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Late night fire destroys home

An early Tuesday fire destroyed a home just south of Harvest Christian Church on U.S. 301, between Starke and Lawtey.

Bradford County Fire Coordinator Chip Ware said the five-alarm blaze, called in just after 1 a.m., is now under investigation by the State Fire Marshal.

"The homeowner was home," he said. "He found the fire and called 911."

Ware said firefighters from the city of Starke, Heilbronn Springs and Sampson City first responded to the fire, but soon determined they needed more manpower.

"They asked for more help because there wasn't enough help on scene, so Theresa got involved and the county administration got involved," said Ware. "We had eight people from the county and

five were certified."

Ware said that in addition to a shortage of manpower, getting water to the isolated area was also a challenge.

The residence is at the end of Northeast 188th Street, an approximately 500-foot, unmarked dirt grade that runs behind a NAPA auto repair shop.

"We used 10,000 gallons of water on that fire and all that was brought in by truck," he said.

Ware also said no one was injured in the fire, including the homeowner.

According to property appraiser records, the owner of the home is Michael C. Langston.

When asked if the homeowner indicated what caused the blaze, Ware replied, "It's under investigation."



Property appraiser records indicate the home is owned by Michael C. Langston.

Walkway dedicated at Memorial Day observance

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

American Legion Post 56 dedicated a new monument during Starke's Memorial Day observance, Wednesday, May 30, at the Charles J. Schaefer Sr. Veterans Memorial Park.

The new marker is a collection of bricks with the name of a fallen veteran etched into each. The bricks are being laid to form a walkway near the park's flag posts.

Also during the ceremony, members of Boy Scout Troop 70 placed wreaths within the park. Local businesses and organizations donated the wreaths.

U.S. Navy Master Chief Fred Flaherty was the guest speaker. Flaherty said he and his family moved to Starke last August.

"We've had an extremely warm welcome so far," Flaherty told the crowd of a few dozen gathered under a tent while a light rain fell. "I really do appreciate everyone. Starke is such a great military town, the history, and the new history that we're putting down with (the walkway)."

"Today we're here to honor our sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen who have paid the ultimate price for our country," he continued. "This memorial walkway that we've just begun is a tribute to them and will show the future how this small city honors them and ensures that they will not be forgotten."

Flaherty also endorsed Post 56's decision to hold the Memorial Day ceremony on May 30, instead of the fourth Monday in May, which is now the official day.

He said that until 1970, Memorial Day was observed on May 30.

"For me," he said, "it's always been a three-day weekend of celebration until I started doing research for this speech."

Flaherty said that after talking to Post 56 members, he became convinced of the importance of tradition and its role in remembering fallen veterans.

He said valuing tradition is why organizers slated the Starke ceremony on May 30, instead of the fourth Monday.

"The history of where we came will ensure where we go as a country," he said.

He added that while most Americans cannot recall the names of the battles where servicemen have lost their lives, those same citizens exercise the freedoms won by fallen veterans, like the freedom of speech.

He also repeated four reasons given by American Legion historians why military members give their lives in service of their country.

"For our country, to keep America safe and secure from our enemies; for our comrades, those fighting alongside of us; for American core values, God and country, family, patriotism, and our religious heritage; and for our children, so they can grow up in an America that is strong and free."



Members of Boy Scout Troop 70 presented wreaths that honored fallen veterans (l-r) Wonderful West, Wade Kratzer, Logan Jackson, Chase Breaux and Jonathan Schmidt.



American Legion Post 56 Commander Ray Hunt (left) welcomes guest speaker Navy Master Chief Fred Flaherty.



During the ceremony, American Legion members dedicated the new memorial walkway at the Charles J. Schaefer Sr. Veterans Memorial Park.

TIGHTEN UP County wants to freeze budget

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County is hoping to avoid increases to its budget for 2018-19, but there are several issues complicating that goal.

At the county commission meeting May 17, Clerk Ray Norman suggested the commission stay within the same budget set for this year with the exception of insurance and other costs the county cannot control.

The budget approved for 2017-18 was more than \$45.9 million. Norman said any deviations from that should be a genuine emergency.

Norman said there are a lot of unknowns at this point, however, including decisions that have to be made about the future of fire services in the county and how to fund the county fire department.

The county also owes money to the retirement system that was never paid for part-time EMS employees. The amount is \$250,000 and growing, not including a possible financial penalty. Having apparently waited years for additional

information from the state on the penalty, which he feels should not apply, Norman said the county could get a call demanding payment anytime.

"We have not got directions from the state as to what we need to do, but the amount of money keeps increasing," Norman said. "We're not saying we don't owe the money, but they need to tell us how we need to pay it. We want to pay it right and be fair to the individuals that's going to be receiving the money."

The sheriff's budget is increasing \$235,000 to cover the cost of additional school resource officers, and the tax collector and property appraiser are in need of new equipment — and the purchase is also the responsibility of the commission. Norman is estimating \$200,000.

The county has spent almost \$446,000 of its own money in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, and while much of that money plus additional personnel and equipment costs are reimbursable through FEMA, there is no telling when the county will be repaid.

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Group delivers fire recommendations

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Rather than agree immediately with a recommendation to fund a county fire department with a special assessment, the county commission is turning to the city of Starke for assistance.

The county commission assembled a panel of citizens to work with staff to develop recommendations, believing that the committee's work stood a better chance of being embraced by the public.

Presenting the group's recommendation, Hampton City Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth said the question of funding fire protection services is something that has been considered "over and over."

"No longer can we kick this can down the road," she said. "The choices are hard but necessary."

Many can agree on the type of county fire department they would like to see, with full-

time employees who can respond from stations in the north and south ends of the county, backed up by volunteer firefighters, who would remain an integral part of the program. The committee recommended just that, with competitive pay for employees and stipends for volunteers.

Paying for it is the hard choice Hildreth referred to and why this perennial issue has not been resolved.

"We depend on our elected officials to make the difficult decisions when it comes to matters like this," said Hildreth, just one of the vocal committee members who opposed placing a special assessment fee for fire on the ballot, giving voters one more opportunity to reject it. "Do not put it out to referendum again because it will fail," she said.

Hildreth said the average citizen doesn't understand the ramifications of turning down the special assessment,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Robertson running for circuit judge

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office submitted by the candidate. Email announcements to editor@bctelegraph.com.

With a judge now retiring, circuit judge candidate David Robertson is running for the open seat, offering over 20 years' experience as a practicing attorney here in north Florida.

Robertson is currently employed by the Florida Department of Transportation as chief counsel of its District 2 office, a position he has held for the past 10 years. District 2 is the department's largest geographic district and is comprised of 18 counties across north Florida, from Nassau and St. Johns counties on the east coast to Madison and Levy counties on the west coast and includes the



David Robertson

six counties that comprise the Eighth Judicial Circuit: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union.

Robertson advises the district secretary and district executive committee on a variety of complex legal issues associated with implementation of the district's annual billion-dollar

work program. He serves on the Office of General Counsel's statewide leadership team; supervises eminent domain litigation assigned to the district legal office including hundreds of properties and tens of millions of dollars annually; supervises other legal work assigned to the district legal office, including matters in the areas of construction, maintenance, procurement, funding and environmental regulation; and manages a team of eight attorneys and four paralegals assigned to the district legal office. Robertson personally litigates eminent domain cases and performs transactional work, including the negotiation and drafting of complex agreements with developers, counties, municipalities and other state agencies primarily involving the development of transportation systems.

Robertson proudly serves the state of Florida and the country as an officer in the Florida Army National Guard. He holds the

rank of major with over 16 years of service. Robertson currently serves as the command judge advocate for the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the guard's largest major subordinate command.

His experience includes deployment overseas as part of the Global War on Terrorism in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Freedom's Sentinel (2015-2016); assigned by the chief of staff of the Florida Army National Guard to assist with drafting proposed revisions to the Florida Code of Military Justice (2018); one of three judge advocates assigned to Joint Task Force RNC for the 2012 Republican National Convention; and state active duty for multiple hurricanes. Robertson advises the command on international and domestic operational law, military justice, contracts, fiscal law and administrative law. His military justice experience includes serving in the roles of prosecutor, defense counsel and legal advisor (similar to the role

of a hearing officer).

Prior to accepting the chief counsel position with FDOT in early 2008, Robertson was in private practice and developed a broad base of experience representing individuals, businesses and governmental bodies across north Florida. His experience outside of FDOT includes civil litigation, appeals, real property and other transactional work, consumer protection, warranties, age and sex discrimination, family law and serving as city attorney for a small municipality. Robertson also served the Florida Bar as chairman of a local grievance committee.

His community service includes serving on local boards of directors for the United Way and the Chamber of Commerce and coaching several little league sports teams.

Robertson and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for over 15 years and have six children. The family attends Greenhouse Church.

Gospel Fest Saturday

RJE Alumni have announced the third annual Gospel Fest will take place Saturday, June 9, at the RJE Tiger's Den Complex from noon to 5 p.m.

Republicans meet June 14

The monthly meeting of the Bradford County Republicans will be held on Thursday, June 14, in the Capital City Bank community room beginning at 7 p.m. The bank is located at 350 N. Temple Ave. (U.S. Hwy 301) in Starke. All Republicans are invited to attend.

For more information please contact Chairman Richard Solze at 904-964-5803.

June extension workshops announced

Upcoming extension workshops include talks about birds and biters.

On, Wednesday, June 20, Mosquitoes and Yellow Flies will be the topic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Senior Center, 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

The senior center will also host the workshop on Woodpeckers and Sapsuckers from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21.

Call the Bradford County Extension Service at 904-966-6299 to register for the workshop you plan to attend.

The University of Florida IFAS Extension is an equal opportunity institution.

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.

Food Pantry has more food more often

The Bradford Ecumenical Food Pantry is now receiving deliveries of fresh produce and dairy three times, meaning clients can pick up these items more often.

Full orders are still available to clients once every two months, but every two weeks clients are welcome to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, and bread and pastries every two weeks.

Mining study to proceed without watchdogs

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Phosphate mining opponents will have an opportunity to meet with a consultant group evaluating the master mining plan submitted by HPS II Enterprises but will not be privy to all conversations between the consultants and mining company.

Bradford County commissioners decided on the compromise in an attempt to please activists but honor the request from Onsite Environmental Consulting, which objected to the unorthodox request, according to the county attorney.

Florida has broad public records laws and guarantees public access and participation in governmental affairs involving elected bodies. The sun does not shine on conversations between individual elected officials and staff or to discussions between public employees or those hired to work for the county.

Mining opponents could see the decision as a way to manipulate the outcome of the evaluation. Kate Ellison and Carol Mosley are vocal members of the Citizens Against Phosphate Mining Group who both asked to sit in on meetings with the consultant. They've already raised objections to HPS funding the mining plan analysis saying it could lead to bias. They've questioned why the mining company has been allowed to shape the scope of the analysis.

From the county's perspective, funding the \$53,000 study is

HPS' responsibility and should not burden taxpayers, and HPS doesn't want to pay for inquiries that go further than determining whether is application meets the requirements of the county's land development regulations.

Mosley said they were originally told by the county attorney that a large public group would not be allowed to attend, and that if she and Ellison were allowed to sit in, they would not be allowed to participate. That, she said, was reasonable. Their interest in being there was to seek truth.

Mosley said, "You, the commission, should think it's a good idea for a citizen to attend because you should want to provide the greatest possible transparency in light of the controversial nature of this plan. That would show you are truly wanting everything to be upfront and executed properly. Transparency is your protection."

Ellison said all sides have information and experts that could be included in the evaluation of the master mining plan.

"I think you would want the public to be reassured that the reasons are good and that no undue influence is happening. After all, HPS already influenced you to remove some of the study items in OEC's proposal. The tangible results of that decision have not yet been shared. They attempted to exert additional influence regarding one of the consultants. They are already shaping the outcome," said Ellison.

SREC here to help seniors

Suwannee River Economic Council would like to invite seniors (age 60 and over) to its meal site at 1210 Andrews Circle, which serves breakfast and lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SREC also has a meal site in Lawtey at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, which is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in coming but do not have transportation, please call 904-964-4545, ext. 23 or 24, to see if they can provide a ride.

Suwannee River Economic Council also helps pay utility

bills for qualifying seniors as well as qualifying families in crisis. Other programs are available. Call to see what is available and if you qualify.

Please call Jenny Sullivan, case manager in the Aging Department, at 904-964-4545, ext. 23, or Lisa Johns, service center case manager, at 904-964-4545, ext. 22, to discuss qualifications or schedule an appointment.



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One last workshop on bypass zoning

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County held its final workshop with residents on the new Commercial Highway Interchange zoning category that applies to commercial development at the Starke bypass interchanges on State Roads 16 and 100.

The commission and Zoning Director Randy Andrews fielded questions from residents of Starke's Lakewood Subdivision, who were happy to learn there wouldn't be any commercial encroachment inside their neighborhood. They weren't pleased that their involvement was being sought after the county had already established a zoning category that could impact the surrounding area.

