

# UNION COUNTY TIMES

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## etc.

### Farm Share Distribution Set for May 5

A Farm Share food distribution event will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9-11 a.m. at the big pavilion at Lakeside Park. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. The program is not income dependent. First come will be first served.

### UC 4-H Livestock Judging Team Fundraiser Friday May 4

The Union County 4-H Livestock Judging Team will be holding a fundraiser in Friday, May 4 to raise money for their trip to national competition in Denver. Lunch will include a generous portion of smoked pork and chicken, beans, loaded smashed potatoes, a roll and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$9. Dinners will be ready at 10 a.m. and will be available until sold out. You can preorder your dinner and pick it up. Delivery is offered to businesses in Starke, Lake Butler and Lake City.

For more information, or to place and order, please call Jason at 352-494-1541 or Kristi at 904-234-3656.

### Farmer's Market Coupons Available for Seniors

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has received coupons for the Florida Elder Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. Residents sixty years of age and older who qualify for 185% of the poverty income guidelines based on household size are eligible to receive the coupons. Coupons can be used to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits at identified Farmer's Markets in the area.

Coupons are distributed on a first come first served basis until all coupons are distributed. Interested residents should come by the SREC Office in Lake Butler or call Lala Redmond at the office at 386-496-2342 for more information.

### School Board to Meet May 8

The Union County School Board will have a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, followed by a regular board meeting at 6 p.m., in the Union County High School Auditorium, 1000 S. Lake Ave. in Lake Butler. Agendas may be viewed at [www.union.k12.fl.us](http://www.union.k12.fl.us). The public is welcome to attend.

### LMS Planning Committee to Meet May 9

The Union County LMS (Local Mitigation Strategy) Planning Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at the Union County Emergency Management

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## Whiz Kid!

Union County's A.P. Griffis places in top 6 in state's High-Q competition. Team places second in state. Page 3A.



Providence couple stays married for 64 years. Page 4A

Lady Tigers win third straight district title. See Regional News



## Dukes family came to Union County in 1853



BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

(Information for this article was provided by the Union County Historical Society and Union County Museum Curator Bill McGill. Sources include a Union County Times article from 1963 and an article written by UCHS student Mirtie Gainey about her uncle.)

When looking at the history of the Dukes family in Union County, it is not a simple matter of following the genealogy and family record. The name Dukes has significance, both from an area of the county that bears the name and from the still-prominent family.

The tale begins in 1853, when Jonathan Dukes traveled to the Worthington Springs area in a covered wagon from southern Georgia, near Quitman. The following year he bought a section of land in the area which became known as Dukes, paying cash, and spending his first night on his land on Christmas Eve, 1854.

He set a pole on his land to hang the game he had shot for his Christmas dinner: a deer and two turkeys.

Another man: Tommy Jones bought the section of land next to Dukes, also paying cash. The two men let a creek mark the dividing line of their properties.

### Traveling to Gainesville: a three-day trip

As was common at the time, neighbors came together for big projects such as raising a home, barn or for "logrollings," so it is assumed that members of the Jones family assisted the Dukes in the construction of their home, and vice-versa.

Both families built double-pen log houses, in which the logs were held together with pegs. The logs used to construct these homes were huge – chosen to make the homes as sturdy as possible in an area, known even then, as prone to tornados.

Families also traveled together for shopping, to Gainesville or Alligator: now Lake City. They would make the trip every one or two months, loading up their carts and wagons with goods for trade, meeting and then starting the trip. Often the treks would become three-day social events – one day to get there, one day to trade and a third to get home. The families would camp together for the two nights on the road.

The early settlers of this area were extremely self-sufficient. While neighbors helped each other with major projects, families usually cleared their own land and

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## Goals clearer in school security, but funding still up in the air



A Union County Sheriff's Office vehicle in front of Lake Butler Elementary School.

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County School District Director of Personnel and Secondary Education Barry Sams recently returned from a Florida Department of Education conference, where school administrators from around the state heard information concerning the newly-mandated school security and mental health services requirements.

Called a Mental Health Summit, the meeting focused primarily on how the state's school districts need to proceed to comply with new regulations

imposed on schools by the legislature. The new laws were in reaction to the mass school shooting in Parkland last February. The event began with a Safety Showcase, which featured vendors of school security equipment from all over the U.S.

"They had some interesting displays," Sams said. "They showed us surveillance systems, newly developed locks, bullet proof glass, metal detectors, new types of fencing and all kinds of other security-related items. All of them were very expensive. The least expensive metal detector I saw was about \$25,000. The least expensive

lock I was shown cost about \$80. The possible cost becomes intimidating, especially if you consider how many doors we would need to put locks on and how many entrances would require a metal detector."

The rules require that the district have at least two more school resource officers and the money for this is already in place. The district is working closely with the Union County Sheriff's Office to make sure these new officers are in place as mandated.

Money is also in place for the newly required mental

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## American Legion post gets new commander



Pictured: Daniel Dukes (left), American Legion Post 153 Commander-Elect receives the State Commander's Certificate from Ted Barber, Post 153 Commander at the fourth quarter post meeting April 19.

Other post officers for the year beginning July 1 are Vice Commander: Larry Feltner, Post Adjutant: Thomas Fortner, Post Service Officer: John H. Whitehead and Post Chaplain: Gene Gordon.

In other news, the post voted to provide the American Legion summer baseball program with \$500 and the Jacksonville Federal Cemetery was given a wreath for the veterans buried there.

Under "Help a Veteran," Curt and Valerie Mitchell thanked

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## Union 4-H livestock team places 2nd at state

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Union County 4-H program did well at the April 14 state livestock judging contest, hosted by the University of Florida.

The 4-H senior livestock judging team of Kendal Stalnaker, Bailee Sheppard, Madison Bennett and Hunter Williams placed second. Williams also took home individual honors: first place in questions and reasons, first place in cattle evaluation and second place in sheep and goat evaluation. These awards resulted in his earning the overall high-point total for an individual in the contest.

The team's second-place finish qualified the Union County students for the Western National Roundup in Denver in January. The team will be hosting a number of fundraisers to offset the travel expenses for the trip. The first of these fundraisers is set for Friday, May 4 and will consist of a lunch of smoked pork and chicken, beans, loaded smashed potatoes, a roll and dessert for the price of \$9. Those interested in this meal can call Jason at 352-494-1541 or Kristi at 904-234-3656 for more information.



The Union County 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team: Kendal Stalnaker, Bailee Sheppard, Madison Bennett and Hunter Williams. Not pictured: 4-H Livestock Judging Coach Jason Stalnaker.

### More 4-H news

Other 4-H members are getting ready for a fun and active spring and summer loaded with activities. Clover Award applications are due on May 1 – in addition to the Mystery Trip, there will be other awards and prizes connected with this, such as 4-H Fun Day.

The Annual Awards event will be held on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Butler Community Center. Dinner will be provided, and everyone is invited to come and celebrate the successes of Union County 4-H members over the past year.

The 4-H Legislature trip to Tallahassee offers members age 13-18 (as of Sept. 1 of the current 4-H year) an opportunity to debate, analyze legislation and speak publicly. This is a civic

education event which allows 4-H members to sponsor a bill, amend or lobby for it and then debate the issues with their peers. This event is held on June 25-29 and the cost of the trip is \$230.

On May 19, 4-H members will have the chance to join in the Northeast Region Tailgating Contest in Gainesville. The categories are poultry, pork, shrimp or beef and only 10 participants will be allowed in each.

Culinary Camp will be held June 4-8 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will be limited to 12 participants. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided. The cost is \$25 per child.

Kebab Camp will take place June 11-14 with a limit of eight participants. The cost is \$50 per child.

Intermediate State will be held

June 15-17 and offers 4-H youth ages 11-13 (as of Sept. 1, 2017) the opportunity to meet and make friends with other members from around the state. Participants can join in fun workshops to learn about the many contests open to 4-H members: kayaking, crafts, dancing, shooting sports and other activities and get a sneak-peek at what sort of events will be available to them as senior members. The cost is \$85 per child.

Farm-to-Fork Camp will be held June 16-20, with a limit of 10 participants. Participants will visit local farms in Union County and learn about agricultural production and get to taste and cook some local, Union County farm products. Cost is \$20 per child.

Camp Cherry Lake will be held July 16-20 this year at Cherry

Lake in Madison. Activities will include archery, kayaking, a talent show, camp fires, various educational programs and possibly a dance. Registration packets are now available. The cost is \$115 for foundation members and \$215 for non-foundation members.

To finish out the summer, older 4-H members, ages 14-18 (as of Sept. 1, 2017) can attend 4-H University, July 30-August 2. The week-long event is held at the University of Florida and will allow attendees a chance to explore career opportunities, participate in educational workshops led by faculty, participate in community service activities and develop life skills – not to mention having fun while doing it all. The cost is \$250.

## Bruce Dukes recalls family history

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Union County Historical Society met Monday night to begin its new project of tracing the origins of Union County's first families. Union County Property Appraiser Bruce Dukes was the speaker for the event, relating his experiences and some of the family stories he has heard over the years.

Dukes said he has been interested in his family's history for some time, but that the research was often difficult. One big stumbling block he had run into was the early records were not always complete.

"I would go to look up John Dukes and find three or four of them," Dukes said. "The names of their children were not listed for any of them, so it was impossible to find out which one was the man I was looking for. It didn't help that they all were about the same age."

Dukes said he was more knowledgeable about the history of his family that he had a connection with – such as many stories about his grandfather, Desmond Dukes.

"Desmond Dukes was a depot agent for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad in Orange Lake," Dukes said. "He was a farm boy who wanted to escape the farm. He was the great-grandson of Jonathan Dukes (see related story). His father was named Matthew Albritton Dukes, the man the Dukes area of the county is named after."

"When they were filming the movie, 'The Yearling,' the producer of the film sent Gregory Peck to the railroad station to pick up some props that had been shipped in for the filming. When my grandfather asked him for the papers on the shipment, Peck said he didn't have any, but that he was Gregory Peck and should not need them. My grandfather said he did not care if he was Gregory Bushel, he was not getting the shipment without the proper documentation."

Dukes said he is a sixth-generation Dukes and a



Bruce Dukes

seventh-generation Douglas on his mother's side. He said he grew up listening to his grandfather's stories about the family.

"I would drive him around at the age of 14 or 15 and listen to him tell me about the places we passed – who lived there and what they did and all about the family," Dukes said. "My grandfather was very proud of his roots. He would sometimes say that our family had been land-poor in the early days. I didn't really understand the term then, but now I know it means that you had 1,000 acres but no shoes for your children."

Dukes remembers vividly his grandfather's fear of wildfires and said that was the reason that most people had dirt yards around their homes, rather than grass which could burn. He also remembered tales of the Great Storm of 1898, a hurricane so severe that afterwards a man could walk on logs all the way to Tallahassee on the trees that the storm had blown down.

Other family memories were offered by friends and members of the Dukes family, making the meeting a good start on collecting the information the society is seeking.

The Union County Historical Society is still seeking information on the early settler families of the county. In addition to this project, it hopes to soon be set-up to give demonstrations of the original methods used to grind sugar cane and preparing it for use as cane syrup.

## SCHOOLS

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health services in the schools. According to Sams, the district will hire one mental health counselor and then meet its further needs by subcontracting to other providers, such as Meridian. The district is required to write a plan and develop guidelines for all aspects of the mental health services in the schools.

The district will also have to hire a school safety specialist. The person hired will be trained by the state and must bring to the job at least three years of school administrative experience and three years teaching experience. The safety specialist will serve in a number of functions, including the development and implementation of plans and procedures, and the coordination of mental health services.

The specialist will also work with the threat assessment teams which the district is required to develop at each school. These teams, along with the safety specialist will analyze any possible threats reported to them. The members of all these teams, along with the safety specialist will do much of the work in the mandated development of a school safety plan.

"There will be funds available later in the year," Renae Prevatt,

Union County School District finance director said. "It will come in the form of grants, and possibly other sources. Nothing is going to happen until each district in the state turns in its school safety plan, so the Department of Education will have an idea of what will be needed in each district."

Sams said the next couple of months will be busy ones, with the district hiring and training new employees. Administrators must also complete safety plans by Aug. 1. Next will come training of all school staff, from administrators to teachers to custodians to food service workers, in new policies and how to deal with certain situations.

There have already been several criticisms of the new laws, mostly about student privacy.

"Privacy is important," Sams said, "but it must be remembered that in almost all of the previous school shootings, the shooter has been identified before the fact as a threat but either nothing was done or the information fell through the cracks and did not come to the attention of the people who needed to know about it. I think that most of our parents in the district will look at what we are going to do as a situation where it is better to be safe than sorry. After all, we are only trying to keep our students safe from harm."

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# DUKES

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took care of their own needs for general supplies and food. They made their own soap, clothing, shoes, sugar, soap and flour. To make flour, families placed wheat grains into a wooded trough and ground them with a pestle until the wheat was reduced to powder, they then sifted the powder and were left with flour. Settlers also hulled rice by putting the harvest into a wooded, dug-out bowl and pounding the rice until the hulls were separated from the grains.

