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UC School Board Workshop and Meeting

The Union County School Board will hold a workshop on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:15 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 55 SW 6th Street in Lake Butler. The regular board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. Agendas for the meetings may be viewed at www.union.k12.fl.us.

County to Hold Public Hearing on Road Closure

The Union County Board of County Commissioners will have a public hearing on March 19 at 5:30 p.m. concerning the request to close NE 227th Loop. The hearing will be followed by the regular monthly board meeting at 6 p.m. Both events will be held in the commission meeting room in the Union County Courthouse.

More Fun at the Library

Beginning Feb. 1, the Union County Public Library will be hosting Makerspace After-School Programs on the first and third Thursday of each month. Programs will feature STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) themes. Programs will run from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each session.

Adult programs are continuing in the new year, on the second Tuesday of each month.

Preschool Storytime continues on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Funny Fairy Tales will be on tap on March 15, Super Senses on March 22 and Easter Egg-Citement on March 29.

For more information about these programs or other offerings at the library please call 386-496-3432 or visit the library's website at www.unioncountypubliclibrary.org.

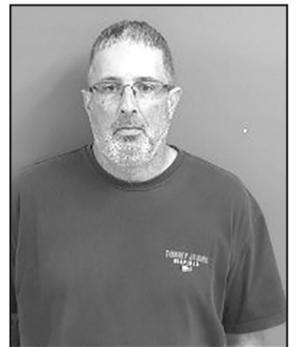
VFW Post 10082 Offers Special Bingo Jackpot

The VFW Post 10082, located off S.R. 231 in Lake Butler, invites anyone who is 18 or older to come out and play Bingo on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the post. The jackpot is \$100. For info please call Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647. Everyone is encouraged to come on out and play.

Complete Fair Coverage inside



Man accused of abusing elderly person with Down Syndrome



KNOWLES

Timothy Marc Knowles, 48, of Lake Butler, was arrested March 9 by Union deputies on a warrant for crimes against person — abuse of an elderly or disabled adult without great harm, stemming from a Feb. 21 report.

The offense report states that in February, Union Deputy Phillip Sellers responded to an address in Lake Butler to meet DCF Investigator Stephen Shaw in reference to a report of a disabled adult being abused.

Contact was made with the alleged victim, his mother and the victim's grandparents. Once inside the residence the mother was advised about the reason for the visit and informed that DCF had received a report stating that her friend, Knowles, who also resides in the residence, had been verbally and physically abusing the victim — frequently yelling at him and slapping him on the back of his head and on his chest. The report also alleges that, on one occasion, the suspect placed

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Man arrested for dumping 40 bags of garbage on road

Witnesses video crime

Joshua Paul Westinghouse, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested March 10 by Union deputies on a warrant for illegal dumping over 500 pounds.

The warrant stemmed from an incident on Jan. 7 when Deputy Erik Krueger responded to a report of illegal dumping in the area of C.R.231A and C.R. 18.

The complaint stated that there were 40 to 50 bags of garbage lying in the roadway and to the side of it. When Krueger arrived in the area he observed a pickup truck with a bed full of garbage bags.

James Tallman was present at the scene and was attempting to clean up the roadway. He reported to Krueger that he had found two prescription bottles with the name Christina Simmons on them. Another witness said he had also found garbage on the road with her name on it, as did the deputy.

Krueger made contact with Simmons and Joshua Westinghouse at their home and advised them of the reason for the contact. Westinghouse stated that he had taken the garbage to the dump and that a couple of the bags had fallen out of the truck. He said he did

not stop to pick them up and just kept going.

According to his report, Krueger stated that the bags he saw did not appear to have fallen off a moving vehicle, given the fact that several of the bags were seen up against a fence line about 25 feet from the roadside.

Videos taken by bystanders showed bags thrown by the roadside, bag after bag until a bridge was approached and the bags stop, then are seen on the roadside again past the bridge.



Westinghouse

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Union County EMS Making Changes to Improve Service

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Changes are underway at Union County Emergency Medical Services to improve coverage in the county by reducing transports for both Lake Butler Hospital and the Department of Corrections.

"I have been in meetings with both the management of Lake Butler Hospital and representatives from DOC about the need for UCEMS to stop doing non-emergency medical transports for them," said Allen Parrish, serving as a temporary adviser to the current EMS

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Lake Butler Middle School Teacher Selected for Shine Award

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Brittney McGee, an agriculture teacher at Lake Butler Middle School, has been selected by Gov. Rick Scott as one of eight recipients of his Shine Award 2018.

Scott recognized the eight teachers at a cabinet meeting on March 7. The Shine Award is presented to teachers and administrators in Florida who make significant contributions to the field of education.

Scott said, "Florida educators go above and beyond to help students get a quality education, and I'm proud to recognize these outstanding educators today. In Florida, we support our teachers so they have every resource they need to help students succeed."

McGee was named the 2017 Union County School District Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching for 11 years and is a member of the Florida Teacher Lead Network.

Other Florida teachers receiving the recognition are:

Jane Araguez, of Brevard County, who teaches at Saturn Elementary School in Cocoa



Lake Butler Middle School Teacher Brittney McGee (sixth from right) is honored by the Florida Cabinet during a ceremony recognizing Shine Award recipients.

Beach. She has been teaching for 13 years and teaches kindergarten.

Larissa Bennett, of Manatee County, has served the most recent 11 of her 16 years in education as a school counselor at Virgil Mills Elementary

School in Bradenton.

Andrea Brown, of Okaloosa County, brings her 19 years of experience to teaching remedial reading and math at the Baker School.

Christopher Combass, of Hamilton County, has spent

his entire 21 years teaching social studies at his alma mater, Hamilton County High School.

Deanna Golden, of Jackson County, brings 28 years of experience to the classroom. She teaches kindergarten at F.M. Golson Elementary School

in Marianna.

Robin Heeke, teaches advanced placement government and politics, AP U.S. History and AP World

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Baby discovered during drug bust. Mom charged with neglect

Deputies: Infant hidden under blanket; spare tire, lawn mower and gas can in back seat with baby

Chelsea Margaret Williams, 24, of Palatka, was arrested March 8 by Union Deputy Phillip Sellers for child neglect (without great harm), possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and possession of narcotics equipment.

The arrest report states that Sellers responded to the area of Northeast S.R. 121 and Northeast S.R. 16 in reference to a report of a reckless vehicle. The vehicle had been reported to be driving erratically and to have driven off the road several times. As Sellers was passing the Raiford Post Office on Northeast S.R. 121, he was flagged down by the complainant, who pointed out a vehicle just departing the parking lot of the convenience store next to the post office as the one she had called about.

Sellers followed the vehicle to try and establish a driving pattern. He observed instances of erratic driving and initiated a traffic stop. He made contact with the driver, Williams, and noted that she seemed distracted and confused and was having trouble staying focused on the questions he was asking her. In the report he stated that, based on his training and experience, he believed she was under the influence of an unknown substance.

Deputy Jason Lepanto arrived at the scene to assist and Sellers informed him of his observations. Lepanto noticed a baby behind the driver's seat in a car seat. It is stated that neither deputy had noticed the baby before, due at least in part to what is described as the total disarray of the vehicles interior and the fact that the child and car seat were completely covered with a blanket. Laying against the car seat was an unsecured tire. There was also a push lawnmower and a gas container in the back seat, along with various items of dirty clothing.

When Williams was asked if there were any illegal items in the vehicle she stated that there were not, and she gave her consent to search the vehicle.

She was asked to exit the vehicle to speak with Lepanto while Seller searched.

Sellers discovered a plastic bag with a green leafy substance in the left cup holder, which he suspected to be marijuana and appeared to be less than one gram. He also found a marijuana cigarette butt in the bag. On the front seat was a black purse which Williams claimed was hers. In it Sellers found a rubber pill container with half of a white pill inside. The pill could not be identified at the scene. Also found was an empty prescription bottle in William's name for Buprenorphine (a generic for Subtex). There were also several used syringes found in the purse. After collecting all of the items, Sellers took them to his vehicle and placed them in an evidence bag.

Upon seeing him with the container, Williams said the half-pill inside it was Subtex and advised she was diabetic and had a prescription for the drug.

Lepanto removed the baby from William's car and placed it in his patrol car. He then transported the child to the Union County Sheriff's Office where he made contact with DCF. It is noted in the report that the child's clothing, and the blankets used to cover her, were extremely dirty.



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New Animal Rescue Reduces Euthanasia in City and County

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

A group of women, bound by a love of animals and the energy to work for their benefit and survival, has started an animal rescue organization in Union County and is already making great inroads into reducing the number of dogs euthanized by city and county animal control agencies.

Nancy Moon moved to the area from Colorado and settled just west of Lake City three years ago. In 2016 her sister told her to look for some land off C.R. 741 in Union County and she went exploring, but instead of land she found what she considered to be animal abuse.

"There were some kennels on some property and the dogs in them were making a strange noise," Moon said. "When I went to investigate I found a number of dogs (hounds, puppies and a poodle) chained on the property with no food or water. They looked like they were starving. I called Union County Animal Control and was told there was nothing they could do about it and was told to call the sheriff's office. When I called them, they responded by saying the dogs were fine. I finally got ahold of Deputy Billy Townsend,



Nancy Moon

but by that time the dogs had disappeared. As I drove around the county I saw other animal problems as well."

Moon started talking with Kenny Snyder, who was at that

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Cossey Wants to Make a Difference in the Community

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Union County commissioner Karen Cossey has lived in Union County almost her entire life and she loves the people and the community. This is one of the main reasons she has pursued a life of public service as a commissioner.

Cossey was born in Folkston, Georgia to Henton and Edna Smith. Her father was from Providence, while her mother was from Georgia, with the couple meeting in Lake City. Her parents had a little "mom-and-pop" store in Georgia, but when she was 3, the family moved to Providence and she was raised there. Her father was a farmer, primarily raising tobacco.

Cossey graduated from Union County High School and went into business for herself, opening Karen's Kwik-Stop in 1971. She worked the store herself for 35 years, leasing it out in 2006. She also drove a school bus for 20 years, from 1980 until 2000.

Cossey ran for the county commission for the first time in 2000 against incumbent Mike Pittman, and she won. She wanted to go into politics because she said she both loved politics and enjoyed helping people and making a positive difference in the community. She is the only full-time commissioner, in that she keeps regular office hours Monday through Friday.

"It is easier for everyone if there is someone around to handle the day-to-day operation



Cossey

of the county," Cossey said. "I keep busy, but I enjoy it. I talk to a lot of county residents and listen to their concerns, then steer them to the correct person or department if I am not it. We have a good board that is responsive to our citizens and it is always a pleasure to work with them to better our county."

Cossey has no plans to retire. In fact if asked what her favorite hobby is, she will say "work." Cossey is the first, and only, female commissioner to serve in Union County. She has served as commission vice-chair six times (2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2013 and 2016) and as chair six times, including currently (2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017). She serves on the board of directors of the Union County Farm Bureau, where she is the first woman to serve as president. She also serves on the New River Solid Waste Board. She also serves on

the Suwannee River Economic Council Board in Live Oak.

Looking back on her career in public service, she said she has been pleased with many of the commission projects of which she has been a part.

"I am very proud to have been involved in the county's CDBG program where we were able to buy and renovate homes for people in need of assistance," Cossey said. "I hope we reapply for a new grant cycle so we can do more for our residents who need help."

Among other projects she mentioned she is most pleased to have spearheaded or been involved in include the remodeling of the Providence Community Center and working with the FDOT to get many county roads repaired and paved. Cossey and husband, Paul, married in 2001 and between them they have five children, all grown and out on their own. Besides work, she admitted to enjoying camping (in a camper) and spending time with her family and friends.

"We live in a wonderful place and I am dedicated to be working with my fellow commissioners to keep Union County the great place to live that it is today," Cossey said. "We have a good environment, great schools and wonderful people, all making up something worth working to preserve, and I am proud to have been chosen to be one of the people with the job of doing so."

Beasley Announces Candidacy for LB City Seat

The following is an announcement of intention to run for public office, submitted by the candidate.

I am both delighted and honored to announce my candidacy for Lake Butler City Commission, Seat Four.

I would like to share a little about myself, so the voters might become more familiar with me, my family and my experience. I was born in Lake City, FL on July 24, 1951 to the late Ernest & Reba Beasley and have been a resident of Union County my entire life. To say that I am proud of my life-long residency in the Lake Butler Community would be an understatement. Together with my wife of 24 years, Brenda Stansell Beasley, we have one daughter, Kimberly Phillips, and two grandchildren, Zackery and Kiersten Palmer.

While still attending high school, I was fortunate enough



Beasley

to begin working for the City of Lake Butler. After graduation from Union County High School in 1970, I officially launched my career in public service. In March 1972, I began full-time employment

with the Union County Road Department as an Equipment Operator. I maintained that position until being promoted to Assistant Road Superintendent. Eventually, the County divided the Department into two separate divisions, and I was promoted to Solid Waste Director. I was proud to serve as the County's Solid Waste Director for 30 years, until my retirement in March 2017.

Having the opportunity to run for the City Commission is truly an honor and privilege. Serving our City as an elected Commissioner is truly an honor and privilege. Serving out City as an elected Commissioner is such an important and distinguished role.

It is my hope that you will consider electing me to serve YOUR voice in the City Commission in Seat Four. Thank you, Jimmy Beasley.

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On Jan. 9 contact was made with two minors at their residence with their mother, Christine Simmons, present. Both of them freely admitted to throwing the garbage on the roadside. They said they had originally tried to take the garbage to the Worthington Springs collection site but were turned away because of the large number of bags. They said that Westinghouse told them he would not be returning to the residence with the bags and they were told to ride on the trailer as he drove. They said he yelled at them to

throw the bags on the roadside. They said Westinghouse would yell and wave his arm when cars were coming so they could get down and hide in the trailer.

Westinghouse was contacted and told an interview needed to be conducted with him in reference to the case. He admitted that a few bags had fallen off the trailer and it was his mistake not to stop and pick them up. He then agreed to give a voluntary statement and said he would contact the sheriff's office when he returned home later that evening. As of Jan. 11, Westinghouse had failed to make contact with the sheriff's office as agreed.