The Commercial Highway Interchange, or CHI, category was created apart from the county's other commercial

categories to limit the types of development that could occur around the bypass interchanges. It is now the only commercial category allowed in those two locations. Commercial rezoning is not being forced on anyone, but any landowner who is interested in a commercial zoning change can request it now, and the county will sponsor the application, saving the landowner thousands of dollars in rezoning fees.

CHI differs from other commercial categories as it focuses on tourist-related developments like automotive service stations, restaurants and motels, mixing it with limited retail, light manufacturing, and storage and distribution facilities. Truck stops, travel trailer parks or campgrounds, and off-site signs (billboards) are only allowed by special exception.

A truck stop has long been rumored as possible for the S.R. 100 interchange, but no concrete

information has been released. Potentially complicating plans to limit the types of commercial development at this interchange is the proximity of the city limits. Should contiguous landowners opt to annex into the city of Starke, the city's land development code would apply. Those categories include one for commercial development in neighborhoods like grocery and convenience stores, but also more intensive highway commercial and industrial districts. There is some overlap in with CHI in the city's B-3 Highway Commercial category such as motels and service stations, but it also allows shopping centers and campgrounds and travel trailer parks by right.

With the bypass, that is State Road 223, set to be complete next year, it won't be long before development impacts are more than theoretical.

BUDGET

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For these and other reasons, Norman said the county needs to stick closely to its budget.

"I try not to be a bearer of bad news. I just feel like you need to know these things going into working on your budget for next year," he said.

The county commission will begin workshopping the budget with staff following its midmonth meeting in June. Deputy County Manager Rachel Rhoden said they have several items to bring before the board.

"While we all agree we want to try and stay in the same budget, at the same time we want to be transparent and share with you some critical needs," she said. Whether departments receive allocations for these needs or not, the commission needs to be aware of these requests.

Prior to that workshop, the county commission will meet with members of its fire committee to hear recommendations on establishing a professional paid department and how to pay for it. The committee has been looking at part-time and full-time options

for single or multiple stations and discussing how best to approach the public with the request to fund the fire department through a special assessment.

The commission has a meeting set to finalize its recommendations, and then they will attend a June 4 workshop with the commission following the 9:30 a.m. meeting. (See related story.)

The budget workshop will take place after the 6:30 p.m. meeting on June 21.

Gas tax could be back for discussion

Commissioner Danny Riddick would like around \$32,000 to experiment with a road treatment process known as chip seal on three roads. The county could experiment on three roads by piggybacking on a contract with Alachua County.

Chris Dougherty said if the chip sealed roads lasted 10 years as advertised, the county could save money on maintenance costs.

As far as funding, Riddick pointed to two counties that he said were using gas tax revenue. Were the county to raise taxes on fuel, he said the county could

pave a lot of roads.

That's another topic that could come up in the county's budget workshop. Commissioner Frank Durrance spoke favorably about finding new solutions to deal with road issues but said the need to find a new revenue stream for the roads is something they keep coming back to.

"If people are calling, they want their roads repaired, they want things taken care of, we can't keep doing things the way they've been done all these years," Durrance said. "We've got to find new ways to make it happen."

"And they're going to blame it on me," said Commissioner Kenny Thompson, laughing and saying he agreed with Durrance. Both Thompson and Riddick are up for re-election this year.

Durrance said raising taxes can be a negative if you're trying to get re-elected, but anyone who is there to be re-elected instead of do the job is there for the wrong reason.

"Guys, we've got to change. We've got to do something different," he said, and the other commissioners agreed.

FIRE

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which include perpetuating the delayed response times caused by diminishing volunteer participation and the overreliance on professional paid departments in Starke and Clay County.

"I didn't understand the magnitude of this problem either until I joined this committee," she said. The county needs to be listening to its fire chief, Chip Ware, she said, who comprehends the problem and has amassed the data showing Bradford could be in trouble if it doesn't act.

"It's really basic. The financial reality is indisputable: Fire services need to be adequately funded. The window for a catastrophic event is rapidly becoming smaller and smaller," said Hildreth.

In addition to the loss of life and property, and the legal liability, economic development is also being impeded, and some residents endure higher insurance premiums if they are eligible for insurance at all.

Another committee member picked up on the economic development theme and reimagining the future. Philip Dean challenged the idea that Bradford must continue to consider itself a poor county. "That's a mindset, I believe," he said. Many have had the drive to change their lives, and the county could do the same, said Dean.

"I know taxes are going to have to go up. I certainly don't like to pay them, but I will pay my fair share, and more if I have to, for the good of the county because I want to leave this county better than I found it," Dean said.

The committee didn't just recommend the commission pass a fire assessment, but one that is fair to all landowners. To this end the committee said the county should hire a consultant to help determine what the fee should be and how it should be distributed. Baker County has a consultant on the job, and Bradford could piggyback on that contract. The consultant will be invited to speak to the Bradford commission at its June 21 meeting.

There are avenues other than a county fire department, according to committee member and Telegraph publisher John Miller. He said Starke, which has an established professional fire department, and the county should work together and eliminate areas of duplicated services. Given their shared challenges, including the undetermined impact of the Starke bypass, it's time to consider consolidating their efforts, he said. Taxpayer dollars could be used more efficiently.

Commissioner Danny Riddick called for the commission to meet with Starke as soon as possible. Commission Chairman Ross Chandler said at some point the commission is going to have to talk with the public as well and help people understand the need

is critical.

"I regret this board is sitting here talking about this today," said Commissioner Frank Durrance. "This should have been taken care of a long time ago. It wasn't, so it's fallen on us guys to do it, and we've got to step up to the plate."

He, too, saw a potential solution in consolidation, so after further discussion, the county manager was instructed to ask the Starke commission for a meeting as soon as possible.

Eventually, Durrance said, the county commission it going to have to make a difficult decision. Regardless of who runs the department, a funding source will be required.

"We've got to come up with the funding to make this happen," Durrance said, "whether we do it in conjunction with the city of Starke, whether we stand alone and do it, we've got to do it. We can't put it off any longer."

Like the solid waste assessment, the fire assessment would be attached to landowners' tax bills. If the commission did assess the fire fee by Dec. 31, it would not see any revenue from that decision until the tax bills go out in November 2019.

Fire Chief Ware said there wasn't always agreement between the committee members or between committee members and county staff, but Ware said the way they came together was a testament to their dedication to Bradford County.

Posters promote water protection



The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District recently presented awards for its annual Poster Contest to students at Starke Christian School. Paul Still presented the awards to the student winners. The theme for this year's poster contest was "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home." Winners in each category received a Walmart gift card. Still is pictured with winners Bryce King (2nd place, 4th-6th grade), Lorelai Walker (1st place, 4th-6th grade), Contessa Walker (1st place, 7th-9th grade), Amaria Glover (2nd place, 7th-9th grade) and Caterina Walker (3rd place, 7th-9th grade). Not pictured: Wyatt Crews (3rd place, 4th-6th grade).



Paul Still is pictured with winners Jayden Jonas (1st place, K-1st grade), Jaydin Williams (3rd place, 2nd-3rd grade), Bailey Grace Smith (1st place, 2nd-3rd grade), Ella Stephens (2nd place, 2nd-3rd grade), and Ethan Kerce (2nd place, K-1st grade). Not pictured: Mia Ortega (3rd place, K-1st grade).

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR Lease Agreement 700:1181



The Florida Department of Corrections intends to enter into a contract for the lease of office space at 1250 East Andrews Street, Starke, FL 32091. This location will house a Department's Probation and Parole Office, an administrative office which supervises Adult Probation & Parole offenders. The new lease set to commence September 1, 2018. Questions or concerns regarding this proposed lease may be directed to the Department of Corrections' representative as noted herein.

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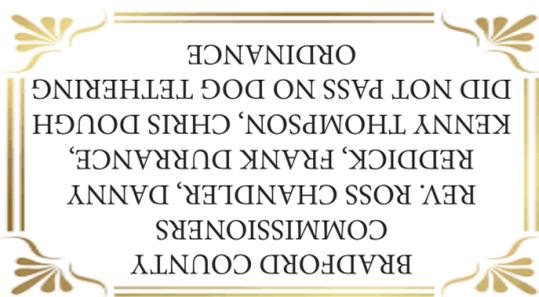
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 12, 2018, and entered in Case No. 042017CA000229CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST is Plaintiff and GERALD V. COOK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD V. COOK; CONNIE LEA ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONNIE LEA ANDERSON; RIVER OAK PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, 11:00 a.m., on June 28, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 28, RIVER OAK PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 18, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING SHOWN AS LOT 28 ON A MAP RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Bradford County Courthouse. Telephone 904-964-6280 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
DATED at Starke, Florida, on May 18, 2018.

RAY NORMAN
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: L Brannon
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF

FLORIDA IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 18000083CAAXMX PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JO LYNN JACKSON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST ALMA W. KING A/K/A ALMA KING, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
5643 SE 2ND AVE
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 10, SMOKERISE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Curtis Wilson, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before June 25, 2018, or 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 16 day of May, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: L Brannon
Deputy Clerk
MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC
225 E. Robinson St. Suite 155
Orlando, FL 32801
Phone:(407)674-1850
Fax:(321)248-0420
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Starke 301 U-Stor LLC, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at 1650 S. Walnut Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated. Sale will take place June 16th, 2018 @ 10:00 am. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 9:15 am. C-9 (2-9A) Ashley Crawford A-69 (I-69) Bonnie Vasquez A-67 (I-67) Connie Varnes A-57 (I-57) Charlene George A-22 (I-22) Terrell Warren B-29 (2-29) Dameon Butler B-16 (2-16) Tina Morgan B-06 (2-06) Tina Morgan
Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charges according to Florida Statutes 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale. Open bids only. CASH PAYMENTS ONLY All Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers Premium. Contents must be removed by close of business 6/16/18. For any willing bid the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept by close of business 6/16/18.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 17000326CAAXMX REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALFRED A. MATE, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 18, 2018, and entered in 17000326CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALFRED A. MATE, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN

DEVELOPMENT are the Defendants). Ray Norman as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on July 26, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 15, DEERWOOD, A SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION DEEDED TO BRANDING IRON, INC. AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 146, PAGE 197, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, Property Address: 14029 SE 48TH AVENUE STARKE, FL 32091
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 23 day of May, 2018.

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

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352)337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L., Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 04-2016-CA-000005 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARTHA F. LAYTON, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 18, 2018, and entered in 04-2016-CA-000005 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR

AGAINST MARTHA F. LAYTON, DECEASED are the Defendant(s). Ray Norman as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on July 26, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
THE WEST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: A PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 AND RUN THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4, 30.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A GRADED COUNTY ROAD AND THE POB, THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY 727.53 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 200, THENCE SOUTH 8 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 123.54 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 705.83 FEET TO SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY

LINE, 121.60 FEET TO THE POB.
TOGETHER WITH THOSE CERTAIN 1997 CONC DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOMES IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: RP# 739222, ID# 9D630476JA, TITLE NO. 72997278 AND RP# 739223, ID# 9D630476JB, TITLE NO. 72997275
Property Address: 10315 SW 66TH AVE HAMPTON, FL 32044
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29 day of May, 2018.

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

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
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Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. : 04-2017-CA-000336 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-17, Plaintiff, vs. CYNTHIA C. ALLEN; MICHAEL TRANTHAM; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA C. ALLEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL TRANTHAM; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

To the following Defendant(s); KELLY TRANTHAM 12008 W. Sample Road Coral Springs, FL 33065
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, a/k/a 2961 Southeast 129th Street, Starke, FL 32091 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon Kelley Kronenberg, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Suite 4000, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33324 on or before June 30, 2018 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. 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 are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 29 day of May, 2018.

As Clerk of the Court
By L Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
6/7 2tchg 6/14-BCT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CLOSING AND ABANDONING ROADWAY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a duly advertised public hearing held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 6:30

P.M. and pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, exercised its authority to close and abandon that certain 30 foot platted street lying between Block 30 and Block 31 and that certain 30 foot platted street lying between Block 31 and 32 as per Plat of Crosby Lake Shores, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 17 of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida by the adoption of Resolution 2018-14.

