rang out. They added that the person in the front passenger seat had his arm extended out of the window when the gunshots occurred.



Edwards

# COSTS

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costs alone are estimated around \$100,000.

For both projects, the combined engineering and construction cost estimate for moving the city utilities is \$2.5 million. While it has nearly \$2 million the bank from the sale of the bypass right of way, that money has been

restricted for future wastewater treatment plant upgrades — and doesn't come close to covering those costs, according to City Manager Bob Milner.

The city commission is hoping to clarify its financial position, but pending that happening and with little choice, the commission voted to accept FDOT's loan to cover the cost of engineering the utility relocation because a pending appeal will not stop the overpass project.

"We don't have the authority to do anything to stop DOT," Mortimer said. "We're powerless."

# FISH

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and Riddick pointed to the recreational use of the lakes for boating, skiing, swimming, etc.

"People do get tangled up in them," he said of the setlines.

Commission Chairman Ross Chandler said restricting commercial fishing would also help recreational fishermen.

"Right now, if it continues this way, we won't have very many fish, not in abundance anyway," he said.

The commission had no idea how many individuals would be impacted by the ban. Sheriff

Gordon Smith said some make a profitable living fishing with setlines, to the detriment of those who get their lines or boats snagged.

Smith said it was a dangerous situation for those out trying to enjoy the lakes.

Sexton said the ordinance he drafts will be advertised and anyone with an objection will have an opportunity to share that with the board before any formal

action is taken.

"If there are folks who are making a living this way and want to come to the board and appeal to you to take a different position, they will have ample opportunity," said Sexton.

FWC could be invited to the meeting as well, he said.

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That CLEMENT JOHN VANNAGEL The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate (s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2018-0001 Certificate Number: 533 Parcel Number: 01831-0-00301 Year of Issuance: 2014 Description of Property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 01831-0-00301

The North 330 feet of the South 660 feet of the West 132 feet of the East 396 feet of Lot 38 of WOODLAWN, Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida; together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over the following described parcel; The East 30 feet of the South 330 feet of the West 132 feet of the East 396 feet of Lot 38.

Assessed To: LESSLEY A THORNTON, MICHELE L THORNTON

All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate (s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL, on the 9th day of May, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

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

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That FLORIDA TAX LIEN ASSETS IV LLC

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate numbers) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2018-0002 Certificate Number: 882 Parcel Number: 03243-0-00000 Year of Issuance: 2010 Description of Property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 03243-0-00000

Block 2, except the South 80 feet and the North 72 feet in A.L. Alvarez Addition to City of Starke, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 36 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida, said lot being approximately 47.5 feet on the Westerly boundary and 70.32 feet on the Easterly boundary. Description Verified eijn/adb.

Assessed To: BARBARA J SLADE, BARBARA A GREENE, BARBARA GREENE All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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A parcel of land containing 4.09 acres, more or less, being a portion of the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke,

Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 1/2" inch iron pipe located at the SE corner of the South 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22 and run South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along the South line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 800.69 feet to a set 1/2" inch rebar for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 89 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds West, along last said South line, for a distance of 267.09 feet to a set 1/2" inch rebar; thence run North 01 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 667.24 feet to a set 1/2" rebar located on the North line of said South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4; thence run North 89 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East, along last said North line, for a distance of 267.10 feet to a set 1/2" inch rebar; thence run South 01 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds West, parallel with said East line of South 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, for a distance of 667.48 feet to the Point of Beginning. Reserving therefrom the Southerly 30 feet for ingress, egress and general road purposes.

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

Assessed To: TRACEY E COLEMAN All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That FNA FLORIDA LLC

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2018-0004 Certificate Number: 1190 Parcel Number: 05129-0-00200 Year of Issuance: 2015 Description of Property: Legal Description: 05129-0-00200

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found 1/2" iron pipe located at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 30 and run North 00 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds West along the West line thereof for a distance of 330.02 feet to a found 1/2" iron pipe; thence run North 89 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 559.94 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue North 89 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 626.45 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod located on the Northwesterly Right of Way line of County Road No. 325 (80' Right of Way); thence run South 56 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West along said Right of Way line for a distance of 521.32 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run North 33 degrees 53 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 341.16 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and including the following described mobile homes:

1. 1969 RAMA Mobile Home with

Identification Number 11391 and Title Number 46142132.

2. 1972 NBLT Mobile Home with Identification Number N4118 and Title Number 5855784.

3. 1973 MEAD Mobile Home with Identification Number G 12112 and Title Number 5587177.

4. 1973 REGE Mobile Home with Identification Number CR70123754 and Title Number 45000198.

5. 1982 EAST Mobile Home with Identification Number S48S142FK4289GA and Title Number 21734176.

6. 1984 ESCO Mobile Home with Identification Number 5129 and Title Number 20779225.

Assessed To: TRUST NO. 9926, TRUST NO. 9926 LAND TRUST SERVICE CORP FLORIDA CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That BLAINE INVESTMENTS LLC

The holder of the following certificate (s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: File Number: 2018-0005 Certificate Number: 1222 Parcel Number: 05474-0-00000 Year of Issuance: 2014 Description of Property: LOT 2, BLOCK B OF THE HAVEN-BEDFORD LAKE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Assessed To: LORI GARRARD, GEORGE GARRARD

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

CASE NO: 04-2017-CA-489 VERN W. WICKLINE, JR. and LINDA WICKLINE, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. JEFFREY CRUCE, Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SALE** Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the east front door of the Courthouse of Bradford County at Starke, Florida, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN AXLE LOCATED ON THE SE CORNER OF SAID SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN N 2 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E. ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 88.84 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD C229 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD S229), SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NE AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2341.83

FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 488.39 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF N 64 DEGREES 09 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS W TO AN IRON PIPE FOR P.O.B. FROM P.O.B. THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 288.85 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF N 54 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE S 36 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 55 SECONDS W, 320.71 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE S 53 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E, 288.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE N 36 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E, 324.16 FEET TO THE P.O.B.

The real property described herein is not the constitutional homestead of the Grantor herein as that term is defined by Article 10, Section 4, of the Florida Constitution.

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final judgment of Foreclosure in Case No: 04-2017-CA-489 now pending in the Circuit Court in Bradford County, Florida. DATED this 2 day of March, 2018.

RAY NORMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Lisa Brannon Deputy Clerk

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

File No: 04-2018-000002-CPAXMX PROBATE DIVISION Division: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLADYS HAGAN FRAZIER, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of Gladys Hagan Frazier, deceased, whose date of death was December 17, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, file number: 042018CP000002CPAXMX. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER DATE OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: March 15, 2018 Personal Representative Vivian Dark

1576 NE 216th Street Lawtey, Florida 32058 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Melinda B. Powers, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 0041936 Powers Law Group, PLLC 5800 Beach Boulevard #203-337 Jacksonville, Florida 32207 904.357.0557 consult@powerslg.com

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**NOTICE** Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 199-foot Self-Support Communications Tower at approx. 0.5 miles west of S. Lakewood Drive on Highway 100, Starke, Bradford County, FL 32091. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Jackson Reagan, j.reagan@trileaf.com, 1051 Winderley Place, Suite 201, Maitland, FL 32751, 407-660-7840.

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**NOTICE** Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 260-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of NW CR 225 approximately 0.28 miles East from SR 16, Starke, Bradford County, FL 32091. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Ana Rodriguez, 1051 Winderley Pl, Ste 201, Maitland, FL 32751, 407-660-7840 a.rodriguez@trileaf.com.

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**NOTICE** Call for Request for Proposals (RFP) Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project RFP # 18-01

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for developing a landfill gas to compressed natural gas (LFG-to-CNG) project at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL), an active municipal solid waste landfill in Union County, Florida. The Vendor shall be qualified to convert landfill gas to CNG. The selected Vendor shall be required to assume full responsibility for all services offered in their proposal. A pre-proposal meeting and site tour will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the NRRL. Attendance is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. NRRL is located 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida on State Road 121 in Union County, Florida. RFP packages can be picked up at the NRRL Administration Office located at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida 32083 or can be distributed upon request via email. Completed RFP packages shall be mailed to the NRSWA, P.O. Box 647, Raiford, Florida 32083-0647 or delivered to the NRRL Administration Office.

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**LEGAL NOTICE** BRADFORD COUNTY T R A N S P O R T A T I O N DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING

BOARD PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Andrews Center Conference Room in Santa Fe College located at 209 West Call Street in the City of Starke

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a public workshop for the purpose of receiving public comment relating to the local transportation services provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Bradford County.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the workshop by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the workshop, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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**LEGAL NOTICE** BRADFORD COUNTY T R A N S P O R T A T I O N DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited. DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter

PLACE: Andrews Center Conference Room in Santa Fe College located at 209 West Call Street in the City of Starke

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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# Honor Roll



**STARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECOND-GRADERS MAKING STRAIGHT A HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND NINE WEEKS: (front row, l-r) Kiley Cole, Calena Crawford, Kwasa Holland, Dakota Holter, (back) Maddison Lee, Aiden Masey and Brycen Nichols.**



**STARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECOND-GRADERS MAKING STRAIGHT A HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND NINE WEEKS: (l-r) Kingslee Phillips, Caleb Richards, Kadence Simmons, Terrence Slocum, Mason Stone and Madison Woods. Not pictured: Winston Barber.**



**STARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH-GRADERS MAKING STRAIGHT A HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND NINE WEEKS: (l-r) Carolyn Adams, Jackson Allen, Brody Gunter, Reese Wainwright, Gerald Simmons and Carlton Kelliebrew.**

# Dolphin of the Month



**STARKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DOLPHIN OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY: Ian Ruis. Students are chosen by their teachers and are recognized for exhibiting the characteristics of friendliness, responsibility, respectfulness, truthfulness and enthusiasm.**

## Singing candidate kicks off campaign

**BY DAN HILDEBRAN**  
Managing Editor

Bradford County Commission candidate Tom Germano serenaded around 50 supporters during his campaign kick-off event at Melrose's Mossman Hall, Friday, March 16.

According to his campaign material, the 59-year-old Republican retired from Standard Register where he worked primarily with health care companies to improve their processes of patient documentation.

In his song, Germano highlighted two of the biggest issues of his upcoming campaign: the proposed Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue RV park and a proposed phosphate mine in

Bradford and Union counties along New River.

In his ballad, Germano painted a picture of what Santa Fe Lake and New River might be if those proposals come to fruition.

*When I was a child my family would travel,  
Down to Bradford County and the Santa Fe shore,  
And there's a black-water swamp that's often remembered,  
So many times that my memories are worn,*

Germano first got involved in politics when Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue proposed building a 400-unit RV park next to his property.

Vincent Esson, who headed the project for the restaurant,

pitched the park as an economic driver to Keystone Heights and Melrose — a source for both jobs and tourism dollars.

Bradford County commissioners granted a special exception so the project could move forward. RV Park opponents have filed an appeal with Florida's First District Court of Appeals seeking a new hearing before Bradford officials.

The North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded its Businessperson of the Year Award to Esson for overcoming Germano's and others' opposition to the project.

*And daddy won't take me back to Bradford County,  
Down by the Sante Fe Swamp where Paradise lay,*



**Bradford County Commission candidate Tom Germano performs his song before supporters at a March 16 campaign kickoff in Melrose. Also pictured are Stasia Rudolph (right) and Linda Kemp.**

*Well, I'm sorry my son, but they took it like thieves,  
And all that Esson left was 400 RVs*

Germano told his supporters that his primary reason for running for the seat now held by Danny Riddick is to oppose the phosphate mine.

HPS II is proposing a nearly 11,000-acre mine. The company has said phosphate is essential for future food production and that the industry currently employs 3,900 people in Florida, with the potential of 7,000 jobs.

The company said its Bradford-Union Counties project will create 152 direct jobs and 418 indirect jobs, with an annual economic impact of \$156.3 million.

Opponents of the project say it will destroy the environment, cripple property values and increase the risk of cancer to

locals.  
*And daddy won't take me back to Bradford County,  
Down by the Sante Fe Swamp where Paradise lay,  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking,  
HPS II has hauled it all away.*

Stasia Rudolph, who contributed \$1,000 to Germano's campaign and has publicly opposed the RV park and mine, encouraged attendees of the March 16 event to financially back her candidate. She told the crowd that she and Germano searched for other candidates to take on Riddick.

We asked many other people, she told the crowd. Then Tom looked at me and said, 'It's got to be me.'

While Union County commissioners put a moratorium on the project and updated

its land use regulations to put restrictions around the mine, the Bradford Board of County Commissioners, of which Germano referred to as "BOCC," in the view of mine opponents has been more accommodating to HPS II.