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History at Fort White High School. She has been teaching 20 years, the last 17 of them in Columbia County. She was named the 2017 Columbia County School District Teacher of the year.

Maria Laing, of Palm Beach County, has 20 years' teaching experience and teaches reading and math to special needs students in grades K-5 at A.D. Henderson University School.

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director, Wayne Clemons. Parrish said the changes were a resource management issue rather than a financial one. DOC, which pays EMS for its services, simply takes too much time to serve, transporting its non-emergency patients. Parrish said if one unit is tied up with a transport for DOC, that only leaves a single unit to handle medical emergencies and traffic accidents. This is not always sufficient coverage. In the future, UCEMS will only handle 911 calls for DOC. This will reduce DOC usage of EMS services by more than 80 percent. It will also reduce the revenue EMS receives from DOC, with the extent of the reduction not yet known, but it is worth it in the interest of serving county residents, Parrish said, who are, after all, the people who pay for the existence of county EMS service through a special assessment on their property taxes.

Parrish has also reduced EMS transport services to Lake Butler Hospital. In the past, the hospital used EMS for all of its patient transports. The problem being that no agreement for payment for services has ever existed between EMS and the hospital, which puts the county covering the cost of the transports, as well as the tying up of a unit that should be in service in the county.

"Lake Butler Hospital has used UCEMS since the beginning for all of its patient transports," Parrish said. "Last year, transports for the hospital totaled 17 percent of all the transports we did. I support the hospital. We need a community hospital and they have done a lot of good here, but they do not have the right to take advantage of our services."

Parrish noted that non-emergency transport runs for the hospital and DOC average between 1.5 and 2.5, with the unit out of service to the county for the entire time.

UCEMS is funded by the taxpayers of the county, but even then, if they make use of its services they are billed for the service. Most insurances will cover at least some of the cost of transport. Parrish said he felt it was wrong to use county services for a for-profit business, but he stressed that the decision to cut back on services to the hospital was not financially based, but was based on EMS' limited resources and the responsibility of the department to serve those who have paid for it.

UCEMS will continue to answer calls to the hospital for critical transports from the emergency room to a larger hospital with greater resources.

Such transports are done in cases of stroke, trauma, sepsis or heart issues which exceed the ability of the hospital to deal with.

"Lake Butler Hospital is limited in its ability to provide all services that might be needed in the community," Parrish said. "This is true of any small hospital. We have given them contact information for another transport service which operates in Union County. I know this is a big change for them and we have done everything we can to try and help them make a smooth transition. But the bottom line is we owe the citizens of this county the best service we can possibly provide, and that does not mean tying up units out-of-county for hours in non-emergency transports for the hospital or for DOC."

Parrish said he is working hard, along with Clemons, to train its service providers in giving good customer service.

"The taxpayers of Union County deserve every bit of service we can give them and I want to make sure that the public gets the service they deserve and pay for," Parrish said. "I want to make sure that when a citizen calls 911 that there will be a unit in-county to answer their call and meet their needs."

Overall at UCEMS, emergency calls have increased over the past few years, but resources have remained largely the same. Parrish said this is due, in part, to a general lack of communication between the department and the Union County Board of County Commissioners. He said he is working with Clemons to remedy this situation, making frequent reports to the board about progress being made in the department.

UCEMS is currently five full-time positions short, but recruitment has been aggressive and interviews are scheduled to deal with this shortage. Personnel policies are being updated and training sessions ranging from medical procedures and ethics to safe driving practices and water safety are being offered or planned. Plans are in the works to offer classes to the public in CPR and AED on a quarterly basis. Members of the department have already completed training in active shooter situations and in safety.

Parrish is calling on his long-time experience as an EMS director in both Bradford and Union counties to train Clemons in areas where he may not have the experience to function effectively, such as in the locating and application for grants for training and equipment.

"Wayne is a good director," Parrish said. "He can manage people well and he is dedicated to the department and the community. I am just helping him learn some of the things which

will help him in his job – many of which I had to learn on my own. I support him fully in the position and think he is an asset to the county and the department."

Clemons said he was happy for Parrish's help and said he felt it was making him better at the job he has undertaken.

UCEMS answers 7-8 emergency (911) calls per day, not including 911 calls from Lake Butler Hospital or the DOC, with the most common calls being for respiratory problems, cardiac issues and trauma. A unit and its team spend an average of one hour and 20 minutes with a patient, at the scene and during transport.

Lake Butler Hospital representatives were quick to acknowledge their understanding of the situation UCEMS is currently facing.

"We are more than willing to work with UCEMS to create a win-win solution that provides more availability of 911 coverage for our community, while also ensuring we have the means to transfer our patients needing a higher level of care," Lake Butler Hospital Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Thomas said.

Thomas said that prior to the LBH administration's meeting with Allen Parrish Feb. 19, the hospital had no recourse but to call UCEMS for any transport issue because the county had a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in place that prohibited them from calling another service provider directly to request transport.

"When we had a patient that needed to be transferred to a higher level of care, we called UCEMS and they decided whether they responded for transport or allowed another ambulance service to come into the county to transport our patient," Thomas said. "To place the blame on the hospital for the number of transports they performed for us and to say we took advantage is inaccurate, considering UCEMS just recently authorized us through a letter dated Feb. 19 to contact an outside ambulance service directly. Since then, UCEMS has only transported one patient for us, which was a stroke alert."

Thomas said the hospital was happy to be able to be able to call another service provider directly and said it actually reduces the time patient transport is taking. She said the hospital is very appreciative that UCEMS is willing to respond for transfers where time is critical due to the severity of the patient's condition. "We are happy to continue working with Mr. Parrish and UCEMS to improve the relationship between the hospital and EMS," Thomas said. "I think all involved understand that the hospital as well as EMS provides a vital role in our community."

17 months, 263 animals were taken in to the county facility. Of these, 62 were picked up by their owners or found homes, while 201 were euthanized at a cost to the county of \$10 per animal. In the city of Lake Butler, between July 2014 and August 2016, 62 dogs were euthanized, with only five being claimed by their owners.

"We want people to start caring about these animals, many of whom seem to have been loving pets at one time," Moon said. "We are looking for local volunteers to work with us in fostering dogs until they can go to a home or a rescue. We would love to get some Union County people involved in some way. If you don't want to foster a dog, or can't, we accept donations through PayPal, which are used to pay for medical treatments and neutering or spaying the dogs. We take no money from the organization and normally spend our own funds for gasoline to transport the animals."

Moon said the group is also willing to serve as a conduit between residents and authorities.

toward the back of his head and the upper part of his chest. He said Knowles was mean to him and yells at him. When asked about the choking incident, the victim put his hand around his neck and made squeezing motions. He then said, "He choked me until I went to sleep." The victim was unable to tell when these incidents occurred because, the report stated, he did not understand the concept of time. Contact with Knowles was not made at that time and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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time the county animal control officer. She began fostering dogs, getting them out of the pound and into homes or other rescues with higher adoption rates. She met three other like-minded women: Susan Jones of Middleburg, Becky Scott-Strachan of Starke and Nancy Frank of Jacksonville. Together, the four women formed Friends of Union County Animals, Inc., a 501c3 corporation, which was made official on Dec. 21, 2017.

Since April of last year, the group has taken about 170 dogs out of the Union County and Lake Butler animal control facilities. All of these dogs are now placed in homes, either by the local organization or rescues they work with (some of which specialize in particular types or breeds of dogs).

Animal control is an increasingly expensive proposition for the city and county. Between May 25, 2015 and Oct. 10, 2016, a total of

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a shirt around the victim's neck and choked him. The victim's mother denied any abuse, saying that, due to the victim's Down's Syndrome, it was necessary to yell at him and tap him on the chest to get him to listen. She was advised that Shaw and Seller needed to speak with the victim alone and she exited the room to her bedroom and shut the door.

When asked about what had been reported, the victim began to demonstrate slapping motions

LEGALS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017 CP 22 CPAXMX PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF FERMON IVORY BROOME, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Fermon Ivory Broome, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida, 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Case No. 2017-CA-00014
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KIMBERLY E. WILSON FKA
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Defendants.

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26, A DISTANCE OF 1019.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: THENCE RUN N 89° 05' 56" W, A DISTANCE OF 591.63 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00° 18' 56" W, A DISTANCE OF 103.76 FEET; THENCE RUN N 78° 44' 50" E, A DISTANCE OF 245.88 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89° 46' 02" E, A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE RUN S 00° 20' 43" E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, OF SECTION 26, A DISTANCE OF 162.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PART LYING WITHIN A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

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Dated: February 20, 2018
Kellie Hendricks Connell, CPA, Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 17000023CAAXMX
FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

vs.
JOHN B. KENT; CHRISTINA M. KENT A/K/A CHRISTINA MICHELLE KENT A/K/A CHRISTINA MICHELLE RAULERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTINA M. KENT A/K/A CHRISTINA MICHELLE KENT A/K/A CHRISTINA MICHELLE RAULERSON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #2, Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on April 26, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse, 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054.
LOT 43, HIDDEN OAKS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 36 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY FLORIDA.
Property Address: 15266 SW 94TH CIRCLE, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054
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Dated: March 13, 2018.
KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL,

CLERK
UNION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-2018-CP-0007
IN RE: The Estate of:
JOHN NATHAN BURNS, SR.,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JOHN NATHAN BURNS, SR., deceased, File Number 02-2018-CP-0007, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 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, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is March 15, 2018.
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PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the following information is available to the public upon request during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653-1603.
-Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier Two) Forms
-Shelter In Place Training Assistance
-Safety Data Sheets
-Emergency Release Follow-up Reports
-Hazardous Analyses for Section 302 Facilities
-Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan
-How-to-Comply Information for Hazardous Materials Users
-Free Hazardous Materials Response Training for First Responders
The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee serves Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties. To obtain information on the above items, please contact Dwayne Mundy at 352.955.2200, ext. 108, email mundy@ncfepc.org or visit www.ncfepc.org.

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Williams was advised she was under arrest for the listed charges. She was taken to the Union County Jail. DCF advised that the baby was being placed with its uncle. The field test on the leafy substance was positive for marijuana. Swabs of the syringes tested inconclusive.

In other arrests in Bradford, Union Counties, and in the Lake Region:

Jordan Thomas Ault, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested March 11 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense.

Jessica Ashley Collins, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested March 6 by Union deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Deonte Larmar Dunning, 25, of Lake City, was arrested March 6 by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense.

Todd David Elliot, 47, of Lake Butler, was arrested March 9 by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Cecilia R. Hall, 27, of Lake Butler, was arrested March 6 by Union deputies on a warrant for damage to property/criminal mischief, larceny – theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000 and third degree grand vehicle theft.

Aaron Rubin Harris, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested March 9 by Union deputies for possession of marijuana (under 20 grams) and three counts of possession of narcotics equipment.

According to the arrest report, the suspect was driving a car north on C.R. 231 and was clocked by Deputy P. Sellers and Reserve Deputy S. Ellis at 23 miles-per-hour over the posted speed limit. As the vehicle approached, Sellers turned on his blue lights in an attempt to get the vehicle to stop, but it did not and continued north, then crossed the yellow line, slowed down and finally stopped at the intersection of C.R.231 and C.R.231A.

Deputies approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver. When he rolled down his window, smoke billowed out that Sellers recognized through his experience as being from burnt marijuana. Harris was asked to exit the vehicle and was patted down for weapons. When asked by Sellers where the marijuana was, he said it was in a bag in the back seat and said there was also a .45 caliber hand gun in the car with a round in the chamber. Both items were recovered, and the gun was unloaded for safety reasons.

Inside the bag in the back seat were numerous items of drug paraphernalia, including a grinder, two sets of scales, a glass pipe with marijuana resin, a black plastic cylinder that contained bags of marijuana weighing 1.5 and 2.4 grams and a wooden box known as a “Kief Box” that is used to store marijuana and catch THC particles that fall to the bottom for a more potent effect when smoked. The scrapings from the box weighed approximately 1.1 grams. A ¾ full bottle of Hennessy cognac was found under the passenger seat of the car, accessible to the driver.

In addition to the drug related charges, the suspect was also issued a speeding citation and a citation for open container.

Deputy discovers skimmer in suspect's shoe

Bradford County

Junior Alvarez Gordon, 27, of Tampa, was arrested March 8 by Sgt. Terrell Williams of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office for driving with a suspended or revoked license, driving with expired registration and use of a scan device pay card to defraud.

According to an arrest report, Williams noticed a suspicious vehicle parked at the MJM Foodstore, located at the intersection of U.S. 301 and C.R. 18. The store was closed, and it was the only vehicle there. When the deputy got out of his

vehicle the suspect was bent down putting air in his tires. He did not speak English well. He stated he needed air in his tires. Williams left the scene but took the precaution of running the vehicle's tag.

The check revealed that the tag had been expired for six months and that the owner did not have a valid driver's license. Williams caught up to the vehicle, which had already pulled out onto the highway and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was informed of the situation and he advised Williams that he was not a U.S. citizen. Williams was then notified by dispatch that there was a warrant outstanding for the suspect from Tampa on a driver's license charge.

While doing an inventory on the vehicle before it was towed, Williams found a laptop computer on the back seat. He then received a call from the deputy who had transported the suspect to the jail and was told that numerous credit cards had been found on the suspect, tucked in his shoe, and, tucked in his pants a pink cord which mimicked some sort of skimmer device.

The arrest report states that a normal person does not carry that many credit cards with them and, if they did, they would not carry them in their shoe. The suspect had a total of 11 credit cards in his shoe and another seven in his wallet. All of the cards had the suspect's name on them. He was therefore charged with using a scanning device to defraud.

Starke police thwart machete attack

Bradford County

Dennis Santiago, 53, of Starke, was arrested March 11 by Starke Police Officer Karly Jones for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and battery-cause bodily harm.

Jones responded to a call of a fight outside of Sam's Discount Liquor on Brownlee Street. According to the arrest report, when Jones arrived she was able to review the incident, using the store's video cameras. She saw the victim pull up to the store and exit his car. The victim was approached by the suspect, who attacked him and began to strike and push him. The suspect then returned to his vehicle and retrieved a machete and began to approach the victim in an aggressive manner. At that time law enforcement arrived and the suspect ran back to his vehicle, throwing the machete into the back seat.