When the settlers wanted some fish, they traveled to the Gulf of Mexico to a fishery, hauling their own barrels. The barrels were filled with brine, mixed strong enough that an egg would float in it. They put the fish into the brine to cure, the result known as salt fish. They also preserved fish by smoking it.

Some of the settlers tried raising sheep but were unsuccessful. The most successful livestock raised in the area were cattle and turkeys. The nearest market for these animals was in Cow Ford: now known as Jacksonville. Settlers drove the animals there. The drives took place during daylight hours, with all concerned camping at night to sleep. The men even provided long poles, supported longitudinally on stakes, for the turkeys to roost on at night.

The hides from animals slaughtered at home were tanned. Tanning vats have been found on the land owned by Drew Dukes near the river. Hides were cleaned and cured (a drying and preservation process), then placed in the vats, which were full of water containing oak bark and lime. After remaining in this bath for about a year, the hides were removed, dried and then beaten with mallets and clubs until they were pliable enough to be made into shoes, boots, saddles, harnesses and other needed items.

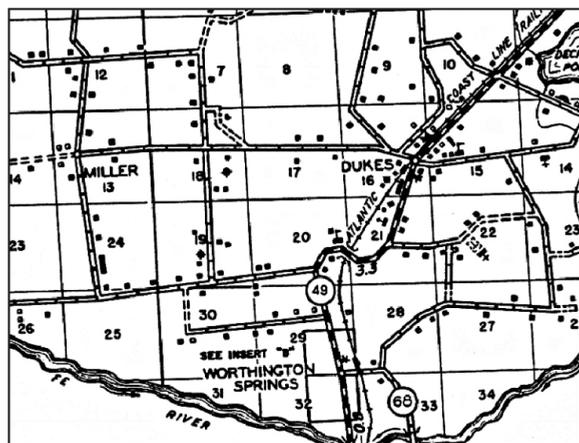
Settlers raised sugar cane and made sugar from it, which they hauled to Gainesville (the closest market) in heavily loaded ox-carts. It was a two-day trip. Sellers would camp next to Hogtown Creek, so they could be near the town for the sale starting early the next day. Prices as high as 11 cents per pound are recorded for some of this homemade sugar. Some of the early settlers used the money from this product to pay for their land.

Jonathan Dukes had five sons: Silas, David, Mitchell, Matthew and Robert: known as Uncle Bob.

## Railroad and agribusiness

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad was laid through the community in 1900. The railroad station was originally called Duke's Station but was shortened to Dukes a few years later. Matt Dukes was the first station master and also served as postmaster. In later years his daughter, Sarah, became the postmistress, first at Dukes and then later in Lake Butler. Matt also owned and operated a large general store in the Dukes area.

Around this same time, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Howard came to Dukes and bought all of Matt Dukes land on one side of the railroad to start a turpentine business. Howard also pioneered the planting of diversified crops and the growing



This 1936 map of Dukes shows the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and State Road 49 running through the community. Florida's Department of Transportation renamed the road to S.R. 121 during the state's 1945 renumbering project. Prior to that, state roads were numbered chronologically in the order they were designated. In 1945 the state created a grid system.

of vegetables on a large scale for market in the area — a practice that continued with other farmers.

Howard's agricultural activities resulted in growth in the area, including the building of two large vegetable packing sheds: Brown Brothers and Watkins & Wilson that still existed in the 1960s. A Mr. Wolfenden came to the area and opened a sawmill for making crates for vegetable shipping. As time passed, wagons and carts became trucks and truck-farming became a major form of livelihood in the area.

## Uncle Bob's recollections

Jonathan Robert "J.R." Dukes, also known as Uncle Bob, was born in 1851, before his parents left Georgia. He was raised on the family farm, on land that eventually became the home of Drew Dukes. He walked two miles or more each way to attend school near Elzey's Chapel, at a school whose name is lost.

Uncle Bob started school in 1861, when he was ten-years-old. His teacher for the first two years was Paul Crews: a lawyer who taught for a while. Joe Hill, (grandfather of Joe Hill Williams, of Lake Butler), came from Brooks County, Georgia to teach three terms at the school.

During these early days, there were no grade levels, but students were taught reading, writing and arithmetic. Discipline was strict - the rod, or hickory stick was not spared.

When interviewed at age 89 by his niece, Uncle Bob still remembered making shoes for himself and the family during the days when the Civil War was raging and after. He said he wore homemade shirts and socks when he went courting. Cloth was produced from cotton, which was first ginned, then woven on a hand loom and sometimes even dyed. The family used walnuts to dye cloth brown and other vegetable-based dyes were also used.

Social activities which Uncle Bob remembered included dances, where young people gathered to meet, socialize and dance to fiddle music.

Uncle Bob married Martha Carolyne Deloach, of Claxton, Georgia in June of 1870 at her home. He recalled he was

wearing a pair of pants that were a part of a suit, made of jeans cloth by his mother, to the wedding. He said he was very "dressed up," also wearing a shirt, coat and shoes which he had bought, and a new black hat for which he had paid \$4. He brought his bride home to Florida soon after the wedding.

The couple settled at home and lived throughout the 65 years of their 66-year marriage. The farm was made up of 160 cultivated acres. The couple had seven children, 40 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren. At the age of 83, Uncle Bob said he would live to see four generations of his family and he did.

In 1885, Uncle Bob was ordained in the First Baptist Church, first as a deacon and then, in the fall of that same year, a minister. He was called to serve at Little Springs Baptist Church, where he remained pastor for the rest of his career. In 55 years as a minister he missed only two conferences and during 1940 he served three churches: Little Springs and Mt. Zion in Union County and Bethlehem in Baker County.

Most of the records have been lost, but it is known that the first marriage ceremony he performed was that of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shaw and the last was the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Waters Sr. The first child he baptized was John Harrell and the last was T. H. Waters. The last funeral he performed was for a woman named Hightower.

Uncle Bob and Martha celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1920 — she passed away in 1936. Uncle Bob celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday in March of 1940. The year and date of his death are unknown.

The Dukes family remains in the forefront of Union County families, but their tale is not yet known and complete. Anyone with information about the family is encouraged to come to a meeting of the Union County Historical Society and help with the "Where Did We Come From?" project now underway by donating their knowledge and stories. Let's keep from losing the vital history of the county and work together to preserve the county's heritage.

# Union High-Q team places second in state



The Union County High School High-Q team: (l-r) Griffen Whiteley, A.P. Griffis, Coach Terri Martin, Jared Benton and Conner Beighley.

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
*Telegraph-Times-Monitor*

For the first time in more than a decade, the Union County High School High-Q team has finished second in their state division

in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Commissioner's Academic Challenge.

High-Q is the oldest, continuous academic quiz competition in the U.S. It was the first of its kind, initiated in 1948 in Pennsylvania and

then expanding to Wisconsin, Washington, Ohio, Alabama and Florida.

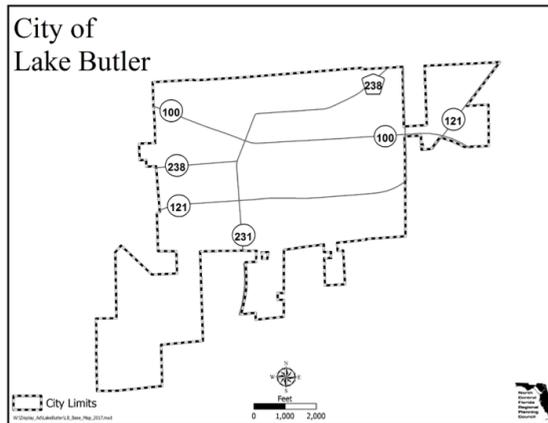
The Commissioner's Academic Challenge is a state-

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## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text of the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, as follows:

LDR 18-01, an application, by the City Commission to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.10.5 entitled Special Exceptions to allow medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities within the "OR" RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE zoning district; by amending Section 4.11.2 entitled Permitted Principal Uses and Structures to allow medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities within the "CN" COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD zoning district; and by amending Section 4.12.2 entitled Permitted Principal Uses and Structures to allow medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities within the "CG" COMMERCIAL, GENERAL zoning district.



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 18-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.10.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "OR" RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.11.2 ENTITLED PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "CN" COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.12.2 ENTITLED PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "CG" COMMERCIAL, GENERAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding the matter will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment on the date, time and place as stated above.

Copies of the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager's Office at 386.496.3401 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 or 1.800.955.8771.



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# LEGALS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 63-2018-DR-60  
Division:

Edward W. Rollins Jr.  
Petitioner,  
and  
Patsy Bennett  
Respondent.

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY

TO: Patsy Bennett  
Lake City, FL.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Notice of Action for Petition to Determine Paternity has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Edward W. Rollins Jr. whose address is 10561 N CR 231, Lake Butler, FL 32054 on or before May 17, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Union County Clerk's Office, 55 W. Main St. Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions. Including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: April 16, 2018.

KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Carol Williams  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 63-2018-DR-0057  
Division:

Angela Anderson,  
Petitioner,  
and  
John Henry Anderson, Jr.  
Respondent,

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: John Henry Anderson, Jr.  
2009 Polo Club Dr., #201, Kissimmee, FL 34741

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Angela Anderson, whose address is 6395 SW 53rd St, Lake Butler, FL 32054, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Court, 55 W. Main St., Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated April 12, 2018.

KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Carol Williams  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 63-2017-CA-0006

TD BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAROLINA FIRST BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH MERCANTILE BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CNB NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.  
RICHARD T. EVERNDEN, JR. AND JUDITH M. EVERNDEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE; ESTATE OF BARRY GREENE; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF BARRY GREENE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARRY GREENE, IF ANY; TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ESTATE OF BARRY GREENE  
13439 NE 233 PLACE  
RAIFORD, FL 32083  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF BARRY GREENE  
13439 NE 233 PLACE  
RAIFORD, FL 32083

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the

Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, Case No. 63-2017-CA-0006 to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on December 16, 2002, in Official Records Book 185, Page 575 of the Public Records of Union County, Florida (the "Mortgage"), on the following property situated, lying and being in Union County, Florida, more particularly described as:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4; THENCE RUN EAST 336 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 406 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTHWEST 60 FEET TO THE WEST SIDE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, THENCE RUN SOUTHWEST

PARALLEL WITH STATE ROAD 121, 315 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 315 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTHEAST PARALLEL WITH STATE ROAD 121, 315 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 315 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND ALSO:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE RUN SOUTH TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD, NOW ABANDONED, THENCE RUN NORTHEAST ALONG RIGHT OF WAY 160 FEET MORE OR LESS, THENCE RUN NORTH 417.5 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTHWEST 160 FEET MORE OR LESS, THENCE RUN SOUTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Property Addresses: 13364 NE 231st Lane, Raiford, Florida 32083 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property").

You are required to file your written defenses, if any, to it with the Clerk of the above-styled Court and to serve a copy thereof on Danielle Rundlett Burns, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Duane Morris, LLP, Boca Center Tower II, 5100 Town Center Circle, Suite 650, Boca Raton, Florida 33486-9000, Telephone: (561) 962-2119, Facsimile (561) 516-6303

Email: drburns@duanemorris.com, fgarcia@duanemorris.com, and mchapski@duanemorris.com within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Notice of Action. If you fail to do so, Judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 20th day of April, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO: 2017-CA-000063

LISBETH TUGGLE, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER THE JOANNE SESSLER SHAW TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 13, 2002, Plaintiff,

vs.  
GERALD MATTHEW WHITEHEAD and MICHELLE HINES WHITEHEAD, husband and wife; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; JAMES CHESNUT and PATRICIA CHESNUT as CO-TRUSTEES OF THE CHESNUT FAMILY TRUST, DATED AUGUST 28, 2012, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 10, 2018 in the above-styled cause, that I, Kellie Hendricks Connell as the Clerk of the Court, shall sell all of the property at a single public sale on June 28, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, in Union County, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, in accordance with F.S. §45.031, the following-described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

The West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15 and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida.

EXCEPT THE Right-of-Way for State Road S-237.