*When I die, let my ashes float down the New River,  
Let my soul roll up to the O'Leno Rock Dam,  
I'll be halfway to heaven and my soul will be glowin',  
Thanks to the radiation of the BOCC scam.*

Riddick has not yet filed for reelection. Mitchell Gunter, however, has filed to run for the seat.



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## UF coach talks of soccer and success at Starke Rotary

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Your business may not seem like they have anything in common with a sports program at a major university, but the principles that equate to success can be the same.

That was a point of emphasis for University of Florida head soccer coach Becky Burleigh, who was the featured guest at the Feb. 28 Rotary Club of Starke luncheon. She told club members she was really no different from them.

"If you're in the people business, it doesn't matter if you're playing soccer or if you're selling cars," she said. "You're still managing people."

Like those in business, Burleigh is trying to reach a quota. It's just that hers is measured in number of wins. The real question is: What is the driving force behind achieving that quota? People.

Burleigh said there are only so many ways she can coach a 4-3-3 formation. It is what it is. People, though, are different, so the key is how well she and her staff coach players who are unique as individuals.

Even her players realize there is more to success than simply getting coached in X's and O's, which Burleigh said coaches probably spend 90 percent of their time on. Before every season, each UF player is asked

to write down three things that could prevent the team from maximizing its potential. None of the answers are things like not scoring enough goals or not being able to defend at a high level. Instead, players write things such as lack of focus, lack of commitment and selfishness.

"The stuff we're spending 90 percent of the time on is not something they think is going to hold us back from reaching our potential," Burleigh said.

Burleigh and her fellow coaches challenge themselves to figure out how to adapt their coaching to addressing what players say are the things that will prohibit success.

"That, to me, has been a real shift in my coaching and my focus in coaching," Burleigh said. "We spend a lot more time on things like resilience and honesty — being able to give honest feedback."

Today's players rely on text messaging as their main means of communicating, Burleigh said, explaining that because of that, players never have face-to-face dialogue with others in times of conflict.

"Well, sport is conflict," Burleigh said. "Every minute of the game, you are in conflict. How are you dealing with adverse situations with your own teammates? How are you dealing with adverse situations with the opposition?"

"If we don't practice things like resilience, we're not going to be very good at it."

Burleigh described a drill she has players participate in where they're asked to score a certain number of goals in a certain amount of time. It's set up so it's pretty much impossible for anyone to achieve the stated goal. Instead, coaches are watching how players react when they can't successfully meet the goal. "When they start getting

frustrated with the people who are serving balls in, or they start rushing things, or they get angry and their communication goes bad — how do we deal with those things? It's made a huge difference, I think, in our team's ability to perform under pressure," Burleigh said.

### Spring season and leadership training

Though soccer is a fall sport, the Gators are currently in the midst of their spring season.

"What we use the spring season for is a chance to get

everybody playing time and to work on some fundamentals," Burleigh said. The Gators play other schools in the spring, making it unlike

See BURLEIGH, 2B



Starke Rotary President Mike Ricker (left) is pictured with University of Florida soccer coach Becky Burleigh. Burleigh spoke at the club's Feb. 28 meeting, discussing not only soccer and other UF athletics, but the keys to succeeding and managing people, whether they be players or employees.

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# BHS senior Johns named a Woman of Promise

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

A lot of people's natural tendency is to ignore an incoming call when they don't recognize the number, but Bradford High School senior Grace Johns decided to answer such a call and got quite the pleasant surprise when Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser told her she was to be honored this year as one of the school's Women of Promise.

Needless to say, Johns was taken aback, not knowing she had even been nominated for the award.

"I had no idea," she said. "I was totally surprised."

March is Women's History Month. Santa Fe College annually honors women in Bradford and Alachua counties as Women of Distinction in regard to their contributions to their communities. The school also recognizes Women of Promise, young women (ages 16-21) identified as following in the footsteps of the Women of Distinction.

Mary Powell of Starke and Community State Bank nominated Johns.

"I believe Grace is a young lady Bradford County can be proud to claim," Powell said. "Who knows? With her drive, she may even be president of the United States one day."

Maybe so, since Johns has been involved in student government her entire four years at BHS — she was class senator her freshman year and has been class president as a sophomore, junior and senior — but she is involved in a variety of activities, which she believes helped her be named a Woman of Promise.

Still, she admitted to feeling she's done nothing when she compared herself to those who are being honored this year as

Women of Distinction, including Beverly Hardy and Brandi Noegel of Starke and Bradford County native Stacy Scott. As she had the opportunity to attend a luncheon with those women and hear about their lives, Johns said her thought was, "Oh, I'm just a high school student that's involved."

However, she wants to one day be able to say she's done the things those women have done.

"That is what I want to do," Johns said. "I want to help people as much as they do."

## Community involvement began at early age

Powell, who is friends with Johns' grandmother, Linda Johns, learned that Johns began helping people at an early age.

"I would listen to the fun stories about Grace working with her Granny at the Shands Hospital Auxiliary and helping push the cart when the cart was twice her size," Powell said.

As Johns grew older, Powell began having more direct interactions with her. Powell, who is a member of Altrusa International of Starke, has watched Johns assist the club with several of its events, such as its Kentucky Derby party.

"I really had more time to talk with Grace at this event," Powell said. "Grace then started coming into the bank, looking for a donation or seeking an interview, or setting up a picture for the BHS yearbook. I really began to realize how involved she was in so many things."

Besides student government, Johns has been active with the BHS yearbook staff and has been a member of the National Honor Society and Educational Talent

Search.

One of the things Johns is really passionate about is Students Working Against Tobacco. She has been a member of the organization throughout her time at BHS, although as a freshman, she didn't realize just how much she would come to love being a member. Her thinking at the time was, "Oh, I'll do it. It'll be good for my college application."

"Then I actually found that I really enjoyed it," Johns said. "I continued to do it. I'm actually secretary of our SWAT club right now."

Through SWAT, Johns was able to speak before the Florida Legislature as well as take a trip to Washington, D.C., recently to be a part of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's 28th National Leadership Forum. The forum provides participants opportunities to learn about strategies to combat substance abuse and hear from prevention experts, federal administrators and policymakers.

It's one thing to be one of 15 in SWAT at BHS, but quite another to be among thousands who share the goal of combatting tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse.

"It's very eye opening to see how many people are trying to prevent the same thing as you," Johns said.

## Gaining confidence

Being part of such a crowd of people of all ages, like she was at the CADCA National Leadership Forum, would have been quite intimidating to Johns at one time, but another activity she's been involved in has helped her in that regard. She began competing in pageants her sophomore year and currently holds the titles of Miss BHS and Miss Bradford Fest.

Johns said she was "shy beyond

belief" and would talk to only her friends and family. Even though she would have normally balked at the idea of standing on stage in front of a crowd, she decided to compete in Teen Miss Bradford Fest in 2016. Participants weren't required to perform a talent, so Johns thought maybe it wouldn't be so bad.

"I actually won it," she said. "I was like, 'Wow. I think I actually like this.'"

Each pageant she participated in became easier. Johns said she's now better at public speaking and more comfortable interacting with others.

"I found that my confidence has soared," she said.

## Honored by and educated by SFC

Johns' Woman of Promise honor comes from a school she's familiar with, having been dual enrolled at Santa Fe since her freshman year. The initial appeal of dual enrolling was to take college courses for free, Johns said, but the overall experience has been enjoyable, such as meeting fellow students of all ages and taking courses in areas that aren't offered at BHS, such as psychology.

"I think it's really great," Johns said of Santa Fe College having a branch in Starke. "I think it provides opportunities for kids, especially kids who didn't think they could go to college. It's a huge help. Even if you're just getting a year done that you didn't have to pay for, it's a huge help in getting even just an AA degree."

After graduating from BHS, Johns plans to continue attending Santa Fe to get her AA degree. She'd then like to transfer to the University of Florida, major in political science or psychology and then attend law school.



Grace Johns, a senior at Bradford High School, has been named a Santa Fe College Woman of Promise. She is the daughter of Kevin and Amie Johns. Photo by Matt Stamey, Santa Fe College.

Johns will be recognized at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 27, at the Hilton UF Conference Center along with fellow Woman of Promise Victoria Maggard and Women of Distinction Patsy Blount, Beverly Hardy, Brandi Noegel and Stacy Scott.

Powell will be in attendance, too, watching her successful nominee.

"She is active and ambitious, intelligent and self-motivated," Powell said. "I thought she would be the perfect candidate. Apparently, Dr. Sasser was impressed as well."

Johns likes the idea of Santa Fe honoring women every

March. Specifically, she likes the idea of honoring women who have forged their own paths in life. Johns said females face peer pressure in high school to act a certain way or to look a certain way, but she has discovered it's important to be yourself.

The Woman of Distinction honorees, she said, realized the same thing.

"By highlighting these women that have been absolutely themselves and have accomplished great things — I think it's something that definitely needs to continue," Johns said.

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the football team's spring, which concludes with the Orange and Blue intersquad game.

"I don't know how the football

team does that," Burleigh said. "I don't know how motivated our team would be to just play ourselves all the time."

Burleigh said her players this spring have been engaged, explaining how they've committed themselves to a leadership-training program

offered on Mondays at 7 a.m. Though voluntary, approximately 17 players have been attending.

"That's almost three-quarters of our team at this point that are involved in that," Burleigh said. "That's really exciting to see."

At a recent leadership event, Burleigh said players were asked what gets in the way of them holding each other accountable. Some of the responses centered on the unwillingness to ask of others what you yourself aren't doing.

"It generated a lot of really interesting conversation," Burleigh said, "but I think what came out of that conversation was if you want to be a leader — whether that's me as a coach, whether that's a player that's a captain — you have to be impeccable with modeling the standards of your particular organization. If you're not, it's pretty difficult. You will lose credibility as a leader by not modeling those things."

"Nobody's perfect. We're not expecting perfection, but when you don't meet those standards, are you willing to stand up and raise your hand and say, 'Today I didn't meet that standard, but I'm going to come back tomorrow and work at it?'"

## Good time of year for the Gators

Burleigh talked about some



Becky Burleigh

"If you're in the people business, it doesn't matter if you're playing soccer or if you're selling cars. You're still managing people."

of the UF sports that are being played right now, saying, "It's just crazy how good they spring sports are. It seems like it's like this every year, too. You can just go down the line."

She mentioned the baseball team's number-one ranking coming off a national championship last year and the fact the softball team is always ranked at or near the top. Burleigh encouraged people to go to a softball game to watch pitcher Kelly Barnhill, who already has two no-hitters and one perfect game this season.

"This is a woman who is just preeminent in her sport," Burleigh said.

The gymnastics team is "ridiculous" this year, Burleigh said, adding that she thinks the team will continue to excel despite the loss of senior All-American Kennedy Baker to a season-ending Achilles injury.

"They are so deep they have a really good chance of making a run at the national championship this year," Burleigh said.

Some who follow the women's tennis team may have wondered what was going on after a couple of losses, but Burleigh said not to worry about Roland Thornqvist's defending national-championship squad.

"We've got like the best coach in the country," Burleigh said. "We start three freshmen in the starting six. He's coaching them up. They just beat Stanford last week. They are on their way."

Burleigh said the men's tennis team is good this year, but next year the program brings in an

amazing recruiting class. She also spoke highly of head coach Bryan Shelton, who she said would be a great speaker for the Rotary Club. Burleigh described him as a great human being and one of the best men she knows.

"I want to spend more time with Bryan because I think he'll make me a better person," she said. "He's just amazing."

## Thankful for Rotary

The first thing Burleigh said when she was introduced was how Rotary holds a special place in her heart. Thanks to Rotary, she was able to follow through on her desire to go to college.

Burleigh said she applied for every scholarship she could while in high school in Tarpon Springs, which has a large population of Greek Americans. She interviewed for one of the scholarships she applied for,

with the woman conducting the interview asking her how long she'd been a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. When Burleigh replied she wasn't a member, she was told she wasn't eligible for the scholarship.

"I even applied for scholarships I didn't know I couldn't get," she said.

She could and did receive a Rotary scholarship, which was the largest one she received from her community, helping her get to Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

"It was supposed to be a one-year scholarship, but they renewed for four years," Burleigh said. "Literally, I could not have gone away to college without the Rotary Club scholarship."

And if she hadn't gone to college and played soccer, she wouldn't be the coach at UF today.

"I know that people tell you all the time they appreciate how you invest in their communities, but that's just a real-life example for me," Burleigh said, adding, "The little things that you all do make a huge difference."

