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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. If you are worried about waking up to pink flamingos in your yard, flock insurance is also available.

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.

VFW monthly birthday celebration, Sept. 20

VFW Post 10082 is hosting its monthly birthday celebration on Saturday, Sept. 20. The featured band is Cruise Control.

Gospel sing at Sanderson, Sept. 21

Sanderson Christian Revival Center is having a gospel sing on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds to follow the sing. The Georgia's Quartet will be the featured singers. Come out to here some great gospel singing. The church is located on State Road 229 and Sapp Road in Sanderson, five miles north from Interstate 10. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Randal Griffis at 904-769-3865.

LB to hold meetings on Sept. 22

On Monday, Sept. 22, the Lake Butler City Commission will hold a special meeting at City Hall at 4 p.m. to swear in newly appointed commissioner Scott Cason and to discuss financial issues. This will be followed by a meeting at 5:15 p.m. The city has tentatively adopted a budget and this meeting will be to make a final decision on it and taxes. The fiscal budget year begins on Oct. 1.

UC to hold special meeting, Sept. 22

On Sept. 22, the Union County Commission will hold a special meeting at the Union County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. A final decision on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing. The fiscal budget year begins on Oct. 1.

Living healthy with diabetes, Sept. 25

The Union County Extension Office is hosting a workshop to help diabetics find easier ways to enjoy eating and remain healthy on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 1:30 p.m. Call to reserve a seat at 386-496-2321.

Tigers shutout Keystone Indians, 41-0

The Tigers shutout the Keystone Heights Indians, 41-0, on Sept. 12 thanks to the efforts of players like Zak Lee who went vertical to snag Caleb Cox's pass out of the air over an aggressive defender. Cox passed for two touchdowns and Isaiah Johnson ran for three more. With a 3-0 record, the Tigers are now second in the state in Class 1A. Union County will host Interlachen on Sept. 19. The Rams are 0-3 and have been outscored 93-19 this season. Read more about the game and see more photos, in Regional News, 7B.



Fire engulfs old bookstore in LB



Lake Butler Volunteer Firefighter Erik Bernas helps cool down the fire from inside in his new gear. He recently received \$1,900 worth of "bumper gear" by completing a 206-hour course called Firefighter Part 1 conducted by Charlie Frank, president of Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend Council. Formed in 2007, the council's goal is to provide free training to volunteer firefighters. Bernas is one of Lake Butler's nine volunteers who completed the course, saving the city nearly \$20,000 since its last grant for gear nine years ago. Fire Chief Mike Banks said the gear lasts about a decade, so it comes just in time. The gear is provided by Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

Family living upstairs displaced from uninsured building

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The second floor of the old Books & Birthdays shop at 755 E. Main St. in Lake Butler was engulfed in flames on Monday afternoon shortly before schools were getting out. A family living upstairs was safe, but displaced from the uninsured building.

The fire was called in by Florida Highway Patrol troopers driving by shortly before 3 p.m. who noticed the flames and realized no one else did. The officers reported hearing ammunition going off, and the fire also caused the live power pole near the corner of the building to spark and pop.

After totaling the second floor, the fire was fully contained within an hour by Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department and Union County Fire Department personnel, along with help from City of Lake Butler employees and forestry personnel. Union County is also staffed by volunteers. The Union County Sheriff's Office shut down State Road 100 during that time, but later opened up one lane. Florida Power & Light came to shut off the power to the pole and clear branches around it.

Owner Jeff Snyder said he does not have insurance on the building because payments got to be too high. He said the top floor was built in the 1960s with "fat lighter," and so was not surprised the fire tool off so quickly and intensely. Known by several different names, the framing wood is a hardened, pine lumber used in building construction for decades. Firefighters gave it that nickname because old homes burn in a matter of minutes.

Sometimes called heartwood or sapwood, it was used as the prime lumber in homes decades ago

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LB man charged for infant's broken leg

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Lawrence Collins Fogg, 34, was arrested Wednesday, Sept. 10, and charged with aggravated child abuse after Union County Sheriff's Office investigators discovered that a seven-month old infant suffered a fractured leg while in Fogg's care.



Fogg

UCSO was contacted by the Department of Children and Families concerning an injury to an infant. This report came in following an interview by DCF in Lake City. After further investigation UCSO deputies then went to Fogg's temporary home on Northeast Fifth Avenue in Lake Butler, where the child had been injured.

The infant suffered a fractured leg "following a burst of anger on the infant child," the suspect admitted, according to the arrest report. DCF officials along with UCSO and Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputies immediately located additional children and removed them from custody and have been working with the mother and other family members to re-stabilize the home.

The infant child, who was treated at the UF Health Shands Hospital, is doing well and recovering quickly.

Fogg, originally from New York, remains in the Union County Jail under a \$25,000 bond, with the provision that if and when Fogg is released on bond, he is barred from having any contact with the victim/child or any minors.

Stabbing occurs at house party

Underage drinking also involved

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

Union County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a stabbing over the weekend during the early morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 13, at a house party on East State Road 100 east of Lake Butler close to the Bradford County line.

The 22-year-old male victim, who

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etc.

Pond workshop, Sept. 23

The Union County Extension Office is hosting a free Pond Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Two textbooks will be available free of charge. Please call the extension office to register for this free workshop at 386-496-2321.

Boys fall baseball camp, Sept. 29 – Oct. 2

The 2014 Boys Fall Baseball Camp will be Sept. 29 through Oct. 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Lake Butler Middle School P.E. field.

The camp is for boys in grade pre-K through fourth. The cost is \$50. (All checks should be payable to LBMS.) Students should report to the P.E. pavilion each day at 2:30 p.m. All students should be picked up by 4:30 p.m.

All students will get a snack and drink every day and receive a LBMS baseball shirt.

Instructors and organizers:

- Aaron Tetstone is a P.E. teacher at LBES and head baseball coach at LBMS.
- Keith Harrison is also a P.E. teacher at LBES and assistant baseball coach at LBMS.
- Former LBMS players.

All funds will go towards the LBMS baseball team for the 2015 season.

For more information, contact Aaron Tetstone at tetstonea@union.k12.fl.us or 386-496-3047.

Food safety and quality training, Sept. 30

The Bradford County Extension Office is hosting its next food safety education training, called ServSafe, on Tues., Sept. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. To register, call 352-846-0225 or email shannonjackson@ufl.edu. Learn more about the program at fyacs.ifas.ufl.edu/foodsafety.

Vendors needed for Ladies Expo, Oct. 11

Providence Village Baptist Church is seeking vendors for its Ladies Expo on Nov. 1. Please contact Darlene at 386-758-2040, 386-397-9478 or darlenelambsmith@gmail.com by Oct. 1.

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.

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.



The Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department and the Union County Fire Department, which is also staffed by volunteers, worked together along with City of Lake Butler employees and forestry personnel to put out the inferno raging on Main Street in Lake Butler earlier this week.

FIRE

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because it was resistant to termites and rot and wouldn't split with nailing. But the resin in that wood breaks down over time, making it extremely flammable. Such wood these days is sold in small sticks as a fire starter. At least one person online claimed just a few years ago to have found such lumber still being sold at a hardware store.

Snyder said he hopes to salvage the first floor, which is constructed in concrete block.

The fire displaced a family who lived upstairs. The American Red Cross responded in the early evening to provide assistance. Mary Brown was told that the Red Cross gave them money for food, clothing and hotel (for up to three days

if needed), and up to \$350 for the first month's worth of rental assistance. Brown, who is the director of the Union County Public Library, served as the local representative for the Red Cross for 15 years.

Meanwhile the fire marshal was on hand to determine the cause of the blaze. According to Ashley Carr with the State Fire Marshal's Office of Communications, "The fire remains under investigation but there is nothing suspicious." She said that personnel returned on Tuesday to continue their investigation.

Learn more about the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross at redcross.org/fl/jacksonville or contact them at 904-358-8091.

Watch a video of the fire and see full-color photos at facebook.com/unioncountytimes.

PARTY

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received three lateral cuts to his upper right leg, was immediately transported to UF Health Shands Hospital for treatment and then released.

Jacob Honeycutt, 29, a white male from Lake Butler, was arrested on the charge of felony — aggravated battery.

The stabbing happened at the house of Jonathan Norman, 20, a white male from Lake Butler who was also charged and arrested for throwing a house party and allowing minors access to alcohol.

Norman admitted to having a group of friends over along with other people he did not know.

Supposedly Honeycutt arrived at the open house party with two

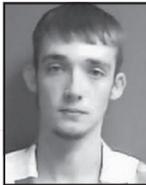
friends and he and the stabbing victim exchanged words, and then they got into a fight. Although the victim did not have a knife, the suspect said he used his knife — that he normally carries in a sheath on his hip — in self-defense to get the victim off him.

Witnesses' testimony, however, contradicted Honeycutt's statement. The report stated that "both victim and suspect were equally matched and engaged ... and that they did engage in kicking the suspect several times to get him off the victim."

A broken pool cue was also recovered at the scene.

Lt. Lyn Williams said that this case is still under investigation with more possible arrests pending.

Honeycutt remains in the Union County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.



Norman



Honeycutt



The Union County Supervisor of Elections office said that the voter registration books close on Oct. 6 for the General Election to be held on Nov. 4. Direct any questions to Supervisor of Elections Debbie Osborne at 386-496-2236 or debbie.osborne@unionflvotes.com. The office is located at 175 West Main Street in Lake Butler.

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LB and UC fire departments each maintain ISO rating

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

The Lake Butler Volunteer Fire Department and the Union County Fire Department both maintain their ISO ratings after a recent annual review.

This evaluation is determined by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) whose purpose is to evaluate fire departments.

The rating is based on the effectiveness of fire protection services and equipment available to protect the community. A rating is assigned between 1 and 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. Because the rating is one of the primary elements used by the insurance industry to develop premium rates for residential units and commercial businesses, having a lower ISO rating can help owners save money on insurance.

LBVFD maintains a strong ISO rating of 4, which it has for 13 years according to Fire Chief Mike Banks. He said that is due to its fire equipment and the city's water supply, or fire hydrant system, and available dispatch services.

UCFD, which is also staffed by volunteers, maintained its typical ISO rating of 9 because a rural county just doesn't have hydrants available beyond city limits and tankers can only get to

a fire so fast.

However, Fire Chief and EMS Director Mitch Andrews said that the ISO rating covers five road miles, so that between Worthington Springs, Lake Butler and Raiford, all of State Road 121 is covered under the rating of 9. Otherwise it's a 10, and some insurance companies don't cover that. He said that once the Palestine fire station is up-and-running, all of State Road 100 would be covered under the rating of 9.

The county has two water tanks installed in Palestine and Providence, respectively, with plans to possibly add ones in Raiford and the Groves area in the future. He said that equipment and especially water supply are keys to getting a lower ISO rating. With some improvements in those areas, such as adding another tanker, Andrews hopes to get an 8B rating next time around. He cited Bradford County as an example of an 8B rating because they have more tankers.

According to one website, that rating is "for communities that provide superior fire protection services and fire alarm facilities but lack the water supply required for a (rating of) 8 or better."

When Banks informed the Lake Butler City Commissioners about the latest ISO rating review, he said the volunteer firefighters and their families are "the real heroes."



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"A Message From The Heart"

It has only been nine months, since my heart, Jerry Whitehead, left this earth for his heavenly home. Every day has been a struggle, knowing the happy life we shared together, with our children, would be forever changed. I loved him beyond measure and always knew how deeply he loved me and our children. So, when I say struggle, I mean it in a heartfelt and painful way. The true grief we feel has been terrible.

I have seen my children, born into the family through no fault of their own, sobbing at the sight of their father in a coffin!

I have remembered who never once approached them to give a hug or gentle touch, especially when the community outpouring at the time was being viewed as a political opportunity!

That image is with me to this day!

Added to that pain, has been some ugly defamation of me, my children, and Jerry, himself. All done and said by one person, because of the freedom to do so, now that Jerry is gone. In addition to being ashamed and so disappointed, Jerry would be livid that I am being portrayed, among other things, as weak and manipulated. He would be the first to see who is manipulating who and trying to get their shots in against us, now! Trust me, I am strong because I have to be. I am all that is left to protect our four precious children and his memory.

While all families have problems, those problems don't, usually, carry over into the welfare of an entire county. But, if those problems reveal malicious intent, long held personal agendas, lack of integrity, and seeking of a political office, then a county should take note. The position of Sheriff is too important, not to consider the character of the candidates.

Because I truly knew Jerry's heart, beliefs, and desires, I can tell you his love and concern for the people of Union County was absolutely sincere and real. I know....I lived with this special man every day. I also knew how he viewed his role as Sheriff. To him, it was never about power and prestige. He thought a public servant should be there for people from all walks of life, no matter who they were, or their financial status. He wanted to keep all of them safe, and help them with problems wherever he could.

So many of you loved him and supported him through the years, not because of his last name, but because of the kind of man he was. Because of him and his father before him, my children and I carry the Whitehead name with pride. That same pride makes me, especially, aware when the name is being used, rather than being honored.

He was a real friend to the citizens and it is understandable, that some citizens feel they owe something to Jerry. For that reason, I ask that you consider what the Jerry I knew, would really want in this election. He, more than anyone, believed that respect was earned, not inherited.

He was adamantly opposed to displays of arrogance or intimidation. His first obligation was to what was best for Union County and that always trumped personal ambition.