SAVE AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described property: Commence at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 20 East; thence run North 750 feet; thence run East 230 feet, more or less, to the Westerly boundary line of State Road S 237; thence run South along said Westerly boundary line, 750 feet to the Forty Line; thence run West along said Forty Line To the Point of Beginning LESS:

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 3"x3" concrete monument located at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and run South 01 degrees, 03 minutes, 17 seconds East, along the West boundary thereof, for a distance of 184.85 feet to a set 1/2" rebar for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 01 degrees, 03 minutes, 17 seconds East, along last said West boundary for a distance of 400.49 feet to a found 3"x3" concrete monument; thence run North 89 degrees, 14 minutes, 39 seconds East, for a distance of 241.68 feet to a found 3"x3" concrete monument located on the Westerly right-of-way of County Road 237 (formerly State Road 237 - an 80 ft. wide right-of-way); thence run North 03 degrees, 47 minutes, 43 seconds West, along said Westerly right-of-way, for a distance of 43.30 feet to a found 6"x6" concrete monument located at the beginning of a curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 560.87 feet; thence run Northeasterly along the arc of said curve as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 11 degrees, 20 minutes, 42 seconds East, for a chord distance of 290.46 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 77 degrees, 08 minutes, 27 seconds West, for a distance of 311.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS:  
A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 3"x3" concrete monument located at the Northwest Corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described; run North 89 degrees, 49 minutes, 23 seconds East, along the North line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, for a distance of 562.75 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod located on the

Westerly right-of-way line of County Road 237, being in a curve concave to the Southeast and having a radius of 560.87 feet; thence run in a Southwesterly direction along said right-of-way line and along the arc of said curve as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 45 degrees, 05 minutes, 29 seconds West for a chord distance of 362.12 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run North 77 degrees, 09 minutes, 58 seconds West, for a distance of 310.64 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod located on the West line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 01 degrees, 03 minutes, 17 seconds West, as a basis of bearing, along said West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, for a distance of 184.94 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS:  
A parcel of land lying in Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows; Commence at the Northwest Corner of said Section 15 and run South 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 15, a distance of 491.56 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land: Thence run South 89 degrees, 58 minutes, 14 seconds East, a distance of 660.00 feet; thence run South 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds West, a distance of 660.00 feet; thence run North 89 degrees, 58 minutes, 14 seconds West, a distance of 660.00 feet to the intersection with said West line of Section 15; thence run North 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds East, along said West line of Section 15, a distance of 660.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a 60.00 foot easement for ingress, egress and utilities, lying being and situate in Section 15; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the aforesaid Northeast Corner of Section 15 and run South 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds West, along the aforesaid West line of Section 15, a distance of 22.28 feet to the intersection with Southerly right-of-way line of County Road Number S-237 and the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described easement: Thence continue running South 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds West, continuing along said West line of Section 15, a distance of 469.28 feet; thence run South 89 degrees, 58 minutes, 14 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence run North 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 46 seconds East, a distance of 469.24 feet to the intersection with said Southerly right-of-way line of County Road Number S-237, said point lying on the arc of a curve, thence run westerly along said southerly right-of-way line of County Road Number S-237 a distance of 34.15 feet as measured along the arc of a curve concave Northerly and having a radius of 612.96 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 89 degrees, 22 minutes, 40 seconds West and a distance of 34.14 feet to the Point of Tangency; thence run North 89 degrees, 01 minutes, 35 seconds West, continuing along said Southerly right-of-way line of County Road Number S-237, a distance of 25.86 feet to the Point of Beginning.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352-337-6237) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice-impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court on this 12th day of April, 2018.  
KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk  
Plaintiff's Attorney:  
Jeffrey R. Dollinger, Esq.  
Scruggs & Carmichael, P.A.  
1 SE 1st Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:  
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 18-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.10.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "OR" RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.11.2 ENTITLED PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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## Providence couple celebrates 64 years of marriage

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

To stay married for 64 years is an achievement which is not a common thing in today's world of disposable everything. It speaks of a level of commitment and dedication which is not often encountered, but one couple living near Providence have managed to achieve it and are not busy working to extend it to 65 years and beyond.

Mary and Walter Lhamon have been together continuously since their wedding on April 10, 1954. Walter was born in Cleveland and grew up there during the last days of the Great Depression. He graduated high school and took some college classes, but then joined the Air Force in Sept. 1950 and trained as an air police officer. He traveled as part of his duty tour and visited Japan. Mary graduated from Union County High School, then moved to Albany, Georgia in 1952. There she lived with an aunt and uncle and worked.

*"I asked her when we should get married and she said 'tomorrow'."*

The couple met in Albany where Mary was attending night school, studying accounting and working during the day. Walter was still in the Air Force but also working in radio. They were introduced by a mutual friend and "things just progressed," Walter said. "Out of the blue, while on a date, I asked her when we should get married and she said 'tomorrow'. I told her that would not work because, still being in the Air Force I had to get my commanding officer's permission. He gave his OK and we were married at a small wedding chapel on base called the Chapel in the Pines. It was not a big fancy wedding, but it was fine for us."

## From the Grand Ole Opry to Old Providence Baptist Church

Walter was discharged in September and the couple moved

TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "CN" COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.12.2 ENTITLED PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE "CG" COMMERCIAL, GENERAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
The public hearing may be continued to one or more future date. Any interested party shall be advised that the dates, times and places of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

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

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager's Office at 386.496.3401 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 or 1.800.955.8771.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

RULE NAME:  
5.02 Homeless Students  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update Board Policies  
SUMMARY: To update Board Policies  
AUTHORITY: Florida Statutes  
LAW IMPLEMENTED:  
ECONOMIC IMPACT: None  
Policies can be viewed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 55 SW Sixth Street, Lake Butler, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

IF A HEARING IS REQUESTED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 120.54 FLORIDA STATUTES, IT WILL BE HELD ON June 12, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM. A COMPLETE TEXT OF THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE VIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 55 S.W. 6TH STREET, LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA.  
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to Ohio for a

year, where Mary got to see her first snowfall in Cleveland. The couple moved around, following Walter's career in broadcasting between 1957 and 1975. He had gone to school to be a broadcast engineer but worked mostly as on-air talent. He appeared on the Grand Ole Opry in 1961, in Nashville, in the Mr. D.J. USA

feature which aired on Friday nights and got to introduce Loretta Lynn on air. He also MC'ed a number of country music shows while in Nashville.

The couple lived in East Lake, Ohio 1965-75, during which time Walter studied for the ministry. He studied at a training program at Lakeland Baptist Church from 1971-75, then worked at WAYR in Orange Park, a job he took on three days' notice. He further studied for the ministry while working for the gospel radio station. Mary transferred from her job at K-Mart in Ohio and went to work in Jacksonville. She found a house for them the day after they came to Florida. Then came the really big surprise – the day before their tenth wedding anniversary she brought home three children.

"The kids all had the same mother and that day was the end of the adoption process we had been going through," Mary said. "There were two boys and a girl, ranging in age from five-and-a-half years to two-and-a-half years to 10 months, named Mariva Dawn, William "Bill" D. and Phillip A., who lives close-by in Lake Butler."

The first church in which Walter served was the Beach Church of God in Jacksonville, where he served for a year. He then received a phone call from an old friend in Albany and moved there to take over a church and to work reprogramming a radio station to a Christian format. The family stayed there until 1986, when they returned to Florida.

Walter worked in local churches and for Florida Pest Control for a while, then he moved to Old Providence Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school, conducted the Wednesday night prayer meetings and led a Bible study group.

The couple is now retired, with their three children out on their own, but both of them say that they are almost always busy and have a great deal to do. They are still recovering and repairing from hurricane Irma, cleaning up their property.

Mary cooks for all of the special events at the church, with her most requested efforts being a pear tart and triple fudge sour cream cake. She has a number of hobbies and enjoys keeping Walter out of trouble. She also makes a wide array of jams, jellies, pear relish and chow chow. Her most unusual creation is a delicious mayhaw jelly. Mary had a new experience lately, she served on a jury in a criminal trial. She was called but told she did not



Mary and Walter Lhamon

have to serve if she didn't want to since she was over 70.

"I decided to go ahead and do it," Mary said. "I thought it might be something different to do." Quite a few of those called asked to be excused, but she said the judge put her in when she asked him to. She was picked to serve and was made an alternate, so she did not have to vote on the verdict, which she said she was glad of.

## Marriage must be 100-100

Both agree on the subject of how their marriage has lasted for so long.

"Most people will tell you that marriage should be 50-50, but that doesn't work," Walter said, with Mary nodding in agreement. "For a marriage to last it has to be 100-100, with both partners giving it their all. You have to be willing and able to sit down and talk through things, to discuss decisions and come to an agreement. Both people must be committed to each other and never allow themselves to be separated if at all possible. That's what works."

Walter and Mary plan to finish out their lives together and enjoy many more years of good health and companionship. Walter will be 86 on Aug. 1, with Mary turning 85 on Aug. 26. Together, they work to eat healthy, stay active in their community and family and, most of all, to spend time together.

## HIGH-Q

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wide academic team tournament, held this year April 19-21 in Orlando. High-Q teams from all over the state competed against one another in a wide variety of subject areas including history, science, literature, musical theory and composition, French and Spanish.

Representing Union County were juniors Conner Beighley and Jared Benton, and seniors Andrew Paul "A.P." Griffis and Griffin Whiteley.

Griffis was selected by judges to be a member of Team Florida – an honor given to only the top six players in the entire competition, which has more than 100 participants. Along with the honor of being selected, Griffis will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

## POST

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the post and others for their help.

Larry Feltner won the 50-50 Drawing and immediately gave the \$105 to the Mitchells for their use.

The next major event organized by American Legion Post 153 is Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The event begins at 8:45 a.m. with Major Mitchell Bishop as the guest speaker and Sondra Hunt singing the National Anthem. The event will be held at 325 West Main Street and will feature echo taps played by Caleb Hopkins and Johnathan Schmidt. Submitted by Ted Barber.



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Attorney at Law

620 East Main Street  
Lake Butler, FL 32054  
(Across from Subway Plaza)

# Lake Butler Elementary School Kindergarten Straight A Students



**Holmes:** Back row, left to right, Ayden Dodd, Graci Jenkins, Mackenzie Patrick, & Matthew Wylin. Second row, Naomi Hofmann, Sean Williams, Tatum Liptrap, & Tucker Ciyatt. In front, Wade Christie & Joseph Marmon.



**Merwin:** Left to right, Andrew Hurst, Hazel Ginn, Madison Manning, & Serena Reeves.



**Sapp:** Back row, left to right, Braxton Griffis, Brynli Raulerson, Carter Fitzpatrick, & Emily McDaniel. Second row, Kalyn Reynolds, Kennedy Arnold, Kylie Thomas, & Sabella Reddish. In front is Tucker Reid. Not pictured is Bentley Castro.



**McDaniel:** Back row, left to right, Adilyn Mabrey, Alyssa Lee, Brantley Bennett, & Jacob Ferguso. Second row, Kassidy Maloney, Kinley Phillips, Madelyn Feltner, & Miles Andersen-Davis. In front is Nathan Martin.



**Tucker:** Back row, left to right, Adrian Martinez, Aiden Coger, Christian McCurry, & Joseph Carter. In front, Lexi Romero, Mae Brookins, Matthew Marchiano, & Phoenix Mercer. Not pictured are Alexis Duenas and Colten Redding.

## ETC. Continued from 1A

office. The county encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input.

The Committee guides the preparation of the Union County LMS, which serves as a plan to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community.

## Union County Alumni Reunion Set for May 23

A reunion of Union County High School alumni will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 2 p.m. at the Steakhouse in Starke, located on U.S. 301 south of S.R. 100. The meal will be Dutch treat. Last year there were classmates

in attendance from 1946-1968. Spread the word, all are invited. Hope to see you there!

## More Fun at the Library

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. The program will be Art, Art, Art! on May 3. May 17 will feature the program Robots, Robots, Robots!

Adult programs are open to adults age 18 and up and are presented on the second Tuesday of each month. On May 8, the program will be Wood Art. On June 12 Dip Art and on July 10 Canvas Art. The summer adult programs will conclude with Frame Art on August 14.

Summer programs, for teens and tweens 11 years old and up,

are ready to begin with Teen Art programs beginning June 19 with Canvas Art and continuing on July 17 with Wood Art. There will be free snacks and prize drawings at both these events.

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](http://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.



**Wallace:** Back row, left to right, Ashlyn Ferris, Ather Smith, Easton Tetstone, & Gavyn Smith. Second row, Hunter Chavarria, Hunter Fender, Kyle Scheese, & Skylar Williams. In front, Te'yah Jordan. Not pictured is Teigan Johnson.

