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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, or a hard copy can be picked up at the Student Services Department at the district office.

Extension workshops precede plant sale

Spring workshops sponsored by the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office:

—Mosquito Identification, Bradford County Extension, 5 to 7:30 p.m., April 12.

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Arcades blocked pending further regulation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke City Commissioners have placed a moratorium on the opening of new adult arcades pending changes in the rules that could once again limit their number within the city limits.

Following recent changes in the city's rules governing adult arcades, there has been a surge in interest, leading commissioners to place a moratorium on issuing new licenses.

The city's goal in regulating the arcades, formerly known as "internet cafés," has been to prevent one popping up on every corner like gas stations. Those that have opened have proven very popular,

however, and new proprietors apparently want to cash in.

Back in 2007, the commission restricted the number of adult arcades allowed in the city, tying that number to population. Only one was allowed for every 6,500 residents. The so-called Anti-Gambling Ordinance also restricted minors from entering the establishments and prohibited them from awarding prizes exchangeable for cash, alcohol or tobacco.

A statewide crackdown in 2013 resulted in dozens of "Internet cafés" being closed, but not for long as proprietors updated their equipment to get around the state's ban on specific types of machines.

The cafés transformed into arcades (which had already been around but were

fewer in number) where adults pay to play games. Winning depends on skill, not chance, and points or credit can be exchanged for merchandise.

Recent updates to the city's ordinance were made to bring it in line with state law and eliminate the population-based limit, which was said to be arbitrary and indefensible in court. Under the same Anti-Gambling Ordinance title, many of the same rules apply: a minimum of 10 coin-operated games for the entertainment of the general public and tourists; no minors; and no alcohol, tobacco or cash prizes, including debit or credit cards that could

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City cautious about splash park project



The City of Lake Butler opened its splash park in 2016

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke's city manager is worried the city bit off more than it can chew when it sought a grant to build a splash park on Edwards Road.

At one point, City Manager Bob Milner was encouraging the commission to hold a workshop on the splash park before proceeding.

"This is a big deal," Milner told the commission.

The city received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant for neighborhood revitalization to build the park. Milner was recently skeptical that would be enough.

A major selling point for the grant is that the splash park and other amenities at the Edwards Road park would be accessible in accordance with the American's with Disabilities Act. That includes new and bigger restrooms as well as modifying the sports areas.

"Everything is supposed

to be retrofitted to these standards, and it is a lot of money," Milner said, saying a designer and engineer had shared their doubts that half a million dollars would be enough to cover the project.

The city manager said they were also looking at other cities with splash parks and trying to projects Starke's future cost to build and run. Options include designs that recycle and therefore use less water but require more chemical treatment.

"We need to see if we can simplify this thing and fit it within the amount of money you have," Milner said.

After initially scheduling the workshop, Milner spoke with the engineer and grant administrator who said there was no need for a workshop yet.

"They think they can get it all done now," Milner said after he shared his cost concerns with the team.

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Man attacked with baseball bat

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A dispute by two business partners resulted in the arrest of one after he was accused of striking his partner in the back with a baseball bat.

David Earl Tingle, 44, of Starke was arrested March 21 by Bradford deputies for aggravated battery.

According to an arrest report, Tingle and the victim have been working on cars together for three years.

On the evening of the incident, the victim was at the defendant's house washing cars, his daughter was with him.

According to witnesses, the defendant became upset over a note the victim allegedly left on the windshield of the

defendant's wife. This first led to an argument between the defendant and his wife.

According to witnesses, Tingle then retrieved a silver bat and walked to the shop.

The victim said when he saw Tingle approaching with the bat, he ran, and even put an obstacle between himself and the defendant.

"(The victim) explained that David swung the baseball bat twice," wrote arresting officer Justin Q. Hanson in the report. "The first time, the victim was able to avoid it, but was struck the second time."

The defendant gave a different version of events, telling the deputy that he and the victim got into an altercation in the garage, and then a struggle, with both of them falling to the ground.

"According to David, (the victim) then left the

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Police clear suspicious package from Walgreens



A suitcase left near some propane tanks at Starke's Walgreens prompted police to evacuate the store and call in the bomb squad from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Sunday night.

Starke Police Major Barry Warren said that at 5:45, patrol units responded to the store and determined the suitcase was suspicious. "Officers evacuated the store, secured the parking lot and called in the bomb squad," he said. "They did exactly what they were trained to do."

Warren added that the suitcase contained only a package of Sharpies.

Asked if officers are still looking for the person who left the suitcase, Warren said no.

"It's over," he said. "The suspicious package was cleared and removed."

Pictured is a member of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad examining the suitcase. Photo: Starke Police Department. Story by Dan Hildebran, Managing Editor.

Deputy: Man exposed himself at busy intersection

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A deputy arrested a Naples truck driver after a 911 caller told a dispatcher the man ran him off the road twice, then exposed himself at the intersection of U.S. 301 and S.R. 100.

Zenen Jesus Estrada, 25, was arrested March 24 by Bradford deputies for indecent exposure.

According to an arrest report, the caller claimed a semi-truck was travelling northbound on U.S. 301 when the caller was attempting to leave VyStar Credit Union. The victim added that the driver of the semi ran him off the road twice.

"The driver of the car stated that at the intersection of 301 and S.R. 100," wrote arresting officer Joshua Hill, "Zenen then jumped out of the truck and pulled his pants down, exposing his sexual organs and also pointing at them."

Hill pulled over the truck and arrested the driver.

Teachers union voting on new contract with raises

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

On Tuesday, it appeared as if the Bradford County School District and Bradford Education Association had found the compromise that would end an impasse and get employees overdue pay raises.

Members of the union were scheduled to vote on contractual changes Tuesday that included a three-step raise and language that offered moderate protection against involuntary job transfers.

Differences over involuntary transfers caused the union to declare an impasse after months of bargaining sessions and compromises over pay and workplace conditions.

The conflict was headed to a magistrate to resolve, but a preemptive mediation session last week resulted in language on transfers that both might be able live with.

Teachers had previously appealed to the school board, saying they wanted protection from being transferred away from positions, teams and schools where they felt they were flourishing. They didn't want the decision to transfer them to be in the hands of the superintendent alone.

The district claimed it wasn't interested in frustrating teachers but was faced with realities including state requirements on class size and teacher and school performance that could make involuntary transfers necessary.

The compromise would protect teachers from being involuntarily transferred more than once every two years. It's not what the union wanted, but employees could win in other areas, including the restoration of planning periods during the school day at the middle and high schools.

See TEACHERS, 2B



Heart patients in good hands with Bradford EMS

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County Emergency Medical Service responders save more than half of the heart attack victims they treat, far outpacing the state and national average.

Allen Parrish publicly commended the employees who work for the county's EMS department, saying they put patient service first in all they do.

Over the past several years, the dedication to improving patient outcomes has resulted in drastic improvements, he said.

"We've been successful in elevating patient care in this county tenfold from where we started, and that's due to the men and woman that work for us, and quite honestly, the support that you give us," Parrish told commissioners.

Parrish introduced Ben Carter as the department's quality assurance officer, a position he took on within the last year. Because of his efforts and the other men and women who work for EMS, Parrish said they were able to share some amazing results recently published on patient care.

Carter said ROSC rates, which

stands for return of spontaneous circulation, are used throughout the country to measure how often responders are able to restart a heart that has stopped beating — how often a patient in cardiac arrest can be resuscitated.

"The national average right now is 8 percent," Carter said. "The state average is currently 17 percent. In 2016, the Bradford County EMS average was 46 percent, and last year, 2017, our average went up to 53 percent."

Carter said EMTs and paramedics are as good as the technology they are equipped with, so he took the initiative and wrote two grants that could further enhance lifesaving efforts. In purchasing 50 new automatic external defibrillators, EMS could provide devices to all of the fire response vehicles not currently equipped and place devices at every Bradford County school campus.

AEDs have been shown to dramatically improve survival rates for heart patients 30 to 50 percent, Carter said. The portable devices are capable of delivering an electric shock that stops arrhythmia or restarts a heart during cardiac arrest. If

this doesn't take place within minutes, the consequences are deadly.

"Obviously, we have a lot of volunteer fire stations that are much closer to calls than an EMS unit is sometimes. We only have four EMS units throughout the county," said Carter.

Each of the sheriff's vehicles is also equipped with an automatic external defibrillator.

AEDs do not require medical personnel or even a first responder, however. Most use audible voice prompts that could guide a member of the general public through the process. Having them in public spaces like schools can save lives. Each elementary school will receive one device, and devices will be placed in the offices and gymnasiums at Bradford Middle School and Bradford High.

"Anything we can do to improve patient care and improve survivability with these patients is what we're aiming for," Carter said.

He said the goal for 2018 is not only to have cardiac patients survive but to have them walk out of the hospital and return to a good quality of life as well.

Clark Hill throws album release party

BY CHUCK DOWLING
Special to the Telegraph-
Times-Monitor

Jimmie William Clark III is a Starke Native, and loves his hometown, so much so that he held his debut album release party at The Downtown Grill this past Friday night, March 22.

These days he goes by his stage name, Clark Hill, but to all the people that grew up with him around here, he is still Jimmie.

Hill has been performing in one way or another since he was a child, whether it be performing Elvis Presley songs in elementary school, or singing in church as he grew up. He has always felt at home on the stage.

Hill grew up on a locally on 20 acres that he and his brother-and-law had deemed "Clark Hill," and by 2012 he decided to make it official and created The Clark Hill Band.

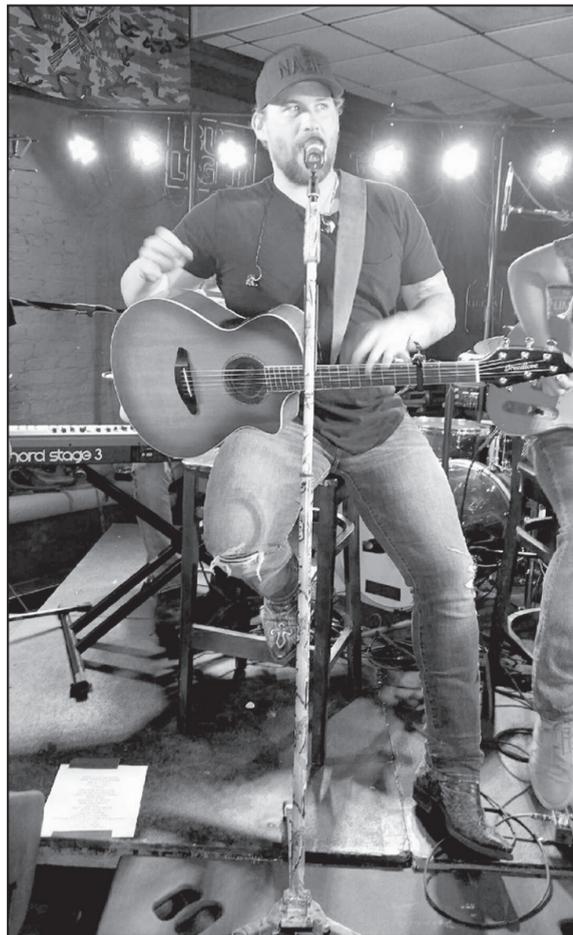
Fast forward to 2016, while he was beginning to receive national attention, and he decided for radio interview purposes and other reasons that he would go ahead and start going by Clark Hill all the time.

When asked if it was awkward to suddenly be going by a different name than he grew up using, Hill replied, "At this point, it's something I've gotten used to. I've met a lot of artists, so stage names are not that unheard of because you want a name that sells, and the reality is that Clark Hill is a name that just rolls off the tongue a little bit easier than Jimmie Clark."

The new album: "People Like Me" is the first one officially released by Hill, and he bypassed larger markets, such as Nashville, to release it in Starke amongst friends, family, and those that helped him get to where he is.

Despite this, there was a videographer there pumping a live feedback to Nashville, and audience members that had come from as far as Cincinnati, Ohio.

At one point in the performance Hill stepped off the stage onto the bar and made his rounds



Clark Hill performing at Starke's Downtown Grill

around the restaurant while singing atop his new platform. After being asked if he walks on a lot of bars and if that was his thing, he laughed and responded, "Something like that. Hey whatever it takes man. I just try to connect with the audience."

Among other inspirations for the album, Hill lost one of his best friends and former band bass player Bennie Clifton to a car accident in Palatka a couple of years ago. "I think about him every day and as a person he was just unselfish," said Hill. He

also added that "He was actually the one that recommended that I get some Nashville musicians to play with. He told me to do whatever it takes because 'you have an opportunity here.'"

During the night, Hill was generous with the stage, allowing several people to take the microphone, including his wife Samantha Clark, whom he has two children with.

You can follow Hill on the internet at facebook.com/clarkhillmusic or his website clarkhillmusic.com.

Plant repairs will allow Starke to 'limp' toward permanent solution

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke received an estimated price tag to keep its wastewater treatment plant functional for a few more years during which the city will research a more permanent solution.

Engineers from Mittauer and Associates prepared the estimate for the works, which includes nearly \$22,000 to repair the Alligator Creek outfall pipe, a project that was already underway.

These near-term improvements need to be completed "in short order," according to City Manager Bob Milner.

There are eight items other items on the list, beginning with approximately 1,500 cubic yards of sand from the aeration tanks. The city qualifies for grant funding to have a contractor remove the sand. The grant does not cover transportation and disposal costs, which together total \$132,000.

Once the aeration tanks are down, city workers can replace damaged diffusers. Replacement components will cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

The clarifiers are also due for a cleaning, although Mittauer believes the city workers could accomplish sand and grit removal using a vac truck at no

additional cost. While they are down, they will be inspected and repaired as needed by a contractor. Depending on the amount of rehabilitation necessary, the cost will range from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Being a sewage plant, there's more than sand to remove. The digester if full of 350,000 gallons of sludge that must be pumped out and disposed of. A company has quoted the city of price of nearly \$30,000 to dewater the contents of the digester and haul it away.

Quotes for wiring and other electrical projects were still being put together, but Mittauer's total estimate to keep the wastewater plant up and running for a few more years was between \$250,000 and \$300,000. For that price, Mittauer's Tim Norman said the city could get an additional three years out of the plant.

The priority list was based on work completed by department supervisor Kyle Jerrels and Gene Keyser, a chemist and engineer with decades of experience in water and wastewater utilities who recently passed away. Former city engineer Gary Sneddon was also brought in as a consultant given his years of experience with Starke's plant.

The commission has revenue from the sale of land to the state for the bypass project

that it has restricted for wastewater projects. While around \$1.6 million remains, the commission was hesitant to commit any of the funding for the approved plant repairs without assurance from the finance office there were no other sources from which to fund the project.

The commission did waive its purchasing policy to procure the companies that will assist, forgoing the advertising process after hearing from Norman that there are few companies in the market for "small jobs" like these.