The victim was transported to Shands of Lake Shore with a suspected broken rib and scratches to his face.

Meri Ann Sova, 37, of Starke, was arrested March 6 by Bradford Deputy Bradley Witt for larceny-theft of a credit card and fraud-illegal use of a credit card more than two times to obtain money or merchandise.

According to the arrest report, Sova took possession of a debit card from the victim without her consent and proceeded to make

charges at Walmart (\$618.47 and \$380.30), Hibbett Sports (\$272.62), Amy's Beauty Supply of Starke (\$51.62) and Citgo (\$38.55), all without the consent of the victim. Security camera footage showed a person who appeared to be the suspect. She confessed after being informed of her rights.

Argument over church leads to battery charges

Bradford County

Melba Jean Story, 61, of Starke, was arrested March 11 by Starke Police Officer Ashley Cisco for felony domestic battery.

According to the arrest report, Cisco responded to Shands Starke in reference to an assault. When he arrived, he made contact with the complainant, who told him that she and her grandmother (Story) had gotten into an argument about her boyfriend attending church. She reported that Story grabbed her by the hair and started pulling, telling her if she asked nicely she would let go. The victim also reported that Story had slapped her several times and started threatening to throw a computer speaker at her. She said she told Story that she would call the police and press charges. In response, Story threw the speaker, striking the victim in the face, causing a laceration that required stitches. She fled to the hospital for care.

Cisco went to Story's residence, where the alleged assault occurred and asked Story what had happened. She admitted to having gotten in a physical pushing and shoving altercation with the victim. She said the speaker had fallen and hit the victim, that she had not thrown it, but Cisco looked at the location Story said the speaker was located in before the altercation and reported there was no way the speaker could have been sitting there. Story was arrested at that time.

Travis Edward Aldridge, 33, of Starke, was arrested March 11 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Marco Jacobe Almore, 24, of Starke, was arrested March 10 by Starke police for first degree, misdemeanor battery. According to an arrest report, arresting officer Paul King responded to a call about a disturbance at the Pine Forest Apartments. Upon arrival, he made contact with the victim, who reported that the suspect had pushed her in the face.

The suspect lives with the victim in a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship. He was reported to be extremely intoxicated and became irate, leading to the pushing incident. A witness reported the incident since the suspect seemed to be getting more aggressive. This was the second call related to this suspect in less than an hour. In the first instance there had been no physical contact.

Chastity Falea Ball, 41, of Starke, was arrested March 9 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant for violation of probation.

Derrick Woodrow Callan, 41, of Starke, was arrested March 7 for DUI.

Bobbie Jean Cole, 69, was arrested March 11 by Bradford Deputy Franklin Ehrnreiter for battery and burglary.

According to an arrest report, Ehrnreiter responded to a residence on Southwest 104th Avenue on a report of a possible burglary-battery incident. He

made contact with the suspect who stated she had gone to the victim's residence to speak to him about being on her property. She said she knocked on the door several times and when no one answered she entered the home.

According to the victim's statement in the arrest report, Cole entered the home and began yelling at everyone and got in her face, invading her personal space. The victim said she put out her hand in front of the suspect to keep her away and touched the suspect on the shoulder. She then said the suspect hit her with a wooden cane.

There were several witnesses to the altercation, including the property owner, who stated that he had not given Cole permission to enter the home.

Christina Eileen Garrow, 29, of Starke, was arrested March 7 by Bradford Deputy Terrell Williams for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, Williams responded to numerous calls concerning a disturbance. Upon arrival, he could hear screaming and yelling coming from the residence and he hurried to the front door, which was standing open. He saw the suspect hitting, pushing and shoving the victim. Both were highly intoxicated and refused to cooperate. There were four children in the residence who were crying and asking for help.

Aaron Charles Gunter, 39, was arrested March 7 by Bradford Deputy Mayson McClain for a warrant for grand theft.

The warrant stems from an incident in January where Gunter took a friend's car to repair, later took money for the parts and work, and then failed to make the repairs or to return the vehicle. He was arrested at that time for fraud to obtain property under \$20,000.

Dominic Makhail Jenkins, 19, of Starke, was arrested March 8 by Starke police for failure to appear.

David Michael Laycock, 31, of Starke, was arrested March 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, resisting a law enforcement officer and fleeing or eluding police.

Antonio Lamar Lee, 32, of Glen St. Mary, was arrested March 9 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Samantha Lee Lodge, 22, of Starke, was arrested March 7 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Eugene Calvin McClain, 68, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested March 11 by Starke police for a moving-traffic violation.

Jada Nicole Minter, 20, of Fort White, was arrested March 12 by Starke police for a moving traffic violation.

Joshua Kevin Pelham, 27, of Lake Butler, was arrested March 6 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Bertram Dubois Polk, 32, of Jacksonville, was arrested March 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

James Sanford Proffitt, 69, of Starke, was arrested March 12 by Bradford deputies for larceny.

Christopher Reinhardt, 41, of Starke, was arrested March 11 by Bradford deputies for property damage-criminal mischief.

Lowell Jason Roberts, 43,

of Jacksonville, was arrested March 7 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Carl Evan Summerlin, 19, of Starke, was arrested March 12 by Bradford deputies on a warrant for burglary of unoccupied conveyance.

Cody Allen Summerlin, 25, of Keystone Heights, was arrested March 10 by Bradford deputies for fraud.

Brian Lee Voss, 49, was arrested on March 7 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Tymonzo D. Ward, 20, of Starke, was arrested March 6 by Starke police for failure to appear.

Leland Carlie Watson, 63, of Starke, was arrested March 12 by Bradford deputies for DUI – unlawful blood alcohol.

Tiffany Dawn Wilkerson, 26, of Lawtey, was arrested March 11 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Patti Sue Williams, 41, of Starke, was arrested March 7 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Tina Louise Williams, 52, of Starke, was arrested March 7 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

15-year-old arrested for making school threats

Keystone Heights

Trenton Andrew Edsall, 15, of Keystone Heights, was arrested March 7 by Clay deputies for vandalism (over \$200 and under \$1,000), making a false report of using a firearm in a violent manner and written threats to kill or do bodily injury.

According to the arrest report, Clay Deputy R.E. Lee, while working in his capacity as the school resource officer at Keystone Heights High School, was approached by ninth-grade student Edsall who told him someone was writing a threatening message on the ceiling of the boy's restroom. He initially reported it to be a white male, approximately 5'7" tall with blonde hair, wearing light red shorts and a black t-shirt standing on the sink counter, writing a message on the ceiling.

Lee, Sgt. John Parker and Vice Principal Barry Underwood relocated to the restroom with the suspect and observed the message, which read as follows: "I'm going to shoot the school up." The message finished with a smiley face.

The suspect provided a sworn written statement of what he said he had seen. After a few minutes of speaking to the suspect, a family member arrived to take the suspect home and was informed of the incident and the investigator's suspicion that the suspect had actually written the message himself. The family member asked to speak with the boy privately. After she talked to the student, she spoke to with law enforcement and school officials. Edsall was then read his rights and agreed to answer questions.

After the interview, he was taken into custody and transported to a juvenile detention facility.

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The Public is welcome to attend.

2018 Election Information for UNION COUNTY

Offices up for Election

County Commissioner Districts 2 & 4

School Board Districts 1, 3, & 5

Qualifying Dates: Noon, June 18 – Noon June 22nd 2018

County Judge

Judicial Qualifying Dates: Noon April 30 – Noon May 4th, 2018

Signed petitions NEEDED

County Commissioner District 2 = 11

County Commissioner District 4 = 21

School Board District 1 = 11

School Board District 3 = 20

School Board District 5 = 9

County Judge = 73

Qualifying Fees if Paying to Run

\$1717.68

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Last day to turn in petitions for Judicial is April 2nd, 2018 by NOON

Last Day to turn in Petitions for other Candidates is May 21st, 2018 by NOON

Election	Date	Book Closing
Primary	August 28th, 2018	July 30th, 2018
General	November 6th, 2018	October 9, 2018

2018 Early Voting Period

Primary Election: August 18-August 25, 2018

General Election: October 27-November 3, 2018



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47 steers sell for more than \$208K

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

This year's Bradford-Union Cattleman's Association steer sale at the Bradford County Fair consisted of 47 animals that brought an average ring price of \$4,432.49 per animal and totaled \$208,327 collectively without add-ons.

Bailee Sheppard's grand champion, which weighed 1,342 pounds, sold for \$9,394 to Quality Plumbing, Pritchett Trucking, Pipeline Construction and Santa Fe Ford.

The reserve grand champion,

which was shown by Josh Worten, weighed 1,249 pounds and sold for \$6,869.50 to D. Mosley Trucking.

The remaining sale results (exhibitor, weight of animal, total sale price and buyers) were as follows: Chase Roberts, 1,216, \$4,864, M&R Construction, JAM Construction, 3RD Cattle, Florida Twin Theatre; Walker Thompson, 1,289, \$5,156, M&R Construction, Michael Hardee Timber, Thompson's Garage, Dink's; Karlie Hardee, 1,178, \$4,712, M&R Construction, Thompson's Garage, Pipeline Construction;

Andrew Worten, 927, \$5,098.50, Hillandale Quality Feed, D. Mosley Trucking, Teal Tile; Jordan Caze, 1,029, \$2,315.25, Patrick Hartley Welding; Brooklyn Williams, 1,104, \$4,692, Thomas Hardware, Alachua County Farm Bureau, Coxwell Construction; Trevor Holtzendorf, 1,324, \$3,972, Hamilton Custom Services, Boone Septic, Suburban Carpet Cleaners; Roberto Saravia, 1,006, \$3,018, Pritchett Trucking, Roberts Land and Timber; Katie Tomlinson, 1,066, \$3,198, Roxanne Rosier; Payton Thompson, 1,092,

\$4,368, M&R Construction, Home Sweet Bone, Thompson's Garage, Dink's; Savannah Douglas, 1,134, \$4,536, Whitaker Drilling, Chad Ward Timber; Nathan Boone, 1,227, \$4,908, M&R Construction, Thompson's Garage, AAA Hay, Kite Timber; Kutter Durrance, 1,311, \$5,244, CDM Contracting, Preferred Materials, Cushman Custom Services, Chad Ward Timber; Maci Whitehead, 1,359, \$4,756.50, Pritchett Trucking, Shadd Trucking; Ashley Harris, 972, \$3,888, Michael Schlofman, Ferreira Funeral Home, Community State Bank, Donna Harris; Timber Underhill, 1,023, \$5,115, Woodmen Life, Swift Creek Realty, Alternative Manufacturing, Pritchett Trucking;

Macy Malphurs, 1,098, \$4,666.50, Roberts Land and Timber, Coxwell Construction,



Josh Worten's reserve grand champion and homegrown reserve grand champion steer sold for \$6,869.50 to D. Mosley Trucking.

Shadd Trucking; Jacee Box, 1,258, \$3,774, Boone Septic, 1,181, CDM Contracting; Liberty Trucking, Roberts Land and Timber, Len Schlofman; Jordan Hamilton, 1,203, \$4,812, Hamilton Custom Services, Ward Timber, Community State Bank, Santa Fe Ford; Harley Seay,

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Dinkins, Smith, Broome have top 4-H exhibits



Ella Dinkins displays her best-overall senior-division 4-H project. She earned five best-in-area awards in all and a total of 12 blue ribbons.



This unique school-supplies container earned Harley Smith best overall in the 4-H intermediate division. She earned seven blue ribbons in all.



Regan Broome earned best overall in the 4-H junior division for her chicken photo.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Ella Dinkins had the best-overall senior-division project, while Harley Smith and Regan Broome had the best-overall intermediate- and junior-division projects, respectively, on display at this year's Bradford County Fair.

Dinkins earned best overall in the area of creative arts. She also earned best-in-area awards in paintings and drawings, decorated items, food and nutrition, and table setting. In all,

she was awarded 12 blue ribbons. Besides her best-overall and best-in-area projects, she earned blue ribbons in the areas of paintings and drawings, decorated items (2), creative arts (2) and food and nutrition (2).

Smith earned best overall in the area of creative arts. She earned two blue ribbons in all in creative arts and also earned blue ribbons in the areas of paintings and drawings (2), decorated items (3) and woodworking. Smith earned a red ribbon each in creative arts and paintings and

drawings.

Broome's lone exhibit earned best overall in the area of photography.

Senior awards

The senior division consisted of three participants besides Dinkins: Tatum Howard earned a blue ribbon in table setting, Harley Seay earned a blue ribbon in food and nutrition and Hunter Williams earned a blue ribbon in woodworking.

Intermediate awards

In the intermediate division, Amanda Zink earned blue ribbons for all nine of her entries, with two projects earning best in area in photography and food and nutrition. She earned a total of three blue ribbons in

photography and also earned blue ribbons in the areas of paintings and drawings (3) and wearable art (2).

Myrick Summerhill also earned two best-in-area awards in table setting and wearable art. She earned a total of two blue ribbons in wearable art and received two blue ribbons in creative arts. She earned one blue ribbon in paintings and drawings and one red ribbon in creative arts.

Karli Jenkins earned best-in-area for a project in decorated items. She earned two blue ribbons in photography and one blue ribbon each in paintings and drawings, creative arts and table setting.

Reagan Robinson received seven blue ribbons in the areas of paintings and drawings (3), photography (2), creative arts and table setting. She also earned a red ribbon in photography.

Rose Mansfield received four blue ribbons, including three in photography. The other blue ribbon was in table setting. Mansfield also earned a red ribbon in food and nutrition and a white ribbon in food and nutrition.

Lyndee Griffis and Joshua Summerhill each earned two ribbons. Griffis received a blue ribbon in table setting and a red ribbon in paintings and drawings. Summerhill earned a blue ribbon and a red ribbon in creative arts.

The following each received one blue ribbon: Krislynn Faulkner (paintings and drawings), Ryleigh Rhoden (table setting) and Noah Williams (food and nutrition).