A copy of Resolution 2018-14 may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.).
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LEGAL NOTICE
Canvassing Board Schedule for 8/28/18 Primary Election
August 8, 2018 at 2 pm: Public Logic & Accuracy Test and Orientation
August 13, 2018 at 3 pm: Initial canvass of vote-by-mail ballots received
August 28, 2018 at 6 pm-9 pm: Election Day oversight, VBM & provisional ballot canvass
August 30, 2018 at 2 pm: Canvass of results and provisional ballots
September 5, 2018 at 10 am: Manual post-election audit
All meetings shall begin at the Supervisor of Elections office, 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL. 32091
Terry Vaughan
Bradford Supervisor of Elections
6/7 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 04-2015-DR-424 DIVISION:

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: BARBARA WALLS MARTIN, Wife, And ROBERT JOHN MARTIN, Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Robert John Martin
Last known address: 159 SE 35th Street Keystone Heights, FL 32656
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Motion for Enforcement of Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael D. Kendall, whose address is 1200 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 800, Jacksonville, FL 32207 on or before July 7, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at the Bradford County Clerk's Office, before service on Petition or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the motion.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form (12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

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WARNING; Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions. Including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
DATED: May 22, 2018
MICHAEL D. KENDALL
Counsel for Barbara Walls Martin
6/7 4tchg 6/28-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special use application for essential service for a telecommunications tower will be heard by the Board of County Commission who will take final action on this application at their regular schedule meeting on Thursday June 21st, 2018 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. SU 18-01 (Tatum Timber and Land, Ltd / Verizon)
Being a part of Bradford County Parcel Number 00471-0-00300 and being more particularly described as follows:
P/O the SE1/4 of SW1/4, North of CR 225, Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, and containing 1.00 of an acre, more or less.
The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised on the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds a six (6) calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.
At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the special use application for telecommunications tower.
Copies of the special use application are available for public inspection at the Office of the Building, Planning and Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
All persons are advised that if they decision to appeal made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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Health

HEALTHY LIVING

Water safety

This summer, set a goal to learn water precautions before you and your family go to the beach, lake or pool. Knowing basic swimming safety tips can ensure you have a fun and safe day in the water and avoid mishap or injury.

First, make sure you and your group know swimming skills such as floating, kicking and basic strokes to stay afloat. Before you get in, check the water's cleanliness and see if a lifeguard is on duty. When you get in the water, swim with your children or keep an eye on them at all times. In open water, ensure there are swimming boundaries marked by a rope or other marker and water depth indicators separating shallow and deep areas. Check out the list below to ensure your water safety habits are up to date.

—Actively supervise children in and around water, giving them your undivided attention.

—When several adults are present and children are swimming, designate one adult as the "Water Watcher."

—Install door and window alarms to alert you if a child wanders into the pool area.

—Educate your kids about swimming safety.

—Every child is different, so enroll them in swimming lessons when you feel they are ready.

—No one is too old to enroll in swimming lessons.

—Swim with a buddy, never alone.

—Use life jackets, but don't rely on swimming aids.

—Everyone should learn CPR, including children.

—Educate your children about the dangers of drain entanglement and entrapment and teach them to never play or swim near drains or suction outlets.

—Make sure backyard pools have four-sided fencing that's at least 4 feet high and a self-closing, self-latching gate.

—Keep pool gates locked when pool is not in use.

—Only jump or dive in an area with deep water.

According to the CDC, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning a day. In Florida, drowning is the leading cause of death among children ages one to four. To learn more about water safety, please visit the CDC's healthy swimming page or Safe Kids Worldwide at www.safekids.org.

Recipe of the Week

Quinoa and Black Beans

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3/4 cup quinoa
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Directions

Heat oil in a saucepan over medium heat; cook and stir onion and garlic until lightly browned, about 10 minutes.

Mix quinoa into onion mixture and cover with vegetable broth; season with cumin, cayenne pepper, salt, and pepper.

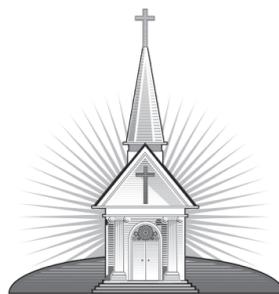
Bring the mixture to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer until quinoa is tender and broth is absorbed, about 20 minutes.

Stir frozen corn into the saucepan, and continue to simmer until heated through, about 5 minutes; mix in the black beans and cilantro.

Church

St. John Missionary Baptist and Philadelphia Missionary Baptist churches are joining for a "God Squad" themed vacation Bible school welcoming all ages. The program will take place Jun 6-8 at 6 p.m. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Lawtey. For more information, please call Emma Strong at 904-782-3130 or Shirley Johnson at 904-782-3448.

Bayless Highway Baptist Church youth are having a yard sale Saturday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to noon at the church, 11798 NW C.R. 225. Come help



more young people attend camp.

Hope Baptist Church is hosting vacation Bible School with the theme "Game On" June 18-22 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

each day. The church is located at 3900 SE S.R. 100 near Starke. For more information, please call 352-473-4188.

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.

Senior Center

The Bradford County Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave in Starke. If you have any questions or would like further information on any activities or events, please call 904-368-3955.

Wood carving

Stop in and see what the Bradford Senior Center's Wood Carving Group is up to. The class meets every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Not a wood carver? No problem, we have a great instructor, and in no time you will be whittling away the hours.

Medicare help

Have questions about your Medicare or prescription plans? SHINE — Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders — is available at the senior center every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Stop in and speak with a SHINE representative and get those questions answered. SHINE representatives can also review your current plan to ensure you have the best plan for your needs.

Line dancing

Come kick up your heels with our line dancing classes. Line dancing is a great way to get no impact exercise. Easy to follow

instructions taught by our line dancing teacher. The next class is June 13 at 10 a.m.

Yoga and tai chi

Need to improve your balance? Maybe you're having issues with range of motion in a shoulder knee or hip. The senior center offers classes to help with these issues. Join the Chair Yoga and Tai Chi Hour Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. One hour twice a week will improve range of motion and balance and refresh the mind. For a more advanced yoga class, join us for one hour every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special use application for essential service for a telecommunications tower will be heard by the Board of County Commission who will take final action on this application at their regular schedule meeting on Thursday June 21st, 2018 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

SU 18-02 (Rayonier Atlantic Timber Co. / Verizon) Being a part of Bradford County Parcel Number 02304-0-00000 and being more particularly described as follows:

P/O the SW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, and containing 1.00 of an acre, more or less.

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised on the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six (6) calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings. At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the special use application for telecommunications tower.

Copies of the special use application are available for public inspection at the Office of the Building, Planning and Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on May 10, 2018:

Frank R Holmes has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-232370-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section: 26, Township: 7 South, Range: 21 East, and includes 2.1842 acres. The ERP application is for the construction of a 2,2248 SF dock. The receiving water body is Hampton Lake.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must

be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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ITEM I

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for roadway construction on: CR 325-WIDENING AND RESURFACING (FPID 435324-1-54-01)

will be received by the Bradford County Commission at the office of the Clerk of Court, 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL until 10:00 a.m., June 27, 2018. Bids will be opened and then publicly read aloud in the County Commission Meeting Room at the aforementioned address.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, General Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions, Payment Bond, Specifications, and Addenda may be examined at the following locations: Owner: Bradford County Courthouse Clerk's Office 945 North Temple Avenue Starke, Florida 32091 Phone: (904) 966-6280 Engineer: DRMP, Inc. 7525 NW 4th Boulevard, Suite 70 Gainesville, Florida, 32607 Phone: (352) 371-2741 Fax: (352) 372-4318

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of the Engineer located at 7525 NW 4th Boulevard, Suite 70, Gainesville, Florida, 32607, upon payment of \$75.00 for each set. No refund will be made for the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Construction time is 180 days. BASE BID includes widening, edge repair and resurfacing approximately 2.3 miles of asphaltic concrete roadway and limerock base, asphaltic concrete surface, testing, drainage improvements, driveway construction, guardrail retrofit, maintenance of traffic/safety measures, striping, and grassing. Bidders shall visit site prior to submission of bid to gain an understanding of the extent of work. County will provide Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) during construction.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Charles J. Vickory Last known address of: 6393 Navarre St Hampton FL 32044

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The Board of CareerSource North Central Florida will hold a Finance Committee Meeting on June 12, at 3:00 pm at 10 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL. For more information please contact Talia Pate at (352) 246-3326.

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Bradford Extension's DeValerio set to retire

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

You can't stop time, so it's best to make the most of it.

That's what Jim DeValerio plans to do. The Bradford County University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension agent said it was hard to believe it was time to think about retirement when he was approached five years ago about the deferred retirement option plan. It was hard enough to believe he was old enough to have grandchildren, he said.

Aug. 31 is the official last day for DeValerio, who worked 12 years as a UF/IFAS Extension agent after spending 25 years working in research at UF. However, because of his accrued leave time, his last day will actually be sometime this month.

A couple of years ago, a friend asked DeValerio, "So, how much time do you have left?" When he replied he hoped he had 10, 20 or 30 years, the friend asked, "But I thought you were retiring." DeValerio's response was, "Well, I hope there's life after retirement."

"It'll be an adjustment," DeValerio said. "I'll feel like a dog that might be getting out of a fence and doesn't know quite which direction to run. I'm probably going to run in a lot of different ones."

Love of the outdoors leads to a career

DeValerio grew up in Fort Lauderdale. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and enjoyed such activities as camping, scuba

diving and skin diving. After graduating from Stranahan High School, he first set his sights on the medical field as a career.

"There are a lot of surgeons and doctors in my family, particularly on my mom's side, but I had a little problem understanding math," DeValerio said. "I had a mental block on algebra for the longest time."

His "backup plan" took into account his interest in natural resources, which derived from the outdoors activities he enjoyed growing up. He decided to study forestry.

DeValerio earned his bachelor's degree at UF and spent worked doing research on growing trees for energy.

"I had to grow 60 different kinds of trees in three different climate zones in the state," DeValerio said.

The price of oil decreased, however, which brought a halt to research into alternative fuels.

"I was without a job," DeValerio said. "I interviewed in plant pathology. I wasn't the strongest plant pathologist, but I had a lot of field experience."

DeValerio was hired by Dr. Rahghavan Charudattan to what he called "germ warfare on weeds."

"It was biological control of weeds using plant pathogens, which totally turns people off if you say that at a party," DeValerio said with a laugh.

Charudattan retired in 2006, so DeValerio was looking for another job. He discovered a position was open at the UF/IFAS Extension office in Bradford County, a place he knew well.

'A great match'

DeValerio and his wife, Cindy, who is also from Fort Lauderdale — and a UF graduate as well — were living in Ocala. DeValerio worked a temporary summer job at Container Corporation following his graduation, which had him working in Archer and Callahan, though he began traveling more to Callahan than to Archer. His wife worked in Hawthorne for the Alachua County School District.

"Bradford County was a good midpoint between Hawthorne and Callahan," DeValerio said.

DeValerio eventually got his full-time position at UF, while Cindy began working for the Bradford County School District. She's currently the coordinator of the Rainbow Center.

"The next thing you know, you're having kids, buying your own house, putting roots down and really loving the community," DeValerio said.

When DeValerio saw that the UF/IFAS Extension office was looking to hire an agent, the opportunity seemed perfect.

"It was a great match because I raised my family here," he said. "I really preferred to work in a county that would have an impact on the community I raised my kids in and my wife worked in."

DeValerio was hired as an agricultural and community development agent. Despite his initial concerns, his transition to UF/IFAS work was easy, thanks to his prior experience working under Charudattan. DeValerio worked all over the state in such areas as weed science, plant pathology, herbicide technology ecology and soil.

Another important factor in the ease of fitting into his new



Bradford County Master Gardeners are pictured at Walt Disney World's Epcot, where they staffed a plant information booth. Pictured (l-r): Jim DeValerio, Bob Lawry, Sara Lawry and Barbara Searcy.

job — he knew the people in the community.

"There was already a built-in trust," DeValerio said.

Despite living in Bradford, DeValerio said he wasn't familiar with the county's farmers. However, he said it didn't take long to earn their trust. He just made it a point to show up to do his work and to be honest with them. If he didn't know something, he told them.

DeValerio recalled an incident a couple of years ago. A farmer requested a soil test. DeValerio said he'd do the test, but because

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New resource helps Floridians find transportation options in their communities

When older adults stop driving, they may worry about losing their independence. Now, a University of Florida and Florida Department of Transportation Safe Mobility for Life team wants to help them find transportation options so they can get to medical appointments, go shopping, head out with friends, or travel wherever else

they want to go.

UF and FDOT have launched the website FindaRideFlorida.org, which features transportation options in all of Florida's 67 counties.

"We know that a lack of transportation can have a big impact on physical and mental health. We want people to continue to meet their daily needs, participate in their communities and do the things they enjoy," said Sandra Winter, the UF team's project leader and the associate director of the Institute for Mobility, Activity, and Participation, or I-MAP, housed in the department of occupational therapy at the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions.

Site users indicate their

starting location and can select other search filters, including purpose of trip and special needs, such as wheelchair accommodations. Search results list the various transportation providers in that geographical area, along with details on cost, reservation requirements, service hours and contact information. Providers include traditional taxi companies, public transportation, nonprofits and ride-hailing services.

"Everyone's mobility needs are unique, and by providing our aging population access to more transportation options, it will help older adults remain independent and connected to their communities," said Gail M. Holley, FDOT Safe Mobility for

Life program manager.

The site's design features address the needs of users with low vision, and the site offers links to resources for screen readers that read the content aloud.

While FindaRideFlorida.org was developed with older adults in mind, the site is open to users of any age. UF and FDOT first began offering an online transportation database in 2004. The newly launched FindaRideFlorida.org offers several technological upgrades over the previous database, including the use of geographic information system mapping to make the site more accurate and user-friendly.

The GIS data captured by FindaRideFlorida.org could

also inform state transportation policy, said Sherrilene Classen, director of I-MAP and a professor and chair of the UF department of occupational therapy.