In the sense of passing a torch from a father to a son, Mr. John passed his to Jerry, after Jerry earned it. In that same sense, Jerry's torch has been passed to a son. That personal dream has been fulfilled.....but, in a very, very different way, by applying pressure, from the moment of Jerry's death, to seize the job.

Meanwhile, an experienced, loyal, dedicated law enforcement professional, who has earned our respect, continued Jerry's work until the position was taken from him and given to the current sheriff. Sheriff Garry Seay took over the responsibilities of overseeing the Sheriff's Office, because it was the right thing to do. Jerry, himself, often told me of his complete trust in Garry's ability to handle any situation that occurred. He knew Garry was honest, fair, with a level headed maturity, and that he truly cared about people.

While the situation saddens me, I can't know the truth and not speak up! It is after much prayer, and concern for the people and the county Jerry so loved; that I humbly urge you not to allow your loyal devotion to Jerry to be misplaced.

With all that has been revealed, Jerry would be proud to know that his legacy was an example for all, not a special privilege for one. He would want your loyalty to him, to reflect the kind of man he was, not a last name as a birthright. He would want you to choose someone who had Union County's best interests at heart, someone with integrity and experience, because you mattered to him.

Please trust Garry Seay as your choice for Sheriff of Union County.

In loving memory of Jerry,
Tammy Whitehead

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Tammy Whitehead, 20947 NE 100th Trail, Lake Butler, Florida 32054.
This advertisement was not approved by any candidate.

CITY OF LAKE BUTLER

LB to give employees a 3% raise, cut VFD training stipend

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

At a special meeting of the Lake Butler City Commission on Aug. 28, City Manager Dave Mecusker listed proposed budget changes for this upcoming fiscal year, which begins on October 1. The previously discussed employee raise and a cut in the volunteer fire department training stipend were included in the list.

Here is the list:

1. The city's full-time employees will receive a three percent cost-of-living adjustment effective with the first pay period in October for the coming fiscal year. This includes six main city employees, four water utilities employees and five sewage employees.

2. Two zero-turn lawnmowers will be purchased for the Streets and Roads Department to replace the two worn out ones at a cost of \$8,000 a piece. The city plans the purchase one next spring, and may not end up purchasing a second one.

3. Volunteer firefighters will receive a \$10 stipend for every other Thursday instead of every Thursday like they do now. They will still receive \$15 for each call they respond to. They will be paid on a monthly basis. The firefighters can still continue to train every week if they want.

New signs installed at Lakeside Park

The City of Lake Butler recently installed new signs at Lakeside Park to keep airboats out and to warn swimmers and protect the city from liability. City Manager Dave Mecusker said that neighbors have complained about the noise from airboats and that they are disruptive to wildlife. The sign reads, "No Launching of Airboats." The swimming sign reads, "SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK! NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY!" He also said that the splash park was vandalized recently, with its two gates getting torn off. Mecusker liked the suggestion of one resident to move the park's curfew up from midnight to 10 p.m. and added that the city is considering having surveillance cameras installed to monitor Lakeside Park, which has suffered other acts of vandalism.



'Christmas in the Jungle' is this year's theme

"Christmas in the Jungle" is this year's Christmas parade theme, City Manager Dave Mecusker announced at the Sept. 8 meeting of the Lake Butler City Commission. He said that Community State Bank holds a contest each year to come up with the theme.

"It kind of grows on you," Mecusker said.

The Christmas parade will run is Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.

Halloween in Lake Butler will be recognized in November this year — Nov. 1, to be exact, due to an away district football game the night before, on the actual Halloween. Trick-or-Treating on that Saturday will be from 6 to 9 p.m. As always, residents who are not home or are not participating in Halloween are asked to leave their porch light off.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Lake Butler, Florida has tentatively adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. at Lake Butler City Hall, 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

City will not pursue golf cart crossings

BY VINCENT ALEX BROWN
Times Editor

After months of hearing appeals from just a few residents and researching its options, the Lake Butler City Commission decided it will not pursue getting golf cart crossings installed for several reasons.

Those residents want official golf cart crossings marked on local streets such as State Road 100 to help make it safer for going from neighborhoods to stores and back.

At the Aug. 11 meeting, a letter was read stating the city's reasons:

1. The City of Lake Butler does not want to assume the liabilities associated with any fatalities or accidents. The city will be a liable party in any fatality or accident that occurred within the city limits.

2. The state highways in the city are not geographically structured to allow the additional lane(s) required to accommodate a golf cart crossing. The types of crossings permitted require a third lane that our city streets cannot accommodate.

3. The trucking companies and the traffic that Gilman (Building Products Company sawmill) brings into our city is a safety hazard for golf cart crossings. The (tractor-trailer) traffic is excessive in our little town and two major state roads that this traffic frequents, encompasses our city.

4. Traffic studies are required for each crossing that is proposed. The cost is not financially reasonable to expend with our budget and there is no assistance available to cover these costs.

5. If the city did request and complete all the necessary steps for a golf cart crossing, there is no guarantee that it will be approved (even if the minimum criteria are met).

6. Four state roads are in the city limits and this would require a minimum of four crossings in the city. All of the businesses are aligned along the state roads in the city limits. The number of crossings that would be required to accommodate usage will be a financial hardship.

Florida Department of Transportation does not allow motorized vehicles on their sidewalks. The city of Lake Butler has sidewalks that have been installed by FDOT along State Roads 100 and 121 as well as First Street, Eighth Street and Ninth Avenue in the city.

The city had talks with and visited Branford, which has golf cart crossings and has been cited as a similar example by citizens making their appeal. However, Lake Butler's letter stated, "Our city is not geographically structured like Branford, therefore making it difficult to mimic their progress."

After some additional discussion at the Aug. 11 meeting, the commission voted to close the matter, and the letter stated their stance: "We understand the desire for the use of golf carts as a means of transportation during tough economic times. The City of Lake Butler has decided not to pursue this venture due to the aforementioned. We appreciate all of your patience and cooperation concerning this matter."

BUGET SUMMARY CITY OF LAKE BUTLER FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER ARE 1.7% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Utilities Fund	Redevelopment Fund	Special Project Funds	Total All Funds
Cash balances brought forward:	\$ 500,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,130,000
Estimated revenues:					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem taxes 2.2547 mills	76,628	-	-	-	76,628
Redevelopment district revenue	-	-	62,370	-	62,370
Local option, fuel & sales taxes	178,600	-	-	-	178,600
Service taxes & PILOT	253,100	-	-	-	253,100
Local fees & interest	9,500	6,750	30	315	16,595
State shared revenues and grants	62,200	-	-	73,850	136,050
Contract revenue - FDOT	69,731	-	-	-	69,731
Charges for services	31,210	1,191,673	-	-	1,222,883
Other	2,850	-	-	-	2,850
Transfers in	144,000	-	-	-	144,000
Total estimated revenues:	827,819	1,198,423	62,400	74,165	2,162,807
Total estimated revenues & beginning balances:	\$ 1,327,819	\$ 1,348,423	\$ 192,400	\$ 424,165	\$ 3,292,807
Appropriated Expenditures/Expenditures:					
General government	\$ 366,023	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ -	\$ 353,393
Public safety	117,573	-	-	18,430	136,003
Utility operations	-	915,923	30,000	-	945,923
Streets/transportation	198,109	-	-	-	198,109
Health programs	12,369	-	-	-	12,369
Culture & recreation	125,494	-	-	55,411	180,905
Redevelopment projects	-	-	151,379	-	151,379
Debt service	-	138,500	-	-	138,500
Transfers out	-	144,000	-	-	144,000
Total estimated expenditures/ expenses:	819,568	1,198,423	181,554	73,841	2,273,386
Reserves (ending balances):	508,251	150,000	10,846	350,324	1,019,421
Total expenditures/expenses & reserves:	\$ 1,327,819	\$ 1,348,423	\$ 192,400	\$ 424,165	\$ 3,292,807

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UCI recognizes seven in Sept. for years of service

On Sept. 10, Union Correctional Institution congratulated seven staff members who received pins to commemorate their years of service to the state of Florida. They are (back row, l-r) Officer Natalie Frederick (five years), Sgt. Terry Sexton (10 years), Officer Roger Barnett (10 years), Colonel Kevin Box (30 years). (Front row, l-r) Officer Janet Bennett (25 years), Officer Jachael Nichols (five years), Officer Anquette Monroe (five years). The UCI leadership team thanked these staff members for their dedicated service.



Lake Butler Rotary Club inducts 3 new members

Darrell O'Neal (left), area governor of Rotary District 6970 and member of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, officially inducted these three members to the Lake Butler Rotary Club on Sept. 2: (L-r) Ted Barber, local officer of the Lake Butler Chapter No. 40 Order of the Eastern Star Masonic Lodge; Trent Wheeler, minister of Lake Butler Church of Christ; and Kellie H. Connell, Union County clerk of court and comptroller. They were joined by Dan Search, president-elect of Lake Butler Rotary Club and pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lake Butler, and Harvey Baxter, hearing officer for Child Support Enforcement for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida and a member of the Baker County Rotary Club.

LEGALS

UCT Legals 9/18/14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 63-2014-CP-000019CPAX-MX

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUISE O'BOYLE
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Louise O'Boyle, deceased, whose date of death was April 8, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is September 18, 2014.

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STATE OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
 Petitioner,
 vs.
 DONNA A. GRIFFIN, Case #36271
 Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: DONNA A. GRIFFIN,
 Residence Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.
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 Dated: September 16, 2014
 Dean Register,
 Professionalism Director
 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

By: -s- Jill Simpson,
 Division Representative
 9/18 4tchg 10/9-UCT

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
 Petitioner,
 vs.
 JAMES G. SPEARS, Case #35855
 Respondent.

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NOTICE
 Lake Butler Mini Storage will hold an auction on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10 AM. We are located at 1015 SW 3rd St. across from Lake Butler Elementary School, Hwy 121. We have 7 units up for auction, 3 - 5x10's and 4 - 10x10's.
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Union County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's proposed tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy \$ 2,199,391
- B. Less tax reduction due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$ (282)
- C. Actual property tax levy \$ 2,199,673

This year's proposed tax Levy \$ 2,259,701

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

- DATE:** Monday, September 22, 2014
- TIME:** 5:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Union County Courthouse
 Board of County Commissioners
 Meeting Room 55 West Main Street,
 Room 101
- TOWN:** Lake Butler, Florida

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY UNION COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015			
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE 4.906% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTALS
Cash Balance Brought Forward	\$306,008	\$2,170,350	\$2,476,358
ESTIMATED REVENUE:			
TAXES	MILLAGE	PER 1,000	
Ad Valorem	10.000	\$2,205,249	\$0
Ad Valorem (VOTED)	0.500	\$0	\$113,500
Other Taxes		\$545,765	\$818,066
Licenses & Permits		\$48,000	\$488,000
Intergovernmental Revenue		\$2,499,024	\$3,116,283
Charges for Services		\$26,450	\$893,000
Fines and Forfeiture		\$0	\$47,150
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$57,900	\$39,510
SUBTOTAL		\$5,382,388	\$5,515,509
Less 5% of Estimated Revenue		(\$263,993)	(\$121,007)
Other Financing Sources		\$142,555	\$711,492
Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources		\$5,260,950	\$6,105,994
Total Estimated Revenue & Balances		\$5,566,958	\$8,276,344
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES:			
General Fund		\$5,330,758	\$0
Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$7,003,236
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		\$5,330,758	\$7,003,236
Reserve for Cash Balance		\$236,200	\$1,273,108
Total Appropriated Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		\$5,566,958	\$8,276,344
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD			



Local artist Harold Griner to be featured in Valdosta

Union County resident Harold Griner will be a featured artist of an early fall exhibit at The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts in Valdosta, Georgia. "Southbound" will be the theme of Griner's solo show and his paintings will depict his visual journey across the local area and beyond.

There will be 48 of his watercolor paintings on display from Sept. 23 through Oct. 29 in the Sallie and Harmon Boyette Gallery at the Center.

The Turner Center is located at 527 North Patterson Street. Hours are: Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Learn more about the Center at www.turnercenter.org.

On his website, the painter says, "For me, the South is a state of mind. It is both my place of residence and the destination of my art. I find fulfillment in seeking to capture moments in time ... people and places that seem to speak directly to the emotions." He has only painted full-time for 10 years, yet has already won several awards, including the Societies Award from the Florida Watercolor Society at their 38th annual exhibition in September 2009. The painting above is titled, "Early Calm."

Learn more about Griner and see his work online at www.haroldgriner.com.

EXTENSION OFFICE



Hydrilla: A plant that makes the list of federal noxious weeds

BY BASIL BACTAWAR
UC Extension Director/Agent

The state of Florida spends millions of dollars annually to control hydrilla, a weed that is a problem in Union County. It can be found in native range. When it is introduced to a new habitat, it becomes very disruptive.

This aquatic weed grows about an inch every day and spreads rapidly. It is capable of reducing the level of dissolved oxygen available to fish in your pond. Additionally, it uses nitrogen and phosphorous, thereby limiting nutrients for use by other organisms in the pond or water body. Sometimes water flow can

be reduced leading to flooding. It can prevent pumping for irrigation and livestock. One of hydrilla's most annoying features is it can make boating, fishing and swimming difficult.

Controlling this aquatic weed can be difficult. An integrated approach to control is recommended using mechanical or hand removal, use of grass carp as well as chemicals.

