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**HAPPY EASTER!**

## Easter egg hunt and preschool storytime at library, April 17

At the Union County Public Library, the preschool storytime program is Easter Bunny Blues on Thursday, April 17, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny is going to visit the library to hide some eggs for their preschool storytime visitors, so join them for egg hunting fun.

## 'The Last Supper' comes alive at First Christian Church, April 17

At 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, First Christian Church of Lake Butler will reenact Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper."

This unique devotional presentation will help create a reflective mood for Easter. Communion will be served to all present. Everyone is invited. Nursery care will be provided.

## Community Easter Services, April 18 & 20

The community Good Friday service will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at First Christian Church. Union County ministers will discuss "seven words from the cross."

The community Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Lakeside Park, followed by a free breakfast at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited.

## County garbage sites, some depts. closed, April 18 & 20

All Union County garbage collection sites will be closed on Friday, April 18, and Sunday, April 20. The offices of the Union County Road Dept. and Solid Waste will be closed on Friday, April 18. They apologize for any inconvenience.

## Community Egg Hunt at VFW, April 19

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 10082 is having their Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m. at the VFW Post off of C.R. 231. Lunch will be served and there will be an egg hunt.

For more information, contact President Annie Pittman at 386-496-1140 or Treasurer Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647.

In addition the VFW still has bingo every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Post.

## Sanderson clothes giveaway and Easter egg hunt, April 19

The Sanderson Christian Revival Center, located at C.R. 229 and Sapp Road, will have a clothes giveaway beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, as well as an Easter egg hunt beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Easter services at Sardis in WS, April 20

Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs is having an Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. and regular worship service at 10 a.m. on April 20. Everyone is welcome.

## LB approves beer and wine license for Family Dollar Will name splash park after Stalvey; applies for Tree City USA status

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

At the April 14 meeting of the City of Lake Butler Planning and Zoning Board, commissioners approved the beer and wine license for the Family Dollar store located diagonally across from Spires IGA on State Road 100. The store recently began expanding its space.

Family Dollar applied for a 2APS license for beer and wine package sales from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation at the end of February. This license

is for a facility that wishes to sell both beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

After the zoning meeting, the city held its regular monthly commission meeting. There the board voted to name the city's new splash park the LeRoy Stalvey Memorial Park, according to City Manager Dave Mecusker, due to requests he has received to honor the former city commissioner who passed away on Feb. 14 at the age of 83.

At last year's Oct. 14 of the city commission meeting, the Florida League of Cities honored Stalvey with a resolution "for 25 years of

elected service and commending him for his unselfish commitment to municipal leadership and government."

He is also credited for having an important role in getting the new splash park project started.

At a future date a dedication ceremony will be held to officially name the splash park.

The board also made a proclamation for National Arbor Day, which is Friday, April 25. It is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for



See CITY, 2A Family Dollar recently began expanding its space.



ABOVE: The flag as seen from the lake. INSET: The old tree, center. (Photos courtesy of David Stegall.)

## Lake Butler dedicates new flagpole at 'the loop'

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Last Friday the City of Lake Butler dedicated a new 55-foot flagpole erected at "the loop," where the north end of Lake Avenue ends at the lake, to replace the dying tree that was removed after standing there many years.

After Lake Butler Procurement Director Cassa Neta Herndon welcomed the county officials and leaders from the community in attendance and thanked everyone participating in the ceremony, First Christian Church of Lake Butler Senior Minister Art Peterson gave the invocation.

Then members of the Union County High School Jazz Band played our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," while UCHS JROTC cadets raised the American flag.

After everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance, Lake Butler City Manager Dave Mecusker spoke a few words in dedicating the flag to the community.

"As we take a day to celebrate the flag that waves majestically in the breeze at our nation's capitol, the schools and our homes and our community, let's honor not just the symbol, but for what it represents: freedom, liberty, progress and prosperity," Mecusker began.

Mecusker then quoted from the poem "I Am the Flag" by Ruth Apperson Rous: "God grant that I may spend eternity in my 'land of the free and the home of the brave.'" That I shall be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America."

"It is my pleasure to dedicate this flag to our great community, the city of Lake Butler."

He gave some background as to why the flagpole replaced the old tree.

"About four years ago, just going through the city, we had banners for July Fourth, then we wanted to just to bring out the spirit of the city, because it's such a—I love the city of Lake Butler. People are so warm. People just help each other when the time is needed. We might squabble amongst ourselves, but when something happens, we all pull together and see the life of the community come out.

"And one day I was driving down Main Street and when I got to the red light I looked down at the lake and I said, 'You know what, the tree is dying,



Among those in attendance and participating: (l-r) Lake Butler City Manager Dave Mecusker and Procurement Director Cassa Neta Herndon; Union County High School JROTC Cadets Chase Williams, Taylor Lilliston, Michaela Clemons, Kamil Mazal and Hannah Hicks; and Union County Supervisor of Elections Debbie Osborne, Sheriff Brad Whitehead, and Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Connell.

and what could we replace it with that would really shine the essence of Lake Butler?" So I talked to a few people and the idea struck us about having a flag. So we wanted to have a flag tall enough, that when you came through town at 10 o'clock at night or in the morning or when it was dark, that when you looked to the right you would see this beautiful flag waving over our lake. And then you could say, like, 'Go to the red light and take a right, and go to the flag' if you're going to the community center or splash park. It will be kind of like a marker."

He said people will see it when they visit for football games and other events.

The flag can be seen all the way from the lake to the agricultural education building at the high school on Lake Avenue, from State Road 100 to State Road 121. It is lit at night.

The flagpole sits in the middle of a compass showing navigational directions.

Some in the community are already enjoying the presence of the new flag.

"It is awesome to see the American Flag from anywhere on the lake!" David Stegall commented on the Union County Times Facebook Page.

Patti Crosby and Cheryl Elwood agreed, saying the flag is "awesome."



Seventh-grader Alex Perez

## LBMS student recognized by Duke University

Lake Butler Middle School student Alex Perez received state recognition from Duke University for scoring a 23 on the math section of the ACT. He is invited to the University of North Florida in Jacksonville on May 5 for the State Award Ceremony.

In order to qualify for the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP), a student has to be in seventh grade and meet the criteria based on the sixth grade FCAT scores in reading and/or math. These students then take the ACT or SAT, which allows them to have greater insight into their abilities and a chance to preview the test they will take during the college admissions process. Eight LBMS seventh graders qualified but not all participated.

Perez is currently taking eighth grade math as a seventh grade student and is enrolled in the gifted program that Sherry Barnett teaches. He was also one of three students chosen to attend State Science Fair.



## UCHS baseball senior Chris Starling the TV20 Scholar Athlete of the Week

On April 11, Union County High School baseball senior Chris Starling was selected as WCJB's Jeffrey Meldon TV20 Scholar Athlete of the Week. Coach Brian Tomlinson told the reporter, "When things are, you know, not going the way they it needs to be, he'll try to rally them together and bring them together and lift them up a little bit."

Watch the video online at [www.tinyurl.com/tv20chrisstarling](http://www.tinyurl.com/tv20chrisstarling).

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**SCHOOL**

**Union County School Board recognitions in April**

**Special UC Commission meeting, April 21**

The Union County Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 21, at 5 p.m., before the regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. On the agenda: Solid waste pull fees, EMS salaries and possibly the Farmer's Market.

**Lawn workshop, April 21**

The Union County Extension Office is hosting a lawn workshop on Monday, April 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. Learn about maintenance for new and established lawns, fertilization and watering.

Call 386-496-2321 to register for the free program.

**Tri-county beef & forage update, April 22**

The Union County Extension Office is hosting the tri-county beef and forage update on Tuesday, April 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner is included.

Call 386-496-2321 by April 17 to register.

**Free Pre-K screenings, April 22 and June 26**

Lake Butler Elementary School is hosting free screenings for children from birth to 4 1/2 years of age (not for those entering kindergarten this fall). Schedule an appointment with Tricia Ranard at 386-496-3047.

**Youth revival at CrossRoads, April 23-25**

CrossRoads to Victory Church in Lawtey is having a youth revival April 23-25 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Cody Griffis. The church is located at 17913 Northeast 271st Avenue.

For more info, call the church 386-496-1158 or visit [crossroadstovictorychurch.com](http://crossroadstovictorychurch.com).

**Dinner & swing dancing, UCHS Jazz Band, April 26**

The Union County High School Jazz Band is hosting dinner and swing dancing on Saturday, April 26, at 5 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

Chicken & rice will be served along with sides and desserts. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance.

For tickets, contact the band office at 386-496-3779 or [dorseyk@union.k12.fl.us](mailto:dorseyk@union.k12.fl.us).

**Project G.R.A.D. bake sale & car wash, April 26**

Project G.R.A.D. is having a bake sale and car wash on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations accepted. All proceeds go to Project G.R.A.D. for the Union County High School Class of 2014.



Lake Butler Middle School Principal David Campbell and Superintendent Carlton Faulk recognized Minnie Broughton as the LBMS School-Related Employee of the Year.



Faulk and Union County High School Mike Ripplinger recognized Dale Hardin as the UCHS School-Related Employee of the Year.



Faulk recognized Debbie Allister as the Tiger's Den Daycare School-Related Employee of the Year.



Faulk recognized Paul Griffis as the Maintenance School-Related Employee of the Year. Not pictured is Jaunita Harden for Transportation.



Faulk recognized Pam Pittman as the District Office School-Related Employee of the Year.



Lake Butler Elementary School Principal Stacey Rimes and Faulk recognized Kay Nettles as the LBES and District School-Related Employee of the Year.



Campbell and Faulk recognized Sherry Barnett as the LBMS Teacher of the Year.



Faulk and Ripplinger recognized Kaleb Clyatt as the UCHS Teacher of the Year.



Rimes and Faulk recognized Mark Harrison as the LBES and District Teacher of the Year.

**CITY**

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trees. Mecusker said that Union County Forester Jay Tucker will plant trees in the city at City Hall and along the parcel of the old railroad tracks in front of Spires IGA and continuing west down State Road 100.

According to Mecusker, the



Stalvey

forestry management for cities and towns across America.

city will also apply to achieve Tree City USA status. It is a national program that provides the framework for community

Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Learn more at about this program and Arbor Day at [www.arboday.org](http://www.arboday.org).

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

Children's Church 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service at 10 a.m.  
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[www.firstchristianfamily.org](http://www.firstchristianfamily.org)

**"Do this in remembrance of Me..." – Jesus  
Luke 22:19**

# SCHOOL



LBMS Band Director Dirk Schmidt and Faulk recognized UCHS student William Brown as the LBMS Youth Volunteer of the Year.



Ripplinger and Faulk recognized UCHS student Waylon Griffis as a Sunshine State Scholar.



Faulk and UCHS art instructor Dwayne Archer recognized UCHS student Alexa Park as the Artist of the Month for March.



UCHS health occupation teacher Lori Howard and Faulk recognized Chase Williams for placing third at the state Health Occupations Students of America competition in Researched Persuasive Speaking.



Faulk and UCHS reading teacher Terri Brown recognized her JV Hi-Q team for placing first in their district: (L-r) Morgan Eddy, George Metz, Saulius Mazeika, Madison Worth and Noah Wright. Not pictured is Jeffrey LaPointe.