"Find a Ride data enables public transportation agencies and decision-makers to respond to transportation gaps more effectively, leading to better, more equitable public transportation service planning and delivery to benefit the most vulnerable populations in Florida," she said.

Ultimately, Classen said, the goal is that transportation options in Florida pass the "ice cream test," an idea proposed by Joseph F. Coughlin, the founder and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab.

"If an older adult desires to

have an ice cream cone at 9 p.m. on, let's say, a Thursday evening, they should be able to obtain just that via user-friendly alternative transportation services," Classen said.

In addition to Winter and Classen, UF's FindaRideFlorida.org development team includes Ilir Bejleri, an associate professor of urban and regional planning in the UF College of Design, Construction and Planning who led the geographic information system mapping component; Jason Rogers, web and database developer, and Donna Schoenfelder, database assistant, both in the department of occupational therapy; Marni Fowler, a junior mapping developer at the College of Design, Construction and Planning; and senior developer Nathaniel Wingfield, formerly of the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

ACORN receives grant for veteran dental health

ACORN Clinic is pleased to announce it has received a \$30,000 grant from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust. These funds will be used to provide preventive and restorative oral health care for low-income disabled veterans with substantial dental needs and who do not have veterans' benefits for dental needs.

With this grant, ACORN Clinic expects to provide dental care for nine to 15 disabled veterans. Care provided will include annual exams and treatment planning, bi-annual cleanings, and restorative care as needed, including fillings, extractions, dentures and partial dentures. ACORN Clinic intends that after initial treatment these veterans will be able to sustain their dental health with ongoing preventive oral healthcare and avoid dental emergencies in the future.

"Serving the underserved is an important part of ACORN's

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of the fact he'd just had knee surgery, the farmer would have to go out and collect the soil samples. That farmer told DeValerio, "If you need to do any other farms, we can ride around. I'll be your legs for the day."

Never a dull moment

His experiences as a UF/IFAS Extension agent were varied. DeValerio worked with local crops and assisted farmers in becoming more efficient and competitive. The goal was to give farmers an assist.

"We don't want clients who are dependent on us," DeValerio said. "We want clients who are empowered decision-makers through knowledge gain."

DeValerio was also responsible for working with Buzz Busters, a group that consisted of volunteers that collected adult mosquitoes and larvae for identification purposes to help with mosquito-control efforts, and the UF/IFAS Master Gardener program, which trains volunteers to assist the public with such things as landscaping, plant nutrition and pest control.

Not one aspect of his job was more enjoyable than the others. That's because ultimately he was doing the same thing, whether he was working with farmers, Buzz Busters volunteers or Master Gardeners.

"The main thing is you're helping people, and you're making an impact," DeValerio said.

If he couldn't directly help someone, DeValerio had his UF/IFAS colleagues he could rely on. He once visited a farmer who was producing onions in which a majority were two or three bulbs instead of one, which was unusual for the variety he was growing. DeValerio had no idea why that was happening.

DeValerio contacted one of a UF/IFAS colleague, who

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Hope Christian Academy holds commencement

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Hope Christian Academy sent five new high school graduates out into the world last week.

Ashley Hughes, Jacob Lowe, Jordan Oliver, Dawson Rosier and Laney Sibley turned their tassels at the conclusion of a graduation commencement ceremony Thursday, May 31.

PTO President and senior class sponsor Virginia Denmark, Director of Operations Terry Denmark and Director of Education Michelle Lawson started the ceremony by presenting the Joe Murphy Memorial Scholarship to Valedictorian Ashley Hughes and Salutatorian Jordan Oliver.

Terry Denmark then thanked the school's teachers, staff and school board for their contributions throughout the year. He also recognized graduating senior Jacob Lowe for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and for receiving the American Legion School Award.

He also recognized Damien Disbrow for earning the Trinity College Presidential Ambassador Scholarship.

VeRonica Owens, Rose Owens and Frances Duty awarded the Duty-Owens Scholarship to Ashley Hughes and Jordan Oliver.

During her salutatorian speech, Jordan Oliver told her classmates that she believes the Class of 2018 "will change the world for God."

"Some of us will go on to be teachers," she said, "some of us will go on to be writers to encourage the lost, some of us will go on to heal the wounded and some of us will go on to do other things."

Valedictorian Ashley Hughes asked her fellow seniors to thank

the people who have helped them complete high school.

She added that whatever path in life each graduate takes, they should find a vocation that makes them happy.

"Mark Twain once said that if you enjoy your job, you'll never work a day in your life," she said.

Hughes added that the path will not always be easy, but "the outcome will be well worth the climb in the end."

Guest speaker VeRonica Owens based her speech on Mark Batterson's book: "In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day."

The book is about the Old Testament character Benaiah and Owens said one of its primary themes is that successful people take risks.

She then reviewed the risks she took throughout her career, including going to law school, accepting a job as an administrative hearing officer with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and starting her own law practice in Keystone Heights.

Owens concluded her talk by warning the graduates about one important decision each will likely face over the next decade: "marry the right person," she said.

"You're probably not thinking about that now," she said, "but I deal in divorce. I deal in people having kids out of wedlock, trying to work out those things. Take your time. Marry the right person. God will write that love story."

In his charge to the graduates, Hope Baptist Church Pastor Larry Strickland told the graduates to be careful about the choices they make in life.

"A lot of the choices that are made now, Mom and Dad does that for you," he said, "and the



Guest speaker VeRonica Owens.

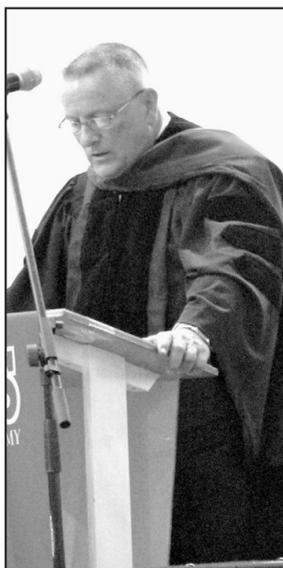
older you've gotten, you've made a few choices on your own, but when you leave home, you'll make a lot of choices. So, what I'd like to encourage you today to do is be sensitive to the dwelling presence of the Spirit of God. Use that gift of discernment when you make choices."

Strickland added that prayer and Bible reading lead to good choices. He also said that when people make the wrong decisions, God will forgive.

"He forgives when I make a bad choice," Strickland said, "but the key to Jesus' forgiveness is that when He forgives, His spirit convicts me, and I don't have a heart to do that anymore. I don't want to go there anymore, and my next choice will be a right choice."



Hope Christian Academy graduates turn their tassels: (l-r) Valedictorian Ashley Hughes, Jacob Lowe, Salutatorian Jordan Oliver, Dawson Rosier and Laney Sibley.



Hope Baptist Church Pastor Larry Strickland.

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grew up on a farm and had years of experience. That colleague immediately knew that something — perhaps drought or frost — had affected the onions' growth plates.

"Being able to tap into that (expertise) is huge," DeValerio said. "It really sustains us."

With its proximity to UF, the Bradford County office is able to afford opportunities for graduate students, which can in turn benefit area farmers. For example, DeValerio said he's been working with two students in UF's Doctor of Plant Medicine Program who have been attempting to trap an invasive squash bug that has been hurting crops in such states as Arizona and Texas. The bug has been intercepted in Florida, but the students believe the state's humidity prohibits the bugs from becoming established here.

The students, accompanied by DeValerio, have been visiting Bradford farms every week or two. It has been a learning process for all involved.

"They get an Extension experience. They get to meet farmers," DeValerio said. "They work with the farmers, explaining to them what insects, diseases and weeds they are finding on their crops, and they actually help me do Extension work."

Though he worked just 12 years in Extension, he will receive a National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award after nomination by the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents.

"It was a real compliment," said DeValerio, who insisted so many others — others who've worked as agents longer than him — were worthy of the award.

What now?

DeValerio said he wants to spend more time with his mother, Sally, who lives in Keystone Heights, and his grandchildren. His son Justin, who lives in Jacksonville, has a son, Callen, with his wife, Kate, while his son Kyle, who is stationed in Hawaii with the Army, has a son, Joshua, with his wife, Candice. (DeValerio also has a daughter, Kristin, who lives in Houston with her husband, Jeff Suhey.)

DeValerio enjoys woodworking and said he has a



Jim DeValerio is pictured with hydroponic lettuce in the Bradford FFA greenhouse.



Jim DeValerio is pictured in his office, which features a display of work he's done with youth garden clubs.

lot of wood at home "just waiting for some time and attention." He'll probably do quite a bit that keeps his hands busy, including taking care of his home.

"There are a lot of things, of course, that need to be done around the house," DeValerio said.

He may re-enter the workforce (he's received several offers),

but seeing as how he worked all through school at UF, it's time to take a break.

"I want a little gap in there to catch up on some things around the house and take a breath," he said.

And then, like that dog that's gotten out of the fence, he'll eventually decide which way to go.

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Blanding receives national conservation award



Paul Catlett (second from right), the environmental program manager at Camp Blanding, accepts the 2018 Military Conservation Partner Award from Mike Oetker, the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Region. Also pictured are Col. Matt Johnson (far left), Blanding post commander, and Maj. Michael Calhoun, Florida's adjutant general.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Camp Blanding is more than just a home to animals such as red-cockaded woodpeckers and gopher tortoises. It is a home that allows those animals to thrive.

Because of its efforts in balancing conservation efforts with those of supporting military training, Camp Blanding received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Military Conservation Partner Award, which was presented at post headquarters on May 30 by Mike Oetker, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Regional director.

"The award is really a recognition of not only the conservation that's being done here, but it's a recognition of that relationship we have between the military and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," Oetker said.

The Military Conservation Partner Award has been presented annually since 2004. This marks just the second year a National Guard facility has received it.

The red-cockaded woodpecker numbers at Blanding were such that birds were brought in from the outside to supplement the population. By enhancing the birds' habitat and creating new nest cavities in trees, Blanding exceeded the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery goal

for the birds. Now, breeding pairs of woodpeckers are moved from Blanding to areas where the birds' numbers are low.

In regard to gopher tortoises, Blanding, by collaborating with the Gopher Tortoise Advisory Group, is allowed to move the animals within its installation to keep them out of the way of military training.

Prescribed burns help support the habitats of both animals, while also enhancing the reason for Blanding's existence.

"Our mission is to support the folks in green," said Paul Catlett, the environmental program manager at Blanding.

Prescribed burning aids in the regeneration of longleaf pine trees, which benefits the woodpeckers, and clears the forest floor so that vegetation can grow, which benefits the gopher tortoises. It also allows for easier containment of fires that result from the firing of weapons by removing the fuel that can lead to larger, uncontrolled fires.

"My job here is to provide training areas where these soldiers can train realistically," Catlett said. "We keep the woods burned so they can play with all the toys they want. A lot of their toys will start fires."

Catlett was thrust into the spotlight during the award presentation, but he said in no way is he even close to deserving

the credit for what takes place at Blanding. Gesturing toward the back of the room, Catlett said, "I had some wise counsel with a previous post commander, who said, 'Just surround yourself with smart people.' That's exactly what I've done. There are folks back there a whole lot smarter than I am. You get good folks passionate about what they do and give them lots of rope. Every one of those folks I've got working with me, they run to the end of that rope every time. It amazes me what they accomplish."

It's more than just the personnel on Blanding, Catlett said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has been an important partner. Referencing a recent prescribed burn of 3,000 acres, Catlett said, "I think I had more Fish and Wildlife folks on the ground than I had my folks on the ground. We had Fish and Wildlife aircraft in the air."

Really, it was such a necessary partnership. When he arrived at Blanding 24 years ago, Catlett said he had a staff of four, which was not enough people to be solely responsible for prescribed burns, managing red-cockaded woodpecker populations, etc.

"Once we teamed up, the sky was the limit," Catlett said. "We were able to accomplish a tremendous amount."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a key partner as well, though Catlett said the relationship was rocky when he first arrived, thanks to the impact red-cockaded woodpeckers were having on military installations at that time. Oetker said the relationship developed over time after what he said was referred to as "The Woodpecker Wars."

Catlett said all parties involved wanted the same thing. It was just a matter of getting together and establishing that working relationship.

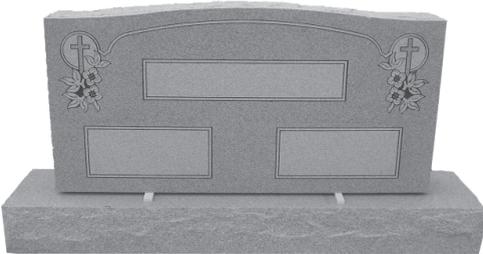
"We just had to pull it all together," Catlett said.

Camp Blanding has been recognized for its conservation efforts in the past. It received a Secretary of Defense Environmental Award (Natural Resources Conservation, Large Installation) in 2015 and a Secretary of the Army Environmental Award in 2016.

"I would love to take some credit for our environmental program," said Col. Matt Johnson, Blanding's post commander, "but honestly, I can't take anything. When I came here two and a half years ago, I was like, 'Wow. I can't believe what Paul Catlett and his crew do here for Camp Blanding and for the environment.'"