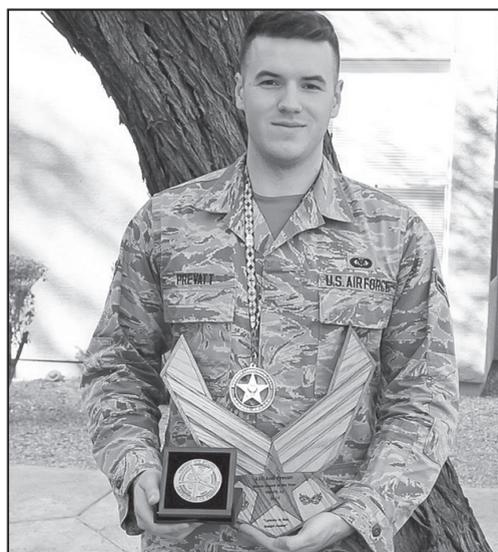
Mittauer and Associates will have a role in overseeing the work as it is performed.

Engineers believe the city will be eligible for grant funds to make significant upgrades to the existing plant or build a new plant at an estimated cost of \$12.5 million. That does not include the cost of purchasing additional land for an expanded spray field to dispose of treated wastewater. The effluent doesn't meet newer standards for disposal in Alligator Creek. Norman doesn't believe there is enough acreage available for a new spray field and said they were looking at deep well injection as a disposal option.

A well deep enough to dispose of wastewater beneath the Floridan Aquifer would also cost millions of dollars.

Prevatt earns honor guard distinction

Air Force Airman Joel T. Prevatt was awarded Honor Guard of the Year at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. Prevatt is the son of Lisa M. and James T. Prevatt of Hampton. The airman is a 2013 graduate of Bradford High School. He graduated with honors from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas, in 2015.



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And for the first time in years, teachers and employees would be paid according to their years of experience. They are three years behind because of lean years, declining enrollment and the need for the district to replenish its reserves.

The economy has rebounded and enrollment is up, allowing the district to give eligible employees two steps up on their salary schedules, retroactive to July 1, and one more step as of the date the contract is ratified.

The district first offered one step; the union first requested four. Both sides came together much sooner on pay than on the issue of job transfers.

It could be a big win both for current and prospective employees. No longer would new hires be told they cannot be paid for all of their experience because existing employees have not received the

raises due them. The new contract could help with both recruitment and retention.

"We want our teachers and staff to be where they are supposed to be on the salary schedule so that we can be competitive for recruitment and retention," said Assistant Superintendent David Harris.

As of press time, the results of the vote were not confirmed. Even if BEA members accept the contract, nothing is official until the school board votes on the contract in April, although there was no indication that would be an issue.

According to Harris, both sides will be back at the bargaining table sooner rather than later. Both the district and union have expressed interest in getting started prior to the next school year, and while compensation talk might not be up first because of unknowns like enrollment and the need to evaluate safe schools requirements, they will surely find something to discuss.

Harris said they don't want to be three-quarters of the way through the school year before the next contract is in place.

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Korean War veteran DeSue to receive Honor Flight to D.C.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Amos DeSue figures he only did what everyone should do, so he brushes off any talk of being honored, but he'll get put into the spotlight anyway and take a trip to the nation's capital, thanks to a nonprofit organization.

DeSue, 86, who lives in Starke, is a veteran of the Marines and served in the Korean War. He will fly to Washington on Wednesday, April 4, with a group of four other veterans as part of Honor Flight Network's efforts to recognize veterans for their sacrifices.

He said he's looking forward to the trip, but when his wife, Jenny Lamoree, asked him what he thinks about being honored, DeSue replied, "I don't know, Jenny, about all that." In regard to his service, DeSue said, "I figured it was my duty. That should be all our duty, to serve the country."

Honor Flight Network transports veterans to Washington, so they can visit the memorials that are specific to the wars they were a part of. Last year, the organization flew 20,588 veterans to Washington with 8,453 of those, like DeSue, having served in Korea. Honor Flight has flown more than 180,000 veterans since 2005.

On April 4, Honor Flight Network plans to fly a total of 42 World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans to D.C. Veterans are divided into smaller "squads," with DeSue being part of F Squad.

Each veteran is accompanied by a volunteer known as a guardian. DeSue's guardian is Don Ahlstrand, who is from The Villages.

In addition to the four other veterans and their guardians, DeSue's squad will consist of a squad leader, medical staff, bus captains and directors. All support staff are volunteers.

Bruce Williams, the owner of

Bradford Village Apartments, is responsible for DeSue getting this opportunity. Williams learned of Honor Flight when his church — First Presbyterian of Wildwood — hosted a homecoming for a member upon his return from an Honor Flight trip.

It was while talking to DeSue last fall that Williams learned that DeSue was a veteran of the Korean War. Williams said he couldn't find an Honor Flight organization in this part of the state but learned that the organization in The Villages would take veterans from anywhere.

Williams filled out an application on DeSue's behalf, while Williams' son took DeSue to the Lake City VA Medical Center, so he could receive "fit-to-fly" medical clearance.

"I was told in December that because of their backlog, he might not go until the end of the year," Williams said. "I was pleasantly surprised when I was notified that Amos would leave on the first flight for 2018."

DeSue may downplay being honored in such a way, but his wife said, "He's very honored by this."

She, for one, is glad he's getting such attention.

"He's lived a good life," Lamoree said. "He's done everything he could for everybody. He's got a big heart. It's about time somebody showed him some recognition."

Growing up in Starke, joining the Marines

DeSue, who was born Oct. 31, 1931, grew up in Starke with his mother, Linnie DeSue, and five brothers.

"He used to tell me (his brothers) beat him up all the time because he was one of the younger ones," Lamoree said.



Amos DeSue is pictured with his fellow Honor Flight F Squad members — the veterans and volunteer guardians who will fly together to Washington, D.C. Pictured (front, l-r) are veterans Pop Robertson, Jack Harris, DeSue, Al Nadeau and Gabe DaCosta. The guardians (back, l-r) are John Radoll, Jerry Hodgen, Don Ahlstrand, Liz Wakerly and Pat Schmidt.

DeSue, laughing, said, "I still remember those days."

He described Starke as a "country town" back then, saying not much of interest ever happened. When asked what he and his brothers did for fun, DeSue said, "Hunt rabbits and squirrels and possums. Those woods were full of them. That's where we were."

DeSue joined the Marines in the early 1950s, saying, "If you weren't going to school, you were going to work. I was at that age that I could go into the military."

All of his brothers served in either the Marines or the Army.

DeSue doesn't care to talk about his time in service, saying, "Oh, Lord, no. Let's not mention Korea."

Lamoree said DeSue told her it was a terrible time. He described to her weather that was freezing and seeing babies that didn't have much to wear. He described

how he never knew who had a gun and who didn't.

"Korea was very devastating to him," Lamoree said. "He doesn't talk about it that much."

DeSue said he prefers to look forward, not back.

"I try to forget, you know, and live for the future," he said. "I try to figure out tomorrow and the next day."

Traveling, working

DeSue returned to Starke after his service. He had a family, marrying Jarutha, who still lives in Starke, and having four children: sons Guy (now deceased) and Glen and daughters Carol and Sandra. Glen, who starred in athletics at Bradford High School and goes by the nickname "Beaver," still lives in Starke. Carol lives in Georgia, while Sandra resides in Orlando.

The marriage didn't last. After a divorce, DeSue traveled. He'd

spend a month or two in one place, find he didn't like it there and then move on to somewhere else. He traveled throughout Florida and then gradually made his way up north, stopping in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He enjoyed New York. More importantly, he could make a living there.

"New York had more excitement," DeSue said. "If a man wanted a job, all he had to do was get up. If you could get up in the morning, you could go to work. That kept a little money in my pocket. That kept me there."

DeSue worked in a variety of jobs, from painting houses to driving a bus. When Lamoree met him, he was working at a store she lived close to and used to walk to.

"You meet somebody, and there's just something there," Lamoree said. "Then after a while, he started coming to my house. Things just happened."

Lamoree and DeSue have three children: Nick, Amos and Joseph.

office at the bus company in Jacksonville.

"When I got off the bus, I'd go into the office, use the bathroom and stuff, and I would stay right there in that office and go to sleep," DeSue said. "I would wake up when it was time to go to work again."

He drove a bus until he was 75, saying, "My old age done caught up with me." He could still drive or was at least capable of working somewhere else, but DeSue said insurance companies don't like businesses hiring individuals past a certain age.

DeSue's still working, though. He has a lawn service in which he has five regular customers as well as others here and there.

"It's good for him," Lamoree said. "It keeps extra money in his pocket."

Going to D.C.

DeSue has been to Washington, D.C., before, but that was driving passengers on a bus from New York. Having to stay with the bus, he never got out to take in the sights.

Now, he gets that chance, though it will be a bit of a whirlwind tour. He will be driven to the American Legion post in Fruitland Park, arriving at 1:30 a.m. on April 4 to begin his journey, which will have him arriving back in Florida at approximately midnight on April 5.

He and his group will be going to a lot of places in a short amount of time. Lamoree said the veterans were told they would be pushed around D.C. in wheelchairs because of that, but DeSue balked at such an idea. He's proud of his mobility.

"He said he doesn't want any wheelchair," Lamoree said, "but after he starts walking, he's going to want a wheelchair. He might not think so."

DeSue said, "I can handle it."

If you would like to support Honor Flight or find out more about the organization, please visit honorflight.org.

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elected superintendents and that superintendents that have been elected tend to last longer in their positions.

Sheriffs are concerned about whether school superintendents are elected or appointed because such an issue could ultimately affect them, Smith said, explaining how some counties are pushing to appoint all constitutional officers.

He's not in favor of county commissioners appointing sheriffs, supervisors of elections, property appraisers, etc. Plus, Smith said polls have shown that a majority wants those offices to be filled via elections.

"It's a checks-and-balances system," Smith said.

Whether it's a sheriff or a police chief, Smith said people who want to appoint those positions have little understanding of law enforcement and its responsibilities. He talked of cities without elected police chiefs where civil unrest has occurred.

"If you look across the country, the places you see having the problems — the Fergusons, the Baltimores, the Chicagos — all those areas have appointed police figureheads," Smith said.

Dade County has an appointed sheriff, but Smith said there's a major push there to begin electing the position.

"They don't keep a sheriff down there — an appointed sheriff," Smith said. "They don't keep one very long. It's kind of like a retirement job."

Smith believes constitutional

officers that are elected do a better job of serving citizens.

"You have a little more responsibility when you have to answer to the people (as a whole) instead of just one or two people," Smith said. "When you answer to the community you serve, you get better results. It's proven time and time again."

Courthouse security

Another proposed amendment discussed was putting sheriffs in charge of security at courthouses. Smith said you can go in some courthouses and see uniformed officers who aren't armed because the judge in question doesn't want guns in the courthouse. He wouldn't want to see such an issue occurring in Bradford County.

"This courthouse belongs to the citizens of Bradford County," Smith said. "It doesn't belong to the judge. That comes from the people's tax-paying dollars in Bradford County. You can't have a judge coming in here from somewhere else and telling us pretty much what they want. That's happening in some places."

Smith praised the working relationship between his office and the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

"That's never been an issue that I'm aware of ever in our county or with any of the other sheriffs in our circuit," Smith said, adding, "We really have a relationship where a lot of areas are not as fortunate as we are. For that, I'm proud."

Housing state inmates a benefit

A proposed bill, if passed, would allow county jails to contract with the Florida

Department of Corrections to house certain inmates that would normally serve time at the state level. County jails could house inmates that receive up to a two-year term.

Smith sees that as a benefit for Bradford County in regard to the number of people he can utilize on work squads. He said those in the county jail are sometimes available for work squads only three months or so because a lot of their time in the jail is spent awaiting sentencing outcomes. The federal inmates the jail houses can't be used on work squads.

"If I get the state inmates, not only can I house them and get paid to house them — and (the state) takes care of their medical and all — I can also use them to work," Smith said. "Now I can come up with more inmate work squads."

Learning through interaction

When it comes to receiving helpful information at the conferences, Smith said his "best stuff" comes from simply talking to other sheriffs. He added, "The best things we learn are, what are other agencies doing? What works for them? What didn't work for them?"

An example of that is how to best handle the growth and prevalence of technology. Smith talked to Putnam County Sheriff Gator DeLoach, who was paying a total annual salary of approximately \$200,000 to four information technology employees. Now, the office has turned to a private firm to handle IT services, which Smith said results in paying approximately \$92,000 a year.

Maj. Brad Smith, Bradford County's undersheriff, who also attended the conference, said, "He was able to save that much

money and actually have a better product." Smith also added that the firm Putnam County is using has already been vetted by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

"We're looking at that right



Smith

now," Sheriff Smith said. "It'll save us money."

Sometimes what works for one sheriff's office doesn't work for another. Undersheriff Smith said a discussion with another sheriff's office a couple of years ago resulted in the Bradford office talking to the company that provided medical services for that other sheriff's office. "That company actually said, 'You guys have a better system in place than what we can give you,'" Smith said.

Sheriff Smith said what stands out at the conferences is how sheriffs can disagree on issues, but not let those disagreements stand in the way of their camaraderie and support for each other. The first conference he went to was in 2009. He listened to a heated discussion between two sheriffs in which one said some derogatory things. Yet when it was all over, Smith watched those two sheriffs talk to each other as if that disagreement never happened.

"At the end of the day, they're socializing," Smith said. "They're friends."

When it's all said and done, when sheriffs vote on an issue, they stand by it.

"Sheriffs are united," Sheriff Smith said. "Whatever the issues are, we make our vote. At that point, we stay united as one strong voice for protecting the state of Florida."

Return to Florida, staying busy

DeSue was 62 when he decided he wanted to move back to Starke. He had a desire to be closer to his children.

"They'd come up to visit me in New York," DeSue said, "but it was easier for me to come down here than for them to go up there."

His and Lamoree's children were 19, 16 and 13 at the time. They all moved to Starke.

"I wasn't leaving none of my children up in New York," Lamoree said. "They were all coming with me."

Upon his return, DeSue went to work driving a bus again for a charter company. He said he'd make two trips daily to Orlando from Jacksonville. He usually left at 5 a.m. to drive the first group of passengers. Then he'd have to return by 1 or 2 p.m. to carry another group down.

He slept a lot on a sofa in an

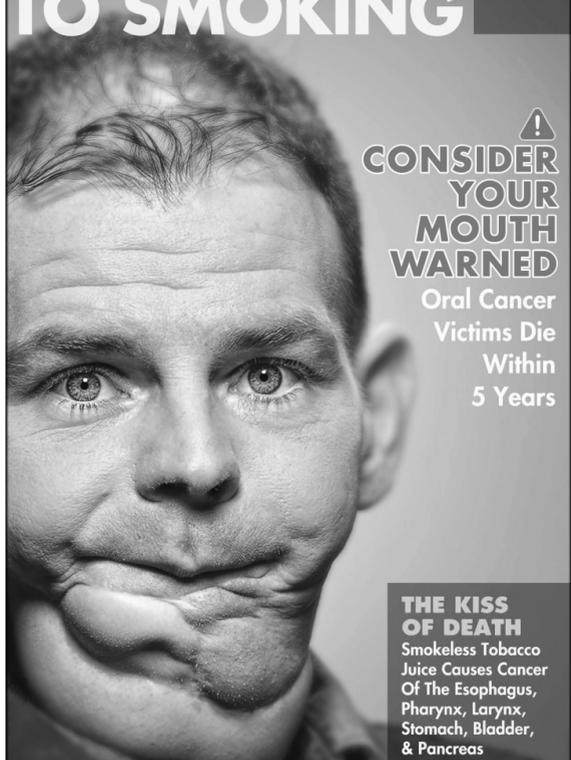
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New State Legislation Casts Wide Net to Try and Stop School Shootings

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

The Florida legislature recently passed Public Safety Bill SB7026, otherwise known as The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, which will add many measures to current school safety protocols that may improve school safety in the state.