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**Becky Burleigh**

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- Won the national championship in her fourth year (1998) at UF
- Two NCAA College Cup appearances (1998, 2001)
- 21 NCAA Championships' berths (1996-2001; 2003-17)
- 14 SEC team titles (1996-2001; 2006-10; 2012-13; 2015)
- 12 SEC Tournament titles (1996-2001, 2004; 2007; 2010; 2012; 2015-16)
- Four-year letter winner at Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina
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# Florida's first highway built through Melrose

Former Monitor editor chronicles beginning of route

BY JAMES WILLIAMS  
*Special to the Telegraph*

This article is an excerpt from a forthcoming book, "Four Florida Roads," by James Williams, a former Lake Region Monitor Editor. As the title suggests, the book covers the history and impact of Bellamy Road, The Tamiami Trail, U.S. 301 and I-95. Williams hopes to have the book available in print and/or digital by the end of this year.

The Pensacola-to-St.-Augustine Road was the first U.S. Federal highway across Florida and among the first 20 Federal roads built anywhere.

History divided it into two parts: Pensacola to the west bank of the Ocklockonee River, built by U.S. Army soldiers under the direction of Capt. Daniel E. Burch, with unsatisfactory help from two civilian contractors.

The second part stretched from the east bank of the Ocklockonee to St. Augustine. This was built by plantation owner John Jack Bellamy and his crew of slaves, also under the supervision of Capt. Burch. In some parts of Florida—but

through Alachua County, because so much of the first attempt went through marshy territory."

## Burch

In 1823, 27-year-old Capt. Daniel E. Burch was an assistant quartermaster, and had been assigned to outposts in and around North Florida, an area he already knew well. He served the Quartermaster General of the U.S. Army, Thomas S. Jessup in Washington. Military post attendance records show he was sent to numerous posts in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, even Oklahoma within 5 years before or just after completing the Pensacola-St. Augustine Road.

Burch had just arrived at Cantonment Clinch in Pensacola around July, 1823, when Jessup began to ask him to estimate the cost of—and then to build—"military communications." These could be waterways or other modes, but were usually roads.

Burch built a number of them; one ran from Pensacola to Barrancas or Fort Barrancas, about 8.5 miles distance. Another

rudimentary bridges across marshy spots or creeks. An Cantonment Clinch attendance roster marks one private as "Died on the road." Alabama lore has it he was bitten by a rattlesnake.

While Burch was building those roads, Acting Military Territorial Governor, Gen. Walton wrote to Secretary of War John Calhoun, requesting an estimate of the cost of opening a cross-peninsula road from Pensacola to St. Augustine. Walton's request for an estimate worked its way down to Burch.

The captain replied that \$6,839 would be needed to pay soldiers \$.15 extra pay per day; and an additional \$924 was necessary for their "Do Gill of Whiskey;" \$4,000 would be necessary for teams to accompany the soldiers and \$7,000 for "other supplies to different points of deposit on the route." This totaled \$18,854, the first of several Pensacola-St. Augustine estimates Burch would make.

On June 3, 1823, Burch wrote to Jessup, that combat Cols. Fenwick and Brooke had declined to accept the order to complete a survey of the proposed cross-Florida road; saying it was a task for administrators of lower rank—such as Burch himself.

"I believe I could venture to engage to mark out the road as far as Ocheese in a very short time," Burch wrote to Jessup. "If I should receive your orders to do so, provided however, that my health and strength be fully re-established, which will certainly be the case, by October next or never. I am daily gaining strength and the dropsical symptoms which have so long afflicted me are fast disappearing." According to online medical sources, dropsy was an accumulation of fluids in parts of the body, sometimes leading to congestive heart failure. It was often a recovery side effect of malaria.

## The Survey

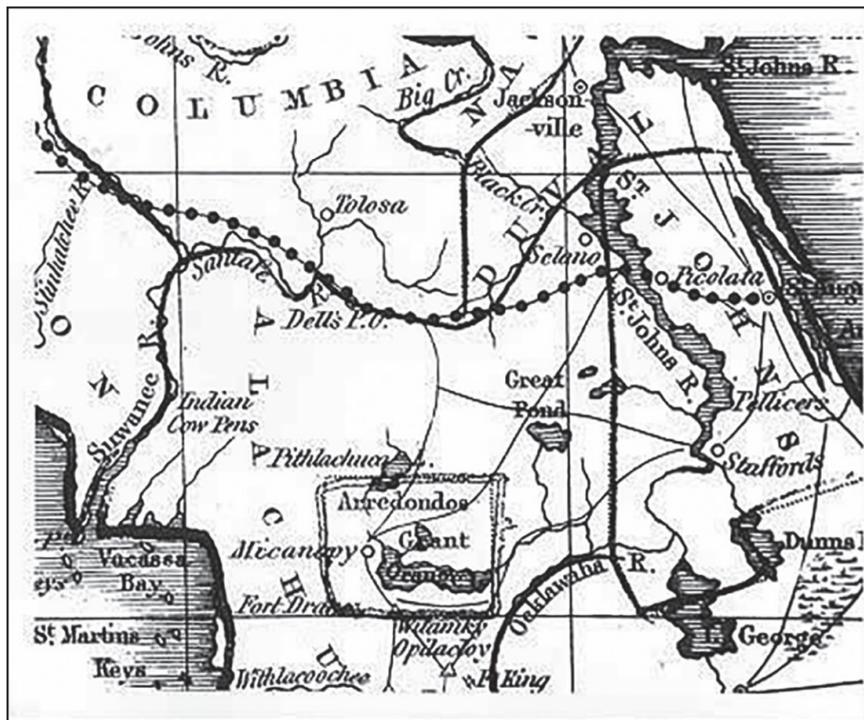
A Pensacola newspaper reported: "Captain Burch of the Quartermaster's Department accompanied by Lieuts. Allen and Triplett and about 20 privates of the 4th Reg. of the U.S. Infantry set out on Thursday last, Oct. 21 (1823) to explore and survey the contemplated road from this city to St. Augustine."

The detail got off to an embarrassing start. Burch hired an Indian guide in Pensacola who said he knew the territory. Once they got east of the Choctawhatchie River it was clear the guide had no idea where he was and Burch had to guide him to the Ocheese, where he dismissed the Indian to find his own way home.

Natives east of the Apalachicola River were unhappy with the recent treaty which required they give up their land and move to an area between present day Ocala and Orlando. They refused to guide anyone whose job, after all, was to help white men take their land. One candidate left town to avoid being asked. Capt. John Blount, who guided Andrew Jackson, was the best possible choice; but he begged off, saying if he served Burch the other Indians would kill him. Miccosukees pretended to know nothing about the path; Burch knew parts of the old trail had indeed overgrown.

He finally convinced Mr. Richards, a government interpreter to the tribes. Writing to Jessup from West Florida, Burch estimated the trip would be 380 miles.

He wrote to Jessup he would need only a military sextant, and he didn't expect to use that very often. An 1826 letter to Jessup reminded his superior of the land he had crossed during this survey. "The interior of Florida was at that time a wilderness, its particular localities unknown to the whites, and with but a few families settled in it, only one of them being on the line of road; hence the necessary information



Around the Lake Region, the road and its remnants form the county line between Putnam and Clay Counties from the St. Johns River to Santa Fe Lake.

was derived from Indians and Indian guides...From the Apalachicola to St. Augustine the road passes over not only the nearest route, but by far the best that can possibly be selected."

An 1823 St. Augustine newspaper would report: "Captain Daniel E. Burch, who had been ordered by the government to explore and survey the route for a public road from Pensacola...and reached St. Augustine on Tuesday last. (Nov. 25th) Captain Burch reports the distance to be three hundred and forty-five miles and the route generally susceptible of a good road. This road will probably cross at Picolata and the Suwannee about fifty miles above the Indian town on that River, pursuing the Old Spanish Trail to St. Louis (mission) north of St. Mark (also a mission.) Ferries will be necessary on the St. Johns, Suwannee, Ocklockony, Apalachicola, and Choctawhatchee Rivers. Captain Burch will return to Pensacola, marking the most practicable route for the road to follow."

From St. Augustine, Burch wrote to Jessup stating that he had marched 445 miles since Oct. 22nd. He told his superior that on the whole, Indians had been no problem and were even friendly.

"The route designated for the road is much better than I had reason to suppose from the information I had formerly received," he said. "The road does not pass through any of the Indian towns or settlements, and as all those that are now settled east of the Apalachicola are shortly to be concentrated in a district of country...more than 80 miles south of the road... The road or rather trail could be traveled very well at present by persons on horseback provided there were ferries over the large rivers."

Now that Burch had actually traversed the roadbed, his cost estimate went up considerably: \$51,316, probably because of the estimated number of causeways and bridges that might be required.

Burch told Jessup he would begin the march back to Pensacola on Dec. 5th, 1823.

## The Military Trail

The U.S. Congress allotted \$23,000 to build the road, considerably less than Burch had estimated as its cost. Congress was no doubt expecting no-extra-cost military labor.

Jessup prodded Burch to start. Burch wrote back saying he and a woefully small detachment of sixty soldiers would begin to build the road, starting "as soon as practicable." He reminded Jessup that Pensacola troops had been sent to New Orleans or to watch Red Stick Creeks in Georgia and Alabama.

With few soldiers available to finish the road in a reasonable length of time, Burch knew the government had to outsource the job.

"Negroes will be employed by contractors on this work," he told Jessup, "...they do not require a tenth part of the transportation necessary for troops... it will cost less actual money to the government by spending that part from the seat of government (aka Tallahassee) to St. Augustine by contract than if soldiers were employed on it."

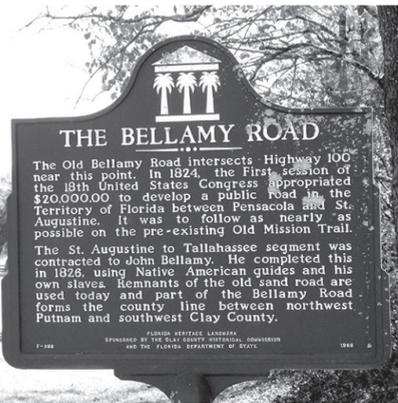
We do not know whether Burch was already aware of a Sept. 1, 1824 letter from Gov. William Pope DuVal to Calhoun.

"I have the honor to inform you," DuVal wrote, "that last evening John Bellamy, Esq. late a member of the (Florida Territorial) Legislative Council arrived at this place and has desired me to inform you that he will undertake to make a good road from Pensacola to St. Augustine under the direction of a person you may appoint for 23,000 dollars the sum appropriated by law...An advance only of \$5,000 will be required by him."

On Nov. 4, 1824, Jessup authorized Burch to solicit bids to build the road at his discretion. A month later Burch's request for bids went out through the venues like the St. Augustine Subscriber:

"Will receive proposal to open by contract the following named parts of the road laid out from Pensacola to St. Augustine, ... vis: No 1—from the landing at "Murray's Ferry" on the east bank of the Ocklockny river, to the landing on the West bank of the St. John's river, opposite to Picolata. No. 2--From the landing on the east bank of the St. John's River at Picolata to the city of St. Augustine."

See BELLAMY, 4B



A historic marker on S.R. 100 near the Putnam-Clay County line informs the public about Bellamy Road

not all—the road took Bellamy's name. Bellamy Road no longer exists as a complete entity. Parts of it are still with us, more or less as built, including those in Clay/Putnam and Alachua Counties. Several Alachua sections have been "preserved."

## Local route

Around the Lake Region, the road and its remnants form the county line between Putnam and Clay Counties from the St. Johns River to Santa Fe Lake.

In the Melrose area, the precise route of the highway has been lost to history.

"There is some controversy about where it went," said retired cardiologist and local historian Dr. Mark Barrow. "There were a number of roads that were called Bellamy Road. It was first built in 1824, but they built another stretch of road around 1850

ran from Pensacola to Mobile, about 59 miles, and another to Mobile Point, 53 miles away.

Most were already well-traveled native or military trails; Burch and his men quickly turned them into roads. He had left undone a bridge over the Bayou Grande. There was no hurry, Burch wrote to Jessup, as there was no appreciable civilian population to use it. The military could ford the marsh at certain times each day.

The Three Notch Road north from Pensacola to Fort Mitchell, Alabama, would be about 231 miles long, however part of it too was already a well-used military road. We learn from Southern Alabama narratives that Burch rode along marking trees to indicate which trees which had to be removed. Soldiers followed behind, felling trees or clearing brush on the edges. They filled in or lay causeways or built



apt. Burch mentioned there was only one family on the line of road in 1823; he may have been referring to Reuben and Rebecca Charles at Charles Spring on the Suwannee. They heard the road was going through and set up a general store a ferry on the spot. The boat ramps are their spots where the ferry landed. Both were killed in unclear circumstances during the second Seminole War.



