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**Flock or be flocked!**

The Class of 2015 is flocking yards with pink flamingo yard art as a fundraiser for Project Grad. If you would like to arrange to have the birds visit someone's yard call 352-575-8405 or email [ucprojectgrad2015@gmail.com](mailto:ucprojectgrad2015@gmail.com). If you are worried about waking up to pink flamingos in your yard, flock insurance is also available.

### Financial Peace University still open

First Christian Church of Lake Butler is hosting Financial Peace University, Sunday evenings, 6:00 to 7:45 p.m., through Nov. 9.

Learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's popular course. He says that the average turnaround is \$8,000 in just the first three months.

Class materials are provided free-of-charge and a staffed nursery will be available.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 386-496-3956.

The church is located next to the post office.

Learn more about FPU at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu).



### VFW hosting Patriot's Day luncheon, Sept. 11

VFW Post 10082 is hosting its annual Patriot's Day luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The following are invited: fall law enforcement, fire dept., EMS, forestry, road dept., waste management, RMC outside grounds, county commissioners, mayor, city council, city employees, and any and all other first responders. The lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. and will be Boston butt with all the trimmings. This is a free lunch to show the VFW's appreciation of the above departments.

### New River Library board meeting, Sept. 11

The Governing Board of the New River Public Library Cooperative is holding its regular meeting Thursday, Sept. 11, at 2:45 p.m. at the New River Regional Landfill north of Raiford on State Road 121.

### Murray Ford leading food drive in schools through Sept. 12

Murray Ford SuperStore, located in Starke, is challenging the Union County School District with a Tailgate Food Drive for the Union County Food Pantry, which runs through Sept. 12.

The top three classes that donate the most non-perishable food items will be win a pizza party. All items will be collected following the announcements on Friday morning.

## Tigers slay West Nassau Warriors, 56-7

The Union County High School football team delivered its second consecutive blowout win at home, this time defeating West Nassau, 56-7, on Sept. 5. After opening the season with a 60-6 win over Potter's House, the Tigers improved to 2-0 and moved up to number two in the Class 1A poll. Here, Caleb Cox puts the Tigers' first score on the board with a quarterback sneak, then takes a bath in a sideline puddle after being tackled. The Tigers face Keystone Heights next. Read more about the game and see more photos, in Regional News, 7B.

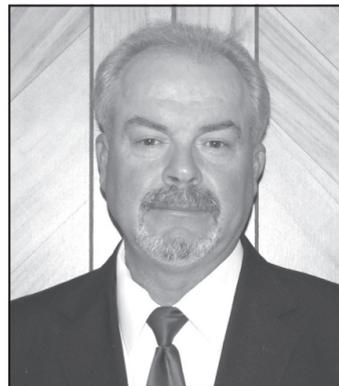


## Your marching band



**DRUMLINE:** (Front row, l-r) Connor Vineyard, Tyree McDonald, Mitchell Cribbs, William Brown, Ridge Smith and Jared Benton. (Back row, l-r) Andrew Sands, Haven Johns, Lane Underhill, Allyson Ash, Taylor Lilliston and Mason Eddins. (See the rest of the band on 6A.)

**TIGERETTES:** (Front row, l-r) Meredith Schmidt, Katie Zipperer, McKenzie Pilcher, Claire Sivyer, Shelby Hopkins, Chesney O'Hern and mascot Carson Dukes in front. (Row two, l-r) Victoria Rosaly, Cassie Tomlinson, Alexa Park, Kinsey O'Hern, Kaylee Molchan. (Row three, l-r) Kaiden Romrell, Bailee Crews, Kaylie Whitehead and Rachael Nazworth. (Row four, l-r) Shyanne Griffis and Tiffani Williamson. (Back row, l-r) Brianna Griffis, Shiann Hutchison and Tara Parrish. Not pictured are Lethia Johnson and Carrissa Griffis.



## Scott Cason appointed to LB city commission

Rejoins by filling vacated Beasley

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

In order to fill an open seat on the Lake Butler City Commission in a timely manner, Scott Cason was appointed by commissioners at the regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 8. Former acting mayor Jimmy Beasley resigned on Aug. 11, leaving his seat open just two months after the city held a mid-term election to fill two other vacant seats on June 24.

In his resignation letter, Beasley offered no reason for leaving.

Cason, formerly served on the commission from 2008-2012 and was glad to have a seat at the table again. Commissioner Randy Jenkins ran against Cason two years ago and won by just 35 votes.

"I appreciate the commission appointing me and I accept the appointment," Cason said right after the 3-1 vote, with Jenkins voting against it. Jenkins' contention was that Beasley's opponent, Richard "Rick" Luke, should be appointed to his seat. The election two years ago was Luke's first run for office. Incumbent Beasley captured 85 percent of the vote in that race.

Cason was selected out of four individuals who asked to be considered if the commission did decide to appoint someone: Cason, Chuck Floyd, Vernon Dukes and Ray Crawford.

Appointing a commissioner was the last out of four options available to the commission.

Options included, in this order:

1. Leave the seat vacant for the next 18 months till the next regularly scheduled election.
2. Hold a special election, which would cost the city \$5,000.
3. Put a notice in the newspaper and then the commission appoints someone.
4. Don't advertise the position, but let citizens express interest and then the commission appoints someone.

That is exactly what happened. After a special meeting on Aug. 28 to discuss the

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# etc.

## Project Grad, Sept. 15

The next Project Grad Class of 2015 meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Butler Middle School library. Please bring your donated items for the auction.

## Girl Scout sign-up, Sept. 16

Girl Scout sign-up is on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Union County Public Library. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647 with any questions.

## Cub Scout sign-up, Sept. 18

Just a quick reminder that Cub Scout sign-up is on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Lake Butler Elementary School cafeteria. Parents, bring your boys and see what Scouting is all about. Ask questions, find out what fun and exciting things are planned for this new year ahead. Let's have a big turnout and make this the beginning of a new era for Cub Scouting in Lake Butler.

## LB door-to-door survey for grant

The City of Lake Butler plans to apply for a grant to fund public facility improvements that will benefit city residents. Andy Easton & Associates will be conducting a door-to-door household survey as part of the grant application process.

Your cooperation in answering the survey questions is appreciated. If you have any questions, call Cassa Neta Herndon at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 386-496-3401.

## Kick 4 Kids

Sardis Baptist Church is looking for shoes — new and gently used — for children as they start back to school. All sizes are needed and these will be delivered to the schools. Please drop off donations at the church of call Cynthia Cantrell at 386-466-4889.

## CORRECTION

In the Aug. 29 issue of the Union County Times, in an article titled, "UC approves EMS pay plan — Also gives other employees \$1 per hour raise," we wrote the following: "(Tallman) noted employees over the past year, such as Christa Myers, who received a \$1 merit raise 'because she does a lot of work and applies herself.'" However, that merit raise was actually over four years ago. We regret the error.

## UC Historical Museum looking for assistant

The Union County Historical Society is in need of someone with computer experience to help out a couple of hours a week on Monday mornings. As Bill McGill said, "If you like history, come by!" And if you are interested, please do that, or call him any other time during the week: 396-496-2258.



# Farm Bureau holds annual meeting



Valerie Ansell, left, District 3 chair of the Florida Farm Bureau State Women's Leadership Committee, welcomed Annette Redman at the Union County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Redman is a recently elected Lake Butler city commissioner. The Aug. 21 meeting attracted more than 100 area Farm Bureau members.

At the Union County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, President Ed Shadd presented a check for \$100 on behalf of the local organization to Carol Harrison, development manager of the Jacksonville Ronald McDonald House. The donation is part of a continuing effort by Farm Bureau volunteers to support the facility. A number of Union County families have been housed at the Jacksonville Ronald McDonald House in recent months while their children were treated for serious health problems. The Farm Bureau meeting was held on Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Lake Butler Community Center.



## CASON

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vacancy, individuals in attendance asked to be considered.

Recently elected Commissioner Annette Redman didn't want to spend the money on a special election, but also didn't want to leave the seat open that long, meaning the commission lacked a tiebreaking vote if needed. The others agreed.

On Monday, Cason was the commission's pick out the four who threw their name in the hat.

"Thank you all and I look forward to working with you — everyone on the commission — for the betterment of Lake Butler," he told his new fellow commissioners. "And use common sense like I did before, and keep an open mind."

Fred Sirmones is currently the mayor and recently elected Commissioner Debra Browning is the vice mayor. They are

joined by Redman, Jenkins, and now Cason, who make up the five-seat commission.

According to the city's website:

*The City of Lake Butler operates under the council-manager form of government. The city commission is elected by the voters and in turn, the commission appoints a professionally trained individual as its city manager. It is the responsibility of the city manager to handle day-to-day operation of city business. The city commission makes policy decisions, and votes on all legislative or quasi-judicial matters required or enabled by state or federal law.*

*All of the seats on the commission are at-large seats, which mean all commissioners represent the city at large and not any particular district. This allows residents to address particular issues with any commissioner.*

Learn more, get contact information, and download meeting agendas and minutes at [www.cityoflakebutler.org](http://www.cityoflakebutler.org).

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## UCSO conducts another drug sweep

Over 65 arrests so far this year

Last week, Union County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted another drug sweep that resulted in four more major drug arrests. This came after receiving multiple complaints in the C.R. 18 and C.R. 796 areas of southwestern Union County as well as other locations within Lake Butler around both the middle and high schools.

These arrests come after months of investigations by members of the Union County Drug Task Force. UCSO secured a search warrant after making undercover purchases of illegal narcotics at a residence in the 4900 block of 107th Avenue. Deputies moved in on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and seized a large amount of powder cocaine and numerous others illegal pills resulting in additional charges for the occupant, Jerry Ryan Jones Sr., who was apprehended and taken into custody without incident.

Here are the arrests and charges:

1. Jerry Ryan Jones Sr., 41, a black male from Lake Butler, was arrested for selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a church, felony possession of drugs and felony trafficking of illegal drugs. Jones also faces numerous other charges. He was arrested on a warrant and remains in jail under a \$230,000 bond.