The bill calls for establishing an Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education and allowing each sheriff to establish a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program (named after the heroic assistant football coach who threw himself in front of students to protect them from gunfire during the incident in Parkland), appointing certain volunteer school employees (not classroom teachers) as school guardians and to increase the number of school resource officers required in a school district to one officer per school or per 1,000 students.

The bill also authorizes grants through the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund for student crime watch programs and the state provision of funds to help defray the cost of additional school resource officers and increased mental health services in the schools.

The bill authorizes law enforcement officers to seize and hold firearms and ammunition taking custody of a person who is considered to pose a "potential danger to himself, herself or others and who has made a credible threat against another person." It also covers circumstances where firearms and ammunition can be seized or asked to be voluntarily surrendered should an arrest be made at a person's residence.

The bill at least temporarily restricts or prohibits the ownership or possession of

a firearm by any person who has been adjudicated mentally defective or been committed to a mental institution until special permission (relief) has been obtained. An action known as a petition for risk protection has been created in order to prevent persons who are at high risk for harming themselves or others from accessing firearms or ammunition.

There are also many new regulations concerning ownership, possession, purchase, carry permits and exactly who cannot have possession of a firearm in the state. It does offer means of mitigation for persons prohibited from firearm ownership and provision for the return of confiscated firearms should requirements be met.

Laws concerning the making of threats, posting them online, committing an act of terrorism in writing or transmitting them in any way have been strengthened and the bill mandates the purchase by the state of a mobile suspicious activity tool which must send law enforcement special reports about potential threats.

The creation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Safety Commission, within the state Department of Law Enforcement is required, with numerous provisions concerning its composition and the reports it will be expected to submit to the governor.

Local school boards are also faced with a number of changing requirements, many related to student discipline and safety. Students are to note referrals to mental health services on initial registration to a school and a district school board will now have the authority to refer a student to mental health services

under certain circumstances.

Also, to be required are a number of emergency drills to be conducted in the schools, including drills for active shooter and hostage situations.

Emergency communications systems are to be tested according to a set schedule and models for emergency preparedness procedures for active shooter situations and emergency management are to be set and/or updated.

School superintendents are now required to establish policies and procedures designed to prevent violence on school grounds and to designate a school safety specialist for their district, provide requirements and duties for school safety specialists and requirements related to the now-required school security risk assessments.

Each school district is now required to establish a threat assessment team at each school within the district. These teams will be authorized to obtain certain criminal history records under certain circumstances.

Mental health services in the schools are to be increased, with the state providing much of the funds to do so. This will include the addressing of substance abuse problems, if they are found to exist. Behavioral health crises resources are to be established and available as needed by the district.

Zero tolerance is the key to many of the new regulations the schools face. For some offenses, expulsion (with or without the provision of an educational alternative) will be required for more offenses, mainly ones where there is violent action or intent.

Although the details are not yet clear, several measures, known collectively as "school hardening" are required to be put in place, with a date set for July 1 for compliance. These measures will include security fencing, the installation of steel security locks on many doors within the school (including some or all of the classrooms), bullet-proof glass in certain applications and metal detectors at all points of entry to the school.

While the state is providing funds specifically earmarked for

use in paying school resource officers and for mental health services they are, as of yet, not telling school districts how they are to be able to afford such measures. So far, all that has been said is that the districts' capital outlay funds are to be used for school hardening before

any money is to be spend on maintenance or improvements.

Despite the 105-page bill, there is much to still be determined how it is to be done and how it can be financed. The cost will be high and it is not expected to be completely covered by the state. Counties

with a large number of schools will be hardest hit, although small counties will suffer from meeting the requirements due to having a smaller tax base and therefore less money available in their budgets.

Many Answers Still Up in the Air About School Safety Funding

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

The mandates have arrived from Tallahassee and a contact person with the Florida Department of Education has been designated, but no one is really sure on where to go from here to meet new state requirements for keeping schools and students' safe.

Union County

Union County Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk said that no one seems to know the full extent of the funding which may or will be coming from the state or the federal government. He said that, at this point, everything is still in the planning stages and even Brooke Rominik, the DOE representative now over school safety, can't answer specific questions about funding or the new requirements.

"We had already planned to extend the fence at the elementary school for student safety, even before this new mandate had come about," Faulk said. "We called Rominik to see if there were any specific features that would be required in the new fence and she said she did not know yet. The information seems to be just trickling in and we don't know very much concrete information about most of the requirements."

Faulk did say that, to his understanding, the district would be required to increase the number of school resource officers from the single officer now at the high school to a total of one officer per school.

Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead was also quick to point out that not everything that

his office needs to know has been communicated to him as of yet.

"We are still trying to determine the funding right now," Whitehead said. "We are dedicated to doing everything we can and our number one priority, as it always has been, is the safety and security of our children and our schools. The sheriff's office is already an active presence at all of our schools and we have people, in addition to the school resource officer, on all of the campuses on a daily basis. We are still in the early days of planning and have not gotten any concrete figures yet, but we are dedicated to getting done what needs to be done."

USCO Captain Lynn Williams added that his agency is talking with the Florida Sheriff's Association to find out what other counties are doing. He declined to give out exact figures of how many new hires would be necessary for security reasons, but did say it was an expensive proposition to employ and outfit new school resource officers.

"We are talking a lot of money just for equipment," Williams said. "Each officer will need a car, training, uniforms, basic equipment needed by any law enforcement officer, a gun, communication equipment and a bullet proof vest. Add to this the cost of a salary, benefits, retirement, insurance and certain liability bonds that the law requires and we could well be looking at almost \$100,000 per SRO expense for the first year - and this isn't even a highly-paying job. The first-year expenses will be the worst since many of the expenditures will not need to be repeated in subsequent years, but it's still a tremendous amount of money."

Smith said the difficult parts of meeting the legislature's mandates will be financial, but will also be in finding the right people to fill the new jobs.

Clay County

Ken Stivers, Chief of Operations for the Clay County Sheriff's Office is in charge of school resource officers for that agency and he was quite vocal about the costs involved in meeting the new requirements.

"The issue is that they (law makers) have given us some money, but it's not going to be nearly enough," Stivers said. "We are possibly going to be a couple of million dollars short of being able to hire deputies. If we have to make that up out of our budget, obviously, we are going to have to cut some services, and if the school system has to take it out of its budget, it will have to cut some services."

Currently, the CCSO has a resource officer in all eight of the county's high schools, with other officers in place at times which are not funded by the SRO program. The county has a total of 43 schools. The department requires a supervisor for every five deputies, a lieutenant and officers to cover positions when an SRO is out sick or on leave. The SROs are assigned to stay at the schools all day and cannot leave for other calls or to transport suspects. Stivers said the office is looking at having to hire 35 more deputies and as many as seven sergeants, one lieutenant and three relief people.

Bradford County

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith is fighting the general lack of information as well, trying to figure out how to hire, pay and outfit at least eight more deputies to serve as school resource officers - seven for regular duty and one to serve as relief. He agrees with Williams as to the start-up costs.

"The legislature has good intentions but their requirements were devised too quickly and we are looking at years of adjustments to the initial mandates," Smith said. "We are not only required to have school resource officers in all of the schools, we are also required

to have a trained officer present at all school functions. It is mandated that all of the officers used in the schools must undergo psychological testing. This means that I will have to have most, if not all of my deputies tested so they can be used if necessary - and this is in addition to the SROs."

Smith said that as it stands now, even with the combined efforts of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and the Starke Police Department there are not enough law enforcement personnel to cover the county at some times.

"I wish the legislature had taken the time to give each county the opportunity to come up with a plan that fits the needs and circumstances of their particular county," Smith said. "What is necessary in a large county, like Dade or Broward, is way over the top for a small, less prosperous county like Bradford or Union. Now they are even discussing private schools and their possible security needs. Private schools receive public funds through the voucher system, so many people think they should be included as well."

Smith said the difficult parts of meeting the legislature's mandates will be financial, but will also be in finding the right people to fill the new jobs.

"Not every law enforcement professional is cut-out to be an SRO, it's a different world," Smith said. "In addition, there are only so many qualified applicants in any given area and there are going to be several agencies all trying to hire to meet their needs, all within the same timeframe. It may be difficult to find the people we need to do the job. In addition, programs offering the mandated training are filling up fast, so it may be difficult to get new hires the training they require before they can start work."

On a financial front, Smith said the school district has said they can provide about \$300,000 out of their additional state funding (they must retain a specific amount for the required mental health services) and this leaves the sheriff's office about \$195,000 short on hiring, paying and outfitting the new SROs (start-up costs plus three months of salaries and benefits), who must be hired by July 1, about three months before the beginning of the new budget year.

"Meeting the financial needs of doing what the legislature wants is going to hurt everywhere," Smith said. "It will probably cost us our new school here in the county and who knows what else will need to be cut from everyone's budgets, just to get through the first three months. At least we can plan for some of the expenses in the new budget year, but the two questions I have are where are we going to get the money now and who is going to fund all these mandates next year?"

Smith said he is on the lookout for any grants or special programs which can offer funds or training opportunities to help defray the cost of the new program.

At the suggestion of the school district, he plans to rotate officers among the schools so everyone will be familiar with each location.

"This 'Disney Program' (because it mimics Disney's employee training practices) will allow for a more coordinated and unified response if something does happen because everyone will know everyone else's job," Smith said.

"No matter how difficult this gets, everyone in my office is dedicated to making sure our schools and children are safe," he added. "Our kids are worth it and if what is happening now is what needs to happen, then it is worth the effort and money that is going to take."



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Garden

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pattern is so different from the adult stage that the nymphs are commonly mistaken for a different species than the adults.

Nymphs are typically almost completely black, but with a distinctive yellow, orange, or red stripe located on the top or back of the insect. Occasionally they are reddish brown. When they first molt, the young hoppers may be brownish, but they soon darken to black.

Although I rarely use insecticides, I am ready to try one this year because I had so many adults last year. The use of homemade and oil-based sprays was ineffective for me. By law, Integrated Pest Management is a practice used by all pesticide applicators. This does not mean that chemicals cannot be used as some people believe. Landscape IPM involves the use of multiple strategies with an emphasis on more sustainable and environmentally safe options. This typically means exploring cultural, mechanical, and biological control options

Take preventive measures now to reduce your grasshopper population later

Last summer I wrote a Telegraph article about the pesky Eastern Lubber grasshopper. In my research I learned that treatment of the nymphs in March would greatly reduce their numbers in July and August when they're most prevalent. The young ones are now popping up in my yard, so I'm taking action now.

Eastern lubber grasshoppers are found throughout the south. It is one of a few species of grasshoppers in Florida that occurs in large enough numbers to cause serious damage to citrus, vegetable crops and landscape ornamentals. The immature grasshoppers (nymphs) color

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property," Hanson wrote. "David explained that he and (the victim) were both aggressive toward each other. David never mentioned any punching between the two. When asked, David did not admit to having a baseball bat."

Child neglect charge added to reckless driving

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A 19-year-old Hampton man was arrested for child neglect because his 16-year-old girlfriend was with him when he drove recklessly.

Dakota Matthew Webb was arrested March 21 by a Bradford deputy for reckless driving, failure to register a motor vehicle and child neglect without great bodily harm.



D. Webb

Webb's pickup cross 301 in the eastbound lane of 18, while he was driving westbound.

"As I caught up to the vehicle with my emergency lights and sirens activated, the vehicle proceeded westbound in the opposite lane of traffic, failing to yield to my emergency lights," Hullender wrote. "As the vehicle attempted to negotiate a right turn around the curve in the area of SW CR 18 and Hampton Lake, the vehicle continued in the wrong lane, causing opposing vehicles to travel off the roadway."

The lawman added that the vehicle had no license plate and that when Webb finally stopped, he said he didn't understand why he was pulled over and he was in a hurry to get to his girlfriend's house. The girlfriend was a passenger in the pickup.

"As I informed Dakota my reasons for the traffic stop, Dakota stated he just purchased the vehicle a few days ago and that the alignment is off a bit," wrote Hullender. "Dakota denied being all over the roadway and said that he was fine to operate the vehicle."

The defendant also said he had planned to register the pickup later that day.

The officer then spoke with the girlfriend who told Hullender that the couple had been arguing all morning and that the defendant was taking her home.

"(The girlfriend) stated that Dakota was all over the road and at one point, she stated she

grabbed the steering wheel to get back in the proper lane," the officer wrote.

The girlfriend's mother picked up the 16-year-old at the scene.

Police: Man attacks girlfriend after she wakes him

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Police arrested a 31-year-old Starke man after he was accused of choking and punching his girlfriend.



L. Green

Levy Shane Green was arrested for misdemeanor battery and felony battery by strangulation.

According to an arrest report, the girlfriend told arresting officer Karly Jones that the defendant was asleep on her couch when she woke him.

"(The victim) stated Green became angry and began to strangle her," wrote Jones. "(The victim) began kicking him because 'she could not breathe.'"

After the victim broke away and attempted to leave, the defendant punched her in the mouth and face, the victim told Jones. He then left in his pickup but was pulled over about a half-mile away.

Jones reported that the victim's injuries were consistent with her story, including a swollen eye, busted teeth and swollen and bleeding lips.

"On the right side of (her) neck," Jones wrote, "there was bruising from what appeared to be caused by a thumb."

When questioned by the officer about the incident, the defendant said he was sleeping when the victim woke him and struck him in the face. He added that when he attempted to grab her to calm her down, she fell and hit her face on a table in the living room. Green denied ever striking the victim.

In other Bradford County arrests:

Gary Allen Brock, 31, of Green Cove Springs was arrested March 26 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Michelle Doreen Crews, 34, of Starke was arrested March 23 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

William Kent Dail, 55, of Starke was arrested March 25 by Starke police for battery.

Eddie Devonl Dean, 35, of Starke was arrested March 25 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Luz Elena DeJesus, 62, of Chatham Louisiana was arrested March 26 by Bradford deputies for larceny.

first before turning to chemical control. I feel that I've done that with lubbers. Unfortunately, lubbers don't have many natural predators.

This week I began my research on which insecticide to purchase. Insecticides can be applied to the foliage or directly to the grasshopper, which is what I'll do. Insecticides that can be used to kill lubber grasshoppers include carbaryl, bifenthrin, cyhalothrin, permethrin, esfenvalerate and spinosad.