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# Hardy: a 'natural leader' and now Woman of Distinction

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

A list of the Bradford County women who've been named Women of Distinction by Santa Fe College is a lot like a list of Beverly Hardy's friends. Now, Hardy joins that list, as she is one of four to be named this year's Women of Distinction.

"Every one of the past recipients is a good friend of mine," Hardy said. "I'm humbled to be included in that group."

This year's honorees include Pasty Blount and Stacy Scott of Alachua County (though Scott is a Bradford County native) and Bradford County resident Brandi Noegel.

"Brandi and I have been friends the whole time I've been in Starke," Hardy said.

The foursome, along with two Women of Promise (ages 16-21), Bradford High School senior Grace Johns and Alachua County's Victoria Maggard, will be recognized at a Tuesday, March 27, luncheon at the Hilton UF Conference Center.

Hardy said finding out she was named a Woman of Distinction was a shock.

"Actually, I sort of teared up," she said. "I just never imagined I would get that honor."

For Carole DeCelle, who nominated Hardy, it was easy to imagine.

"Beverly has participated with other leaders for many years to show to all that commitment and philanthropy have made a difference in the Bradford and Alachua communities," DeCelle said. "She has proven

her willingness to stand the test of getting involved, while steadfastly adhering to high moral principles and professional standards. Woman of Distinction is an honor of which she is truly deserving."

DeCelle and Hardy are members of Altrusa International of Starke. DeCelle, who has seen Hardy serve in positions locally and at the district and international levels in Altrusa, said the theme of Hardy's life is the willingness to see what needs to be changed in the community.

Yet it takes more than an idea. It takes hard work to bring about a change. DeCelle said Hardy excels in that regard.

"It takes people to step up and put the ideas into play," DeCelle said. "Beverly is a natural leader who has shown time and time again her ability to do this."

## Making a difference as an Altrusan

Before moving to Starke from Ocala, Hardy worked as a teacher before then co-founding a family business, Harwood Brick Company. She seemed a natural fit for Altrusa, a club for professional women that was



Beverly Hardy is one of four to be honored this year by Santa Fe College as a Woman of Distinction. Photo by Matt Stamey, Santa Fe College.

started in 1917 to help women break through the "glass ceiling."

"That was just right up my alley because I did suffer discrimination in the workplace in construction as many women have in their work place," Hardy said.

However, she didn't join Altrusa until she moved to Starke, saying she never had time to join clubs. As someone new to Starke, Hardy said she knew nobody, but an Altrusa of Starke member suggested to her that the best way to get to know people was to join Altrusa.

Hardy has been in the Starke club for 24 years, holding every

office on the board. In District Three, which is composed of 26 clubs in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, Hardy has served as financial consultant, treasurer, vice governor, governor-elect and governor. She served as international treasurer and is currently the international president-elect. Hardy will serve a two-year term as president beginning in 2019.

When Hardy became District Three governor, Altrusa International announced that its districts didn't have to do special projects, DeCelle said. However, Hardy decided District Three would have such a project, which was Altrusa SOS (Support Our Soldiers). Each club in the district participated in its own way, with the Starke club sending boxes of items such as food, sanitary products, snacks, games, socks, suntan lotion, books, magazines to 13 servicemen in Afghanistan.

Locally, DeCelle said Hardy was a major force in Altrusa creating an endowed scholarship for Bradford County women to attend Santa Fe College. Hardy said the effort, with some assistance in the beginning from Santa Fe in the form of matching funds, was a credit to 30-40 women over a 10-year period.

"Somehow, in our little town of 5,000, we were able to endow \$100,000 in scholarships for women in Bradford County," Hardy said.

The first Altrusa scholarship recipient was Amie Johns, the mother of Woman of Promise Grace Johns. She received that

scholarship when Santa Fe offered only two-year degrees.

"Now that Santa Fe is a four-year college, it makes our scholarships even better," Hardy said.

## Beyond Altrusa

Hardy's service has not been confined to her involvement with Altrusa. She served as a member of the Eighth Judicial Circuit nominating commission, which recommends names to the governor for judge (county and circuit) appointments, and was a board member and finance chair for the Arc of Bradford County. Hardy is active in First United Methodist Church of Starke, serving as circle, program and membership chairs, and is chaplain of Florida Ladies of Elks.

Altrusa is a passion, Hardy said, but so is volunteering as a counselor for people addicted to opioids. She said she's had many people close to her affected by opioids and feels the need to help any way she can with an epidemic that knows no class or race.

"It's unfortunately mushroomed into the crisis we see today," Hardy said.

It can be frustrating at times, Hardy said, explaining how people may take one step forward, only to go two steps back. However, she wouldn't think of giving up her efforts.

"When you're trying to counsel people that have a substance abuse problem, if you can help just one person from

that dreaded addiction, or help them out of it, it's worth all the other failures."

## Women of honor

Hardy didn't know who else was being honored as a Woman of Distinction until all honorees attended a meet-and-greet hosted by Santa Fe College. She was surprised to see her friend Noegel and enjoyed getting to know Blount and Scott.

"It was just kind of exciting, going around the table and sharing things about ourselves," Hardy said. "Patsy said, 'I don't know what I'm doing here with this group.' That's how I felt, too."

She can understand why Johns was picked as a Woman of Promise, Hardy said, describing Johns as a "trailblazer." Hardy likes the idea of honoring Women of Promise.

"Young people are some of the best contributors to helping people because people just gravitate to young people," Hardy said. "Young people energize older people."

She may have never envisioned herself as a Woman of Distinction, but Hardy is glad Santa Fe College takes the time to honor women and their accomplishments.

"I am totally impressed that Santa Fe offers this distinction to various women every year," Hardy said. "I don't know of another school that does that. It just makes it even more humbling to be a recipient."

# Giving back is part of the job for Scott

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Some of the past Santa Fe College Women of Distinction were role models for Stacy Scott. Now Scott has joined their ranks.

Scott, who is the public defender for the Eighth Judicial Circuit and a native of Bradford County, is one of four to be honored this year by Santa Fe as a Woman of Distinction, joining Bradford County residents Beverly Hardy and Brandi Noegel, and Alachua County's Patsy Blount. They will be recognized, along with Women of Promise (ages 16-21) Grace Johns, a Bradford High School senior, and Victoria Maggard, during a luncheon at the Hilton UF Conference Center on Tuesday, March 27.

"It was a surprise," Scott said. "I was humbled. When

you look at the other folks who've received the award, I was like, "Wow, I'm not sure I'm in that group.""

Scott is a member of the Gainesville Rotary Club, serves on the board of directors of PACE Center for Girls and is a member of United Church of Gainesville. She mentors a high school student and volunteers with Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery, a nonprofit organization that provides green burials. Scott also coaches the University of Florida Law School's trial practice team and assists the homeless and veterans in finding the answers to their legal questions.

Whether it's the legal profession or the community as a whole, Scott counts helping people as part of her job duties.

"I feel like a big part of my

job is to give back to others," she said.

Scott credits her mother for being her main role model. She said her mother loved unconditionally and was happy every day.

"Giving to others without expecting anything in return was her life," Scott said, adding, "She got joy from being kind and reaching out a hand to someone in need."

Following her mother's example, Scott is instilling the same outlook in her 8-year-old son. Her son has assisted her in such endeavors as serving food at a homeless shelter and helping to clean up Hogtown Creek. Scott said she and others picked up hundreds of pounds of trash around the creek this past Saturday morning.

"That's a great way to start a day," Scott said.

At a reception hosted by the

college, Scott enjoyed meeting her fellow honorees and hearing the different ways different people approach community service. She said she was impressed, for example, with Hardy's work through Altrusa International.

"They were really neat ladies," Scott said.

Her first thought upon hearing about the accomplishments of the other Women of Distinction was, "I don't know if I belong here."

As someone who mentors a high school student, Scott likes the fact that Santa Fe College recognizes Women of Promise. Women of Promise get to meet women who've been successful in life, giving them female role models she didn't really have growing up. Scott's mother was, of course, a role model, but when it came to people who were successful in business and

other endeavors, most of the people she was aware of were male. Still, all Scott did was become the first woman to be elected to the position of public defender in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

She may not feel she deserves to be named a Woman of Distinction, but Scott said it would make her happy if she and other honorees can be the positive examples for the women of tomorrow. Girls growing up can follow whatever career paths they choose if they have successful women to look up to. Scott



Stacy Scott, who was raised in Bradford County, is one of Santa Fe College's Woman of Distinction honorees for 2018. Photo by Matt Stamey, Santa Fe College.

said, "When you see that, you say, 'Oh, I can do that. I can be that.'"

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Congress had called for a road 25 feet wide, the Florida request for bids read. "The road

is to be opened sixteen feet wide throughout... stumps are to be cut as low on the ground as possible."

The narrower width was traditional for Florida roads, proponents argued; nobody in Florida could afford a wagon or carriage, one commentator said; everybody walked or rode on horseback.

With Congress's paltry

budget, Burch told Jessup to hire a "...gang of Negroes and place them under charge of an efficient superintendent."

Initially, Burch received bids from John Bellamy for \$10,000 and Thomas Fisher of Tallahassee for \$9,000. After rethinking, on Dec. 18, Bellamy made a new

offer: "I will undertake to open the road from Ocklockony to the St. Johns' River as noted in your proposal for thirteen thousand five hundred dollars according to the terms and manner therein specified," Bellamy wrote.

His bid was accepted.



This 19th Century "Palatka Road" was also called Bellamy's Road, heading toward Melrose. Photo courtesy the Joe and Daurer Collection.

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In 1997, Debbie and her dad sold the agency, and she spent the next two years as a stay-at-home-mom. She then spent the next 11 years as a captive agent (one who could only write policies for one company) for Farm Bureau in Lake City. In 2011, Debbie resigned and launched Cook and Associates, an independent agency, in her hometown of Lake Butler. She started out of a bedroom

in her home in January of that year and then opened an office in May.

Debbie is married to Danny Thomas, a lifelong Union County resident, and the couple has four children and six grandchildren. She has lived in Lake Butler for 26 years.

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Cook and Associates now services all lines of insurance as an independent, multi-line insurance professional. What this means is they can, and will, insure almost everything - such as a \$1 million submarine they found coverage for earlier this year, so it was insured for a trip from Florida to California. They can also provide insurance for older homes and mobile homes - a service that is often difficult to find.

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Cook and Associates offers a wide range of insurance plans. Under the heading of personal insurance, they can meet a client's needs in the areas of auto, motorcycle, RV and boat insurance, as well as coverage for homes, mobile homes and rental properties. They can even find coverage for antique vehicles, stationary motor homes, park models and travel trailers.

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"When I opened Cook and Associates in Lake Butler, I did so because I wanted to work in my hometown,

helping to take care of my friends and neighbors," Debbie said. "I learned from my father that the right reason to be in this business is to help people. That integrity has always guided my decisions about the business."

"Sure, I could have made a lot more money if I had opened an agency in a larger populated area," she added, "but I would not have the personal satisfaction that I have here, taking care of people I care about. That's important to me."

Debbie and her agency are avid supporters of 4-H and FFA including sponsoring several awards for the Union-Bradford Swine Association. Debbie said she enjoys the chance to sponsor several youth organizations and church fundraising events, as it provides a way to pay back the community for its support



Debbie Thomas

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# Obituaries

## Lewis Arrington

MELROSE— Lewis Merritt Arrington, 81, of Melrose died at his home Sunday, March 18, 2018. He was born Aug. 17, 1936 in Charlotte County, Virginia to the late Stencil and Amy (Hendren) Arrington. He moved to Melrose twelve years ago from Starke, where he lived for many years and owned and operated a garage where he made trailers and worked on automobiles. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Starke. His brother, David Arrington preceded him in death.

Survivors are: his wife of almost 51 years, Hazel (Manning) Arrington of Melrose; children, Douglas

“Rick” Arrington, Debbie Cornell, Sylvia Cole and Glenda Hester; siblings, Bobby Arrington, Herbert Arrington, Jack Arrington, Becky West and Gay Halette Fields, all of North Carolina; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel in Keystone Heights on Thursday, March 22 from 3-5:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Brother Roger Wharton officiating. Interment will follow at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights, www.jonesgallagherfh.com 352-473-3176.

## Ronnie Mundorff

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Ronnie “Wayne” Mundorff, 78, of Keystone Heights died Monday, March 19, 2018 in Gainesville. He was born Aug. 18, 1939 in Boone City, North Carolina to the late Rollin Edward “R.E.” and Lulua Lucille (Bennett) Mundorff. He was employed as a building inspector until his retirement. He also retired from the United States Army following 30 years of service. His wife of 37 years, Diane Mundorff had preceded him in death as well as his brother Jon Mundorff and half-brother.