2. Nicholas J. Barefoot, 18, a white male from Lake Butler, was arrested for selling drugs within 1,000 feet of public housing, felony possession of drugs and felony trafficking of illegal drugs. Barefoot was arrested on a warrant and remains in jail under a \$110,000 bond.

3. Edwin V. Asher, 67, a white male from Lake Butler, was arrested for selling drugs within 1,000 feet of public housing and felony possession of drugs. Asher was arrested on a warrant and remains in jail under a \$60,000 bond.

4. Ethan E. Anderson, 34, a black male from Lake Butler, was arrested for selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a public park and felony possession of drugs. Anderson was arrested on a warrant and remains in jail under a \$60,000 bond.

Under "Operation Clean-Up," UCSO has made over 65 drug arrests since the beginning of the year.

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Dear Union County Citizens,

Today, 9/11, marks the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the most horrific attack of Americans on home soil of our time. As I reflect on this momentous occasion, and the heroism of those who answered the call of duty to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, I recall their sacrificial service. I am reminded that a true leader is not defined by his or her power or authority over others, but rather by a humble heart and willingness to place service to others over self. I strive, by the grace of God, to live my life toward that end. I measure my greatest personal accomplishments by what I can do for others. I also believe that I must do everything within my power to leave this world a better place for future generations.



The primary role of the Sheriff's Office is, of course, to protect the lives, property and rights of all people, to maintain order and to enforce laws. It can, however, be so much more than that. The Sheriff's Office should also aim to improve the quality of life in our county. If elected, I will implement new, proactive measures at no additional cost to the taxpayers:

- Conduct frequent business security checks, as well as routine patrol and face-to-face contact at parks, neighborhoods and gathering places in all four communities of our county to develop a personal rapport between UC deputies and citizens
- Establish neighborhood watch programs to help protect homeowners and their property
- Promote the safety and security of senior adults by establishing a check-on system for our elderly citizens
- Develop and coordinate programs with our schools to address current issues like cyber crimes and bullying
- Provide improved follow up contact with victims of crimes and with complainants to make sure we are doing our job effectively
- Network with agencies to provide resources for those in need of rehabilitative services in areas such as alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, effective parenting, etc.
- Assign specific deputies to specific types of crimes to increase their expertise and effectiveness
- Expect all employees to understand that service to others is the purpose of our profession. Require that they exhibit a compassionate and responsive attitude and express a genuine desire to satisfy the needs of the citizens of Union County

It goes without saying that aggressively fighting illegal drugs and all other types of criminal activity will continue to take top priority. However, I want the Sheriff's Office to be seen not just as an entity for punishment, but as a place where citizens can go for help. Responding to problems after they occur is not the best solution for keeping our county safe. Education, preparation and prevention will eliminate many problems before they ever happen and give us greater control over problems that do occur.

I know that my experience, knowledge, commitment, motives and vision make me the best candidate for the office of Sheriff of Union County. If you share my views on what your Sheriff's Office should be, then please vote for me.

Learn more by visiting my website, <http://www.garryseay.com/>

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### Union County Tigers defeat Bradford County Cowboys in Pop Warner opener

In a wet and soggy game on Saturday, Sept. 6, Union County Tigers Mighty Mite Pop Warner defeated the Bradford County Cowboys.

**LEFT:** The Tigers' Landon Klein breaks out on a quarterback draw and is brought down by the Cowboys' Gavin Cook.

**RIGHT:** In return favor, the Tigers tackle Cowboys quarterback Gavin Cook.

(Photos courtesy of Patricia Cook.)



## The Fresh Beat Band makes handicapped girl's day

Sabrina Stinson has custody of her granddaughter Samantha Andrews, who has epilepsy seizures and cerebral palsy. Samantha is totally dependent on her family for everything. She is non-verbal, but can laugh and kick her feet.

Samantha loves to watch TV and her favorite show, named after and featuring The Fresh Beat Band, is a preschool series broadcast on Nickelodeon's Nick Jr. channel. Her favorite character and band member is Twist (Jon Beavers).

Stinson and her family believe this is Samantha's favorite show and character because she starts laughing and kicking her feet when Beavers comes on the screen.

When the band came to St. Augustine to do a concert on Aug. 22, Stinson knew a concert would be too much due to the loud music and colored, changing lights, but wanted to give her granddaughter the opportunity to meet the band, especially Beavers. She got a hold of the CID Entertainment, which

handles a lot of the concerts. A staffer named Liz said that although CID did not work directly with the band, she would see what she and her staff could do.

On the day of the concert, Stinson received an email from a staffer named Kristin who is with the VIP Program. After talking to Kristin, who talked to the manager who talked to Beavers, the band agreed to meet with them back stage. Stinson and her granddaughter got to see a little bit of the concert and then met with the band when they came out to meet them.

"They are the most friendly and sweet young group of people," Stinson said. "They even signed (Samantha's) tray on her wheelchair."

Stinson is grateful to CID, Kristin, the manager and The Fresh Beat Band for making this happen. She adds that Samantha has a special thank you for Beavers, or Twist.

Learn more about the band at [www.freshbeatbandlive.com](http://www.freshbeatbandlive.com).



Samantha Andrews is surrounded by members of The Fresh Beat Band: (L-r) Shout the Keyboardist (Thomas Hobson), Marina the Drummer (Tara Perry), Twist the Disc Jockey (Jon Beavers) and Kiki the Violinist (Yvette Gonzalez-Nacer).

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS)



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During the upcoming General Election on **November 4, 2014**, you will choose YOUR District 1 School Board Member. As your current District 1 School Board Member with 12 years of service, I have a proven record of:

- Actively seeking and listening to your input regarding Union County Schools
- Actively remaining Fiscally Conservative with your tax dollars
- Actively promoting School Board Policies that focus on academic success
- Actively supporting Faculty, Staff, and Administration through decisive leadership
- Actively remaining aware of the ever changing State & Federal School requirements
- Actively Lobbying our State Legislators on behalf of Union County Schools

Before you cast your vote, I humbly ask that you examine my record of performance during the past 12 years and that you consider the outstanding achievements of our School District.

As an experienced School Board Member, I remain committed to providing ACCESSIBLE and ACCOUNTABLE leadership that ENCOURAGES, ENABLES, and EMPOWERS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS

**VOTE  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

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controlled substance;

- Introduction of a firearm, weapon or any explosive device;
- Introduction of portable communication device (cell phone);

intoxicating beverage;

- Introduction of food, clothing, recorded communication or currency intended for an inmate.

Additionally:

- Possession of a controlled substance;
- Driving under the influence;
- Battery;
- Domestic violence;
- Theft.

In an email announcing the release, Crews said, "This is

another step toward increasing accountability and transparency at the department. Our employees should exhibit the highest standards of professionalism and integrity on the job, in the community and at their homes, but if they break the law, they will be held accountable.

"This policy will keep those who break the law from putting the uniform back on the next day. I have made it clear that I will not allow the bad actions of a few to tarnish the reputations of all the hard working men and women in our department.

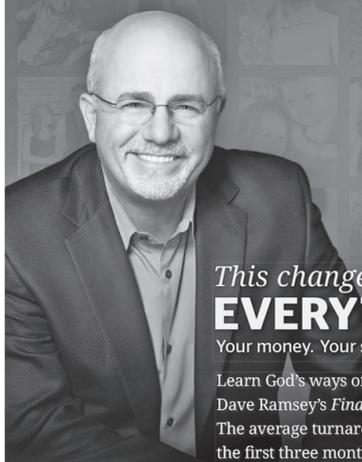
"I have said it before, and I will say it again — our department should be held to the highest standards, and I have zero tolerance for anything else."

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ABOVE: Union CI's Officer Christopher Snow earned the Top Defensive Tactics Award during training. He was presented with his award by the keynote speaker, RMC's Major Felicia Chestnut.

LEFT: Union Correctional Institution had 10 officers graduate from Basic Recruit Training on July 31. They were congratulated by the institution's leadership team. Shown above are: (back row, l-r) Assistant Warden of Operations David Maddox, Major Daniel Manning, Officers Tristan Sandquist, Stanley Wilkinson, Christopher Snow, and Donovan Wright, Major Stanley Peterson, and Assistant Warden of Programs Stephen Rossiter, (front row, l-r) Officers Dennis Askew, Kennetha Gaskins, Samantha Foulk, Randall Eilbeck, Michael Hepburn, and Debra Cue.

# 34 graduate from Basic Recruit Training

The officers will work at four area institutions

A total of 34 recruits from four area institutions successfully completed Correctional Officer Basic Recruit Training (BRT) and were recognized in a graduation ceremony on July 31.

The recruits are:  
**Baker Correctional Institution:** Joe Bickerstaff, Dustin Davis, James Fannin, Chanikia Jay, Somxai Veerasaeng.  
**Florida State Prison:** Ryan Bond, Christopher Carlson, Bobby Hill, Elizabeth Hurst, Zachary May, Bryant McMickle, Charlie Phillips, Dennis Whaley.  
**Reception Medical Center:** Brandy

Comstock, Andrew Eaton, Austin Everhart, Roy Finch, Brian Forbes, Adrian Garcia, Jesse Mallard, Steven Potosky, Stephen Starling, James Thompson, Jonathan Trainor.  
**Union Correctional Institution:** Dennis Askew, Debra Cue, Randall Eilbeck, Samantha Foulk, Kennetha Gaskins, Michael Hepburn, Tristan Sandquist, Christopher Snow, Stanley Wilkinson, Donovan Wright.  
 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.  
 RMC's Starling earned the Top Gun Award for turning in the highest scores on the firing range. RMC's Potosky earned the Top Academic Award for the highest

scores on the multitude of tests given during the training. UCI's Snow earned the Top Defensive Tactics Award. That award goes to the recruit who consistently gives an excellent performance in demonstrating the tactics being taught during the training.  
 UCI's Wright was chosen as class president and, as such, he spoke briefly to his fellow graduates at the ceremony. The class vice-president, RMC's Eaton, also took part in the ceremony.  
 RMC's Major Felicia Chestnut acted as keynote speaker for the ceremony and congratulated the graduates on their achievements.  
 Following the ceremony, the recruits were served a variety of refreshments and enjoyed time with their families.