# Congratulations to the FGC Class of Spring 2018!

## Candidates for Graduation

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

\*\* Magna Cum Laude

\* Cum Laude

D.E. – Dual Enrollment Student

Honors based on 2017 Fall Semester GPA

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
DEGREE****Early Childhood Education**

Shatara Lakenya Blake  
Crystal Ann Davenport  
Emily Valillian Farley \*\*  
Amanda Christine Holbrook \*  
Shelby Ruthann Langford \*\*\*  
Jenny Michelle McCook  
Sierra Rochelle Rimes \*\*\*

**Nursing**

Karibeth Adams \*  
Kacey LeAnn Ariail  
Wendy June Bannister  
Delma Smithart Baxter  
Tiffany Morgan Bever  
Charles Louis Brim  
Amanda Gayle Butler  
Chylei Megan Calloway  
Monica Lamb Craig  
Rebecca Taimi Deya  
Rebecca Ann Douglas \*\*  
Kayla Leann Glover  
Charity Lynn Hallahan  
Levi Dakota Harkey  
Deborah Jean Hart  
Edward Dale Hillhouse II  
Jacqueline Rose Howell \*\*\*  
Susan Marie Jenkins  
Clanitra Vinette Kelsey  
Paula M. Kinchen  
Mallory Lane Martin  
Abigail Gwinn McCrear  
Jordan Strickland Melgaard  
Taylor Brook Millikan \*\*  
Amy Christine Nydam  
Victoria Catherine Lynn Siegel \*\*  
Crystal Marie Tucker

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED  
SCIENCE DEGREE****Water Resources Management**

Cody Jefferey Freeman Bridge-  
water  
Kristi D'Albert \*  
Kendell Dirk Pidgeon \*

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

Nia Amor Alexander-Cameron  
Kayla Michelle Alford \*\*\* - D.E.  
Amber Allen  
Lindsey Marie Allen \*\*\* - D.E.  
Savannah Estrella Amparo  
\*\*\* - D.E.  
Jillian Renee Anderson  
Karl Olin Anderson \*\*  
Megan Mizelle Anderson  
Alaina Marie Anschultz \*\* - D.E.  
Savannah Elaine Baggett \*\*\*  
Gregory Steven Barker \* - D.E.  
Abigail Leigh Bedenbaugh \*\*\*  
- D.E.  
Faith Emily Bell \*\*\* - D.E.  
Rebeka Lynne Bell  
Emily Kayla Bermudez \*  
Ayleida Elizabeth Berry  
David Cameron Blow \*\*\* - D.E.  
Heather Danielle Bohling  
Gilberto Joaquin Bolanos \*\*\*  
Meagan Grace Bragdon - D.E.  
Mercedes Kierra Brown  
Torrez Le'Trell Brown  
Austin Scott Brunette - D.E.  
Angel Latrice Bryant  
Shelby Elizabeth Bundy  
Devon Louise Burns \*\*  
Lisa LaMott Butler  
Nicki Ann Calyniuk  
Casey Holden Cannon  
Julia Hope Canto  
Kayla Marie Cappio  
Gabriel Carranza \*\*\*  
Janet Carranza-Zuniga \*\* - D.E.  
Lucy Sky Carryer  
Carlie Raelyn Carswell \* - D.E.  
Clinton Matthew Christie  
Courtney Nichole Christie \*\*\*  
Devlin Lucielle Clark \*  
Austin Andrew Coblentz  
Kelly Michelle Colston \*\*\* - D.E.  
Abbie Leanne Conner  
Caitlyn Nicole Cook - D.E.  
Lydia K. Corbett  
Sydney Ruth Corbett \*\*\*  
Dezmond Haley Cothran \*\*\*  
- D.E.  
A'terrria Roshawn Cray  
Maggie Mae Crews \*\*  
Shelby Renee Crews \*\*\*  
Shontez Munci DeVonne  
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## Creighton talks school achievement, safety at Kiwanis meeting

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton visited the Kiwanis Club of Starke on April 17 to talk about some of the noteworthy things taking place in the schools, including how Bradford County students have more opportunities in career technical education (CTE) than the general public may realize.

Creighton said Bradford students, because of district career academies and industry certifications offered through North Florida Technical College (formerly Bradford-Union Technical Center), have more than 20 career fields to choose from. She provided a handout to Kiwanis members that showed that Clay County students don't receive as many opportunities, noting that Middleburg and Oakleaf high schools offer 15 and 14 CTE areas of study, respectively. Orange Park High School is the only other high school in Clay to offer more than 10 such opportunities.

"We have more opportunities right here in little, old Bradford County than they do at the bigger schools in Clay," Creighton said.

Creighton said many are aware that Bradford High School students have dual-enrollment opportunities through Santa Fe College, but added such opportunities also exist with North Florida Technical College as well as the University of Florida.

Kiwanis member Cheryl Canova, who is the director of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center as well as a school board member, took the opportunity to

share the news that in working with Creighton, the Stump Center, which is close to the high school (adjacent to the Bradford County Public Library), would finally be utilized in the way it had been envisioned — offering dual-enrollment opportunities during the day.

Creighton said that's a huge plus for students who, because of their involvement in after-school activities like athletics and band, have been unable to take dual-enrollment classes later in the day or in the evenings.

"The kids will be either bussed or escorted, or somehow they will get to the Stump Building and be able to take dual-enroll classes during the day," Canova said. "That will help students that don't have transportation after school to be able to take dual-enrollment classes. We're really excited about that."

### Helping students achieve at high levels

Creighton passed out a flyer to Kiwanis members that highlighted, through photos, some of the accomplishments this school year. One photo was of a teacher using technology in the classroom, while another was of the new versatile student stations in one of the BHS chemistry classrooms. The stations act as traditional classroom seating, but can be transformed into laboratory work tables.

The goal is to place state-of-the-art technology in all schools' classrooms.

"We're doing it slowly along and along, but it is coming,"

Creighton said.

The flyer outlined the new gifted curriculum — Cubit — that will be implemented next year for students in grades 2-8. It is designed to adhere to the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) educational approach.

"We're doing a pilot program right now with our middle school," Creighton said. "This will expose our kids to coding, robotics and engineering. Currently, our middle-schoolers in the sixth grade class are designing buildings that can withstand earthquakes. We have an earthquake table to test out their designs."

The flyer also included photos of the BHS football team, which won a regional championship, and band directors Zachary Sullivan (BHS) and Michael Loffredo (BMS). The BHS and BMS concert bands and the BMS intermediate band all earned straight-superior ratings at their performance assessments.

"To our knowledge, we don't know of another county that's had that," Creighton said in regard to three bands accomplishing the feat.

Creighton said business partners and supporters from throughout the community are instrumental in helping Bradford students excel and helping schools provide the best opportunities for students. Supporters, for example, would be beneficial for a band program that's continuing to grow. Creighton said she's love to see a 200-member marching band at BHS, but more band students need more instruments, which cost money.

Giving another example, Creighton said BHS has received a digital classroom grant that will provide for most classrooms' technological needs. However, people need to be hired to maintain that technology. Those salaries would have to come out of the district's general fund, which must also cover the expense of 12 new teaching positions next year.

Creighton said business partners also help prepare students for careers by offering on-the-job training opportunities. "Please know and take comfort and be confident in the fact that our students have tremendous opportunities to achieve and excel right here in Bradford County," Creighton said. "We want to provide students that are ready to jump into employment opportunities right here in our community. This is where we need your help."

### School safety

Creighton also talked about safety, saying school personnel have met with Sheriff Gordon Smith in regard to satisfying a new state law that requires having a school resource officer on every campus. Shaun Burgin will act as the school security coordinator.

"Shaun Burgin is in charge of all of the (school resource) officers," Creighton said. "He will ensure that when one is out, there will be a replacement. We plan on rotating officers so that all will have familiarity will all nine campuses. I include the district office in that since we house the alternative ed classrooms.

"(Burgin) will also be responsible for our school safety



Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Stacey Creighton discusses career technical education opportunities afforded Bradford students during an April 17 talk to the Kiwanis Club of Starke.

plans and the trainings."

Kiwanis member Bob Milner, who's also the Starke city manager, asked fellow Kiwanis member Brad Smith, who is Bradford County's undersheriff, what the financial shortfall would be in having an officer at every

campus. Smith said the annual cost would be approximately \$200,000, but added "the start-up cost is what the big kicker is. That's going to be about \$425,000 to \$450,000. We're working with

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## Santa Fe registering now for College for Kids, summer programs

Registration is underway for the Santa Fe College Andrews Center's annual College for Kids programs and camps.

Junior College for Kids, which is for ages 6-10 entering the second-fifth grades) takes place June 4-8, while College for Kids, which is for children entering the sixth-10th grades, takes place June 18-22. Each session consists of four classes, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon.

The cost to attend is \$80. Exploring Science camps are offered the same dates as Junior College for Kids and College for Kids, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. The cost is also \$80.

Additional camps will be offered for sports, art and LEGO Robotics. The Basketball Fundamentals Camp is offered June 11-15, with an 8-10 a.m. session for ages 6-10 and a 10 a.m.-noon session for ages 11-15. Each session costs \$40.

The Sports Performance Game Camp teaches participants how to perform under adverse conditions and complete tasks by providing a sense of empowerment and personal achievement. A June 11-15 session is offered for ages 8-14, while a June 18-22 session is offered for ages 6-10. Each session runs from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and costs \$80.

The Sports Performance Competition Camp is for children ages 8-14 who want to learn the mechanics of running and transfer it to their sport of choice. Two sessions are offered: June 4-8 and June 25-29. Each session runs from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and costs \$80.

A 2D Art Camp for ages 8-14 will be offered June 11-15 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., while a 3D Art Camp for the same age group and during the same dates will be offered from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Each camp is \$40.

LEGO Robotics, for ages 8-14, takes place June 25-29 from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$80.

For more information, please visit the Andrews Center at 209 W. Call St. (8 a.m.-\* p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays) or call 904-964-5382. You may also visit [sfcollge.edu](http://sfcollge.edu) and click on the Community Ed and College for Kids links for more information or to register.

## Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 12

The 26th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. To participate, leave a bag of non-perishable food items near your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick it up.

Feeding Northeast Florida staff and volunteers will help distribute donations to families in need.



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the county commission right now to see if we can find that money somewhere."

Creighton said the district would be participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, which would appoint certain volunteer school employees as guardians and allow them carry firearms.

The Guardian Program requires appointed guardians to complete 132 hours of training, but Smith said the state hasn't defined any parameters in regard to the specifics of that training.

"We are waiting on the state to produce training criteria and guidelines," Creighton said.

## 4-H youth collecting cereal donations for Bradford Food Pantry

Bradford County 4-H member Ella Dinkins is collecting donations of cereal and other related items as part of a community service project to benefit the Bradford Food Pantry.

Dinkins, who is accepting donations through Friday, May 25, was motivated

by the fact that one in four children suffer from hunger, with the problem becoming more critical during the summer when children aren't receiving meals at school. She is accepting boxes or bags of dry cereal (think nutritious), cereal/breakfast bars, toaster pastries and oatmeal.

Donations may be dropped off at the Bradford County 4-H office, First Christian Church of Starke and Hope Christian Academy. You may also contact Dinkins at 904-966-6224 to arrange for pick-up or for more information.

## Local DAR chapter to present scholarship recipient

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will present its annual Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship recipient at its May meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7, at IHOP in Starke.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era Patriot in your family tree? If you would like to

find out, we can help with DAR's amazing genealogical resources.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership in DAR. Please contact Leslie Harper (352-475-5090) or June Keefe (386-431-1830) for more information.

## ACORN receives grant for veteran dental health

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

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# Author Berry uses Starke in latest Malone thriller

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Cotton Malone, the creation of New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry, has been all over the world. In Berry's latest novel, "The Bishop's Pawn," Malone makes a brief stop in Starke in his travels throughout the Sunshine State.

You can thank Starke resident Wanda Smith for that. In fact, Berry, himself, does just that in the acknowledgements section of "The Bishop's Pawn."

Smith has been on several trips Berry takes with his fans, visiting locales he writes about. She and her husband, John, have since become friends with Berry and his wife, Elizabeth, who live in St. Augustine. In fact, it was because of the Smiths that Berry visited the Bradford County Public Library in 2016 for a talk.

When Smith found out Berry was writing a book in which the action took place throughout Florida, she told him he needed to include Starke.

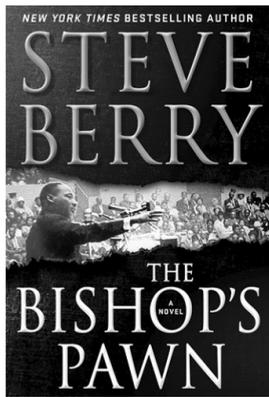
"I think fit the truth is known, he probably figured if he didn't put Starke in it, I'd kill him," Smith said with a laugh.

She also suggested Berry include Micanopy, which he did after making a visit to the town and learning that is where one of his favorite movies, "Doc Hollywood," was filmed.

Though she knew prior to its publication that "The Bishop's Pawn" would include Starke, Smith never expected to receive thanks in the book.

"I was really surprised," Smith said. "He's never done that before. He's never used someone who's traveled with him in the acknowledgements."

That's not to say those who go on Berry's trips don't get in his books. They do as he's used some of their names for characters he's created. That's how Smith expected to see her name used.



The cover of Steve Berry's "The Bishop's Pawn," the 13th book in the Cotton Malone series.

"He told me I wasn't in this book, that he didn't use my name," Smith said. "I thought, 'OK. Fine. There are other books coming.'"

However, Smith said Berry gave her a smile when he told her that, knowing that he was going to include her in the acknowledgements.

Starke is first mentioned in chapter 38 of the 61-chapter novel.

"He describes Starke — driving down 301, fast food and things like that."

John Smith said, "It's not a big thing, but one of the characters supposedly lives here."

The Cotton Malone character doesn't stay long as Starke is one of many stops he makes in Florida.

"He starts out in Dry Tortugas and comes up the coastline," John Smith said.

Actually, before making his way up from Dry Tortugas, Cotton Malone's journey begins in Jacksonville. One of the first lines of the first chapter reads, "I as cruising on Southside Boulevard in Jacksonville, Florida, listening to the radio." That was a thrill

for Wanda Smith to read.

"I lived off of Southside Boulevard," she said. "My childhood home was a block off of Southside Boulevard. I used to catch the bus on Southside Boulevard."