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Trailblazers had Florida's pioneer spirit

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Telegraph

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

The Tamiami Trail was created in 1915, in the mind of Miami and Florida tax assessor and corporate CEO, James Jaudon. But between World War I, a pandemic Spanish flu, questions about who paid for what and construction issues, once started, the project fell idle.

In 1923, a group of public-spirited, west coast citizens banded together to rekindle interest in completing the road.

They called themselves The Trailblazers; their goal was to drive automobiles across the Everglades--without a road, just to show it could be done.

Jaudon and Russell Kay, business manager of Tampa's The Florida Grower, organized a group to lead the charge.

The Trailblazers would get hundreds of inches of world press before and after the trek. Jaudon himself would not be among the Trailblazers, due to a legislative session in Tallahassee, he said. He had crossed the Everglades by boat or on foot on several occasions.

In 1923, there would be no way for the explorers to communicate with the outside world once on the trail.

Trailblazers Kay and Allan H. Andrews were or would be newspaper writers. Andrews published his memoir, "A Yank

Pioneer in Florida." Kay's story appeared in his weekly column "Too Late to Classify" for the Estero Sun. (His syndicated column appeared in the Bradford County Telegraph for a while.) Kay's adventure was also published in a 1971 Florida Historical Society Quarterly.

Kay counted 21 members in the group; Andrews 26. The writers agreed there were seven Fords. Additional autos included an Elcar, an Overland and probably a 1923 Ford pickup truck used as a commissary.

Andrews described the Everglades as a place where "... law and order are practically unknown." The Everglades was a last refuge of Seminoles, moonshiners, bootleggers and outlaws. With no roads, there were Miccosukee, Seminole and settler ox-trails through cypress hammocks and high spots amidst muck and water. Natives and white squatters went about on foot or in flatboats poled through shallow water.

Among lily pads and switch grass were hundreds of small islands dotting the watery vista; Seminole and Miccosukee families lived in thatched-roof chickees with no walls. The murky water wasn't so deep, but could be dangerous.

The expedition was led by the manager of a title and trust company. Kay noted the rest of the men in the group, "...were city-born and city-bred, and they joined the party more as a lark than anything else...They had very little knowledge or understanding of what lay ahead of them." By boat or on foot, the trip was at best a four day trek.

An incomplete grade from Miami jutted 40 miles into the swamp; in the west glades were piles of limestone and dirt where Jaudon built the road across his

property. Lee County presented their most difficult travel.

On April 24, 1923, they set out on dirt roads from Fort Myers with stopovers at Bonita Springs and Estero to pick up more Trailblazers.

The road south from Fort Myers to the end of the grade at Naples was nine feet wide, paved with shells and ran through acres of sandy pines. The grade came to an end at Everglade. There, the motorcade met open marsh and sand flats. Weeks before, scouts had reported the sand was hard. Due to high tides, it was now soft.

When the motorcade came to a washout, the Trailblazers got out their shovels to patch the gully and drove on. They stopped for lunch in a spectacular Royal Palm hammock then drove to the road's end. There, they cooked dinner, told stories and sang songs around a campfire.

Andrews said they had all heard of a "jumping off place," and this was it. The next day all they saw was high grass and reeds, lily pads and water birds; "a marl prairie," he called it. A walking dredge brought in to build Jaudon's road, sat a mile away, abandoned in the mud.

Drivers were told to fend for themselves, choosing what they thought the best route. Three vehicles sank into the wet sand within the first few hundred feet. The shiny new Elcar straight from a Fort Myers showroom was among the first and certainly the heaviest auto to sink into the muck.

Three Trailblazers were sent on foot to ask millionaire Barron Gift Collier in Everglade to send a tractor. After hours of walking through wet grass, the trio secured a tractor. They were driven back to Carnestown then slogged back to camp through

the marsh.

When they arrived, all seven autos were stuck in the mire. Andrews said the more successful automobiles--those that sank farthest away--had driven over tall, reedy grass, a corduroy road that buoyed the tires. The tractor arrived that afternoon and had pulled all seven vehicles to more or less solid ground by nightfall.

It's not clear the Trailblazers had an evening meal their second night out; Andrews noted the group set up camp on damp ground. Neither writer mentioned campfire singing.

Two Seminole guides arrived during the night: one, Assumhatchee, was dubbed Abe Lincoln because of his height and looks. The other was 60-year-old elder Conopatchee, spry, agile and short: everyone called him Little Billie.

The next morning, Little Billie rode on the fender of the first car, choosing the best route. By noon, the group arrived at Seminole City, along Collier's Deep Lake Railroad between Everglade and a citrus grove. Railroad ties got them across ditches and they made it to Lemon Camp, an island chickee used mostly by traveling natives.

The Trailblazers told the Elcar owner they were done lifting his 3,200-pound touring car out of the muck. His profit motive was stalling their quest to promote the Trail. A tractor would retrieve him and his merchandise. Food and extra gas was shifted to the Fords.

The city slickers began to rely more and more on the Seminoles. Little Billie steered them to dense cypress forests with better motoring grounds.

"Then came the axe men,"

See ROAD, 5B

ROAD

Continued from 4B

Andrews wrote, "and those who bore away the underbrush and fallen timber. When a half mile or so had been cleared, a delegation would go back to bring up the cars."

Kay went to help fell a path through the cypress, but the 110-pound explorer slammed his axe into a tree and it stuck. "Think so, white man damned fool," the Indians muttered. Kay was asked instead to find water and drive cars through pathways cut by better woodsmen. Another clumsy Trailblazer who cut his knee was relegated to just sharpening the axes.

After a few days, Abe warned the men to fill their bottles and jugs; good drinking water wouldn't be available again for miles. They advanced through searing heat, water, marsh, saw grass, alligators and snakes. They measured how far they had come using the cars' odometers.

Supplies dwindled; the Overland stripped its gears. The men drained its gas tank for the Fords and left it in the marsh.

Kay said the group saw only one rattlesnake and one gator but encountered a pool of water moccasins "frollicking in the water or sunning themselves on the banks."

One man picked up a shovel and began to kill the snakes until Abe and Little Billie threatened to abandon the men right there unless the killing stopped.

Indian agent Hanson explained that Seminoles never killed unless they were being attacked or needed food: wanton slaughter was an abomination to the spirits. The snakes were here before Trailblazers, the Indians pointed out. Snakes did a man no harm if left alone. To demonstrate, Billy walked along the shoreline—barefoot—among the snakes, head held high to show he had no interest in harming the moccasins. Billie called rattlesnakes "the kind snake"—it warned before it bit.

Relegated to water boy, Kay learned to dig into the muck, where the aquifer or an underground spring provided clear water, unlike the surface pools. A hollow reed could fill vessels like a drinking straw. He learned to watch where he put his hands after finding a moccasin in a waterhole he had dug the evening before, just as he dipped his cup.

The men put up a halfway marker, based on odometer mileage, but they had been in the swamp over a week and at the rate they were going could be there another week or more. They began to worry about food.

The Seminoles refused to forage until all other supplies were gone. The selections dwindled down to coffee, sugar, salt and cereal.

Then, one morning the natives went out before daybreak and returned with a plump deer. That night, they dined on boiled venison with "native vegetables," including cattail roots and swamp cabbage. In the following days, Abe and Little Billie would return with a second deer, two turkeys, frog legs and fish.

A trip that normally took days by boat or on foot was stretching past its second week and the rainy season was due to begin. Mechanics among them fashioned a spring from a cypress pole to let one Ford work well enough to keep it headed toward Miami.

By the time they were two-thirds of the way, drivers had removed the fenders of their Fords. Men began to carry supplies on their backs to lighten loads and save gas.

Until then, Andrews said, they had been surprisingly free of mosquitoes or other bugs, which he attributed to dragon flies all around them. The problem was green, stinging worms that showered down on the woodsmen as their axes cut the cypress stands.

When it started to rain, quenching their campfires, the Trailblazers knew they couldn't stay mosquito-free for very long.

When lowest in spirit, they heard an engine overhead and assumed it was looking for them. But they were in a cypress grove and couldn't get a fire built quickly enough to let the pilot know they were there. The search party disappeared. They figured they were ten miles from the Dade County grade.

The men sent Maurice Hyer and Kay ahead to let the world know they were alright. Kay said the two, "...although now

4-H Club gives read-to-me bears to first graders

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

The 4-H Northside Clovers, based at Northside Christian Academy delivered 100 Read-to-me bears to first graders at Starke Elementary School on Thursday, May 17.

4-H Leader Liz Burris said

parents of club members cut out the bears from a pattern, then the members stuffed the animals with cotton and attached eyes and bows.

"We're giving these to all the first graders, so they will have somebody to read to during the summer and

keep promoting the reading program here in Bradford County," Burris said.

Kim Folsom, assistant principal at Northside, came up with the idea 20 years ago when she was a 4-H member in Keystone Heights.

"It seemed to go over

really well with a lot of the elementary schools because there's a lot of kids who don't even have a teddy bear at home," Folsom said of her community service project when she first launched it. "We wanted to promote the idea of: if Mom and Dad

aren't available to read to you, you can still read to your bear. It opens up an avenue of creativity and imagination when reading to the bear. Even those students who aren't avid readers, it's still good practice to get them to be enjoying the reading experience."



4-H member Saylor Rhoden (right) gives a Read-to-me bear to Skylar Maginnis (center) while Sierra Paige (left) looks on.



Northside Clovers 4-H Leader Liz Burris (center) explains how Read-to-me bears can help students read over the summer. Also pictured is the originator of the idea: Northside Christian Academy Assistant Principal Kim Folsom (left) and teacher Kara Rhoden (right).

hardened by experience, walked and walked through the saw grass until (Kay) thought he would drop of exhaustion." Just when he couldn't go farther, they reached the grade to find a group of African-American convicts working the road. The convicts gave them water and a bowl of chili, which Kay remembered as "one of the best meals I ever had in my life." The two were driven to Miami and put up in a hotel, to wait for the rest of the group.

The motorcade, still slogging over the last miles, came upon a blasting crew three miles from the grade, only to learn the world assumed they were lost or dead. One newspaper reported they had women with them or they were battling wild animals, snakes and alligators.

The Chamber of Commerce sent planes to drop supplies, one even landed on the low grasses, but neither brought gasoline. One pilot drained a few gallons from his plane, which Andrews said, "helped materially."

A heavy rainfall drove them to their cars for a miserable night's sleep. Andrews said when they came upon a work camp, the men dashed to the water supply, only to find canal water with the rancid taste of motor oil, dead fish and dynamite. But even years later, Andrews still relished the Negro cook's biscuits.

Over the next forty-eight hours, the men and all seven Fords were retrieved. Additional rims and tires were bolted to the wheels and each automobile made it to the grade on its own steam. After weeks of slogging through the Everglades, men and cars were in Miami being feted royally by the press and Miami citizens. But, Andrews added, as they all prepared to go home the easy way, they were unanimous in their vow: "Never again."

The Trailblazers claimed

35,000 front page inches in American and European newspapers, and film clips were shown of them leaving Fort Myers and arriving in Miami more than two weeks later. Newspaper accounts marked their stay in the Everglades at anywhere from seven days to three weeks. They did what they set out to do: refocused attention on building a highway across the earth's largest swamp.

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It's hurricane season . . . again

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Florida had much to offer its residents: sunshine, warm temperatures, miles of beaches . . . and hurricanes.

Hurricanes are just part of the summer weather in the sunshine state and the season when most occur began June 1. This year, we were treated to a preview storm - subtropical storm/cyclone Alberto, the first named storm of the season, appearing before the season had officially begun.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters have determined that this season will most probably have a 75% chance of being normal or above. This means that they predict, in the entire Atlantic area, which includes the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, that there will be 10-16 named storms, with winds of 39 mph or higher; 5-9 of which will become hurricanes, with winds 74 mph or higher and 1-4 will become major hurricanes, categories 3, 4 and 5, with winds 74 mph or higher. The average season only has 12 named storms, with 6 becoming hurricanes, of which three major hurricanes.

Such projections are frequently accurate and become more so as year of data are collected and compared. NOAA plans to update its projections around the middle of the season, in early August.

While anyone with more than a year or so in Florida knows the drill of being prepared, a little review is never out of place, and can actually be a help to newcomers. This information includes terms, preparedness instructions and local shelter information.

Although one thinks mainly about the wind and rain associated with a hurricane, there are a number of additional dangers which can arise when a storm comes to your area.

Storm surge, in which the wind drives water to abnormal heights, is the leading cause of hurricane deaths in the U.S. Storm surge is the cause of the majority of the damage along coastal areas. The surge can also travel several miles inland along rivers, bays and estuaries.

Flooding from a storm's heavy rains is another dangerous concern in a hurricane and the second most frequent cause of death in the U.S. Flooding can occur more than 100 miles inland from the storm's landfall and can last for days after the storm is done.