LEFT: Faulk and UCHS business education teacher Krystal Gunter recognized her FBLA club members for placing at district and state: (In alphabetical order) Whitney Hicks, Latia Jackson, Ciara Kearns, Brooke Lamb, Saulius Mazeika, Latiyah McDonald, Deanna Olin, Molly O'Steen, Chance Vaughn, Nolan Ward, Emily West, Chase Wilkerson, Chase Williams, Savannah Woodall and Noah Wright. Not pictured is Alyssa Bivins, Kent Coburn, Ty Cook, Hunter Crawford, Francisco Gomez, Kamil Mazal, Garrett Norman, Spencer Shannon, Amanda Snyder and Sarah Starling.

# LEGALS

UCT Legals 4/17/14

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP

Project No. 13DB-OI-03-73-01-H13 Union County (herein referred to as the "County")

Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation program to be financed by the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity under the provisions, and subject to the requirements, of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The contractors on this list will be the only contractors that will be able to bid on housing rehabilitation and replacement for the above refer-

enced project. In order to be included on the list, the contractor or his/her representative must attend the County contractor prequalification workshop at the Union County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, located at the County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida on May 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Contractors must provide the following information by May 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, to Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners: 1) State of Licensure, 2) License Number, 3) License Class, 4) Certificate of Completion of Lead-Safe Work Practices Training, if applicable, and 6) Proof of Insurance Coverage. A Contractors Information Sheet is available for review at the Office of the Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida, telephone number 386.496.4241. FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION 4/17 1tchg-UCT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 63-2014-CP-0007 IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ELLEN BATES, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN ELLEN BATES, deceased, whose date of death was January 14, 2014; File Number 63-2014-CP-0007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: April 17, 2014. Signed on 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 2014. Del G. Potter Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 143600 POTTER CLEMENT BERGHOLTZ ALEXANDER 308 East 5th Avenue Mount Dora, FL 32757 Telephone: (352) 383-4186 Email: dpotter@pcba-law.com Secondary Email: dina@pcba-law.com WILBUR HARVEY BATES, SR. Personal Representative 2050 South Hunt Point Crystal River, FL 34429 4/17 2tchg 4/24-UCT

**INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE**  
CareerSource Florida Crown (CSFC) is inviting interested parties to submit an Expression of Interest for delivering Audit Services. Expressions of Interest are due April 21, 2014. The full Invitation to Negotiate with directions for completion and submittal as well as deadline dates is available at CSFC's offices at 1389 US Hwy 90 West, Suite 170B, Lake City, FL 32055 and our website at www.careersourcefloridacrown.com. CSFC reserves the right to withdraw this Invitation to Negotiate at any time. For additional information please contact: Jeri Bohlscheid CareerSource Florida Crown 1389 US Hwy 90 West, Suite 170B Lake City, FL 32055 jbohlscheid@careersourcefloridacrown.com Telephone: 386-755-9026 X 3219 4/17 1tchg-UCT

## Study Your Bible

A failure to study the Bible has led to widespread ignorance of its teachings. Many people may have a Bible in their home but know very little about what it says. This is dangerous. God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). To gain knowledge and God's approval one must study the word of God. Paul told Timothy to, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God ... rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). When we read God's word, we can learn what God expects of us (Ephesians 3:4). However, many fail to study the Bible for themselves but simply accept what someone else tells them. We must be like the Bereans who "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). If you would like to study your Bible more, we would be glad to have a class with you or have you visit at our services.

### Danville Church of Christ

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E-mail: danvilleflchurchofchrist@yahoo.com  
Bible Study at 9:00 AM on Sun and 7:30 PM on Wed  
Worship at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Sun.

**AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES**  
Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de UNION, Estado de la Florida, el día CUATRO de NOVIEMBRE de 2014 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos: Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 3 Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegober-

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### WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

**Veterans, public invited to Wounded Warrior fundraiser, May 9**

Lake Butler FFA is partnering up with the Spirit of Union County Tiger Band and Union County High School JROTC to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. They invite everyone to come out and support the inaugural Tigers Forever Strong event and cake auction on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Lake Butler Elementary School cafeteria.

They're calling all Union County veterans to come to attend a special dinner before the event. Please RSVP for the dinner by May 2.

And they're looking for contributions for the cake auction. Additionally, sponsorships are being accepted through April 25.

All proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Come support our veterans.

For more info or to contribute, contact Lake Butler Sr. FFA Adviser Erin Johnson at 386-496-4196 or johnsone@union.k12.fl.us.

**Tobacco Free Florida.com**

### UC Tobacco Free Partnership offering scholarship to qualified SWAT members

The Union County Tobacco Free Partnership is offering a college scholarship to qualified SWAT members to receive an award up to \$500 of financial assistance for college. Applicants must be a Union County High School senior, a member of SWAT for at least two years, currently an active member of SWAT and plan to attend a community college or university.

Applications are available in the guidance office. Please submit applications to: Tobacco Prevention Program, 495 E. Main St., Lake Butler, FL 32054, by May 9.

### LBWC offering scholarship to women

The Lake Butler Woman's Club is offering a scholarship for a female resident of Union County to attend an accredited university or college in the state of Florida. The scholarship will pay \$500 to the individual. If you are interested in applying, you can pick up an application packet from Tangelia Mackey in the guidance department at Union County High School. All applications must be submitted by May 12.

### Delta Kappa Gamma offering scholarship to area women

The Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering a \$500 scholarship for a Bradford-Union area female graduate and/or resident. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and enable them to obtain a degree in the field of education.

Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited college or university and near completion of two years (four semesters) of undergraduate coursework.

For more info and an application, call 904-964-6186 or 352-468-6884.

### High Springs Rotary Duck Race and Fun Day, April 27

The High Springs Rotary Club is hosting its 6th Annual Great Lazy River Duck Race and Fun Day at Camp Kulaqua Retreat Center in High Springs on Sunday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raffle tickets are available for cash prizes.

To contact them, visit [www.highspringsrotary.org](http://www.highspringsrotary.org).

## DOC

### 30 graduate from Basic Recruit Training

*Officers will work at three area institutions*

A total of 30 recruits from three area institutions successfully completed Correctional Officer Basic Recruit Training (BRT) and were recognized in a graduation ceremony on March 20.

Since Union Correctional Institution is still training staff members to help run the new work camp, the majority of the recruits were from that institution.

The recruits are:

**Union Correctional Institution:** Marcus Ardley, Todd Bazemore, Christopher Breeding, James Cartwright, Michael Cornwall, Arthur Debose, Alec Finley, Kenneth Gorman, Keegan Gray, Joshua Griffis, Alexander Jolliff, Wayne Jones, Teretha Lewis, Tamara Martin, Dustin McElhenny, William Nobles, Joshua Norman, Jill Osborne, Stephen Osborne, Paul Rivera, Giovanni Sanguinetti, Joshua Tyson, Shawna Wainwright and Shanana Weeks.

**Reception and Medical Center:** Amber Appling, Michael Cairel, Joshua Ely-Carter and Donnie Orman.

**Baker Correctional Institution:** William Moody and Sol Williams.

Three recruits earned special awards for excelling in various aspects of the 11-week training program—which incorporated both classroom learning and physical demonstration of the skills being taught. All three awards went to UCI graduates.

Norman earned the Top Gun Award by turning in the top scores on the range during firearms training each week.

Gray earned the Top Defensive Tactics Award for consistently giving an excellent performance in demonstrating the tactics being taught in the training.

Gorman earned the Top Academic Award by scoring above 98 percent on all the numerous tests the recruits had to pass during training.

Stephen Osborne was chosen as class president and spoke briefly to his fellow graduates at the ceremony. Jolliff was the class vice-president and also took part in the ceremony.

UCI's Col. Kevin Box acted as keynote speaker for the ceremony and congratulated the graduates on their achievement.

Box urged the recruits to know the values stated in the Department of Corrections' strategic plan and adopt them as their own. Trust, respect, accountability, integrity and leadership (TRAIL) are the cornerstone values upon which DOC expects to build.

Box urged the recruits to apply these values to both their professional and personal lives in order to be successful.

Following the ceremony, the recruits enjoyed a variety of refreshments and enjoyed time with their families.

## RMC Group

(L-r) Major Jason Stephens, Officers Donnie Orman, Michael Cairel, Amber Appling, Joshua Ely-Carter, Sgt. Julie Crews, Asst. Warden Paul Kish.



## UCI Group

(Front row, l-r) Officers Stephen Osborne, Wayne Jones, Shawna Wainwright, Alec Finley, Joshua Tyson, Tamara Martin, Teretha Lewis, Shanana Weeks, Alexander Jolliff. (Second row, l-r) Asst. Classification Supervisor Tommy Dicks, Officers Arthur Debose, Marcus Ardley, Kenneth Gorman, Dustin McElhenny, Joshua Griffis, Michael Cornwall, Jill Osborne, James Cartwright. (Third row, l-r) Officers Christopher Breeding, Keegan Gray, William Nobles, Paul Rivera, Giovanni Sanguinetti, Todd Bazemore, Joshua Norman, Major Daniel Manning. (Back row, l-r) Asst. Warden Stephen Rossiter, Colonel Kevin Box, Warden Diane Andrews, Major Stanley Peterson and Asst. Warden David Maddox.

## UCHS seating graduation info

Union County High School graduation will be held at the football stadium on Friday, May 30, at 8:00 p.m. The gates will open at 6:00 p.m. for public seating in the stands and graduate reserved seating on the track.

Each graduating student will receive four reserve-seating tickets for the track. Tickets will be

distributed beginning May 27 at the front office of the high school until May 30 at 3:00 p.m. A parent or guardian must sign for the tickets as no student will be allowed to pick up the tickets. Only people with a ticket will be allowed in the reserved seating area and they must keep their ticket with them at all times. If a guest leaves the reserved seating area, they must present the ticket for re-entry. Attendees with reserve tickets should enter at the gated entrance on the south end of

the home stands.

Guests will have the chance to take pictures after the graduation ceremony. Only the professional photographer will be permitted to walk on the field during the ceremony and will take a photo of each graduate as they walk across the stage.

In the event of bad weather, the reserved seating tickets will be used as the alternative plan. Guests will present the tickets at the high school gym rather than the

stadium. Only those in possession of the reserve seating graduation tickets will be allowed entry into the gym due to the limited seating. Once admitted, guests will sit in the bleachers and must keep

tickets with them at all times. This procedure prevents any delays or postponing of the ceremony.

Should you have any questions, please contact the front office at 386-496-3040.

## Marvin Seay running for UC School Board

(The following is a statement of intention to run for public office, submitted by the candidate.)

I am announcing my candidacy to run for Union County School Board member representing District 3. I am a lifelong resident of Union County, born and raised. I have been married for 31 years to my wonderful wife Regina and we have two amazing daughters, Twyla (Seay) Garber and Valerie

Seay. I am also the son of the late Dock and Pearl Seay. My mother was a retired schoolteacher serving Union County's children to achieve their educational goals.

I have worked for the University of Florida for 34 plus years. I have volunteered in our community with sports activities and I was also a past city council member for Worthington Springs.

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## Sims and 'Ax Men': cuttin' up and talkin' CF

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford County native Katelyn Sims did not have her sights set on being in a television show, but she figured it would be a good way to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis.

Being a part of season seven of History Channel's "Ax Men" has given Sims an outlet to talk about the disease she lives with through interviews, public appearances and discussions on her Facebook page. However, if her appearance with her fellow Dreadknots teammates at the Bradford County Fair was any indication, the show has also been a lot of fun to be a part of.