Junior awards

Besides Broome, five received best-in-area awards in the junior division: George

Folsom (woodworking), Makaila Hedrick (educational posters), Kenli Jenkins (table setting), Jolene Moore (paintings and drawings) and Addison Wright (creative arts).

Folsom earned another four blue ribbons in photography (3) and paintings and drawings. He earned red ribbons in creative arts (2) and paintings and drawings (2).

Jenkins earned another two blue ribbons in photography and decorated items, while Wright earned another blue ribbon in paintings and drawings.

Moore earned a red ribbon in table setting.

Sarah Jane Summerhill, Kate Wainwright, Eva Whitehead and Charlie Zink each earned three blue ribbons. Summerhill's ribbons were all in paintings and drawings, while Wainwright earned one each in photography, creative arts and paintings and drawings. Whitehead earned two ribbons in paintings and drawings and one in creative arts, while all of Zink's were awarded in paintings and drawings.

Summerhill also earned two red ribbons in creative arts, while Wainwright earned one red ribbon in paintings and drawings. Whitehead earned one red ribbon in table setting.

Bella Johns, Alexis Lukatz and Reese Wainwright each earned two blue ribbons. Johns' ribbons were in table setting and paintings and drawings, while both of Lukatz's were in paintings and drawings. Wainwright's ribbons were in photography and paintings and drawings.

Lukatz also earned a red ribbon in paintings and drawings.

Case Denson had two exhibits in paintings and drawings, earning blue and red ribbons, while Emilee McClellan earned

a blue ribbon in decorated items and a red ribbon in table setting.

Participants earning one ribbon each were: Hayden Barnes (blue food and nutrition), Cadence Collins (blue, photography), Cuyler Collins (blue, photography), Carsyn Dukes (blue, food and nutrition), Joseph Harris (blue, paintings and drawings), Conner Rowe (red, educational posters), Natalie Thames (red, table setting) and Malia Williams (blue, food and nutrition).

Cloverbuds

The youngest 4-H members, called Cloverbuds, aren't old enough to compete, but they can enter projects and receive participation ribbons.

Cloverbuds and the areas they participated in were: Regan Adams, creative arts, decorated items (3), paintings and drawings; Trinity Dyess, educational posters, table setting; Ella Griffis, table setting; Rachel Harris, food and nutrition; Jackson Jenkins, photography (2); Rilie Lukatz, creative arts, paintings and drawings (2); Gage Mansfield, photography (3), food and nutrition (3); Grace Mansfield, photography (3), food and nutrition (3); Abigail McClellan, decorated items, table setting; Kalyn Reynolds, woodworking; Hayden Robinson, photography (3), creative arts, paintings and drawings (3); Kieren Seay, decorated items; Paislee Jo Stalnaker, paintings and drawings; Chyna Summerhill, paintings and drawings; Kate Summerhill, paintings and drawings; Ansley Ward, table setting; and Saige Waters, decorated items (2), paintings and drawings.

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BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Nate Andrews, Leah McKinney and Jeff Morgan were each awarded a best-

overall rosette for projects entered in the area of arts and crafts at the Bradford County fair.

Andrews received his rosette for a ninja wall hanging, while McKinney earned hers for a horse painting. McKinney also earned blue ribbons for framed art and a wall hanging.

Morgan earned a rosette in woodworking for his blue jay and bluebird exhibit. He earned another two blue ribbons in woodworking for a deer head and a woodpecker.

Ronald Goodman earned three blue ribbons in woodworking, while Amber Keenan had three blue ribbons for two black and white photos and one color photo. Keenan also earned a red ribbon for a color photo.

Eight participants earned two blue ribbons each: Jack Andrews for a hand-painted runway and a pencil drawing, Liam Arledge for color photos, Dylan Burns in woodworking for a truck and a fishing rod holder, Emily Canova for a wall hanging and a color photo, Alli Gray for a black and white photo and a color photo, Carol James for an acrylic painting and a strawberry-themed piece, Melissa Protomastro for a color photo and an acrylic



Jeff Morgan earned a rosette for this blue jay and bluebird in woodworking. He was one of three receiving rosettes for arts and crafts displays at the fair. Not pictured: rosette winners Nate Andrews and Leah McKinney.

painting and Thelma Tenly for two pencil drawings.

Canova earned eight ribbons in all, with six red ribbons being awarded for a keychain, a wall hanging, an acrylic painting, a dreamcatcher and two color photos.

James also earned a red ribbon for a wall hanging.

Dee Canova earned four ribbons: a blue for a color photo, two red for a wreath and a wall hanging, and a white for a shadow box.

Cheri Davis and Tyler Gray each earned two ribbons. Davis had a blue ribbon for a hummingbird feeder and red ribbons for a bird bath and a memory bulb. Gray had a blue ribbon for a color photo and red ribbons for two color photos.

Diane Ennis earned a blue ribbon and a red ribbon for paintings.

The following earned

one blue ribbon each: Abby Andrews (loom potholder collection), Xana Briley (acrylic painting), Flora Brown (acrylic painting), Betty Dipaolo (acrylic painting), Samantha Goodman (wooden birdhouse), Florie Jones (acrylic painting), Dylan Mead (wooden robot), Halen McKinney (doll house), Raylen McKinney (dolls), Sylvia Newton (acrylic painting), Phyllis Sands (wall hanging), Gloria Spangler (painting), Sheri Tyliczka (black and white photo), Noah (full name not recorded) (black and white photo) and Steven (full name not recorded) (folk art).

Earning one red ribbon each were: Dawson Green (wooden coat/hat rack), Delanie (full name not recorded) (color photo) and Skyla (full name not recorded) (acrylic painting).

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McKenzie, Huntley show this year's top pigs

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Blake McKenzie and Codi Huntley exhibited the grand champion and reserve grand champion, respectively, in this year's swine show at the Bradford County Fair.

The two pigs also earned the homegrown grand championship and homegrown reserve grand championship awards.

The grand championship trophy and \$50 prize were sponsored by Bradford-Union Swine Association, while the reserve grand championship trophy was sponsored by Roberts Land and Timber. Bradford-Union Swine Association sponsored the \$50 reserve grand championship prize, while Bradford Farm Bureau sponsored both grand championship and reserve grand championship belt buckles.

Carlton and Nadine Faulk sponsored the homegrown grand championship awards, while Cook & Associates Insurance Agency LLC and Danny and Debbie Thomas sponsored the homegrown reserve grand championship awards.

Sakiya Davis placed first in senior showmanship, with McKenzie and Griffin Whiteley placing second and third, respectively. The first-place trophy and \$100 cash prize were sponsored by Cook and Associates Insurance Agency, while Sporting Chance sponsored the prize belt buckle. Spires IGA and Mike Spires sponsored the second-place trophy and \$50 cash prize, while Clyatt Well Drilling and Kenneth Clyatt sponsored the third-place trophy and \$25 cash prize.

Kindall Johnson placed first in intermediate showmanship, with Madison Johnson and Perry Johnson placing second and third, respectively. Community State Bank sponsored the first-place trophy and cash prize, while Debbie Osborne sponsored the belt buckle. M&R Construction and Mark and Karla Williams sponsored the second-place prizes, while Bradford Farm Bureau sponsored the third-place prizes.

Huntley and Carson McKenzie placed first and second, respectively, in junior showmanship, with Hayden Barnes placing third. Mosley Tire/Russ Miscally and Lisa B. Johnson sponsored the first-place prizes, while Sheffield Pest Control and Frank Sheffield sponsored the second-place prizes. Curtis Clyatt sponsored the third-place prizes.

Christopher Griffis placed first in Union 4-H Senior record-book awards, followed by Carissa Griffis and Madison Suggs. Placing first at the intermediate level was Emma Jeffers, followed by Noah Williams and Dallen Cox. Marcus Jefferson topped the junior level, followed by Huntley and Zeke Malpurs.

Cole Huntley earned the first-place Union intermediate 4-H



Blake McKenzie received the grand championship and homegrown grand championship awards in the swine show. Pictured (l-r) are: Strawberry Princess Brooklyn Cunningham, Strawberry Queen Bobbie Grace Barber, McKenzie Miss Bradford Fest Grace Johns, Little Miss Bradford Fest Shelby Starling and Junior Miss Bradford Fest Kierston Clemons.



Codi Huntley had the reserve grand champion and homegrown reserve grand champion in this year's swine show, which sold for \$4,698.

record-book award. Case Croft and Tucker Parrish placed second and third, respectively.

Reed Thames earned the first-place Bradford Senior 4-H record-book award, while Amber Wynn took first at the intermediate level. Cassidy Spratlin earned the second-place intermediate award.

At the junior level, Regan Broome, Matthew Stafford and Kacen Thomassen tied for first. Conner Rowe and Carson McKenzie were second and third, respectively.

Maudrey Tenly and Bailey Bishop tied for first in Bradford Sr. FFA record book, with Victoria

C o x e placing second.

In Bradford Middle School FFA record book, Carson Halsey placed first, followed by Allyson McElhenny and Chase Bell.

The awards were sponsored by Bradford FFA Alumni.

Summer Fulgham was first in Union Sr. FFA record book, followed by Kaley Thornton and Griffin Whiteley.

In Union Jr. FFA record book, Madison Johnson placed first, followed by Maegan Beatty and Kendall Johnson.

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\$5,553, Hamilton Custom Services, M&H Farms, Colson Farms, Michael Moore; John Grant Tallman, 1,345, \$6,052.50, Sapphire Services.

The breed sale consisted of one animal, which was shown by Karlie Hardee. The 975-pound animal sold for \$1,700.

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Judd Connell, 1,323, \$3,969, Liberty Trucking; Madison Brown, 1,375, \$4,812.50, Ward's Supermarket; Randa Goodwin, 956, \$3,824, Publix; Eli Rimes, 1,041, \$5,725.50, EC Farms, GL Cattle, Swift Creek Realty, Cubbedge-Wiggins Insurance, Ward Enterprises; Gracie Dukes, 1,116, \$3,348, Hamilton Custom Services, Ward Timber, Teal Tile; Kody Stalnaker, 1,165, \$4,077.50, Pritchett Trucking, Union LaSteel; Madison Bennett, 1,221, \$4,723.50, Community State Bank; Jenna Ritch, 1,264, \$4,424, Teal Tile, Hillandale Quality Feed, Tatum Cattle Company, Ritch Farms; Tanner Connell, 1,306, \$3,918, Chad Ward Timber, Ward Enterprises; Garison Ritch, 1,364, \$4,774, Teal Tile, Hillandale Quality Feed, Tatum Cattle Company, Ritch Farms;

Hunter Williams, 960, \$4,800, PMI, CDM Contracting, Cushman Custom Services, Brad and Jennifer Whitehead; Kendal Stalnaker, 1,090, \$3,270, Roberts Land and Timber, CDM Contracting; Keeley Durrance,



Walker Thompson exhibited the grand champion heifer.

1,107, \$3,874.50, Union LaSteel, CDM Contracting, Preferred Materials, Hillandale Quality Feed; Ella Dicks, 1,162, \$3,195.50, Liberty Trucking; Dayven Kelley, 1,206, \$3,618, Shadd Trucking;

Dalton Flanders, 1,282, \$3,846, CDM Contracting, Roberts Land and Timber, Pritchett Trucking, Woodmen Life; Whip Davis, 1,312, \$5,248, Ocala Stockyard, Pritchett Trucking, Roberts Land and Timber; Kaylie Whitehead, 1,401, \$4,203, Patrick Hartley



Nathan Boone exhibited the reserve grand champion heifer.

Welding, Thompson's Garage, Michael Hardee Timber; Bradford FFA (shown by Xander Vanzant), 940, \$4,700, Bradford school administrators, Capital City Bank, Bradford County court officials;

Noah Tallman, 1,085, \$3,255, North Florida Custom Meats; Grant Dicks, 1,107, \$3,321, Roxanne Rosier; Chrissy Lynn Quiett, 1,155, \$4,042.50, Pritchett Trucking; Sydney Box, 1,199, \$3,597, Pritchett Trucking; Riggs Davis, 1,234,

Starke Kiwanis golf tournament is Good Friday

The Kiwanis Club of Starke is hosting its annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, March 30, beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

The format is a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$50 per person. The fee includes cart, lunch, goodie bag and prizes.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

A prize drawing will be held, with tickets for entry available for \$1 each or 25 for \$20.

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Six awarded rosettes in home division



Emilee McClellan earned a rosette for strawberry jam.



Raymond Hunt's fruitcake earned a rosette.



Sarah Lawry was awarded a rosette for pickled beets.



Emily Gibson's strawberry pound cake earned a rosette.

County Fair's home division.

In the youth division, Emily Gibson earned a rosette for a strawberry pound cake, while Emilee McClellan earned a rosette for strawberry jam.

Adults rosettes were earned by Raymond Hunt for a fruitcake, Susan Keding for an afghan, Sarah Lawry for pickled beets and Patricia Stewart for a quilt.



Patricia Stewart displays her rosette-winning project.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four adults and two youths earned best-overall rosettes for the entries in the Bradford

earned a red ribbon for a coconut pie.

Cheri Davis earned five blue ribbons berry jam butter, sweet potato butter, hot, mixed-greens chow-chow, a lapghan princess and a pair of pillows. She also earned red ribbons for mixed greens and a Moana outfit with sandals.

Ruth Browning, Delia Cole, Ella Dinkins and Helen Griffis each earned two blue ribbons. Browning received hers for a crochet and an afghan, while Cole received hers for two entries of pears. Dinkins' blue ribbons were for brownies and Easter candy, while Griffis earned hers for a lap throw and a baby dress.

Browning also earned a red ribbon for a rainbow crochet, while Dinkins earned a red ribbon for cranberry cookies.

Vivian Chappell received a blue ribbon for fudge and a pair of red ribbons for fruitcake, while Amber Keenan received a blue ribbon for a quilt and a red ribbon for an Amish apron.

Earning one blue ribbon each were: Liam Arldege (chocolate chip cookies), Lisa Brannon (afghan), Delanie Gibson (yellow cake designed to look like corn on the cob), Isaiah

earned seven blue ribbons for orange marmalade, datil pepper jelly, pickled okra, chuck wagon beans, squash, dill pickles and pickled eggs. Bob Lawry also



Four in the adult division received rosettes, including Susan Keding.