His survivors are: his children, Terry (Beth) Mundorff of Melrose, Pat (Brenda) Mundorff of Raiford, Luana Mundorff of Hawthorne, Richard (Susan) Stitt of Murphy, North Carolina, Thomas Stitt of Lake Butler, Lisa Vickery of Starke and Elizabeth (Johnny) Smith of Florahome. Also left behind



are 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and many other family members.

A memorial service will be held Monday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Rev. Roman Alvarez officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:30 a.m. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

## Roger Waters Sr.

MIDDLEBURG—Roger David Waters Sr., 69, of Middleburg, passed away on Friday, March 16, 2018. Roger was born to the late Willie and Dorothy Waters. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and farming. Roger especially loved spending time with his family. He adored his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. Roger was a member of Black Pond Baptist, where he served as Brotherhood Director and a Deacon for many years. Roger is preceded in death by: his brother, Jack Waters; and one sister, Margie Stanley. Roger leaves his beloved family to cherish his memory.

Roger Waters Sr. is survived by: his loving wife of 49 years, Mary Waters; one son, Roger D. (Carrie) Waters Jr.; five brothers, Ed Waters (Mary), Roy Waters, Jack Waters, Billy Waters, and James Waters; two sisters, Shirley Roberson, Linda (Richard) Norman; a very special niece, Melinda Morgan; two grandchildren, Roger D. Waters III and Allyson Waters (Cody) Bowen; and two great-grandchildren, Zander



Bowen and Xyler Bowen. Roger was loved by many and will be missed.

A visitation and funeral service will be held in Roger's honor at Black Pond Baptist Church in Middleburg. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 22, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, March 23 at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Avenue, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Rebecca Dampier

GAINESVILLE— Rebecca Marie Carmen Dampier, 31 years old, of Gainesville went to be with Jesus on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Becca was born in Norfolk, Virginia. She lived in Gainesville for 12 years and was employed by The University of Florida as a data processor. She loved her husband and their two children Hayden (10) and Adalynn (18 months). She loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed hunting and fishing and baking for others and she was an avid reader. She was a Christian. Becca was beautiful in every way. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Joy B. Carmen Weir.

She is survived by: her husband of 11 years, Travis D Dampier; children, Hayden and Adalynn; her best friend, Kelsey Bryan; her mother, Pamela D. (Mike) Smith; father, Paul J. (April) Carmen; brothers, Duran Carmen, Timothy Quackenbush; sister, Sarah Carmen; and maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Louise Covell.

Funeral services will be held



Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held Friday, March 23 from 6-8 pm at Archer Funeral Home with Pastor Jason Dampier. Burial will be held at Antioch Cemetery under direction of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Donald Shadd

LAKE BUTLER—Donald Lee Shadd, a life-long resident of Lake Butler, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 15, at the age of 36 years. He graduated from Union County High School in 2001. Donald studied computer science at the Bradford County Vocational Center, in Starke. He was employed by John L. Shadd Trucking, LLC and was responsible for tracking asset maintenance, repairs and inventory. Donald is the beloved son of Craig and Diana Shadd of Lake Butler and the late Sherry Hohagen Shadd of Baldwin. Grandson of Bobbie Jean Bryant of Gainesville, Lowell and Paulette Shadd and the late Hazel Brannen Shadd of Lake Butler. Loving brother of Wendell and Amanda Rowan, Shara Shadd and the late David (Dave) Shadd. He will also be forever remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and dear friends. Donald will be remembered as a loyal friend, son and brother. He loved backyard grilling out and watching the Gators play ball. He loved spending time outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing especially with friends. At home,



he loved spending time in his yard. He was gifted in growing flowering plants and his favorite was a rose. He was an amazing uncle, he played with his nieces and nephews every day and enjoyed teaching them how to play sports, catch a fish and just to be a kid.

The funeral service was held at Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler on March 19th with Pastor Jason Johns officiating. Burial followed at Dekle Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 North Lake Avenue Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Kathleen Turnage

STARKE— Kathleen “Kathy” Turnage, age 88, of Starke passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Custead Care Center in Orange Park. She was born April 30, 1929 in Goldsboro, North Carolina to the late Luther Davis and Eula Talton Davis. Kathy moved to Starke from Keystone Heights in 1980. She loved all types of arts and crafts. She especially enjoyed painting with acrylics and crocheting. Kathy also enjoyed getting outdoors and working in her garden. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 58 years, Lee Turnage; daughters, Bonnie Shook and Yvonne Craven.

Kathy is survived by: her daughter, Linda Turnage Culpepper of Brunswick, Georgia; eight grandchildren, Cindy Foster, Valerie Ouellette, Kenneth Shook, Bonnie Esposito, Eddie Sirk, Donnie Sirk, Doug Sirk and Dale Sirk; 17 great-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; nieces, Beverly Whitner and Teressa Lacko; and nephews, James Davis, Charles



Davis. A Celebration of Kathy's life was held at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel on Saturday, March 17 with Pastor Timmy Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book. 904-964-5757.

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## Letters

### Not happy with EPA Smart money with Bradley

To the Editor:

I just came from a “Public Meeting” with the EPA regarding a permit request from Skinner Farms wanting a biosolids facility in North Bradford County.

The gentlemen conducting this meeting were not interested in telling me what Skinner proposed, I had to get the information from some of the many very unhappy residents who attended. The EPA guys also were not interested in giving any information to the group “we’ll let you talk to us individually” was their position. I did manage to get one of them to admit Skinner had many, many violations.

So why do we even want to let them apply?

Edythe Hill  
Morgan Road

### Thanks for help with dog

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, March 6th my little dog was killed on Raiford Road. There were young women and men that were so kind to stop and bring her out of the road, and then bring her across to me. There was one young man that prayed with us. They all stayed with me until I got to the house. I didn't know any of them, but I want to let them all know how much I appreciated each one, they were a Godsend. I want them to know they are welcome to stop by anytime and say hello. God Bless you all.

Adel Starling

To the Editor:

Senator Rob Bradley has for the second straight year gotten funding from the legislature for lake restoration in Southern Clay County and Eastern Bradford County, known as “the Lake Region.” When compared to Northern Clay and surrounding areas, the Lake Region has a modest population and correspondingly fewer voters. It has little financial clout and it certainly is not known for big campaign contributors. Given these facts, Senator Bradley's personal investment of time and energy in this part of the state is not likely to be rewarded by either of the two forces that can be counted on to motivate politicians--campaign contributions or large numbers of votes. One must wonder then, why the Senator chooses to bring attention and support to the lake region?

Senator Bradley has offered the explanation that he visited the lakes as a child, when they were full, and has fond memories of those times. That is undoubtedly true, and those fond memories probably sparked his initial interest in restoring the lakes. I grew up in the Lake Region and I can understand his interest in a way that those who have never seen the lakes in their full glory could ever appreciate. But, I now live in Tallahassee and I have spent most of my professional life working in and around government.

In my experience, politicians don't spend political capital on

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## Patricia Lee

JACKSONVILLE— Patricia Ann Lee, 53, of Jacksonville passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was born on Oct. 17, 1964 to Rev. Izell and Zellouise Montgomery of Starke. She attended Bradford County Schools and Barbizon School of Modeling in Jacksonville. She later married the love of her life and worked briefly for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, but later served as secretary for her husband's business. She loved her family and was a mother figure to her siblings growing up. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and formed a gospel group called Joy and traveled throughout the country singing and ministering about the goodness of Jesus. Joy recorded a record and continued to travel. The group later disbanded, but she continued to serve faithfully in the music ministry at Titus Dome Spectrum Church under the late Pastor R.J. Washington where she served on the praise team and choir.

She is preceded in death by: her father, Rev. Izell Montgomery, Sr. and her grandparents, Elder Willie Mac Cohen Powell and Willis and Maggie Montgomery.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Her mother, Zellouise Montgomery; a loving husband of 35 years, Olin “Slim” Lee of Jacksonville; two beautiful daughters, Lori Irlene Lee of Jacksonville, and Paris Elise Lee of Nashville, Tennessee. Ten sisters, Mildred Brandon of Newark, NJ, Ellen Smith and Wilma Brown both of Perry, Ruby Oliver of St. Petersburg, Maggie, Annie, and Cynthia Montgomery all of



Gainesville, Angela (Eric) Williams of Tallahassee, Nicole Montgomery of Starke, and Danica Britt of Gainesville. Seven brothers, Charles (Addie) Montgomery of San Antonio, Texas, Izell (Lorraine) Montgomery, Jr. of Perry, Gregory (Barbara) Williams of Jacksonville, James (Roberta) Montgomery (Roberta) of Gainesville, Willis (Elaine) Montgomery of Jacksonville, North Carolina, Isaac (Lisa) Montgomery of Starke, Gavin (Keyonna) Britt of Gainesville, and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

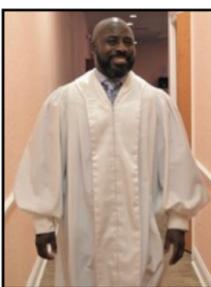
Celebration of life services will be held at Grace International Church 6611 Ramona, Blvd, Jacksonville on Saturday, March 17 at 11 am. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Lampkms Patterson Cremation and Funeral Service 6615 Arlington EXPY, Jacksonville.

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## Please join us during this HOLY WEEK

### Monday, March 26th

Sermon Topic: “He Hath Prevailed”



Rev. DeWayne E. McBride, Pastor  
St. Peter Baptist Church ~ Archer, FL

DeWayne accepted the call to ministry in 1991. In 1993 he was ordained as an Elder. He accepted the call to pastor St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church in 2010 where he is still serving. As a bi-vocational pastor, he is employed by the State of Florida as a Disabled Veteran's Outreach Coordinator. DeWayne has been married to La-Tanya McBride for 27 years. They have three sons Devon (Khandi), James (Mary) and Justin (Chelsea). Three grandsons: Donovan, Devon and Deron.

### Tuesday, March 27th

Sermon Topic: “Saving Faith”

There is a right way and a wrong way for a sinful person to stand before a holy God. Jesus tells us a story to point us in the right direction.



Rev. Dale Tedder, Pastor  
Southside UMC ~ Jacksonville, FL

I am an ordained Deacon in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Part of my calling is to proclaim the faith of the church, teach God's Word, lead others into Christian discipleship, and help those disciples understand their calling to serve others and bear witness to the world on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Wednesday, March 28th

Shannon Whitaker  
FUMC Children's Ministry Director



Topic: “Walk With Jesus”

Join us for an inspiring interactive event for the entire family, both young and old. We will take a journey through Easter week. We will visit

Jerusalem for Palm Sunday, sit down for the last Supper in the Upper Room, discover the sacrifice of Good Friday, and celebrate the freedom from sin that was experienced at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. Come and be reminded of the spiritual truth that Jesus loves you so much.



### Thursday, March 29th

Topic: “How the leader for the Kings becomes a servant of the King of Kings”



Carmelo Cuascat  
“Former Gang Leader”

At sixteen I became the leader of one of the most vicious and violent street gangs in New York City called the Kings. I was proud to wear the title and colors of gold and black, however, I found the title came with a price tag of either dying or going to jail. I was filled with hatred and fear. I was hated by my enemies and the police. I had to get high every day to live with this continuous hatred and fear. One day I was out on the streets without my protection and I found myself running for my life. I ran into a little church to hide. The leader of the Kings ran into the King of Kings— Jesus Christ. That night I heard how Jesus died for my sins. He took my place on the cross. For the first time in my life I saw hope. When I believed what I heard about Jesus was true— He set me free! The Bible says in John 8:36 “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”



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## BRADLEY

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nostalgic memories. Perhaps Senator Bradley has done the math and come to the same conclusion that I have. Real estate values in Southern Clay and Eastern Bradford County have stagnated since the 1960's. A comparison of prices in other similar areas reveals that property values would be much higher if the lakes were restored—not just on the waterfront, but throughout the surrounding area. A lot of economic value is locked up in those low water levels, and a lot of government revenues too. This small investment in filling up the lakes will generate a stream of revenue both public and private in each year after the lakes are filled that far exceeds its total cost—a vast economic improvement for a tiny fraction of what the state spends on a modest local highway project. The economic benefits won't stop in the Lake Region. They will spread in the form of an improved tax base, new business, jobs and property values throughout a large portion of the Senator's district and into surrounding districts. Perhaps Senator Bradley sees that for the social and economic good of all his constituents, filling up the lakes is an investment that can't be passed up.

When dealing with other policy areas such as education and health care spending, Senator Bradley has focused on "fairness." Because it lacks a large population and because it has been in financial decline, the Lake Region has missed out on the modern era of politics in which government spending has spurred growth and development. It has not benefited from major highway, infrastructure or other economic development projects that fuel population and economic growth. In short, the Lake Region has not received its fair share of government attention or spending. Perhaps Senator Bradley sees that the Lake Region's decline is not of

its own making and that fair treatment will go a long way towards solving all the problems in that area.