Sims, Clint "Capt. Clint" Roberts and Dave "the Kraken" Stone exhibited the kind of playful camaraderie that takes years to develop, though Sims completed just her first season as a member of the Dreadknot team. When Sims gives an answer to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor in response to being asked what has been most enjoyable about being on the show, Roberts cut



Katelyn "Cuz" Sims and her fellow "Ax Men" Dreadknots, Capt. Clint and the Kraken, were at the fair on March 14, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

in and said, "What she meant to say was, 'Working with Clint has been the greatest experience of my life.'"

Sims, cracking a smile, added, "And, 'He has the greatest moustache in the world.'"

Stone was asked why someone who's never watched "Ax Men"

should tune it. His response? "Because we are awesome as a group. If you want to see what awesome personified is, you turn the channel to 269 on DirecTV on Sunday nights."

Not missing a beat, Sims chips in that the word "awesome" in the dictionary is accompanied

by a photo of her, Roberts and Stone.

Sims was approached about possibly being on the show at the Suwannee River Jam. (She was the reigning Miss Suwannee River Jam at the time.)

"I never really wanted to be on TV," Sims said, "but when the

opportunity was there, I looked at it as a way to spread awareness and get the word about CF out."

Stone said adding Sims to the Dreadknots had to be done. "We had to get a good boat driver, somebody who knew what they were doing, somebody who could actually navigate the water proper," Stone said, before adding in practically the same breath, "Not to mention she's hot."

"She ain't bad to look at," Roberts agreed. "The problem is you've got to beat the boys off the boat. It cuts into your time."

In all seriousness, though, Stone said he's never met anyone with a better story to tell than Sims. He said she's by far one of the best people he's ever met and admires the way cystic fibrosis doesn't slow her down.

"This girl has more heart than anybody I've ever met in my life," Stone said.

Though a newcomer to the Dreadknots team, which has been a part of "Ax Men" since season six, Sims said she immediately felt right at home.

"Yeah, from the beginning it was easy for us all to get along," she said. "I think the first day that we filmed, Clint and I were joking and laughing about as hard as possible for about 15 minutes. We almost got in trouble with the film crew because we couldn't stop."

"It was just a natural thing for all of us. We all get along, we all have the same mindset on a lot of things and we all see eye to eye on a lot of things as well. Our personalities are very similar."

Stone said one of the best times he's had was just goofing off with Sims on a day in which Roberts had to take his daughter to a school orientation. They spent their time throwing sandwiches back and forth to each other, trying to catch them in their mouths, among other things.

"We actually wound up paddling the boat backward down the river," Stone said.

It was no surprise to Stone that Sims has fit right in. He alluded

See SIMS, 8B

## Area schools sending 8 to state weightlifting finals

Keystone Heights High School had four win their weight classes, thus ensuring their spots in the Florida High School Athletic Association Boys' Weightlifting Finals, while an additional four lifters from Keystone, Bradford and Union County also earned the right after their performances at the District 4-1A state-qualifying meet on April 10 in South Daytona.

The winners of each weight class at each of the state's qualifying meets earned the right

to compete at the state meet, which will be held April 25-26 at the Kissimmee Civic Center. At the District 4 meet, Keystone's Dakota Hodge, Lane Blanton, Chase Musselman and Daren Gilio topped their respective classes.

Hodge won the 129-pound class with a 405 total (225 bench, 180 clean and jerk), while Blanton had a top total of 485 (240, 245) in the 139 class. Musselman had a 560 total (280, 280) to win the 169 class, while

Gilio won the 199 class with a 565 total (300, 265).

The totals of the remaining lifters throughout the state who did not place first at district meets were compared to make up the rest of the field at state.

Keystone's Steven Beverly made the cut after placing second in the 129 class at the District 4 meet. He had a 400 total (210, 190).

Bradford's Jarvis DeSue also earned a second-place finish and will move on to state. He

compiled a 510 total (275, 235) in the 154 class.

Also qualifying for state were Union's Austin Long and Keystone's Brandon Johnson. Long placed third in the 129 class at the District 4 meet with a 370 total (205, 165), while Johnson placed fourth in the 154 class with a 500 total (265, 235).

Though not qualifying for state, Keystone's Dakota Black and Union's Alden McClellon earned top-three places at the District 4 meet. Black was

runner-up in the 139 class with a 415 total, while McClellon was third in the 169 class with a 510 total.

Union's Dylan Bass placed fourth in the 129 class with a 340 total. Bradford's Markel Parks placed fifth in the heavyweight class with a 675 total.

Keystone had two fifth-place finishers: Josh Knight in the 154 class with a 480 total and Nate Pate in the 199 class with a 505 total.

Also competing for Keystone

were J.J. Schofield in the 169 class with a 435 total, Matt West in the 183 class with a 510 total, Johnnie Fitts in the 183 class with a 500 total and Joe Pace in the 238 class with a 470 total.

Bradford's Zach Windle and Dequan Blackshear competed as well, with Windle compiling a 265 total in the 119 class and Blackshear compiling a 440 total in the 154 class.



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## BHS freshman to compete in 2 international science fairs

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford High School freshman Tessa Ricker has earned the right to display her science project on an international level, earning the right to compete in the April 30-May 5 I-SWEEEP (International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering, Environment Project Olympiad) in Houston and the May 11-16 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles.

"This is very exciting and intimidating at the same time," Ricker said.

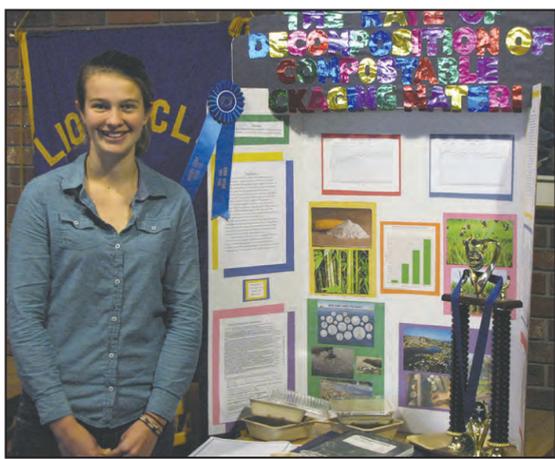
Each competition features more than 1,000 participants from more than 70 counties.

"It'll be a cultural experience," Ricker said.

Ricker's path began at the county-level competition, where she placed first in the environmental category and earned Overall Best of Show. Her project is titled, "The Rate of Decomposition of Compostable Packing Materials."

Most recently, Ricker placed fourth in the senior environmental division at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

Ricker earned the right to compete in I-SWEEEP before competing at the state-level science fair. She said she certainly hadn't given any thought to earning such an opportunity.



Tessa Ricker is pictured with her science fair project: "The Rate of Decomposition of Compostable Packing Materials."

"I was just excited to get to state," she said.

It is the second straight year a student from BHS will compete at I-SWEEEP, with Alec Harden having done so last year as a freshman.

Two students at the Suwannee Valley Regional Science and Engineering Fair were selected to participate in the Intel fair, with Ricker being named an alternate. However, one of the regional participants—Holly Tucker of Union County High School—earned the right to represent the state at the Intel fair, opening the door for Ricker to attend as one of the regional representatives.

"It's going to be stressful," Ricker said of having to prepare for two international competitions, "but I'm excited."

As if that's not enough, Ricker may also have the chance to attend the June 15-20 GENIUS (Global Environmental Issues U.S.) Olympiad, which will be hosted by the State University of New York at Oswego.

"She is a tremendous student who puts in a lot of hard work and dedication into everything she does," Bradford High School Principal Bryan Boyer said.

Ricker is currently raising funds for her trips to Houston and Los Angeles. Donations can be submitted or mailed to the Bradford County School District to the attention of Finance Director Julee Tinsler. Checks should be made out to Bradford County School District. The address is 501 W. Washington St., Starke, FL 32091.

## Starke Kiwanis golf tournament is April 18

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Kiwanis of Starke golf tournament will be held Friday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams.

The entry fee is \$50 per player/\$200 per four-person team.

Applications are available at the Starke Golf and Country Club clubhouse.

Contact Cheryl Canova (cheryl.canova@sfcollege.edu or 904-964-5382) or Barry Warren at (352-494-3326) for more information.

## Kingsley Kruizers to host dinner fundraiser

The Kingsley Kruizers are The Bradford-Keystone

hosting a dinner to benefit the American Diabetes Association on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Dinners, consisting of chicken tetrazzini, salad, green beans, tea and dessert, are \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for children 12 and under. Diners may eat in or take out.

Please call 904-966-1002 or see Christie Torode, Shelley Luke, Josh Luke, Danny Luke, Erin Waters, Lamar Waters, Norma Cox, Darlene Padgett, Guy Padgett or Cassi Smyth for tickets.

The Kingsley Kruizers is a local group that participates in the annual Tour de Cure—a bicycle ride to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association—in Jacksonville. This year's ride is scheduled for May 17.

Heights Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place at the Bradford High School track from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

If you would like to register a team or obtain more information, please visit the website [www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/bradfordkeystonefl).

You may also access information at the event's Facebook page. Enter "Bradford-Keystone Heights RelayforLife" in the search bar.

Even if you have no fundraising team affiliation, you are invited to participate in the Relay. Teams will have food, beverages and other items for sale at the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

If you'd like to help out by donating items to a planned silent auction, please call Linda Lee at 904-966-3022.

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## BHS, KHHS, UCHS have 1st-round byes in baseball tournaments

District baseball tournaments begin Monday, April 21, but the Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high school teams won't begin play until Tuesday, April 22, having earned byes because of their seeding.

Keystone earned the number-one seed in the District 5-4A tournament, which is being hosted by Santa Fe High School. Bradford is in the same district and is the tournament's number-two seed.

That tournament begins with fourth seed Fort White and fifth seed Interlachen playing each other at 4 p.m. on April 21. Third seed Santa Fe and sixth seed P.K. Yonge will play that same day at 7 p.m.

Keystone will play the Fort White-Interlachen winner at 4 p.m. on April 22. Bradford will play the Santa Fe-P.K. Yonge winner at 7 p.m.

The April 22 winners will play each other for the championship on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Union is the number-two seed in the District 7-1A tournament, which is being hosted by number-one seed Williston.

Fourth seed Chiefland plays

fifth seed Dixie County to start the tournament on April 21 at 7 p.m.

Union plays third seed Newberry at 4 p.m. on April 22, while Williston will play the Chiefland-Dixie County winner at 7 p.m.

The April 22 winners will play each other for the championship on April 24 at 7 p.m.

## BHS is lone area team to advance in district softball

Keystone Heights and Union County saw their seasons come to an end, but the Bradford softball team earned a regional berth and will play for the District 5-4A championship against P.K.

Yonge on Thursday, April 17, at Santa Fe High School.

The second seeded Tornadoes (17-7) defeated third seed Santa Fe 5-1 in an April 15 semifinal game. Top seed P.K. Yonge defeated fifth seed Fort White 14-0 in the other semifinal matchup.

Fort White advanced to the semifinals by defeating fourth seed Keystone 5-0 on April 14.

If Bradford defeats P.K. Yonge, it will host a regional quarterfinal game against the loser between District 6 teams South Sumter and the Villages on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. If Bradford loses to P.K. Yonge, the Tornadoes will travel to play the winner between South Sumter and the Villages.