After making some comparisons, I've selected a product that contains 10 percent permethrin. I plan to follow the directions on the label of the product carefully. I'll avoid plants with blooms and spray when pollinators aren't present. Considering using another insecticide? Make sure to check the label to see if will control grasshoppers and that it is safe to use on your turf, ornamentals or gardens.

I'm optimistic that my efforts now will keep my plants safe from grasshoppers this summer.

Lynn Bryan,
Bradford Master Gardener

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Church

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 latanyamebride@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

vehicle and criminal mischief with property damage.

Beverly Ann Osborne, 43, of Starke was arrested March 24 by Bradford deputies for battery.

David Kevin Sellers, 36, of Lawtey was arrested March 22 by Lawtey police for failure to appear.

Dannerius Rashad Sheffield, 28, of Starke was arrested March 24 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Christopher Jason Sumner, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested March 26 by Starke police for a probation violation.

Late for dinner, a gunshot, jail

Clay County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A man invited to dinner by his ex-girlfriend wound up in jail after he arrived late for his date, lost his temper with the woman, and found deputies in his home after he discharged a firearm from his vehicle.

Christopher Michael Darnell, 36, was arrested in Keystone Heights on March 24 by Clay deputies for discharging a firearm from a vehicle within 1,000 feet of a person, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver and possession of drug equipment.



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 Eggcitement 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,



C. Darnell

According to an arrest report, the defendant and his girlfriend broke up about a month ago, but on March 23, she invited him over for dinner. However,

Darnell arrived late, at 4 a.m. the following morning.

"He started arguing with her and being verbally abusive," wrote Deputy A.E. Fornash of the defendant in an arrest report.

Fornash added that because Darnell had what looked like a pistol holster on his left hip, the girlfriend became concerned for her safety and asked Darnell to leave.

"The defendant then went to his truck that was parked in her driveway," wrote Fornash. "She then heard a gunshot coming from the defendant's truck. The defendant drove off yelling."

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.

First Presbyterian Church in Starke will have its annual Easter Festival service Sunday, April 1, at 11 a.m. The festival service will feature The Gainesville Pops Brass led by Dr. Gary Langford. The community is invited to attend this inspirational service.

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, 730 Old Lawtey Road, 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.

Deputies later found out that Marnell was a convicted felon and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest in Clay County for failure to appear. While interviewing the defendant at his home, deputies found a revolver, drug equipment and a case containing crystal methamphetamine in and near the man's couch.

In other Keystone Heights and Melrose-area arrests:

Trisha Ann Jewell, 27, was arrested in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Dustin Wade Wright, 30, was arrested March 25 in Keystone Heights for an out-of-county warrant.

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LEGALS

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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 number(s) 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 ejn/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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File Number: 2018-0003
Certificate Number: 788
Parcel Number: 02734-0-00600
Year of Issuance: 2010
Description of Property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 02734-0-00600

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 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Assessed To:
TRACY E COLEMAN
All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.

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

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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 REGG 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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DEPUTY CLERK

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

CASE NO: 04-2018-CA-79
THE BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN,
Plaintiff,

vs.
HERMAN J. LEE and MILDRED B. LEE, husband and wife, JANET CARTER, and PATRICIA BROWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: MILDRED B. LEE-DECEASED
JANET CARTER - ADDRESS UNKNOWN
PATRICIA BROWN - ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT A COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE has been filed regarding real property in Bradford County, Florida, in the above styled Court and you are required to serve a copy of your written response to JOHN S. COOPER, ESQUIRE, Cooper & Loper, 704 North Lake Street, Starke, Florida 32091, on or before 28th day of April, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, either before service on the above-named attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Court on the 14 day of March, 2018.

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

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

CASE NO.: 04-2017-CA-562
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company
Plaintiff

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES GRANTEES CREDITORS AND PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TANGALIA S. BASS AKA TANGALIA S. HOWARD, JOHN HOWARD JR., FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, SHARRI BANKS, Defendant,

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES GRANTEES CREDITORS AND PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TANGALIA S. BASS AKA TANGALIA S. HOWARD

1387 GEIGER RD
STARKE, FL 32091
JOHN HOWARD JR.
436 NW29TH AVE
GAINESVILLE, FL 32609
(last known residence)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION TO foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in BRADFORD County, Florida:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeasterly Corner of the Plat of South Gate Replat as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 1 and run thence South 89 degrees, 14 minutes East, along the Easterly prolongation of the Southerly line of South Gate Replat 1110.2 feet; run thence North 02 degrees 50 minutes West 2.53 feet for the Point of Beginning; run thence North 88 degrees, 50 minutes West 100 feet, run thence North 02 degrees, 50 minutes West 100 feet; run thence South 88 degrees, 50 minutes East 100 feet; run thence South 02 degrees, 50 minutes East 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel also described as part of Lot 5, R. Mattice Subdivision, per plat recorded in Deed Book F at Page 729, in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida,
Property address: 1387 GEIGER RD., STARKE, FL 32091

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, STRAUS & EISLER, P.A., 10081 Pines Blvd, Suite C, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 on or before thirty (30) days from the first date of publication on or before April 30, 2018 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service upon Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed herein.

NOTICE: ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); 1-800-955-8770 (v), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at BRADFORD County, Florida this 21 day of March, 2018,

Ray Norman
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: L Brannon
As Deputy Clerk

Arnold M. Straus Jr. Esq.
STRAUS & EISLER, P.A.
10081 Pines Blvd, Suite C
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954-431-2000
eMail: Service.pines@strausier.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 17000255CAAXMX
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MERLINE M. POWELL, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Unknown Spouse of Merline M. Powell

8068 SE State Road 100
Starke, FL 32091
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendants), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION TO foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10, AND RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 3415.50 FEET. MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 100; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES AND 35 MINUTES WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 926.02 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE FOR POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE NORTH 18 DEGREES AND 35 MINUTES WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES AND 25 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 199.85 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES AND 35 MINUTES EAST, AND PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES AND 25 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 199.85 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Colby Britt Esq., Lender Legal Services, LLC, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 730, Orlando, Florida 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of the said Court on the 21 day of March, 2018.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you arc voice impaired, call (800)955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

Lender Legal Services, LLC
201 East Pine Street, Suite 730
Orlando, Florida 32801
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2108-CP-000012
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE:
OF AUSTIN DAVID TISON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Austin David Tison, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. 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 having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF A NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Robert Daugustinis, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0106914
The Law Offices of
Robert Daugustinis, P.A.
12724 Gran Bay Parkway West,
Suite 410
Jacksonville, Florida 32258
Personal Representative:
Robert A. Tison
Florida
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 04-2016-CP-0012
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS CONNER.
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of DOUGLAS CONNER, deceased, whose date of death was November 29

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be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco off-premises.

Without the limit on the number of arcades, interest has grown. City Manager Bob Milner told the commission that in addition to the two existing arcades on South Walnut and West Call streets, interest had been expressed in opening up five to seven more arcades inside the city. Some of them already own or are leasing the buildings where they want to open, Milner said.

It's not just the potential growth in the number of arcades that is the problem. Although the approved arcades met the existing requirements for a certificate of occupancy, there is insufficient parking space to accommodate the crowds at both arcades.

"There are a lot more people attending these things than I think the ordinance ever anticipated," Milner said.

The arcades have now become a land development issue. There is nothing in the city's land development regulations that either permits or prohibits them in any commercial zoning category. Prior applicants have been treated like any other business establishment.

Amending the regulations to address zoning for adult arcades, as well as any additional requirements for development, could be the key to limiting their number.

Based on the health, safety and welfare of the community, City Attorney John Cooper said there could be requirements on distance from schools and churches or residential neighborhoods that effectively restrict the number of arcades in the city.

"You can't just say I'm going

to allow two, or I'm going to allow one per 5,000 residents, because that has no justifiable basis," Cooper said.

Although it wasn't discussed as an option for Starke, Milner said the county commission approved an ordinance prohibiting adult arcades in unincorporated areas. In that 2011 ordinance, the county made it unlawful "to use slot machine-like spinning reels, video displays or similar technology to display the results of a raffle, sweepstakes, contest or other promotion by simulating a game or games ordinarily played on a slot machine in the unincorporated areas of Bradford County, Florida."

Starke could presumably ban them as well, but in the absence of a ban, Milner said staff is not comfortable approving new arcades without specific criteria governing their location.

The commission granted the city manager's request for a moratorium, but Commissioner Tommy Chastain wanted to limit the moratorium to three months.

"This has smell to it, excuse my expression," he said. "We opened the door for one more business to come into town, now we're trying to close the door."

Chastain wanted to keep the process moving for potential business owners who are waiting for answers and not see the matter placed on a back burner.

"We're in the business of selling electricity, water and sewer. If we're stopping someone from buying our utilities, then we're not bringing in revenue for the city of Starke," he said, doubting that five more arcades would actually open.

The vote was 3-1, with Mayor Janice Mortimer, who supported a yearlong moratorium, dissenting, and Commissioner Danny Nugent absent for health reasons.

Clay Electric trustees approve record \$12 million refund

Clay Electric Cooperative's board of trustees declared a record \$12 million capital credits refund for members who received service from 1988 through 2016.

Capital credits reflect the cooperative's not-for-profit and member-owned status and represent each member's prorata share of any margins left over at the end of the year after all expenses are paid. Capital credits are a unique benefit of being served by an electric cooperative. Investor-owned electric utilities send their margins (profits) to stockholders, and municipally owned utilities return their profits to city coffers for use in road-paving or similar projects.

Before Clay Electric's nine-member board of trustees decided whether a refund could be made, it carefully considered a variety of data and economic conditions. Following this review, the board decided it was prudent to refund \$12 million to entitled members and former members. This year's refund will be the 44th consecutive time that the cooperative has refunded capital credits.

Current members of the co-op who are entitled to a refund will receive a credit on their March bills. The number of capital credits bill credits scheduled for this year is approximately 133,700. The average amount of a bill credit this year is \$38.66.

For those entitled to a refund

Argument Turns Physical, Results in Multiple Charges

Union County

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Deondre Skykur Clayton, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on March 23 for felony probation violation, battery by strangulation, battery on a pregnant victim, false imprisonment, evidence tampering, petit theft and resisting without violence.

According to an arrest report, Union Deputy Phillip Sellers responded to a disturbance at an apartment on Main Street in Lake Butler.

Upon his arrival, he approached the apartment and heard both male and female voices within. He attempted to make contact by knocking on the door but got no response. After several minutes of knocking on the front door, the victim opened the door and exited the residence, shutting the door behind her.

The victim was known to the deputy and appeared to him to be visibly distraught — she was crying and shaking. When asked what had happened, she told the deputy that she and her boyfriend, Clayton, who have a child in common, had been involved in an altercation at the residence. She said the altercation had turned physical, with Clayton grabbing her left arm and pulling her. She said he then punched her in the stomach and put his hands around her neck and began choking her.

She informed Sellers that she was pregnant with Clayton's child and that he was aware of that fact. Marks were visible

on her arm and neck that were consistent with her report.

Walker told Sellers that Clayton had taken her phone away from her, so she could not call for help and that he had prevented her from answering the door when Sellers had knocked. Walker declined medical attention but told Sellers that her two children were inside the apartment during the incident, but they were unharmed.

After hearing Walker's report, Sellers attempted to make contact with Clayton, who was said to still be inside the apartment. He got no response at the front door of the apartment, so he went to the rear entrance and found it unsecured. Clayton was not located inside the residence and Walker received information that he had been seen running from the rear of the residence toward Family Dollar.

Sellers relayed the information to Deputy John Riggs who was on the way to assist and requested that he begin a search for Clayton. Walker was advised to remain locked in the residence until Clayton was located.

Sellers and Riggs were unable to locate Clayton, but while searching behind the Family Dollar store Sellers located a cell phone under one of the store's air conditioner units. He returned to the apartment and verified with Walker that the phone was the one which Clayton had taken away from her. Walker was then provided with victim's rights and domestic violence information and completed a written statement in reference to the incident. A report was made to DCF about the incident since the children were present when the violence occurred.

Later, Deputy Jacob Lepanto responded to a trespassing call and identified a red Kia which a witness had seen Clayton park and get out of. Walker said that Clayton had been in possession of a gun when he entered the apartment. A key to the vehicle was found in Clayton's shoe when he was searched. When asked where the gun was, Clayton responded "I think the glove box." When Lepanto opened the car door a .380 semi-automatic

hand gun was in plain view on the console by the driver's seat.

Deputies noted that due to the fact that the couple had a child in common, the case should be considered to be domestic in nature. Clayton was transported to the Union County Jail and charged with the aforementioned multiple charges.

In other Union County arrests:

Matthew Christopher Adams, 23, of Gainesville was arrested March 23 by Union deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Kasey R. Brooks, 21, of Gainesville was arrested March 23 by Union deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Eugene Sylvester McRae, 38, of Graham was arrested March 19 by Union deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Robert Todd Sheldon, 53, of Lake Butler was arrested March 24 by Union deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

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There will be a workshop in the next few months to present designs.

Gary Sneddon of The Stone Group was the only engineer to submit a proposal for the project, for which he will receive around \$50,000 of the grant award. Andy Easton received the contract to administer the grant for the same amount.

The city has three years to complete the project.

Staff has also been working to acquire land across the road to increase available parking, which is at a premium during sporting events. The splash park will subtract from the area the public currently parks.

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representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 29, 2018.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Matthew H. Bension
Last known address of:

212 E Call St
Starke FL 32091

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

Terry L. Vaughan
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections

P.O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 04/26/2018, 9:00 am at 10875 US Hwy 301 HAMPTON, FL 32044, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1FTRF12W54NB58338

2004 FORD

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 04/27/2018, 9:00 am at 10875 US Hwy 301 HAMPTON, FL 32044, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1G11C5SL8FF231078

2015 CHEVROLET

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Mr. David Skinner, President, Triple S Plumbing, Inc., who applied on March 7, 2017 to the Department of Environmental Protection for a permit under Chapter 62-640, F.A.C., to operate Skinner Farm Biosolids application site (FDEP File Number: FLA979261 - 001-DWB). The site designates solely for the land application of Class B biosolids from the Triple S Plumbing treatment facility (BTF) in accordance with the nutrient management plan. Skinner Farm Biosolids application site is located approximately at latitude 30° 4' 2" N, longitude 82° 7' 2" W, at 4581 NW CR 125, Lawtey, Florida 32058, Bradford County.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256-1700. The Department has assigned this project number as: FLA986437 - 001 - DW3S.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

a. The name and address of each

agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; b. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;

c. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;

d. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

e. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;

f. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action; and g. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 28-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for electing the agency action and choosing remedies under those two statutes.

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D. Clayton

evidence tampering, petit theft and resisting without violence.

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COMMUNITY

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—Garden Culinary Delights (Garden Club), Bradford Senior Center, 2 to 3 p.m., April 19.

The Spring Fling Plant Sale will take place at the Bradford County Extension Office from 9 a.m. until noon on May 12.