Wind is always a danger and can destroy buildings and homes. Most at risk are manufactured home and campers. Wind can also "grab" the most innocent objects, anything from signs and roofing materials to lawn furniture and ornaments, and turn them into unguided missiles which will

hit and destroy anything in their paths.

Tornados can also find their origins in the winds of a hurricane. Tornados, or cyclones, occur in the rain bands which spread outward from the center, or eye, of the hurricane.

Lastly, waves can be a great source of danger during a hurricane. The wind driven waves radiating out from a hurricane, even when the storm itself is 100 miles away or more, can cause severe rip currents, critical beach erosion and damage to structures along the coast. The waves may look "surfable," but it is truly dangerous to attempt to surf in advance of a hurricane.

Now for some terms to remember.

A tropical depression is a tropical cyclone or hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph. A tropical storm has sustained winds in the range of 39 to 73 mph. A hurricane, also known as a tropical cyclone, has maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or more. A major hurricane produces maximum sustained winds of 111 mph or higher - these are the storms that are classed as Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. This scale places each storm in a category for which the average expected level of damage has been determined.

A Category One storm will produce damage to roofs, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. The winds are capable of snapping large tree branches and of uprooting trees which have shallow roots, or root systems compromised by very wet ground conditions. There can be serious damage to power lines and poles which may take days to repair, resulting in loss of electric service.

A Category Two storm will produce the same sorts of damage only more so. Roof and siding damage can be major. More trees will be snapped or uprooted. May roads may be blocked and the loss of electric service even more severe and long lasting.

A Category Three storm has moved into the group of storms often called catastrophic. Many houses will have their entire roofs and gable ends removed entirely and may be stripped of siding materials. Even more trees will be damaged and roads blocked, with loss of electric and water service often lasting for several weeks.

Storms in Category Four will remove roofs and damage some building's exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Large parts of the area hit may be uninhabitable and restoration of utilities can sometimes take months.

Category Five is the worst of the lot, capable of completely destroying homes and leveling many frame buildings. Many residential areas may be isolated by downed trees and power

poles, with restoration of services usually taking months.

Now for two more terms people often find confusing.

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible in a particular area, while a hurricane warning means that hurricane conditions are expected in an area.

It is best to prepare for a storm long before one is even forming in the Atlantic. Consider hurricane season a reason to spruce up your home and property, making repairs, checks and taking safety measures. Trim dead tree limbs and branches. Check your roof for soundness and clean out the gutters. Install hurricane shutters and strengthen garage doors. Some people may wish to have their home inspected by a structure engineer to learn about wind stress and how to mitigate loss. If you live in an area where storm conditions are frequent, consider purchasing and preparing (pre-cutting and drilling) sheets of plywood to cover vulnerable windows and doors.

When a storm is possible on the way, tie down boats and campers, secure all loose objects in your yard, including lawn furniture, bring all into your garage or home if possible. This is also the time to gas up your car - even though you may not plan on traveling out of the area to avoid the storm you will still need fuel after the storm. Remember, the pumps at the gas station need electricity to run and fuel trucks may not be able to get to the area for several days after the storm. When you get home from filling up, try to park your car away from trees that could fall on it and on higher ground in case there is flooding.

Inside your home, select a shelter-room in which you and your family and pets will ride out the storm if not ordered to evacuate. The room should be in the interior of the house, preferably with no windows, or very few windows, which may be secured. Stock the room with your family disaster supply kit, which should include:

- One gallon of water per person, per day for at least seven days - don't forget additional water for any pets who will be sheltering with you.
- Non-perishable food for at least seven days.
- Specialty food for infants, children, elderly and pets.
- At least one can opener, foil, paper plates and eating utensils.
- Toiletries and medications, again, enough for at least seven days.
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, extra clothing, rain gear and extra shoes.
- Insect repellent and sunscreen.
- A first aid kit and a good supply of sanitary wipes.
- Flashlights and batteries.
- Keys, cash and credit cards.
- Important documents and

papers, kept in a waterproof container.

- Entertainment - books, magazines, coloring books and crayons, markers or colored pencils, portable dvd players with batteries and disc.

- Light sources for the room itself such as battery-operated lanterns or lights - never use an open flame except as a last resort. If they can be used safely, candles, safe candle holders and matches.

- Cell phones and lists of emergency numbers and those of family members.

- A weather radio or other portable radio, with batteries.

- Pet supplies, such as carriers, blankets, medications, medical records, toys, food, dishes and pads or litter boxes, collar or harnesses and leashes. These familiar objects will make your pets less apprehensive and will also be handy should the situation deteriorate and evacuation become necessary. It is also a good idea to have one or two recent color photos of your pet, so it can be more easily identified and returned to you should you become separated from it.

Meet with your family before a situation arises to decide how to stay in contact, emergency meeting places and evacuation locations should it become necessary to do so.

Now to the subject many people with to ignore - evacuation. Does anyone want to do it? - No! Should you? - Yes! Emergency management personnel do not order and evacuation because they simply want something to do - dealing with shelters and evacuations is difficult and time consuming and no one does it unless they feel it is absolutely necessary. It is their job to keep citizens safe, after all.

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CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

BRADFORD –

Kimberly L. Addison, 48, of Lake Butler, was arrested June 4 by FHP troopers for an out-of-county warrant from Union County.

Christopher Trumayne Alexander, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested May 31 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant.

Jerry Taylor Atteberry, 22, of Lawley was arrested May 31 by Bradford deputies for larceny - grand theft of at least \$300 but less than \$5,000.

According to the arrest report, Bradford deputy Joseph Silverstein responded to a call on NW 62st Avenue in response to a theft claim. Contact was made with the victim, who said a family member: the defendant had a frequent drug problem and had stolen his Rolex watch, valued at \$2,500, from his bedroom dresser a couple of weeks before and had been told by another family member that the defendant had stolen it and posted the watch for sale on Facebook.

When asked about the watch, the defendant denied stealing it and told the victim to go look for the watch where he usually kept it. The victim was able to locate the watch, it was recovered and turned over to him. The victim wanted to prosecute the defendant for grand theft and completed a sworn statement of the incident and the defendant was arrested.

Melissa Jane Coleman, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested May 29 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Nakesha Williams Cray, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested June 2 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

John Andrew Dills, 37, of Hampton was arrested June 2 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Kimberly Marie Forsyth, 35, of Starke was arrested June 3 by FHP troopers for DUI.

Ronnie Lee Frazier, 55, was arrested by Bradford deputies for two counts of battery.

According to an arrest report, Deputy Jeffrey Smith responded in reference to a disturbance on S.E. 44th Ave. in Starke where he made contact with Rebecca Lawson, Lee Frazier and Lewis Alexander. Rebecca stated that she was visiting her friend Lee and was in the bedroom when she heard a commotion after Lee had returned home. According to the report she told Smith that Ronnie had gone outside and shut off the power to the residence, then she said he ran into the room she was laying on the bed, punched her in the back of the head and then pushed her off the bed.

According to the report, Lee said he was preparing food in the kitchen when Ronnie entered, opened a can of beer and threw it at him, striking him in the back of the head.

According to the report, Lewis said he was sitting on the coach in the living room when Ronnie walked into the kitchen, opened a can of beer, took a sip and then threw the can at Lee, striking him in the back of the head. Lewis said that Ronnie then went outside to the power box and shut off the power, then re-entered the residence and entered the room where Rebecca was. Lewis stated that Ronnie then struck Rebecca, causing her to run out of the house.

The report states that there were no visible injuries to

Rebecca or Lee. Ronnie was arrested and charges with two counts of battery-touch or strike.

Joalice Goodman, 58, of Starke was arrested June 3 by Bradford deputies for DUI.

Mary Priest Hanson, 64, of Starke was arrested June 3 by Bradford deputies for DUI.

Charles David Henley, 29, of Starke was arrested June 2 by Starke police for hit and run - leaving the scene of a crash involving damage to property, failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop, driving while license suspended and resisting and officer without violence.

According to an arrest report, Henley was observed by arresting officer Paul King driving a blue Nissan Altima, making numerous twists and turns on Estelle, McCullum and Tom Hall streets, then turning west on Cooper Road, then onto Old Lawley Road, where it began to travel at a high rate of speed.

King caught up with the vehicle at the intersection of Old Lawley Road and Market Road and turned on the blue lights on his marked patrol car. According to the report the Nissan was traveling at approximately 50 mph at that time. The vehicle continued to travel at a high rate of speed without stopping until it turned into a driveway on NE 28th Ave., with the patrol car still in pursuit. The car continued traveling through the yard and pasture, then ran through a wire fence. The driver then appeared to attempt to stop but, due to the wet conditions, slid into a pond.

According to the report, King stopped his car and exited, removing his duty belt so he could enter the water. He then observed the suspect exit the car through the driver's side and swim to an embankment. He climbed onto the embankment and then began running into a wooded area. The suspect was told to stop but did not and ran into the woods and out of King's sight.

The vehicle began to sink and King shined his light into it to make sure there was no one else inside. He called for UCI K-9 to respond in an attempt to track the suspect, directed additional responding units to set up a perimeter and Spratlin towing to get the vehicle out of the pond. After about three hours of tracking, the K-9 located the suspect hiding in the trees north of where King had last seen him, was identified and spontaneously stated that he had run because he had outstanding warrants. A computer check revealed that he was not wanted but had a revoked Virginia driver's license.

Henley was transported to Shands at Starke for treatment of scratches and cuts from running through thick woods.

According to the report, a check with law enforcement in Tennessee, where the car was tagged, resulted in the information that the owner was in the process of reporting the vehicle stolen. Apparently, he had been given permission to use the vehicle to take it to another family member and then never shown up with it. He was arrested and transported to the Bradford County Jail.

Donald Mark Hodges, 28, of Lawley was arrested May 29 by Bradford deputies for withholding support.

Keith Dean Howell, 49, of Waldo was arrested May 31 by Starke officers on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua County.

Rayel Brendan Lall, 29, was arrested May 31 by Starke officers for possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Virginia Lynn Levalley, 36,

of Starke was arrested on a hold from Columbia County on an out-of-county warrant.

Lisa Marie Malia, 39, was arrested May 29 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Thomas David McCray, 39, of Mayo was arrested June 3 on an out-of-county warrant from Lafayette County.

Glynn Gomez Nelson, 41, was arrested June 4 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Brenda Lee Newby, 55, of Starke was arrested June 2 by Starke officers for battery.

Kimberly Nichole Padgett, 38, of Starke was arrested June 3 by Starke police for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Jeremiah Pridgen-Rosier, 26, of Starke was arrested June 2 by Starke police for hit-and-run - failure to remain at the scene of a crash with bodily injuries and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

According to the report, arresting officer Karly Jane Jones was dispatched to the intersection of W. Madison and S. Walnut streets in reference to a traffic crash with injuries and roadblocks. Upon arrival she saw one car, occupied by a female, who was crying and in shock. She was soon transported to Shands at Starke by Medic 1. A second car was at the scene, and a man who was in the passenger seat of the first car said he had been a passenger in the second, but that he did not know the driver and could not describe his clothing. He said the driver and run away from the accident. Jones then searched the second vehicle for any information regarding the driver and found a slip of paper with Rosier's name on it.

According to the arrest report a man came walking on the scene and, when asked, identified himself as Rosier. After being read his rights he agreed to speak with Jones, but denied he had been driving one of the cars, then admitted that he did not have a license and that was why he left the scene and that he did not want to go back to prison. He also stated at the blue car had run the red light, causing the accident.

Dispatch advised that Rosier had two prior driving while license revoked or suspended charges and that his most recent suspension was July 2014. He was arrested and transported to Bradford County Jail.

Contact was made with the

driver of the white car at Shands at Starke and she said she had crossed the intersection after getting the green light and had been struck on the passenger side by the other car.

Darrin Laroy Rosenberg, 31, of Gainesville was arrested May 31 by Bradford deputies for two counts of violation of probation.

Devin James Sims, 32, of Silver Springs was arrested May 29 by Bradford deputies for driving with suspended or revoked driver's license.

Tamara Alicia Tosen, 29, of Orlando was arrested June 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Edwin Glenn Vickery, 33, of Starke was arrested June 1 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Arresting officer David Watson responded to a report of battery. According to the arrest report he made contact with the victim, who told him she had been in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend, Vickery, because he was intoxicated. She said Vickery grabbed her wrist, pulling her around the residence against her will and also shoving and pushing her, causing pain. She told Watson that she was eventually able to secure herself and her four-year-old daughter inside a bedroom.

In the report Watson stated that he saw no injuries on the victim. He made contact with Vickery and arrested him for battery-domestic.

Mary-Margaret Theresa White, 28, of Orange Park was arrested May 29 by Bradford deputies for driving with a license suspended or revoked.

Michael Todd Wildin, 55, homeless, was arrested June 2 by Starke police for trespassing.

UNION COUNTY –

Matthew Michael Barrick, 34, of Newport, NC was arrested June 2 by Union deputies for felony violation of

probation.

Darin Scott Blackwelder, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested June 3 by Union deputies for trespassing - property not a structure of conveyance.