## DOC secretary releases new disciplinary policy

Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Mike Crews released the following statement on Friday, Sept. 5, regarding a new disciplinary policy to increase employee accountability:

*I expect everyone to do what is right and I have restated my commitment to hold the staff that choose not to meet our expectations accountable for their wrongdoing. As we reviewed case files and penalties for improper acts, it became clear to me that we have not been applying a uniform standard by which to hold ourselves accountable. The lack of consistent consequences for the same crime has the potential of undermining the culture of professionalism that is necessary for running institutions with integrity.*

*As members of the Florida Department of Corrections, you are responsible for the care, custody, and control of inmates as well as for the supervision of offenders who have been criminally sentenced by the courts of this state. Given that tremendous responsibility and the public trust associated with it, it is vital that each of you conduct yourselves on-duty and off-duty in a manner that commands*

*respect and is consistent with the department's values.*

*Effective immediately, any member whose conduct violates any criminal statute will be placed on administrative leave and the department will initiate disciplinary action for dismissal.*

*While the department has always taken disciplinary action against members whose conduct violated state statutes, this new policy will apply a uniform standard of dismissal for members who engage in any criminal act, including misdemeanors.*

*Violations of department rules and procedures will continue to be disciplined as provided by Chapter 33-208, Florida Administrative Code. In accordance with Section 110.227, Florida Statutes, affected employees shall be given an opportunity to appear before the delegated disciplinary authority to answer orally and in writing the charges against him or her*

*prior to final action being taken. Delegated disciplinary authorities that deviate from the department standard are required to provide written justification to the deputy secretary or chief of staff.*

*While any criminal conduct will result in disciplinary action of dismissal, examples of criminal conduct include:*

- Section 944.35, Florida Statutes:
  - Inmate abuse;
  - Failing to report inmate abuse;
  - Inaccurate, incomplete, untruthful reports;
  - Coercion or threats;
  - Sexual misconduct.
- Section 944.36, Florida Statutes:
  - Permitting an inmate to escape.
- Section 944.37, Florida Statutes:
  - Acceptance of unauthorized compensation from inmates or offenders.
- Section 944.47, Florida Statutes:
  - Introduction of any

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## LEGALS

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Union County will submit the Annual Report required by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for fiscal years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 by September 15, 2014. Copies of the reports are available for public inspection and comment at the Office of the Chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners, Lake Butler, Florida.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, September 29, 2014, 7:00 P.M. at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Senior Center located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd NW in Live Oak, Florida.  
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 To All of Union County Residents;  
 It is the intent of this office to continue providing you with timely information and together discuss the trends in our county. I want to make sure that we work tirelessly to improve the county so we all enjoy a place that is safe and free of the types of crime that plague our larger communities. I understand and recognize areas that we need to improve upon. I will continue "fighting the good fight" against drugs. This community partnership has already proven a tremendous result! To that end, I am happy to report that we have seen a dramatic drop in property crimes over the past 6 month period here in Union County. Recently, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement audited the crime report across the state and Union County has over a 20% decrease in total index crimes for this period.  
 This shows that our partnership with the communities is working and the results are showing! However, we have so much more to work on together. In contrast, we have seen an increase in assaults and must continue to examine and identify those reasons why and help our neighbors and assist families. I urge everyone to continue being engaged with us and we will work tirelessly to make our county the safest and most desirable place to live and raise our families. I always want to hear from each of you and I hope to continue to earn your support in November.  
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**Wallace promoted to sergeant at UCI**

David Wallace (center) was promoted to the rank of sergeant at Union Correctional Institution on Aug. 1. Wallace began his career with the Department of Corrections in 2011 at UCI, but transferred to Florida State Prison early in 2013. When a sergeant's position opened at UCI, he applied and was chosen from a competitive field of candidates. Wallace now works on C Shift, one the institution's two night shifts. He serves primarily as a confinement sergeant in one of the institution's mental health dorms.



UCI staff members congratulated Wallace in a ceremony Aug. 1, when his rank insignia was pinned to his collar by Major Daniel Manning (left) and Major Stanley Peterson (right).

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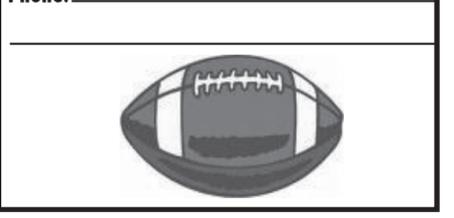
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## Santa Fe College president talks to BC about top 10, other positives

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

"In sports, you simply aren't considered a real champion until you have defended your title."

Jackson Sasser, the president of Santa Fe College, used that quote from tennis player Althea Gibson in summing up just what it means for the school to have been named a top-10 school yet again by the Aspen Institute, which names top-10 schools every two years.

Sasser said Santa Fe College has defended its title, saying, "For four years running, we will be in the top 10 in the country."

During a state-of-the-college address held Sept. 9 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke, Sasser said Bradford County played a role in helping the college achieve that ranking.

"That is your award also," he said.

Sasser talked about how Starke Andrews Center—the first educational center opened by the college in an outlying area—was preparing to celebrate its 30th year. He credited Guy Andrews—the center's namesake—and all others involved in taking the risk to make the center a reality.

"Next to a house of worship, what is more important than an institution of higher learning in a community? It enables growth," Sasser said.

Sasser talked about the dual-enrollment program that exists for Bradford County students, allowing high school students to earn college credits without having to pay for textbooks, tuition and other fees.

"It enables students to get a head start," he said.

The school president touched on other ways in which the college has served Bradford County, from its annual College for Kids and Jr. College for Kids programs—which were held for the 12th and fourth years, respectively, this past summer—to its hosting of the Bradford Fest Talent Showdown, which generated \$8,000 this year to fund Bradford County-specific scholarships.

Also, in partnership with the Bradford County Education Foundation, \$40,000 was raised to install a new sound system in the Bradford High School auditorium.

In general, Sasser said four factors really helped the college achieve the Aspen Institute's top-10 ranking. One is the school's successful rate of student transfers to the University of Florida or other four-year universities.

"Think of the classes offered at the Andrews Center," Sasser said. "(There are) two really important factors—small classes and faculty who've committed their lives to teaching, not research. Their obsession is the transfer of information."

Sasser said the strong success/transfer rates of the school's ethnic minorities, which make up 20 percent of the school's population, played a part in the top-10 ranking, as well, along with the use of technology to better assist students. He specifically mentioned the degree-audit program.

"Let's say you're majoring in engineering, and all of a sudden you want to change it to biotechnology," Sasser said. "You just push a button, and it takes the courses you had and says, 'This is what you need.'"

Another factor in earning the top-10 ranking is the success of students earning degrees and then getting good-paying jobs.

Sasser stressed the desire of the college to make an impact on Bradford County, citing its involvement in Envision 2023—a series of meetings

the college has been hosting at which community members have been identifying the critical issues the county faces and identifying 24 specific

needs in eight topic areas that are vital to Bradford's future. "Bradford County is a gem,"

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Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser presents his annual state-of-the-college address.



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# Starke boy proves to be parents' 'miracle' blessing

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Dalton Ballinger loves his cartoons. He'll tell you about "Dinosaur Train" before giving you a demonstration, walking around the room in circles and imitating a train whistle.

He also wants to grow up to be a train engineer, he said, but he has also wanted to be a doctor and an auto mechanic. Basically, it's whatever interests him at that particular moment.

Therefore, Dalton's really no different from most 5-year-olds. Doctors, though, never envisioned Dalton walking, talking or doing any of those things we take for granted.

"(Doctors) always tell me he's amazing," said Amber Ballinger, Dalton's mother. "Looking at him and looking at where he came from—all of the doctors tell me that he's very amazing and that we were blessed to have a miracle happen."

Dalton had the first of four brain surgeries five days after his birth as the result of being born with hydrocephalus, a condition in which there is an excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid on the brain.

Amber said doctors never told her and her husband, David, that Dalton wouldn't survive, but they did say Dalton would be confined to a wheelchair and pretty much exist as a "vegetable."

That diagnosis is a far cry from reality. Dalton is mobile and quite talkative. Plus, how many 5-year-olds can give you the gist of the Discovery Channel

show "Fast and Loud," which he watches with his father.

"They build all kinds of cars: Thunderbirds, Camaros, Cadillacs. They built a Model A. That's a bad car," Dalton said.

Amber was going to love her son no matter what, but to witness what he is able to do makes her grateful.

"I told myself I was going to just turn it over to God, and it was going to be what it was," Amber said. "If he was meant to be healthy and rambunctious like he is now, then that's what it would be, but if it was to be any other way, I was going to love him regardless."

Amber Ballinger is pictured with her 5-year-old, "always-on-the-go" son, Dalton. Dalton lives an active, relatively normal life—something doctors never would've believed shortly after his birth.



"Thank God it came to be the

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Katelyn Sims, who is the reigning Miss Tri County, has cystic fibrosis and encourages the community to get involved in the Sept. 27 Bradford-Union Great Strides event in Starke.

## Great Strides fundraiser to fight CF to take place Sept. 27

Whether you walk or run, your efforts equate to "great strides" in the fight against cystic fibrosis at the sixth annual Bradford-Union Great Strides event on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Starke.

The 3-mile walk—a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation—will commence at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center at 9 a.m. Registration is on site at 8 a.m. or prior to the event via the [cff.org](http://cff.org) Website.

Lawtey native Katelyn Sims, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 4, helped start the event. Funds raised have increased each successive year for the most part, which leaves Sims grateful for the support of her home community.

"Every year, it raises more awareness," Sims said following the 2012 event. "It helps everybody learn what (cystic fibrosis) is."

Last year's rainy weather did not prevent approximately 175 people from participating and helping to raise more than \$16,000. Following the event, Sims said, "To see them standing out here in the rain, with the wet heads and the wet T-shirts, and still going anyway—that blows me away. It really does. We live in such a great community."