Union was the second seed in the District 7-1A tournament, but was eliminated in the April 15 semifinals with a 6-4 loss to third seed Chiefland.

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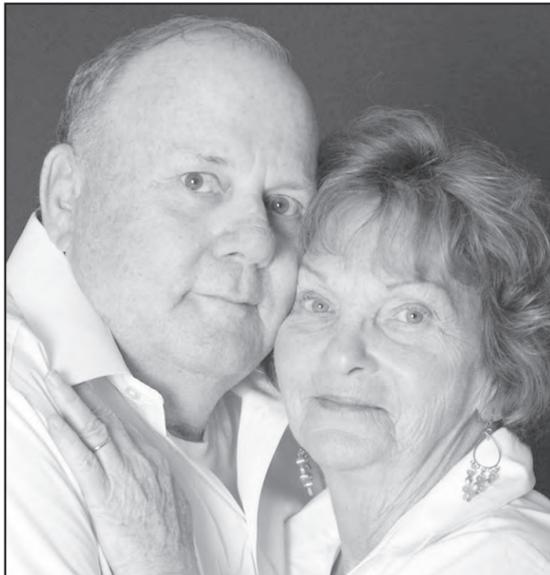
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**Burkert, Nash to wed Aug. 23**

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Earl is the son of Terry and Gina Nash of Dickson, Tenn. He is a graduate of McEwen High School (Dickson, Tenn.) and University of Tennessee at Martin. He is employed by Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District Office and is a member of Church of Christ.



Earl Nash and Julie Burkert

The wedding is planned for Aug. 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Lake Aston at Lake Wales. Reception will be at Lake Aston Club House. Family and friends are invited.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brumbaugh are pictured during their April 16, 1954, wedding (above) and during more recent times (left). The couple spent 16 years at Lake Swan Camp in Melrose.

**Smiths celebrate 50 years**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Wayne Smith of Providence. Glenda & Wayne Smith celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 11th. Glenda & Wayne are life-long residents of Union County. They have one child, Rhonda J. Smith. They also have one grandchild, Carson Wayne Smith. Wayne is the County Commissioner for District 4 and a farmer. Glenda is a homemaker and is retired from the Department of Corrections.

**Brumbaughs celebrate 60th**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brumbaugh celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 16, 2014. They were married in 1954 in Daytona Beach. Sixteen years of their life was spent at Lake Swan Camp in Melrose, making a difference in many lives.

There will be a celebration of their ministry at Lake Swan Camp on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. We would invite friends and family to join with us for this time of food, fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. Frank Smith 570-713-5930 or Dawn Johnson 352-473-5247.

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## LETTERS

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## Legislature's 'Year of Water' not living up to name

Dear Editor:

This legislative session initially was being billed as the "Year of Water," aiming to strengthen state protection of Florida's 700-plus natural springs. Instead, it appears the legislature's annual embarrassing and inadequate environmental performance is right on track.

Speaker of the House Will Weatherford is blocking badly needed legislation, kicking the can down the road for another year, claiming that his successor, Rep. Steve Crisafulli, (R - Merritt Island), has more "expertise on the issue."

More troubling, Weatherford doesn't even want to consider the Senate Springs Protection Bill, claiming disingenuously that the House has "its own legislation," when in fact it has nothing at all like the excellent and comprehensive Senate Plan.

Normally, in an election year,

the legislature's mantra is to "do no harm." Weatherford's doing nothing; calling for another study and refusing to consider legislation, when the reasons and solution to our water woes have long been well known and scientifically demonstrated, is damaging and irresponsible; being harmful to Florida's economy, quality of life and our endangered water resources while protecting special interests and campaign contributors.

Terry Brant, Legislative  
Chairman  
Santa Fe Lake Dwellers  
Association  
Melrose

## Thanks for support during pet tragedy

Dear Editor:

On April 2nd at 2:40 in the afternoon, someone shot our family dog in the Oak Grove Hill subdivision off 796-A. He passed away later that night. He was a great dog and will be missed.

Although we have our

suspicions and have filed a police report, it is very unlikely the culprit will be discovered unless they admit to it. We would like to thank most of our nearby neighbors for their help and support that day and the day after. We are firm believers in "karma" and we know that God sees all.

The Russells  
Lake Butler

## Who would be on BHS football's 'Mt. Rushmore'?

The following, written by Terry Vaughan as a WEAG Bradford High School Tornado football blog, was submitted for publication by former BHS football coach Lennard Register.

As I approach my 29th year as voice of Tornado football on Eagle Country 106.3, I often find myself waxing nostalgic with memories of those who built the Tornado program brick-by-brick, stone-by-stone. Our rich history was crafted through

the dedication and skills of so many great coaches, fans, administrators, and players covering many decades.

So, I began to ask myself: If there were a Mount Rushmore for BHS Football, which four faces would be on display in a chiseled granite tribute?

It is a difficult question to ponder. So many deserve consideration that it would be unfair to narrow it to just four.

While I have enjoyed a long relationship with BHS football, I readily admit that my working knowledge is limited in relation to its vast history. There were phenomenal coaches and players prior to the 1960's that could stake a claim to being featured on our Mount Rushmore. Guys like Coach J.C. Hobbs and players such as Jack Hazen enjoy legendary status among those who have extended memories.

But, this is my blog so I will limit my picks to those who were part of the landscape from the mid-50's and beyond.

The first member of the BHS Rushmore quartet? Coach Lennard Register had the Tornado football program hummin' like a well-oiled machine during his tenure (1955-61). Five consecutive Keystone

Conference Crowns and a 32 game winning streak were among the highlights of a great run. It is unfortunate that the State did not have a championship playoff system back then, as Bradford would have likely filled a trophy case with even more treasured hardware under Coach Register.

To the right of Coach Register would be the face of the Coach who replaced him in Starke. David Hurse was the loyal Lieutenant under Coach R, and was ready to grab the wheel when it was his turn to guide the ship. Thirty years later, his bag of accomplishments was full-to-include two State Championship Crowns and one runner-up designation. Coach Hurse's long tenure and lasting success made him the face of Bradford Football-and this is why it should be prominently displayed on the Mount-as is his name on the stadium.

My next selection? Assistant Coaches rarely get enough credit for a program's success and sustainability. While David Hurse was the unquestioned top dog while at BHS, there is no doubt that his long-time Assistant was the guy who put the teeth in an always ferocious Tornado Defense. Mike Sexton's Defenses were typically undersized-but

still struck fear in the hearts of opposing coaches. Mike's emphasis on fundamentals and toughness earned the respect of all who played for or against him-and this state may have never produced a better High School Defensive Coordinator.

Who gets the final spot?

Larry Brown's impact on Bradford Football reverberated well beyond the field. Larry was among the first to break the color barrier at BHS during a difficult time in our country's history-and he wore the Scarlet and Gray uniform in a proud and dignified way. He later matriculated to the University of Kansas under Pepper Rogers where he was teammates with pro football greats such as John Riggins and Bobby Douglass. A 5th round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers/Larry finished his pro career with four Super Bowl rings and All-Pro status. He excelled at both Tight End and Offensive Tackle for the Steelers.

Register...Hurse...Sexton...Brown. Four faces that certainly deserve to be featured on Bradford Football's Mount Rushmore. They are four-of-a-kind in that their contributions to the program then and now remain rock solid.

## 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

Patrice Lee Alexander, 29, of Starke was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Amy Rene Benton, 41, of Lake Butler and Tina Ann Long, 36, of Lake Butler were arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on warrants for burglary of an unoccupied structure and for larceny-grand theft less than \$5,000. According to the arrest reports, a homeowner on Tetstone Avenue in Brooker came home on April 8 and found Benton and Long doing their laundry in her residence. The homeowner told deputies she has allowed the women to do their laundry in the home before, but only when she was present. When the women saw the homeowner arrive, they left in a hurry out the back door and drove away, according to the arrest report.

Another resident of the home then discovered that his iPod, iPhone and Galaxy tablet were missing from the home, and law enforcement was called.

The following day, Union deputies located the vehicle the two women left in at an apartment in Lake Butler. The women were in the apartment and detained until an arrest and search warrant could be obtained from Bradford County.

During a search of the vehicle, several wallets were discovered, one with a reported stolen driver's license, one with another person's credit card and one with a third person's credit union card.

The women were arrested and transported to the Bradford jail. Bond was set at \$20,000 each for the charges against Benton and

Long.

Rachel L Bolton, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on two warrants issued in November 2012 for withholding child support. She was transported from the Duval County Jail to Bradford for the charges. She was also charged with probation violation, with bond set at \$1,160 for the charges.

Miguel Esteban Carrion-Moore, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested April 13 by Starke police for driving a vehicle without a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Deena Louise Crawford, 33, of Hampton was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Joshua Christopher Demps, 25, of Starke was arrested April 11 by Bradford deputies on several warrants for selling cocaine, marijuana and synthetic narcotics, all within 1,000 feet of a specified area. He was also charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana within 1,000 feet of a specified area and charged with producing marijuana. He was transported from the Alachua County Jail to face the charges in Bradford County. Bond was set at \$130,000

for the charges.

Melvin Levon Ford, 48, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Christopher Lee Grace, 27, of Starke was arrested April 15 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Grace and his girlfriend got into an argument while she was holding their 8-month-old child in her arms. The victim told the deputy that when their older child woke up from the yelling, Grace grabbed her face and pushed her backward. The victim grabbed a shoe and threw it at the wall, stating to Grace, "I'm holding the baby." He then picked up the shoe and hit the victim in the face with it, causing the lenses in her glasses to come out from the force. Grace admitted to law enforcement that he struck the victim with the shoe and was arrested and transported to jail. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charge.

Joshua Thomas Graves, 29, of Florahome was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies at the Santa Fe College Watson Center in the Keystone Heights area on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for use or possession of drug paraphernalia and for driving

under the influence. No bond was allowed for the charges.

Andre Rene Grey, 53, of Jacksonville was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Linda Hankerson, 33, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Starke police for probation violation.

Wendell Brantley Harden, 41, of Lulu was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Duval for two counts of aggravated battery. Harden was involved in a traffic crash near Edwards' Grocery on S.R. 100 and was arrested when the deputy ran his information through dispatch and discovered the warrants. Bond was set at \$300,006 for the charges.

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# CRIME

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

### Bradford

Cecil Lee Harris, 19, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Gilchrist for failure to appear for original charge of unlawful alcohol possession. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the charge.

Michelle Ann Hester, 34, of Waldo and Krystal N. Price, 27, of Waldo were arrested April 13 by Starke police, with both charged with larceny. According to the arrest report, the two women were in Walmart when they placed several items of clothing and two cases of water in a basket and left the store through the garden center without paying for the items. A Walmart employee detained the

women at their vehicle until the police arrived. The value of the items was approximately \$188. Bond was set at \$500 for Hester and for Price.

Richardlyn B. Jamison, 19, of Starke was arrested April 11 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant from Clay for contempt of court on original charge of petit theft. Bond was set at \$1,006 for the charge.

Dusty Marie Johnson, 36, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Heather Rae Lamb, 28, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, Lamb got into an argument with her mother about living arrangements, and verbally threatened the victim and got in her face and struck her repeatedly in the chest with her finger.