Call the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6299 to register. The extension office is located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. The Bradford County Senior Center located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in front of the health department. *UF/IFAS is an equal opportunity institution.*

Solid waste site closures

All Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed Friday, March 30, and Sunday, April 1, for Good Friday and Easter. The sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Attend first 'Bradford County Easter Egg Hunt'

The Martial Arts Leader of Bradford County, in cooperation with the city of Starke and the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the inaugural Bradford County Easter Egg Hunt.

This event will be open to the public and free of charge. The Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Edwards Road Sports Complex on Edwards Road in Starke.

There will be three age groups, and start times are as follows: 4-6 year olds at 11:15 a.m., 7-9 year olds at 12 p.m. and 10-13 year olds 12:45 p.m. It is recommended that all participants pre-register online at TheMartialArtsLeader.com or visit in person at 320 S. Walnut St. across from AutoZone.

The Easter egg hunt will go on rain or shine. All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative Easter egg gift. Children will be searching for colorful and rare golden eggs that are filled with candy and prizes, and each group will be in search of "The G.O.A.T. Egg" — the rarest of eggs containing the Easter Bunny's Special Prize.

Yes, the Easter Bunny will be present and taking complimentary pictures with all of the participants.

Easter egg hunt at RJE

The third annual Easter egg hunt will be held at the RJE ballfield on Old Lawley 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.

Hunt for eggs at flea market

The Waldo Farmers and Flea Market will hold its 11th annual Easter Egg and Treasure Hunt on Saturday, March 31. The Easter Bunny will be there, and hidden among the 2,500 eggs are a gold and a silver grand prize egg. Other eggs are filled with candy and trinkets, and special Treasure Hunt eggs will lead to vendors giving away assorted prizes.

The event is free for children ages 1-10. Register at the stage beginning at 10 a.m. The parade to the hunt area is at 10:50, and the hunt begins at 11 a.m. sharp.

Cooler for Chromebooks

Enter to win a Yeti cooler and support Brooker Elementary School. Students and the front office are selling drawing tickets for \$1. The drawing for the Yeti Tundra 35, valued at \$299.99, will take place March 30.

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 divisions 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 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 at 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.

Florida Museum spring plant sale April 6-8

Florida Museum visitors will have the opportunity to browse more than 175 species of plants during its annual spring plant sale from April 6 to 8.

At one of the museum's largest sales of the year, guests can expect to find species designed to attract butterflies and other pollinators, as well as edible plants from Natural Treasures Farm & Nursery.

"More than half of our planned species are native to Florida," said Ryan Fessenden, "Butterfly Rainforest" assistant manager. "This will include host plants, or the food for caterpillars, as well as nectar plants for adult butterflies to feed on. Several species of ornamental plants used in the "Butterfly Rainforest" often asked about will also be available for sale."

The plants fit a variety of yards and ecotypes, and this year's sale will also feature new additions, including the Rattlesnake Calathea, an ornamental that can be found in the "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibit.

"Every large plant sale we strive to offer old favorites as well as new and unusual plants for sale," Fessenden said. "This year is no different. We plan to have several rare species of native plants for sale that we have never offered before, such as Fever Tree and a native species of rose."

The event will be held outside the Florida Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 6 and 7, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 8. All proceeds benefit the "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibit.

"This year customers will be free to wander and pick plants they want themselves instead of waiting for staff to serve them, which, we think, will make for an even better experience for our visitors," Fessenden said.

For more information, visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/spring-plant-sale or call 352-273-2057.

EarthFest at Sustainable Living Center

The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice is hosting EarthFest on Saturday, April 7, at the Sustainable Living Center

near Hampton. See the famous "Earthman" in concert and hear kids' stories from Auntie Sage. Take an eco-trail hike, participate in a yoga class, visit a demonstration garden and compost display, and shop for arts and crafts.

The festival takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. at the center, located at 10665 SW. 89th Ave. in Hampton.

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.

Start a business from your kitchen

Do you like to bake bread, make pastries, pasta, candy, jams, jellies and preserves? Do you want to earn extra income from creating and selling these products?

In 2011, The Florida Cottage Food Law was enacted to allow individuals to manufacture, sell and store certain types of "cottage food" products in an unlicensed home kitchen. This law has helped many individuals start their own businesses with little startup costs because they can create and sell products that are not considered potentially hazardous — like breads, sweets, jams, dried fruits and herbs, seasonings and pasta, just to name a few — without a state license, permit or inspection if their annual gross sales do not exceed \$50,000.

The Homemade Entrepreneur course will help participants understand the Cottage Food Law as well as increase their knowledge about food safety and quality, product development, regulatory requirements, and how to make jams, jellies and pasta. They will also develop marketing ideas and a business plan. Lunch is provided.

This three-session course meets on May 17, 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave in Starke. There is a registration fee of \$100, and class size is limited to 25. To register go to <http://bit.ly/2G5KaB3>.

For further information contact UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Agent Samara Deary at 904-966-6224 or sdeary@ufl.edu.

Help build new veterans memorial

American Legion Post 56 is raising funds by selling bricks that will become part of a new memorial at Charlie Schaefer Veterans Park in Starke. Anyone can purchase bricks in honor of any veteran who has or is still serving.

To see examples of the brick sizes and design options, as well as to donate, visit www.polarengraving.com/AmericanLegionPost56, or you can contact Felix Ramos-Vargas at 904-769-1221 or amlegionpost56@gmail.com.

Assistance for small businesses

Michael Chung from America's Small Business Development Center will be at the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce Office in Starke on the second Wednesday of the month ready to assist any small business with planning, financial review, succession plans and much more.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the chamber office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 904-964-5278.

Church food pantry open bimonthly

Starke Church of God by Faith 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.

Free transportation

Communities in Schools of Bradford County offers free transportation to employment, daycare, and job training or other educational services, Monday through Friday, 6:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Please call 904-964-7776 to see if you qualify.

Need a ride?

Need a ride to school or work? If you are receiving food assistance and need help with your travel needs, please call to see if you qualify. Contact CISTO at 904-964-7776. There is no charge for this service.

Medical transport to Gainesville available

Suwannee River Economic Council is providing transportation five days a week to Gainesville. If a client has Medicaid, there is a toll-free number to make arrangements for SERC to be their Bradford County transportation provider. If a customer has Medicare and no insurance, they can qualify for the program.

A minimum of a 24 hours' notice is required. For more details and appointments call Natalie at 844-496-0624 or 386-496-0624.

Get Al-Anon support

If you have a loved one with a drinking problem, there is help for you. An Al-Anon support group meets at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Church St. in Starke, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Get help quitting tobacco

Do you smoke? Do you dip? Do you spit? Do you want to quit? Quit Smoking Now is a free program developed by ex-smokers.

The program offers free nicotine patches, lozenges, and/or gum (while supplies last and when medically appropriate) and

follow-up support.

For more information, call 1-866-341-2730.

Local CoDA meeting at FUMC

Co-Dependents Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is recovery from codependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. CoDA meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Starke's firehouse, 200 N Walnut St. For further information, go to www.CoDa.org.

Men's prayer group meets Wednesdays

A men's group meets for coffee and prayer at the Steakhouse of Starke every Wednesday at 7 a.m. For pastors and laymen, this gathering prays for needs in Starke and around the world. There is also a lot of information about programs for people who need help.

The group is a great way to share information about your church activities and those who need prayer and to learn more about God and yourself.

Meals served to seniors

Suwannee River Economic Council has a meal site for seniors 60 years of age and older where breakfast and lunch are served on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon.

You must speak with the meal site aide the day before you plan to eat at the site. Contact Donna at 904-964-4545, ext. 24.

SREC can provide busing to and from the meal site as long as (limited) seating is available. If you are signed up as a regular, seating will not be a problem. (You must be able to get on and off the lift bus by yourself and get around the meal site without assistance.)

The SREC office is located at 1210 Andrews Circle in Starke.

Victim services include education and counseling

The Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center offers a variety of services to victims of sexual violence, including services that extend to Bradford and Union counties.

For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1XvhUXK> or the center's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ACVSRCC>. The 24/7 Rape Crisis Hotline phone number is 352-264-6760, and the toll-free number is 866-252-5439.

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NEWS FROM BRADFORD COUNTY, UNION COUNTY AND THE LAKE REGION

Visit the Arc of Bradford — you might be surprised

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

You've probably seen the building on S.R. 100 and may even know it is the Arc of Bradford County, but do you really know what occurs there? Sherry Ruskowski, the executive director, believes too many people don't fully understand what the Arc is. She wants to change that and extends an invitation to anyone who wants to drop by and learn more.

"We want to bring people in house and let them know what occurs here in this building on 100," she said.

Ruskowski said the Arc's mission is to help people with disabilities "plan for their dreams and future direction." In other words, "We're here to help people be all they can be."

People with disabilities that are served by the Arc are called "consumers." One way the Arc helps its consumers is by

providing jobs.

Consumers enjoy the chance to work

Under the title of Sunshine Industries, a section of the facility consists of bustling, noisy activity as more than 10 consumers operate nail guns and a variety of saws in constructing wooden pallets, picnic tables and survey stakes. The Arc

purchases the wood and sells the finished products to customers in Bradford, Alachua and St. Johns counties as well as in Jacksonville.

"We have plenty of orders coming in," Ruskowski said. "We've tried to expand our customer base and will continue to do so."

Ruskowski said Sunshine Industries disproves what she's sure is a common misconception — that people served by the Arc can't do such work. She'll tell anybody — and, of course, welcome them to visit and see for themselves — about the



Allen Sullivan works in the woodshop at the Arc of Bradford, helping to produce pallets, picnic tables and survey stakes.

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strenuous work the consumers do in the woodshop all day long. "All of the products are manufactured by our program participants, people with disabilities," Ruskowski said. "What's to be admired more than the physical labor they're performing is their attitude toward work. Ruskowski said the consumers want to do it and look forward to it. More importantly, they see it as their responsibility. "Do some of them have bad days? Yeah, they do, just like the rest of us," Ruskowski said, "but for the most part, you will see smiling, happy faces and very positive attitudes about their work."

Direct-care staff member Tony Sellars, who helps supervise the woodshop, said the consumers love coming to work because they love making money, but he also believes they love just being there.

"Basically, I think they enjoy the atmosphere of each other and all of us," Sellars said.

That seems to sum up consumer Robbie Pickering's feelings. When asked what he likes most about working in the woodshop, he said, "Making friends and money." He also described his fellow consumers and Arc staff members as another family.

Pickering said some of the duties he performs the most are operating a chop saw and bundling wood. Operating a band saw and constructing pallets

were some of the hardest things he had to learn.

If he wasn't working in the woodshop, Pickering said he'd just be "bored at home." He hopes the experience helps prepare him to get a job outside of the Arc. He'd like to work at Walmart.

Ruskowski said that's part of the mission as well — helping consumers who are able to do so be able to integrate into a job outside of the Arc.

"That's part of what we're here to do, to make sure they understand the importance of good work habits and good work skills," Ruskowski said.

Jobs at the Arc consist of more than working in the woodshop. Robin Garvey, who is the Arc's operations manager, said some consumers, through a contract with Southeastern Paper Group, sort bags that are delivered to the Arc in bulk.

"We count them, stack them into piles of either 50 or 100, depending on the bag type, band them and then ship them back," Garvey said.

Southeastern Paper also sends boxes of various sizes that consumers sort and fold.

Also, the Arc of Bradford receives overflow work from the Arc of Alachua County. Arc of Alachua has a contract with a company to sort hangers. What that organization can't handle is sent to the Arc of Bradford.

Garvey said consumers decide whether or not they want to work. More often than not, when they are asked at the start of every day if they feel like working, they respond in the affirmative.

"It is not a have-to," Garvey

said, "but I have seldom had any of them turn me down."

Meaningful activity, quality of life

Not all Arc consumers choose to work. Some aren't capable of working. That doesn't mean they spend their days doing nothing.

"We have a lot of seniors in our program that don't want to work, and that's OK," Ruskowski said. "That doesn't mean they have to sit at home without something to do."

Consumers can take part in such activities as arts and crafts and play games and puzzles.

"Just something to keep them engaged," Garvey said.

Ruskowski said Arc organizations have helped improve consumers' quality of life, whether it's giving them work to do or just having them participate in activities. When people with certain disabilities were confined to institutions, they'd live to be about 35, Ruskowski said.

Today, the Arc of Bradford is serving consumers that are in their 70s and 80s and active and vibrant, Ruskowski said.

Aside from offering consumers a place to go to for work and activities, the Arc of Bradford also operates three group homes that provide around-the-clock care every day of the year. Each home has no more than six people.

"We're there to take care of their daily living needs and to make sure they're healthy and that they're well cared for," Ruskowski said.

The Arc provides transportation for all of its consumers, whether it's taking them to and from the main building for work or activities or meeting the medical needs for group home residents.

"That component — transportation — is vital to what we do here," Ruskowski said. "There are a few people here who do drive themselves — they drive themselves to work — but that is not the case for the majority. They rely on transportation to get here and home to do whatever we need to do with them."

Sometimes, transportation is for taking the consumers into



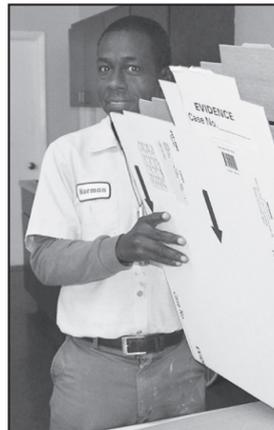
Arthur Sinabian grabs a piece of wood to work with.



Arthur Sinabian (left) works in the woodshop as James Dyla, a member of the direct-care staff, looks on.



Chris Miller is covered in sawdust and working in a noisy environment, but his smile tells you he's enjoying the experience.



Norman Dixon sorts and folds boxes, part of a contracted job with Southeastern Paper Group that also involves sorting paper bags.

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Giving back and getting out

Consumers love the chance to meet people and participate in community service projects. They participate in the Adopt a Highway program, removing trash and debris, ring bells for the Salvation Army's kettle drive and collect donations for the Back to School Info Fair and the Bradford Food Pantry, just to name a few activities.

Many of the consumers are in the Aktion Club, a group under the umbrella of the Kiwanis Club of Starke. Therefore, they assist at Kiwanis events and help with projects such as the one where dictionaries are presented to every third-grade student in the county. Aktion Club members stick the labels on the inside covers of the dictionaries, which are then filled out with the names of the recipients.

"They absolutely love it," Ruskowski said in regard to the consumers and community service. "It is their way of giving back. It is their way of participating. It's their way of being part of the local community that they live in."

It's not all about community service, though. Sometimes, the consumers take trips just for the sake of having something enjoyable to do.

"We look for those kinds of things to get them out from behind these four walls and doing things," Garvey said, adding, "Just anything to keep them from stagnating."

Such experiences brighten up their lives. A visit to the Arc could do the same for you.

Getting reeled in

Sellars actually retired from his job at the Arc, only to eventually return. He described the Arc as "the best place on earth to work." That has to do with the joy that comes from interacting with the consumers.