Prior to this year's event, there will be a clearance sale at It's Your Day Bridal and Formal Boutique in downtown Starke from Thursday, Sept. 18, through Saturday, Sept. 20, with 75 percent of the clearance-item sales going toward the Bradford-Union Great Strides event.

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# Preparation leads to ease in housing female inmates

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Housing female inmates in a jail whose population in roughly 80 percent male is not as big an issue as one might expect, at least at the Bradford County Jail.

Capt. Carol Starling is the chief of corrections at the jail, in charge of the day-to-day operation of the facility. She said females present no special issues as inmates, largely because their residence was planned for when the jail was built and also because of the facilities

adherence to the Florida Model Jail Standards.

Rules are at the heart of a successfully run facility – both for the inmates and the jail staff as well.

For the inmates, rules include the requirement that they be fully dressed at all times when in the common dayroom of their pod. This applies to both male and female inmates. They are allowed to dress and undress in the shower area, which is equipped with both a privacy wall and shower curtain.

The jail is fully compliant with the guidelines established by

the Americans with Disabilities Act in both shower and toilet facilities provided.

“We have showers which are large enough to enter in a large wheelchair and have shower chairs for inmates to use if needed,” Starling said. “All of the grab rails are in place to help with movement and stability.”

The pods are arranged in a ring around a central control area, where the deputies on shift stay unless required in a pod. At Bradford County Jail, there are two pods dedicated to female prisoners, while there are eight pods for the men.

The Florida Model Jail Standards mandate that a female deputy be on duty at all times when female prisoners are in residence. There is always at least one female deputy on each shift – sometimes more – and they handle all issues related to female prisoners, except in cases of extreme emergency. The female deputies handle all body searches and any other close-quarter control issues with the female prisoners.

Female prisoners eat the same food as the men, wear the same

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**Capt. Carol Starling in her office, where she oversees Bradford County Jail operations. She said there are no special problems with female inmates in the facility as their presence was planned for when the jail was built.**



**This picture of Dalton was taken by a nurse 24 hours after his birth and given to Amber. “I didn’t know what he looked like,” she said.**

## DALTON

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best of situations. He’s definitely shown the doctors that they don’t know everything.”

Nothing seemed to be out of the ordinary in regard to Amber’s pregnancy. In fact, she described it as “wonderful,” noting that she was able to keep working. It was actually at work that Amber’s water broke earlier than expected.

“He was supposed to be a Christmas baby,” Amber said.

Instead, Dalton arrived six weeks ahead of schedule and, in fact, shares his father’s November birthday.

Dalton’s head was large for a newborn baby that arrived on time, let alone one that was born six weeks early. He underwent surgery to have a tube called a shunt implanted into his brain. The shunt drains the fluid off of Dalton’s brain and into his abdomen.

Doctors gave Amber and David a grim prognosis as Dalton spent 34 days in the neonatal intensive care unit at Shands UF. Dalton would be confined to a wheelchair. He would never be able to speak or swallow. He would require 24-hour care.

“It was very nerve-racking and heartbreaking,” Amber said. “He was two weeks old before I actually ever got to hold him for the first time.”

Dalton was connected to various tubes and machines. Doctors didn’t want anyone touching him so as not to over-stimulate him following brain surgery.

“It was like having him all over again the very first time I got to hold him,” Amber said. “It was a very heart-felt moment.”

Doctors stated that 65 percent of Dalton’s brain was damaged. Yet doctors look at him now and “kind of laugh because of how far he has come with his development,” Amber said.

Dalton began undergoing physical therapy at 3 months of age. Because of the effects of hydrocephalus, there were delays and will most likely continue to be delays in Dalton’s motor-skills development. It took him nine months before he learned how to roll over. He was almost 3 before he took his first step. That was with the assistance of a walker.

Approximately five months, later, the walker was no longer needed.

“He eventually got to where the walker wasn’t fast enough for him, and he couldn’t get around doorways, so he began to walk out of the walker,” Amber said, adding, “Again, we reached another milestone we were told he wasn’t going to do.”

Dalton does walk with a limp due to hemiparesis, or weakness on one side of the body.

“He’s got more brain damage on the left side, so it affects more of the right side of his body,” Amber said. “He doesn’t use his right hand as much as he does his left hand. He walks on his tippy toes on the right foot. We’re actually talking to a surgeon now about doing surgery on his ankle and on his foot to try to correct that process to see if he can be

flat-footed.”

Amber added that Dalton has a balance issue, which affects his movement, especially the ability to run. Taking his cue, Dalton gets out of his chair and begins to demonstrate how he can run.

It is just one such example of how Dalton likes to engage people, no matter who they are. Being surrounded by people he didn’t know at the office of the Bradford County Telegraph while his mother was being interviewed did nothing to dampen Dalton’s enthusiasm for talking. When Amber mentioned the cartoons Dalton enjoys watching, such as “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood,” “Paw Patrol” and “Wallykazam,” Dalton interjected, “Let me tell you something about a toboggan.”

He then enthusiastically began describing the plot of a “Wallykazam” cartoon in which Rockelle—a rock brought to life by Wally’s magic wand—needs to get up a mountain. A toboggan was the answer.

“As you can see, he’s really outgoing,” Amber said.

The only problem doctors now foresee with Dalton is the continued development of motor skills. He’ll always have issues with the use of his right hand or right foot, Amber said. Plus, he’ll continue to have problems with his vision and focusing, though at shortly after his birth, doctors predicted Dalton would be blind.

As long as the shunt in his brain continues to work, Dalton is fine. If there’s some malfunction, it requires a trip to the hospital.

“That’s the scary part about dealing with him,” Amber said. “He can be perfectly fine one minute, and an hour later be rushed to the emergency room because the fluid built up in his head, and it starts putting pressure on parts of the brain.”

There are really no signs that fluid is accumulating on his brain until he reaches a critical stage, Amber said. At that time, Dalton will display such symptoms as lethargy, irritability or vomiting.

The family had a scary moment when Dalton was 2. He was taken to the emergency room at one hospital with a high fever, with a diagnosis of pneumonia being made. Amber believed there was something else wrong with her son, which proved to be true. He had gone to sleep, and Amber couldn’t wake him. Dalton was rushed to a different hospital, with doctors there needing just 20 minutes

to realize that his shunt was malfunctioning.

It was the first time a doctor had ever told Amber she almost lost her son.

“From then on, we’ve had a lot of trips to the emergency room—simple bronchitis, ear infections or just a viral infection,” Amber said. “Anything like that, we go to the emergency room for precautionary, better-safe-than-sorry measures because with him, you never know.”

Brain damage? Brain surgeries? They haven’t prevented Dalton from becoming a bright, little boy. Amber said it is amazing just how smart her son is.

“He catches onto something really, really quick,” Amber said. “You only have to show him one or two times how to do something, and he’s got it.”

Of course, it helps to be a little inquisitive, too. Amber said Dalton and his father sit and watch mechanic shows on TV together, with Dalton asking, “What’s that? Why are they doing that?”

“When the show’s over, he can tell you how to do it,” Amber said.

Dalton is currently a kindergarten student at Southside Elementary School, and he is adjusting very well to the school atmosphere.

**David and Amber Ballinger are pictured with Dalton during his first birthday party.**



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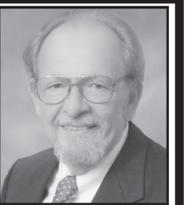
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**Voter turnout is disappointing**

Dear Editor:  
The voter turnout in Northeast Florida for an important primary election was indeed disappointing. Bradford County enjoyed a better turnout than many of our neighbors, but still about 75% of the registered voters in our county were happy to allow the other 25% of us to make their choices for them. It seems rather out of balance because I talk politics with a lot of people and find that at least 90% of them find plenty to complain about. The problem with that is that thousands of complaints won't come close to equaling one vote.  
I am, however, an optimist. In an election as important as the one coming up in November, I refuse to believe that folks won't turn out and voice their

opinion at the polls where it will be counted. You really don't want your non vote to give tacit approval to whatever happens whether you approve of it or not, do you?

Sincerely,  
David L. Dodge

**Fortunate to live in Bradford**

Dear Editor:  
My husband and I recently returned from a road trip that took us west on a southerly route to California, north to Oregon and east along the northern states.

Among all the great sights we experienced were observation of towns, cities, and many rural areas along the 18 states we traveled. We saw boarded up and abandoned businesses, abandoned homes, mostly abandoned towns, and sadly in repair infrastructures everywhere.

We returned home to Bradford County and realized that even though there are empty buildings and homes in our area we are actually much more fortunate than many places in the country. We have more activity and positivity than in most areas we saw.

Our hope is that we can continue and progress. There is always a lot of room for improvement, and we will see it if we keep trying.

Edythe Hill  
Morgan Road

**U.S. riding lies to world dominance**

Dear Editor:

Back by popular demand: the U.S. foreign policy managers who self-righteously lied us into Iraq, Vietnam, and a slew of coups in the third world in the interval, are at it again--mass media news, get up and take a bow too!

Barack Obama, Mr. 'Hope and Change' and Nobel Peace Prize recipient understands his job duties well: be a good steward of the empire and do all that's necessary to see that it continues its march toward total global hegemony.

Here's the latest script: Putin's a Hitler who has invaded another country in Russia's insatiable quest for world dominion. Yes its tanks and soldiers have taken Crimea, much like the Nazis took Poland--and then they forced these poor Crimean people, prodded by barrels of guns, to vote to join Russia--now, watch the dominoes fall.

One slight problem with this scenario--it just ain't so!

But this inconvenient fact does not stop our president, State Department, or "diplomatic" UN contingent from hyping the story--again major thanks to our servile "liberal" media for presenting fiction as fact in its designated role of PR Men for Empire.

Arnie Harris  
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**SOCIALS**



Charles and Judy Goodowns

**Charles, Judy Goodowns celebrate 50th anniversary**

Charles and Judy Goodowns celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 6, 2014. The family and friends of Charles and



Kristin Reddish and Jerry Holland

**Reddish, Holland to wed on Oct. 18**

Kristin Ashley Reddish of Starke and Jerry "Adam" Holland of Sanderson announce their engagement.