Tamarra J. Lanter, 50, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies on warrants for two charges

of possession of synthetic narcotics and for two charges of selling synthetic narcotics. The narcotic in all the charges was Roxycodone, according to the arrest reports. Bond was set at \$80,000 for the charges.

Antonio Antwayn Lott, 21, of Starke was arrested April 12 by Bradford deputies for two charges of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Theodore K. Magganas, 35, of Clearwater was arrested April 8 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,000 for the charges.

Terry Eugene McBride, 25, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Kevin Richard Meng, 56, of Hampton was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Alphonso Leon Pernal, 34, of Starke was arrested April 13 by Starke police for trespassing. According to the arrest report, Pernal's ex-girlfriend called police after he said he was coming to her apartment to get a key to a home they had shared together. The girlfriend told police that when Pernal arrived, she was in the shower, and she believed he kicked the door in, although she didn't witness it. She pointed Pernal out to the police officer walking across the parking lot, and the officer approached him to question him

about the door. Pernal stated he didn't kick it in, but did knock on the door to retrieve the key. He said he walked away when nobody answered. The officer advised Pernal he had been trespassed from Pine Forest previously and that he needed to leave the property or face arrest. Pernal said he wasn't leaving until he got his belongings and was arrested and transported to jail. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Joseph Ponchot, 44, of Zephyrhills was arrested April 12 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Brandon L. Searcy, 24, of Starke was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Savannah Victoria Serrano, 24, of Palatka was arrested April 10 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Stephanie Jean Shirey, 35, of Lakeland was arrested April 11 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant and by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charges.

Amanda Lynn Smith, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 13 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Alvin B. Stinson, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested April 14 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

David Alan Tefft, 37, of Starke was arrested April 14 by Starke police for battery and kidnap-false imprisonment. According to the arrest report, Tefft and his wife were arguing in their home when he grabbed her by the throat and started choking her. She fought back, striking and scratching him in the face so he would release her. When he did, she jumped up and tried to call 911, but he grabbed the phone away from her and started choking her again. She started hitting him again, he released her and she ran out of the home to get help. Tefft chased her down and dragged her back into the home and started choking her again in their bedroom. After fighting back again and forcing Tefft to release her, she ran to the neighbor's home and called 911. The victim told police Tefft had never been violent toward her before and may be suffering from PTSD after several military deployments. Tefft was arrested with bond set at \$10,000 for the charges.

Regina Levis Tisdale, 39, of Lawtey was arrested April 9 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Timothy Tyrone Tyson, 29, of Starke was arrested April 9 by

Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Gabriel S. Williams, 36, of St. Petersburg was arrested April 8 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Eugene Juan Williams, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested April 10 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and for more than six months. Bond was set at \$500 for the charges.

### Keystone/Melrose

Kenneth Flanery, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 11 by Clay deputies for disorderly intoxication and battery.

Toni Williams, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 11 by Clay deputies for battery.

Matthew J. Wimberly, 43, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 8 by Putnam deputies for contempt of court.

### Union

Heather Michelle Thornton, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 12 by Union deputies for battery and disorderly conduct. According to the arrest report, Thornton got into an argument with her brother inside a truck, hitting and scratching him across his arms, chest and stomach. When the deputy arrived, Thornton was standing in the street yelling at neighbors and appeared to be intoxicated. She would not follow the deputy's orders to stop yelling and to stand by his patrol car. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$6,000 for the charge.

Corey Lee Thornton, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested April 12 by Union deputies at the same incident involving his mother, Heather Thornton, after he pulled up and threatened to beat up the victim in her battery case. He refused the deputies' request to calm down and resisted their efforts to restrain him. He was charged with resisting an officer and disorderly conduct.

Carl Ashley Rowe, 32, of Lake Butler was also arrested at the same incident on April 12 by Union deputies for resisting an officer and for several out-of-county warrants. Rowe, the boyfriend of Heather Thornton, attempted to hide in the bushes when law enforcement arrived, but was found after several witnesses told deputies the area he was in. He was arrested on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua with a \$1,500 bond, on a failure to appear warrant from Union with a \$2,500 bond and for resisting an officer after hiding in the bushes and refusing to follow the deputies' commands.

Naaman Justin Nelson, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested April 10

by Union deputies for petit theft. According to the arrest report, Nelson took some tools from his place of employment and tried to sell them before law enforcement located him in Worthington Springs and arrested him.

Bruce Donnell Richardson, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested April 11 by Union deputies on two warrants for failure to appear and for felony probation violation. Bond was set at \$596 for the charges.

Christopher Raymond Compton, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested April 8 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Compton was at the Full House Saloon in Lake Butler causing a disturbance, attempting to start a fight with patrons and kicking the walls and the stalls in the bathroom. After being thrown out by the owner, Compton returned with a 2x4 board in his hand, and the owner called law enforcement. The deputy encountered Compton outside the bar when he arrived and reported he appeared highly intoxicated with slurred speech. He was arrested and also issued a trespass warning at the request of the bar owner.

Daniel Joseph Hildreth, 40, of Lake City and Judy Marie Douglas, 55, of Lake City were arrested April 8 by Union deputies after they received a call about a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway of Northwest C.R. 239. Hildreth, the driver, exited the vehicle when the deputy arrived, was staggering and had slurred speech. He was arrested for driving under the influence. Douglas, a passenger in the vehicle, was uncooperative when asked if someone could come pick her up, admitted she had been drinking all day and tried to walk away down the road. She was arrested for disorderly intoxication and transported to the Bradford County Jail. She was later charged at the jail for two out-of-county warrants from Alachua for fraud-insufficient funds in checking. Bond was set at \$1,200 for her charges.

Tonya Huffman, 46, of Lake Butler was arrested April 9 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Huffman was at the Full House Lounge in Lake Butler causing a disturbance in the parking lot, attempting to get keys to her truck from her husband. She was staggering badly and had slurred speech, and wouldn't return to her friends' vehicle as the deputy told her to do. Huffman said she was going to sleep on the sidewalk and refused several times to go with her friends before being arrested.

Jennifer Dawn Southerland, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested April 19 by Union deputies for possession of drugs and for possession of narcotic equipment.

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## A Special Thanks!

I am a Senior this year and this was my last time showing at the Bradford County Fair. I have exhibited Swine for the last 10 years. In these years I have accomplished and reached goals from winning Showmanship to winning Grand Champion, to earning my State FFA Degree as a Junior. It is now time that I leave and let someone else take my place and I hope that the community supports him/her as they have supported me.

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THANK YOU, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Beth, and Mr. Bud for the love, friendship, knowledge, guidance, and support you all have given me. I hope someone takes my place and accomplishes as much or more than I have through all the help you all are willing to offer.

I would like to thank my many buyers, many who have supported me from my first show to my last; Williams' Show Pigs, Ray's Metal Works, First Coast Florida Recovery, A&M Recovery, Strick's Properties, Crossfire Electric, Pipeline Contractors, Malcolm & Edith Hill, WW Gay, North Florida Truck and Tractor Repair, Wynn's Farms, Kim Griffis, NaNa, Paw Paw, Vaunda & Bill Blankenship, Vystar Credit Union, GC&G, JFC Services, Prestige Electric, Mosley Tire, Revels Fast Lube, Matt Bryant, Bradford Salvage, and Gainesville Restoration. I also give thanks to the many individuals and businesses who contributed Add-Ons towards my swine projects.

Lastly, I would like to thank my FFA Advisor, Mrs. A; the BUSA, the Fair Association, and the many people/parents behind the scenes for contributing their time to make the Bradford-Union Swine Show a great life learning experience.



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"Doot"  
Kenneth Brown



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**OBITUARIES**



**Roberta Carter**

Roberta Davenport Carter, 92 of Starke passed away peacefully Monday, April 14, 2014 at her residence. Mrs. Carter was born on March 18, 1922 in Bedford, Va, to the late Robert and Betsy Mitchell Davenport and has lived most of her life in Starke. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist Faith. She is preceded in death by her husband Maurice Carter, Sr. and son Maurice Carter, Jr.

Mrs. Carter is survived by her son: David Carter of Starke; Five grandchildren: D.J. Carter, Cayla Carter, Robbie Cooper, M.P. Carter, and Nancy Griffiths; 10 Great grandchildren; Sister: Mary Davenport of Bedford, Va.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carter will be held Friday, April 18, at 3:00 pm in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home, with Rev. Danny Boyd officiating. Burial will be held at Crosby Lake Cemetery following the services. The family invites friends for visitation Thursday, April 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Archer Funeral Home. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

**Gerald Crawford**

GRAHAM—Gerald Stephen Crawford, 62, died at the Shands University of Florida Medical Center after a long illness on Friday April 11, 2014. He was born in Gainesville, but has lived his life in Bradford County. He graduated from Bradford County High School and was employed with the Gainesville Fire Rescue until he retired. He was preceded in death by his father Gerald Crawford. He is a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights.

He is survived by: his wife of 43 years, Sue Douglas Crawford; sons, Josh (Karen) Crawford and Phillip (Roxann) Crawford, both of Graham; mother, Alaine Crews Crawford of Kingsley Lake; brothers, Dennis (Joan) Crawford and Curtis (Ronda) Crawford both of Starke; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 15 in the Trinity Baptist Church at Keystone Heights, with Rev. James Peoples and Rev. Jason Johns officiating. Burial followed in Kingsley Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler.

**Tommy Edwards**

STARKE—Tommy Franklin Edwards 83, of Starke died Sunday, April 13, 2014 at his residence. He has lived in Starke all of his life, born Jan. 12, 1931, to the late Lacy and Carrie Dean Edwards. He worked as a foreman for the city of Starke and is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Lawtey. He is preceded in death by his brother, sister and a son, Robert Edwards.

He is survived by: his wife, June Starling Edwards of Starke; daughter, Alicia (John) Padgett of Starke; sons, Larry (Kathy) Edwards of Valrico, Lionel (Lynn) Edwards of Virginia; 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 18, at 11:00 am at the Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Gary Rowell. Burial will follow at Long Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday night from 6-8:00 pm. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

**Shirley Erickson**

LAKE BUTLER—Shirley J. Erickson, 81, of Lake Butler died Monday, April 7, 2014 at her residence. She was born Jan. 15, 1933 in Detroit, Mich. the late Ivan and Sophia Graczyk Hanso. She relocated to Florida in 1981 with her family. She is preceded in death by her son Michael Erickson and grandson Nicholas Zavalas.

She is survived by: her husband, George Erickson; sons, Randy (Denese) Wethy of Lake Butler, and Marty Erickson of Albany Ga.; daughters, Terry Frazier of Ohio, Laurie Stewart of Omega Ga., and Kelly Stripling of Trenton; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service has not been arranged at this time. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**George Gaudette**

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—George Etienne Gaudette, age 88, of Keystone Heights, died on Friday April 11, 2014. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Delphica (Girouard) Gaudette of Granby, Mass. Predeceased by his wife, Frances, in 1984.