"If you ever take the time to

get to really know them, you are hooked," Sellars said. "It's like they reel you in."

Ruskowski said she understands some people's hesitation to be around the Arc consumers. They haven't had much contact with people with disabilities, so there's always a fear of the unknown.

However, consumers are people like the rest of us.

"Anybody that I can get to physically come and visit with us is immediately impacted," Garvey said. "It doesn't take long to warm up and see that everybody that is here, whether it's staff or consumers, are people. We all have gifts and talents and personalities."

Yes, the consumers need assistance in certain aspects of their lives, but all of us do, Ruskowski said.

"People here are not broken," she added. "We're not trying to fix people. We're just trying to help that individual be all they can be."

Don't take her word for it. Go to the Arc and see for yourself.

"We want people to come in," Ruskowski said. "We want people to know what we can do."

Garvey said, "I run into a lot of people in the community that have no idea what we do. They really underestimate the abilities of the people we serve. It's nice to get them in here."

Customers of the products



Consumer James Searcy (left) shares a laugh with Executive Director Sherry Ruskowski.

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Into the spotlight: Noegel honored as Woman of Distinction

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Brandi Noegel, like most people who give of their time for the betterment of their communities, prefers to avoid the spotlight, but Santa Fe College has tabbed her as one who's worthy to step out front and receive accolades.

Noegel is one of four women to be named a Woman of Distinction, an annual honor the college bestows upon women in Bradford and Alachua Counties in recognition of Women's History Month. She, fellow Bradford County resident Beverly Hardy, Bradford County native Stacy Scott and Alachua County resident Patsy Blount will be honored, along with Women of Promise (ages 16-21) Grace Johns, a Bradford High School senior, and Victoria Maggard, at a Tuesday, March 27, luncheon at the Hilton UF Conference Center.

"When (Santa Fe College President) Jackson Sasser called me, and he told me that I had been awarded it, I said, 'Oh, I don't know if I want to accept it or not.' There are so many other women that could qualify for this because there are so many wonderful women here in Starke who volunteer and do so many different things," Noegel said.

Noegel, who serves on the Santa Fe College Foundation board of directors, was once on "the other end" as a member of the Woman of Distinction selection committee.

"I never planned on being a Woman of Distinction myself. When you're on the committee, you don't have to worry about that," she said with a laugh.

Being named a Woman of Distinction wasn't something Noegel immediately told everybody about. In fact, Altrusa International of Starke members were unaware they had two Women of Distinction in their membership. They recognized Hardy at one of their meetings, with Hardy then having to tell the club Noegel also received the honor.

"I hadn't told anybody," Noegel said, adding, "I like to be in the background, get things done and move on."

Getting things done

Noegel, who is the president of Noegel's Auto Sales, taking control of the business following her husband, Larry's, death in 2008, is not only involved with Altrusa and the Santa Fe College Foundation. She's in the Starke Rotary Club, serves on the board of Supporters of Sheltered Animals of Starke and is involved with the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum. Noegel was instrumental in bringing Teen Court to Bradford County, as well as helping Make A Difference Day become an event locally.

When she was on the CareerSource North Central Florida board of directors, the organization received an almost

\$12 million federal grant to help the unemployed.

Noegel supports Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches and has donated vehicles to that organization in the past. She also once donated a couple of vehicles to Bradford High School to reward student achievement and supports 4-H and such programs as Shop With a Cop and College for Kids.

"I just do it because I want to do good things for the community," Noegel said.

Her community involvement got its start when she began volunteering at the schools her daughter, Ashley, attended.

"I think once my daughter started going to school, I just found that it was real important to volunteer so you would know what was going on in the school," Noegel said. "The schools really appreciated it, having the parents volunteer."

Noegel has received accolades in the auto industry, such as being named a Quality Dealer in 2012 by the Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association. She is currently that organization's regional vice president and has held all of its leadership positions. She was the second woman to serve as its president.

Santa Fe is special

As mentioned earlier, Noegel already has a relationship with Santa Fe College as a foundation board member. The foundation's

mission is to inspire, cultivate and assist private donors to enrich students and the community through scholarships, program enhancements and facilities support. Noegel has helped the Altrusa and Rotary clubs raise money to endow scholarships and established a scholarship herself in 2008 in her husband's name. Like her, Larry served on the foundation board.

"The college is very important to me," Noegel said. "The scholarships are important — to see students who can't afford to go get the scholarships so they can go and get a higher education."

Noegel, who remembers touring the old Bradford County courthouse prior to its transformation into the Andrews Center, likes the fact Santa Fe has a local presence.

"I thought it would be great to have something here, and I have taken many classes there myself," she said. "I took Spanish, I took accounting and I took computer classes just to keep up with things because you need to continue your education, even after school, because things change so much. If you're going to stay in the business field, there are so many things you need to update."

"All the women that were awarded this year are just really great women," she said.

Noegel is happy to see Blount get honored this year as well, saying, "I know Patsy real well. I love Patsy. Her husband and my husband were real good friends."

Like Noegel, Blount didn't spread the word about receiving the honor.

"She's kind of shy, too, like me," Noegel said. "We were talking. She said, 'I didn't tell anybody. My friends saw it in the paper.' I said, 'I hate to say the same thing, Patsy, but I didn't tell anybody either until it was announced.'"

Noegel looks at Blount and Hardy — two women she knows well — and the women who've been named Woman of Distinction in the past and sees a lot of accomplishments. She is honored to be among their company.



Brandi Noegel is one of Santa Fe College's Women of Distinction for 2018. She joins Beverly Hardy, Stacy Scott and Patsy Blount. Photo by Matt Stamey, Santa Fe College.

"For those women who've received it, I'm just happy for them because they were deserving of the award," Noegel said. "I'm happy to be with the group now."

Even if it meant stepping out of the shadows for a little while.

Boots and Bangles fundraiser set for April 26

The Bradford County Education Foundation is hosting

its annual Boots and Bangles on Thursday, April 26, at the National Guard armory on Edwards Road in Starke. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner scheduled to be served at 6:30 p.m.

Bradford Middle School's jazz band will provide entertainment,

while school employees and community members will battle each other in a game of Minute to Win It.

The event will also feature a cake auction.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from any education foundation member.

You may also contact Cheryl Canova at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center or Vorease Jones at Capital City Bank in Starke for tickets or more information.

Public invited to BHS' new science lab

The public is invited to visit the new science lab at Bradford High School following the Monday, April 9, Bradford County School Board meeting, which begins at 6 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Bradford County Education Foundation.

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 Monday, April 2, at IHOP in Starke.

Rising country star to perform in Waldo



Mosley

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

The nephew of two former Bradford County educators will be performing at the Dixieland Music Park in Waldo this weekend.

Eli Mosley is the nephew of Mike and Debbie Woodfin. Mike was the band director at both Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School for eighteen years. Debbie was the Starke Elementary School music director for most of those years. She also taught fourth grade.

Following in their footsteps, Mosley has chosen a career in music.

The Bartow native is a Marine Corps veteran and received his college education at Southeastern University in Lakeland, earning a degree in music business.

Mosley said he gets inspiration from traditional country artists such as George Strait, Brad Paisley, and Brooks and Dunn. He not only writes and sings his own original work, but also covers country favorites such as "Check Yes or No" by George Strait and "Boot Scoot Boogie" by Brooks and Dunn. Mosley released his first album in 2015 and released his second album in April 2017: "Come Along with Me."

Throughout the past year, he has performed at such events as Party in the Pines with headliners Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert and Josh Turner and the Orlando Veterans Day Stars and Stripes event with headliners Joe Nichols

and Tyler Farr. Additionally, other venues have been the Dade City Florida Kumquat Festival, the Fort Worth Texas Mayfest, the Highlands North Carolina Village Square Festival, the Bartow Independence Day festivities, the Florida Strawberry Festival, the LaBelle Swamp Cabbage Festival and the West Palm Beach Clematis by Night event.

The Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City is special to Mosley.

It was there, while watching Tracy Byrd perform in 1996 that Mosley, then six-years-old, decided he wanted to become a musician. Twenty-one years later, Byrd was back on the Strawberry Festival stage, and so was Mosley.

Mosley's show in Waldo starts at 6:30 p.m., Saturday night.



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Obituaries



Henry Brunson

MELROSE—Henry Alvin "Al" Brunson, age 83, of Melrose passed away Monday, March 26, 2018 in Gainesville following an extended illness. He was born Sept. 2, 1934 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Grover and Rosa Lee (Howze) Brunson.

Mr. Brunson retired from the United States Air Force following 28 years plus of dedicated service, which included his time as a drill instructor at Lackland AFB, as well as a top Medical Recruiter based in Gainesville covering the entire southeast United States. Al also served as Keystone Airport Manager for ten years. Al enjoyed riding his motorcycles throughout the southeast U.S. whenever the mood hit, as well as spending quality time with his friends and family. In his spare time he would piddle around in his garage fixing things and was

always lending a helping hand to others in need. Al also enjoyed growing fruit trees, and was very proud of his blueberry bushes. His lifelong interest in genealogy had him tracing his family roots back to the 1700's.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Carol, as well as his brother Leslie Brunson.

Survivors include: "Al's Angels", Tracy G, Traci, Thurmette and Heather; three daughters, Lisa (Scott) Darnall of Adkins, Texas, Karen (Bill) Pruss of Melrose and Barbara Campbell (Ken Miller) of Wesley Chapel and a brother Lee (Martha) Feller of Mechanicsville, Virginia. He was known as "Grandpa Al" to six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also left behind are several nieces and many additional family members and friends.

Funeral services for Al will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 a.m. Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Jones Cemetery in Callahan. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dave and Dana Todd.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to Lake Area Ministries, P.O. Box 1385, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Jacqueline Dickinson

LAWTEY—Jacqueline "Jacky" Dickinson, age 59, of Lawtey passed away on Monday, March 26, 2018 at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala. She was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts on Jan. 30, 1959 to the late Paulin Bukowski and Peggy Gabree' Bukowski. Jacky was raised in Greenfield, Massachusetts and graduated from Greenfield High School. She relocated to Bradford County where she met the love of her life, Donald Dickinson. Donald and Jacky were happily married on July 18, 1997 and have enjoyed 21 years together. Jacky enjoyed her longtime career at the Department of Corrections as a corrections officer. She retired from the New River Correctional Institution in 2008 after serving 31 years. Jacky also enjoyed being outdoors, riding her

motorcycle with her husband, riding her "Big Red" tractor, and quilting. She was an avid Jacksonville Jaguar fan and a proud member of the National Rifle Association. Jacky was known for her kindness as she was always loving and caring to others. More than anything, Jacky loved her family and was an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and her furry babies. Jacky was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, William Bukowski.

Jacky is survived by: her loving husband of 21 years, Donald Ray Dickinson of Lawtey; her children, Jessica (Steven) Drawdy of Worthington Springs, Clinton (Tasha) Johnson of Middleburg, and Elizabeth Johnson of High Springs; her brothers, Richard Bukowski of Massachusetts and Michael Bukowski of Pennsylvania; her sisters, Karin Porter of Mississippi, Kate O'Brien of Massachusetts, and Michelle Griggs of California; her grandchildren, Quay Drawdy, Avery Drawdy, Quinton Patterson, Aiden Johnson, Quayde Page, Qullen Page, and Emerie Johnson.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, March 30 at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel from 7-9:00 pm. 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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Billy Foister

LAKE BUTLER—Billy Ray Foister, 77, of Lake Butler, died Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at North Florida Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Foister was born in Monticello, Kentucky and has resided in Lake Butler for over 51 years. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in Education. Mr. Foister was lifelong educator. He was a teacher, a basketball coach, and

then served as Principal at both Lake Butler Elementary School and Union County High School. He retired in 1994 as Assistant Superintendent of the Union County School District. He was actively involved in the Lake Butler Rotary Club and the Florida Gateway College Foundation Board. He is a past president of the Ocean Villas Condominium Association in St. Augustine. Mr. Foister was an active member of the First Christian Church of Lake Butler. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Howard and Mildred Foister of Monticello, Kentucky, and his beloved wife of 38 years, B. J. Foister.

Mr. Foister is survived by: his two daughters, Allyson Foister (Owen) Beatty of Lake Butler with granddaughters, Taylor and Maegan and Angie Foister Hingson of Lake City, with granddaughter, Ellie and grandson, Drew.

Services were held on March 23 at the First Christian Church of Lake Butler. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Florida Gateway College Foundation General Scholarship Fund or the First Christian Church general fund.

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Vera Garrison

STARKE—Vera Elouise Garrison, 86, of Starke, Florida died Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation

Center in Starke. She was born Oct. 3, 1931 in Jacksonville to the late Forrest Davidson and Julia Williams Davidson. She moved to Bradford County in 1975 and was a member of Morgan Road Baptist Church. She is predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Joseph "Pop" E. Garrison; son, Joseph D. "Joey" Garrison; and daughter, Pamela Sue Evans.

She is survived by: sons, David Eugene "Gene" Garrison, Gary Lee Garrison, and Mark Garrison; brother, David Davidson; sisters, Blanche Gleaton, Sue Baldwin, and Edie Douberly; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held on March 22 at Dyal Cemetery with Pastor Al Paulson Sr. officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.



Annie Covin-Jones

LAKE BUTLER—Mrs. Annie J. Covin-Jones was born June 28, 1945, in Lake Butler. Parents, Elder Ruben Williams and Missionary Almetha Williams preceded her in death. She departed from this life on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. She was gifted early in life with singing and playing the piano, a gift she used widely to glorify God in many places. A member of Friendly Church of God in Christ, she served dutifully in various

capacities. Mother Covin enjoyed her profession as a registered nurse, retiring from Charlie Norwood Uptown VA Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, in 2014. Sons, James F. Graham, Jr., Daniel A. John; and brothers, Leon and Billy Williams, also precede her in death.

Her memory will forever be cherished by: husband, Rev. Willie Jones; daughters, Tamica Graham, Charlotte Howard; grandchildren, Timothy Howard, William Howard; step-son, Tony Jones; brothers, James (Crecy) Williams, Juroy (Darlene) Williams, Buck (Betty) Williams, Jubbie (Effie) Williams, Ruben (Geraldine) Williams, Jr., Angelo (Patti) Williams, Emuel (Emory) Williams, Bishop Borie (Nancy) Hudson, Jonathan (Venice) Williams; sisters, Annie Lee Everett, Freida Timmons, Mae Watson, Patricia Hampton and Lora (Jeff) Rivers; hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 17, in Augusta, Georgia. Interment was on March 21, at St. John Baptist Church Cemetery, Providence.

Local arrangements under the direction of Combs Funeral Home, Lake City. (386) 752-4366, "The Caring Professionals"

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Bonnie Doughman

STARKE—Bonnie E. Doughman, 77, of Starke died on Monday, March 12, 2018 at her residence. She was born on Oct. 4, 1940 in Baldwin to the late James Robert "Rabbit" Haisten and Gertrude (Wilkerson) Haisten. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William M. Doughman; and

grandson, James Lewis "Scooter" Smith.