If there is hydrilla or any other aquatic weeds in your pond, you do not want to miss the presentation and discussion by Professor Charles Cichra from the University of Florida. He will be at the Union County Extension Office on September 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Two textbooks will be available free of charge. Please call the extension office to register for this free Pond Workshop at 386-496-2321.

Learn more about hydrilla at plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/183. Visit the extension office at union.ifas.ufl.edu.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Suwannee River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, Putnam

A public hearing to make a FINAL DCISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 5:05 p.m.
at:

Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49 (corner of US 90 and CR 49)
Live Oak, FL

Bag lunch safety 101

BY SAMARA DEARY
FCS Extension Agent

As I drive to work in the morning I pass children standing at the bus stop talking to their friends while waiting for the bus to arrive. I see many kids carrying a lunch bag, and perhaps some have their lunch tucked away in their backpacks. I often wonder how much packed lunches have changed since my school lunch days of peanut butter and jelly in a brown bag.

School lunch bags have advanced quite a bit since the tin and plastic lunch boxes with the thermos inside. Even though

technology has changed, the danger still remains the same. Has your child ever come home from school complaining of an upset stomach? You talk with them and go down the list of what they ate that day and you know you packed their lunch so that can't possibly be it...or can it?

A typical lunch usually consists of non-perishable food items such as snack cakes, chips or cookies — usually the favorites of the bunch. Perishable foods such as cooked meats, cold cuts and pre-made chicken salad, egg salad and tuna salad are all potential targets for bacteria that cause food borne illness. It's not just the homemade items that pose a risk but store-bought packaged lunch combos can also be a problem.

The best way to prevent the growth of bacteria is to keep these food items below 40 degrees. Now, we can't make our kids walk around with a refrigerator in order to keep their food safe, but there are some simple steps we can take when packing lunches the night before.

Always make sure your food preparation surfaces are clean when preparing lunch. Rinse all fruits and vegetables that will be packed. Once lunch is completely prepared, refrigerate immediately and leave it in the refrigerator until it's ready to transport. Utilize freezer gel packs; place a few in the lunch bag to keep lunch cool until

your child is ready to eat. If your child doesn't finish their lunch and it ends up back home the best measure is to toss the perishable items. The non-perishable items can still be consumed.

Whenever in doubt, it's always best to throw it out!

Another step that provides an added layer of protection is to pack hand sanitizer wipes in the lunch bag to get rid of germs and bacteria. There are many germs floating around school and children pass them from one to another through contact. Sanitizing wipes will help your child to remember to wipe away the germs before they eat.

The start of the new school year is always a busy time: new teachers, making new friends and even setting goals to make good grades. One less worry is the danger of a child missing school due to food illness. Keeping these steps in mind will assure school lunch success throughout the school year.



BUDGET SUMMARY

Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2014-15
The Proposed Operating Budget Expenditures of the Suwannee River Water Management District are 5% more than Last Year's Total Operating Expenditures.

I. ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION		\$6,986,260		\$6,986,260
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
AD VALOREM TAXES (Roll-back rate)	0.4141	\$5,581,385		\$5,581,385
OTHER REVENUES				
Federal Revenue			\$1,129,000	1,129,000
State Revenue			18,607,641	18,607,641
Local Revenue		370,000		370,000
Permit and License Fees		75,000		75,000
Interest Earnings		354,000		354,000
Timber Sales		326,001		326,001
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$6,706,386	\$19,736,641	\$26,443,027
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$13,692,646	\$19,736,641	\$33,429,287
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		19,804,594	11,051,351	30,855,945
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES, ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES, AND FUND BALANCE/RESERVES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		\$33,497,240	\$30,787,992	\$64,285,232
II. EXPENDITURES				
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$4,043,314	\$3,505,869	\$7,549,183
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		5,063,528	15,306,160	20,369,688
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		2,409,131		2,409,131
REGULATION		353,834	924,612	1,278,446
OUTREACH		250,483		250,483
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		1,572,356		1,572,356
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$13,692,646	\$19,736,641	\$33,429,287
FUND BALANCE/RESERVES		19,804,594	11,051,351	30,855,945
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LBES



TOP LEFT: Showing off items collected during the recent Union County High School Project Grad Senior Breakfast are (back row, l-r) Parker Hodgson, Case Emerson and Trey Spitze; (front row, l-r) Kayla Andrews, Savannah Woodall and Ashley O'Steen.

ABOVE: Using Lake Butler Elementary School as a vessel, (l-r) LBES Assistant Principal Christie F. Whitehead, Guidance Counselor Maria Kish and Principal Stacey Rimes accept donations from Union County High School Project Grad mom Charlotte Emerson and student Kierstin Jenkins.



LEFT: Displaying the plethora of school supplies collected are (l-r) Lake Butler Elementary School Guidance Counselor Maria Kish, Reception and Medical Center Warden Steve Wellhausen, Community State Bank Branch Manager Jennie Reed, RMC Lt. Peter Merola and Union County Public Library Director Mary Brown.

Community donates to help LBES students

BY TAMMY WILKERSON
Special to the Times

The end of summer is usually marked by back-to-school excitement, but if you're one of the many parents struggling to make ends meet, finding a way to pay for your child's necessities can make this time a stressful one.

Fortunately, several community members and organizations in Union County recently came together to help alleviate the need by collecting and donating a plethora of school related items.

During the month of August, the Union County Public Library hosted a special "fine forgiveness" program where members could donate school supplies and have up to \$10 in overdue book fines forgiven.

The Department of

Corrections, specifically the Reception and Medical Center, hosted a competition in which their employees donated backpacks and supplies as well. Leading the department that collected the most supplies was Peter Merola.

Additional donations came from the Union County High School seniors, who collected during their annual Senior

Breakfast, and from Community State Bank of Lake Butler, which donated 200 pencil boxes full of supplies.

All of the donated items were presented to Lake Butler Elementary School and were and continue to be distributed to students in need.

"We are so grateful to live in such a wonderful community that continually gives back to

meet the needs of our students," said Principal Stacey R. Rimes.

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Landry: turning dream into dream job

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

Very few people get to live their lives making their dreams come true, but one Starke woman not only lived her dreams, she made a good living doing it.

Kim Tenly Landry was born on March 1, 1959 on a farm on Bessent Road in Bradford County. Her parents' first child, Sonny and Lane Tenly had no idea that their new baby daughter would grow up to be a world-famous horsewoman and a beloved member of the community.

Sonny worked at NAS-JAX and also as an Air National Guard reservist part-time. He was a talented woodworker, making elaborate toys for Kim and her brother, Dale, including a rollercoaster in the yard and rolling airplane gravity cars. He was a great animal lover - perhaps the origin of Kim's passion for animals - who had a chimpanzee and other monkeys as pets until government regulations made owning primates difficult to impossible.

Mom Lane was a full-time homemaker, who was very active in the Extension Homemakers Club and who has served on the Bradford-Union County Fair board for over 30 years. While not a great animal lover herself, she tolerated the parade of animals brought home over the years by Sonny and Kim, ranging from domestic strays to the unusual and the exotic.

Dale was born two years after Kim and has many great memories of their growing up together.

Sister Sonya, born a year later, was often left out of the mayhem



Kim Landry (front, right) is pictured with her mother, Lane Tenly, and her brother, Dale.

which followed her older sister and brother. She usually ended up staying at home and doing all the things Kim didn't want to do, like dishes, homework, room cleaning, etc.

"She was always a tomboy," Dale said. "She was a practical joker and was always challenging the boys in school. She could do everything they could do and usually do it better. One time I even caught her boxing with some boys and she was beating the tar out of them. She was a pretty good wrestler, too. She was always running wide open. No one could ever slow her down."

There is an endless supply of Kim stories circulating the county, most of them heartwarming or just plain funny, but none that are mean-spirited.

When they were growing up, Kim and Dale had a cable strung across the pond on their farm. In an early form of zip lining, they would ride across the pond on the cable. One Sunday, when everyone was ready for Sunday school, Kim made one of her famous challenges to Mark "Chunky" Reddish - telling him to ride the cable across the pond, that he wouldn't get wet. But wet he ended up when the cable came loose and he slid into the water.

Kim and Dale roamed all over the area around the family farm, swimming on DuPont property and simply exploring their world. Lane had a large dinner bell, the sound of which carried a good distance. The kids knew to come

home whenever they heard it.

"The funny thing is, growing up, our mom knew absolutely everything we did - what we got into, how it turned out, what the damage was," Dale said. "Whatever we were up to, she knew it. It was kind of spooky, like she had some kind of sixth sense or something."

From an early age, animals captivated Kim. Dale said she would drag home anything that would let her.

"Animals always adapted to Kim quickly, even the wild ones," Dale remembered. "When she was young there were the usual dogs, as well as a pet pig. Later, when she started to travel, we never knew what she would bring home. She brought peacocks, ostriches, llamas, fainting goats and you name it. She only brought one thing home that dad wouldn't let her keep - a skunk. She never brought home a camel, but if asked she will tell you 'it was close'."

Like many young girls, Kim was "horse crazy" from an early age. She would try and ride her father's cattle in unwatched moments. When she was about four years old, Lane said she pulled a colt over to a shed and climbed up on it. Not long after that, she climbed up on the barn roof and slid down it to land on a horse's back.

Sonny rode on P.D. Reddish's sheriff's posse, along with Dr. Drew "A.J." Berry. Sonny rode a big palomino horse that was a little on the rough side and

required an experienced rider. After another member of the posse - a young girl - was injured trying to ride him, Sonny forbade Kim to ride the horse. Her great-uncle Roy Tenly gave her a chestnut gelding, named Roscoe, as her first horse and she fell in love with him instantly, although she will tell you she still rode the palomino "a lot" when her parents weren't around.

Having a horse made Kim even more of a tomboy and seems to have brought out the daredevil in her even more. She joined the Bradford County Riding Club and discovered barrel racing and it became a passion, which would shape the rest of her life.

"I liked it because it goes fast," Kim said with a crooked grin. "It was fun."

Kim was the first female president of the Bradford County Future Farmers of America (FFA). As a project, she and Sonny cleared a large piece of property, cutting trees and pulling stumps to make a pasture. Sonny put a landing strip for his small plane at the back of the field.

"Dad had a plane at Keystone Airport, but liked to fly it home sometimes," Dale remembered. "He would buzz the field going in one direction to clear all the animals off the runway, then turn and land on the return trip. He would also buzz Mom when he was going to land the plane in Keystone so she would come and pick him up."

This buzzing the field would eventually lead to the first of several major injuries Kim incurred working with horses.

One day, while Kim was at work training a horse, her father buzzed the field as usual, but this time the nervous animal got badly spooked by the noise. Kim jumped off the horse, but it reared up and came down on her, hitting her in the forehead, face and body, and then stepped on her.

"A neighbor came to the grocery store to tell me what happened," Lane remembered. "Another called rescue and held her up until they got there."

Kim suffered a concussion, a crushed liver - of which 65 percent had to be removed - and a crushed spleen, which was removed completely.

Kim excelled at FFA, showing that, as Dale said, she had "no limitations." She went to the

See LANDRY, 3B



District showdown



ABOVE: Keystone Heights' Jordan Jennings receives a serve as teammate Bailey Zinkel looks on in the Indians' 3-1 win over Bradford. Keystone improved to 2-0 in District 5-4A. LEFT: Bradford's Jaci Atkinson goes up for a spike as Hannah Jones looks on. The Tornadoes fell to 1-1 in the district. See page 10B for more.



Kim at 1 year and 9 months old. Who would have thought what adventures her life would bring?

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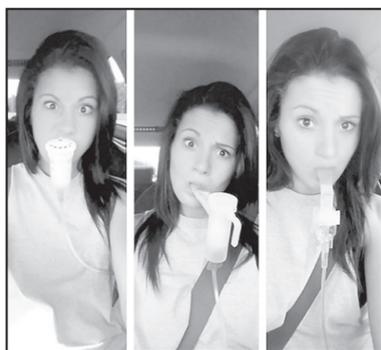


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Katelyn Sims doesn't let cystic fibrosis get her down, judging by these photos of her acting silly during a treatment. Help her fight CF at the Sept. 27 Bradford-Union Great Strides fundraiser.

Help Sims make 'great strides' in fight against CF

Editor's note: Quotes in this story were taken from previously published stories.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Being a star of a TV show would seem like a dream come true, but Lawley native Katelyn Sims has overcome a lot to turn that dream into a reality.

Sims can be seen on History Channel's "Ax Men" as part of the Dreadknots logging crew, something that doctors never would've envisioned earlier in Sims' life. The 2009 Bradford High School graduate has cystic fibrosis and, according to doctors, was not supposed to live to see her early 20s.

Yet Sims is still here and doing her part to help fight CF. The fight includes the sixth annual Bradford-Union Great Strides event, a 3-mile fundraising walk/

run that will take place Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at Shands Starke Regional Medical Center at 9 a.m. Registration is at 8 a.m.

Sims was instrumental in helping to get the fundraiser started in Bradford County. She said she may not live long enough to see a cure for CF, but her efforts, hopefully, will help lead to a cure for others. She doesn't want children born with CF to have to endure the life she had to.

"They won't have to grow up with all of the hospital stays and doctors' visits," Sims said. "They can live a normal life."

Sims was diagnosed with the disease at the age of 4, though that diagnosis did not come quick. In the two years prior to turning 4, she was taken to doctors 27 times. Sims' mother, Leisa, knew something



Logan Morneau

Morneau graduates from basic at Fort Jackson

Army Pvt. Logan Morneau has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and

unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Morneau is the son of Deborah Gordon of Raiford and Robert Morneau of Hudson, New Hampshire. He is a 2014 graduate of Union County High School in Lake Butler.