Gibson (yellow cake designed to look like a log truck), Abigail McClellan (blueberry muffins), Dale Redding (peanut butter fudge cake), Rose Sansigh (bread), Melissa Scott (afghan) and Martha Smith (quilt).

The following each received one red ribbon: Emily Canova (cookies), Ann Davis (tote bag), Alli Gray (oatmeal raisin cookies), Tyler Gray (peanut butter cup-chocolate chip cookies), Leah McKinney (crochet crab) and Melissa Protomastro (scones).

Top poultry awards go to Mansfield, Denson

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Rose Mansfield and Case Denson had the grand champion and reserve grand champion, respectively, in the poultry exhibit at the Bradford County Fair.

Mansfield's top winner was a white-crested black Polish hen, while Denson's reserve champion was a blue Ameraucana hen.

Four exhibitors earned two blue ribbons each: Delaney Crosby for a Barred Rock rooster and hen, Ethan Jerrels for a silver-laced Wyandotte hen and a black sexlink hen, Brooklyn Williams for a black Orpington rooster and a Muscovy duck hen, and George Wyatt for a Plymouth Rock hen and a silver-laced Wyandotte hen.

Luke Griffis earned a blue ribbon for a Speckled Sussex hen and a red ribbon for a Buff Brahma Bantam hen, while Courtney Paul earned a blue

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3 earn best in show for horticulture entries

Jackie Host, Reagan Robinson and a collective group of Brooker Elementary students earned best-in-show awards for horticulture at the Bradford County Fair.

Host earned a blue ribbon, best in class and then best in show in the amateur adult division for her rex begonia. She also earned

blue ribbons for a bromeliad and a zebra plant.

Robinson, competing in the youth division, earned blue ribbons for two entries of Ameraucana chicken eggs (blue and green). The blue eggs received best in class and ultimately best in show.

Drew Bell's kindergarten class at Brooker Elementary earned best in show for a dracaena.

In all, 10 Brooker Elementary classes earned blue ribbons. Besides the best-in-show entry by Drew Bell's class, the school earned ribbons for three mint plants, three fennel plants, pothos, Christmas cactus and sugar cane.

Five adults besides Host earned best-in-class honors: Kathi Fellows, Ophelia Hines, Amanda Hoffer, Tracy Meadows and Celina Rohman.

Fellows had a Christmas cactus that earned best in class. It was one of five blue-ribbon entries she had, with the other ribbons being awarded for flowering maple bronze, chenille, English ivy and bridal veil.

Hines' collards earned best in

class and one of her four blue ribbons. Her other blue ribbons were for star aloe, succulent dish garden and sansevieria.

Hoffer earned best in class for a Norfolk Island pine. She earned two other blue ribbons for avocado and ponytail palm trees.

Meadows earned six blue ribbons, with her special display also earning best in class. Her other ribbons were awarded for bougainvillea, miniature azalea, bromeliad, flowering vine and dish garden.

Rohman also earned six blue ribbons, with her succulent dish garden awarded best in class. She also received blue ribbons for variegated hoyo, square succulent garden, round succulent garden, aloes and blooming cactus and succulents.

In the youth division, Hayden Robinson earned best in class for Ameraucana eggs (blue). He had a second entry of Ameraucana eggs that earned a blue ribbon.

Pat Caren had the most blue ribbons in the adult division with eight. They were awarded for maranta, peace lily, Christmas cactus, zebra aloe, moon

cactus, parlor palm, croton and sansevieria. She also earned a red ribbon for a patio plant.

Adult participant Donna Solze earned three blue ribbons for dracaena marginata, peace lily and ponytail palm. She also earned a red ribbon for a Christmas cactus.

Bear Bryan and Beckie Burkett each earned two blue ribbons in the adult division. Bryan earned his for ponytail palms, while Burkett earned hers for rosemary and mint.

Other adult division results were: Ann Macy, blue ribbon for amaryllis; Candace Dent, blue ribbon for dish garden; Cindy Griffis, red ribbon for spider plant; Dee Canova, blue ribbon for violets, red ribbon for ruffled bird's nest; Hubert Smith, white ribbon for Rhode Island reds; Margaret Sutton, blue ribbon for turmeric; Murley (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for tomato; Paul Still, blue ribbon for bougainvillea; and Sara Lawry, red ribbon for parlor palm/panda plant.

In the youth division, Allie Norman earned six blue ribbons for tomato, jalapeno, strawberry, thyme, parsley and strawberry hanging basket.

Youth Judson Hicks earned five blue ribbons for jalapeno, strawberry (potted), thyme,

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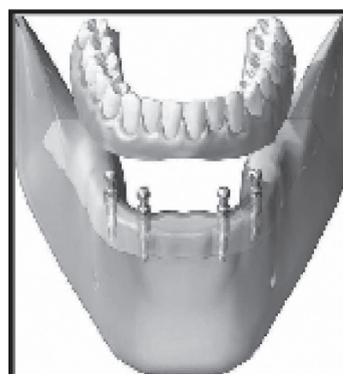
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Jackie Host earned best in show for a begonia.



Reagan Robinson earned best in show for blue Ameraucana eggs.



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Williams, Caren show top rabbits



Brooklyn Williams exhibited the grand championship rabbit at the Bradford County Fair. Pictured (l-r) are Teen Miss Bradford Fest Emily O'Neal, Little Miss Bradford Fest Shelby Starling (foreground), Williams, Junior Miss Bradford Fest Kierston Clemons and Miss Bradford Fest Grace Johns.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Brooklyn Williams and Katie Caren were awarded the grand championship and reserve grand championship, respectively, for their rabbits at the Bradford County Fair.

Williams' overall winner was a Mini Rex doe, while Caren's rabbit was a Dutch

buck.

Lyndee Griffis earned blue ribbons for a Rex buck and a Rex doe, while Addyson Kelly earned blue ribbons for a Holland Lop buck and a Holland Lop doe.

Brooklyn Bingham, Trace Martin and Landen

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ribbon for a Buff Orpington hen and a red ribbon for an Amber White hen.

Kody Stalnaker entered three Cochon hens, which all earned red ribbons, while Jeffery Eaves entered two Ameraucana hens, which both earned red ribbons. Perry Johnson earned two red ribbons for an Old English Bantam rooster and hen.

Exhibitors earning one blue ribbon each were: Kelly Denson (blue Ameraucana rooster), Grace Mansfield (silver-laced Wyandotte hen), Eli Rimes (black Orpington rooster), Addison Wright (Welssummer hen) and Amanda Zink (Rhode Island Red hen).

Earning one red ribbon each were: Gage Howard (black sexlink hen), Gage Mansfield (blue-laced Wyandotte hen), Eva Tallman (Plymouth Rock hen), Gabe Tallman (Ameraucana hen) and Connie Wiggins (speckled Sussex rooster).

Exhibit sponsors were Harris Insurance Company, Bradford County Soil and Water Conservation and Able Rents.



Rose Mansfield was awarded the grand championship in the poultry exhibits at the Bradford County Fair. Pictured (l-r) are: Teen Miss Bradford Fest Emily O'Neal, Little Miss Bradford Fest Shelby Starling, Mansfield, Junior Miss Bradford Fest Kierston Clemons and Miss Bradford Fest Grace Johns.



Entering the reserve grand champion in the Bradford County Fair's poultry exhibit was Case Denson. Pictured (l-r) are: Teen Miss Bradford Fest Emily O'Neal, Little Miss Bradford Fest Shelby Starling, Denson, Junior Miss Bradford Fest Kierston Clemons and Miss Bradford Fest Grace Johns.



Drew Bell's kindergarten class at Brooker Elementary School earned best in show in horticulture for a dracaena. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Logan Sullivan, Kali Magyari, Gibson Stewart, (back, l-r) Kaylee Townsend, Riley Pfeifer, Victor Alexander, Kenneth Hill, Mason Raulerson, Nico Tomé, Bell, Zeke Balkin-Gainey and Graceleigh Gathright.

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parsley and strawberry hanging basket.

Bradford FFA earned five blue ribbons also for jalapeno, strawberry, thyme, parsley and strawberry hanging basket.

Bradford Middle School received two blue ribbons for collards and mustard greens

Other youth results were: Abby McClellan, red ribbon for chicken eggs; Abraham Perez, blue ribbon for impatiens; Alexis Lukatz, white ribbon for chicken eggs; Cassie Acevedo, blue ribbon for verbena; Chris (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; Coven Desue, blue ribbon for begonia; Ella Dinkins, blue ribbon for royal Euphorbia trigona, red ribbon for chicken eggs; Emilee McClellan, blue ribbon for chicken eggs; Jayviontac (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; Joseph Harris, blue ribbon for Rhode Island red eggs; Karlie Hardee, blue ribbon for Norfolk Island pine; Mackenzie DeMille, blue ribbon for salvia; Madison Bennett, red ribbon for jade rubber plant, white ribbon for blue and green chicken eggs; Owen (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; Peyton (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; Rilie Lukate, white ribbon for chicken eggs; Rose (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; Tenly Hardee, blue ribbon for lily (foot vase); Todd (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider plant; and Xavier (full name not recorded), blue ribbon for spider

plant.

In the professional adult division, Crawford's earned four blue ribbons for strawberries, with albian berries earning first place and radiance berries earning third place. Norman's

earned two blue ribbons for strawberries, with camarosa berries taking second place. King's earned two blue ribbons for strawberries.

An open letter from Harry Hatcher III, owner of the Steakhouse in Starke



To all of our friends, guests and neighbors:

Well, this is now the third attempt I've made to write a letter on this subject. That in itself represents the struggle I have been going through.

I am convinced that God provided way back in 1977 to get the steakhouse built. We finally opened on January 16, 1979.

Words can't really describe the blessing of being part of the community and in each of your lives. It would take me a lifetime to say thank you.

About three years ago, the Lord spoke to me about closing on Sundays. I have resisted his will until now. So, March 25 will be the last Sunday the Steakhouse in Starke will be open.

Of course, we will remain open Monday through Saturday every week.

I fought this decision, and as a result myself and others have suffered because of my disobedience. I would like to express more, but, suffice to say if you would like the full story, please feel free to contact me. So many events have happened recently that have emphasized to me that this is the Lord's will!

Thanks again, Harry Hatcher.

The following devotion further expresses my feelings in regard to this matter.

Testing reveals your heart

"Remember that the Lord your God led you on the entire journey these 40 years in the wilderness, so that He might humble you and test you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. He humbled you by letting you go hungry; then He gave you manna to eat, which you and your fathers had not known, so that you might learn that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Deuteronomy 8:2-3.

God allows us to suffer difficulties and hardships for a purpose. God led the children of Israel to wander through the wilderness for 40 years in order to humble them and test them. When they refused to obey him and enter the Promised Land, the Israelites revealed that they did not really know Him. If they had, they would have had more faith. God spent the next 40 years testing the hearts of His people to see if they were prepared for his next assignment.

Testing reveals what is in your heart and produces a robust faith (James 1:3, 12). God allowed His people to hunger so they could experience His provision and develop a deeper level of trust in Him. As the people walked with God they came to understand that their lives depended upon His word. They learned that God's word was the most important thing they had. After depending on God for 40 years while living in the desert, the people listened when God spoke, and they believed. When they finally entered the Promised Land and waged war against their enemies, the Israelites knew that God's word meant life or death. They were prepared to listen to him, and as a result he led them to an astounding victory.

Is God presently testing you in some area of your life? What has His testing revealed? Have you become bitter toward God because of where he has led you? Or have you come to trust Him more as a result of what you have gone through?

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Obituaries

Brandon Brewer

STARKE— Brandon Eric Brewer, 20, of Starke died on March 5, 2018 at his residence. He was born in West Columbia, South Carolina on March 31, 1997 to parents, James William Brewer, Jr. and Peggy Dean Wilkerson Brewer. He was raised in Bradford County and was currently self employed as a landscaper. He was preceded in death by: his paternal grandfather, James William Brewer, Sr.; and his maternal grandparents, Joe Cepheus and Clara Mae Wilkerson.

He is survived by: parents, Jim Brewer, Jr. and Peggy Brewer of Starke; daughter, Madalynn Todd of Starke; brothers, James Joseph (Alyssa) Brewer and Jeremy Christopher (Jessica) Brewer both of Starke; sisters, Nancy Elizabeth Brewer and Cynthia Mae Brewer of Starke, and Felicia Anne Brewer



of Ocala; paternal grandmother, Ethel Jean Brewer of Jacksonville; girlfriend, Nicole Lofitis of Melrose; and many other family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

Zedra Collins

Our devoted mother, Zedra J. Collins, recently went on to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 11, 2018 after having a debilitating stroke. Zedra was born in Brooks County, Georgia to Sam and Myrtle (Worley) Gordon and was the last surviving child of six children. Zedra was married to Clinton Collins, deceased April 1, 1977.

She is survived by: three daughters, Lynette Stueka, Marlane Padgett and Lisa Dugger; and one son, Steve Collins. Her son, Rex Collins passed on to be with the Lord on June 21, 2014.

Mom's life was largely spent in dedication to her children. She was devoted in unconditional love to each of them. She will be profoundly missed by all of her family and friends.

Zedra also worked for the Clay County School Board as a bus driver for 21 years. She was universally recognized by students as "the toughest driver in the business."

Funeral services will be at the Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler at 11 am on Friday,



March 16. Viewing will begin at 9:30 immediately preceding the funeral service. Anyone who knew Zedra is welcome to attend.

May her soul rejoice in the eternal peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Coy Cruce

LAWTEY— It is with great sadness the family of Coy Rosier Cruce, 93, announces her passing. Coy died peacefully Monday at her home near Lawtey after a short illness. Coy will be forever missed by her family and friends.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1924, in Sanderson to Quincy and Annie (Sapp) Rosier. As a young girl, her family moved to a farm in the New River area west of Lawtey where she lived most of her life. She was a proud descendant of the Sapps and Rosiers, early pioneers to this area.

She was a retired seamstress and loved her family, reading, cooking, gardening and making quilts. She could make about



anything with a sewing machine. She was a longtime member of the Evergreen Baptist Church near Lawtey.