She is survived by: daughters, Elaine A. Doughman, Bobbie "B.J." Doughman (Stacey Santee), Venus "Marie" Keplar, all of Starke; siblings, Bobby Haisten and Cynthia C. Allen, both of Starke. Also left are five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



John Dowling

ORANGE PARK—John "Big Daddy" Dowling went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Orange Park.

John was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on June 20, 1939. From there his family quickly settled to Wilmington, North Carolina. John graduated from New Hanover High School and went on to join the United States Air Force at the age of 20. After basic training he drew several assignments and eventually settled in Oklahoma in 1961. In 1961 he married Linda Kay Davis of Santa Fe, who has always been the love of his life. They had their first daughter Donna Kay while stationed in Oklahoma. Their second daughter Cynthia Ann came along during an assignment in

Turkey. From Turkey they were then reassigned to Biloxi, Mississippi. While stationed in Biloxi, John put in for a possible assignment in Washington D.C. He was then selected for an assignment with the White House Communication Agency (WHCA). He remained there for nine years, traveling on many communication assignments in support of the President and Vice President of the United States. He retired from the Air Force on Sept. 28, 1978 as a Senior Master Sergeant. John immediately took a job with Motorola C&E Inc, Utility Sales Force and moved to Orange Park. After ten years with Motorola he was selected to be a member of The Galvin Masters Fraternal Sales Organization. In December 1998 after 20 years John retired from Motorola.

John was a good friend to all and will be sorely missed. During their retirement years, John and Linda traveled extensively across the United States, cruised throughout the Caribbean and made many trips to the Florida Keys to go fishing. They loved to fish, and John hunted for many years with Jack Holder, Linda's stepfather. He also discovered the joys of being a grandfather to his three grandchildren with whom he loved dearly.

John is survived by: his wife, Linda Dowling; children, Donna Powell, Cynthia Dowling; grandchildren, Christopher (Michelle) Dowling, Tucker, Harper and Sawyer John, Fallon Raeffer (Ryan) Kaleb, Brooke, Jayden and Addison, Chelsea (Ryan) Nelson, Emma Raye and Lincoln. The family asks in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to the Haven Hospice of Orange Park.

Services for Mr. Dowling were held March 26 at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m., the family received friends one hour prior to the service at 10:30 a.m. The address to the church is 25330 Northwest County Road 239, Alachua. All arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home. 386-496-2008.



Joseph Lee, Sr.

LAKE BUTLER—Joseph Benjamin "Benny" Lee, Sr., 74 years old, of Lake Butler went to be with Jesus on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Benny was born in Waycross, Georgia on Aug. 30, 1943.

Benny was married to his high school sweetheart, Gail Lennon for 56 years. They have four children, Joseph Jr. (Barbara), Ted (Jeanie), Mark, Lisa (Randy);

eight grandchildren, Megan, David (Miranda), Melody (Jesse), Kathryn (John), Eric (CeCe), Alee (Tyler), Erica, Miranda (Jordan); and six amazing great-grandchildren, Gracie, Easton, Charlee, Roman, Trenton, and Parker whom he loved dearly. Benny has five sisters, Patricia (Walter), Carolyn, Linda, Charlene (Al) and Donna; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother, Melba, his dad, Burnis, and brother, Randy.

Benny's life was largely spent in dedication to his family. He was devoted in unconditional love to each of them. He will be profoundly missed by his family and friends. Benny worked with lumber yards building trusses and leading up to retirement he painted houses. His pastime was NASCAR racing. Cancer won the battle with his body, but Glory to God, not his soul.

Benny was a "gentle giant". He was the best PaPa, daddy, and husband. Never complained and loved to help anyone in need. May his soul rejoice in the eternal peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Edward Roberts

LAWTEY—Edward Roberts,

age 81, gained his wings, with his family by his side on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville. He was born in Strunk, Kentucky on June 6, 1936 to Stewart and Flora Roberts and was the youngest of two children. Ed grew up in Miami, where he attended school. He had various trades such as, plumbing with Norman's Plumbing, hauling produce cross country, milkman, original owner of the Slab Fish Camp and he retired as a plumbing vocational instructor with the State of Florida. He loved to fish, to be outdoors and he loved spending time with his family. He had many friends and would help anyone in need. He married Madelin fifty-five years ago, and had sons, Dusty, Timmy, Dennis, Randy, Bobby and raised their grandson Bobby Jr. He had thirteen grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and three of his sons, Dusty, Timmy and Dennis.

His memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation to the youth group at Evergreen Baptist.

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Mark Wainwright, Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Mark Gregory Wainwright, Sr., 59, of Keystone Heights died on Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home. He was born in Jacksonville on Dec. 6, 1958 to Marion Francis and Martha Gayle (Pringle) Wainwright. He was raised in Jacksonville and moved to Keystone Heights 20 years ago. He was preceded in death by his father, Marion.

He is survived by: his children, Mark “Greg” (Stephanie)

Wainwright, Jr. of Keystone Heights, Matthew T. (Claire) Wainwright of Bishop, Georgia, and Abigail Wainwright of Crescent City; mother, Martha Cowan of Crescent City; and brother, Mike Wainwright of Lake City. Also left behind are five grandchildren; and many other family members.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at AMVETS Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.



Betty Wyatt

STARKE—Betty Lois Wyatt, age 68, of Starke formerly of Jacksonville passed away Monday, March 26, 2018 at Windsor Health & Rehabilitation Center in Starke. Mrs. Wyatt was born on Sept. 18, 1949 in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Carlos Dalton and Annie Lois (Nelson) Batson and was a resident of Starke for 14 years. Betty was a Baptist and prior to retirement, was an Ombudsman Military Wife with the United States Navy and was the

owner/operator of Ms. Bee’s Day Care at Mayport Naval Station in Jacksonville. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, playing cards, attending yard sales, and sewing. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her siblings, Dalton Batson, Jr., Mary Ellen Bennett, Ann Herrin; and her granddaughter, Casey King.

Survivors are: her husband of thirty-four years, Brian William Wyatt of Starke; daughter, Tammy King of Starke; brother, Charles “Buddy” Batson, of Alma, Georgia; and her sister, Mary Lois Crews of Jacksonville. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brandi Nicole King, and Donald “Donnie” King, III; great-grandchildren, Hunter “Hunter Man” King, Colby “Pooky” King, Mason King, Kyra King, Amaya King, and Alyse King.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 29 in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel from 5-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with interment following at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200.

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Alvarez wins Region 1-1A title for BHS



Bradford's Jakob Alvarez won the Region 1-1A championship in the unlimited class to automatically qualify for the state finals. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

All seven Bradford High School boys’ weightlifters placed, with Jakob Alvarez winning the unlimited class at the Region 1-1A finals, which were held March 24 at Baker County High School.

Alvarez, who was a state runner-up last year, punched his ticket to this year’s state finals,

which will be held Friday, April 6, at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach. He had a 465 bench press and a 300 clean and jerk for a 765 total.

“I wasn’t surprised by Jakob’s performance because I see the work he puts in on a daily basis,” Bradford coach Caleb Dukes said. “Jakob is very self-motivated, which sets him apart from most other kids, and is very coach-able. He told me he was feeling good before the meet during warm ups, so I was expecting a big day from him. I know how bad he wanted to win regionals, and he put on a show.”

Zion Barber, a state qualifier last year, was the runner-up in the 169 class. He had a 335 bench press and a 295 clean and jerk for a 630 total.

Tyric Oliver had a 440 total (225 bench press, 215 clean and jerk) to finish third in the 154 class, while Jordan “Biscuit”

Luke, a state qualifier last year, was fourth in the unlimited class with a 725 total (380, 345). Luke actually tied Union County’s Agelu Nunu for third, but Nunu was awarded third outright due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.

Taro Ward earned a fourth-place finish in the 169 class with a 560 total (310, 250), while Maurice Hewitt and Ian McGowan each placed sixth. Hewitt had a 280 total (155, 125) in the 119 class, while McGowan had a 405 total (200, 205) in the 154 class.

The seven lifters’ efforts helped Bradford place third in the team standings, just three points behind runner-up Suwannee.

More lifters will probably join Alvarez at state. A total of 12 at-large qualifiers will be chosen in each weight class by comparing all of the second- through sixth-place totals recorded at the regional meets.

UCHS baseball team drops 1-run district game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A two-RBI single by Crescent City’s Wes Owens in the bottom of the third proved to be the difference in the Union County High School baseball team’s 3-2 District 6-1A loss to the host Raiders on March 23.

Tripp Davis had an RBI, but the Tigers (7-5) were limited to four hits in falling to 1-2 in the district.

Union entered the game off a 15-7 loss to visiting Hamilton County on March 21.

Davis drove in two runs in the bottom of the fifth on a single to pull the Tigers to within 8-7, but the Trojans scored seven runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Whip Davis went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Braxton Dukes and Skyler Shatto each had one RBI.

The Tigers played Bradford this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Hilliard on Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Union plays at Duval Charter on Monday, April 2, at 6 p.m. before hosting Episcopal on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Letters

Thankful for the Whole Wide World (& Starke)

Dear Editor:
I would like to first thank Ms. Warren for reading my initial letter to the editor. When prompted to write the letter, I poured my heart into it and sincerely appreciate it finding an audience. Unfortunately, I feel like Ms. Warren might have perceived the letter as a personal attack or an attack on Starke. The letter was not intended to “preach to the choir” and certainly not intended to corner a choir member in such a way that she needed to restate every good deed she had ever done for the community.

The letter was instead intended to spark constructive conversation about issues that have existed in Starke longer than Ms. Warren has been a “Starkette” or I have been an earthling. Throwing money and time at situations does not solve issues left long unaddressed that cause problems to continue to snowball from generation to generation.

These issues — poor infrastructure, poverty, unemployment, racism, narrow mindedness, teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse to name a few—stem from a failure to open our hearts and minds and lend our ears to people who can help us address the issues and ultimately solve the problems.

These solutions may come from individuals and/or organizations that may be different than those “from around here;” they may very well come from those considered outsiders who have already experienced the same issues and already solved the same problems.

I, too, want Starke to be a great place but know that if we don’t remove stumbling blocks to progress, we will ultimately dry up and blow away. Change can be good. If we are not moving forward, we are rolling backward.

Fear paralyzes, and Starke fears change! We are reminded more than 365 times in the Bible to “fear not.” (That’s a reminder for each day of the year.) We must embrace constructive change while rejecting destructive change, but nevertheless, we must change!

I know Ms. Warren will agree that there is always room for improvement. Let’s ALL work toward making Starke the best it can be for generations to come!

Still hopeful,
Kim Lawson Box

Clay schools must be brought to heel

Dear Editor:

I’ve read in recent local papers about students threatening to shoot up schools. These young people swamped in nihilism will copycat high-profile events (or threaten to), especially if it

means going out with a well-publicized bang. Give ‘em some PRESS, baby.

Also, a consistent thread running through mass shootings is the use of antidepressants and other drugs that cause psychotic breakdowns. I’d be curious to know if drugs were involved in any local threats, or if these students simply wanted to cause a stir.

Regardless, it shows that Clay County is not exempt from the degeneracy of our age. The shadow of purposelessness and hedonism shrouds the school hallways as much as the marijuana smoke does, and without vision or virtue, it will set in for total decay. Even if you take the guns, the sickness remains.

The Clay school system still rides on a reputation for excellence, but that is simply no longer the case. It can’t be. Teachers and other staff get up in school board meetings and whine about salaries, hot school buses, hot classrooms, insurance costs, and also promote transgenderism as a viable option for grade-schoolers. They’ve also revealed that there are queers in the classrooms right now teaching your children. Never mind the cronyism going on within the administration that uses the public budget as a loot chest. Stop getting played like a punk.

Now, I can rail and rail against the useless people running the schools and the dykes running the unions, but plenty of you will get caught up in the theatrics and rhetoric of the upcoming

election for school board. You’d be crazy to consider for even one second that these people will help improve education for your children. Or even provide anything at all but weak, corporate, platitudinous, global multiculturalism — and that goes for any politician out to con suckers this year.

When a superintendent or an administrator publishes some slick piece of garbage for you, the parent, to read or hear, he will often refer to you as a “stakeholder.” Well the stakes are high and the game is fierce. Fixing the schools will require strength, will, and action. Behind each of these shooters and those threatening to shoot is a parent without a clue. Get a clue and get fanatical about the future for your children. What could possibly be more important?

If your child spends most of his or her time in front of a screen, he or she is almost assuredly mentally unhealthy in some way (not to mention physically as well). The only question is the severity. Contact lists, endless images, videos, and chat boxes are all vicarious surrogates for meaningful experiences. When you combine these dramatic, virtual worlds with subsequent peer pressure and drugs (prescribed or otherwise), you end up with a distraught young person who is experiencing a false world meant to enthrall him. Social media systems admittedly use Pavlovian feedback systems against human insecurities to enforce this paradigm.

Strive to be role models; strive

for strength and virtue. Bend the school system to your will — not with votes and bureaucracy, but with foaming mobs—or break it trying. If the schools are betraying your values and your trust, then the whole thing is illegitimate and must be brought to heel.

When the progeny who make it through and manage to avoid becoming brain-dead grey blobs look back on these grim seasons, how will they view your legacy?

Will they see a couch potato—a veritable satellite spud nugget fusing to the furniture bathed in blue light being dictated to by effeminate squinters and puckerers? Or will they see a hardcore exemplar and gush with ancestral pride? Choice is yours.

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The Weekly Paw Print:

Cute and cuddly is the Easter bunny. With the impending arrival of the Lagomorph of Lent I thought it might be fun to deliver some facts about the rabbit. Rabbits and hares are “lagomorphs,” not rodents. Lagomorphs were originally classified as rodents, but in 1912 the distinction was made between rabbits and rodents. Hares and rabbits are in the same family, Leporidae, but they are different species, like sheep and goats are different species. Rabbits live underground while Hares live above ground. The notable exception is the American Cottontail (not Peter), which lives above ground like the Hare. Rabbits live 10 to 12 years. They reproduce at a tremendous rate: in one year a single female rabbit can produce as many as 800 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren! A baby rabbit is called a kit, a female is called a doe, and a male is a buck. A group of rabbits is called a herd. Jackrabbits have been clocked at speeds of 45 miles per hour. Happy rabbits practice a cute behavior known as a “binky”—they jump up in the air and twist and spin around! Rabbits are herbivores, eating a diet entirely of grasses and other plants. Because their diet contains so much cellulose, they pass two different kinds of feces to completely break down their food. While other grazers will chew and swallow their feed, then “burp” it back up (as cows chew cud), rabbits will re-ingest their feces on the first pass to get all of the nutrients they need. Bunnies cannot vomit, so it is super important to feed them only healthy, fresh, appropriate food. A rabbit’s teeth never stop growing! Many people believe they need to chew to keep their teeth short. While they do enjoy chewing, it’s the normal wear from where their top and bottom teeth meet that keeps a rabbit’s teeth short. Can you guess what other domestic animal is similar to rabbits? A horse! They have similar eyes, teeth, and ears (those belonging to many prey animals), as well as a similar diet and behavior. Clearly, their size is much different...