Lindsey set to graduate from Parris Island

Justin Calvin Lindsey is graduating from Parris Island, South Carolina on Sept. 19, for the U.S. Marine Corp. Lindsey is a 2014 graduate of UCHS. He is 18 years old and would have graduated from boot camp on Sept. 5, but sustained a mild concussion during martial arts training. He is the son of John and Judith Lindsey of Lake Butler.

Defoe graduates from basic at San Antonio-Lackland

Air Force Reserve Airman Travis S. Defoe graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-

Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Defoe is the son of Ronald L. Defoe of Jacksonville and brother of Whitney M. Duggan of Starke.

He is a 2014 graduate of Frank H Peterson Academies of Technology in Jacksonville.

Detwiler graduates from basic at Fort Jackson

Army Spc. Arric Detwiler has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, and physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map

reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field-training exercises.

Detwiler is the son of Barbara and John Detwiler of Melrose, and brother of Aida Roman of Miramar.

He is a 2000 graduate of McArthur High School in Hollywood. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from Florida International University.

Hankins graduates from basic at San Antonio-Lackland

Airman Alexander L. Hankins graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hankins is the son of Teresa A. Woodall of Lake Butler.

He is a 2013 graduate of Union County High School in Lake Butler.

Local DAR chapter urges all to celebrate Constitution Week

Constitution Week, an annual, national observance started by the Daughters of the American Revolution, is underway, having begun Sept. 17 and running through Sept. 23.

The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American.

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, and preserving it for prosperity; inform the people the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States functions as a republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines

the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

The Daughters of the American Revolution has served America for 124 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing-arts center known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., is one of the only structures erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic lineage organization in the world, DAR has more than 177,000 members, with 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and in 13 other countries. DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants.

For more information about DAR and the local Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, please contact Konnie Beauregard at copnurse1999@windstream.net or 352-475-1865.

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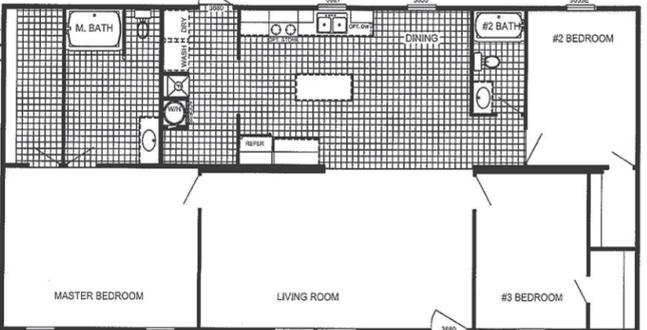
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LANDRY

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FFA Nationals in Kansas City with teacher Greg Alvarez and was also a driving force in the organization under the leadership of the next teacher, Paul Hutchins. Other than her FFA activities, she showed little interest in the social side of high school, preferring instead to hurry home to Roscoe and her other animals.

She was active in church, however, attending First Baptist Church of Starke where her father volunteered as a general handyman and driver of the church bus. Lane remembers some of Kim's antics while attending.

"At the time Kim was a young teen, we had children's church on the top floor of the church," Lane said. "There was a big central auditorium with a number of small rooms around the edges where we had Sunday school classes. I asked Kim to watch the other kids while I ran an errand. When I got back she had simply shut all the kids who wouldn't cooperate with her in the small rooms."

Lane remembered Kim in the church choir, where the members had long white robes as uniforms.

"Kim would jump on a Vespa moped that we had on the farm and ride to church, in her uniform with the robes flapping in the wind. She was always such a slap-happy kid who loved jokes, was totally fearless and who could do anything the boys could do."

When she graduated, Kim went to work full-time at Gold Kist Farm and Service Center, better known today as Gold Key Farm & Western Store.

Two years later, Dale joined the Air National Guard when he graduated, serving full time maintaining F-15 and F-16 aircraft. He was a member of the unit, which was first to fly with the East Germans when the wall came down. He made the military a career, then retired to civilian life and has recently opened a business in Starke.

Little sister Sonya Baldree graduated from BHS a year after Dale and attended the University of Florida, where she earned a degree in elementary education. She taught for a while and now heads the library for both Starke and Southside elementaries.

Kim was first hired at Gold Kist while she was still in high school. Owner John Smith remembers the day he met, and hired, her well.

"The BHS FFA came in, and as I remember, it was all boys except for Kim," Smith said. "In those days, all the feed came in 100-pound sacks, so here go all these big, strapping boys snatching up bags and carrying them out. Well, Kim was never one to let a boy outdo her, so she just snatched a bag up herself and carried it out. I had some office jobs that needed done, things that we didn't like to do and kept putting off, and I thought it might be a good idea to have a girl around to do them who could also help out in the warehouse if we needed it, so I hired her. She was a good worker, so it was a foregone conclusion that the job would continue when she graduated."

At Gold Kist, Kim indulged her penchant for practical jokes along with co-worker George Grant. Grant was about the same age as her father, but the two became fast friends and co-conspirators on an endless number of practical jokes.

Smith said that over the years



Kim brings one around the barrels, showing the skills that made her a champion many times over

the jokes ran from mild to wild, but one sticks out among the many, probably because the joke was on him.

"I was known for always coming in a little late in the mornings," Smith said. "One morning, Kim, George and Wayne Wall came in to open and found a big dead rattlesnake that a customer had left on the porch. They took it and coiled it up under my desk."

"When I came in they all looked kind of sheepish, so I was pretty sure they were up to something. I went on into my office and sat down at my desk. When I rolled the chair up to the desk, I felt something under my foot and looked down. There was the rattlesnake. I shoved the chair back real fast and half of me thought I must have been had. The other half of me knew I had been when I looked over to see three heads, stacked up in the door, watching the show."

Revenge is sweet, however, and Smith enlisted Grant in a plan to turn the tables on "crazy Kim," as he called her.

"Kim was always in a hurry," Smith recalled. "She would rush out of here to get down to the fairgrounds to the riding club and would always end up coming back, either to get something he had forgotten or to get something someone needed."

"One night after she left, we rigged up an old raincoat with a broom for a head so that when she opened the door it would rush towards her. She came back and opened that door and the thing scared her so bad she slammed the door, ran and jumped in her truck and drove all the way back to the fairgrounds. Once she calmed down, she figured she ought to come back and lock the door, which she did."

Smith said Kim was always a hard worker and a good employee. Smith said he was happy for her success, but he was sorry when she left to pursue her dream.

Kim's dream was barrel racing. When asked why, she said simply, "They go fast."

Kim began barrel racing at the Bradford Riding Club, but longed to ride on the professional women's rodeo circuit in the sport. She barrel raced in her spare time, taking off on weekends to race, then rushing home to work on Monday. A rider named Squeaky Larkins helped her get her start on the professional circuit. She rode primarily in the now defunct futurity division where colts four

summed up her career in a single sentence.

"I've always had an obsession with horses since I was little and it was always a dream to do this - and it came true for me," Kim said.

She had begun training for other people in 1989. Since 1993 she has had 65 winning horses - some hers, some belonging to other people. She also bred horses and designed her own line of saddles. Most of her work was done at her Clover Leaf Farm in Starke.

No one knows how many miles Kim has logged over the years. She traveled almost every week during the rodeo season, as well as to workshops and other events. She always traveled alone, drinking numerous Mountain Dew's and stopping by the roadside to nap when she needed it. She only took one precaution when she traveled - if she won big, even though she was paid by check, she would always mail it home.

Injuries are a part of working with horses and Kim was no exception. She suffered the usual bumps, cuts, scrapes and bruises. She only had two major injury events, however - the one previously mentioned and an incident at the Bradford Riding Club in 1993.

Kim was doing what she loved when she was thrown by the horse and then stomped by it. Her leg was badly broken and there were internal injuries with serious blood-loss issues. Kim went to intensive care and ended up with a metal rod in her leg. Bradford County residents donated 15 pints of blood to help save her.

Kim is known all over the county for her energy, tenacity and her generosity. She is known as a person who will go out of her way to help someone. She is still well known nationally as well, and has many friends in the rodeo business.

Along the way Kim was married twice and had two children. She first married Rodney Griffis and they had two children - Dusty Griffis and Amanda Hardee. Kim's second marriage, later in life, was to Paul Dale Landry.

"The horse life was more than either of the men bargained for," Lane said. "Today, they are all good friends."

Today, Dusty works for Gainesville Regional Utilities and Amanda owns her own hair salon - Cuttin' Up.

Kim is especially well known for her work with children. Over the years, she has spent

thousands of hours working with kids individually and at the riding club to help them achieve their dreams.

She has taught everyone from local kids to the daughter of one of the governors of Louisiana. Kids came from all over the country to attend what they called Kim's 'torture camp,' most of them bunking at her house.

Kim taught the daughters of local resident John Torode, a longtime friend and fellow horse lover.

Torode said it all started when he and his family went to a rodeo in Green Cove Springs and his daughter, Megan, became fascinated with barrel racing and said that was what she wanted to do. Torode said he did what any parent in the county with an aspiring barrel racer did - he took her to Kim.

She started with Megan Torode when she was about 10 years old and then with her sister, Mary, a few years later. She worked with Megan three days a week, with John trailering her horse to Kim's farm for the lessons, even letting Torode use her trailer until he bought one.

Megan and Mary were successful on the rodeo circuit, with Megan winning state and world reserve championships and Mary winning one world championship and the reserve championship twice.

"Kim loved working with kids and she may be the best friend I ever had," Torode said. "We kept some of her horses on our place when she had too many. When she quit heavy competition six or seven years ago, she developed a passion for turkey and deer hunting and would come out to our farm to hunt."

According to Torode and other family and friends, Kim had started having severe migraines several years ago, which then developed into spells of vertigo. More recently, she began to have problems with her motor skills, such as difficulty getting off a horse. She was diagnosed with frontal-lobe dementia, a degenerative brain disorder.

"I feel like she has been robbed," said her brother, Dale. "I looked it up on the Internet and it said that one of the causes may be head trauma earlier in life. It's just so sad. She had so much going for her and now it's all going away and she's only 55."

Kim has stopped training and breeding horses and only rides when with her friends at the riding club. She needs help getting the horse tacked up and getting off of it when the time comes, but once on board, she still runs the barrels just like the champion she is.

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LETTERS

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How much worse can it get? It's only the beginning

Dear Editor:

When I sit and listen to the news of the day, I have asked myself, "How much worse can it get?" and I have to remind myself that Jesus tells us in the Holy Bible "when you see these things, wars and rumors of wars" this is only the beginning. So I guess it is only the tip of the iceberg that we are seeing.

Man is building a new Tower of Bable. He is telling God, "you have to rewrite the bible, you know God, this is the 21st century!" —No, what was, what is, and what will be, the commandment of God, don't change, like the styles of the world do.

The cry of the Jews in pastimes was "How long, oh God, will you let this persecution of your people go on?"

Today we should ask ourselves, "How long, oh God, will you let your commandments be trampled?"

The Bible tells us that on the day of Armageddon, the blood will be as high as a horse's bridle, I believe that the tears of mankind will be a second to this event. It is the most important time in history, to pray, and ask God's forgiveness for the sins we have committed against all of Heaven. 4,000 babies a day are thrown in a dumpster in America alone. The tears of Rachel are not being heard.

Frank the Baker

Lake Butler officials need to be more open with the public

Dear Editor:

On September 10, 2014, the Lake Butler City Commission appointed Mr. Scott Cason as City Commissioner to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Jimmy Beasley. That is all the Union County Times saw fit to report. This is the rest of the story.

On August 28, 2014, the City Commission discussed filling the vacancy. After discussion involving City Manager David Mecusker, City Attorney John Maines and the present Commissioners, Fred Sirmones,

Debra Browning and Annette Redman, it was decided there were four options. They could leave it vacant, have a special election, appoint the person of their choice by majority vote and/or solicit applicants and the Commissioners could vote on one of the applicants. It was decided to vote on which method to use at their next meeting on September 8, 2014, and proceed from there. On September 8, 2014, Mecusker, Maines, Sirmones, Redman, Browning and Commissioner Randy Jenkins were present. Discussion among the city officials revealed Mr. Vernon Dukes, Mr. Scott Cason, Mr. Ray Crawford and a Mr. Floyd had submitted themselves for consideration by the Commission. Jenkins stated the person who lost to Mr. Beasley should be considered. Mecusker claimed a special election would cost \$5000.00. Discussion between the city officers and commissioners revealed they did not want to spend the money for a special election or leave it vacant.

There never was a vote on which option to exercise. Browning threw Cason's name up for vote. Redman immediately seconded it, Sirmones gave a "yea" and Jenkins gave a "nay".

My opinion is the city officers and commissioners failed to consider the will of the people and in selecting Mr. Cason, selected someone the people had voted out of office two years ago. Granted it was a close election, I think he lost by only thirty-four votes, but he lost! Additionally, Mecusker misrepresented the facts regarding cost of an election. According to the budget prepared by Mecusker, \$3,750.00 was budgeted for the 2014 city election and only \$2,709.00 was actually spent. Even if it took three months to fill the vacancy by election, the people would be represented by the person of their choice for 17 or 18 months instead of a commission perceived as being a stacked deck for 21 months.