Survived by four loving sisters, Simone Newton of Wilbraham, Mass., Therese Purcell of Holyoke, Mass., Rita Lariviere of Granby, Mass., and Helene Brooks of Orange, Mass.; and 28 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by two brothers, Joseph Rene, in 2002, and

Joseph Leo, in 2013. He also leaves his loving friends, Larry Easton and his wife, Elizabeth, of Melrose and their four children, Meredith and husband, Gabe Cox, children Teagan and Kylie, Matthew, Katherine, and Christopher, who became George's adopted family and lovingly cared for George when care was needed. George grew up on a large working dairy farm in Granby, and learned his life values in that small town . . . hard work, joie de vivre and a generosity of spirit. He attended public schools in Granby and was a graduate of South Hadley High School, class of 1943. Encouraged by his high school principal, he applied and was accepted to the Naval Air Force V 12 A program. The program consisted of many academic courses at several colleges (RPI, Georgia Tech and Harvard) followed by flight training at Corpus Christie, Texas. He earned his wings and became a Navy pilot in early 1945. He flew the Curtiss SB2C Helldiver scout bomber and earned the rank of Lieutenant. After the war ended, he attended Harvard University, graduating in 1949. In 1950, he married Helen Bochak. That marriage ended in divorce. He later married Frances in 1961 and they enjoyed 23 years together before her death in 1984. Their baby son died in infancy. George spent his entire career working as a highly successful educational salesman for two encyclopedia companies, ending as Southern manager of four states for 25 years for Encyclopedia Britannica. As a boy, his father had taught him how to hunt, set a trap line, and fish. Fishing, specifically bass fishing, became his avocation. He loved the sport and especially enjoyed fishing with his brother, Leo, and his brother-in-law, Albert on their annual trips down to Florida to fish with George. Over the years, George competed in and won many bass fishing tournament trophies of which he was very proud. George was a communicant of St. William's Catholic Church in Keystone Heights.

Funeral services were held on April 15 in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in Keystone Heights Cemetery with Father Mike Williams officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. William's Roman Catholic Church in Keystone Heights.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Dr. Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

**Bonnie Green**

STARKE—Bonnie "Idell" Jackson Green, 92, of Starke died Saturday, April 12, 2014 at E.T. York Hospice Care center in Gainesville. She was born on May 26, 1921 in Covington County, Ala. to the late Martin David and Emma Irene (Bradley) Jackson and moved to Bradford County in 1936. Prior to retirement, she worked as a farmer and was a homemaker. She attended Bradford County schools and Oak Grove Baptist Church in Baker County. She was preceded in death by her husband Delbert Green.

Survivors are: children, Karron (Sammy) Harris of Starke and Nathan D. (Marie) Green of Melrose; sister, Aziel Lavender of Alachua; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel on April 16. Interment followed in Dyal Cemetery with Elder Sammy Harris officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

**Joan Holt**

LAKE BUTLER—Joan Malinda Holt, 73, of Lake Butler died Sunday, April 13, 2014 at ET York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born Aug. 18, 1940 at Lake Shore Hospital to the late Howard and Isabel Banks Mann. She lived most of her life in Lake Butler, moving away to Gilchrist County where she worked as a CNA at the Medic Ayers Nursing Home until she returned to Union County 17 years ago. She

was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lake Butler. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas A. Holt, Sr.

She is survived by: daughters, Beverly (Ron) Wise of Lake Butler and Christine (Bruce) Smith of Lake Butler; son, Thomas A. Holt, Jr. of Lake Butler; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and sister, Torena Rowe of Starke.

Funeral services were held April 16 in the First United Methodist Church in Lake Butler with Pastor Dan Search officiating. Burial followed at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Mackenzie Konkel

LAWTEY—Mackenzie Lynne Konkel, 1, of Lawtey, died Saturday April 12, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville, on Jan. 30, 2013 to Scott Michael Konkel and Karen Dragner Konkel.

She is survived by: her parents, Scott and Karen Konkel of Lawtey; her paternal grandparents, George and Cathy Konkel; her maternal grandparents, Thomas and Sue Dragner; aunts and uncles, George (Mary) Konkel, Sharon (Rusty) Anderson, Michelle (Jason) Edwards, Tommy (Kelly) Dragner, and Denise (Jason) Zicarelli.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 17, at Northside Baptist Church with Pastor Randall Griffiths officiating. The interment will immediately follow in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Father Andy Blaszkowski as celebrant.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, of Starke.



William Lewis, Jr.

## William Lewis, Jr.

RAIFORD—William Buckner Lewis, Jr. lost his battle with cancer on Monday April 14, 2014. Bucky was born on June 13, 1941 in Valdosta, Ga. to the late W. B. Lewis, Sr. and Pauline Coffman Lewis and grew up in Jasper. He attended public schools in Union County and graduated a Cadet Captain from Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Ga. "Class of 1959" and was also a graduate of Valdosta State College. Bucky served his country in the United States Army Reserves. He worked hard and was fortunate enough to secure a job with the U.S.

Government as a Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agent. He was stationed mainly in Gainesville, Ga. Bucky retired from ATF in 1991 and moved to Raiford where he got involved with beekeeping, a hobby he truly enjoyed. He was associated with both the Mason and the Shriners. Bucky was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Dorothy Sue Lewis, Vivian Allen Cash and Martha Marie Lewis.

Bucky was married to the former Sue McGowan of Quitman, Ga. They have two children, Martha Lewis Vega Velez and her husband Melvin Vega Velez of Anchorage, Alaska and Leslie Nadine Roake and her husband Dr. Brian Roake, M.D. of Panama City; four grandchildren, Cheryl Ann Vega Velez, Marlisa Vega Velez, Trevor and Gavin Roake. Also surviving Bucky is his sister Beverly Lewis Breckenridge, his brother Paul (Carol) Lewis both of Raiford, and John (Sara) Lewis of Pensacola Beach.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with his cousin Rev. John McGowan officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 West U.S. 90 Lake City, FL 32055 or to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1298, Jasper, FL 32052.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper is in charge of arrangements. PAID OBITUARY

## Johnny McCutchen

STARKE—Johnny J. McCutchen, 68, of Starke died on Saturday April 12, 2014 at Jacksonville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Raiford on Feb. 6, 1946 and later moved to Starke. He was of Baptist faith and worked in construction as a cement finisher.

He is survived by: daughters, Valerie McCutchen and Lavanda McCutchen both of Starke; brothers, L.C. McCutchen and Thomas McCutchen both of Starke; sisters, Barbara Dean and Mamie Mitchell both of Starke, Felicia Cohen of Lake Butler, and Charlotte Mandez of Newberry; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19,

at the Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Michael McDuffie Eulogist. Interment will be held in Bethlehem Memorial Park Cemetery in Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 18 at the Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel. Family Hour 4—5:00 p.m. and Friends 5—7:00 p.m. and 1 hour prior to services at the Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc.

## Waldena McDonald

LAKE CITY—Mrs. Waldena A. McDonald, 76, died Saturday April 5, 2014 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, after an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Oscar and Mamie Charles Ash, the widow of the late Dennis R. McDonald. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of the Lake City Church of God.

She is survived by: her daughter, Marilyn (Copper) Nelson of Chipley; three sons, Phillip R. (Karen) McDonald, Gregory McDonald, and Rodney D. (Ruby) McDonald all of Lake City; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and five nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Waldena were held April 8 in the Lake City Church of God with Reverend Carroll Lee officiating and Reverend Timothy Futch. Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Swift Creek Cemetery.

Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL 32025. PAID OBITUARY

## Charles Perry, Jr.

MELROSE—Charles Priest Perry, Jr. died on Monday April 14, 2014 surrounded by family at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. Born Aug. 11, 1932 at the family homestead near Melrose.

He is predeceased by his daughter, Cathy Jean Perry Whitworth; sister, Emily Perry Lee; and parents C. Priest Perry, Sr. and Beulah Roberson Perry. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a lineman, and a certified master watchmaker, and farmer.

He is survived by: Jean, his wife of 61 years; his sons, Charles III and Joseph; daughters-in-law, Terry and Janet; son-in-law, Anthony Whitworth; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

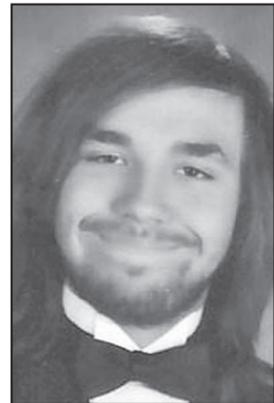
Services will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights on Friday, April 18 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment services will follow at the Perry Family Section in the Eham Baptist Cemetery in Melrose. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose.

## John Rowe

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—John Smith Rowe, 81, of Keystone Heights passed away at his residence, on Saturday April 12, 2014. John was born on Jan. 31, 1933 in Jacksonville to the late Hoke Smith Rowe and Theresa Sweitzer Rowe. He served in the U.S. Army, and graduated from U.F. in 1957 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a charter member of Keystone United Methodist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, John Allen.

He is survived by: his wife of 57 years, Dorothy "Dot" Rowe; daughters, Cheryl Allen and Pattye (Kenny) McLean; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild all of Keystone Heights.

Memorial services were held on April 15 at Keystone Heights Cemetery with Rev. Dennis White officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Keystone United Methodist Church for the Youth Group, P.O. Box 744, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.



## Shane Savoy

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Shane Tyler Savoy, age 18, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, April 11, 2014 at Shands at the University of Florida. Shane was born on March 24, 1996 in Washington, D.C. to Wayne Addison Savoy and Melissa Ann Savoy. Shane was a senior at Keystone Heights High School and enjoyed playing video games, listening to music, and spending time with his friends. Shane also

loved to cook and had aspirations of going to culinary school upon graduation from Keystone Heights High School. Shane was known as a very thoughtful young man whose selfless act on the morning of April 11, saved the life of one of his friends.

Shane is survived by: his parents, Wayne and Melissa Savoy of Keystone Heights, his brother, Brendon Tippet, sisters, Victoria "Tori" Savoy and Courtney Savoy, nephew, Dylan Alton Tippet, his maternal great-grandmother, Blanche Simmons, maternal grandparents, Charles and Ruby Lynch, paternal grandparents, the late James Auburn Savoy and Evelyn "Jean" Savoy, Aunts Kathy (Brain) Tucker, Toni Reyes, Debbie (Dennis) Fortney, and Barbara "2T" (Rob) Coker; Uncle Ricky (Christine) Smith, and numerous cousins, great aunts and uncles, friends, and teachers.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 3:00 pm at Lake Hill Baptist Church in Keystone Heights, with Pastor Jim Snell officiating. The family will receive friends starting at 1 pm, until time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



## Fred Smith

STARKE—Fred D. Smith 96, of Starke died Friday, April 11, 2014 at his residence. He was born on March 4, 1918 in Glen White, West Va. to the late Owen and Mary (Johnson) Smith and moved to Starke in 1952 from West Virginia. Prior to retirement he worked as a coal miner, and worked as a shipping clerk at NAS Jacksonville. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and was a member of

Pentecostal Lighthouse Fellowship Church. He was preceded in death by: his brothers, Robert Smith, James Smith, William Smith and Donald Smith.

Survivors are: his wife of 70 years, Oleda Beatrice (Jones) Smith of Starke; children, Barbara Ann (Scott) Biron of Greenville, S.C., A. Wayne (Tami) Smith of Lake Butler, C. David (Lanay) Smith of Gainesville; siblings, George O. Smith of Texas, and Helen S. Burnside of Ft. McCoy; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held on April 14. Interment followed in Crosby Lake Cemetery with Reverend Terry Qualls and Reverend Wayne Spratlin officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, 325 Christian Street, Starke, FL 32091. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.