Before you start thinking I'm a shill for Senator Bradley, I will tell you that my years of experience in Tallahassee have made me cynical about politicians and their motives, so when I learned about his interest in restoring the lakes, I reviewed Senator Bradley's handling of other legislative proposals and asked around in the lobbying community about him. The consensus opinion on Bradley at that time seemed to be that he was an effective Senator, a straight shooter but a relative newcomer and maybe a bit naïve in the positions he sometimes took. One friend told me that Bradley didn't always bet with the smart money—meaning he sometimes goes his own way if it seemed the right thing to do.

When the lake levels declined, economic activity declined and growth in the Lake Region ground to a halt. So, what happened to the water? There has been much speculation about that. Some blame decreased rainfall or the water management district, others blame mining to the north that has consumed large quantities of water, still others blame the leaders at Camp Blanding for refusing to release additional water from Blanding's lake reservoir, some blame overall increased consumption. There is some truth to all of these explanations, but they also miss the mark in one important respect. I am sure all these interested players, including local politicians, industrialists and the water management district would like to see the lakes restored. But individually they either do not hold lake restoration as a primary objective or they have lacked the individual power to achieve that goal. This looks like a complex problem with lots of moving parts, but Bradley has seen through all of that.

The lakes have not been drying up because of a lack of water. No part of the world has

a greater abundance of clean, fresh water than North Florida. The lakes have been allowed to dry up by a failure of political vision and lack of leadership. Until redistricting, political leadership in the Lake Region was completely fractured. There has been no strong leader who could pull all the people together to keep the lakes from going dry as there is now to see the lakes restored. Senator Bradley seems not too interested in placing blame. Instead he has found a rather simple and elegant solution to the problem and is focused on pulling people and resources together to solve it. He wants to pump excess water from where it's not needed and put it where it is needed. If that alone doesn't satisfy the objective, I suspect he will try something else. Pragmatism we used to call it. The essence of strong leadership.

Since I became interested in this issue, 20 percent of the members of the Florida Senate have been forced out of office by allegations of wrongdoing. One of those forced out was the Senate Appropriations Chair. At a time when he was in desperate need of a leader with integrity, the Senate President turned to Senator Bradley to fill the empty leadership slot. That leadership decision spoke volumes about Bradley. In his new role, the Senator stands for the proposition that the smart money doesn't always win and sometimes being known as a level-headed guy who does the right thing pays off. In addition to lake restoration funding, he has improved education and health care funding for all the counties in his district. Guess what, lately all the smart money lobbyists in Tallahassee has been betting on Senator Bradley. Like Bradley, I don't always bet with the smart money either, but I think Senator Bradley is a man who gets things done and he will be with us for a long time, in ever more prominent roles.

Don Bell  
Tallahassee

## KHHS pitcher Osteen to play at Santa Fe



With his parents, Donny and Stephanie Osteen, looking on, Keystone Heights High School senior Connor Osteen signs his letter of intent to play baseball at Santa Fe College.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School senior baseball player Connor Osteen is ready to take his game to another level. That's why Santa Fe College was the obvious choice to make when deciding where to take his talents after high school.

Osteen signed a letter of intent to play for the Saints during a March 8 scholarship-signing ceremony in the KHHS media center.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," he said. "I can't wait to see what it has in store for me. I'm excited to go close to home, but then again, it's a really good college for pitching."

Osteen said he received interest from such schools as College of Central Florida, Daytona State College, Tallahassee Community College and LaGrange (Georgia) College, but he likes what Santa Fe has to offer in assistant coach Conrad Flynn. Flynn pitched three years in the minors for Arizona's organization after playing three seasons at Tulane University. He's also enjoyed his experiences on the Santa Fe campus.

"I picked Santa Fe because they have a really good pitching coach," Osteen said. "I've been there for showcases. I just fell in love with the place. I just like it there."

Keystone head coach Alan Mattox said Santa Fe is a good place for pitchers to continue to develop. Santa Fe head coach Johnny Wiggs pitched for Santa Fe and then for the University of Florida, helping the Gators get

When he gets to college, Osteen said he'll work on adding more velocity to his pitches and work on making his curveball tighter. Other than that, he said he'll take the mound with confidence as he always does.

Mattox said Osteen is confident and calm when he's in the game.

"He's confident in his abilities and certainly confident in his teammates," Mattox said. "He never gets too excited. He never gets too down on himself. He just goes and does his job."

Osteen has obviously learned things from his coaches, but Mattox said coaches learn something from him, too.

"He lives his testimony," Mattox said. "Obviously, he's very active in his church. He wears that. You see it as he goes around campus every day and on the ball field every day. I don't know that I've ever heard that kid speak an ill word in my life. He's such a great example, not just to players, but to coaches."

Osteen said the goal is to pitch two years at Santa Fe and then play another two years at a four-year school.

"Florida would be my dream school," he said. "That's one of the reasons I picked Santa Fe — it's close to there. That's where I want to go."

Before that, he looks forward to taking the mound for the Saints.

"I'm probably going to feel a little nervous," he said about playing in his first game for Santa Fe. "I'll be excited. Hopefully, my adrenaline doesn't get to me."

"He's confident in his abilities and certainly confident in his teammates. He never gets too excited. He never gets too down on himself. He just goes and does his job."



Alan Mattox

to the College World Series for their first time. Wiggs was All-SEC as a junior when UF made its first College World Series trip and played in the minor leagues for five years for the Seattle, Detroit and Boston organizations.

"Those guys know what they're doing," Mattox said of Wiggs and Flynn. "They're in the state tournament every year for a reason. They're good coaches."

Mattox said one of the things that stands out about Osteen is that the 6-2 player has a physical frame he can still grow into. The coach said Osteen can put on 20 pounds easy.

Pitching-wise, Osteen can throw strikes with multiple pitches, with each pitch being set up by the fastball.

"He can locate his fastball," Mattox said. "It's got good movement on it. Everything starts with that."

Osteen said, "My fastball is my go-to pitch. It has a lot of tail on it. I can usually hit my spot wherever

## KHHS wins District 9-1A weightlifting title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Having six individual champions and 18 in all who will advance to regional competition, the Keystone Heights High School boys' weightlifting team won the District 9-1A championship on March 9 in Keystone.

It was the third straight district title for the program.

"The kids competed," Lowery said. "When they had to make a lift, they made a lift. They were willing to scrap for a point or two. It made all the difference."

The top six in each weight class qualified for the Region 5 finals, which Keystone will host on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m.

Brandon Spivey successfully defended his district championship, winning the 139 class with a bench press of 250 and a clean and jerk of 240 for a 490 total. Also winning championships were: C.J. Parks with a 405 total (210 bench press, 195 clean and jerk) in the 129 class, Briar Smith with a 455 total (240, 215) in the 154 class, Alex Cruz with a 565 total (300, 265) in the 183 class, Carter Semione with a 575 total (295, 280) in the 219 class and Dan Dodd with a 630 total (330, 300) in the unlimited class.

Keystone took first and second in two weight classes, with Hunter Stitt finishing behind Smith in the 154 class with a 450 total (235, 215) and Cameron Musselman finishing behind Semione in the 219 class with a 515 total (290, 225).

Holden Knapp was also a runner-up with a 290 total (145, 145) in the 119 class.

Briar Schenck placed third behind Knapp in the 119 class with a 240 total (115, 125), while Tucker Kicklighter, Jesse Donahue and Mike Kirtley also placed third. Kicklighter had a 305 total (165, 140) in the 129 class, while Donahue had a 365 total (195, 170) in the 139 class. Kirtley had a 405 total (220, 185) in the 169 class.



The Keystone Heights High School boys' weightlifting team won its third straight district championship. Pictured (in alphabetical order) are all who competed at the meet: Alex Cruz, Dan Dodd, Jesse Donahue, Josh Hughes, Tucker Kicklighter, Trent Kirk, Mike Kirtley, Holden Knapp, Cameron Musselman, Jacob Morgan, C.J. Parks, Briar Schenck, Carter Semione, Briar Smith, Brandon Spivey, Hunter Stitt, Dylan Thompson, Colby Townsend and Kaleb Vojnovski.

Josh Hughes placed fourth in the 199 class with a 475 total (250, 225), while the following placed fifth: Dylan Thompson with a 375 total (200, 175) in the 169 class, Colby Townsend with a 460 total (265, 195) in the 199 class and Jacob Morgan with a 255 total (150, 105) in the 238 class.

Kaleb Vojnovski earned sixth place in the 183 class with a 430 total (225, 205).

Lowery admitted he wasn't expecting the team to win its district this year. He said for the most part, the lifters did what they had to do, being successful on all of their bench press and clean and jerk attempts.

"We had to nail our six lifts. In most cases we did that," Lowery said, adding, "It took having a good day for us to have our best day."

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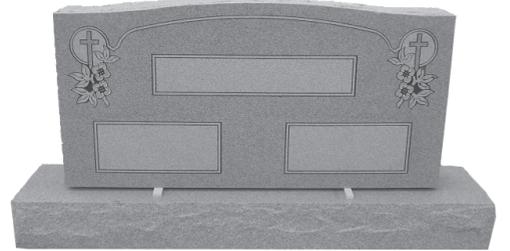
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# Spring basketball tips off in Starke

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

What's more unusual than hearing, "Official's timeout, shoelaces," during a basketball game? How about a coach tying those shoelaces for his player?

It was quite the norm, though, at the R.J.E. gym as 4-6-year-olds tipped off Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's spring league on March 17.

The league is made up of Cavaliers, Rockets, Spurs and

Warriors in three age groups: Kiddie (4-6), Minor (7-10) and Junior (11-up).

The Kiddie Rockets and Spurs played each other to start the day's action, with coaches Rick Barr and Frazier Bass on court to give the little ones instruction and other assistance. Some shots were wild, and dribbling wasn't necessarily a part of the game, but seeds were being sown for the love of the game. Perhaps some of the Kiddies will grow up to be our future middle school

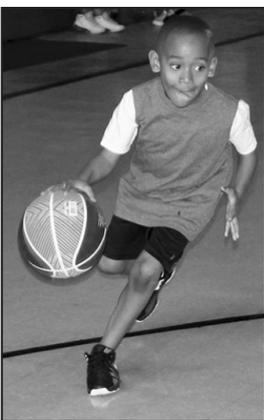
and high school stars. More than anything else, playing is about one thing, which was emphasized by Barr as he addressed all of the players prior to the first game tipping off.

"I need for you all to have some fun," he said.

The league will host a March Madness opening ceremony on Friday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m.



Rockets player Darrell Pressley puts up a shot as Spurs players Kenson Hankerson (right) and Wyatt Thornton (background) look on.



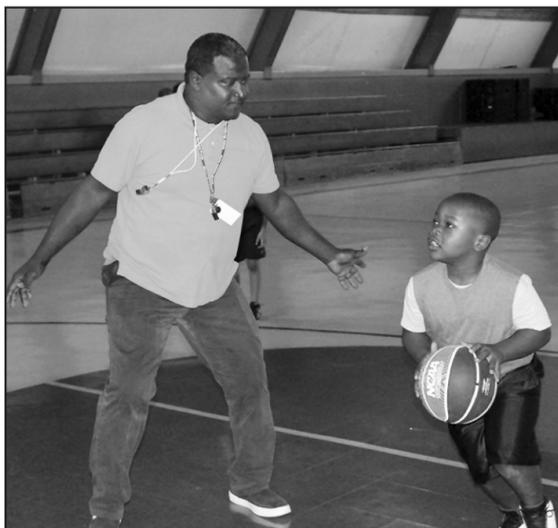
giving instructions in the background. The Spurs' Kenson Hankerson channels his



Spurs player Wyatt Thornton drives into the lane for a shot attempt.



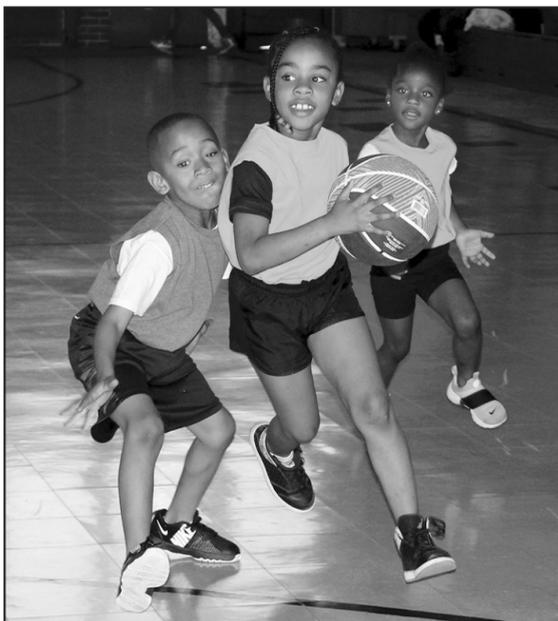
Kynley Turner is in the background. Jordan Brown handles the ball for the Rockets, with coach Frazier Bass



Bryant Malcolm (right) drives the ball past coach Rick Barr during warm-ups.



inner Michael Jordan with his tongue sticking out. Tamaya McCloud (far right) puts up a shot for the Spurs as (l-r) Rockets coach Frazier Bass and Rockets players Bella Hankerson and Darrell Pressley look on.