Also discussed at the September 8, 2014, was the proposed 2014 - 2015 city budget. The public raised the issue of the disparity between the salary and benefits of Mecusker and his counterpart in Starke currently called City Clerk. Mecusker's base salary is currently \$89,500.00. His total benefit package is \$120,295.00. Mecusker supervises 12 people and a budget worth a hair over 2 million dollars. Mecusker's counterpart in Starke made a salary of \$55,000.00, plus

benefits not coming close to \$100,000.00, supervises 70 employees and is responsible for 17 million dollars. My comment to the commissioners was that Lake Butler is not getting much bang for its buck.

Also addressed by the public was the city budget prepared by Mecusker not allotting money for the Recreation Department. Mecusker stated the Recreation Department had \$40,000.00 on hand and had not picked up the \$4,000.00 previously budgeted, therefore no more was appropriated. The fact is the Recreation Department has \$25,000.00 on hand, usually waits till the last month of the budget year to pick their money up, and has a very productive program. On that note, at the City Commission and County Commission Interlocal Agreement Workshop on September 10, 2014, Mecusker told the County Commission money had been budgeted for the 4th of July. In fact, the proposed budget Mecusker has presented shows no money for the 4th of July, a celebration benefiting the citizens and businesses of Lake Butler. He is proud of his flagpole and should facilitate its backlighting on the 4th with an awesome display.

Also a matter of contention at the September 8, 2014, meeting was the fact that the City of Lake Butler had entered into a secret settlement agreement with ex-employees of the city. Mr. John Shaw raised an interesting question. How can the City of Lake Butler, a public entity, enter into a secret agreement with city employees who are public officials and not reveal the costs and conditions of that settlement? My opinion is that Florida is an open records state and expenditures of city funds, conduct of city employees, conduct of city management and expenditures of money to make a complaint go away is of vital interest to the citizens. Mecusker argued that the settlement was reached by the city's insurer and attorneys. The citizens paid for the insurance and paid for one or more attorneys. That should be public record. If city management engaged in misconduct or questionable practices the citizens have a right to know. If the employees engaged in misconduct we have a right to know. Hiding behind the skirt of a nondisclosure agreement in public management/employee relations is a dangerous path. The citizens could very well be liable for damages in the future if

we still have the same city manager(s) making serious errors in judgment again. The ex-employees must have been free of wrongdoing, otherwise why pay them off? So much for government in the sunshine!

Elected and appointed officials of the City Commission need to make a concerted effort to accurately report to the citizens of Lake Butler the business of the city. They need to insure they have an intimate working knowledge on matters upon which they cast a vote. It is easy to be lead astray by smooth talkers and claims of expertise.

Jack Schenck
Lake Butler

PBS airing deception

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the WCJT program director.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand that PBS has broadcast a program which extols the virtues of four late-term abortionists. I wonder—did any of your coverage show the actual results of such an act? In other words, did you show exactly what a late-term abortion looks like? If not, why not? Surely you must realize that promoting someone's actions without actually showing what they do is a blatant act of deception. Is the truth important to your operation? Or is the truth something that is best left of the floor of an editing room if it does not advance a particular agenda? Does your station exist to advance particular agendas, or is the truth your goal? This community deserves to know.

Sincerely,
Leonard C. Young

Crosshorn meeting to feature Freedom Outdoors

Dan DiMarco and the team from the Freedom Outdoors group will be the guest speakers at the Crosshorn Ministries meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

The guests will talk about bow hunting and archery among other

topics.

Admission is free, but you are encouraged to bring snacks, desserts and drinks.

For more information on Crosshorn Ministries, an outdoors-themed ministry devoted to men and boys, visit crosshorn.org, or contact founder John Whitfield at john@crosshorn.org or 352-468-3595.

Relay for Life car show returns Nov. 3

The fourth annual Bradford

County Relay for Life Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show is set to take place Nov. 1 at the downtown Starke square from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Eight awards will be presented for car and truck entries, while five will be presented to motorcycle entries.

The event will also include food, music, fun for the kids and a yard sale.

If you would like to be a vendor at the event, or want more information in regard to entering the show, please contact Mitchell Gunter at 904-966-1386 or mitchell_gunter@yahoo.com, or Linda Lee at 904-966-3022.

SOCIALS

Mann-Parrish family reunion is 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.

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CRIME

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

Bradford

Matthew Christopher Adams, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 10 by Starke police for two charges of burglary, two charges of larceny and two charges of fraud—illegal use of credit cards. According to the arrest report, Adams, 18-year-old Jerry Atteberry of Lawtey (arrested last week for credit card fraud and possession of drugs) and a 16-year-old from Keystone Heights stole a credit card and multiple items from various residences in the Starke area in the past several weeks. The credit card was used to make several purchases of gas at Walmart and a Kangaroo in

Starke, eventually leading Starke police investigators to the three suspects. Items stolen from vehicles or residences included a Garmin GPS unit, a wallet with the credit cards, a Yeti ice cooler, fishing rods, sunglasses and a trolling motor. A warrant affidavit for additional charges of burglary, petit theft and grand theft have been forwarded from the Starke police to the State Attorney's Office against Atteberry and the juvenile from Keystone, according to the report. Bond was set at \$51,000 for the current charges against Adams. He may be facing additional charges as the investigation continues into the thefts.

Deon Deterrell Aldridge, 21, of Starke was arrested Sept. 11 by Starke police on a warrant for robbery—by sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Rhonda Sue Alvarez, 42, of Starke was arrested Sept. 10 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed

for the charge.

Jason Christopher Andrews, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 13 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Daniel Franklin Bennett, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 15 by Bradford deputies for withholding child support, failure to appear and on an out-of-county warrant from Suwannee for failure to pay child support. Bond was set at \$7,970 for the charges.

Ronda Kimberly Bryant, 41, of Starke was arrested Sept. 11 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for felony battery—second or subsequent offense. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the charge.

Willie Tyrell Coleman, 25, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 9 by Bradford deputies for two charges of sexual assault against a minor. (See page 1A of the Bradford County Telegraph for complete details.) Bond was set at \$250,000 for the charges.

Benjamin Joe Cooper, 53, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 13 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine—intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a church and trafficking cocaine. According to the arrest report, deputies arrested Cooper at his residence in possession of 95 grams of cocaine. A search warrant conducted on his residence then turned up additional cocaine, drug paraphernalia and other manufacturing equipment. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charges.

Megan Renee Crockett, 25, of Starke was arrested Sept. 9 by Starke police on an out-of-county warrant from Alachua for probation violation on original charge of reckless driving. No bond was allowed for the charge.

John Dylan Currihan, 20, of Riverview was arrested Sept. 14 by Bradford deputies during a traffic stop for failing to register a vehicle and for possession of marijuana. During the stop, deputies also found over \$3,300

in cash that was hit on for drugs by the drug K-9 when field tested. Bond was set at \$35,000 for the charges.

Stephanie Lashonda Goodman, 26, of Starke was arrested Sept. 11 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. No bond was allowed for the charge.

Christopher Lee Grace, 27, of Starke was arrested Sept. 9 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. He was also issued a warning for driving with license suspended or revoked and improperly displaying a tag. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Daniel Ressie Griffis, 46, of Starke was arrested Sept. 13 by Starke police for battery. According to the arrest report, Griffis and his girlfriend were arguing and drinking when he punched her in the eye with his fist. She then grabbed a baseball bat, hit him in the head and then went into the bathroom to call the police. Griffis denied hitting the victim, saying she got the injury earlier in the evening from another female. He also denied being hit in the head by the baseball bat. The officer noted in the report that both Griffis and the victim were intoxicated at the time of the arrest. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Terry Lynn Haynes, 52, of Hampton was arrested Sept. 14 by Bradford deputies for battery, criminal mischief—property damage, obstructing justice and probation violation. According to the arrest report, deputies were called to a home in Hampton after a woman showed up there beating on the door and screaming for help. She told the homeowners her roommate, Haynes, had beaten her up and was following her. The victim was covered in red marks and bruises when the deputy arrived and seemed to be in a lot of pain, according to the report. She later told the deputy she had been asleep when Haynes entered her room and started cursing her and throwing things at her. Several minutes later, he started punching her and attempted to cover her nose and mouth so she couldn't breathe. The victim broke free, but Haynes grabbed her by the throat and started to choke her before she got free again. The victim said this went on for a while and that Haynes told her that she was no longer needed, and he was going to kill her. He also broke her cell phone during the attacks to prevent her from calling the law. The victim told the deputy Haynes finally lay on the bed and started to cry, so she ran out of the residence and

down the street to the neighbors' home, with Haynes giving chase, but not able to catch her in time to stop her. After speaking with the victim, the deputy was unable to locate Haynes in the area, but he was able to reach him by cell phone. Haynes refused to meet the deputy, saying he didn't want to go to jail. Several hours later, Haynes called the deputy back and met him at a store near Hampton, where he was arrested and transported to jail. No bond was allowed for the probation charge, while bond for the other charges was set at \$111,500.

Anthony Dandre Hendrieth, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 12 by Bradford deputies for lewd and lascivious behavior on a minor. (See page 1A of the Bradford County Telegraph for complete details.) Bond was set at \$100,000 for the charge.

Tonia Latrelle Herndon, 44, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 15 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana and for possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

Christopher Ryan Isherwood, 32, of Ocala was arrested Sept. 11 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

Lajames Lewis Jamison, 26, of Starke was arrested Sept. 9 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$1,500 for the charge.

Demetric Tefaro Johnson, 37, of Starke was arrested Sept. 11 by Bradford deputies for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Caleb M. Koessler, 21, of Nashville, was arrested Sept. 11 by Starke police for a weapon offense—throwing a missile into a vehicle. According to the arrest report, a truck was traveling on U.S. 301 in Starke when Koessler stepped in the road in front of the Bradford Motel and threw a rock at the windshield of the truck. The occupants of the truck stopped, called police and followed Koessler to a room at the motel, waiting outside. The truck occupants said Koessler came out before police arrived and started to apologize for throwing the rock. When the officer arrived and questioned him, Koessler denied throwing the rock, saying he kicked a rock while walking down the sidewalk in front of the motel. He was arrested after the truck occupants positively identified him as the person that threw the rock, and bond was set at \$7,500 for the charge.

Autumn Lafferty, 33, of Starke was arrested Sept. 11 by Starke police for two charges of battery and for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report Lafferty, who was intoxicated, was causing a disturbance at Whispering Oaks Apartments, where she lives. Her boyfriend tried to calm her down and get her to go back to her apartment, but she became angry and started hitting him in the face several times before others stepped in and pulled her away. When police arrived, another man in the complex eventually told police that before the hitting incident, Lafferty—apparently intoxicated at that time, too—had passed him and another person in a hallway and had grabbed the man in his crotch as she walked by. She was arrested, and bond was set at \$30,000 for the charges.

Calvin William Lane, 22, of Starke was arrested Sept. 9 by Bradford deputies for lewd and lascivious behavior on a minor. (See page 1A of the Bradford County Telegraph for complete details.) Bond was set at \$50,000 for the charge.

Cynthia Marie Lavery, 47, of Starke was arrested Sept. 14 by Lawtey police for driving under the influence and resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$3,500 for the charges.

Kim Theresa Miller, 50, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 15 by Lawtey police on an out-of-county warrant. Bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge.

Joshua P. Mitchell, 26, of Raiford was arrested Sept. 10 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Alfredo Crus Ortiz, 59, of Lawtey was arrested Sept. 14 by Lawtey police for two charges of resisting an officer. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charges.

James Cody Sky Parker, 22, of Brooker was arrested Sept. 13 by Bradford deputies for driving under the influence.

Jeffrey Redding, 55, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 13 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment. According to the arrest report, while conducting a search warrant at a residence in Melrose, deputies found a small bag of powder cocaine and a crack pipe near where Redding was sleeping. Bond was set at \$40,000 for the charges.

Claude Lonnie Slate, 48, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was arrested Sept. 10 by Lawtey police for driving while license suspended or revoked and for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the charges.

Terina Joyce Spencer, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested Sept. 12 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 for the charge.

Correction

Robert Joseph Gacioch, 27, of Starke was arrested Aug. 31 by Bradford deputies for probation violation from a 2012 arrest.

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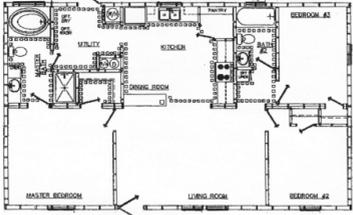
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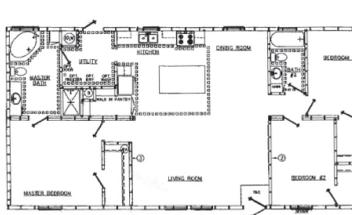
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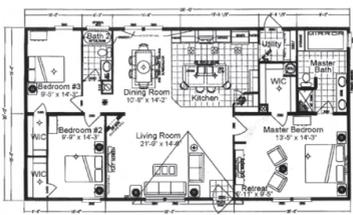
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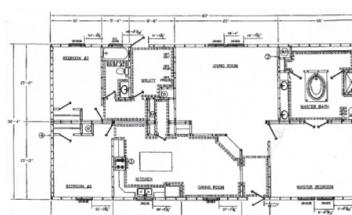
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CRIME

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

Michael Anthony Stiers, 38, of Green Cove Springs was arrested Sept. 10 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for family offense—interfering with custody of a minor. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the charge.

John William Tillman, 20, of Starke was arrested Sept. 10 by Starke police during a traffic stop for possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge.