Shelby Nicole Lacy, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested May 30 by Union deputies for felony violation of probation and a Union County warrant for kidnapping/false imprisonment and robbery with a firearm.

The warrants arise from an incident on April 19 when Union deputy David Gladding responded to S.W. Eighth Ave. in Lake Butler in reference to a battery complaint. According to the report, when he arrived at the residence he saw a male

on the front porch, surrounded by three females. When he shined his light on the male, he noticed blood dripping down his face onto his stomach. The victim was identified and EMS arrived and began treating him for his injuries. He advised that he wished to be transported to North Florida Regional Medical Center and was able to walk to the vehicle with little assistance.

The victim told Gladding that he had been in the company of his nephew, Ricardo Neal, and for some reason Neal had become angry with him. He said Neal took out a black handgun, pointed it at his head and said

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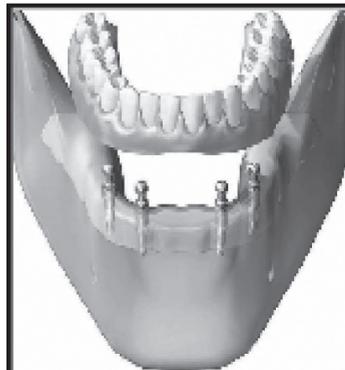
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Obituaries

Ruth Corwine

STARKE—On Tuesday, May 29, 2018, Ruth Kilpatrick Blowers Blair Corwine, took God's hand to enter Heaven after over 99 years on this earth. Ruth was born to Hamilton and Beulah Kilpatrick on Dec. 14, 1918, in Chauncy, Ohio. She grew up in Detroit, Michigan, before marrying and moving to Ocala in the 1953. She was predeceased by her parents; as well as her older sister, Eva; her older brother, Don; and her baby sister, Jane. She also survived three husbands, William F. Blowers, Paul T. Blair; and John W. Corwine, Sr. She lost her only son, Ralph Blowers in 1970 in an auto accident the day before he was to graduate the UF Law School.

Ruth is survived by: her daughter, Margaret B. Anderson (Win Armstrong); her daughter-in-law, Dixie Miller (Randy Cain); grandsons, Dean (Shirley) Blowers and Bain (Heather) Blowers. Dean and Bain each have two sons, Jacob, Sam, Cooper and Brooks Blowers, all of whom made their grandmother so proud. She was survived by: step daughter, Alice Blair, and numerous Blair grandchildren. Ruth also is survived by: step son, John W. Corwine, Jr. She leaves step sons, Edgar (Sue), Christopher (Nancy) and Mark (Sandra) Corwine. She is survived by her step granddaughters, Ashley (son, Tyler) and Amy (son, Gavin) Armstrong. Also surviving Ruth are her "special children": Jim Hamilton, Shea Huey, Judy DiSoso and Beverly Hardy.

During Ruth's youth, she was active in The Rainbow Girls in Detroit and the Eastern Star in Detroit and Ocala. She spear-headed the formation of the Rainbow Girls in Ocala, serving as Mother Advisor in both Detroit and Ocala and as State Mother Advisor for the state of Florida. She was a homemaker and retired from the office of U.S. Congressman Bill Chappell.

Ruth was very involved in her children's lives, whether it was as President of the PTA or being her son's Cub Scout den mother. The love and guidance she gave to her family was unequalled. She learned to play bridge while she lived in Ocala and was a member of several bridge clubs. When she moved to Stake in 2003, Beverly Hardy invited her to a bridge game and that was all it took. She became a member of a regular bridge club and was often invited to play with her numerous friends she met at bridge parties or at church.

In 2015 Ruth's eyesight had declined to the point she could no longer drive. She decided to move to The Atrium in Gainesville – still more friends and card parties.

Ruth's ashes will be spread in the Memory Garden at the First Christian Church, 1908 E. Ft. King St., Ocala at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 9 in a short ceremony conducted by Pastor Terry Harper; her memorial service will be held that afternoon at 3:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 921 E. Call St., Starke, with the Reverend Dr. Don McGarity presiding.

Refreshments will be served following the Starke memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, kindly send a memorial in Ruth's name to Haven Hospice, 4200 N.W. 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606; or to the First Presbyterian Church, 921 East Call Street, Starke, FL 32091.

PAID OBITUARY



Carlene Nemec

WALDO— Carlene Emily Nemec, 74, of Waldo died on Friday, June 1, 2018 at the E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. She was born on Feb. 3, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois to the late John Johnson and Ethel "Dolly" Marie Powers (Musizynski). She was raised in Chicago. She was preceded in death by: her parents; and her sisters, Judith Netzbard and Shirley Fedder; and her brothers, Joe Moretti and Dennis Potter.

Carlene is survived by: her husband of 56 years, Norman P. Nemec, Sr. of Waldo; children, Pamela Marie (Charles Nelson) Nemec of Interlachen, and Norman (Jennifer) Nemec, Jr. of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; brothers, John (Linda) Johnson of Tampa, and Emerson (Cathy) Potter of Tinley Park, Illinois; sisters, Lucy Wellman of Wheaton, Illinois, Dorothy M. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois, and Janice (John) Abrahamian of Burbank, Illinois; and three grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 4:00 pm at the Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

John Newsome

FOLKSTON, GEORGIA—

John McCall Newsome passed away Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the age of 80 from a longtime illness. He was born Feb. 10, 1938 to the late Jesse Ernest and Margaret McCall Newsome in Starke. Possessing a true talent for music, he was inducted into the Bradford County High School Marching Band at the age of ten, playing both cornet and trumpet. After graduation from Bradford County High School in 1956, John Mack attended Mars Hill College in Ashville, North Carolina. He entered the United States Army in April of 1961. There, he served as a surveillance drone aircraft crewman and air frame and engine maintenance engineer. He was a member of the 101st Air Borne Division at Fort Benning Georgia when his enlistment was up and immediately entered the Army reserve.

He was a longtime resident of Folkston, but had lived in a variety of places in the United States throughout his life. From his father's paint and body shop in Starke; to managing a Goodyear Tire store in Jacksonville, John Mack excelled at all things relating to engines and automobiles. He was a walking encyclopedia on most things with wheels and did amazing bodywork and fiberglass restorations. He constantly had some project dealing with dirty auto parts and replacing something going on. He loved classic convertibles, old movies, crab legs and all types of music. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his sister, Evelyn Newsome Williams; and great-nephew and namesake, McCall Alexander Carmichael.

He is survived by: his son, John Robert (Kate) Newsome of Washington D.C., and his daughter and grandson, Laura Newsome-Peters and Chase Peters of Katy, Texas. Also by his niece and nephew, John and Elaine Thornton of Folkston; as well as various nieces and nephews in Tennessee. His family and friends will miss his dry wit, endless rounds of JEOPARDY, and his ability to quote old movies and tell you all about who starred in them whether you were interested or not.

John Mac chose cremation and Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home will aid in those services. His final resting place will be in the Newsome/Williams family plot in his hometown of Starke. A celebration of his life will take place June 10th at 6:00 pm at the chapel of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home with graveside services on Monday June 11th at 11:00 am at Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest registry at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.

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James Sapp

It is with great sadness that the family of James Cody Sapp announces his passing after an extended illness on Monday, May 28th, 2018 at the age of 75 years. James will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Christel, and his children, James Daniel and Tamara. He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Michael (Tiffany), Madison, Cody, and Nicholas and his two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Waylon. He will also be remembered by his siblings, John Edward (Ollie), Carol (Butch) Prevatt, Janet (Jerry) Starling, Delores (Dary) Ranjbar, Joey (Lisa), and Sheila (Jim) Kelly. James is preceded in death by: his father, Joe Dowling, his mother, Bessie Thomas and stepmother, Reba Baxley and sister, JoElla and Alice.

In lieu of flowers the family would ask for donations to be made to PKDcure.org (Polycystic Kidney Disease) or American Association for Cancer Research. aacr.donordrive.com

A funeral service was held June 1 at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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Belle Slocumb

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Belle West Slocumb, 76, a longtime resident of Keystone Heights died Wednesday, May 30, 2018 in Gainesville following an extended illness. She was born May 29, 1942 in Pomeroy, Ohio to Major and Lucy (Thornton) Justes. Prior to retiring, she worked in the retail industry as a manager for many years. Her parents and a son, Michael had all preceded her in death.

Survivors are: her husband of twenty-two years, Art Slocumb of Keystone Heights; sons, Tom West of Wyoming and Larry (Michelle) West of Naples; and brother, Don Justes of West Virginia; daughter-in-law, Margie West of Inverness; sister-in-law Camille (Byron) Farley of Jacksonville along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family members and friends.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

David Smith

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—David Glynn Smith, 78, loving husband and father, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018 surrounded by loved ones, after a long battle with cancer, at his home in Keystone Heights.

Mr. Smith was born in Cheraw, Chesterfield County, South Carolina on June 17, 1939. He was the son of the late Charles Furman Smith and Cleo Jordan Smith. Mr. Smith served in the US Army, as well as, the Florida National Guard. By trade, he was a master electrician. He had a long career with Sam Caruso Electric Service. He eventually ventured out with his own business for a number of years and ultimately retired from the local IBEW union. Mr. Smith was a man who treasured his family and enjoyed making wonderful memories with them. He also enjoyed fishing, his home in the mountains, the intricacies of how things worked and photography.

Mr. Smith is survived by: his wife of 48 years, Joyce Hoffman Smith; two daughters, Betty (Jack) Ralph of Pensacola and Cathy (Seth) Blankenship of Rosemary Beach; two sons, David G. Smith, Jr. of Norfolk, Massachusetts and Tom (Sonya) Hoffman of Palatka; one sister, Doris Smith of Jacksonville; two brothers, Fred M. (Joan) Smith Rockledge, and Charles F. (Midge) Smith, Jr. of Mandarin; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 am on Sunday, June 17 at Hardage-Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park & Funeral Home's memory garden followed by a reception in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Community Hospice in memory of David Glynn Smith. Remembrances and condolences for the family may be sent online via www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/david-smith-7841341.

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Arthur Thornton

STARKE— Arthur Dewayne "Wayne" Thornton, 55, of Starke, passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Wayne was born in Jacksonville on Feb. 21, 1963 to the late Arthur and Marilyn Thornton. He is preceded in death by: one sister, Vicki Hendrix; one brother in law, Jerry Bennett. Wayne leaves his beloved family to cherish his memory.

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A Memorial Service was held in Wayne's honor on Sunday, June 3 at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

CRIME

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he was going to kill the victim. He said that Neal then took the gun and hit him multiple times in the face. He said Neal then made him strip naked, get in his vehicle and drive away. The victim said all that they had been talking about was his not wanting to be involved with Neal selling cocaine.

The victim stated that he felt threatened and scared for his life after the incident and said that he would provide a written statement and wanted to press charges. He said that there were no witnesses to the incident.

The victim's wife was provided with a written statement form and instructed to have her husband complete the form once he could. She advised that she had just received a call from her sister, who told her that Neal had called her and told her to call and tell her that the police had better not be called or else. The victim's wife advised that the incident had taken place at another location on S.W. 107 Ave. She said her husband had pulled up at the address on S.W.

Eighth St. and when he had gotten out of the car she saw that he was naked. She said he went inside to put on sweat pants, then came back out to wait for law enforcement.

Deputies responded to S.W. 107th Ave. where they made contact with Neal's girlfriend, Lacy. She confirmed that there had been a physical altercation between Neal and the victim due to the victim asking her for her phone number. She said that because she was on probation, she had gone inside during the fight and stayed away so she would not get in trouble. She reported that Neal lived in Gainesville and that he probably had gone there.

The report states that the victim's injuries were consistent with the report he gave and therefore there was probable cause to believe Neal had committed the offenses and filed a warrant affidavit with the state Attorney's Office.

The next day (April 20), Gladding followed up with the victim at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. The victim had fractured facial bones on the left side of his face and photos were taken of the injury.

According to the report, the victim said he was beaten by Neal, stripped of his clothes and robbed at gun point. He was then told to get in his car and leave or Neal would kill him. He said he told Neal that his car keys were in his pants pocket and Lacy went through the pockets and gave him his keys - contradicting Lacy's statement that she did not witness the incident. He said Neal and Lacy took his wallet, containing his identification, a bank card and approximately \$20, as well as his cell phone, valued at about \$100. He was able to verify that his phone pinged at the incident location and the last ping was south of the incident location on SR 121 south of Lake Butler.

According to the report, Gladding determined that there was probable cause to

believe Neal is in violation of the statutes prohibiting false imprisonment and committed robbery with a firearm. It was also determined that there was probable cause to believe that Lacy also violated the false imprisonment statute and was also in violation of robbery with a firearm as she was present and assisted Neal in the robbery.

Ricardo L. Neal, 26, of High Springs was arrested May 30 by Union deputies on an active Union County warrant for aggravated assault, aggravated battery, kidnap-false imprisonment, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and robbery with a firearm (see relayed case above).

Kevin Michael Parker, 39, of Lake Butler was arrested May 28 by Union deputies for battery-causing bodily harm, kidnap-false imprisonment and obstructing justice by intimidating/threatening a witness.