Jamila Hankerson pushes the ball upcourt for the Rockets against the Spurs' Kenson Hankerson (left). Rockets player

## UCHS softball team drops first 1A game since 2016

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kamaya Cohen's groundout to second tied the score in the top of the third, but host Wewahitchka added two runs to defeat the Union County High School softball team 4-2 on March 17.

Wewahitchka was the last Class 1A team to hand the Tigers (7-2) a loss, doing so in the 2016 state semifinals.

Kensley Hamilton, who hit an RBI triple, was the only Union batter with multiple hits, going 3-for-4.

Prior to the long road trip, the Tigers improved to 4-0 in District 6 with a 15-0, four-inning win over visiting Hawthorne on March 13.

Teala Howard drove in three runs, going 2-for-3 with a triple, while Cohen, Katie Caren, Tiffany Clark and Brooke Waters each drove in two runs. Clark and Waters went 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively. Waters and Caren each hit a double.

Angela Shope went 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI, while Lexi Androlevich and Shelby Spratlin each had an RBI. Androlevich hit a double, as did Randa Godwin.

Starting pitcher Waters gave up two hits and no walks in two innings, striking out five. Howard threw the final two innings, giving up no hits and one walk, while striking out five.

The Tigers travel to play Hawthorne on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. and then travel to play Fleming Island on Friday, March 23, at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, March 26, Union travels to play Trinity Christian at 7 p.m.

## BHS softball team defeats West Port 6-3

Olive drives in 2, allows 5 hits

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Maggie Olive hit a two-run double in a five-run fourth and earned the win in the circle as the Bradford High School softball team defeated visiting West Port 6-3 on March 16.

Olive finished with the two RBI, while Krista Hildebran, Emily McCoy and Savana Shealey each drove in one run. Hildebran went 2-for-2, while McCoy went 3-for-4.

In the circle, Olive gave up five hits and two walks, with two strikeouts.

## Bradford 12 PK Yonge 2

Wiggins 3 for 3, 5 RBI

Bradford (6-5, 4-2) entered the game off a 12-2, five-inning win over District 5-5A opponent P.K. Yonge on March 13 in Gainesville, with Brooklyn Wiggins going 3-for-3 with five RBI. Wiggins drove in the first two runs on a triple in the top of the first.

Shealey, who hit a double, and Macy Connor each had two RBI, while Olive, who also hit a double, and Shianne Cassels each had one RBI. McCoy and Harli Phillips went 3-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Phillips hitting a double. Gracie Blankenship went 2-for-4.

Olive gave up one hit and one walk, while striking out four.

The Tornadoes travel to play district opponent Newberry on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play district opponent Keystone Heights on Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, March 27, Bradford travels to play district opponent Fort White at 6:30 p.m.



Right: Tamaya McCloud (right) of the Spurs attempts to take the ball into the paint against Rockets player Cayson Hampton.

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## BHS qualifies 7 for Region 3-1A weightlifting finals



Bradford High School weightlifters qualifying for the Region 3-1A finals are (l-r): Taro Ward, Zion Barber, Jordan Luke, Ian McGowan, Tyrik Oliver, Maurice Hewitt and (not pictured) Jakob Alvarez.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Coach Caleb Dukes looks forward to building the numbers back up in boys' weightlifting at Bradford High School, but for now, he'll gladly take what his team accomplished on March 9. Seven competed at the District 5-1A finals at Suwannee High School. All seven earned the right to advance to regional competition.

"Hey, we're batting 1,000," Dukes said.

Jakob Alvarez, Zion Barber and Tyrik Oliver led the way, winning their weight classes, while the four other lifters placed in the top six, punching their tickets to the Region 3 finals, which will be held Saturday, March 24, at Baker County High School, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Dukes said the results stem

from the lifters' dedication, which has included working out early in the mornings and on days when there is no school, such as during the recent spring break.

"It's all the credit in the world to them," Dukes said.

Alvarez and Barber each won his second straight district championship. Alvarez had a bench press of 450 and a clean and jerk of 295 to win the unlimited class with a 745 total, which was 10 pounds better than runner-up Agelu Nunu of Union County. Barber had a bench press of 330 and a clean and jerk of 285 to win the 169 class with a 615 total, which was 65 pounds better than teammate Taro Ward.

Oliver had a bench press of 225 and a clean and jerk of 205 to win the 154 class with a 430 total, which was 10 pounds better

than teammate Ian McGowan. McGowan and Ward were Bradford's only district runners-up. McGowan had a bench press of 210 and a clean and jerk of 210, while Ward had a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 250.

Jordan Luke placed third in the unlimited class with a 705 total (365 bench press, 340 clean and jerk), while Maurice Hewitt placed fifth in the 119 class with a 265 total (145, 120).

Alvarez, Barber, Luke and Ward are looking to earn return trips to the state finals, which will be held Friday, April 6, at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach. Winners at all of the state's regional meets receive automatic state berths, with the remaining field determined by comparing totals from all the regional meets.

## 7 UCHS weightlifters qualify for regionals



Seven Union County High School weightlifters qualified for the Region 3-1A finals. Pictured (l-r): Gage Hendricks, Jason Holton, Chase Crawford, Shamar Highland, Agelu Nunu, Blake Bass and coach Bryan Griffis. Not pictured: Maurice Strong.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Seven Union County High School boys' weightlifters qualified for the Region 3-1A finals, including Chase Crawford and Agelu Nunu, who were runners-up in their respective classes at the March 9 District 5 finals at Suwannee High School.

"That's about what we expected," coach Bryan Griffis said, though he added coaches were hoping for two more. However, the fact that the meet was held during Union's spring break prevented two from lifting as they had planned family vacations.

"One of them would've qualified at second or third, and the other would've qualified at fourth," Griffis said.

The top six in each class at the

District 5 meet earned the right to compete in the Region 3 meet, which will begin at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Baker County High School.

Winners at all of the state's regional meets receive automatic state berths, with the remaining field determined by comparing totals from all the regional meets.

"I think we could have three make it to state, maybe four," Griffis said.

Crawford had a 245 bench press and a 215 clean and jerk to finish with a second-place total of 460 in the 139 class. Nunu placed second in the unlimited class with a bench of 435 and a clean and jerk of 300 for a 735

total. Nunu placed fourth in last year's district meet.

Gage Hendricks and Shamar Highland each placed third. Hendricks had a 280 total (145 bench press, 135 clean and jerk) in the 119 class, while Highland had a 515 total (275, 240) in the 183 class.

Blake Bass placed fourth in the 129 class with a 330 total (190, 140), while Maurice Strong was fifth in the unlimited class with a 615 total (350, 265).

Jason Holton qualified for regionals as well with a sixth-place finish in the 119 class. He had a 255 total (145, 110).

## LBMS Tigers bounce back from 1st loss with 13-3 win

Hancock: 5 RBI

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Ethan Hancock drove in four runs as the Lake Butler Middle School baseball team defeated visiting P.K. Yonge 13-3 in five innings on March 16.

The Tigers (6-1) got one RBI each from Kyler Cohen, Ayden Elixson, Clay Fulgham, Lucas Johns, Dylan Lovelace, Ethan Moody and Eli Rimes. Fulgham and Hancock went 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively, with Fulgham hitting a double.

Starting pitcher Elixson gave up no hits in two innings, while striking out four. Lovelace and combined to allow two hits in three innings, with Lovelace striking out three in two innings and Agner striking out two in one inning.

## Lake Butler 10 PK Yonge 0

Rawls, Lee, O'Steen, Lovelace combine for shutout

On Feb. 27, four pitchers combined to throw a shutout in the Tigers' 10-0, five-inning win at P.K. Yonge.

Starter Quinten Rawls gave up one hit and no walks in two innings, striking out five. Tre'Von Lee and Jake O'Steen gave up no hits in one inning of work each, while Lovelace gave up one hit in one inning.

Agner went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs, while Cohen, Moody, O'Steen and Trevor Holtzendorf each had one RBI. Rawls went 2-for-4.

## Lake Butler 10 Williston 1

Elixson: 2 for 3 with a triple and 2 RBI

On March 14, Elixson went 2-for-3 with a double, a triple and two RBI in Lake Butler's 10-1, five-inning win at Williston.

O'Steen, who hit a triple, and Rimes each went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Hancock went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Lee had an RBI as well.

Starting pitcher Moody gave up three hits in 3.1 innings. Rimes and Rogers combined to allow no hits in 1.2 innings.

## Baker County 13 Lake Butler 4

Lake Butler suffered its first loss on March 15, with host Baker County scoring 11 unanswered runs in a 13-4, five-inning loss.

Elixson, who hit a two-run double to put the Tigers up 4-2 in the top of the fourth, went 2-for-3 with three RBI. Hancock had an RBI, while Lovelace went 2-for-2.

The Tigers played Hamilton

County this past Tuesday and will play at Ruth Rains on Tuesday, March 27, at 4 p.m.

## UCHS baseball team evens district record with 7-5 win

Shatto: 2 RBI

Cox: Complete game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Skyler Shatto drove in two runs in a three-run fourth inning to help the Union County High School baseball team defeat District 6-1A opponent Crescent City 7-5 on March 16 in Lake Butler.

Paden Clyatt, Caden Cox, Trace Croft, Tripp Davis and Garrett Mullins each had an RBI as the Tigers (7-3) evened their district record at 1-1.

Cox pitched a complete game, giving up five hits and one walk, while striking out eight.

## Hamilton County 1 Union County 0

On March 13, host Hamilton County took advantage of a walk and two singles to score a run in the bottom of the eighth to defeat the Tigers 1-0.

Starting pitcher Davis gave up two hits before exiting in the eighth after giving up a two-out walk with no one on. He had 11 strikeouts.

At the plate, Whip Davis went 2-for-4.

## Union County 15 Mt. Dora Christian 1

Croft: 4 RBI  
Mullins: Complete game, 3-hitter, 7 strikeouts

Union bounced back, with Croft driving in four runs in the Tigers' 15-1, five-inning win over host Mount Dora Christian Academy on March 15.

Croft went 2-for-4 with a double and a triple, while Cox and Shatto each drove in two runs. Whip Davis and Tripp Davis went 3-for-4 and 2-for-4, respectively, with each driving in a run. Matthew Starling had an RBI as well.

Mullins pitched the entire way, giving up three hits and one walk. He had seven strikeouts.

The Tigers played Hamilton County this past Tuesday and will travel to play Crescent City on Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. Union then hosts Bradford on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

## KHHS baseball team falls by 8 runs in district game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Keystone Heights High School baseball team was held to four hits in a 9-1 District 5-5A loss to host Palatka on March 16.

Gary Searle had an RBI, while Nate Gagnon hit a double.

Keystone (4-5, 2-3) entered the game off a 14-2, five-inning win over host Bishop Snyder on March 15.

Will Yeldell drove in three of the Indians' nine runs in the third and fourth innings. Stevie Rodriguez, who went 2-for-3, also had three RBI, while Gagnon and Connor Osteen each had two RBI. Gagnon went 2-for-4, while Osteen hit a double.

Andrew Cox and Alex Kanos each had an RBI, while Searle went 2-for-3 with a double.

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Kaison Haarvey hit a double as well.

Osteen went the distance on the mound, giving up five hits and no walks, while striking out eight.

Keystone played Class 6A Ridgeview this past Tuesday and will host Class 8A Buchholz on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. The Indians host district opponent Bradford on Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Fort White on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

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# Lake Butler Rotary and Women's Club Receive Grants from Clay Electric

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

The Lake Butler Rotary Club and the Lake Butler Women's Club have received grants from the Clay Electric Foundation which will allow them to finance some projects they have been thinking about or working on for some time.

John Henry Whitehead, the Clay Electric trustee for the district and Jordan Wade, public relations officer for Clay Electric in Lake City, visited both organizations Tuesday to present them with checks for the grants they have been awarded.