Kristin is the daughter of William and Carolyn Reddish of Starke. She is a graduate of Bradford High School, is employed by Shands Starke, Salon Soleil and attends Sampson City Church of God.

Jerry is the son of Jerry and Tracy Holland of Sanderson. He is a graduate of Baker County High School, is employed by JEA and attends Taylor Church.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 18, 2014 at Taylor Church with reception to follow. Invitations will be sent out.

**Douglas(s) family reunion is Sept. 21**

Douglas(s) Family Reunion will be held on Sept. 21 at the Lake Butler Community Center at 11:00 (12:30 lunch). Bring a covered dish and come enjoy family.

**Mann-Parrish reunion set for Sept. 20**

There will be a reunion for the Mann and Parrish families on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 11:00 am at the Lake Butler Church of Christ fellowship hall. Please bring covered dishes. Come and enjoy fellowship with family and friends. If you have any questions, call Carol Roberts at 386-496-2854 or contact her on Facebook.

**Hines celebrates 20 years in the ministry**

Elderess Ophelia Bright Hines is celebrating 20 years of service to the building of God's kingdom. Hines is the daughter of the late Bishop Daniel and Mrs. Gussie Bright of Lawtey. Ordained on Sept. 17, 1994, she was the first female minister at Salem Missionary Baptist Church, near Atlanta, Georgia. Since Aug. 2008, Hines has served as the assistant pastor of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Lake City. She serves the United American Freewill Baptist Church Conference Association in various capacities, including seminar presenter and youth director.

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Sasser said. "It has assets." He talked about keys for Bradford's future, such as the availability of broadband Internet and taking advantage of the resources the Plum Creek Timber Company is promising in the way of jobs.

Sasser said a grant that has been applied for will, if approved, help the county develop a community asset inventory.

Some other positive things Sasser said were occurring in Bradford County were the consideration of tax-exemption referendums for businesses that will create new jobs in the area (recent elections grant the Starke and Bradford County commissions to negotiate such exemptions), as well as the success of the Bradford County Incubator program. Sasser said more than 100 people have taken advantage of the training offered through that program to create their own businesses.

A recent community meeting with Congressman Ted Yoho went well, Sasser said, adding that it's important to build relationships with those who represent the area in Washington.



Victoria Denmark, a dual-enrolled Bradford County student, performs the national anthem. Afterward, Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser said, "You know why we're in the top 10. That was one of our students who just sang."

The talk had Sasser already looking forward to next year's state-of-the-college address.

"I hope to have a lot of new prospects and new businesses to talk about," he said.

Aside from the Aspen Institute ranking, Sasser shared other exciting news in regard to Santa Fe College:

- Approximately \$8 million of Florida's budget was approved by Gov. Rick Scott for

the expansion of the college's Gainesville Kirkpatrick Center, which houses its aviation program and Institute of Public Safety (fire science, EMT, police and criminal justice programs). Enrollment at the center currently has to be capped due to a lack of space.

Sasser said Sen. Rob Bradley was instrumental in the process. "If you see him, stop him and thank him," Sasser said.

- In the spring, the first students in the school's bachelor's-degree nursing program graduated.

"They can go and work at any hospital--certainly in Florida and around the country," Sasser said. "We had the first graduates. Let me tell you, you talk about a celebration? That was a huge day for them."

- Former Santa Fe student Christian Keen, who is now at UF, was named to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's All-USA Community College Academic Team, which is made up of the top 20 two-year college students out of approximately 12.8 million students in the nation.

Keen was the first-ever Santa Fe student to receive the honor.

"It doesn't get better than that," Sasser said. "It's about student success."



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# Tornadoes suffer another big loss to Class 5A opponent

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team scored its first points of the season, but visiting Baker County took advantage of three turnovers and several big plays in the second half in handing the Tornadoes a 43-7 defeat on Sept. 5.

The Tornadoes (0-2) made it an 8-7 game in the second quarter after putting together an 18-play, 72-yard drive that consumed approximately 11 minutes. However, that drive totaled more yards than Bradford had the rest of the game.

Baker County (1-1) led by 15 points at the half and extended that lead by scoring three touchdowns in an approximate three-minute span in the third quarter.

It was the second straight week the Class 4A Tornadoes faced a Class 5A opponent.

"Right now, this program is not at the level of the teams we've played the past couple of weeks in a lot of ways," Bradford head coach Corey Green said, "but these kid and this coaching staff have a goal to make sure we end up (at that level)."

After forcing the Wildcats to punt on the game's opening possession, Bradford promptly gave the ball back on a fumble on its first play from scrimmage. That set Baker County up at the Bradford 14, with Vic Givens eventually scoring a touchdown on a 10-yard run. Jacob Carter's

pass to Brody Crews on a two-point conversion attempt put the Wildcats up 8-0 at the 8:57 mark of the opening quarter.

Bradford converted on three third-down plays as it put together a methodical drive on the ensuing series. Quarterback Jacob Luke scrambled for 4 yards on a third-and-4 play and later had a 19-yard run on third-and-12. Runs of 10 and 6 yards by Jameaze McNeal and Luke, respectively, netted first downs, while running back Alvin James slipped out of a potential backfield tackle to convert a third-and-1 play and set up a

first-and-goal at the Baker 9.

Then, it seemed to be a competition of which team could hurt itself worst with penalties. Consecutive delay of game and illegal procedure penalties pushed the Tornadoes back to the 17, but Baker County, after sacking Luke on third-and-goal from there, was flagged for a personal foul. That gave Bradford a first down at the 12-yard line. A 6-yard run by Luke, coupled with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Baker set up first-and-goal at the 3.

Luke scored on a run from there, capping the lengthy drive

approximately two minutes into the second quarter. Jud Hicks' PAT made it a one-point game.

It only took the Wildcats five plays to extend their lead. Carter had a 38-yard run to the Bradford 29, while also completing an 18-yard pass to the 3-yard line. That set up former Bradford player Jarvis DeSue for a touchdown run.

Baker put together a nine-play, 76-yard drive to go up 22-7. Givens had five carries on the drive for 23 yards, while also catching a pass for 12 yards. DeSue's 11-yard run led to Givens' 1-yard touchdown with 1:39 left in the first half.

A long punt return to the Bradford 34 gave the Wildcats a chance to add another score before halftime, but the Tornadoes' Xavien Jenkins had an interception with less than a minute left on the clock.

The game totally got away from Bradford in the third quarter, despite the fact the Wildcats ran only six plays in the quarter. After Bradford went three-and-out to start the second half, Baker quarterback Carter scored on a 55-yard run at the 8:31 mark. After recovering a fumble on the Tornadoes' ensuing possession, the Wildcats found the end zone again on Carter's 28-yard touchdown pass to Zach Rafuse.

Carter finished the game with 115 yards rushing on five carries, while completing seven passes for 85 yards.

Baker made it three scores



Jameaze McNeal carries the ball for a big gain on Bradford's scoring drive.



Carlton Hankerson returns a kickoff for the Tornadoes.

in approximately three minutes as Junior Higdon intercepted a tipped pass and returned it for a touchdown with 5:41 to play in the third quarter.

The Tornadoes finished the game with approximately 120 yards of offense after being held to approximately 30 yards in the second half. All of those yards came on the ground, with Luke and Aundre Carter each rushing for approximately 40 yards.

As he addressed his team after the game, Green said Bradford would not face the same level of competition over the next couple of weeks.

"That doesn't mean you play down," Green said. "If you play the way you did on that one (offensive) drive and a few drives on defense—like I told you all week—you'll get to where you

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## Indians back on the field Sept. 12

Keystone Heights High School's home football game against Wildwood, which was scheduled to be played Sept. 5, was canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

The Indians will be back in action Friday, Sept. 12, in a home matchup against Union County. Union (2-0) is coming off of a 56-7 win over West Nassau and has outscored its two opponents by a combined score of 116-13.

Union is currently ranked second in Class 1A.

## BHS goes 1-4 in volleyball tournament

Bradford High School salvaged a win over St. Augustine and earned one of the pools' third-place finishes in the Gator Town Classic Volleyball Tournament, held Sept. 5-6 in Gainesville.

The Tornadoes (3-5) dropped best-of-two matches on the opening day to Fletcher, Gainesville and Trinity Catholic. In best-of-three play on Sept. 6, Bradford lost 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-16) to Oak Hall before ending with a 3-0 (25-18, 25-17, 25-21) in the consolation match of the Copper Division.

Complete stats were not available, but Nyasia Davis and Lainie Rodgers did tally at least 26 and 25 kills, respectively, for the tournament, while Hannah Jones had at least seven. Kia Lane and Zahriah Collins had at least 23 and 10 assists, respectively, while Lane and Davis had at least four and three aces, respectively.

Davis had at least five blocks, while Rodgers and Jones had at least seven and six digs, respectively.

Prior to the tournament, Bradford played its first District 5-4A match, losing 3-0 (25-12, 25-7, 25-4) to visiting P.K. Yonge

on Sept. 4. Davis had two blocks and four service aces, while Lane and Karen Clark had six and five aces, respectively.

The Tornadoes played district opponent Fort White this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Keystone Heights on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 15, Bradford travels to play West Nassau at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Interlachen on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

## Newberry hands KH 1st volleyball loss

Keystone Heights played its first home volleyball match of the season on Sept. 8, but lost 3-0 (25-12, 25-16, 25-14) to Newberry.

Jordan Jennings had four digs and three service aces, while Hanna Crane had four assists.

The Indians (2-1) opened the season with a 3-0 (25-16, 26-24, 25-22) win over Union County. Crane had 14 assists, while Abi Loose and Miriah Maxwell each had six aces. Loose also had eight kills, while Shelby Skelly and Bailey Zinkel each had two blocks.

On Sept. 2, Keystone defeated District 5-4A opponent Fort White 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-17). Crane had seven assists and six kills, while Loose had seven kills. Zinkel had seven aces.

Keystone will attempt to improve to 2-0 in district play when it hosts Bradford on

Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Indians travel to play Oakleaf at 6:30 p.m.

## UCHS falls 3-0 to Bell in volleyball

Union County High School traveled to Bell for a Sept. 4 volleyball match, losing 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-12).