Deputy Carl Todd Hanlon responded to a family disturbance, making contact with the victim who told him that she had been in a verbal altercation with her husband, Kevin Parker. She also complained that he had hit her the night before. She said he had taken her cell phone so she could not call 911 and she wanted to press charges on the incident.

According to the report, the victim had bruising on her arms and a red mark on her face. She said she had been sitting in the living room floor about 3 a.m. when Kevin began punching her. She said that here had been bruises on her back and legs but they could not be located at the time. She said she wanted to press charges and that she had made complaints in the past but had always withdrawn the complaint prior to Kevin's arrest.

Kevin was interviewed and said the bruises on the victim's arms were from his grabbing

her to stop her from hitting him.

The next day the victim came to the sheriff's office with additional information. She said during the initial incident Kevin had taken her cell phone and prevented her from leaving the residence and going to a neighbor's by restraining her by her arms and legs and holding her down or against a wall. She had a series of bruises across her body from her head, to her shoulder and arms, to her upper and lower legs that were consistent with her statement.

Kevin was charged with domestic battery and other charges listed above.

Megan Ann Tucker, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested June 1 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Baker County for extortion/threat to injure reputation.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION-

Scott Edward Bowen, 50, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 31 by Clay deputies for fraudulent use of a credit card.

Jason David Byrd, 39, of Starke was arrested June 1 by Clay deputies for an active Polk County warrant for two counts of lewd molestation of 12 years old or older but younger than 16 years old. According to a report from Polk County, the incident occurred on May 28 in the vicinity of Davenport.

Shane Mitchell Kizziah, 25, of Starke was arrested May 29 by Clay deputies for reckless driving/damage to person of property and flee or elude a law enforcement officer at high speed. The arrest was made at the 4300 block of CR-215 near SR-16W.

Leo Carl Svitek, 46, of Orange Park was arrested June 3 by Clay deputies for knowingly battering a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT.

According to the arrest report, arresting officer D.C. Alexander was dispatched to Furman Ave. in Keystone Heights for

a disturbance in progress. He stated in the report that he was wearing his uniform of the day with multiple sheriff's office insignia on it.

Svetik and his neighbor had been engaged in a verbal altercation in reference to the neighbor's electricity being turned off. The neighbor walked back to his property and went inside, but Svetik walked over and called him outside. When the neighbor came out, Svetik pushed him, causing him to fall to the ground and struck him twice with a closed fist in his upper lip area when he rose to his feet, causing him to fall again. The neighbor got back up and walked away.

Svitek was identified as the primary aggressor in the incident and was charged with simple battery. When Alexander went to the residence to arrest Svitek, he gave a loud verbal command for him to put his hands behind his back. When he approached again, Svitek pushed him on his chest, causing him to take a step back. Svitek was told to get down on the ground, but he did not comply.

Alexander initiated his Taser and allowed it to cycle through its whole cycle. The probes had a positive effect. After being tased Svitek was again told to get down on the ground and he complied and was safely taken into custody.

Julio Cesar Zapata, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested June 1 by Clay deputies for fleeing and eluding law enforcement, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest without violence by intentionally accelerating his vehicle in an attempt to elude law enforcement, driving a vehicle at law enforcement officers attempting to arrest him causing them to fear for their lives and refusing to place his hands behind his back while being taken into custody.

According to the report, arresting officer J.D. Parales was dispatched to an assault on Gator Bone Road. Call notes indicate that Zapata had discharged a handgun at his wife's feet and then left the

scene in a red and black Nissan, which was observed traveling in the opposite direction from the responding officer on SR-21. Parales turned around and followed Zapata from a distance, giving location updates and waiting for additional units.

Two deputies in an unmarked car were at the intersection of SR-21 and SR-16 when Zapata turned west onto SR-16 and also began to follow. Parales initiated the lights on his marked department issued vehicle and attempted to stop Zapata. Once he had activated his lights, Zapata accelerated to over 100 mph and all three officers lost sight of him.

About 30 minutes later, Zapata was observed turning around at the intersection of Lightning Strike Road and W SR-230 by the assisting officers (D/S Bunn and D/S Redmond). They activated their lights and stopped in the roadway facing the defendant while he was stopped after making a three-point turn. Both exited their vehicle wearing their tactical vests with "Sheriff" clearly visible printed on them and their badges visible as well. They gave loud, verbal command for Zapata to turn off his vehicle and show his hands. He then accelerated towards them, making them feel they were in danger. The deputies had to jump out of the vehicles path to prevent being struck. Zapata fled again.

Zapata was located again turning onto Treat Road from Kingsley Road. Bunn and Redmond were parked about 40 yards in front of Zapata. He exited his vehicle and threw an item, later identified as the car's keys, several feet away, then laid down on the pavement with his arms at his sides as the deputies approached. When attempts were made to place him in handcuffs, he stiffened up and would not place his hand behind his back. He was eventually handcuffed and taken into custody. The firearm was located and one round was found in the chamber, although the magazine was empty.

Letters

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you all who have helped us in Union County when we lost our home to a fire on Feb 27, 2018. My husband is a disabled Veteran and it has been a struggle on us both. We do have a home on the property but are unable to occupy it at this time due to flooring issues.

I just really wanted to reach out to the ones who devoted their time to us and are still helping us with shelter. Dan, Diana and Scott Word, Secur-tel Inc; Wayne, Glenda and Rhonda Smith; John and Becky Holt, Patricia Honour, Bill and Gibb from Michigan; Ted Barber, American Legion, American Red Cross; Katie and Delbert, Smith and Son's; Jimmy Biellings and the equipment operator; Anna and Donnie Woods and family; and Bart Andrews with Andrews Site and Prep

We really thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we are proud to a part of this community.

Thank you and God bless
Curtis and Valerie Mitchell

Dear Editor:

The Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 28, 2018 in Lake Butler, Florida was a great tribute to the Union County heroes that gave their lives in our military services to help preserve the freedoms we enjoy today in America. I extend a special thanks to Major Mitchell Bishop, our guest speaker, and to Sondra Hunt for allowing her five year old daughter to do an outstanding job singing the National Anthem (Sondra's voice was under the weather). The Union County High School JROTC volunteers (Cadets Tanner Canada, Jordan Smith and Mathew Raton) performed well as our Flag Detail. Union County Band Volunteers Caleb Hopkins and Jonathan Schmidt played Echo Taps well. Gene Gordon, the American Legion Post 153 Chaplain did well pronouncing the invocation. David Stegall came through with professional programs, a video of the memorial service and refreshments. Tom McMillan and Steve Godwin set up and monitored the sound system. Colan Coody, the current Worshipful Master of Lake Butler Lodge No. 52, set the stage and chairs for the audience and helped those that wanted coffee in the Lake Butler Lodge Dining Room. Bill McGill provided a personal insight to those Union County Residents that gave the ultimate sacrifice and Quinton Bloodsworth and Leon Shadd placed the Memorial Wreath at the Union County Veteran's Monument. D.L. Shadd, the first Commander of the American Legion Post 153, I believe looked down on us and was grateful, too.

Most of all I thank the good Lord for allowing the rain to stay away from the Ceremony so that the wonderful crowd of Union County Residents could enjoy the event.

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Bradford High School opens up baseball position

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School will have a new baseball coach next season as applicants are currently being reviewed and interviewed to take the place of Stewart Duncan, who coached the Tornados for nine years.

Duncan, who went 98-123, said he was told the decision had been made to open up the position, but he wasn't given a reason why. He said he would've applied, but figured if they had opened it up to start with, they wanted to move in a different direction.

The 62-year-old coach admitted he has given thought to stepping down, saying it's probably time to bring in a younger coach.

"I was kind of looking to cut back," Duncan said. "I think it's a good thing to get some fresh blood in there."

BHS Athletic Director Lamar Waters said Duncan had talked several times during the season about

stepping down.

"That started the process and thinking about it," Waters said, adding it was time to "breathe some new life into the program."

Duncan led the Tornados to the regional playoffs in 2014 and 2016 as a district runner-up each year. Bradford lost in the first round of the regionals each of those seasons.

Duncan said he coached some good players and worked with wonderful people in the school system. He added he was proud of the fact that improvements had been made to the school's field during his tenure, which also included an upgrade in facilities, including the addition of covered batting cages.

"He did a great job while he was here of improving the facilities and really helping maintain the program and putting it in great shape for whoever the next person may be," Waters said.

Waters, who was a head baseball coach at both BHS

and Union County High School, said some "very familiar guys in the area" have applied for the position and that he felt good about the overall pool of applicants.

"Being a baseball guy, I know a lot of them," he said. "I feel confident that we're going to be able to get somebody in here that's a proven winner and just somebody who'll want to try to get as many kids as he can to the next level."

Duncan, who is hopeful his son David will get the job, looks back at his time as head coach fondly.

"It's been a good run for me," he said. "I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Waters believes the program will fare well regardless of who's hired.

"There are enough good candidates out there that it's going to be a tough decision," Waters said, "but I think whatever decision we make, it'll be a good one for the program and for the kids of Bradford County."



Stewart Duncan chats with Derek Harden prior to a game this past season.



Lamar Waters

KHHS' Harvey to play football at Webber International

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

He'd watch high school football players sign letters of intent to play in college on TV and think, "That'd be really cool if I could do that."

Well, it was cool, as Kaison Harvey got his chance to sign a letter of intent. The Keystone Heights High School defensive back will play for Webber International University in Babson Park.

"It's a blessing," Harvey said after a May 31 signing ceremony in the school's media center. "Ever since I was a kid, I've dreamed of this. It's turning into reality. I'm just so thankful for all the coaches and all the administrators who've helped me on the way. I'm excited about this new journey and to represent Keystone."

Keystone Head Coach Chuck Dickinson said Harvey had a good senior season that

saw him coming off an injury in 2016. His four interceptions led the team.

"I expect him to do well at the next level," Dickinson said. "Hopefully, he'll go down there, enjoy it and have a chance to contribute some way this coming year."

Harvey had been in contact via email with coaches at Ave Maria University and had

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HARVEY

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taken a visit to Lake Wales' Warner University. He said for a while, he thought he would end up at Warner, but he got an email from Webber coaches asking him to visit their school. Harvey did and was obviously impressed as he committed during that visit.

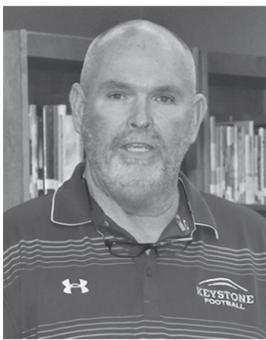
"The coaches, they were just amazing," Harvey said. "They welcomed me like family, like they had known me forever. The campus is just amazingly beautiful. Everything about it is just so beautiful. The football players down there, I just talked to them — they were all welcoming."

"I knew that was my home," Dickinson said what stood out about Harvey this past season for KHHS was his preparation each week, watching video and knowing what to expect from the opponent.

"He had a good understanding of the routes receivers were running,"



Kaison Harvey



Chuck Dickinson

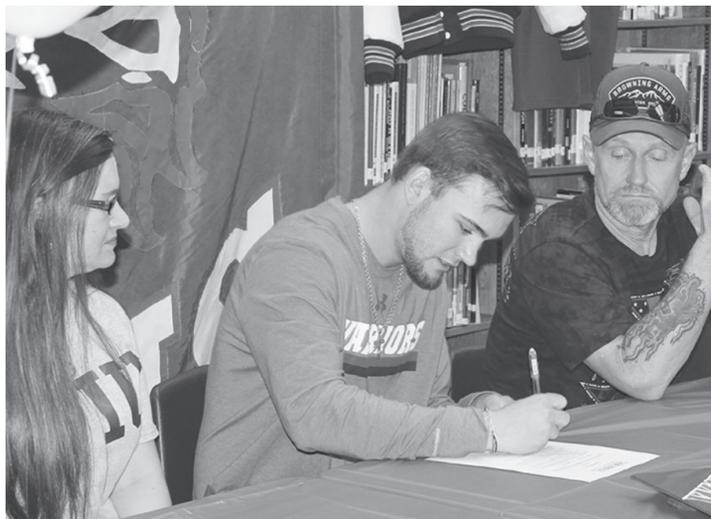
High School graduate who is entering his sophomore season, and following the workout regimen the school provided him.

"I've been hitting the gym really hard," Harvey said.

The end goal of that work is to be on the field playing ball come fall. When asked what that first-time college experience would feel like, Harvey said, "I think I'll be intimidated a little bit, but I think I'll settle down, fit right in and rock and roll."

It's a dream come true for Harvey. Dickinson expects him to make the most of what

is now reality. "It's something that he really wants to do," Dickinson said. "Now he's got an opportunity to do that. I don't think he'll be one to waste that opportunity. He'll go down there, work hard and do whatever it takes to be able to get on the field."



Kaison Harvey signs his letter of intent to play football at Babson Park's Webber International University. He's seated between his mother, Detria Harvey and his stepfather, Rick Welch.

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida at a public hearing on June 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Chambers in the North Wing of the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
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