## Historical thrillers

The plots of Berry's novels — 13 in the Cotton Malone series and four stand-alones — are based upon legends or conspiracy theories involving historical events. Berry worked the rumor of the FBI's involvement in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. into his plot for "The Bishop's Pawn."

"He finds something in history he can make into some kind of conspiracy thriller," Wanda Smith said.

At the end of each book, Berry writes a lengthy author's note, telling readers which parts they read were fact, fiction and unproven theory.

"Being a history major, whenever I read thrillers or historical fiction, and they'd say something, I'd think, 'Is that true or not?'"

Before Google and the internet, I used to have to go find a history book to check it out," Smith said. "What I like about Steve, from the very first book I read, is he does it all at the back of the book. You don't have to go to the internet. You don't have to go to a history book."

Cotton Malone is a former member of the Magellan Billet, a division of the Justice Department. Malone is retired and runs a bookstore in Copenhagen, but he always winds up being drawn into some international incident, usually by his former boss, Stephanie Nelle.

"The Bishop's Pawn," however, is a flashback

story, recounting Malone's first involvement with the Magellan Billet. The story is told from Malone's first-person perspective.

Smith said Berry's plots are fast-moving and added, "If you like James Rollins or David Balducci or Lee Child or Karin Slaughter, you would like Steve Berry, too."

## Enhancing the reading experience

Smith said it definitely adds to her enjoyment of Berry's novels now that she knows him personally and has been on several of his fan trips. In 2015, she accompanied him on a trip to France, visiting locales featured in "The Templar Legacy." Last December, she accompanied him on a trip to Germany, visiting locales featured in "The Third Secret" and "The Charlemagne Pursuit."

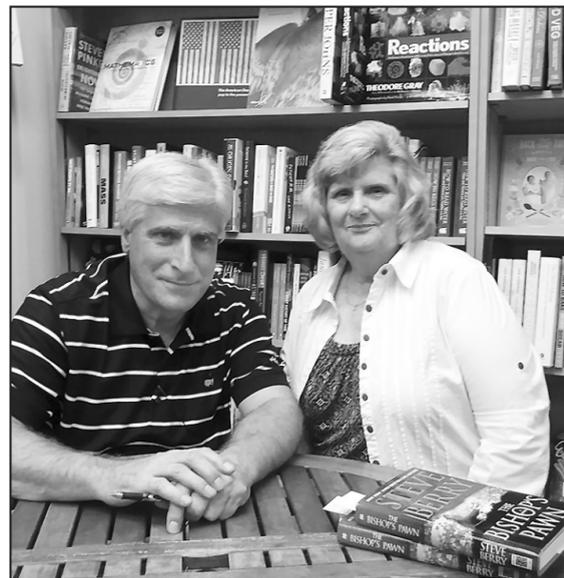
On the trips, Berry discusses how certain places inspired his ideas.

"It's interesting to see how a book comes about," Smith said.

As one of Berry's fan travelers, Smith's name could be used for a character in an upcoming book. The author is currently working on a novel that takes place in Poland. That, Smith said, would create an ideal opportunity for her name to be used. During the trip Germany, she told Berry to research the name Wanda. The next day, he asked her, "Oh, did you want me to do research on the name Wanda because it's the most popular female name in Poland?"

Whenever Berry does include a Wanda in one of his books, what kind of character would Smith like her to be?

"I don't know," she said, adding, "I just would want it to



Wanda Smith is pictured with author Steve Berry at a signing event for his latest novel, "The Bishop's Pawn," which includes Starke as one of the places visited by recurring character Cotton Malone.

be somebody totally different from what I am so people won't really think it's me." If you'd like to learn more about Berry, please visit [steveberry.org](http://steveberry.org).

## Intermittent fasting leads to significant weight loss, slows aging, UF research review finds

North American wolf packs can feast on bison or elk and then go two weeks before the next kill. But the wolves' bodies and brains still perform at high levels as they hunt for their next meal, researchers say.

Humans, too, appear well-adapted to periods of hunger. This is likely a trait evolved from early human hunter-gatherers who, like wolves, alternated between periods of feast and famine.

The answer as to how the body manages this, University of Florida researchers said, provides insight into an increasingly popular dieting strategy — intermittent fasting.

UF Health researchers said in a recent study published in the journal Obesity that emerging findings in scientific literature show intermittent fasting can be a reliable means of weight loss and may optimize physiological functioning, enhance performance, and slow the aging and disease process.

To understand why, researchers said, one must look to how the body essentially flips a "metabolic switch" during fasting. This means the body moves from burning glucose, or sugar, for energy to fatty acids, which can be absorbed by the body.

During fasting, the body converts fat into fatty acids, which can be absorbed by the body.

Stephen Anton, the division chief of clinical research for the UF College of Medicine's department of aging and geriatric research and the paper's lead author, said research indicates ketones are the preferred fuel for the brain and body during periods of fasting and extended exercise.

Ketones, he said, are a cleaner source of energy than glucose, protein or carbohydrates, the body's other sources of energy. That is because ketones produce fewer "metabolic disrupters," or molecules that can harm cells.

"This switch can happen after a certain period of time fasting," said Anton, who also is affiliated

with the UF Institute on Aging. "It's a gradation in which your metabolism over time shifts to use higher and higher amounts of ketones for energy."

Typically, he said, after eight to 12 hours of fasting, the levels of ketones in the blood significantly increase.

Anton's paper looked at two popular forms of intermittent fasting. The first is time-restricted feeding, when the dieter eats during discrete windows during the day. For example, they might fast up to 16 hours a day, eating during the other eight hours.

And in that window, the dieter isn't restricted to what they eat. "Of course, we recommend healthy food," Anton said.

The second approach is called alternate-day fasting. In the more common model of this fasting regimen, people limit their meals on one day, usually 500 calories. On the next day, they can eat anything at all. "It can be truly called a feasting day," Anton said.

A second version of this fasting method is to eat nothing at all on one day while feasting the next.

In a review of scientific literature, Anton and his colleagues found that people lost significant body fat in 10 of 10 clinical trials involving alternate-day fasts. "So in my mind, it's not a question of whether it works for producing fat loss," Anton said.

Three of four time-restricted feeding studies demonstrated significant fat loss.

In most studies, participants did not lose significant lean tissue, which is tissue other

than fat that includes the body's organs, muscles and skeleton. An adequate amount of lean tissue, Anton said, is necessary to help maintain good physiological function as people age, among other health benefits.

Other forms of dieting, however, often lead to a reduction in both fat and lean tissue, he said.

Anton said research in rodents and other nonhuman species points to the possibility that food restriction, and the turning of that metabolic switch, can lengthen lifespan, improve metabolic health, cognitive and physical performance, lower inflammation, and lead to superior cardiovascular health.

"An important takeaway is that we all have the ability to switch our metabolism from glucose to ketone utilization," said Anton. "And that switch has the potential to have profound health benefits for us, in addition to the positive changes in body composition."

Anton urges anyone considering a new diet to consult with a physician, noting fasting may not be the right for everyone.

Co-authors of the paper include William T. Donahoo, an associate professor in the UF College of Medicine's division of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism; Stephanie A. Lee, a doctoral student in the UF College of Medicine's department of aging and geriatric research and the department of clinical and health psychology in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions;

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# Obituaries

## Cora Carroll

LAKE BUTLER—Cora Reatha Carroll, Dec. 14, 1920 - April 26, 2018

"Those hands have seen a lot of life," the shiny-eyed nurse said as she looked at Cora Reatha Carroll, called Granny by most, who looked impossibly small in the grip of a hospital bed. Her hands, wrinkled with time and dotted with sunspots, do indeed have a story to tell.

In 1920, when Granny was a baby, she reached for the warm embrace of her papa, James Larramore, "a good man who wouldn't speak bad about nobody" and her mama, Cora Larramore, who didn't always stay out of gossip, but who was a Godly woman nonetheless. With shiny blue eyes and a mop of red hair, she was surely the cutest baby who ever lived.

Born into abject poverty, she had to work hard from the start, but her parents taught her to always lend a helping hand. During the Great Depression, they would offer plates of food to stragglers looking for sustenance. During Granny's life, she was always willing to offer help to family, friends, and neighbors.

From a young age, little Granny kept her hands busy by helping mama in the kitchen, papa on the farm, and playing cards with her brothers. With eight siblings, she learned if you want to do something the right way, you have to do it yourself.

Despite growing up in a time and into a family in which survival took precedence over formal education, Granny always enjoyed learning and reading. As a child, she read the bible with her mama and, though she had to drop out of school after the eighth grade to help at home, Granny remained an avid reader. Since she devoured books of all genres, her hands flipped through millions of pages during her lifetime.

In 1938, she gave her hand in marriage to James Carroll, who preceded her in death. They had four amazing children: Frances, Wayne, Sherron, and Kathy. Eventually, she gained three more beloved children: sons-in-law Tom and Donnie and daughter-in-law Shelley. Much to Granny's delight, she kept her hands busy tending to and spoiling her five grandchildren: Tommy, Leeann, EJ, Craig, and Jamie. Then she was blessed with four great-grandchildren: Lane, TJ, Ryan, and Drew. Granny's absolute love of babies and children kept her spirit young and her heart open. Her family know they are the luckiest people in the world to have known and been loved by such a dynamic woman.

When some of her grandchildren were small, they'd stay the night at her house and she would thoroughly spoil them by buying toys and candy, such orange circus peanuts, from the IGA, and clanging around the kitchen at five in the morning to fix their favorite breakfast. Once the meal was prepared, she woke the children by gently placing her hands on their faces and saying, "Babe, huddle cakes are ready...there's plenty of syrup."

Throughout her life, Granny used her hands to create clothes and quilts. As a child, she learned to sew by piecing newspaper clippings together and by making dresses for her handful of dolls. The dolls were the recipients of her careful attention since she only acquired one a year, for Christmas, and would treat them like her babies. After mastering doll clothes, Granny made dresses for herself, then her mama, then her sisters, and she eventually created and sold clothes within the community. At age 96, when staying in the hospital and sharing stories, she said, "I don't want to brag, but I'd look at any catalog and make an outfit that looked just like it." Her narrow shoulders swelled with pride and her eyes were bright as she recalled a time when some girls from school found out she was the one who made the dresses, as they thought they were from the store. Ever resourceful, when her first three children were young and times were tough, she sewed their clothes using fabric from feed and flour sacks. She worked on many quilts, even during the over fifteen years she worked at the sewing factory. In later years, she couldn't sew due to unsteady hands and diminishing eyesight, but needlework was so ingrained in her that towards the end of her life, when she was in the hospital bed and her mind was affected by medication, she thought she was sewing. Her hands, much larger and sturdier than her small but wiry body, would weave the air as she pulled an imaginary needle and thread.

Granny kept her hands busy weeding, watering, and nurturing plants. She never met a flower she didn't love or one she couldn't keep alive. She inherited her green thumb from her mama, who also adored gardening. Her affinity for bright, beautiful flowers never faded, even when she was no longer able to tend to a garden. When she was given indoor plants for gifts, she managed to keep flowers gorgeous. Even during her final months when she was a skilled nursing facility and she couldn't water them herself, the plants seemed to bloom and prosper in her presence.

She wrapped her hands around many mugs of steaming coffee during her life. When she was a child, they used to know how to make "real" coffee, as they roasted and ground the beans at home and boiled water on the stove to let them percolate perfectly. Her papa always said, "if God made anything better than coffee, he kept it for himself." She judged the quality of a restaurant by its coffee—Heaven forbid they should serve it weak or lukewarm—and her family knew to put the pot on before her visits, as she had to have a cup at all times. After she retired and as she aged, she stopped drinking an entire pot a day, but she continued to enjoy her morning cup for the remainder of her life.

Despite her petite frame and small appetite for food, she was happiest when making sure her loved ones were fed. Granny used her hands to shuck corn, shell peas, dice potatoes into perfect cubes, salt and stir multiple pots of veggies and meat, slice pies, and serve others. The family would squeeze into her tiny kitchen in her modest house and load plates full of Southern comfort food. She always made enough for an army, whether she was feeding three people or fifteen. During the last few years of her life, she was physically unable to produce such massive meals, but her family would recreate the mass feedings and overeating. Granny would sit and observe them as they went back for second and third helpings. She would smile as they laughed and playfully poked fun at one another, perfectly content to be surrounded by her big, crazy family.

Granny's hands were always petting and feeding an animal of some kind. Over the years, she had an array of dogs and cats of varying sizes and personalities. Her cat Scott, also known as Pokey, was truly a companion animal who gave her purpose during her Golden years. Thankfully, her daughter, Sherron loves Pokey too; she derived comfort knowing he would be well cared for once she parted this realm.

The only animals she truly despised were snakes, so it wasn't unusual for her to take a shotgun or a garden hoe to scare off or decapitate a rogue rattlesnake or two, who were likely sorry they'd slithered into her yard. The same regret was shared by those who underestimated her by thinking she was just a folksy, sugar-sweet little lady who didn't know much. Granny, who didn't suffer fools, and would put people in their place using sharp wit and feisty indignation.