## Faye Williamson

LAKE CITY—Faye Edith Williamson, 75, of Lake City died Saturday, April 12, 2014. She was born in Jacksonville on April 30, 1938 to the late Mitchell R. Holcomb and Iona Basmore Holcomb. She was a resident of Starke for ten years and was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, George E. Williamson; and her sons, Richard and Gary Sutton.

Faye is survived by: her children, Michael E. (Brenda Lee) Sutton of Starke, and Carolyn E. (Roger) Robinson of Lake City; her 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 3:00 pm at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville with Pastor Larry Sweat officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services.

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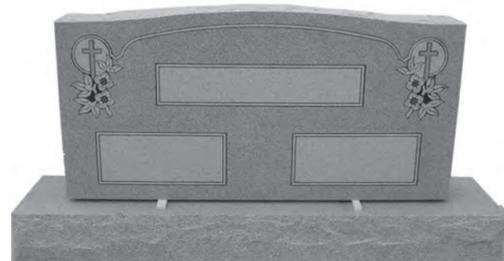


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## Ardley wins title for BHS at district meet

Kearris Ardley won the high-jump championship, while fellow Bradford High School teammates helped the Tornados qualify for regionals in five other events at the District 5-2A track and field meet on April 10 in Gainesville.

Ardley cleared 6-2 in the high jump, which was 6 inches better than runner-up William Barlow of Palatka.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the April 16 Region 2 meet at Orlando's First Academy.

Bradford's Kenny Dinkins was the district runner-up in the 400m with a time of 49.63, which placed him behind champion Ka'ven Berry of Palatka, who had a time of 49.07. The boys' 4x400m relay team of Ardley, Dinkins, Chris Barron and Brenton Ruise placed third with a time of 3:38.80. Diontre Jonas placed third in the 200m with a time of 22.59 and fourth in the 100m with a time of 11.03.

Sarah Frederick earned the lone regional berth for Bradford on the girls' side, placing fourth in the 1600m with a time of 6:21.72.

Frederick just missed qualifying in the 3200m, placing fifth with a time of 15:49.62.

Dinkins and Barron also earned fifth-place finishes—Dinkins in the 200m with a time of 22.80 and Barron in the 400m with a time of 52.97.

The boys' 4x800m relay team of Kristopher Padgett, Taylor Sanders, Robert Martin and Tyler Oliver placed sixth with a time of 10:31.39. Ardley placed seventh in the long jump (18-10), while Alec Harden was seventh in the

discus (107-4).

Harden also placed eighth in the shot put (40-1), while Alec Nazworth was ninth in the 1600m (5:17.34).

Bradford had two 10<sup>th</sup>-place finishers in Barron in the 200m (23.39) and Ruise in the 400m (56.96).

Other boys' results for Bradford, which placed fifth in the team standings, were: Scotty Peirce 58.14 in the 400m, Sanders 2:32.31 in the 800m, Martin 2:39.57 in the 800m, Oliver 2:45.44 in the 800m, Greg Kersey 5:18.95 in the 1600m and Padgett 5:41.09 in the 1600m.

Bradford's Brooke Shireman competed in the shot put (23-7) and discus (60-9).

## Tigers Cook, Slocum advance to regionals

Union County High School's Kristen Cook and Nancy Slocum qualified for regional competition with their fourth-place performances at the District 5-2A track and field meet, which was held April 10 in Gainesville.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to move on to the April 16 Region 2 meet at First Academy in Orlando.

Cook will advance in the shot put after a fourth-place distance of 31-3.75, earning the last regional berth ahead of Fort White's Rykia Jackson, who had a distance of 30-5.

Slocum's time of 28.03 in the 200m earned the last regional berth ahead of Palatka's Kari Rasher, who had a time of 28.14.

Cook just missed out on qualifying in the discus with a fifth-place throw of 89-3.

Suwannee's Genesis Leggett placed fourth with a throw of 91-4.

On the boys' side, Union's Daquin "Buddy" Edwards placed fifth in the shot put with a distance of 41-2.25, finishing behind Newberry's Jalen Parks, who had a distance of 42-6.5.

Slocum earned a seventh-place finish in the 400m with a time of 1:11.50.

Jakia Green also competed in the girls' competition, reaching a distance of 22-4 in the shot put.

Boys' team member Josh Scott competed in the shot put, recording a distance of 36-1.5.

## 3 just miss out on regionals for Keystone

Keystone Heights High School's Earl Hall, Sabriya Bacote and Caitlin Cumbus each fell one spot shy of qualifying for regional competition, earning fifth-place finishes at the District 5-2A track and field meet on April 10 in Gainesville.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to compete in the Thursday, April 17, Region 2 meet in Orlando.

Hall's fifth-place finish came in the 110m hurdles with a time of 18.10, leaving him behind fourth-place finisher Lavontae Gilyard of Palatka, who had a time of 18.07.

Bacote and Cumbus earned their fifth-place finishes in the 400m and 800m, respectively, with times of 1:08.31 and 2:49.85. Palatka's Lacey Jones earned the final regional bid in the 400m with a time of 1:05.79, while Newberry's Megan Smith earned the final bid in the 800m with a time of 2:45.90.

## SIMS

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to her background, having grown up around logging because of her father, David.

"She knows what she's doing," Stone said. "She can run a chainsaw. She can run a knuckleboom (crane). She's 100 percent the real deal."

Though Sims hit it right off with her fellow Dreadknots, it took a little longer to get used to being surrounded by a television crew.

"When you first start filming, you kind of have to work around everybody on the film crew and everybody on the boat," Sims said, "but then a couple of weeks into it, it's just like you push them out of your way, or they will get out of your way."

Sims described the experience of seeing herself on TV for the first time awkward. Roberts said it's one of those strange moments along with someone who you've never met before excited about the chance to meet you.

"Those are all the surreal moments," Roberts said.

The same can be said for seeing yourself doing something on camera that you don't remember doing.

"I've got a line about the Titanic that I have no recollection of saying whatsoever," Roberts said. "I said it, and it was great, but I don't remember saying it."

You could forgive any of the Dreadknots for forgetting something they said or did. Stone said six hours of aired footage has been culled from approximately

1,400 hours of video.

"It's crazy to actually see what they used, what they didn't use, what they should've used and what we wished they would've used," Stone said.

There is lots of "hilarious" footage that TV viewers never get to see, Roberts said. Like the Slip 'N Slide, which Roberts described as "awesome."

"It was a Slip 'N Slide that went from the hotel to the ocean, let's just put it that way," Stone said.

Since joining the show for its seventh season, Sims has proven to be quite popular. Her Facebook page has approximately 8,000 followers.

That's no surprise to Roberts, who joked that Sims was bound to become popular hanging out with him and Stone.

"Awesome begets awesome," Roberts said.

Sims quickly added, "When you've got three awesome things happening at one time, you've got greatness. That's what we've got—greatness."

Roberts said he's glad to see how popular Sims has become.

"I told Katelyn when she came on that I hoped she took off and that this was the springboard to something great for her."

The popularity, the clowning around, the Slip 'N Slides—it's all good, but what Sims enjoys the most is using "Ax Men" and her Facebook site to talk about cystic fibrosis. Reading encouraging messages from people or being able to enlighten people about cystic fibrosis tops being a TV celebrity.

"I feel like I'm making people aware of (cystic fibrosis)," Sims

said. "They'll always send a message, 'Hey, I heard you have this,' or, 'I Googled your name, and I saw this CF thing about you.' They ask questions about it. When they ask questions, you're obviously educating them about it, which is an awesome feeling, knowing that you're telling them something they didn't know before."

The more people are educated about cystic fibrosis, the quicker the disease can be eliminated, Roberts said. He and Stone are willing to help Sims do whatever it takes to bring about that reality.

"Anything that can possibly be done, you sign us up, we're there," Stone said.

The people of Bradford County have greatly supported her in her fundraising efforts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said Sims, whose efforts helped create an annual Great Strides fundraising walk. Making an appearance at the Bradford County Fair and bringing Roberts and Stone along with her is just a small way of saying thanks, she said.

"It may not be much, but it's a little bit to give back," Sims said.

Sims said she would definitely consider other TV opportunities in the future so that she can continue in her efforts to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis. For now, though, she sounds happy to be a part of "Ax Men" as long as the show will have her.

"It's just something that you go and do every day just like any other job," Sims said. "It's the same routine every day. It's normal to me."

Well, as normal as spending time with Capt. Clint and the Kraken can be.

## FINS, FUR & TAILS

### Harper no stranger to turkey 'grand slam'

When Lamar Williams was asked if he knew any local hunter who had scored a wild turkey "grand slam," he said, "Go see Tommy Harper. He's a great turkey hunter and loves to travel and hunt. I'm sure he has."

Well, it turns out that Harper has scored a grand slam 11 times, meaning that he has bagged Eastern, Osceola, Merriam and Rio sub-species of wild turkeys 11 different times. That does not mean that he has only taken 11 of each, because he and his hunting group have already harvested 11 local turkeys this year.

One of Harper's major hunting goals is to travel to Mexico and take a Gould turkey. That achievement would give him the right to claim credit for a "royal slam."

When asked what his favorite turkey is, he said, "Probably the Merriam because they are so pretty. The amount of white color distribution on their wings and tail make them a beautiful bird."



Tommy Harper displays two Rio wild turkeys taken in Cheyenne, Okla. Harper has scored a turkey "grand slam" 11 times.

Dottie Harper and Bryan Nazworth display two Merriam wild turkeys taken in Faith, S.D. Merriam turkeys display the color white on their wings and tips of their tails.



For illustration, Tommy provided the accompanying photograph of his wife, Dottie Harper, and Bryan Nazworth holding a pair of Merriams. Note the amount of white on the wings and tip of the tail.

**Fishing outlook**  
Bedding female bass are still

being taken out of local lakes, but their days are limited.

Kingsley has given up the largest ones this season, but Mike Clemmons has done his best to keep Sampson/Rowell well represented. Within the last few weeks he has landed one 8-plus-pound and one 9-plus-pound bedding female out of the dual-lake area.

We also previously published a photograph of Kaylee Fowler and a bass of approximately 10 pounds. Subsequent to that catch, relatives from Georgia—Pete Mangham and Tommy Fowler—caught similar bass in the same private lake.

The pan fish are in the process of swapping locations. The specks have fewer numbers in the shallow water, but those that are caught appear larger, according to Joey Tyson of Bald Eagle Bait and Tackle. As the water warms, they will be seeking their preferred cooler water in deeper areas. As they move outward,

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## BHS goes 2-0 in regular season's final week

Bradford High School's softball team defeated Gainesville and Palatka to close out the regular season. Pitcher Ashton Adkins gave up four hits and no walks in a 2-1 win over visiting Gainesville on April 8. She had seven strikeouts. Mackenzie Gault and Lindsey Wiggins each drove in a run, while Jordan Davis went 2-for-3. Adkins homered and drove in three runs in a 6-0 win over visiting Palatka on April 10. Jordan Davis hit a solo home run, while Annie Luke and Lainie Rodgers each hit a double and drove in a run. Taylor Cruce went 2-for-3 with a double, while Sabina Watson added a double. In the circle, Adkins gave up four hits and one walk, while striking out eight.