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BHS beats KHHS 6-5, improves to 5-2 in district

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Sterling Raab hit a two-out line-drive single to center field that scored two runs in the top of the seventh to help the Bradford High School baseball team defeat host Keystone Heights 6-5 and improve to 5-2 in District 5-5A on March 23.

Raab's hit put the Tornados up 6-3, but the Indians scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh before pitcher Cayden Martin eventually earned the save.

Jacob Polk earned the win for Bradford (7-4), giving up two runs (one earned) in 4.2 innings on three hits and two walks. He had six strikeouts. Martin gave up three hits and no walks in 1.1 inning.

Polk excelled at the plate as well, going 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Both RBI

were part of a three-run second inning that put the Tornados up 4-0.

The Tornados' Brandon Sanford, like Raab, had one RBI. Sanford also scored twice.

Will Yeldell and Gary Searle went 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively, for Keystone (4-8, 2-4). Yeldell and Nate Gagnon each had one RBI, while Stevie Rodriguez scored two runs.

Keystone pitcher Connor Osteen struck out seven in 6.2 innings.

Bradford entered the game on a roll, having won two straight following an 11-3 loss to visiting Baker County on March 13.

Polk and Tucker Stack each had an RBI in the Baker loss, with Garfield Johns and Peyton Welch each going 2-for-4.

On March 12, Welch drove in three runs in a 12-5 win over visiting West Nassau. Welch went 2-for-4, while Trent Bryant

had two RBI. Sanford and Kanler Vann each went 2-for-3. Sanford, who hit a double, had one RBI, as did Raab, Brandon Anders and Dakota Mathews.

Bryant earned the win on the mound, giving up eight hits and three walks in a complete-game effort. He had six strikeouts.

The Tornados traveled to play district opponent P.K. Yonge on March 16, with Polk pitching a strong five innings and Sanford in a groove at the plate in a 5-1 win.

Polk gave up one run on six hits and no walks, while striking out seven. Johns gave up one hit and one walk in the final two innings, striking out four.

Sanford drove in two runs, going 3-for-4 with two doubles and one triple. Bryant and Polk each had an RBI, with Bryant going 2-for-3.

Bradford played Union County this past Tuesday and will host



Keystone shortstop Stevie Rodriguez waits for a throw that's too late as Bradford's Brandon Anders steals second.



Keystone's Gary Searle watches a pitch come in.



Sterling Raab makes a play at shortstop for the Tornados.



Keystone catcher Alex Kanos prepares to make a throw.



Bradford's Brandon Sanford makes a throw from third.



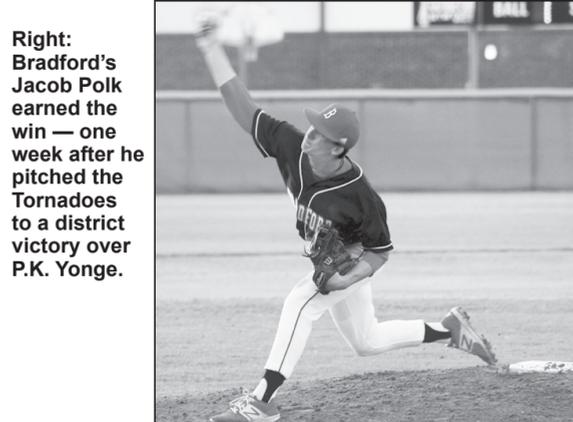
Stevie Rodriguez dives across home plate to score a run for Keystone in the third inning.



Left: Kanler Vann crosses home plate for Bradford during a three-run second inning.



Keystone second baseman Colton Crane prepares to field a grounder.



Right: Bradford's Jacob Polk earned the win — one week after he pitched the Tornados to a district victory over P.K. Yonge.

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Crawford is runner-up for UCHS at Region 1-1A finals



Union's Chase Crawford was the Region 1-1A runner-up in the 139-pound class. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Two Union County High School boys' weightlifters earned medals, with Chase Crawford finishing as the runner-up in the 139-pound class at the Region 1-1A finals, which were held March 24 at Baker County High School.

Crawford had a 245 bench press and a 215 clean and jerk, finishing with a 460 total.

Agelu Nunu tied with Bradford's Jordan Luke in the unlimited class, but was awarded

third outright due to the weigh-in tiebreaker. Nunu had a 450 bench press and a 275 clean and jerk for a 725 total.

The two lifters wait to find out if they are at-large qualifiers for the state finals, which will be held Friday, April 6, at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach. Their efforts helped Keystone score 52 points as a team, but the Indians settled for the Region 5 runner-up trophy as Tavares scored 57 points.

Dodd won the unlimited class with a bench press of 340 and a clean and jerk of 295. His 635 total was 20 pounds better than Tavares' John Douglas. Semione won the 219 class with a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 280. His 580 total was 25 pounds better than teammate Cameron Musselman, who had a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 255.

Region 2 runner-up KHHS will send at least 3 to state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Three earned automatic state berths for the Keystone Heights High School boys' weightlifting team, which came up just shy of winning the team championship at the Region 5-1A finals, which were hosted by Keystone on March 24.

Dan Dodd, Carter Semione and Brandon Spivey won their respective weight classes, which puts them in the state finals, which will be held Friday, April 6, at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach. Their efforts helped Keystone score 52 points as a team, but the Indians settled for the Region 5 runner-up trophy as Tavares scored 57 points.

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Semione won the 219 class with a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 280. His 580 total was 25 pounds better than teammate Cameron Musselman, who had a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 255.

Spivey, who was the state runner-up in his class last season, won the 139 class with a bench press of 265 and a clean and jerk of 235. His 500 total was 75 pounds ahead of Tavares' Kamron Patterson.

"I'm excited for all three of them," Keystone coach Lantz Lowery said of his individual regional champions. "They work hard. They're good kids. They do what they're supposed to do, and it pays off."

Lowery was also pleased with the performances of the lifters who earned second-place finishes: Musselman, Alex Cruz and C.J. Parks, who were runners-up in their classes. Cruz had a 580 total (305 bench press, 275 clean and jerk) in the 183 class, finishing 20 pounds behind Tavares' Nikolas Gonzales. Parks had a 315 total (200, 195) in the

129 class, finishing 5 pounds behind Tavares' Kaleb Leafers.

Keystone had a pair of fourth-place finishers in Tucker Kicklighter, who had a 310 total (165, 145) in the 129 class, and Briar Smith, who had a 455 total (240, 215) in the 154 class.

Four earned fifth-place finishes: Holden Knapp with a 285 total (140, 145) in the 119 class, Jesse Donahue with a 375 total (195, 180) in the 139 class, Hunter Stitt with a 450 total (235, 215) in the 154 class and Josh Hughes with a 525 total (260, 265) in the 199 class.

Also earning points for Keystone were sixth-place lifters Briar Schenck and Kaleb Vojnovski. Schenck had a 240 total (115, 125) in the 119 class, while Vojnovski had a 440 total (230, 210) in the 183 class.

Winners at all of the state's regional meets qualify for state. A total of 12 at-large qualifiers will be chosen in each weight class by comparing all of the second- through sixth-place totals recorded at the regional meets. Lowery said he feels pretty good about Cruz's chances of advancing, but hated to venture a guess as to whether any other of his lifters would qualify.

"You have no idea," he said. "That's why they line them up and pick them."

Keystone had 18 lifters competing at the Region 5 meet, half of which are sophomores or younger. Among those who earned points, Schenck is a seventh-grader, while Donahue, Kicklighter, Knapp, Parks and Vojnovski are freshmen.

Lowery said he hopes competing at the regional level was a positive experience for those younger kids, but he also hopes that finishing second as a team doesn't sit well with them.

"We've got a whole slew of young kids that'll be back," Lowery said. "I hope they're excited about what happened today, but I also hope it sticks in their stomach a little bit, that you shouldn't lose."



Brandon Spivey, who was a state runner-up last year, returns to this year's state finals after winning the Region 5-1A title in the 139-pound class.



Carter Semione automatically qualified for state by winning the 219-pound class at the Region 5-1A finals.



Dan Dodd was one of three Region 5-1A champions for Keystone. He won the unlimited class and will compete in the April 6 state finals.

BHS girls, UCHS boys tennis teams victorious

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School hosted Bradford High School in tennis on March 26, with Bradford's girls winning 4-3 and Union's boys winning 7-0.

Bradford's Chelsea Creighton defeated Anabell Miller 8-3, while Union's Erin Stidham defeated Rilynn Kelley 8-2. Bradford's Morgan Bradley was leading Gracie Crook 7-3 before winning by forfeit, while Union's Anna Shealy defeated Kiersten French 8-1. Union's Lauren Britt defeated Cassidy Howard 8-0.

It was the third win in six matches this season for Creighton, while Bradley picked up her second win in four matches.

Britt and Shealy, with their wins, now have .500 records. Britt is 3-3, while Shealy is 6-6. Stidham improved to 5-8 with her win.

In doubles, Bradford's Creighton and



Bradford's Chelsea Creighton



Bradford's Dustin Jones



Union's Anabell Miller



Union's Sidney Johnson

Shealy 8-1, giving the Bradford team its third win in six matches. Union's Britt and Stidham defeated Bradley and French 8-4.

On the boys' side, Union's Sidney Johnson defeated Dustin Jones 8-1, while Union's Alex Perez defeated Nate Caraway 8-0. The Tigers' A.P. Griffis and Griffin Whiteley won 8-1 and 8-3, respectively, over Bradley Henderson and Earl Green. Union's Dalton Hutchinson defeated Gabe

Wells 8-0.

Griffis improved to 5-5, while Perez inched closer to .500, improving to 7-8. Hutchinson is now 6-8, while Whiteley picked up his fifth win in eight matches.

In doubles, Johnson and Perez defeated Caraway and Jones 8-3, while Griffis and Hutchinson defeated Green and Henderson 8-1.

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Jackson Building Supply keeps rolling out the improvements

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Eric Jackson said the store has always sold drills, saws, sanders, nailers and other power tools, but until recently, they were kept behind the counter. Now, the tools are displayed in a dedicated section in the front of the store. And the family has expanded the selection of DeWalt, Hitachi, Bostitch, Arrow and Skil tools in addition to lowering prices.

It's just one more improvement the Jacksons have implemented to provide

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However, power tools aren't the only thing that people are talking about. Recently, Marc and Eric Jackson discussed some of the most frequent comments they've heard through the years from their customers and employees.

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(L-r) Jackson Building Supply employees: (l-r) Marc Jackson, Kelly Outlaw, Greg Jackson, Eric Jackson, Priscilla Jackson, Eric Noegel, Bill Bosier and Bill Moody. Not pictured: Mike Shemer, James Balkcom and Billy Rehgerg.

and Pangborn Lumber were Bradford County's and the Lake Region's primary building suppliers.

Since that time, Marc and Eric have seen many competitors come and go, and each time a new arrival entered the market, customers and employees would always say: "they're going to put us out of business."

From Scotty's to Ace; from Do It Best to True Value; and from Home Depot to Amazon— some have left, some have remained.

Marc and Eric said that while they respect the competition, they focus on the customer and that has led to the company's 62-year track record.

"I wish I came here first"

Eric said he wishes he had a quarter for every phone call he has received from a customer in Middleburg or Gainesville, searching for an item and

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"I didn't know you were here"

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Hamilton has 4 RBI in Tigers' 12-3 win over Indians

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Kensley Hamilton drove in four runs, three of which occurred on a bases-loaded double in the fifth inning as the Union County High School softball team defeated visiting Keystone Heights 12-3 on March 27.

Hamilton went 3-for-5 with two doubles as the third-ranked Class 1A Tigers (9-2) knocked off the second-ranked team

in Class 5A. Hamilton's fifth-inning double scored three of six runs in the inning as Union built a 10-2 lead.

Winning pitcher Lexi Androlevich got in on the scoring, too, driving in two runs, one of which occurred on a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Kamaya Cohen went 4-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while Teala Howard and Brooke Waters each had an RBI, with

Howard going 3-for-5. Shelby Spratlin went 2-for-4.

Androlevich gave up seven hits and two walks.

Keystone (12-4) got a two-run homer from Molly Crawford to make it 4-2 in the fourth inning. She finished with the two RBI, while Makayla Smith added one RBI. Bailey Story went 2-for-4.

Prior to playing the Indians, the Tigers traveled to Hawthorne on March 22, coming away with an 18-0 District 6 win in

three innings.

Waters had four RBI, while Hamilton and Randa Godwin each had two. Hamilton and Godwin went 3-for-3 and 2-for-3, respectively.

Androlevich, Cohen, Howard, Spratlin, Reah Jones and Madelyn Kish each had one RBI. Howard went 3-for-3, while Kish and Spratlin each went 2-for-3.

Androlevich hit a double, while Cohen hit a triple.

Pitchers Waters and Howard combined to give up no hits and just one walk. Waters had three strikeouts in one inning, while Howard had four in two.

The Tigers, who improved to 5-0 in District 6, travel to play Class 5A Bradford on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. They then return home to play Bradford on Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

Keystone travels to play District 5 opponent Fort White on Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m.



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Top: Union second baseman Angela Shope (right) makes a throw to first as Keystone's Bailey Story runs to second base, which is covered by Kamaya Cohen.

Middle: Keystone's Ashleigh Jennings (left) beats out an infield single. Union first baseman Brooke Waters awaits the throw, as pitcher Lexi Androlevich looks on in the background.

Bottom: Kensley Hamilton slides home for a Union run in the fifth inning. Also pictured are Keystone catcher Bailey Story and Keystone pitcher Megan Moncrief.

KHHS softball team still unbeaten in district with 5-2 win over BHS

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Bailey Story's RBI double, Savannah Channell's solo home run and an error that allowed Skylar Rollins to score put the Keystone Heights High School softball team up 3-0 in an eventual 5-2 District 5-5A win over Bradford on March 23 in Starke.

Story went 2-for-3 with two doubles to help keep the Indians (12-3) undefeated in the district with a 10-0 record. Ashleigh Jennings and Lexi Northway each went 2-for-4, while Molly Crawford had an RBI.

Daelynn Eatmon threw a complete game for Keystone, giving up five hits and one walk, while striking out seven.

Bradford (6-7, 4-4) got one RBI each from Savana Shealey and Brooklyn Wiggins. Emily McCoy hit a double.

Keystone entered the game off a 9-2 loss to defending Class 8A champion Oakleaf on March 22 in Keystone. Story had an RBI, while Jennings went 2-for-4.

The Tornados were coming off a 7-3 district loss to host Newberry on March 22. Shealey, who hit a double, had two RBI, while Gracie Blankenship, who also hit a double, drove in one run. Wiggins went 2-for-3, while Harli Phillips hit a double.

Bradford played district opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will host defending Class 1A champion Union County on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The Tornados then travel to play Union on Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m. before hosting district opponent Palatka on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Please see the story on Keystone's game against Union County for the Indians' upcoming schedule.