Granny used humor to bond with people and deal with life's challenges. She enjoyed keeping people of their toes and delighted in knowing they thought she was funny. She would use her hands to jokingly point at someone while giving them the stink eye, or to essentially play chicken to see who would move their hand first. She had amazing reflexes so usually she won this little game.

A couple months before her passing, she asked to hold a mirror to check out her hair. She gazed at her reflection, touched her hand to her face, and sarcastically said, "Aren't I pretty." In reality, whether as a young, svelte woman with dewy skin and bright red hair, or an elderly woman with coarse



grey hair and wrinkled skin, her compassion for others, her intelligence, her kindness, her humility, and her resilient spirit made her one of the most beautiful women to ever exist.

She frequently held her hands together to pray to a God she believed in wholeheartedly. Her foundation in her faith enabled her to be the amazing and unique "Granny" to all, daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend during her time on Earth. She worked tirelessly. She gave love freely. After nearly hundred years of living life to its fullest, it was time for her to let her hands rest. Now she is cradled in the loving hands of God.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Kenneth Fanton

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Kenneth "Henry" Fanton, 76, of Keystone Heights died suddenly in his home Tuesday, April 24, 2018. He was born in New York State to Raymond G. and Mildred (Perry) Fanton and grew up on a dairy farm. He worked at a car dealership and owned an auto repair shop. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Robert G. Fanton.

Survivors include: his wife of 52 years, Cyndi; two daughters, Patti (Brian Collins) Tritt of North Carolina and Kathy (David) VanEtten of New York; son, Ken Jr. (Carrie) of Keystone Heights; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Lester R. (Joan) Fanton and James (Barbara) Fanton of Wellsville. At the request of Fanton his services will be private and the interment will be in Stannards Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

## Ruth Gawley

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Ruth Naomi (Hokanson) Gawley, age 100, of Keystone Heights passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville after a brief illness. Ruth was born at home in Porter, Indiana on July 7, 1917, and was the sixth of eight children born to Victor and Anna (Lindblade) Hokanson. As a teenager, Ruth worked in the family grocery store then moved to Chicago, living with her sister, Edith, to attend business college. Following college, Ruth was employed at Armour Meats in Chicago as the secretary in their personnel department. While attending a Lawrence Welk Show, Ruth met Jack Gawley. He was recently discharged from the Navy and worked in his father's construction company. They were married on June 8, 1947 and set up housekeeping in Chicago. Jack and Ruth moved to Keystone Heights in 1973 when Jack received a job offer at Park of the Palms. Following Jack's death in July of 1982, Ruth continued to be a part of the Park of the Palms community, volunteering in the dining hall into her 90's. She enjoyed the friends and when housekeeping became too much, she moved into the Manor (ALF) at Park of the Palms. She was able to have Paul and his two sons, Rich, Lorie, Jean, Jack and their youngest son and his wife visit in her last days.

Ruth is survived by: her and Jack's three children, Jean Gawley (Jack) Strating, Paul (Jill) Gawley, and Richard (Lorie) Gawley. Also left behind are nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and a host of additional family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10 in the Manor at Park of the Palms. Private family graveside services for Ruth were held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Stewards Ministries, 1101 Perimeter Dr. Suite 600, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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## Johnny Johnson

STARKE—Johnny Mitchel Johnson, age 71, of Starke passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018 at his residence with his loving wife by his side. He was born in West Florida in 1946 to the late Frank W. Johnson and Dorothy Lockhart Johnson. Johnny relocated to Bradford County as a teenager. After he was saved by his Lord and Savior, Johnny met the love of his life, Arbutus Pearsall, while attending a church event. They were happily married soon after on Nov. 14, 1975. Johnny was a devoted husband and loving father. He loved his family more than anything and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed his longtime career as a truck driver for W.S. Saunders Hauling where he worked for over 20 years until retirement. When Johnny wasn't working, he was always outdoors, either fishing, tending to his lawn, rescuing squirrels, or using his mechanic skills to repair automobiles. He also enjoyed attending Bradford Baptist Church, where he was a member for many years. Johnny was preceded in death by: his parents; his brother, Wayne Johnson; and his sister, Jane Johnson.

Johnny is survived by: his loving wife of 42 years, Arbutus Johnson of Starke; his daughter, Jenny (Joseph) Davis of Starke; his brothers, Franklin Irving (Ingrid) Johnson of Green Cove Springs, and Frederick Johnson of Hampton; his grandchildren, Bryan, Shawn, and Erika Davis; and many nieces and nephews.

A Going Home Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 5:00 pm at the Bradford Baptist Church of Starke with Pastor Rick Jackson 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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## Jose Sanchez-Gutierrez

WALDO— Jose Alfredo Sanchez-Gutierrez, age 60, of Waldo passed away April 15, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. He was born Oct. 28, 1957 in Santa Rosa de Lima Guanajuato Gto, Mexico to Gregorio Sanchez and Maria Peidad Gutierrez Mendez. Jose moved to the area over 45 years ago and was a caretaker at Cypress Grove Farms. He enjoyed tinkering with cars and loved animals especially goats, horses and geese. His favorite pastime was gardening. More than anything Jose loved his family and spending time with them. Jose is predeceased by his parents.

Jose is survived by his children, Jennifer (Dylan) Sanchez of Crawfordville, Javier Sanchez of Tallahassee, and Megan (Ever) Pineda of Tallahassee; siblings, Maria Elana Sanchez Gutierrez, Rosa Sanchez Gutierrez, Jose Daniel Sanchez Gutierrez, Maria de Jesus Sanchez Gutierrez, Sofia Sanchez Gutierrez, Ines Adriana Sanchez Gutierrez, Ma Soledad Patricia Gonzalez Gutierrez, Agustin Ignacio Gonzalez Gutierrez, Jose Juan Gonzalez Gutierrez, Maria Dolores Gonzalez Gutierrez; granddaughters, Adeline Brodie, Teona, Isabella, Meya Pineda.

A visitation was held on April 28 at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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## Barbara Whaley

STARKE— Barbara Jean Wilkinson Whaley, 83, of Starke died Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. She was born on May 3, 1934 in Lawley to the late Wesley and Nellie (Austin) Wilkinson and moved to Starke from Tampa 25 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Kingsley Lake Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Thomas George "Tom" Whaley; and her sister, Daisy Boch.

Survivors are: daughters, Lynn Whaley, Kelli (Danny) Luke, Jana (Jerry) Revels all of Starke, Mindi (John) Raymond of Valrico; sisters, Amanda (Bob) Smith of Starke, Magdalene Griffiths, and June Griffiths both of Palatka. Also left are twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church on April 27. Interment will be at a later date in Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

## Socials

### Eaves, Thornton to wed

Kimberly Eaves and Steven Thornton were engaged on Oct. 30, 2014.

The bride is the daughter of Donald W. Davis Sr. and stepmother, Cheri Davis of Starke and Deborah Ann Batten (deceased) and stepfather, Stoney Ray Batten. The groom is the son



of Richard and Carolyn Thornton (deceased).

They plan to be to be married on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1 p.m. at the Holy Mission of Jesus Christ Church, 625 East Brownlee Street, Starke.

### Oody graduates jump school at Fort Benning

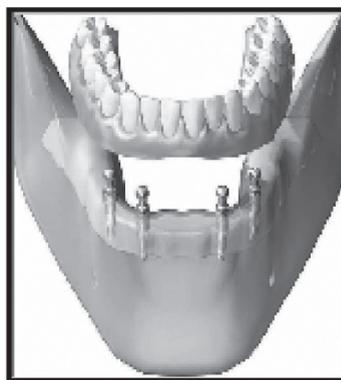
The United States Army Airborne School – widely known as Jump School – conducts the basic paratrooper (military parachutist) training for the United States armed forces. It is operated by the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. The Airborne School conducts the Basic Airborne Course, which is open to troops of both genders from all branches of the United States Department of Defense, Reserve Officer Training Corps, and allied military personnel.

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You would probably take the time to check facts, or you could choose not to print because of consideration or how this does not help anyone to print, but it definitely can hurt. Blatant disregard for common courtesy just makes the paper look like a public forum for someone's pettiness.

*The family of  
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Lake Butler*

## Museum thanks

Dear Editor:  
"The Rose Crystal Bell" was put on in the auditorium of the Santa Fe Cultural Building this past April 19th. Without the support of the community and the businesses in Starke, it would not have been the success it was. The Telegraph and WEAG-FM advertised the event. Local business let us put up flyers about the event. On the night of the play, Dinks and Tony and Al's gave a ten percent discount to people bringing in their program. The play was a joint effort between the Matthews Museum and the BHS drama class. The students, led by Mrs. Young did the performance. Chuck Kramer did the 1954 news, both national and local. The museum thanks the community and individuals who made this evening a success. We hope to bring other events for the community.

*James Love,  
Chairman Eugene L.  
Matthews Bradford County  
Historical Museum.*

It even helped us to grow up faster because we were treated like adults. The only problem, as I see it, is that the Bradford County School system does not use enough Starke/Bradford County businesses. There are enough businesses in Bradford County that could handle all of our school's needs so far as maintenance, products, electric, air conditioning, networking/wi-fi, phones, camera/security and of course paper/office equipment. I know that the school board uses some businesses but there are more of us that would like some of the school's business.

Some of the best times that I have had in my over 34 years in business was with the principal of the middle school when he asked me to sponsor the "student of the month" award. He thought it was going to be just one student but we made it one student per grade or 3 plaques/trophies plus a cash award per month. This was back in the late 80's, early 90's. We continued with that program for about 3 or 4 years and I have some of those students that still have their plaques come up to me and thank me. What caused this, simple economics, the school board paid me, and I paid the Sporting Chance for the plaque (with the child's name engraved on it). We had a live video presentation and gave back to our school children. Sporting Chance made some very impressive plaques and the children enjoyed receiving them. But had it not been for the work we were doing for the schools, the middle school principal would have probably never met me.

This was a win-win for us and the Sporting Chance, but mainly the children won. The school system receives the highest amount of taxes from all residential and business real estate so even more reason that the school system would benefit more by using local business.

*Max Norton, Jr.  
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## BMS earns straight superiors at assessment



**MEMBERS OF THE BMS INTERMEDIATE BAND:** (front row, l-r) Layica Padilla, Melanie Sammons, Gabriel Prevatt, Madison Taylor, Ja'taiya Glover, Mario Small, Gavin Staats, Darien Williams, (second row) Alyssa Murphy, Teagan Bradley, Shawn Davis, Erica Davis, Reagan Weller, Omari James, Madilyn Wilsey, Astrid Sellars, Sabrina Creighton, Mauricio Mena, Shaynah Miller, (third row) Tristan Mobley, Deja Miller, Zachary Clayton, Jessica Traylor, Joshua Higginbotham, Gavin Sakkinen, Clayton Brems, Gideon Jordan, Kaylee Walker, Alonna Wilcox, Randall Smith, Saul Urrutia and Cyrus Coblentz.



**MEMBERS OF THE BMS CONCERT BAND:** (front row, l-r) Tanner Aucoin, Claire Marwich, Omari James, Autumn DeHoff, Cynthia Macedo, Allison Funderburk, Christine Sammons, Mattison Warren, (second row) Ancelmo MacedoBanda, Shaynah Miller, Erica Davis, Haley Jones, Shelby Burkhalter, Melanie Sammons, Sabrina Creighton, Astrid Sellars, Reagan Weller, (third row) Judah LeVassure, Darien Williams, Nicholas Teague, Brooklynn Reddish, Aaliyah McLeod, Madison Taylor, Emma Burns, Gage Hannah, Joshua Ackermann, David O'Brian, (fourth row) Gavin Sakkinen, Drew Crews, Mia Thomas, Bobby Bradley, Nicholas Jordan, Rhett Bradley and Abigail Clouser.

On April 6, the Bradford Middle School Intermediate and Concert Bands attended their annual music performance assessment in Minneola, Florida. Both bands were tasked to perform three contrasting pieces of music for three certified state adjudicators. Each piece of music is scored in multiple categories with a rating of poor, fair, good, excellent or superior. Bands are then taken to a room and given two pieces of music they have never seen before. The band director is allotted 3-5 minutes of silent (speaking only) rehearsal time to go over the music and then the band must play the music and receive a score. At this year's state assessment, both BMS bands

received the highest mark, superior, for sight reading and straight superiors across all categories on their stage performance!

School were guest clinicians that helped to prepare the students this year. The BMS Band would also like to thank Clay Cobb from Williston Junior/Senior High School and Jim Peronto of Bradford County for volunteering their time at the pre-assessment concert.

## SOCIALS

Continued from 4B

Infantry Regiment of the Texas ARNG, divisional Long Range Surveillance Units, the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, or the Special Forces Qualification Course. Chance Oody, a past graduate of Bradford High Class of 2016, recently received his wings while completing Jump School at Fort Benning. Oody, a recipient of the Nomination to West Point Class of 2020, has now been relocated to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he will undergo the endurance associated with Special Forces Qualification Course.