Kayla Andrews and Kaylan Tucker had seven kills each for the Tigers, with Andrews adding 25 digs and Tucker adding 13. Madelyn Kish had 11 digs to go along with two blocks, while Madison Adams and Lilly Combs had eight and seven assists, respectively.

On Sept. 2, the Tigers were defeated 3-1 (23-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-22) by Baker County in Glen St. Mary. Devin Lewis had 12 points and five aces, while Combs and Tucker had seven and six points, respectively. Four of Tucker's points were aces. (The Telegraph-Times-Monitor only had access to serving stats as of press time.)

Union defeated Branford 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-23) this past Monday, but stats were unavailable at press time.

The Tigers played District 7-1A opponent Newberry this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Williston on Friday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 15, Union travels to play district opponent Dixie County at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play Williston on

Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

## UCHS, BHS place 2nd, 4th in golf

Bradford High School hosted a boys' golf match on Sept. 4, with P.K. Yonge placing first ahead of Union County, Williston and Bradford.

Union earned a score of 202 to finish behind P.K. Yonge (178). Brandon Ames shot a 48 to lead the Tigers, while Ethan Box shot a 50. Case Emerson and Josh Starling each shot a 52, while Tyler Lewis and Kyle Davis finished with scores of 58 and 61, respectively.

Bradford, with a team score of 209, finished just behind Williston (207). Baker County transfer Nicholas Ruise Jr. shot a 45 in his first competitive, nine-hole match, to lead the

Tornadoes, while Timothy Craig Bradford's lone returner from 2013, shot a 48. Tristen Brown and Chase Wilson each shot a 58, while Ryan Fishburn and Dalton Hart had scores of 66 and 70, respectively.

In other golf news, Union senior Savannah Woodall competed in a Sept. 2 girls' match featuring Newberry and Trenton. She was the medalist with a score of 46.

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# Tigers record 2nd blowout, beat West Nassau 56-7

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN  
Times Editor

Quarterback Caleb Cox rushed for one touchdown and threw two more, while eight players in all found the end zone as the Union County High School football team delivered its second consecutive blowout win, this time defeating visiting West Nassau 56-7 on Sept. 5.

The Tigers, who opened the season with a 60-6 win over Potter's House, improved to 2-0 and moved up to number two in the Class 1A poll.

Union's first score was set up when Casey Driggers scooped up a blocked punt and returned the ball to the West Nassau 11-yard line. Antwan Durn rushed for 2 yards before Cox used a quarterback sneak to take the ball in all the way, while getting a bath in a puddle next to the goal line after being tackled. The extra point put Union County up

7-0. The Class 4A Warriors (1-1) answered in kind, with quarterback Brandon Jackson completing a field-spanning 76-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Delano with 9:06 left in the first quarter. The extra point tied it at 7-7.

Union then controlled the ball for the next 6.5 minutes to finally score their second touchdown after Franklin Williams pulled Cox's pass down out of the air. The extra point was wide left, leaving the score at 13-7.

The Tigers blocked another punt, which Williams ran in for the touchdown, but it was called back after the Tigers were penalized for their second block in the back. That put the ball on Union County's 38-yard line. They got a touchdown that counted one play later when Cox connected with Dairon Alexander for a 62-yard pass. The extra point put the Tigers up



Darian Robinson fends of a team of Warriors on his way to the goal line. Photo by Lola Lacy.

20-7.

The second quarter opened with the first of a half-dozen fumbles throughout the game. Josh Hedman recovered a fumble by West Nassau. After Alexander made a solid gain on the ensuing first-down play, which was extended by a dead personal foul penalty against the Warriors, Isaiah Johnson basically walked the ball in from the Warriors' 7-yard line to put the Tigers up 27-7 just 30 seconds into the second quarter.

Things were not looking good for West Nassau and would continue to get worse.

For the rest of the half, the two teams battled it out with three fumbles and a couple of penalties. Union's Driggers and Alden McClellon provided defensive tackles, with Jacquez Warren taking down some Warriors and Hedman sacking their quarterback. James Ford then took another blocked punt in for a touchdown. The extra point put the Tigers up 34-7 with 2:31 left in the first half.

On the next play, Joshua Smith was injured when the Tigers recovered a fumble on the kickoff. He later had his right

knee iced down and stayed out the rest of the game.

To get West Nassau's pain over with, the officials got agreement from both sides to let the clock run, resulting in a quick second half.

The Warriors opened it up with an onside kick, but Hedman recovered it. A few first downs

later, Alexander took a punishing tackle while grabbing a pass out of the air, with a collective groan heard throughout the stadium. Not surprisingly, pass interference was called against the Warriors, but the Tigers declined it. Down at West Nassau's 2-yard line, Durn ran it in for the Tigers' first score of the second half. Adding insult to injury, Cox threw an easy pass to Williams in the corner to complete a two-point conversion.

At this point it seemed like the Warriors simply provided scrimmage practice for the Tigers, who were now up 42-7.

Hedman recovered a fumble after the Warriors tried a double reverse. Several plays later, Darian Robinson ran it in for another Tigers touchdown. The extra point put them up 49-7 with 3:46 left in the third quarter.

Junior varsity Tiger Marice Strong joined Warren and McClellon in keepin up the pressure against West Nassau well into the fourth quarter.

Then, junior varsity Tiger Ty Cook came in as quarterback, while Cox relaxed and smiled on the sideline. Three plays later, Cook had a 69-yard rushing

touchdown to cap off another blowout at home. The extra point secured the final score at 56-7 with less than four minutes left in the game.

This time around, the Tigers seemed to rely more on the run, rather than focusing on the new spread offense they showcased the week before.

"We took what they were going to give us and just stuck with that," Union head coach Ronny Pruitt said.

In regard to this high-turnover game, Pruitt remarked, "Some of them fumbled when nobody was touching them. We've got to fix that most definitely."

Cox had a 75-percent completion rate, (9-of-12), averaging nearly 16 yards per completion. His quarterback rating is 153.5.

Cook's 68-yard touchdown run made him the game's leading rusher. Johnson had 55 yards, averaging nearly 8 yards on each of his seven carries. Durn had 11 carries, averaging 3.5 yards per carry for a total of 38 yards.

Williams had four receptions for 33 yards. Alexander had three for 107 yards.

McClellon led in tackles with 10, followed by Hedman with six and Treyce Hersey with five.

Hedman, Smith, Ford and Clay Halle each had a sack.

On Friday, Sept. 12, Union travels to face the Class 4A Keystone Heights Indians for a 7:30 p.m. game. Keystone (0-1) opened the season with a 35-14 loss to West Nassau and had its Sept. 5 game against Wildwood canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

In last year's matchup, the Tigers defeated Keystone 21-7.



Casey Driggers pulls a ball out of the air launched by quarterback Caleb Cox. Photo by Lola Lacy.

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Bradford travels to play fellow Class 4A team Fort White on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians (1-1) are coming off of a 21-0 win over Class 1A Newberry after opening the season with a 20-14 loss to Class 1A Hamilton County.

Fort White went 7-2 last year, winning the District 2 championship and falling in the first round of the playoffs to East Gadsden. One of the Indians' wins was against Bradford by a score of 37-27.

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# OBITUARIES



**Kenneth Clyatt**  
**Kenneth Clyatt**

LAKE BUTLER— Kenneth Mobley Clyatt, 95, of Lake Butler, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at Baya Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center in Lake City. Mr. Clyatt was born on Feb. 10, 1919, the fourth son of the late Dudley and Ada (Reaves) Clyatt. He was a lifelong resident of Union County. He married the love of his life, Alethea (Dukes) Clyatt on May 21, 1937. They were blessed with 77 years of marriage and four children. Mr. Clyatt was a part of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church his entire life, becoming a member, together with his wife, in 1938. He served the church he loved, and faithfully attended, as Clerk, Member of the Board of Trustees, Building Committee Member, Member of the Board of Deacons, and Deacon Emeritus over the years. He was employed by, and retired from, Clay Electric Cooperation, Inc. after 31 years. He served on the Union County School Board from 1963-1967, representing district three, having been elected in Nov. of 1962. He served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. During WW II he was stationed in Guadalcanal of the South Pacific. Mr. Clyatt was a member of the Lake Butler Masonic Lodge #52, Free and Accepted Mason, for 67 years. As a Mason he served as Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling, with his wife, especially during their retirement years. Family and friends enjoyed the generous gifts of sweet corn, peas, peanuts and other vegetables from his garden. He enjoyed spending time with, and showing his love for, his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Robert, Raymond, Lindsey, and Harold; daughter, Verrell Clyatt Martin; son, Elmo Kerwin Clyatt; and grandson, Charles "Chuck" William Martin.

He is survived by: his wife, Alethea (Dukes) Clyatt; two sons, Kenneth "Red" Melaine (Irma) Clyatt and Larry Dukes (Peggy) Clyatt both of Lake Butler; eleven grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was conducted on Sept. 7th at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Lake Butler. The service was officiated by son, Larry Clyatt, and nephew, Bobby Clyatt. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be given to Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. Arrangements are through Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler. 386-496-2008.

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**Virginia Forsyth**  
**Virginia Forsyth**

RAIFORD—Virginia Faulkner Forsyth, 82, of Raiford passed away suddenly Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. She was born on Dec. 22, 1931 to the late George and Linnie Faulkner. She was a life long resident of Raiford. Mrs. Forsyth retired from the Reception Medical Center as a Correctional Officer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Raiford. She is preceded in death by: her daughter, Janet L. Forsyth; four brothers, Raymond, George, Gerald and Bill Faulkner; two sisters, Mary Lee Faulkner and Alice Brown.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 63 years, T.J. Forsyth of Raiford; son, Tommy (Betty Ann) Forsyth of Raiford; grandson, Zachary Forsyth; brothers, John (Frances) Faulkner of Jacksonville, Drexel (Geri) Faulkner of Middleburg, and Roy (Barbara) Faulkner of Hilliard; sisters, Vera (Barry) Hendrix of Madison, Alabama, and Carrie Clark of Bradenton.