Beatrice Hildreth

KINGSLEY LAKE— Beatrice Alene "Ms. Bea" Hildreth, 88, of Kingsley Lake died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Starke. She was born Feb. 3, 1930 in Starke, to the late Theodore and Leona (Crews) Edwards. She grew up a Lawtey girl, attended Bradford schools and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Florida. She retired from the Bradford County Health Department following 22 years of service as a registered nurse. She was a member of the First Presbyterian

Church of Starke. Her husband of fifty-four years, Herb Hildreth and three siblings, Carl Edwards, Evelyn Tucker and Edna Wainwright all preceded her in death.

Survivors are: children Carol (Lanier) Clyatt of Brooker, Nancy LeAnn Hildreth of Raleigh, North Carolina, Mark Hildreth of Kingsley Lake and Herb (Cathy) Hildreth, Jr. of Asheville, North Carolina. Also included are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held March 12 with Pastor C.J. Burroughs officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

James Jones

STARKE—James Ernie Jones, age 93, of Starke passed away Monday, March 12, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center. Ernie was born on May 26, 1924 in Bell to the late Vassie and Eunie (Bass) Jones and was a longtime area resident. Mr. Jones served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Starke. Prior to retirement he owned and operated a craft shop in Starke. Preceding him in death was his wife of 71 years Jacqueline (Mathis) Jones, siblings, Billy Jones, Junior Jones, and Pauline Stevens.

Survivors are: his children, Jimmy Jones of Enterprise,

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Margaret Jones

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Margaret Grissett Jones, age 94, of Keystone Heights passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at the McGraw Center in Jacksonville. She was born Dec. 17, 1923 in Tallahassee to the late Wallace Edward and Grace Clark Grissett. Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and a member of Fresh Start Fellowship Church. She enjoyed reading and cooking. Her devoted husband of 74 years, Robert E. L. Jones and son, David Lindley Jones, sister, Carolyn G. May, and brother, Wallace Edward Grissett, Jr. preceded her in

death. Mrs. Jones is survived by: her daughter, Mimi Jones, of Jacksonville, and sister, Nancy G. Douglas, of Gainesville. She was "Nonnie" to three grandchildren, Katie Mihalik (Robert Duane) and Adam Kapps all of Jacksonville and Pamela Jones of California.

A memorial service will be held at Fresh Start Fellowship Church at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 17 with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Interment will be private at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leonard H. Cruce whom she married in 1943; daughter, Gail Cruce; sisters, Myril Rosier, Bertice Slade, Gertrude Cruce, Sybil Griffis, Shirley Hart Stalvey; and brothers, Clifton and Bobby Rosier.

She leaves behind a sister, Sandra Griffis and a brother, Edmond Rosier, both of Lawtey; her daughters, Nadine (John) Jones of Lawtey, Kay (Greg) Goodale of New Smyrna, and Carol Sue Cruce of Winter Springs; sons, Douglas (Gretchen) Cruce of Leavenworth, Kansas, Glenn (Susan) Cruce of Orlando, and Larry (Gabriela) Cruce of Titusville; grandsons, Douglas (Rebecca) Cruce, Jr., Christopher (Mercedes) Cruce, Steve Jones, David Jones, and Jeff Cruce; great-grandchildren, Garrett Cruce, Emelynn Cruce, Ethan Cruce, Kalilah Cruce, Kearsten Atteberry, Dale Jones, and Blakely Jones; one great-great-grandson, Brantley Atteberry; and many nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16 at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17 at the Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey with Pastor Kris Elkins officiating. Interment will follow at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. (904) 964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Donald Leath

PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA— Donald M. Leath, Palmdale, California, formerly residing in Jacksonville and Keystone Heights, died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for many years. Don was born to Alonzo S. Leath and Eunice Bemer Leath, Sept. 15, 1934, in Jacksonville Beach.

Don attended Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, joined the Navy and was trained as an aircraft electrician. He then went on to work as an electrician at N.A.S. JAX and later moved on to the FAA as an electronics technician, retiring after 45 years of government service. He

enjoyed building, and flying model airplanes, hunting, fishing, water skiing and swimming on the lakes of Keystone Heights and watching the Gators play.

Don is survived by: his wife, Fran Leath, Jacksonville; two daughters, Becky (Mike) Mattix, Loganville, Georgia and Lisa Darnall, Jacksonville; brother, George (Dianne) Leath, Keystone Heights; three nieces, two nephews, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother and father; his sister, Lois Pitman; his son, Mac Leath; and daughter, Kathy Jarosz.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at a later date.

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Patricia Lee

JACKSONVILLE— Patricia Ann Lee, 53, of Jacksonville passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was born on Oct. 17, 1964 to Rev. Izell and Zeilouise Montgomery of Starke. She attended Bradford County Schools and Barbizon School of Modeling in Jacksonville. She later married the love of her life and worked briefly for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, but later served as secretary for her husband's business. She loved her family and was a mother figure to her siblings growing up. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and formed a gospel group called Joy and traveled throughout the country singing and ministering about the goodness of Jesus. Joy recorded a record and continued to travel. The group later disbanded, but she continued to serve faithfully in the music ministry at Titus Dome Spectrum Church under the late Pastor R.J. Washington where she served on the praise team and choir.

She is preceded in death by: her father, Rev. Izell Montgomery, Sr. and her grandparents, Elder Willie Mac Cohen Powell and Willis and Maggie Montgomery.

She leaves to cherish her memory: A loving husband

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Rosa Jones

BRADFORD COUNTY—Rosa Mae Benton Jones, 82, left this earth to join her beloved husband in heaven Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 6:25 pm surrounded by family. A long time resident of Bradford County she had lived most of her life in Brooker and New River. She was a member of New River Baptist Church. Rosa was born to David Earnest Benton and Vera Mae Witt Benton Kyle on July 7, 1935 in Santa Fe. Rosa was married Jan. 19, 1952 to the love of her life, Phillip B. (Bill) Jones. Mama told us she knew daddy was the one for her on their 1st date. She lived with her daughter, Diane, in Starke after her spouse of 63 years went to be with the angels. She was living with her granddaughter, Michelle, in Ocala when she left this earth. Rosa worked at GE when it first came into the area. She was there through GE changing to Gates. She worked on the line producing the batteries for the space station. As part of the company, she went to France for a year to train others. At this point she retired. Or so we thought... She then spent many years working at Rogers Farm in LaCrosse, where she made many life long friends. She looked forward to and enjoyed each season at the 'shed'. We, her kids knew if it was pea season not to plan on seeing mama till it was over. Rogers Farm wasn't just a job for mama it was her second home. Mama was big on family and she was our rock! She will be missed by many.

She is survived by: her children, Rosaland Diane (Sonny) Jones of



Starke, Phyllis Ann (John) Sands of Starke, Olan Wayne (Catherine) Jones of the Philippines, Hazel Darline Roundtree of Tampa, and Christopher Travis Jones of Lake City; her grandchildren, Michelle Parrish, Melanie Trocki, Phillip Jones, Jason Corbine, Emily Corbine, Tammy Jones, Roseann Jones, David Brannen, Jill Brannen, Matthew Brannen; 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and two siblings, Earline (Larry) Rogers of Lacrosse, and Richard (Rennee) Benton of Graham. Rosa has two siblings who had preceded her to heaven, Earlton Benton and Regina Benton Hammond.

There will be a catered memorial service at Sonny and Diane Jones's home in Starke on Saturday, March 24th at 12 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Phyllis at 904-964-2593.

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Jack McDaniel

HAMPTON— Jack D. McDaniel, age 91, of Hampton passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Diamond Assisted Living Facility in Green Cove Springs with his loving companion by his side. Jack was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia on Oct. 1, 1926 to the late David Silas McDaniel and Ida Smith McDaniel. Shortly after graduating high school, Jack enlisted in the United States Navy. He proudly served his country as a Seaman First Class during World War II. Following his honorable discharge from the military, Jack enjoyed a long career as a truck driver, specializing in long distance hauling. Jack was a Christian man who loved life and lived to the fullest. He enjoyed attending Victory Baptist Church for many years, but more recently the Church of Hampton, where he was a member. He was also a member of the American Legion of Starke and the Christian Motorcycle Association. Jack enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Road King, fishing, and traveling. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Jean Kinsey; his seven brothers and four sisters.

Jack is survived by: his two daughters, Brenda (Donnie) Loveday and Rose Nell Ownby of Sevierville, Tennessee; his two sons, Emory (Jill) McDaniel of Wesley Chapel, and James (Becky) McDaniel of Hampton; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; his loving companion, Judy Thomas of Starke; and many extended family members.

Graveside services were held March 14 at Santa Fe Cemetery with Pastor Donnie Lott officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book. 904-964-5757.

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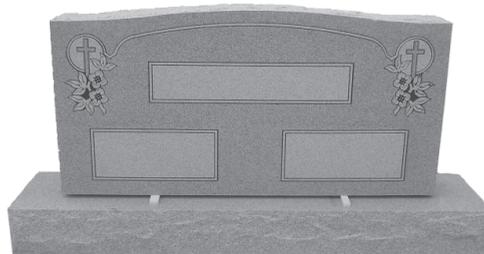
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James Oden

LAKE BUTLER— James Edward “Eddie” Oden, 84, of Lake Butler passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 8, 2018 with his wife of 63 years (Marie) and family by his side. Eddie was born in Jacksonville, son of James G (Buck) and Lorraine Oden. He graduated from Landon High School and served in the Army 2nd Armored Division as part of the occupation forces in Germany during the Korean War. After return to Jacksonville he worked as an electrician with IBEW #177 and retired from Paxson Electric after 42 years. He loved the Lord and enjoyed helping establish churches. He was a charter member of Englewood Christian, Mandarin Christian, and Swiss Cove Christian churches. In 1985 Eddie and Marie moved to Lake Butler and began raising cattle and harvesting hay. While a member of First Christian Church of Lake Butler they helped establish First Christian Church of Macclenny. Eddie was a member of Clayno Hunt Club, Bradford-Union Cattleman’s Association, and American Legion Post 153. He is survived by: his wife Marie; son Buck (Charlotte); son Chuck (Vicki); one sister, Carmen; one brother, Wayne; four grandchildren, Haley Thomas, Kendall Oden, Stefanie Craig, and Kerrie Lynch; and five great-grandchildren, Carsen, Gavin, Sydney, KJ, and Elley. Funeral services were held on March 12, at First Christian Church of Lake Butler. Interment was at Ben Sapp Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send gifts to Haven Hospice of Lake City. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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Union, Bradford teams compete in livestock judging



Bradford County's team of (l-r) Chase Roberts, Brady Pearson and (not pictured) Carson Halsey placed second in FFA Middle livestock judging. Roberts placed first in individual scoring, while Halsey was third.



Union County's team of (l-r) Kendal Stalnaker, Hunter Williams, Madison Bennett and Bailee Sheppard placed first in 4-H Senior in livestock judging on March 9 at the Bradford County Fair. Sheppard placed third in individual scoring.



Bradford County's team of (l-r) Sakiya Davis, Maudrey Tenly and Thelma Tenly placed second in FFA Senior livestock judging. Maudrey Tenly placed second in individual scoring.



Union County's team of (l-r) Noah Williams, Tanner Connell, Cole Huntley and Kody Stalnaker placed first in 4-H Intermediate livestock judging. Stalnaker placed first in individual scoring, while Williams and Huntley were second and third, respectively.

Cyril Pickren II

LAKE BUTLER— Cyril “Liston” Pickren II of Lake Butler, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, after a brief illness. Liston was born on June 22, 1953 in Gainesville to Cyril and Barbara Pickren. Liston is the oldest of five children and graduated from Keystone Heights High School in 1972. Liston briefly served as a police officer for Gainesville Police Department before pursuing a career in wastewater management. He retired from the City of Starke in December 2016. In his high school years, he enjoyed playing football and running track. He coached Pop Warner football, loved competitive bull riding as well as many other various outdoor activities. Liston loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, family and friends. Liston was preceded in death by his son, Jason Kyle Pickren and his parents, Cyril and Barbara Pickren. Liston is survived by: his daughter, Renee (Donnie) Vanzant; his son, Kael (Jackie) Pickren; grandchildren, Ryan, Lauryn, Xander, Brayden, Elijah and Gracie; sisters, Laura (Joe) Russell, Faith



(Mike) Banks and Toni Satterwhite; brother, David (Connie) Pickren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on March 12 at Sardis Baptist Church in Lake Butler with Brother Tim Rose officiating. Burial followed at Swift Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386) 96496-2008.

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Joe Usher

WELLBORN— Joe Usher, 90, of Wellborn died on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. He was a veteran of WWII, an independent insurance agent, a rancher and was of the Baptist faith. He is survived by: his wife of fifty-

one years, Jane Usher, Wellborn; half-sister, Willow Mae Wagoner; half-brother, Rufus Carroll; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 am Saturday, March 17 at the Wellborn Baptist Church.

Willie Williams Jr.

WALDO—Willie T. Williams Jr., 75, of Waldo died March 4, 2018 at Shands at UF Hospital, Gainesville. He was born in Bainbridge, Georgia. He was of the Christian faith and attended the local schools. Mr. Willie T. Williams Jr. is survived by: son, Willie T. Williams III; daughters, Esther Williams, Peal Wilkerson, Deloris Spencer and Lula Baker; and many grandchildren,

great-grandchildren, and other family members.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in the Macedonia Baptist Church Hampton with Pastor James Crawford conducting the services. Interment will be in Waldo Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., Starke. The cortege will form at Macedonia Baptist Church at 12:45 on Saturday March 17.

RABBITS

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Waters each had two entries. Bingham earned a blue ribbon for a Lionhead buck and a white ribbon for a dwarf Mini Rexz buck. Martin earned red ribbons for a mixed buck and a Lionhead buck, while Waters earned red ribbons for two Lionhead does, while Trace

Clay Parrish earned a blue ribbon for a Holland Lop buck.

The following earned one red ribbon each: Makaila Hedrick (Dutch doe), Joshua Summerhill (Florida White doe) and Myrick Summerhill (America Brown doe).