## School district should shop local

Dear Editor:  
In response to BHS principal Blye's comments at the Kiwanis Club on April 10, I do agree with Mr. Blye and Ms. Worrell that businesses need to get involved in our schools. I am sold on vocational schooling. This is where I had my first formal electronic training at the Vo-Tech and it was some of the best training.

## Starke Shriners set record with paper exchange



Four members of the Starke Shrine Club spent Saturday morning at the intersection of U.S. 301 and S.R. 100, handing out information about Shrine hospitals and collecting donations for the facilities in what the Shriners call a paper exchange. The men started at 9 a.m. and continued for two-and-a-half hours until fatigue set in, according to member Ted Barber.

Barber added that thanks to the generosity of drivers, the group set a new record for the local paper exchange.

He also said that one member: Rocky Hudson, unable to walk the intersection, instead made a significant donation to the cause. Pictured are (l-r) Ted Barber, David Kniseley, Roy Weiland and Mark Griffith.

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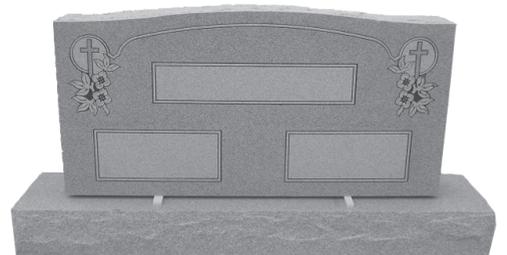
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# CRIME

## Bradford County arrests

## Witnesses trail hit-and-run suspect until deputies arrive

### Bradford County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Bradford deputies arrested a Keystone Heights woman after the 32-year-old allegedly fled the scene of a traffic crash on SR 21 Saturday night.

Samantha Lumpkins was arrested for hit-and run and DUI.

Bradford deputies took Lumpkins into custody at Chiappini's Gulf Station in Melrose. But the collision occurred four miles away, just south of Trinity Baptist Church in Bradford County.

There, Johnny Austin of Keystone Heights said he was driving toward Keystone Heights when he saw an oncoming car cross the centerline and head straight for him.

"I tried to go in the ditch, but she still clipped me," Austin said. "She caught my side and then spun my back end around."

Austin's car wound up in the Melrose-bound ditch facing Melrose.

Auston added that the driver of the other car, a female, lost her left, front tire in the collision, but kept going. Austin said the other driver then drove by the crash scene twice before leaving for good.

Neither driver was injured. Ryan and Theida Tusher said they were following behind Austin when they saw the crash occur.

"We saw the whole thing," said Ryan Tusher.

"We had to swerve off the road too," added Theida Tusher.

The Tushers decided to find the hit-and-run suspect. It wasn't hard. Without a tire, Lumpkin's rim and wheel left a trail on S.R. 21 that the Tushers followed to the Melrose convenience store.

"We pulled up behind her but kept our distance," Ryan said, "called 911 and waited for the police to arrive."

Another Bradford County arrests;

Demetri Blount, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Clay County.

Samuel Reese Box, 23, of Starke was arrested on April 28 by Starke officers for possession of drugs.

Travis Q. Brown, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Marie, Shantell Clark, 38, of Fort Myers was arrested April 29 by Starke officers for larceny.

Ronald Lee Colvin, 58, of Jacksonville was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Allegra Cashun George, 43, of Starke was arrested April 29 by Starke officers for larceny.

A'vion Treavon Gunsby, 27, was arrested May 1 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana, and an out-of-county warrant (Marion County).

Brandi Nicole Harrison, 36, of Glen St. Mary, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Baker County

for violation of probation.

Jason Bernard Howell, 38, of Brooker, was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for DUI – Unlawful Blood Alcohol.

Mark Timothy Kurimay, 36, of Graham, was arrested April 26 by Bradford deputies for two counts of possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Shiquita Mays, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies on a hold from Union County for aggravated battery.

Leroy Roger Mccauley, 42, of Starke was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Jonathan Gregory Norman, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies in a hold from the Department of Corrections for probation violation.

Cody Allan Summerlin, 25, homeless, was arrested April 27 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant (Alachua County) for failure to appear.

Ryan Michael Taylor, 25, of Starke, was arrested May 1 by Starke officers for a moving traffic violation.

Donald Wayne Thornton, 35, of Starke, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Christopher Allan Willingham, 44, of Starke, was arrested April 28 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Richard William Wright, 45, of Starke, was arrested April 30 by Bradford deputies for sexual assault.

Brent Antonio Young, 29, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested April 26 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

## Suspect arrested for 6 Keystone burglaries

### Clay County

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Clay County deputies arrested a suspect in six Keystone Heights-area burglaries.

Cirocco David Fox, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested April 15 on unrelated charges but was interviewed as a person of interest in a number of break-ins which occurred over the last few months in the Lake Region. He was positively identified by photograph in all of the cases.

The first incident took place at a residence on Appomattox Avenue on Feb. 14. According to the arrest report, Fox entered the dwelling while it was unoccupied and stole items from the inside.

Fox is also accused of a Feb. 16 burglary, at a home on Silver Sands Circle. In this incident, the arrest report states that Fox entered the unoccupied dwelling and stole a tablet, a laptop, paper currency and a box of condoms. There was no forced entry and it is believed that the suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door.

The third break-in occurred on Feb. 25, about a block away from the Silver Sands Circle burglary. A house-sitter told investigators that she noticed

items missing and reported the burglary. Missing are guns, a four-wheeler, two book bags, a variety of ammunition and other small items.

Deputies also linked Fox to a Feb. 25 theft on Hillridge Road. According to an arrest report, early on Feb. 26, the owner of a backyard shed noticed the door open and a motorcycle stored in the structure missing. Deputies found the bike nearby, leaning against a utility pole. However, they did not recover other items missing from the shed, including woodworking tools.

Another break-in occurred on Silver Sands Circle on March 7. In that incident, the resident noticed his back gate open the next day and informed law enforcement. The victim was in the process of moving and noticed several boxes of items missing from the home, including one marked electronics and another containing several bottles of liquor. Also missing was a tool set and some laundry soap.

The final theft occurred on March 18 on Rollins Street. The victim reported that he had been out grocery shopping with his disabled mother and left his 2007 Hyundai running at the curb in front of the residence while he walked her inside. When he tried to return to the vehicle a short time later, he found it missing. Charged this time with grand theft auto, Fox was identified by the victim as a former friend. The victim added that he never gave Fox permission to drive the car.

In other Clay County arrests:

Rebekah Louise Hall, 29, was arrested April 30 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for retail petty theft, and possession of drug equipment.

Robert Dalton Thornton, 32, was arrested April 28 by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for domestic battery.

## SWAT team used to capture Union County man

Pierre Louis Williams, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested April 25 by Union Deputy Charles Townsend for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon (firearm or concealed weapon), drug possession (controlled substance without a prescription) and felony violation of probation.

According to the arrest report, Townsend responded to a call in reference to a disturbance on SW 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Lake Butler. Dispatch had advised that a male and a female at this residence had been arguing verbally earlier in the day, but that the male was now in the possession of a firearm and was threatening to shoot her and any police present.

The female was able to get away from the male and later identified him as

Williams. When she made contact with deputies at the scene she said Williams was in possession of two firearms and had discharged one twice. She described the guns as a .45 pistol and a 9 mm pistol. She said Williams had threatened to shoot her and law enforcement. She said she had last seen the .45 in the car, and that Williams had the other pistol and was going out the back door of the home. She also said he had extended the stock of the 9 mm to make it look like a rifle. She also reported that Williams told her that he had taken 7 to 9 Zanax pills and she thought that was why he was acting as if he was intoxicated and could not walk.

Sheriff Brad Whitehead and Captain Lynn Williams were notified of the situation and the RMC K-9 and SWAT Leader Sgt. Andrews were activated and arrived at the scene, taking command. Deputies surrounded the house and the female was allowed to retreat to a safe location with family.

Bradford/Union SWAT was able to take Williams into custody without incident. After the residence had been cleared, the female gave deputies permission to search the residence and vehicle, which were photographed before the search began. The firearms were both located in the car. During the search, deputies noticed a game camera behind the residence, outside the residence's back door which appeared to be operational. The camera was taken as evidence. Also found inside the vehicle were seven Zanax pills stored in a clear plastic bag.

Williams is currently on felony probation, of which he only had four months left.

Ethan Paul Crawford, 16, of Raiford was arrested on April 26 by Union deputies on a Union County Take into Custody Warrant for burglary of a dwelling, unarmed with no assault or battery and larceny – theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000 and another Union County Take into Custody Warrant for burglary of a structure or conveyance, unarmed, without persons inside and a second count of larceny.

In ther Union County arrests:

Dalton Wayne Elixson, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Caleb Michael Glaspy, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Justin Lee Lanterman, 16, of Lake Butler was arrested April 25 by Union Deputy Jason Lepanto on a Union County warrant for burglary of a structure of conveyance,

unarmed without persons inside and larceny, theft of \$300 but not more than \$5,000 and another warrant for another count of burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, unarmed, without persons inside and another count of larceny.

Shiquita Semon Mays, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies for aggravated battery – person uses a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Willie Jerome Newsome, 18, was arrested April 27 by Union deputies for distribution of marijuana, possession of narcotic equipment and on a warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

Torrence Demetrious Reed, 23, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a warrant for distribution of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver within 1,000 feet of public housing, and possession and/or use of narcotic equipment.

Susan Alison Shuler, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested April 26 by Union Deputy Robert Fipps on an out-of-county warrant.

Bradley Ryan Spiegel, 15, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for armed burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and robbery by sudden snatching with a firearm or weapon.

William Ira Tillman, 48, of Lake Butler was arrested April 27 by Union Deputy Shelby Seay Ellis on a Union County warrant for felony

violation of probation.

Pennie Arla Waldron, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested April 28 by Union Deputy David Gladding for delivering/distributing drugs (methamphetamine), possession and/or use of narcotic equipment and smuggling contraband into prison (a controlled substance).

Curtis Donell Watkins, 44, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union Deputy Shelby Seay Ellis on a Union County Warrant for sexual assault on a victim over 12 years of age with physical force but no damage.

## FASTING

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Arch G. Mainous III, the Florida Blue Endowed Professor of Health Administration and chair of health services research, management and policy in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions; Christiaan Leeuwenburgh, a professor and chief of the UF College of Medicine's division of biology of aging who also is affiliated with the UF Institute on Aging; and researchers from The Johns Hopkins University and the National Institute on Aging Intramural Research Program, both in Baltimore.

## LEGALS

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### NOTICE

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## The Weekly Paw Print: Sunburn and Sunscreen

This past weekend I got to spend time with friends outdoors. While we were applying sunscreen my friend Kim posed the question, "Is it okay to use sunscreen on my dog?" The shortest answer is yes. However, everyone knows I tend to talk a bit so let us expound a little on the subject of sunburn and sunscreen.

Keeping a dog indoors from 10 am to 4 pm is the best way to protect them from the sun's harmful rays. Dogs can also experience heat stroke in the summer. Making sure your dog has access to water and shade is an essential part of keeping your pet safe on hot days.

White dogs with short-hair like Bull Terriers, Pit Bulls, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Greyhounds, and Boxers are more susceptible to sunburn than dogs with darker skin and thicker coats. Even though these breeds are more likely to burn, all pet parents should consider the use of sunscreen for their dogs in the summer.

A sunburned dog can suffer from red, inflamed skin that becomes irritated and painful. Sunburns on dogs can also lead to skin cancers such as squamous cell carcinoma, malignant melanomas, hemangiomas, or hemangiosarcomas.

The safest and most effective sunscreen to put on your dogs is one that is specifically designed for canine use, like Epi-Pet Sun Protector. When this is not possible use a children's sunscreen without fragrance. Remember, it will likely be ingested because we are dealing with dogs so it is important to read the label. DO NOT use products with Zinc Oxide or PABA: both can be toxic if ingested. Try it on a small area first to make sure it does not cause a skin reaction before you spread it all over you dog. Focus on hairless and areas of thinned hair. Also all exposed pink skin.

So Kim, yes. You can and should put sunscreen on your dog.

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# Hits hard to come by in 3-1 KHHS loss

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff  
Writer

Keystone Heights High School struggled against Newberry pitcher Brett Baron, who gave up four hits and struck out seven in 6.2 innings as the third seed Panthers defeated the fourth seed Indians 3-1 in the April 30 quarterfinals of the District 5-5A baseball tournament in Keystone.

Connor Osteen pitched a complete game for the Indians (9-16), giving up six hits and one walk, while striking out five. Keystone, though, couldn't generate much offense and left five baserunners stranded in scoring position. Kaison Harvey went 2-for-3 with a double, but the rest of the team went a combined 2-for-23.

Harvey put the Indians up 1-0 in the third inning when he singled and eventually scored on an error.

Newberry (15-8) answered with two runs in the bottom half of the inning, with one run scoring on a passed ball and another scoring on an infield ground out.



First baseman Nate Gagnon fields a ground ball.

The Panthers advanced to play second seed P.K. Yonge in a semifinal game this past Tuesday.