Funeral service for Mrs. Forsyth was held Sept. 6 at the First Baptist

Church of Raiford with Rev. Tommy Smith officiating. Burial took place at Sapp Cemetery following the service. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler 386-496-2008.

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**Barbara Horne**  
**Barbara Horne**

STARKE—Barbara Jean Horne, age 77, of Starke went to be with the Lord at home on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014 at 10:45 am. She was born on Nov. 17, 1936 to the late John Cowart and Lilly Mae Clark Cowart. Barbara was born and raised in Starke and was a former resident of Sebastian. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Women's Club, and Dedan Baptist Church. Barbara married Alfred B. Horne on Sept. 15, 1982 in Folkston, Georgia. She worked as a certified nursing assistant, a buyer for Gibsons and for Woolworths. Barbara loved her family, enjoyed cooking, and lived life to the fullest. Everyone who knew her loved her; she could bring a smile to anyone's face, and lit up the room. She was preceded in death by: her parents, John Cowart and Lilly Mae McGill; her son, Terry Horne; her granddaughter, Brandy Pollock; and her brother, Frank McGill.

Barbara is survived by: her loving husband of 32 years, Alfred Horne of Starke; her children, Laquita (Steven) Wildering of Tribune, Kansas, Tammy (Dean) Ervin of Holopaw, Richard Horne of St. Cloud, Debra (Stephen) Herrick of Sebastian, and Billy (Patricia Williams) Horne of Starke; her brother, Dan McGill; her ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Dedan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, Brookier, FL 32622 or Haven Hospice Development Department, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. The arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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**Kenneth Kincade**

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Kenneth Eugene Kincade, 47, of Keystone Heights died on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Jacksonville and moved to Keystone Heights 17 years ago. He was a land surveyor.

He is survived by: his wife of 22 years, Laura Triplett Kincade; sons, Luke Ryan and Kyle Eugene Kincade all of Keystone Heights; mother, Earline Kincade of Jacksonville; brothers, James Kincade of Alabama and William Daniel Kincade of Jacksonville; and sister, Lisa Kincade of Georgia.

Memorial services were held Sept. 8 at Community Christian Church in Keystone Heights with Pastor William Kincade officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home of Melrose.

**Warren Johns**

JACKSONVILLE— Warren Gary Johns, 77, of Jacksonville died at his home, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. He was born in Lawtey to the late Ernie C. and Mary (McCormick) Johns. He served in the United States Army and retired from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of Jones Road Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Clyde Johns,

Morris Johns, Lucille Johns Mosley, Mary Lois Johns Bowen, and Clifford Johns.

Survivors are: his wife, Vivian (Redding); children, Kevin A. Johns of Jacksonville and Brenda Johns (Greg) Dean of Orange Park; two grandchildren; along with many cousins, nephews, nieces, and extended family.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11 in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Ron Kimbrell officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the services. Interment will be at Evergreen cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Hospice of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

**Barbara Moody**

RAIFORD—Barbara Kitts Moody, 68, of Raiford died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler.



**Delores Nail**  
**Delores Nail**

STARKE—Delores Ann Nail, age 48, of Starke passed away on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014 at her residence. She was born in Jacksonville on Jan. 16, 1966 to Nena Nail Hurst and the late Herbert Austin Smith. Delores was raised by her mother and step father in Jacksonville along with many other locations because her step father was in the military. In 2006, Delores moved to Starke where she became a member of the First United Pentecostal Church. She was a homemaker for most of her life, which she really enjoyed because she was able to care for her family and raise her son, Joseph. Delores was a very creative woman. She was the founder of Dee's Creation Company which sold art designs, pictures, and hand crafted bead jewelry. She loved being creative, traveling, and riding in the truck with her best friend, Jeff, around the United States.

Delores is survived by: her mother and step father, Nena and Donald Hurst of Crestview; her son, Joseph M. Bowser of Starke; her brothers, Chuck Smith of Texas and Ronnie Brackett of Alabama; her sister, Tammy (Robert) Vanmeter of Louisiana; her best friend, Jeff Bowser of Starke; and her granddaughters, Emma and Riley Bowser.

A memorial visitation was held on Sept. 6 at Archie Tanner

Funeral Services. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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**Carl Toombs**

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Carl Toombs, 79, of Keystone Heights died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 at Riverwood Health & Rehab in Starke. He was born on Dec. 3, 1934 in Wallkill, New York to the late Alva and Dorothy (Lake) Toombs and moved to Keystone Heights in 1989 from New York. Prior to retirement he worked as a correctional officer for the State of New York and drove a school bus. He served in the United States Army and was a member of the Church of Christ in Keystone Heights.

Survivors are: his wife of 50 years, Darlene Lent Toombs; children, Nancy Scofield of Margaretville, New York, Karen (Bruce) Swart of Saugerties, New York, Keith (Anna) Toombs of Accord, New York, Robert (Mary Ellen) Toombs of Keystone Heights, and Randy (Dawn) Toombs of Starke; brother, John (Marie) Toombs of Keystone Heights; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 in the Church of Christ with Mr. Robert Bell officiating. Interment will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



**William Underwood**  
**William Underwood**

HAMPTON— William "Bill" James Underwood, age 85, of Hampton passed away on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014 at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville with family by his side. He was born in Wilkinson, Georgia on Jan. 14, 1929 to the late Oscar K. Underwood and Dahlia Gordy Underwood. Bill was raised in Statesboro, Georgia where he lived until he joined the Army in 1953. He served his country proudly from 1953-1958 in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Bill has been a resident of Hampton since 1952 where he met the love of his life, Ruth Norcross, and married her on Nov. 24, 1969. Bill and Ruth attended Sampson City Church of God for many years. Bill was a very talented man who could fix anything. He was a carpenter, painter,

cabinetmaker, and repair man. He enjoyed hunting, farming, and eating good cooking. Bill was preceded in death by: his loving wife of 44 years, Ruth Caroline Underwood; and his brothers, Edward Daryl, Earl King, Calvin, Robert, and Junior Cecil Underwood.

Bill is survived by: his loving children, Ruth (Larry) Feltner of Raiford, Sarah Underwood of Worthington Springs, John (Wanda Gail) Simmons of Crestview, Chanda (Mark) Griggs of Dover, and Wayne (Guillermina) Simmons of Lutz; his brothers, Johnnie George Underwood, Richard Underwood, Hubert Russell Underwood, and Ernest Carl Underwood; his sisters, Dahlia Oree Wright, Shirley Barbara Williams, and Jeanette Manning; his ten grandchildren, Ashley Feltner, James Feltner, Christy Watts, Joshua Griggs, Dustin Griggs, Jack Griggs, Jesse Adams, Daniela Geisler, Krystal Adams, and Lance Seay; and five great-grandchildren, Maddie Feltner, Westley Watts, Rayne and Easton Geisler, and Nicholas Adams.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11:00 am at Sampson City Church of God with Reverend Gene Bass officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends on Friday, Sept. 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit [www.archietannerfuneralservices.com](http://www.archietannerfuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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**Joshua Williams**

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Our family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved son and brother, Joshua Mathew Williams went to be with our Lord on Saturday, Sept. 6th, 2014. Josh was born in Gainesville on May 9, 1992 and spent much of his life in Keystone Heights. Josh loved sports, movies, spending time on the water and making memories with friends and family. He had a deep soul, compassionate heart, infectious smile and was fiercely loved by his family and friends. He was taken from us too soon and will be missed forever.

Josh is survived by: his parents, Gloria Lovano and Craig Williams; siblings, Tysee Williams, Jason (Beth) Lovano, Kristen (Gary) Bryant; paternal grandmother, Dee Williams; and a multitude of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 in Keystone Heights. More details will be available on the Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes website at [www.williamsthomasmemorialhome.com](http://www.williamsthomasmemorialhome.com). In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution in Josh Williams name to The Reichert House (1704 SE 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32641). For further information contact Williams-Thomas Downtown (352) 376-7556.

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# CRIME

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

### Bradford

Jerry Taylor Atteberry, 18, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 4 by Starke police for fraud—illegal use of credit cards, possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana. According to the arrest report, a resident on Alton Road in Starke had a wallet with several credit cards inside it stolen from his vehicle during the night. By the time he reported it to the police, several charges had been put on one of the cards at Walmart, Kangaroo and Redbox in the Starke area. After viewing surveillance video at Walmart and Kangaroo, the police were able to see what type of clothing the person using the card had on and what type of vehicle they were driving. Later that

afternoon, police spotted the vehicle at the public library in Starke with Atteberry inside of it. After questioning, Atteberry claimed a friend had provided the card to him to use to make the purchases. A search of Atteberry's truck turned up the controlled substance and the marijuana, and he was arrested and transported to jail. According to the arrest report, Atteberry is still under investigation for burglary of the vehicle, theft of the credit card and theft of the controlled substances. Bond was set at \$6,000 for the three charges he was arrested on.

Robert Kyle Benton, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 6 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Daryl Ray Butler, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Christian Enrique Claudio, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 3 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Candace Lea Driggers, 31, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 5 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence and fleeing/eluding a police officer at a high speed. According to the arrest report, a deputy spotted Driggers speeding on S.R. 100 West by the Keystone Airport. When he got behind the vehicle and clocked the speed with his radar, she was traveling close to 100 mph. Driggers kept going, so the deputy activated his siren, but she continued to speed around 100 mph and crossed into the other lane at one point. Driggers finally pulled over at Starke Landscape and said she was speeding to get home because her boyfriend was mad at her. The deputy smelled alcohol on her breath, and Driggers admitted to drinking earlier in the night. She failed the field sobriety exercises, and was arrested and transported to the jail. Bond was set at \$4,000 for the charges.

Robert Joseph Gacloch, 25, of Starke was arrested Sept. 1 by Bradford deputies for larceny. According to the arrest report, Gacloch stole his roommate's 55-inch, flat-screen TV while the roommate was out of the house. The roommate called law enforcement when he discovered his TV missing, and they interviewed Gacloch and others about the incident. Gacloch claimed he knew nothing about the missing TV. While the deputy was speaking with neighbors about the incident, Gacloch left, and the roommate then discovered that the remote to the TV and a HDMI cord were missing from a coffee table, where they had been several minutes before. He called the officer, who went to find Gacloch at another address. When the officer arrived, Gacloch was closing the back part of his truck. The officer ordered him to open it, and the stolen TV was there. Gacloch was arrested and

transported to jail.