Harriet Crystal Waldron, 31, of Starke was arrested Sept. 13 by Starke police for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Kaley Brook Williams, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 12 by Bradford deputies for probation violation.

Keystone/Melrose

Antoni Ahrano, 71, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 12 by FHP troopers for DUI.

Lacy Chapman, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 12 by Clay deputies for domestic battery.

Sarah Jane Marjorie Drawdy, 19, of Starke was arrested Sept. 10 by Putnam deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Patricia Gradick, 61, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 11 by Clay deputies for trespassing.

William James Martin, 59, of Melrose was arrested Sept. 10 by Putnam deputies for disorderly intoxication.

Chadwick Richardson, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 10 by Clay deputies for burglary.

Carl Rowe, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 11 by Clay

deputies for a writ of attachment.

Amanda Smith, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 10 for inhaling or ingesting harmful chemicals.

Cameron Yarborough, 24, of Keystone Heights was arrested Sept. 10 by Clay deputies for failure to appear, sale and delivery of narcotics and improper exhibition of a firearm.

Union

Darius Terrell Corbitt, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 8 by Union deputies for burglary and petit theft. According to the arrest report, Corbitt stole a cell phone during the night from a truck parked at a residence in Lake Butler. The next day, deputies called the phone and arranged a meeting, and when Corbitt showed up, he was arrested. On Sept. 11, Corbitt was arrested again on a warrant for selling opium or derivative—within 1,000 feet of a public park and possession of drug-controlled substance without a prescription or marijuana over 20 grams. Bond was set at \$60,000 for the warrant charges.

Debra Craig, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for possession of drugs—controlled substance without a prescription, selling opium or derivative within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, public order crime—using two-way device to facilitate a felony and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. According to the arrest report, Craig went to the Union County Jail to visit her husband, an inmate. When she approached the drink and snack machines before entering the jail, she was observed by a jail correctional officer throwing a bag into a nearby garbage can. When the bag was retrieved by deputies, seven Oxycodone pills, a pack of cigarettes and a cigar were found inside. Video from the jail clearly showed Craig throwing the bag in the trash, and recordings of earlier phone conversations between her and her husband outlined their planning for obtaining the contraband for him and another inmate at the jail. Craig was arrested and eventually transported to the Bradford County Jail.

Renee Marie Eddy, 48, of Lake

Butler was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication. According to the arrest report, Eddy pulled into the Hardee's in Lake Butler and stumbled out of her van without shoes before going into the restaurant and staying in the bathroom for about 30 minutes until deputies talked her into coming out of a stall. She was intoxicated and still unsteady, and when asked if she planned to drive home, said she had other options, but wouldn't provide those to the deputies. She was arrested and transported to jail.

Lawrence Collins Fogg Jr., 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for cruelty toward a child—intentional abuse of a child without great bodily harm. (See the A section of the Union County Times for complete details.)

Desire Ann Golsner, 26, of High Springs was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Cornelius Davon Henderson, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for battery, child neglect and resisting an officer. According to the arrest report, Henderson got into a verbal argument with his girlfriend, then struck her several times in her face while she was holding their 1-year-old child. He then walked off, but returned moments later when the victim went to call 911, snatching the phone from her hand and hitting her in the face again. Henderson then left the residence, and minutes later deputies encountered him walking on

Seventh Avenue in Lake Butler. As soon as the deputies stopped, Henderson started yelling that he hadn't done anything and refused to cooperate when asked to place his hands in front of him so they could search for any weapon. He had to be forcibly restrained and handcuffed during the arrest before being transported to the jail.

Cody Charles Salanci, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 10 by Union deputies for battery and trespassing. According to the arrest report, Salanci got into an argument with the mother of his two children and would not leave her home after being repeatedly asked to do so. At one point, he pushed her several times and still refused to leave. Law enforcement was called, and Salanci was arrested.

Randy Scott Wethy Jr., 25, of Lake Butler was arrested Sept. 12 by Union deputies for aggravated assault and disturbing the peace. According to the arrest report, Wethy and his girlfriend went to a residence on 47th Loop and got into an argument with several people outside the home. At some point, Wethy pulled a knife out and threatened someone with it. Wethy and his girlfriend eventually left, but they rode back by shortly and apparently fired a gun in the direction of the people still outside the home before going to a relative's home down the street. After several other witnesses not involved in the initial incident confirmed there was a gunshot, Wethy was arrested and transported to jail.

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Jacob Luke gets off a punt for the Tornados. Also pictured are Chance Oody and Jameaze McNeal.

Tornados 0-3 after 27-7 loss to Fort White

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Bradford High School's defense created five turnovers, but the Tornados were still outgained by almost 200 yards in a 27-7 road loss to Fort White on Sept. 12.

The Tornados (0-3) trailed 14-7 at the half, thanks to a Don Jeffers interception that set up a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Luke to Shawn Aaron. However, Bradford was held to approximately 50 yards in the second half, with only two of five second-half drives lasting more than three plays.

Bradford didn't help itself with 16 penalties for 100 yards, which almost equaled the team's offensive output (approximately 111 yards).

Fort White (2-1) seemed to be driving for the first score of the game early in the first quarter until Bradford's Carlton Hankerson recovered a fumble at his own 8-yard line.

A short punt after three plays kept play on Bradford's side of the 50, but the Indians couldn't capitalize on the field position, turning the ball over on downs at the 30 when Jeffers tackled running back Cameron White for

no gain on a fourth-and-4 play.

The Indians didn't seem to be going anywhere on their next possession, facing a second-and-21 after a fumble. Jeffers, Jameaze McNeal and Chance Oody combined to tackle White for a 3-yard gain, but after Bradford was flagged for being offside, Fort White turned a third-and-13 play into a 49-yard touchdown play on a pass from Demetric Jackson to Jabari Rivers at the 11:07 mark of the second quarter. Brandon Shrum's PAT put the Indians up 7-0.

After forcing the Tornados to

See BHS, 12B

Tigers roll to 41-0 win over Keystone Heights

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Caleb Cox passed for two touchdowns, and Isaiah Johnson ran for three more, leading the Union County High School football team to a 41-0 win over Keystone Heights on Sept. 12 in Keystone.

Cox passed for 219 yards and connected with five different receivers throughout the game.

He found Franklin Williams on a 10-yard strike for the game's first score with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter.

Williams had three catches in the game for 70 yards and one touchdown.

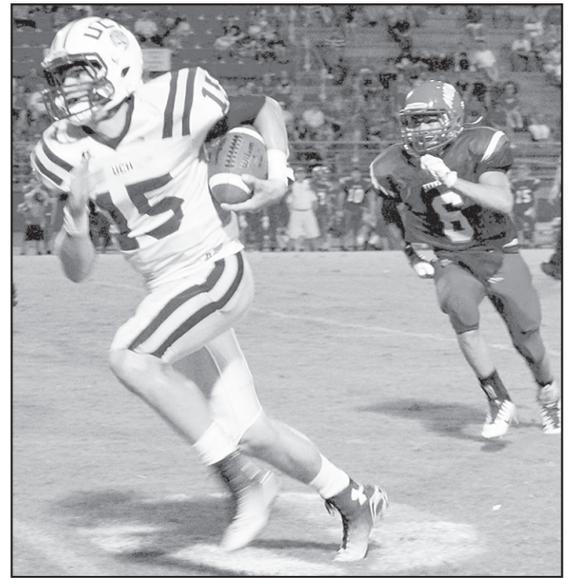
Another Cox throw—a 17-yard completion to Zak Lee—set up the touchdown pass to Williams, as did runs of 19 and 7 yards by Antwan Durn during the same drive.

Tyler McDavid kicked the PAT, opening up a 7-0 Union County lead.

The Tigers (3-0) started their next scoring drive on their own 36 with 11:05 left in the second quarter.

Durn started the campaign with runs of 9 and 25 yards, taking the ball to the 30. Disaster nearly struck when Johnson fumbled, but the Tigers recovered the ball on the Keystone 25. On the next play, Johnson found paydirt. McDavid's extra point took the score to 14-0.

After Keystone (0-2) went three-and-out, Williams gave



Union County quarterback Caleb Cox scrambles out of the pocket and away from Keystone's Tyler Teague. Photo by Times Editor Vince Alex Brown.

the Tigers the ball on the Union County 27 after an 8-yard punt return.

Durn then broke several tackles, going for 36 yards. Johnson followed that up with a 17-yard gallop of his own, breaking free several times from the grasps of Keystone defenders.

Cox then connected with Lee for 11 more yards, taking the ball to the Keystone 9. From there, Johnson ran for a second score. McDavid added the extra point,

and Union County took a 21-0 lead into the half.

To start the third quarter, Cox and company picked up where they left off. Durn and Johnson started off the second half with runs of 19 and 28 yards. Cox hit Lee for 4 yards, Khris Wimpy for 6 yards and Lee for 19 more to take the ball to the Keystone 6. From there, Johnson completed his hat trick, scoring

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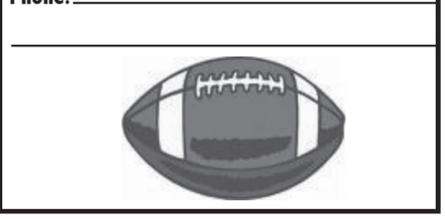
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OBITUARIES



Lara Croft

Lara Croft

LAKE BUTLER—Lara Jean Shealy Croft, 40, of Lake Butler passed away Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 at The Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, with her family by her side. Mrs. Croft was born Sept. 19, 1973 in Gainesville to Carlton and Penny Rogers Shealy, and lived all her life in Lake Butler. She graduated from Union County High School and was a beautician. Mrs. Croft was a beautiful person inside and out, to know her was to love her. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Lulu Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Travis "Willie" Croft of Lake Butler; her loving children, Chaton, Datein, and Case Croft all of Lake Butler; parents, Carlton and Penny Shealy of Lake Butler; two brothers, Carl (Karen) Shealy of Lake Butler and Kevin Shealy of Lake Butler; sister, Lisa (Tom) Bernardi of New Hampshire.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Croft were held Sept. 13 at the First Christian Church in Lake Butler, with Bro. Hugh Dampier officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to "In Memory of Lara Croft" fund at Community State Bank, P.O. Box 158, Lake Butler, Fla. 32054. The arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler. 386-496-2008. Please sign the guestbook at archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Merle Grider

FERNANDINA BEACH—Mr. Merle "Buddy" Grider, age 88, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at Riverwood Health & Rehab Center in Starke. Mr. Grider was born on April 7, 1926 in Frostproof to the late Rufus Haskell and Nancy (Eldridge) Grider. He attended the University of Florida for 3½ years and graduated from the University of Indiana. Prior to retirement he worked as a lab technician for Container Corporation. Buddy attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Starke and enjoyed photography. He was a Navy photographer while serving in World War II and was assigned to the Bikini Atoll and Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands for the Atomic experiments in 1945-1946. Preceding him in death was his sister Marjorie Grider Douville.

Survivors are: brothers, Lloyd (Anna) Grider of Worthington Springs, Kenneth (Jackie) Grider of Starke; nieces, Cathy Grider of Monticello, and Nancy Grider of Gainesville; nephews, Dr. Bob Douville of Key West, Capt. Bill (Susie) Douville of South Lake Texas; great niece, Brianna Douville of South Lake, Texas.

The family will receive friends at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel in Starke on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with a memorial service beginning at 2 o'clock. Elder Jimmie Thornton will officiate. Interment with the family present, will be at a later date in Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com. 904-964-6200

Milton Humphries, Jr.

LAKE GENEVA—Milton James Humphries, Jr., 66, of Lake Geneva died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 at the Gainesville V.A. Hospital. He was born on April 22, 1948 in Jacksonville to the late Milton James and Agnes Kathleen (Hodges) Humphries and served in the United States Navy. He was a disabled veteran.

He is survived by his daughter, Amanda Conlin of Louisa, Virginia. There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Mae Major

STARKE—Mae Frances Major, 69, of Starke died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 at Windsor Manor in Starke with her family by her side. She was born in Raiford on Aug. 30, 1945 to the late James and Elizabeth Larry. She was preceded in death by: daughter, Coratter Scott Mabrey; sisters, Helen Singatary and Mary Lee Gaines; brothers, John T. Wallace, Rufuse, David James and Walter Larry.

She is survived by: husband, Bobby "Rat" Major; daughters, Phyllis (James) Jackson, Valire (Fuggie) Bryant; sons, Eugene, Lee Kennedy, Raymond Mabrey all of St. Petersburg, and Stacy Corbitt of Lake Butler; step daughters, Candy Wilson of Gainesville, Shaideria Allen of Lake Butler; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; Seven step grandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 pm at Little Rock Church in Lake Butler. Archer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Willie McKinney

Willie McKinney

STARKE—Willie "Dub" Blackson McKinney, age 87, of Starke passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 at the VA Medical Center in Lake City with family by his side. He was born in Starke on March 8, 1927 to the late Willie McKinney and Ruby Strickland McKinney. Dub has been a lifelong resident of Bradford County. He started his first job at, Quigley & Davis Building Supply, at the age of 7, to help support his family. Dub worked there until he joined the United States Army in 1946. After he proudly served in the Army, Dub came back to Starke where he began working for Quigley & Davis Building Supply again as a Clerk and met the love of his life, Betty Jane Bradley. On Sept. 2, 1950, Dub and Betty were married and later had two children they loved dearly. After Dub's employment with Quigley & Davis Building Supply he worked at Starke Building Supply for many years. Following his employment with Starke Building Supply he became a clerk at Jackson Building Supply where he served for 22 years. Dub was a very talented and gifted man. He played many instruments, but had a passion for playing the violin. Dub used his musical gift by playing at many churches, weddings, and funerals. He was also a talented carpenter who could build or repair anything and he loved helping others with his carpentry skills. Dub remarried Betty in 2002 after 36 years of separation. Their love brought them together again for another 12 happy years. Dub was preceded in death by: his daughter, Carole Ann McKinney; his three brothers, Willie Blackson McKinney, Elton John McKinney, and Guy McKinney; and his three sisters, Lessie Kite, Essie Sapp, and Muriel McKinney.