Wade explained to Rotarians that the funds for the grant came from Clay Electric Foundations Operation Round-Up, a program which allows Clay Electric customers to round up the amount of their bills to the next dollar and have the money be put into the foundations coffers to support the efforts of community service organizations in the community. Wade noted that 93 percent of Clay Electric's 185,000 accounts were signed up for the program. He also

noted that the two grants he was delivering were the first ever which were specific to the Lake Butler/Union County community.

All of the Rotarians attending the Tuesday meeting gather together to accept the ceremonial giant check, while club President Ted Barber accepted the real one. The grant to the Lake Butler Rotary Club was for \$9,500 and Barber and President-elect Donna Harris said plans were to use the money to help support efforts like Farm Share and to work to bring more programs like it to the community.

Whitehead and Wade then traveled to the Lake Butler Woman's Club, where they were met by several members, who accepted the check for \$10,500. The club plans to use the money to continue with the restorations of the historic clubhouse.

"We are flexible on how the money will be spent, but we are looking at several things still left to be done, such as the HVAC for the upstairs and the work on the outside of the building," said Ann Hendricks.



Members of the Lake Butler Women's Club accepting a check from the Clay Electric Foundation. Pictured are: Jordan Wade, Jean Waters, Betty Emerick, Jean Brannen, Monica Bayer, Ann Hendricks, Harriet Maines, John Henry Whitehead and Bobbie Morgan.



Members of the Lake Butler Rotary Club accepting a ceremonial check from the Clay Electric Foundation. Pictured are: Dale Walker, Tommy Spires, Bill McGill, Sara Owen, Art Peterson, Carlton Faulk, John Henry Whitehead, Steve Wellhausen, Joe Stephenson, Jordan Wade, Shane Collins, Ted Barber, Jennie Reed, Donna Harris, Russ Wade, Tricia Wylie and Nancy Griffis.



Clay Electric's Jordan Wade noted that 93 percent of Clay Electric's 185,000 accounts were signed up for the Operaton Round Up program.



Chase Williams and Kelsey Harrison, presenting the Celebration of Abilites prom concept to the Future Bueinss Leaders of America Convention on Orlando.

## Entrepreneurs Work to Benefit Special Education Students

BY TAMMY HARRISON  
Special to the Times

Two Union County entrepreneurs have started a non-profit organization that helps students with disabilities build self esteem.

Kelsey Harrison, the reigning Miss Largo and Chase Williams- Owner of Williams Technology have lunched Celebration of Abilities Inc.

### Proms and other opportunities

The organization assists schools in the state of Florida in establishing Celebration of Abilities proms: the same event Harrison started while a student in Union County nine

years ago. In conjunction with the prom, schools will be able to coordinate special education days where students participate in baseball games or sporting events of their choice, participate in buddy programs with regular education students, participate in sporting management positions and learn school-to-work career skills. All of this will help to incorporate inclusion opportunities for schools and communities.

Future goals for this program are to develop a statewide curriculum where students have the opportunity in high school to learn about inclusion and how to be involved with students with exceptional needs.

### More information

If you would like to receive more information about this non-profit business or donate please visit <http://celebrationofabilities.org/> to help in your local area.

Kelsey and Chase had the opportunity this past weekend to present their program to over 4,500 students at the Future Business Leaders of America student convention in Orlando. From this, they hope that their program will increase opportunities in schools throughout the entire state.

## The Weekly Paw Print:

Going to the dentist is scary at times for people but it is much worse for pets. There has been an alarming rise in places offering pet dental cleanings without anesthesia. While on the surface this might be appealing, experts agree that what results is both inadequate treatment and needless trauma. Today we discuss why it is important to anesthetized pets during dental cleanings.

First, it is the best standard of care. The 2013 AAHA Dental Care Guidelines for Dogs and Cats clearly state "cleaning a companion animal's teeth without general anesthesia is considered unacceptable and below the standard of care." This means the pain and stress a pet faces, as well as the medical complications, during a non-anesthetic dental cleaning are so significant that it is considered an inhumane practice. When dogs and cats undergo a non-anesthetic dental cleaning, they can often be overwhelmed by the bright lights, loud equipment, and strange people restraining them. Even under sedation, an animal still experiences these fears. This can place your pet under significant stress and even cause lasting trauma.

Second, anesthesia seems scary, but when given the right attention it can be very safe and is a very important part of the dental procedure. The use of a personalized anesthesia and pain control plan can mitigate many of the risks associated with non-anesthetic procedures. Anesthesia also allows your veterinarian to properly evaluate your pet's teeth. Did you know that 60 percent of a dog or cat's tooth is hidden beneath the gum line? Dental X-rays obtained while the pet is under anesthesia allow the veterinarian to fully examine each tooth and identify problems that cannot be seen with the naked eye—and additional treatment can often be provided on the spot. Anesthesia also allows the veterinary team performs a thorough exam and cleaning without the risk of injury to himself or to your pet.

Lastly, most pets recover from anesthesia quickly. According to the American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC), many patients are fully recovered—meaning they are awake and standing—just 15–20 minutes after the procedure is completed. Anesthetized dental cleanings are an outpatient procedure, so your pet can go home with you the same day. Many pets that are suffering from severe dental disease show improvement with in days, sometimes, even the next day.

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The event will include an Easter-egg hunt, a barbecue lunch, the chance to win door prizes, live music and entertainment, local vendors,

a bounce house, face painting, hay rides and other activities. Also, a service dog will be presented to a veteran in need.

For more information, please call 850-814-4320, or visit the event's Facebook page (OperationBarnabasInc).

## Col. Samuel Elbert DAR meeting set for April 2

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its regular meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. on

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# Sheppard, Thompson show top steer, heifer at fair

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bailee Sheppard and Josh Worten exhibited the top two steers at the Bradford-Union 4-H and FFA Steer and Breed Show at the Bradford County Fair, while Walker Thompson and Nathan Boone exhibited the top two heifers.

Sheppard's steer was also the reserve grand champion. She received a rosette and buckle for each award, plus \$300 for the homegrown grand championship, which was sponsored by Boone Septic.

Worten's steer was also the homegrown reserve grand champion. He received rosettes and plaques for both awards as well as \$150 for winning the homegrown reserve grand championship, which was sponsored by Union Power and Equipment.

The top five overall steer awards (in order) went to Sheppard, Worten, Chase Roberts, Walker Thompson and Karlie Hardee. Gordon Smith and Ward-Wiggins Farm sponsored the \$150 and \$125 first- and second-place prizes, respectively, while Sal Perez Club Calves sponsored the \$100 third-place prize. The Kiwanis Club of Starke sponsored the \$75 fourth-place prize, while 3RD cattle sponsored the \$50 fifth-place prizes.

The homegrown champion breeder (steers) was Rodney

Griffis, while J&G Williams Cattle was named homegrown reserve champion breeder (steers). Certificates were presented to both.

Walker Thompson showed the grand champion heifer, earning a rosette and belt buckle, while Nathan Boone showed the reserve grand champion heifer, earning a rosette and a plaque. Both animals were also the homegrown award winners, with Thompson receiving a rosette, buckle and \$200, sponsored by Robby Worrell Construction, and Boone receiving a rosette, plaque and \$100, sponsored by 3RD Cattle and Hulsey Hauling.

The top five overall heifer awards went to (in order) Thompson, Boone, Payton Thompson, Bailee Sheppard and Harley Seay. North Florida Cattlemen's Association sponsored the \$150, \$125, \$100 and \$75 first- through fourth-place prizes, while 3RD Cattle sponsored the \$50 fifth-place prize.

The homegrown champion breeder (breed) was Whitehead Family Cattle, while the homegrown reserve champion breeder (breed) was Boone Acres. Each received a certificate.

## Overall performance, showmanship

The Zedra Hamilton family sponsored two overall-performance awards, with Josh Worten earning the steer award and Harley Seay earning the breed award.

Tanner Connell received the \$200 Citizenship Award, sponsored by the Harold E. Waters family in memory of Donna and Lynne Waters.

Kaylie Whitehead earned the Tough Girl Award and received a pocket knife.

In the Bradford-Union Cattlemen's Association showmanship contest, Nathan Boone placed first in the senior division, followed by Bailee Sheppard, Josh Worten, Madison Bennett and Tara Holtzendorf. Cash prizes were sponsored by Bradford County Farm Bureau (\$300), Joe Hendricks Farm (\$200), EC Cattle (\$150), Kellie Connell (\$100) and GL Cattle (\$75).

Harley Seay placed first in the intermediate division, followed by Walker Thompson, Maci Whitehead, Madison Brown and Brady Pearson. Prizes were sponsored by Badcock of Starke and Lake Butler (\$300), Emerson Nursery and Rental Plants (\$200), Bradford Soil and Water Conservation (\$150), Westside Feed II (\$100) and Patrick Hartley Welding (\$75).

Karlie Hardee was first in the junior division, followed by Sydney Box, Ryder

Thompson, Noah Williams and Karly Shatto. Prizes were sponsored by Teal Tile Carpet (\$300), Swift Creek Realty (\$200), Bradford Soil and Water Conservation (\$150), Westside Feed II (\$100) and Realtor Kayla Alvarez (\$75).

## Herdsman, weight-gain awards

Bradford-Union Cattlemen's Association Herdsman Award winners were Tara Holtzendorf (senior), Katie Caren (intermediate) and Shayna Durrance (junior). Their \$125 prizes were sponsored by Suburban Carpet Cleaners (senior) and Thompson's Auto Sales (intermediate and junior).

Kaylie Whitehead and Madison Bennett placed second and third, respectively, in the senior division, with Suburban Carpet Cleaners sponsoring the \$100 second-place and \$75 third-place awards, respectively.

Kendal Stalnaker placed second in the intermediate division, followed by Hunter Williams. Their awards were sponsored by Whitehead Family Cattle.

In the junior division, Jordan Hamilton was second, followed by Kody Stalnaker. Bradford Soil and Water Conservation sponsored the second-place award, while Clyatt Well Drilling sponsored

the third-place award.

In the steer weight-gain contest, Garrison Ritch placed first, receiving \$100 from sponsor Gator II Farm Supply/Ken Mueller. Judd Connell and Jenna Ritch tied for second, with Kim Griffis and AAA Hay Farms sponsoring the \$62.50 prizes.

## Record book

In the Bradford 4-H Intermediate record-book contest (steer), Jordan Hamilton and Walker Thompson placed first and second.

Grant Dicks and Ella Dicks placed first and second, respectively, in the Union Intermediate 4-H record-book contest.

In 4-H Junior record book, Garrison Ritch and Jacee Box placed first and second, respectively.

Bradford Septic and J&G Williams Cattle sponsored the \$50 first-place prizes in the intermediate division, while Gordon Smith and North Florida Custom Meats sponsored the \$30 second-place prizes. North Florida Custom Meats sponsored the junior division prizes.

Josh Worten and Jenna Ritch were first and second in the FFA Senior record-book contest (steer). The Kiwanis Club of Starke and North Florida Custom Meats sponsored the \$50 and \$30 first- and second-place prizes.

Macy Malphurs and Trevor

Holtzendorf placed first and second in the FFA Junior record-book contest. Randy Conner and Boone Acres Cattle sponsored the first- and second-place prizes, respectively.

In the 4-H record-book contest (breed), Tara Holtzendorf and Tatum Howard placed first and second in the senior division, while Walker Thompson and Noah Williams placed first and second in the intermediate division. Shayna Durrance placed first in the junior division, while Ryder Thompson and Addison Wright tied for second.

Bob and Janice Tyliczka and Bennett Farms sponsored the \$50 first-place and \$30 second-place awards in the senior division. Emerson Nursery and Rental Plants sponsored the intermediate awards, while Eric Crawford and Shatto Heating and Air sponsored the junior awards.

Katie Caren and Harley Seay placed first and second in the FFA Senior record-book contest (breed). EC Cattle and North Florida Custom Meats sponsored the \$50 first-place and \$30 second-place prizes, respectively.

Trevor Holtzendorf and Eli Rimes placed first and second, respectively, in the FFA Junior record-book contest. Malcolm Hill sponsored the prizes.

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## Strawberry Invitational set for April 14-15

The Starke Golf and Country Club will host the 51<sup>st</sup> Strawberry Invitational April 14-15.

Players will be placed in one of six flights based on their first-round scores.

The entry fee is \$135 per player. Meals are included in the cost.

To register, please call the Starke Golf and Country Club at 904-964-5441, or send email to [jacksonville@amateurgolf.com](mailto:jacksonville@amateurgolf.com).

## Starke Kiwanis golf tournament is Good Friday

The Kiwanis Club of Starke is hosting its annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, March 30, beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

The format is a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$50 per person. The fee includes cart, lunch, goodie bag and prizes.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. A prize drawing will be held, with tickets for entry available for \$1 each or 25 for \$20.

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