Dianne Elizabeth Gill, 50, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Bradford deputies for two charges of larceny—grand theft more than \$300 and less than \$5,000, burglary and two charges of dealing in stolen property. According to the arrest report, Gill was living at a residence in Starke with another person when she took items from the boyfriend of her roommate and sold them at a pawn shop in Keystone Heights. When the roommate discovered the first theft, she also realized that much of her gold jewelry was missing. Further investigation by BCSO revealed the jewelry had been pawned at the same place in Keystone, with the pawn tickets confirming that Gill sold the items. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Stephanie Lashonda Goodman, 26, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Goodman went to an ex-boyfriend's home to see a child they have together, and a verbal argument ensued. The argument then turned physical, with Goodman throwing something at the ex-boyfriend and cutting him in the face. Goodman claimed the ex-boyfriend started the physical incident by grabbing her by the arms and attempting to drag her out of the house. She said she resisted and only threw a phone at him after he tried to punch her. As there were no witnesses to the incident, police decided both should be charged, with charges against the ex-boyfriend to go through the State Attorney's Office since he had to be transported to Shands Starke for his facial injury. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge against Goodman.

Kelvin Grigger, 25, of Fort

White was arrested Sept. 6 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Kelli Nicole Haight, 31, of Brooker was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies for possession of opium or derivative. According to the arrest report, the Bradford County Drug Task Force went to a home on Northwest 185<sup>th</sup> Street off of C.R. 225 in the county after receiving information that there was an active marijuana grow located there. No marijuana was found, but Haight was inside the residence when the task force knocked on the door. When asked if she had any illegal contraband on her, Haight said she had two pills on her: a Roxy 30 and a Roxy 15. She had a prescription for the Oxycodone 30 mg pill, but said the prescription for the other 15 mg pill was at her residence in Brooker. She then said she had the 15 mg pill for a sick brother who was out of medicine, and that a friend had really gave her the pill. She was arrested and transported to jail.

Matthew Clifton Harris, 31, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Lavance Maurice Ivory, 18, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 6 by Starke police for larceny. According to the arrest report, Ivory was in Walmart in Starke when he was observed removing an electronic game from its packaging and placing it in his pocket. Once he left the store without paying, Walmart employees confronted Ivory about the game. Ivory took off running, going back in the store and then outside. He was running south on the shoulder of U.S. 301 when police pulled up and detained him. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Cornelius Saint James, 34, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for aggravated battery against a known pregnant victim. According to the arrest report, James got into an argument with his girlfriend, who is 37 weeks' pregnant. He threw the victim across the bed and then hit her in the face. When police arrived, the victim was sitting on the floor crying and coughing up blood, and said

James has been abusive before in their relationship. The victim was transported to North Florida Regional Medical by EMS, and James was arrested and transported to the jail. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Autumn Lafferty, 33, of Starke was arrested Sept. 2 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Jimmy Lauramore, 35, of Glen St. Mary was arrested Sept. 7 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked and possession of cocaine. According to the arrest report, Lauramore was parked at the Kangaroo store on S.R. 16 and Morgan Road, asleep at the wheel with the vehicle engine running when a deputy pulled in conducting a property check. After waking Lauramore and running a license check, a search turned up a small bag of cocaine in his pocket. He was arrested with bond set at \$6,000 for the charges.

William G. Manning, 21, of Starke was arrested Sept. 8 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Jimmy Neal Morgan, 45, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for lewd and lascivious behavior—inappropriate touching of a person under 16 years of age. According to the arrest report, Morgan's victim was a 12-year-old family member, and he faces allegations of more severe offenses that may have occurred out of the state. Morgan is a truck driver and had the victim with him for several trips to the northeast part of the country. BCSO and the state attorney's office are working with other law-enforcement agencies from the northeast on the allegations made against Morgan. Bond was set at \$500,000 for the current charge.

Matthew Wayne Rumbley, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 7 by Lawtey police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana.

Daniel James Spivey, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 4 by Bradford deputies driving while license suspended or revoked.

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# CRIME

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

### Bradford

Leigh Phillip Pinckney, 20, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 2 by Starke police for burglary, trespassing and loitering. According to the arrest report, Pinckney entered a home several times after being told not to come to the residence and after being Baker Acted for psychological evaluation for similar actions at the end of August. On Sept. 2, the occupants of the residence awoke to find Pinckney sitting at their kitchen table holding a small bottle of alcohol. The victims yelled at her to leave, which she finally did, only to stay in the carport until leaving before law enforcement arrived. Several hours later, she returned to the home and frightened several children inside by staring at them through the window. The police located her later in the morning and arrested her and transported her to jail. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the charges.

Brandy Erin Taylor, 32, of Starke was arrested Sept. 8 by Starke police for three charges of fraud—obtain controlled substance by fraud and distribution of opium or derivative. According to the arrest report, Taylor or an acquaintance called in a false prescription to CVS in Starke three times in August for Hydrocodone. When she tried the same with Walgreens on Sept. 8, Walgreens called the police about a possible fraud prescription. After checking with the doctor on the fake prescription, and after further investigation, police discovered the three fake prescriptions at CVS. Taylor was interviewed and said she was using some of the pills and giving some away to other people. She was arrested and bond was set at \$45,000 for the charges.

Wesley Dylan White, 22, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 5 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Jonathan Bernard Wimmers, 25, of Ocala was arrested Sept. 3 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$75,000 for the charge.

### Keystone/Melrose

David Bednar, 35, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 7 by Clay deputies for battery.

John Bennett, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Sept. 4 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Timothy Ivey, 30, of Melrose was arrested on Sept. 8 by Putnam deputies for resisting an officer, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Demetric Johnson, 37, of Starke was arrested Sept. 3 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Justen Kelley, 25, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 7 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Danyelle Lee Pitchford, 28, of Melrose was arrested by Putnam deputies for three probation violations.

Bobby Reffitt, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 6 by Clay deputies for battery.

Stephanie Ann Slate, 47, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 6 by Putnam deputies for larceny.

Jeremy Allen Zoch, 33, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 3 by Clay deputies for aggravated battery and robbery.

### Union

Raymond Graham, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 7 by Union deputies for felony domestic battery and driving while license suspended or

revoked. According to the arrest report, Graham went to a home the victim was sleeping at and attacked her, choking her and scratching her across the face. He then left in the victim's vehicle, but was stopped by a deputy a short while later and arrested.

Page Hannah Lewis, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 6 by Union deputies for battery. According to the arrest report, she and the father of her daughter got into an argument, and Lewis jabbed at him in the stomach with scissors before biting him on his arm and hitting him on the back of his head and in the face with a shoe multiple times. Lewis

was arrested and transported to the jail.

Ethan Etienne Anderson, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription and distribution of cocaine—within 1,000 feet of a public park. Bond was set at \$80,000 for the charges.

Edwin V. Asher, 67, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription and selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public

housing or a school. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the charges.

Nicholas Jordan Barefoot, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription, selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public housing or a school and trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to under 30 kilograms. Bond was set at \$110,000 for the charges.

Thomas Michael Bly, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 5 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for

misdeemeanor offense. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Miguel Angel Hernandez Rios, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for misdeemeanor offense.

Jerry Ryan Jones, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 2 by Union deputies on three warrants for three charges of possession of drugs—controlled substance without prescription, two charges of selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of public housing or a school, trafficking in opium or derivative—4 grams to under 30 kilograms and

distribution of cocaine—within 1,000 feet of a school or place of worship. Bond was set at \$250,000 for the charges.

Heather Renee Poole, 36, of Fort White was arrested Sept. 3 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for misdeemeanor offense and contempt of court—non payment of child support. Bond was set at \$6,160 for the charges.

Tina Marie Sharp, 43, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 5 by Union deputies for failure to appear for misdeemeanor offense. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

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# JAIL

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type clothing (except the women get panties instead of boxers and sports bras if on a work detail) and follow the same behavioral and visitation guidelines.

"The only real difference is in some of the hygiene products," Starling said. "The women get what they need that the men don't."

The same is true when it comes to medical care at the

jail. All inmates' health is monitored by the medical staff, with medical records obtained from their physicians if they have medical conditions that warrant it. Inmates are transported to medical appointments as necessary. All inmates are handled with universal precautions for HIV, since privacy mandates prohibit letting anyone other than the medical staff know a patient's status.

Female inmates who are pregnant are taken to any

necessary pre-natal visits and are provided with appropriate pre-natal vitamins as ordered by their caregiver.

"We have been really lucky here," Starling said. "We haven't had anyone give birth here. I hope we can keep things that way."

Starling said the ratio of male to female inmates has remained basically the same since the facility was built in 1994-95 - running at about 80 percent male to 20 percent female. She said the jail is rarely filled to

capacity, but that the facility has a "gentleman's agreement" with other jails in the area to house prisoners in the short term free of charge. Bradford also handles all the female inmates for the Union County Sheriff's Office, as they do not have a separate area in their jail to house female prisoners.

"In the seven years I have been here, we have never had to send out inmates because of overcrowding," Starling said. "We have sent prisoners out because we needed them separated from

others housed in the facility. Right now, Baker County has one of ours and we have one of theirs, both for the same reason.

"If we start getting really full, we have portable beds we can set up in the prisoner's rooms, which raises the capacity of each room to three. That's our limit. If things are still tight, we might want to look at letting some people close to their release date go a day or two early, but we rarely resort to this measure."

Starling said the inmates are very lucky in that for such a

small county, Bradford has an active volunteer program, as well as a very active chaplain.

"We are a part of the community here and we know many of the people we handle," Starling said. "We not only know them, but very often we know their parents, grandparents and siblings. Sometimes this makes things hard, but we just always try to do the right thing, in the right way and do the best job we can for everyone concerned."

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