Dub is survived by: his loving wife of 28 years, Betty Jane McKinney of Starke; his son, William (Anita) McKinney of Graham; his ten grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Dub's Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11:00 am with military honors at Madison Street Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Jackson officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Dub's name to Vystar Credit Union to assist his loving wife, Betty McKinney, with expenses. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archie Tanner Funeral Services, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.archietannerfuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

James Mullis, Jr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—James Walter Mullis, Jr., 60, of Keystone Heights died at his home, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. He was born on Jan. 13, 1954 and served in the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by: daughters, Tameka Sanchez of Booneville, North Carolina and Anita Mullis of Virginia; one brother; two sisters; several grandchildren; and caregiver, Amber of Keystone Heights.

There are no services scheduled. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Ena Sanders

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Ena M. Hayes Sanders of Keystone Heights — Aug. 20, 1937 – Sept. 12, 2014.

Ena is survived by: her three daughters, Helena Molnar of Surprise, Arizona, Hannah De La Pena of Lake Worth, with two grandchildren, Orlando and Jessica De Le Pena, Harrietta and Luciano Ceccarelli of North Miami Beach, with two grandchildren, Angela Ceccarelli with two great grandchildren, Giulia and Luca and grandson, Carlo Ceccarelli with one great-grandchild on the way. She is also survived by Michael and Velinda Roe and a granddaughter, Chelsea.

Ena is a recent widow of husband, Jesse Stead Sanders, married the past eleven years. Ena was a member of St. William Catholic Church since moving to Keystone Heights in 2002 and is good friends with Father Mike Williams. She has served her church as Eucharistic Minister and been involved as a volunteer in many church activities including the Ladies Guild and the Diocesan Women's Deanery. Ena was born in Havana, Cuba to the late Jose Alvarez Puig and Ernestina Rodriguez Alvarez. She came to Florida where she met William E. Hayes, her first husband. They were married for 44 years before his death in 2001. For many years Ena was involved in real estate with the Miami Beach Board of Realtors.

Services will be held at St. William Catholic Church in Keystone Heights on Friday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at 1:00 pm in the family burial site at Kingsley Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2121 SW 16th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608. Rest in Peace Ena, Rest in Peace!

PAID OBITUARY



George Spires, II

George Spires, II

ORLANDO—George E. Spires, II, born Nov. 5, 1930, in Lake Butler, to parents Eurie and Mabel Spires, died peacefully, in the arms of his loving family on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2014. George served in the US Air Force for 27 years retiring as Colonel. He served in England, Germany, Korea, Thailand, Italy and Vietnam. He was a member of the Rio Pinar Country Club, serving as President and was an avid golfer as well as a bridge and poker player. He was a member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. After retirement from the Air Force, he was co-owner of Castle Construction Co. Following his retirement from there, he and Shirley traveled all over the world and enjoyed many cruises with family. George was a role model for his grandchildren and a true friend and expert in helping friends with their computer skills.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley Ann; and two

sons, Mark (Pat) Spires of Naples, Stephen (Anne) Spires of Ocala; daughter, Cheryl (Kevin) Boylan of Orlando; four grandchildren, Rebecca (D.J.) Swanson of Debarry, Stephanie Spires and Chelsea Spires of Ocala, and one grandson, Travis, of Ocala, and brother, James (Annette) Spires of Immokalee.

Services were held on Sept. 6th at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church on Lake Underhill Rd. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice. Arrangements are handled by Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, 2811 Curry Ford Rd. 407-898-2561.

PAID OBITUARY



Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

STARKE—Robert Thomas "Tom" Stephens, 65, of Starke, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at his home. He was born in Jacksonville, son of the late W.H. Stephens and Grace Knowles Stephens Ohde. He resided in Starke for the past 4 years and prior to that he resided in Fruit Cove for 18 years. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. Tom was an abstractor, owning and operating his own title company until his retirement. He loved fishing and making people laugh. He was of the Baptist faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother.

He is survived by: his wife, Pamela Stephens of Starke; daughter, Tray-Ci (Michael) Roberts of Marathon; son, Troy Stephens of Jacksonville; sisters, Va. Faye, Susie, and Marie Elaine; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. Flowers are gratefully accepted or those wishing may make a contribution in his memory to the American Cancer Society. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY

Aileen Strickland

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Aileen Strickland, 74, of Keystone Heights, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 at Shands UF in Gainesville. She was born on Oct. 14, 1939 in Crescent City to the late Joe Brown and Elizabeth Alice (Massey) Jackson and was a homemaker. She was a long time resident of Keystone Heights. Her husband, David Strickland and great-granddaughter, Hailey Cheyanne preceded her in death.

Survivors are: sons, David (Kat) Strickland of Keystone Heights and Jerry (Kimberly) Strickland of Fleming Island; sisters, Martha Simmons of Orange Park, Pearl Bennett of Interlachen, and Dot Campbell of St. George, Georgia; nine grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Hill Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Snell officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service. Interment will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Hill Cemetery West in Palatka. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.



Willie Warren

Willie Warren

RAIFORD—Willie "Cille" Reeves Warren, 76, of Raiford died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of Raiford. She was a member of Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church where she served as

church secretary. She attended the local schools of Union County.

She is survived by: her husband, Francis Warren of Raiford; daughter, Tammy W. Highland of Starke; sons, Cedric L. Warren of Starke, William D. Warren and Ivory C. Warren both of Lake Butler; sisters, Olla Mae Paige, Melba Reeves and Myrtis Reeves all of Raiford; brothers, Elcano Reeves Sr. of Raiford, Arthur L. Reeves of Lake Butler; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church in Raiford with Rev. Henry Ortiz Pastor conducting the services. Interment will be held in Five Sapplin Cemetery in Raiford. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc of Starke. Viewing will be held on Friday, Sept. 19 at the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church Family Hour 3:00-4:00 p.m. and Friends from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. The Cortege will form at the home of Mrs. Warren at 10:45 a.m. at 12719 Northeast 227 Lane, Raiford.

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I'm writing this to say to thanks to so many people and organizations that demonstrated their love not only during his life but in his death as well. First my thanks go to Moring Funeral Home for the dignity, support and beautiful way they handled every aspect of the arrangements and service. Next thanks to Dr. Farmer, Dr. Moore, David Golden and the Keystone United Methodist Church for allowing me to hold the service there and be a little irreverent by playing the Gator Fight Song. My next thanks goes to Sally

Linton, President of the Keystone Heights Woman's Club and the ladies both old and brand new members who set up the club, prepared food, cleaned up and countless other details to make the reception organized and beautiful. Also, special thanks to the KH Sportsman's Club and their members who sent food for the reception.

I also want thank the Keystone Post Office, KH Jaycees, The Lake Region Kiwanis Club, The Clay County School District and such wonderful teachers (one group is having a brick placed in his honor at the Gator Walk he would be so proud).

There were so many flowers, plants, cards (at least two feet high) food and drink sent to the house that I could never repay all the kindness that came our way. I read every card several times with so many warm notes and comments. Also, many people sent donations to our Clay County Gator Club to be used toward the Scholarship Fund for deserving Clay County students.

Thank you to one unknown person who saw me as they went through the drive through at Johnny's and bought my lunch. I tried to find out who you were to thank you but our server said she didn't know.

As we made our way to the Keystone Heights Cemetery via the golf course where on many occasions he teed off and sometimes became teed off, we were led by the dedicated members of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. I watched as cars moved to the side of the road as a sign of respect and my heart was warmed.

To each of you please know our family is grateful and have always been so proud of our community and their ability to rally around people in their time of need. You stood tall this time. I could never list everyone that brought hope to our family during this time of need, but please know I feel your spirit with me.

A grateful...Tina Bullock

Bradford judge: job is not to simply punish behavior

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



Judge Richard B. Davis is enjoying his time in Bradford County as a "placeholder judge," and relishes the opportunity to use his years of experience and creativity in trying to make a difference in the community.

After nine months on the bench, Bradford County's "placeholder judge" has had time to get used to the area and to exercise his creativity in sentencing—trying to make a point to offenders as well as punishing them.

Richard B. Davis was appointed to finish out the term left vacant by the passing of longtime County Judge Johnny Hobbs. He was selected from a pool of applicants, which included local attorneys as well as people from outside the area.

Davis came out of retirement to accept the post and is quick to point out that he is here only on a temporary basis. His age would make it impossible for him to run for election to the position even should he desire to do so.

He comes to the position with no agenda and a desire to make the system work in its corrective function, not just in its punitive purpose. He tries to find sentencing options which not only make the point of preventing recurrence of the crime, but that also can help the person in the process when possible.

Many local residents have noticed the people standing on street corners holding signs saying, "I stole from a local merchant." This is Davis' doing.

"Years ago at St. Petersburg High School, I got caught trying to sneak in late," Davis said. "It was my senior year, and the principal made me pick up trash all over the school property in plain sight of all of my friends. I wasn't late another time that year. I guess you could call it beneficial embarrassment."

Davis said having to hold up a sign stating one's offense is a form of punishment which he hopes will serve as a tool to prevent recurrence of the crime by that individual and also influence the viewers, especially kids, from committing the crime for fear of embarrassment.

"There is not as much emphasis on values in many homes as there used to be," Davis said. "There are many young people coming up today who really don't know what is or is not legal. The big

stuff like murder they know, but not the lesser offenses."

In response to this lack of information, one of the sentencing options open for Davis' use is the requirement to attend a criminal cognition course, which explains the main point of laws in layman's terms. He may also use jail time, drug and substance evaluation and treatment and community service as part of an offender's sentence.

"The point is to correct behavior, not simply to punish it," Davis said.

It is in his work with juvenile offenders where Davis can be the most effective in preventing recurrence of criminal behavior.

"Studies have shown that many juvenile offenders are poor readers," Davis said. "The school of thought that has arisen from these studies is that if you improve the young person's reading skills, they become less likely to continue with inappropriate and criminal behavior."

Davis can order tutoring in reading as part of a juvenile sentence, as well as an overall improvement of grades. He can require juvenile offenders to get eligible for a school sport and participate in it, or to join 4-H or FFA. Currently, he has one young offender who is interested in sports reading books on the subject and writing book reports on them—book reports to be turned into and read by the judge.

Davis said he sees the practice of law as a service profession, not a money making one. He believes when one has become good enough to be made a judge at the county level, he has been given a chance to really help the community he serves.

"My job is to impose order in the community," Davis said, "but never forget that the people coming before me are individuals with baggage and problems and situations in their lives. I try to make the punishment fit both the crime and the person who has committed it."

Davis said he is happy to serve here and has found nothing but welcome and assistance by those he works with.

"The courthouse staff is amazing," Davis said. "Everyone here and in the law enforcement community has been so helpful and welcoming. I love it here."

Davis said his right hand is Judicial Assistant Diane Moore. Moore was trained by Hobbs and worked with him for seven years. Davis credits her with keeping things running after Hobbs' death and helping to keep him straight while he learned his way around.

"This is truly a nice place to work, and I look forward to being here until my commission expires Jan. 3, 2017," Davis said. "Then I will step aside for whomever the people of the county choose through the elective process, and I will return to retirement, but I will enjoy it here while it lasts."

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was wrong with her daughter, who was constantly sick and constantly coughing, who wasn't developing and growing as she should. Doctors diagnosed such conditions as bronchitis, respiratory infection, flu and pneumonia, but medication for such conditions—though having an initial impact—did nothing to make Sims well.

It took just one visit to local advanced registered nurse practitioner Anne Perantoni to finally provide the answer as to what was wrong. In five minutes, Perantoni made note of Sims' clubbing digits—the spread of her fingers and toes due to a lack of oxygen—deep chest cavity and protruding stomach. She suspected CF, which was later confirmed by a sweat test. (People with CF have an increased amount of salt in their sweat.)

"If you go by and look at her after she's been out in the sun for a half hour or so, you will see what appears to be sand on her forehead," Leisa Sims said. "It's actually salt crystals. She sweats pure salt crystals."

Her life has been one of hospital visits and stays for IV medication, breathing

treatments and respiratory and physical therapy. She also makes unplanned visits to the hospital, such as the time she developed an MAI bacterial (non-tuberculosis mycobacterium) infection.

"It's very, very aggravating because you never know," Sims said about the timing of some of her illnesses and trips to the hospital.

Not that she's let that bother her too much. She has been active throughout her life, whether it's competing in numerous pageants—she is the current Miss Tri County and has also been Bradford-Union Strawberry Queen and Miss Suwannee River Jam—or entertaining TV audiences on "Ax Men" along with fellow crew members Capt. Clint Roberts and Dave "the Kraken" Stone.