Payten Howard and Ryker Sellers each earned a white ribbon for a mixed buck.

Exhibit sponsors were Harris Insurance Company,



Katie Caren had the reserve grand champion rabbit at the Bradford County Fair. Pictured (l-r) are Little Miss Bradford Fest Shelby Stirling, Teen Miss Bradford Fest Emily O’Neal, Caren, Junior Miss Bradford Fest Kierston Clemons and Miss Bradford Fest Grace Johns.



Union's Malia Williams took first place in 4-H Junior livestock judging.

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This I week got to hang out with my grand-dogs, Booth and Cooper. While visiting, their mom asked me “what’s the deal was with anal glands?” Apparently Cooper expresses his glands periodically on their furniture. So what are anal glands? Anal glands are small pouches, which store sebaceous secretions from the glands within the sac lining, are located in the anal sphincter. The sacs can discharge their contents through two small ducts positioned at about the four- and eight-o’clock positions on either side of the anus. Although the yellow-brown secretions can vary in consistency from oily to creamy, they almost always have an offensive stench. Why do they have them? While we don’t know for certain, we do know it’s all about the smell. It’s possible that anal sacs are vestigial anatomical parts that the ancestors of dogs and cats used to defend themselves through spraying. Some believe they may be involved in scent marking territory. When does my pet need to have them checked out? While most domesticated dogs and cats no longer need to use their anal sacs for defense, the structures don’t appear to be necessary for good health. However, anal sacs can become infected, impacted or even rupture. Your dog will usually let you know there is a problem by scooting across your favorite carpet. Pets with anal gland problems may also spend an inordinate amount of time licking their rumps. If you suspect that your pet may have an anal sac problem, consult with your veterinarian. Adding fiber to your pet’s diet may help, but many pets need to have their anal sacs emptied on a regular basis. Your veterinarian can show you how to do it, although most pet owners prefer to leave this task to the professionals. Now back to Cooper, periodic spontaneous expression of the anal glands is normal, though very stinky. My best advice was to keep them expressed on a weekly basis and keep furniture deodorizer on hand.

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BY TRACY LEE TATE
UCT Editor

In sunny Florida, the popular stereotype is that of a pair of hot pink, plastic flamingos centered in the front yard of most residences. But that is not how it has to be. How about a Sasquatch? Or an alien? Or even the Loch Ness Monster? One Starke business can meet these desires, and many more, through their vast selection of concrete yard art.

Jarmon's Ornamental Concrete, on U.S. 301 north of Starke, offers an amazing and diverse selection of cast-concrete ornaments and statuary, ranging from the traditional birdbaths, gnomes and angels to Easter Island heads, marine animals, nautical items and mythological creatures. The selection of religious statues, most particularly angels, is very large and alligators are also numerous. All items can be purchased in their natural, concrete finish, or can be custom painted in whatever colors the customer chooses.

Gary Jarmon has been in business for 25 years - starting out with a retail produce business in Jacksonville that ended up selling concrete ornaments as well. "Someone came into my business and asked if I would be interested in putting in some of the concrete items out in the store on a consignment basis," Jarmon said. "I looked at the stuff and the idea came to me that I could do it. After all, produce, at best, will only last about a week and then must be thrown away. Concrete will last forever, or close to it."

Wife Denise started out as an employee of his business, but the couple clicked and married 18 years ago. The business moved to Bradford County when it ran afoul of zoning issues in Jacksonville that did not allow manufacturing at his location.

Gary makes the molds and pours the concrete, while Denise handles the office work and spends time with the customers.

She is also the resident artist who brings the figures to life with color. She will take any item and paint it in a color scheme requested by the buyer. She has designed and painted everything from a pair of pink aliens to a lion with a multicolored mane for customers and spent a great deal of time working on an angel with an ethereal blue wash over white last year. "I get to have all the fun, while Gary gets to do all the heavy lifting," Denise laughed.

By making his own molds Gary can add to the 1,500-plus collection almost weekly. Both Gary and Denise are always looking for something new and the novelty of the business is one of the things they love most about it. "There are fewer and fewer concrete yards out there," Denise noted. "They used to be all over the place, but they have been shutting down over the past few years. I don't know of one, besides us, anywhere around here. If that's not bad enough, the few that are still around have the same old stuff. We have always tried to offer the unique and unexpected."

The selection at the sales yard is both eclectic and esoteric and multicultural to the extreme. The biggest seller? Angels, which are available in all shapes and sizes. Gary works with all American made and locally sourced raw materials. He gets sand from Grandin and gravel from Newberry. His main focus in business is quality and he works hard to offer the best made items to his customers, always at a fair price.

Getting your new treasure home can be a unique experience as well, since concrete is heavy. "Once, we put a statue in the back seat of a convertible, lying down on the seat," Gary said. "We got it situated and the customer put the top back up and took off."

The Jarmons said they get a great deal

of business from people traveling through on U.S. 301, or from people who see the business and come back to it later.

"We get a lot of return business," Denise said. "People will come to get something, then see other things they want. Then they have to come back after them."

Gary said they get a great many unusual requests and, if they don't already have the desired item somewhere in the yard, they will do their best to find what the customer desires.

"We try to satisfy our customers, but we also get new ideas from them as well," he said. "We tend to focus on the new and unique, so new ideas are welcome."

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ARC launching membership drive

Dear Editor:
In the great state of Florida, March has been designated as Disability Awareness month. Advocates around the area have been raising their voices to show their support for the funding of services and programs that ensure an acceptable quality of life for our underserved citizens with disabilities. It is vitally important that our lawmakers hear their voices and understand the need to provide funding for fundamental services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

As Florida looks for ways to balance the budget while meeting the basic needs of its citizens, we must make choices that protect the quality of life for our most vulnerable populations, including those with developmental disabilities. Undoubtedly, there are tough budget decisions ahead. However, the best decisions will be those that encourage sustainability and lead to future cost savings for all citizens. The Arc of Bradford County believes that supporting the continuum of life for persons with disabilities, including those on the waiting list for services, is an integral part of this solution.

Especially this month, we want to create a greater understanding and awareness of your local Arc and the very vital work that occurs in our facilities and work program, our residential homes and in our local community. We believe that when given access to adequate services and support, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities can – and do – become self-sufficient citizens that are willing and able to attend school, work and play in the community, pay taxes and vote.

There is a growing need for essential services that help

people with developmental disabilities and their families have the same life experiences as those without disabilities. Inclusion of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life – in our community, housing, recreational opportunities, the workplace and education – is central to the mission of The Arc of Bradford County.

The Arc is launching its annual membership drive this month in celebration and recognition of Disability Awareness Month. We invite you to be a part of these exciting times where people with disabilities are successfully speaking out for what they want and need. It's time to recognize the benefits that inclusion in our schools, businesses and communities can bring to all people – with and without disabilities.

Won't you join us?? Can you see yourself a part of this most worthy cause – because we can!! If you are a current member of The Arc of Bradford County, thank you, we could not do what we do without you. If you are not a member, we need you to join us. We, as a community, are stronger together.

Sincerely,
Sherry Ruszkowski
Executive Director
Thank you,
Lynn Kepler
Accounting Manager

Thankful for Starke

To the Editor:
I read the letter in last week's Telegraph from a Ms. Box. Apparently she has been away from Starke too long, or not cared to get involved in this community while she lived here.

My family and I traveled extensively, being in the Military. We experienced living in other cultures as well as other parts of the United States. Having been a visitor

to the Starke area from 1959 until our retirement in 1977, we chose to live in Starke.

When we retired here we bought a home at Crystal Lake Homesites and then in town. I guess we were "outsiders" as defined by Ms. Box. My children went to Bradford High School where they received a good education, with one even being awarded a scholarship. Of course, I was involved in the school system since two of my sons played in several sports. I didn't just sit on the bleachers, I joined the All Sports Club where we raised funds to support all the sports, buying uniforms for them, painting the entire stadium, etc. We sold chicken dinners on Gator Game Days to help fund these activities. I was an active member of my church.

I held several jobs, which exposed me to some of the best and the worst in Starke. We are like all other towns, there are many who put forth great effort to make our town better, and then there are some who sit back and complain. I know one thing about Starke, though. It is the most generous town when it comes to supporting those who are less fortunate.

It takes those "who have more" to be able to raise funds for "those who have less". By their efforts in the community, running their business, getting involved in local government and churches and organizations, they do so much good. I know personally that the people in Bradford County donate close to \$30,000 per year to give children who need and deserve it, a visit to Wal-Mart where they can purchase Christmas gifts for themselves in the Shop With a Cop program. However, a large majority of the children want to purchase gifts for those they care about. They are learning through this program that it is better to give than receive.

I served with the Guardian Ad Litem Program for several years, and found that while there were problems in families, there are dozens of organizations or people willing to help make life better for the children and/or families. In a perfect world the Program would not be needed, but since it is needed, I am thankful for those who volunteer and support it.

I am now very active in the Bradford Food Pantry. We could not exist were it not for the generosity of the citizens, business, organizations, churches and individuals in this community. Whether someone brings in two cans of vegetables or \$1,000 dollars—it doesn't matter. They are helping feed someone according to their ability. We have volunteers from all walks of life at the pantry, many of them giving as much as 20 hours per week to be able to feed those less fortunate. Less fortunate, yes. There are disabled individuals in over 25% of our families, more than 25% have children, 21% are over 62, and 12% have veterans. The Starke referred to in the letter written by Ms. Box would not support these

organizations so unselfishly.

Yes, politics can be ugly, but it is everywhere. By and large our elected officials work together for the good of our community. And sometimes a person may get a position because of who they know but most of the time it is because they have worked to get it. A newcomer, or someone who drops in for a visit, may not know how many years a person has worked in jobs or this community to be in the position they are in.

Maybe it is time for Ms. Box to move back to Starke and discover the underlying goodness and generosity of this community. She may have to slow down to our pace, take time to talk and get to know others, to know what it really means to be a member of the community. Where else would you see two grown Paramedics have tears in their eyes when they come to your home to assist your husband after he had received a heart transplant and had some problems. They cared.

I know I wouldn't want to raise my children anywhere else nor be a part of any other community. I have my home on a little lake in Clay County now, but Starke is still my home (where I still pay taxes) where I volunteer my time, spend my money, attend church and stay connected and where my children and grandchildren continue to live and contribute to their town.

Thankful to be a Starkerette,
Betty Warren

RV Park opponents should not accept 'No'

Dear Editor:

As only a bystander to the action generated because of the RV park wanting to locate in Bradford County near Keystone Heights, I can't help but respond to the Feb 13, 2018 article "Opponents cannot appeal RV park" by Mark J. Crawford.

The opponents of the projected project have been told, "No". I hope they don't take "No" for an answer.

It seems that the County Commission aka Board of Adjustment denied a special exception by Mr. Esson aka Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit Barbecue for the RV Park by a 4-1 vote but later was convinced by Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit Barbecue (Mr. Esson) to waive a yearlong waiting period to resubmit its application. It was at this 2nd hearing for which the yearlong waiting period had been waived that the Board was convinced to reverse its decision. Then when the opponents want to appeal that decision, Tom's (who had been granted a waiver) took the matter to court and convinced the judge that they should not be granted a waiver even though he had been granted a favor.

It appears to this bystander that Tom's heavy hand wields a lot of power over the power of those that rule in Bradford County. It seems, according to another article in this same paper, Mr. Esson actually won an award for saying, "No".

I am neither pro nor con on the RV Park but I am in favor of honesty and fairness.

Respectfully,
Mary Jo Mickler

Socials



100th Birthday

The children of Henry "H.B." Kelly: Johnny, Linda Cooper Kelly; Linda, John, Roux, held a celebration for their father on March 4, 2018 celebrating his 100th birthday. The celebration was held at Bayless Highway Baptist Church. A special video

of his life and his favorite music was presented by Shelby Smith, Mike Adams, and Christina Reynolds along with food catered by Hill's Bar-B-Que and some of the church ladies. Approximately 250 friends and family were there to help him celebrate this special day for this amazing man.

Keystone softball defeats 3 straight district opponents, but falls to Gainesville

BY BRANDON LUDWIG
Monitor correspondent

The Indians began a busy week of district games last week, with a matchup against Fort White in Keystone, in a stretch of three straight district games. Much like the Indians game versus Bradford the week prior, it was close early, with Fort White up 2-1 at the top of the second inning. Things were just getting started for Keystone though, as they would have a total of 17 hits in four innings, including four home runs, of which three went over the fence.

Leading the team at the plate that evening were Skylar Rollins (3 hits), Savannah Channell (2 hits, including a solo home run), Madison Heskett (2 hits, including a solo home run), and Cami Worley (2-run home run). Channell's walk-off home run put an early end to the game for Keystone, defeating Fort White in the Indian Showdown, 18-3, in four innings.

The Indians traveled to Palatka last Thursday for their next district game. Freshman pitcher Daelynn Eatmon dominated the Panthers, striking out 10 batters in five innings and allowing only two hits, in a complete-game effort.

The Indians lit it up on the scoreboard once again, with Bailey Story finishing the night four for four with a double, triple and four RBI, Cami Worley putting out another two-run home run, Savannah Channell with two hits and two RBI, and Lexi Northway going three for three with an RBI to crush Palatka 11-0 in five innings.

One of the biggest district matchups of the season came for Keystone last Friday night, as they faced another Class 5A softball powerhouse, in the Santa Fe Raiders. This game though, got out of hand early for Santa Fe, with multiple players having solid nights to combine for 11 hits for Keystone. In one of the biggest moments of the evening, Santa Fe had some momentum after scoring two runs and looked like they were on the verge of shutting out Keystone from scoring in the next inning, before Savannah Channell cranked out a home run, effectively putting the game away for the Indians, and giving the team an 8-2 win over the Raiders.

This past Monday, the Indians matched up with another regional softball titan, the nationally-ranked Class 7A, number-one ranked Gainesville Hurricanes. In potentially the biggest game in North Florida this week, the

two teams faced off in front of a large crowd in Beulah Land, in a game that would turn into a defensive battle quickly. For five straight innings, phenomenal plays by both teams kept it 0-0 in a nail biter of a game.