## Union splits last 2 games before tourney

Union County High School's softball team defeated Chiefland to earn the number-two seed in the District 7-1A tournament before losing its regular-season finale to Baldwin. On April 9, the Tigers traveled to play district opponent Chiefland, getting three RBI each from Jordan Howe and Kendallyn Johns in a 13-11 win

in eight innings. Howe was 2-for-5 with a double, while Johns was 3-for-5 with a double. Valerie Seay and Kaylan Tucker were each 3-for-5 with two runs scored. Tucker had two RBI. Devin Lewis drove in two runs and drew two walks, while Katie Zipperer went 2-for-5 with an RBI. Zipperer scored two runs, while Kayla Andrews drove in a run. Jordyn Driggers drew three walks and scored three runs. Tucker earned the win, giving up three hits and two walks in four innings of relief. Union closed the regular season with a 5-2 loss to visiting Baldwin on April 11. Tucker and Zipperer went 2-for-2 and 2-for-3, respectively, with Zipperer hitting a double. Andrews and Johns each went 2-for-4, with Johns hitting a double and driving in two runs.

## Keystone wraps up top seed in district baseball tournament

Morgan Bass gave up one run in a complete-game effort as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeated host Fort White 3-1 on April 10. The win resulted in the Indians earning the number-one seed in the District 5-4A tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Santa Fe High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament

schedule.) Tristan Starling hit an RBI single in the first, while Kyle Hix had an RBI double in the third. Storm Miller hit a double, while Tyler Ricketts scored Keystone's third run on an error in the seventh inning. Bass allowed six hits, while striking out five. It was a rebound win for Keystone, which lost 7-2 to host Bishop Snyder on April 9. Hix drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, while Jerrett Tschorn hit an RBI single. Starling and Tyler Keaton each hit a double. Pitchers Ricketts, Austin Bass and Wyatt Harvin gave up no hits, but the Indians committed six errors. After their big district win over Fort White, the Indians traveled to play Ridgeview on April 14, winning 6-4. Blake Richardson went 3-for-4 with a two-RBI single in the first, while Morgan Bass went 2-for-4. Keystone broke a 3-3 tie by striking a run on a dropped third strike. The Indians' final two runs were a result of errors. Dean Dukes earned the win, giving up four hits in 3.2 innings of relief. The Indians (13-10) played New York's Iroquois this past Tuesday and will host Clay on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

## Tornadoes are 2nd seed after Santa Fe loss

Bradford High School's baseball team entered the game tied atop the District

5-4A standings with Keystone Heights, but couldn't overcome a 3-0 first inning by the visitors in a 3-1 loss to Santa Fe on April 10. The Tornadoes (14-8, 7-3) will be the second seed in the District 5 tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Santa Fe High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament schedule.) Santa Fe took advantage of three singles, a hit batter and a walk to go up 3-0 in the top of the first, but was held in check the rest of the game by pitcher Jacob Luke. Luke gave up one hit and struck out seven in 6.2 innings of relief. Luke provided the Tornadoes with their lone run off of a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first. Jackson Reddish and Carson Yowell went 3-for-4 and 2-for-3, respectively, but the rest of the Bradford lineup produced only two hits. Prior to playing Santa Fe, Wyatt Barnes and Justin Williams each had two RBI to help the Tornadoes defeat visiting Eastside 11-0 in five innings on April 8. Barnes went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while Luke was 2-for-2 with a triple and an RBI. Zach DeWitt, David Hall and Caleb Polk each had an RBI, while Reddish hit a double and scored two runs.

Alex Mejias scored two runs as well. Polk (4-1) started on the mound and earned the win, giving up one hit and striking out four in three innings. DeWitt threw two innings of relief, allowing no hits. Bradford played Forrest this past Tuesday and will host Suwannee on Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

## Tigers defeat Newberry, earn district's 2nd seed

Pitchers Jordan Bryant, Josh Glover and Trey Owen held Newberry scoreless as the Union County High School baseball team defeated the host Panthers 4-0 on April 11. With the win, the Tigers earned the second seed in the District 7 tournament, which begins Monday, April 21, at Williston High School. (See story on page 2B for tournament schedule.) They finished their district schedule with a 5-3 record. Corey Hersey and Chris Starling each had an RBI, while Owen was 2-for-3 in helping Union win its fourth district game in a row.

Bryant (1-0) started and earned the win, giving up three hits and two walks in five innings. Glover allowed one hit in one inning, while Owen gave up no hits and no walks in one inning. It was the fifth win in a row overall for the Tigers. Prior to playing Newberry, they defeated host St. Francis 11-1 in five innings on April 9. Owen and Cole Kite each went 2-for-3 with two RBI, with Kite scoring three runs. Hersey and Austin Green were each 2-for-4, with Hersey driving in two runs and Green driving in one. Caleb Cox and Garrett Hersey each drove in a run, with Cox hitting a double and Hersey scoring two runs. Ty Cook hit a double. Starling and Colten McAllister did a good job getting on base, with Starling drawing two walks and scoring two runs and McAllister drawing three walks. Starting pitcher Corey Hersey (4-0) struck out six in four innings, giving up one hit and one walk. Owen gave up one hit and struck out two in one inning. After defeating Newberry, the Tigers traveled to play Suwannee, losing 11-1 on April 14. Corey Hersey's double was the team's only hit. Union (12-6) played Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play Crescent City on Thursday, April 17, at 5 p.m.

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however, the bream will be moving in. Tyson also indicated that more bream are being caught in the shallows, where they are staging for the full-moon spawn on April 15. On the saltwater front, the sheepshead bite is strong on both coasts. Black drum should be available inshore on both coasts at selected locations. Some Spanish, blue fish, whiting and pompano are showing up on the east-coast surf.



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### Local tournament results

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# Bradford's Collins to play baseball at Trinity Baptist

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford High School middle infielder Wyatt Collins will be part of building a new baseball program after signing a letter of

intent to play at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville.

"It's just exciting to put all my work toward baseball, and now it's finally paying off," Collins said after an April 11 signing

ceremony in the BHS media center. "I'm just glad I get to play baseball at the collegiate level."

Trinity announced earlier this year it was adding baseball to its athletic program. Collins is one



Bradford High School baseball player Wyatt Collins signs a letter of intent to play at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville. Collins is seated between his parents, Christine and Wyatt, while pictured in the back are (l-r) BHS head coach Stewart Duncan, Trinity Baptist assistant coach Alex Martinez and BHS assistant coach Mike Hartley.

going to be the first team to actually set the tone for the next couple of years," Collins, a second baseman/shortstop, said. "It's just exciting to be with a new program because you're

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Bradford High School senior Markel Parks signs a letter of intent to play football at Tabor College. He is seated between his parents, Louis Parks and Dawn Hall, while BHS head coach Steve Reynolds looks on.

## Bradford's Parks signs to play football at Tabor College

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

He didn't like football when he first began playing in ninth grade, but Bradford High School senior Markel Parks eventually fell in love with the sport.

Now, he's got the chance to extend his playing days, signing a letter of intent to play at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan.

Parks, a defensive lineman, received an offer from the school in the mail not long before signing his official paperwork during a signing ceremony on

April 11 in the BHS media center.

"I was jumping up and down on the couch," Parks said, describing his reaction to Tabor's offer.

Tabor, as a private, Christian college, offers more than just the chance to play at the next level.

"I like the values this school offers," Parks said. "It's a heavy Christian school. That's what I really like about it."

Prior to high school, Parks had never played football, but he said he decided to give it a try since all his friends in ninth grade were playing.

"At first, I hated it," Parks said, noting that he particularly didn't enjoy the practices in the Florida heat.

However, the more he played, the more the sport grew on him.

"I started to love it," he said. Bradford head coach Steve Reynolds said the Parks' best attributes are his size and strength.

"He's a huge person that's difficult to move around," Reynolds said.

Plus, as someone who didn't begin playing until his freshman year, he has a lot of upside.

"We think he has a lot of raw talent to offer," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said Parks made huge strides his junior season and proved versatile this past season, moving into the noseguard position after the graduation of Phillip James.

"He did a great job with that," Reynolds said.

When asked to describe how he thinks he'll feel when he steps onto the field for the first time as a Tabor player, Parks said, "I'll probably feel how I felt my freshman year (at BHS) when I stepped on the field. (I'll have) butterflies."

Initial nerves aside, there's no reason to think that Parks' game won't continue to develop.

"If he gets there early, applies himself throughout the summer and learns the system, I don't see why he can't get on the field next year," Reynolds said. "I think he's got a bright future ahead of him."



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# KHHS' Skinner signs to play volleyball at St. Petersburg

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

It was perhaps a late start compared to many college-bound athletes, but Keystone Heights High School senior Keerston Skinner turned just four years of volleyball into an opportunity at the next level, courtesy of St. Petersburg College.

Skinner admitted that she never thought she'd have the opportunity to play at the collegiate level.

"I'm excited," she said, following an April 7 signing ceremony in the KHHS media center. "I'm thankful that (St. Petersburg coach Scott White)

signed me."

The front-row player had never played the sport prior to her freshman year and can't really say why she wanted to start playing.

"Honestly, I don't know," Skinner said. "I really don't. I saw it one day, and I was like, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Once she began playing, she totally immersed herself into the sport.

"She eats, sleeps and breathes volleyball," Keystone head coach Nikki Jolley said. "I'm not kidding. She loves it."

During her senior season, Skinner had matches where she recorded 10 and 11 kills against

bigger schools Ridgeview and Palatka. She also had a 13-kill, six service-ace performance in a win over Fort White late in the season and tallied 13 kills in a loss to Santa Fe in the semifinals of the District 5-4A tournament.

Now, Skinner gets to see what she can do beyond high school, an opportunity Jolley described as "amazing."

"She is a wonderful person all the way around," Jolley said. "No one deserves it more than her."

St. Petersburg coach Scott White said Skinner as "a big, strong kid" he's eager to have as a part of his team.

"I'm looking forward to



KHHS senior Keerston Skinner signs her letter of intent to play volleyball at St. Petersburg College. She is seated between her mother, Dru'Anne Singletary, and St. Petersburg head coach Scott White.

working with her and taking (her game) to the next level," White said.

Skinner said she hopes she can

get the chance to play elsewhere following two years at St. Petersburg. Jolley has no doubts about that happening.

"I really don't think she'll go just two years," Jolley said. "I think once those two years are up, she'll keep going."

## COLLINS

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Trinity assistant coach Alex Martinez said from everything the Trinity staff has heard, Collins is the type of person they want to be a part of the new

program.

"He's a high-character kid," Martinez said. "That's really what we're aiming for. The baseball part of it will take care of itself."

Bradford head coach Stewart Duncan said Collins has put in the effort necessary to be

successful. Now, that effort has led to an opportunity to play after high school.

"It's good when a kid sets a goal, works toward that goal and then you see him accomplish that," Duncan said. "He's a good kid."

Duncan said Collins is

versatile enough to be able to play anywhere. He's fast enough to play in the outfield, but when it comes to Collins' play in the infield, Duncan said, "He reads the ball good off the bat. He usually positions himself to catch a good ball instead of letting the ball play him. He's got good, fundamental footwork."

"He's accurate on his throws. He's as good as has been here in a while."

Duncan said Collins should thrive after taking part in Trinity Baptist's conditioning program designed for baseball players only.

"I think he'll be fine," Duncan said. "He's a hard worker."

Whatever is asked of him, he does, and he usually goes beyond that."

Collins can't wait to step onto the field for the first time as a Trinity Baptist player.

"I think it's going to be a really nervous and amazing feeling," he said.