Once, Sims practiced for a pageant while she was in the hospital, finding a vacant room in which to work on her talent routine. In another instance, she had herself admitted to the hospital early for routine therapy so that she would not miss homecoming festivities at Bradford High School. She was a member of the homecoming court and also felt it was important to be part of the festivities since she was a captain of the cheerleading squad.

"I had 25 cheerleaders counting on me to be there," Sims said. "I

got put in the hospital the week before just so I could make it to homecoming. I had to go right back in after homecoming."

All this despite two occasions in which doctors predicted she wouldn't live beyond the ages of 12 and 16.

"This girl has more heart than anybody I've ever met in my life," said Sims' "Ax Men" co-star Stone.

Perhaps that's why the Bradford-Union Great Strides event has been so successful year in and year out—people are just inspired by Sims and how she handles having CF.

Sims, though, had no doubts that her community would support the event.

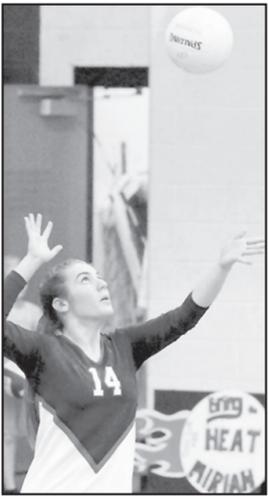
"I had faith in the community," she said, "but the turnout we have every year, the amount of dedication everybody puts in and all the different little things everybody does that they don't even have to—it's beyond what I thought it would be."

To find out more about the event, make a donation or register to participate, please visit cff.org.

Prior to Great Strides, 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 Bradford-Union Great Strides.

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Abi Loose serves for Keystone.

Indians defeat Tornadoes 3-1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Keystone Heights won three straight sets after dropping the opener, defeating visiting Bradford 3-1 (20-25, 25-15, 25-21, 25-16) on Sept. 11 to improve to 2-0 in District 5-4A.

Bradford, which is 1-1 in the district, took an early lead in the first set, with a service ace by Nyasia Davis making the score 5-2. The Tornadoes later scored four points with Kia Lane serving to go up 15-9.

Miriah Maxwell had two kills late in the set to force side-outs for the Indians, who pulled to within 23-20. Bradford's Lainie Rodgers had a crucial kill to force a side-out, while Davis finished the set with a kill.

Keystone led the entire way in the second set. Three straight points—including an ace—with Anna Wilkes serving put the Indians up 13-5. An ace by Abi Loose made the score 19-9, while four points with Jordan Jennings serving made it 24-12. Keystone

closed it out when Bradford couldn't make a play on a spike by Hanna Crane.

The Tornadoes led 13-12 in the third set after scoring four straight points with Rodgers serving. Davis had two of her 10 kills during the sequence, as well as one of her four blocks.

It was 19-15 in Bradford's favor before the Indians scored five straight points—including one on a kill by Maxwell—with Wilkes serving. Keystone capped the comeback by scoring three straight points with Bailey Zinkel serving to close out the set with a 25-21 win.

Keystone got off to a quick start in the fourth set, going up 6-2 with four straight points while Loose was serving. The Indians led 16-7 before Bradford scored consecutive points for the first time.

An ace by Wilkes put the Indians up 22-13, while a kill by Crane made it 24-15. Loose ended the match with a kill.

Maxwell led Keystone with 11 kills, while Crane had nine to go along with 17 assists. Wilkes had nine assists, while Shelby Skelly had two blocks. Jennings had six

kills and four service aces.

Rodgers shared Bradford's team-high in kills with Davis with 10. She and Alexis Shealey each had seven digs. Lane finished with 12 assists.

The Indians (3-1 overall) played Oakleaf this past Tuesday and will travel to play Clay on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Keystone travels to play district opponent Interlachen at 6 p.m.

Bradford falls to West Nassau 3-2

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

After playing Keystone Heights (see related story), the Bradford High School volleyball team suffered a 3-2 (25-16, 25-16, 15-25, 21-25, 15-12) defeat to host West Nassau on Sept. 15 in Callahan.

Nyasia Davis and Lainie Rodgers had 11 and 10 kills, respectively, for the Tornadoes (4-7). Rodgers also had six digs and seven service aces,



Keystone's Shelby Skelly looks on as Kaylee Johnson preps to send the ball over the net.

while Karen Clark had five aces. Kia Lane had 17 assists, while Hannah Jones and Alexis Shealey each had four digs.

Prior to the Sept. 11 Keystone match, the Tornadoes picked up their first win in District 5-4A, defeating Fort White 3-0 (25-11, 25-18, 25-22) on Sept. 9 in Starke. Davis had eight kills, while Jones and Rodgers each had six. Davis added five aces and four blocks, while Rodgers had four aces and four digs. Lane had eight assists, while Shealey had four digs.

Bradford played district opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will host North Marion on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 23, the Tornadoes host district opponent Santa Fe at 6:30 p.m.

The junior varsity Tornadoes play at 5 p.m. prior to each match and will also play in a tournament at Keystone on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Union falls to 1-2 in District 7

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Staff Writer

Union County's varsity volleyball team fell to 1-2 in District 7-1A after a 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-17) loss to Dixie County on Sept. 15 in Cross City.

Kayla Andrews and Madelyn Kish each had seven kills for the Tigers (4-7), with Andrews adding 18 digs and Kish having seven. Kaylan Tucker had seven digs, while Madison Adams had six digs and nine assists. Devin Lewis had six digs, while Lilly Combs had seven assists.

Union's first district loss occurred on Sept. 9, when host Newberry took a 3-0 (25-13, 25-7, 25-17) win. Andrews and Tucker each had seven kills, with Andrews adding 13 digs and Tucker adding six digs and

three blocks. Combs and Kish each had four kills and five digs, while Combs also had 10 assists. Lewis had six service points, while Adams had five assists.

On Sept. 12-13, the Tigers went 1-2 in a tournament at Bell High School, beginning play with a 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 25-18) win over Williston. Tucker had 14 kills, five service aces and two blocks, while Combs had 18 assists. Kish had five aces.

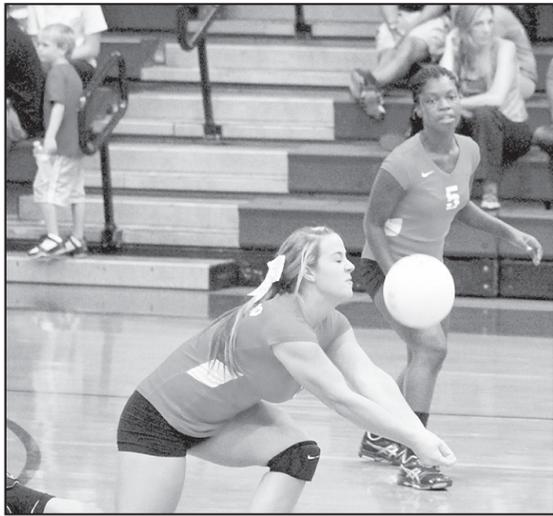
The Tigers played two tournament games on Sept. 13, losing 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-17) to Bronson and 3-0 (25-19, 25-14, 25-15) to Pierson Taylor.

In the match against Bronson, Andrews had 14 kills and 32 digs, while Combs and Kish each had 13 digs. Combs also had seven kills and 13 assists, while Kish had eight kills, two blocks, 10 points and four aces. Latia Jackson and Taylor Beatty had seven and five points, respectively, while Adams had six assists.

In the loss to Taylor, Andrews had seven kills and 18 digs, while Kish had six kills and seven digs. Combs had five kills, seven digs and 11 assists, while Lewis had six points.

The Sept. 11 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor did not have the stats for the Tigers' 3-0 win over Branford on Sept. 8. Kish and Tucker each had seven kills in that match, with Kish adding three blocks, eight points and four aces. Tucker also had two blocks, seven points and five aces. Combs had 12 points, seven aces, two blocks and nine assists, while Andrews had 10 points, six aces and nine digs. Lewis had nine points and six aces, while Brittney Manning had two blocks and six assists.

Union, which played district opponent Williston this past Tuesday, will host Dixie County on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Branford on Monday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m.



Bradford's Lainie Rodgers makes a play on the back row as Kia Lane looks on.

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Union County running back Isaiah Johnson eludes the grasp of Keystone's Tyler Ricketts in the Tigers' 41-0 win. Johnson rushed for 98 yards and three touchdowns. Photo by Tonya Gibbs.

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with 9:28 left in the third quarter. McDavid's PAT opened up a 28-0 Union County lead.

Johnson rushed for 98 yards on 10 carries. Durn led the Tigers in rushing with 127 yards on 11 carries.

The Tigers' Alden McClellon cut short Keystone's subsequent possession by intercepting a pass. Union County then marched from the 50-yard line to the Keystone 20. The Indian defenders then dropped Darian Robinson for a 10-yard loss, and Union County was flagged for holding on the following play. Two Cox incompletions left the Tigers with a fourth-and-30 from their own 40-yard-line.

Eschewing the kicking alternatives, Union County head coach Ronny Pruitt called on Cox's arm once again, and the senior quarterback delivered, finding Lee for a 29-yard gain. The Keystone defense, though, corralled Lee 1 yard short of the first down, and the Indians took over on their own 11.

However, on the following play, the Tiger defense recovered a Keystone Heights fumble, giving Union County the ball on the Indian 9. Cox then found Lee in the back of the end zone for Union County's fifth touchdown. A holding penalty nullified the score, and pushed the Tigers back to the 14. Union County then ran the same play, with the same results, with Lee out-jumping two Keystone defenders to come down in the back of the end zone. McDavid's extra point made the score 35-0 with 5:05 left in the third quarter.

Lee ended the game with five

receptions for 65 yards and one touchdown.

On the following series, the Tiger defense denied Keystone a first down, forcing a punt.

The Union County defense held Keystone to four first downs and 40 yards of total offense.

The Tigers had 219 yards passing and 228 yards rushing for a total of 447.

Following the Indian punt, Union County took over on

its own 40 with 2:36 left in the third quarter. A Keystone unsportsmanlike conduct penalty took the ball to the Keystone 48, and from there, Cox hit Dairon Alexander for a 23-yard completion to the Keystone 25. On the next play, Robinson ran for the game's final touchdown. McDavid's extra-point attempt hit the crossbar and was no good, resulting in a 41-0 final score.

After the game, Pruitt could



Antwan Durn, who led all rushers with 127 yards, carries the ball for the Tigers. Photo by Tonya Gibbs.

only cite minor deficiencies in his team's performance, like alignments.

Keystone head coach Chuck Dickinson said that despite the final score, his team had opportunities to close the gap.

However, penalties, dropped passes and other errors siphoned those chances away.

Union County returns home Friday, Sept. 19, to play Interlachen at 7:30 p.m. The Rams (0-3) have been outscored

93-19 this season and are coming off of a 45-13 loss to Menendez.

Keystone plays its first District 4-4A game on Sept. 19 when it hosts Umatilla at 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogs (1-2) are coming off of a 42-38 loss to Tavares.

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go three-and-out on the ensuing series, Fort White began a drive at the 50. Jackson threw a 9-yard pass to J.T. Byrne before White broke free for a 41-yard touchdown run with 8:20 remaining in the second quarter.

Bradford's defense came up big on Fort White's next two drives with interceptions by Hankerson and Jeffers. Jeffers made his pick inside the Fort White 40 and returned the ball to the 12-yard line with 52 seconds left in the first half. On the first play following the change of possession, Luke hit Aaron with a pass at about the 5-yard line, with Aaron bulling his way into the end zone from there. Jud Hicks added the PAT to make it 14-7 going into the half.

Fort White opened the second half with a 14-play, 56-yard drive, but turned the ball over with a fumble on a fourth-and-2 play at the Bradford 4-yard line. The Indians' Nick McClain recovered a Bradford fumble two plays later. That set White up for a 5-yard touchdown run and a 20-7 Fort White lead.

White finished with approximately 100 yards, but it was backfield mate Donald Robinson who did the bulk of the work on the Indians' next possession. Robinson got loose on a run of more than 20 yards before fumbling, but Fort White recovered at the Bradford 7. Blair Chapman scored on a run from there, with Shrum's PAT capping the scoring at the 1:50

Xavien Jenkins helps bring down a Fort White player. Despite the loss, Jenkins was part of a Bradford defense that forced five turnovers.



mark of the third quarter.

The Indians did threaten to score again in the fourth quarter. Following a short punt, Robinson had a 13-yard run to set up first-and-goal at the 5. However, a pass by Jackson was tipped by Bradford's Xavien Jenkins before being intercepted by Hicks in the back of the end zone.

Bradford's offense responded with its best drive of the game. Aundre Carter had a 7-yard run on first down, followed by a 13-yard run by McNeal. Luke then scrambled for a 26-yard gain to the Fort White 34. Aside from the possession set up by Jeffers' second-quarter interception, it was the only time the Tornados had been inside the Indians' 40-yard line.

The Tornados couldn't keep the momentum going, though,

with the Fort White defense making three tackles behind the line of scrimmage and Bradford getting penalized for holding.

Luke and Carter led the Tornados in rushing with 39 and 30 yards, respectively. Luke also completed four passes for 32 yards, with Aaron catching two passes for 16 yards.

Aaron also had two kickoff returns for 47 yards.

Bradford opens District 4-4A play on Friday, Sept. 19, at the Villages at 7:30 p.m. The Buffalo are 2-1 after a 33-7 victory over Pierson Taylor on Sept. 12. They opened the season with a 17-7 loss to Bellevue before rebounding with a 27-6 win over Brooksville Central.

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