The Hurricanes finally scored when pitcher Alissa Humphrey was hit by a pitch in the 5th inning that brought in runner Kat Gray from third. Gainesville nearly scored another run on the very next play, but a foul pop up and thrown down from second baseman Ashton Ludwig to catcher Bailey Story on home for a double play, ended the immediate threat, leaving the score at 1-0.

Despite putting players on bases multiple times, the Indians were not able to bring in any runs, and that margin of 1-0 would be the final score by which Gainesville defeated Keystone, dropping the Indians to a record of 11-2 in a game that was truly one of the most exciting of the season. It is interesting to note that both of the Indians losses this season come by one run to top ranked teams in their state classes (2-3 loss vs 1A Union County and 0-1 loss vs 7A Gainesville).

Clay County is currently on spring break, meaning the Indians will be off for the remainder of the week. However, upon returning back to school Tuesday, March 20, Keystone will travel to Union County for a rematch with the Tigers, before a home showdown next Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Beulah Land against another top ranked team that also hails from Clay County, the Class 8A Oakleaf Knights. The Indians will travel to Starke on Friday night for their final game of the week, as they take on district rival Bradford in a game with high stakes for the postseason for both teams.

Tornadoes win BHS Invitational

BHS boys place first in 7-team event, which also includes Union County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School placed first or second in eight events on the boys' side to win the BHS Invitational, which was held March 12.

The Tornadoes, which had 144.5 points, got wins from Jeremiah Vaughn in the 100m (11.63), Jordan Hill in the high jump (5-10) and Antonio Tyson in the long jump (18-2). The following placed second: Austin Lovell

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Local DAR chapter presents American History awards

In recognition of March as Women in American History Month, the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented Women in American History awards to Mary Jane Katter Gallop Janet Zengel Messer.

Gallop and Messer received certificates and engraved medals for their lives of service

as educators and community activists.

The chapter also presented an Essay Award—Grade 7 to homeschool student Anna Esther Cook. More than 3,300 Florida students participate in the NSDAR essay contest annually. Cook was a state-level winner when she was in the fifth grade.

Cook's brother Elijah Todd Russell Cook was presented

an Essay Award—Grade 11 and certificates from the National Italian American Federation and NSDAR, who co-sponsor the contest. He placed third in the state. The Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution will award Cook a medal and certificate to recognize this achievement.



Anna Esther Cook (left) receives the American History Chapter Essay Award, presentation folder and engraved medal for seventh grade from Konnie Beauregard, American History chair.



Mary Jane Gallop Katter, member of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter and a Woman in American History awardee.



Regent Susan Lucas (far left) presents an engraved medal to Elijah Todd Russell Cook (center) after he received the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Italian American Federation Christopher Columbus certificates from Konnie Beauregard, American History chair.



Janet Zengel Messer (center), Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution organizing secretary, Gainesville Chapter hon. regent, receives a Woman in American History Award from Konnie Beauregard (far left), American History chairman and hon. regent, Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, and Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter Regent Susan Lucas.

Fair goes off as planned despite absence of manager

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

During the fourth night of the Bradford County Fair, manager Dale Woodruff could be seen chatting with staff member Linda Lee between buildings 1 and 2. At the surface, that would seem to be a normal occurrence, but it took place one week after Woodruff suffered a stroke.

Woodruff recovered enough from the stroke to where he could drive himself to the fair a couple of days for brief visits, but for the most part, he was absent.

The fair, though, went off without a hitch.

"Really, everything has run smoothly," said Ray Norman, the president of the fair board of directors, which also consists of Vice President Warren Carver, Treasurer Chuck Kramer and directors James Balkcom, Dale Tenly, Lane Tenly and Roxanne Rosier.

Norman said that's a credit to the established chain of command and staff members and board members working together as they do for every fair. You have staff members who have quite a number of years put in at the fair, such as Donald Harris, superintendent of the barns, Artis Rix, superintendent of the buildings, Dale Tenly, superintendent of the home division, and Darlene Lee,



Bradford County Fair Manager Dale Woodruff (left) talks to staff member Linda Lee during a brief visit to the fair on March 9, a week after Woodruff suffered a stroke.

who handles exhibitor booths and ads along with newcomer Linda Lee. Linda Lee said all the individuals make up a well-oiled machine.

"We know what we have to do, we know who usually gets it done, we know when it needs to be done and it just happens," Lee said. "We work so well together."

Darlene Lee was actually not present at the fair, having gone on a long-planned family trip to Jamaica, but she was busy, too.

"She's in Jamaica, but she's on that phone constantly," Linda Lee said on March 9. "She's not just sitting around the pool and on the beach doing nothing. She's been keeping up with our Facebook page."

Linda Lee said Woodruff's wife, Pam, who handles finances, has

been a big help, juggling her fair duties and the care of her husband. Volunteer John Propes, who is close to the Woodruffs, has also been a big help, Lee said.

With Dale Woodruff and Darlene Lee both absent, Linda Lee was basically the visible presence at the fair. She checked phone messages and emails at the office, but other than that, her duties consisted of just handling any issues that arose.

Norman said such issues were few and minimal, no different from any other year.

"We have minor ones that are not big deal," he said. "There's always going to be something. You can't please everybody."

On the afternoon of March 9, Lee said, "We've only had one complaint



Donald Harris (left), the superintendent of the barns, looks on as volunteer John Propes turns the barns' new fans on.

I would like to thank God for letting me see my 60th Birthday. I know my sweet husband my angel, Willie Clark Sr. is watching down over. The Lord took my husband on Dec. 13, 2017. My birthday is March 9. His birthday is March 13. I would like to thank everyone that supported me during my loss of him. Sunrise, March 13, 2018 & Sunset, Dec. 13, 2017
~Lula Annette Clark



Staff member Pam Woodruff (far right) talks to (l-r) Warren Carver, fair board vice president, and James Balkcom, board member.

by phone, and that was something to do with armbands."

Though this marked her first year as a fair staff member, Lee said she felt comfortable in stepping in and doing whatever needed to be done. She's familiar with the fair having worked in the Kiwanis Club of Starke food wagon and said her family, when she was a child, was heavily involved in the Nassau County Fair.

Norman said Lee "just fell right in."

"Linda is new, but she picked it up real fast," he said.

A lot of the work that is handled by the fair manager and staff occurs before the fair, Norman said. It starts as early as November but the daily tasks (or every-other-day tasks) begin in earnest in January.

Norman gave credit to Linda Lee and Darlene Lee for their work prior to the fair. Woodruff was absent for about a month leading up to the fair when he had heart surgery.

"Linda and Darlene were the two main ones because they were in it from the very beginning," Norman said. "If there were any issues or concerns, or anything that they normally did not handle, then they were to call me (as fair president)."

Though he received some calls, Norman said they were few because "the staff has done it before."

As for Woodruff, his wife, Pam, said, "He's doing good." He has been cleared to begin the heart-health regimen he was on following his surgery — basically to get exercise, but don't overdo it.

Pam Woodruff said the only impediment her husband has as a residual of the stroke is with his speech. He can talk, but his speech is sometimes halting. Sometimes words don't come to him. However, Pam said doctors expect his speech to return to normal in a couple of months.

"Other than, he's doing great," she said on March 9, "but he's frustrated at not being here (at the fair)."

Thankfully, Woodruff is one part of a competent staff that can ensure things get done and the fair runs as it should.

"Everybody has been working together," Norman said.

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in the 400m (55.87), A'dontae Balfour in the 110m hurdles (19.15), Tavi'en Young in the high jump (5-6), Travis Lee in the long jump (17-4) and D.J. Mackey in the shot put (38-7).

Adrian Jenkins placed third in the 110m hurdles (19.30), while the following placed fourth: Vaughn in the 200m

(24.79), Kamren Thomas in the 400m (58.37), Jardin Simmons in the 110m hurdles (19.41), the 4x100m relay (47.15), Gerald Smith in the shot put (37-0) and Jamir Tyson in the discus (96-0).

Earning fifth place were Erric Smith in the 200m (25.0) and Gabe Cook in the discus (95-4.5), while finishing sixth were Chris Cummings in the 200m (25.46), Taro Ward in the long jump (14-10) and

Daniel Stone in the discus (94-11.5). Taking seventh were Randy Lott in the 400m (1:01.98), Ward in the high jump (5-2), Cook in the shot put (35-1) and Mackey in the discus (94-0.5), while finishing in eighth place were Cole Williams in the 800m (2:42.21) and Emory Banks in the discus (88-1.5).

Union placed sixth with a score of 52.5, getting runner-up finishes from Jaylon

Diston in the 200m (24.31) and Austin Wilson in the 1600m (5:01.88). Placing third were: Te'von Lee in the 200m (24.78), the 4x100m relay team (46.96), Diston in the high jump (5-4) and Lee in the long jump (16-8).

A pair of fourth-place finishes were earned by Diston in the 100m (11.98) and B.J. Harvey in the long jump (16-0). Lee placed eighth in the 100m (12.16).

On the girls' side, Bradford placed third with a score of 57, led by Jade Hines, who won the 200m (27.0) and long jump (16-5), while placing second in the 100m (13.08) and triple jump (27-6).

Meghan Harris won the 400m (1:05.37) and took second in the long jump (14-10).

Kayla Daniel was sixth in the shot put (24-0), while R'Tavia Tisdale was seventh

(23-6). Tisdale was seventh in the discus (60-5).

Union placed sixth in the team standings with a score of 52.5. The Tigers were second in the 4x100m relay (57.69) and got a third-place finish from Kurston Bakken in the shot put (29-11).

Bakken was fourth in the discus (72-4), while Sydney

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SPORTS

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Personette was fifth in the 200m (35.80).

Earning eighth-place finishes were Brandy McCoy in the shot put (23-3) and Erica Roseke in the discus (59-2.75).

Other participating schools were Columbia, Eastside, Interlachen, Saint Francis and Santa Fe.

BHS softball team gives up late run in 4-3 district loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Shianne Cassels had an RBI single to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth, but visiting Newberry hit four straight singles with two outs in the top of the seventh to hand the Tornadoes a 4-3 District 5-5A loss on March 2. Bradford (4-5, 3-2) got

an RBI each from Cassels, Maggie Olive and Brooklyn Wiggins, with Wiggins going 2-for-4 with a double. Olive also hit a double.

Gracie Blankenship went 3-for-4 with a double.

On Feb. 27, Savana Shealey hit a two-run single to break a 2-2 tie in the top of the seventh, leading the Tornadoes to a 4-2 win over district opponent Santa Fe in Alachua.

Shealey went 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. Blankenship had an RBI, while Cassels hit a double.

Olive gave up eight hits and one walk, striking out five in

a complete game in the circle.

Cassels had three RBI in Bradford's next game, but the result was a 14-4 loss to district opponent Keystone Heights on March 1 in Keystone.

Emily McCoy had an RBI, while Olive went 2-for-3. Krista Hildebran hit a double.

The Tornadoes played district opponent P.K. Yonge this past Tuesday and will host West Port on Friday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

UCHS softball team improves to 3-0 in district

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Teala Howard hit a two-run double as part of an eight-run fourth inning that helped the Union County High School softball team end the game in 4.5 innings and defeat District 6-1A opponent Williston 14-3 on March 12 in Lake Butler.

Howard, who was 2-for-4, was one of five players to drive

in at least two runs for the Tigers (6-1, 3-0). Kamaya Cohen, who hit a triple, had three RBI, while Howard, Tiffany Clark, Kensley Hamilton and Brooke Waters each had two RBI. Hamilton went 4-for-4 with a double, while Clark went 2-for-3 with a double. Waters also hit a double.

Lexi Androlevich drove in one run and earned the win in the circle, giving up six hits and three walks, while striking out four.

On Feb. 27, Waters hit a walk-off two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh in the Tigers' 7-5 win over visiting Class 6A Clay.

Waters, who went 2-for-4, and Clark each had two RBI. Hamilton and Howard went 3-for-4 and 2-for-4, respectively. Each had an RBI.

Reah Jones went 2-for-2.

Androlevich earned the win, giving up two runs in 4.1 innings on three hits and one walk, while striking out three.

The Tigers rallied in the bottom of the seventh on March 1 as Jones drove in a run on a sacrifice bunt before Hamilton drove in the game winner on a single for a 3-2 win over visiting Madison County.

Clark and Waters each went 2-for-3, with Waters hitting a double and driving in a run.

Androlevich earned the win, giving up four hits and no walks, with three strikeouts in a complete game.

Union played district opponent Hawthorne this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Crescent City on Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Williston on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play Class 5A Keystone Heights on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

UCHS baseball loses big in 1st District 6-1A game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Matthew Starling hit a two-run double as part of a five-run first inning, while pitcher Caden Cox threw a strong six innings in the Union County High School baseball team's 7-1 win at Class 5A Port Orange Atlantic on March 9.

Starling finished with the two RBI, while Cox, Whip Davis and Jake Worthington each drove in one run for the Tigers (5-2). Davis went 3-for-4, while Worthington went 2-for-4 with a double.

On the mound, Cox gave up one run in six innings on two hits and two walks, striking out eight. Garrett Mullins threw the final inning, giving up no hits and no walks, striking out one.

The Tigers got a combined four-hitter from pitchers Mullins and Worthington in a 9-0 win at Class 5A Interlachen on March 1.

Davis and Trace Croft each drove in two runs, with Davis going 2-for-4 with a triple. Paden Clyatt had an RBI, while Skyler Shatto went 2-for-2 with a double.

Mullins started on the mound, giving up three hits and two walks in six innings. He had nine strikeouts.

Worthington closed it out, giving up one hit and no walks, while striking out one in the seventh.

The Tigers played their first District 6-1A game on March 2, getting held to three hits in a 13-0 loss at Williston.

Union bounced back, with three pitchers combining for a shutout in a 3-0 win at Class 4A Duval Charter on March 6.

Cox, Worthington and Tripp Davis each drove in one run, with Davis going 2-for-2 with a double.

Davis also earned the win, giving up three hits and three walks in six innings. He had four strikeouts.

Union played Hamilton County this past Tuesday and will travel to play Mount Dora Christian Academy on Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers host district opponent Crescent City on Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m. and then host Hamilton County on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

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