Keystone's final week of the regular season didn't go very well, either, as the Indians lost games to Ridgeview, Clay and Buchholz.

Host Ridgeview erased a 4-0 deficit to defeat the Indians 5-4 on April 24.

Andrew Cox, Alex Kanos and Gary Searle each had an RBI, with Kanos going 2-for-3. Cox and Trey Alsbrook each hit a double, while Nate Gagnon went 2-for-3.

Alsbrook pitched three innings of scoreless relief, giving up two hits.

On April 25, Gagnon and Kanos each had three RBI, but it wasn't enough as visiting Clay handed the Indians a 23-8 loss in five innings.

Gagnon and Kanos each went 3-for-3, while Osteen went 2-for-2.

Keystone managed just two hits in its regular-season finale, which was a 9-0 road loss to Buchholz.

Cox had both hits, going 2-for-3.

# BHS' Alvarez to play football at Kentucky Christian



Jakob Alvarez, seated between parents Leavy and Melissa Alvarez, signs his letter of intent to play football at Kentucky Christian University.

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff  
Writer

If one thing can be said about Bradford High School senior Jakob Alvarez, it's that when he sets a goal, he reaches it.

One goal was to continue playing football. He gets the chance after receiving a scholarship from Kentucky Christian University, which is located in the city of Grayson.

"I'm just excited," Alvarez said following an April 25 signing ceremony in the BHS media center. "Just to get to play college football — that's what I've been waiting for."

BHS Head Coach Brian Tomlinson recalled first meeting Alvarez when he was hired last May. Alvarez told his new coach he was going to win a state championship in weightlifting, which he did earlier this month. Tomlinson said after football season was over, Alvarez said he wanted to play college football.

"I do believe he can do anything he puts his mind to," Tomlinson said.

Alvarez, an offensive lineman, said a couple of other schools, such as Point University in West Point, Georgia, were interested in him, but he believes he made the right choice in selecting Kentucky Christian. He became convinced of when he was shown around its campus by coaches. He said to himself, "Yeah. This

is where I want to go."

The school's nursing program was an appeal also, as was the fact Alvarez said Grayson feels a lot like Starke to him.

"I felt right at home," he said.

Tomlinson said one of the biggest assets Alvarez — who received second-team Gainesville Sun All-Area and Florida Times-Union All-First Coast honors this past season — possesses as an offensive lineman is his attitude.

"A lot of people say they want mean and nasty offensive linemen," Tomlinson said. "He is, but the great thing about him is he's only mean and nasty for that four six seconds of the play. After that, he's a great person — a great, young man with a bright future."

Tomlinson said Alvarez still has techniques to learn about playing on the line, but that will come once he gets into college and is around coaches who will devote a lot of time to teaching him.

"He has a few things he's still going to have to learn, but he's a quick learner," Tomlinson said. "He's smart. He's intelligent. He understands what has to be done. Then you throw in the fact that he's so strong. Being a quick learner and being as strong as he is — it makes it a lot easier as a coach to have an offensive lineman like that."

Alvarez played tackle at BHS,

but that could possibly change.

"He may have to end up making a change from tackle to somewhere like center," Tomlinson said, "but if anybody can do it, he can."

It doesn't matter to Alvarez. He just wants to be on the field contributing.

"Wherever they put me, I'll play," he said.

The Kentucky Christian Knights are coached by Corey Fipps, who is entering his third season. The team went 4-18 his first two seasons.

KCU plays at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics level and is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association. The Knights play football in the Bluegrass Division of the Mid-South Conference.

When asked what it'll feel like to be on the field for the first time as a college player, Alvarez said, "Probably a little nerve-wracking, obviously, because you don't know anybody."

His high school coach thinks he'll do just fine.

"I think Kentucky Christian's getting a hard-working young man," Tomlinson said. "I can tell you, they're going to fall in love with him. They're going to get him on the field, and they're not going to want to let him off the field. They're going to make sure he's out there."

# BHS baseball season ends with 18-3 loss

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff  
Writer

Jacob Polk went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, but the rest of his teammates couldn't get anything off Palatka pitcher Chandler Mullins, who gave up four hits and struck out 13 as the seventh seed Panthers defeated the sixth seed Tornadoses 18-3 in the April 30 quarterfinals of the District 5-5A baseball tournament at Keystone Heights High School.

Polk scored Bradford's first run when Tucker Stack was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. His second came on a steal of home from third, while his third came off a Stack single.

Palatka had no trouble against four Bradford pitchers, getting 17 hits.

Bradford, which lost its final eight games, ended its season with an 8-14 record.

Palatka (11-15) advanced to the tournament semifinals this past Tuesday to play top seed Santa Fe.



Logan Evans chases a ball in right field.



Garfield Johns (left) takes a lead at first after getting hit by a pitch in the third inning.



Second baseman Trent Bryant makes a throw to first.



Jacob Polk watches a pitch come in. He was the only Bradford batter with multiple hits, one of which was a double.

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### Just regular guys

Elite Automotive marks one-year anniversary in Starke

Breakfast at Grannies, reading the Telegraph and watching traffic crawl along U.S. 301. Chris Forbach and Chuck Trotter may not live in Bradford County, but after a year working out of their Elite Automotive shop at the corner of U.S. 301 and Pratt Street, the two are very comfortable with Starke and the surrounding area. But more importantly, Bradford County residents have gotten very comfortable with Chris and Chuck.

Their small-town outlook: Chris lives in Hawthorne and Chuck in MacClenney, their honesty and the pride they take in their work have made them a favorite, not only of individuals but also of businesses and governmental entities within the county.

Ask them what they appreciate most about owning their own business and the answer may surprise you.

"We're grateful for the relationships we're building around here," said Chris.

"And we're thankful for the large number of referrals we've gotten from our new friends here," added Chuck. "I mean, the best compliment you could have is for one of your customers to send a friend to you: 'We came because so-and-so said you guys are the best. All we've heard are good things about you.'"

"It's gratifying and humbling to know that our customers not only trust us with their vehicles but also trust us with their friends," Chuck added.

### New equipment, technical expertise

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## Bradford resident Sutton to play baseball at Delgado

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

P.K. Yonge's baseball team attempted to extend its season this past Tuesday in the semifinals of the District 5-5A tournament, but regardless of the outcome, there is more baseball in Austin Sutton's future after he accepted a scholarship from New Orleans' Delgado Community College.

"I love it," said Sutton, who lives in Bradford County and is the son of Brian and Elizabeth Sutton. "That's all I've ever wanted to do, go to college and play baseball and get my education. I'm going to be able to do that."

The grandson of Monica Clements and Ken and Glenda Sutton — all Bradford County residents as well — said Delgado was the first school to show interest in him. He took a visit to the school and was surprised to receive an offer during that visit.

"It didn't really kick in until I got home and was talking to my parents about it," Sutton said. "It was great."

The school felt like a good fit, Sutton said, explaining, "They campus up there is beautiful. All the players are nice. They're a family up there."

This year (through April 30) for P.K. Yonge, Sutton has hit a team-leading 13 doubles. He currently has a .432 batting average, which is third on the team, and has 28 RBI, which is second on the team. He is 22-for-22 on stolen-base attempts.

As a junior, Sutton broke the P.K. Yonge record for stolen bases in a season with 33. The old record was 26 set in 1981.

Sutton also batted .375 as a junior and earned second-team Gainesville Sun All-Area honors.



Bradford County resident Austin Sutton, who is a senior at P.K. Yonge, accepted a scholarship to play baseball at New Orleans' Delgado Community College. He is seated with his sister, Lila, at his signing ceremony. His parents, Brian and Elizabeth Sutton, are pictured standing behind him.

Though he plays shortstop now, that may change at Delgado.

"They're talking about me playing some in the outfield and maybe playing second base," Sutton said.

However, any position is fine with him.

"As long as I'm on the field," Sutton said.

In looking at his game, Sutton said he needs to work on his discipline at the plate and do a better job of recognizing balls and strikes. He also needs to prepare to adapt to a different level of play.

"Next year is going to be a lot

better," he said.

Sutton, of course, hopes to move on to a four-year school after two years at Delgado. He said playing for LSU would be a dream.

Delgado, as of press time, was 33-17. The Dolphins' head coach is Joe Scheuermann, who is in his 27th season.

When asked what it will feel like when he steps onto the field for the first time as a Delgado Dolphin, Sutton said, "It's going to be amazing, I know that. I just can't wait for it."

## Guy to compete in 2 state events for KHHS



Alex Guy qualified for state in both the 800m and 1600m.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Alex Guy is the only Keystone Heights High School track and field athlete who will be advancing to the state finals after his performances in the 800m and 1600m at the Region 2-2A finals, which were held April 25 at Orlando's First Academy.

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to compete in the Florida High School Athletic Association Finals, which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Guy finished as runner-up in the 800m with a time of 1:59.37. Tavares' Dalton Brown won the event with a time of 1:57.47.

In the 1600m, Guy earned the last state-qualifying spot ahead of Brown, finishing fourth with a time of 4:32.36. Brown had a time of 4:32.38.

The times for Guy's races at state are 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4, for the 800m and 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, for the 1600m.

Girls' team member finished two spots out of qualifying for state in the 1600m, placing sixth with a time of 5:25.91. Williams also placed seventh in the 320mm with a time of 12:43.23.

Others competing for Keystone included Marcus McGruder, who was in three events: high jump (5-5.75), long jump (18-5.25) and triple jump (38-2.75). The boys' team was also represented by Raymond Anderson in the discus (112-11) and by Guy, Ryan Williams, Garrett Stanley and Jerry Payne in the 4x400m relay (3:41.39).

The girls' 4x400m relay team of Danielle Garvey, Haley Phillips, Lindsay Schrader and Jessi Yeldell competed, finishing with a time of 4:37.59.

As individuals, Phillips competed in the 1600m (5:47.31), while Yeldell competed in the high jump (4-6).

Victoria Bannon also competed, running a time of 19.93 in the 100m hurdles.

## Harris, Hines to compete at state for BHS



Meghan Harris will participate in three events at state: the 400m, 300m hurdles and triple jump. She will also be joined at state by teammate Jade Hines, who will compete in the long jump.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Meghan Harris and Jade Hines will represent Bradford High School at the Florida High School Athletic Association Track and Field Finals after their performances at the April 25 Region 2-2A finals, which were hosted by Orlando's First Academy.

The top four individuals in each event earned the right to advance to state, which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Harris qualified in all three events she competed in, placing

fourth in each one. She jumped 34-11 in the triple jump, earning the last state-qualifying spot ahead of Lake Highland Prep's Payton Sorensen, who jumped 33-9.5. In the 300m hurdles, Harris edged out Orlando Jones' Destini Franklin for the last qualifying spot with a time of 49.40 (Franklin had a time of 49.43), while in the 400m, Harris posted a time of 59.51 to beat out Trinity Catholic's Sarah Richmond, who had a time of 59.57.

Hines competed in two events and will advance in the long jump after jumping 16-11.25, which was good for third. Hines also competed in the 200m, placing seventh with a time of 26.96.

On Friday, May 4, at state, Harris will compete in the 400m preliminaries at 1:10 p.m. and the 300m hurdles preliminaries at 2:50 p.m. The finals will be held Saturday, May 5, with the 400m starting at 3:30 p.m. and the 300m hurdles starting at 4 p.m.

Hines will compete in the long at state at 5 p.m. on May 4. Harris will compete in the triple jump at 10:30 p.m. on May 5.

Jeremiah Vaughn just missed out on advancing in the 200m. He had a fifth-place time of 22.90, which left him trailing Orlando Jones' Jadan Robinson, who had a time of 22.62.

Vaughn also competed in the 100m, placing sixth with a time of 11.18.

Jordan Hill placed eighth in the high jump (5-7.75), while Travis Lee was 11th in the triple jump (39-1).

## Tigers advance to district title game with 12-2 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players drove in two runs each as the Union County High School baseball team defeated second seed Crescent City 12-2 in five innings in the semifinals of the District 6-1A tournament on May 1 in Lake Butler.

The third seed Tigers (17-8) play for the district championship on Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. against either top seed Williston or fourth seed Hilliard.

Union scored four runs in each of the first two innings. Trevor Rogers drove in two runs on a single in the first, while Tripp Davis drove in two off a triple in the second.

Whip Davis and Matthew Starling each had two RBI as well, with Davis going 3-for-4. Leadoff batter Skyler Shatto went 2-for-4.

Caden Cox threw all five innings, giving up six hits and two walks, while striking out three. He also picked off two runners at first base.



Paden Clyatt dives back to first base as Crescent City attempts a pick-off play.

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# Season ends for UCHS track, field athletes at regional level

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Solomon Jones and Austin Wilson competed for Union County High School at the April 25 Region 2-2A track and field finals at Orlando's First Academy, but neither placed high enough to qualify for state. Jones placed had a 15th-place distance in the shot put of 33-8, while Wilson had a 16th-place

time of 5:07.23 in the 1600m. Athletes had to finish in the top four to move on to the Florida High School Athletic Association Finals. Kurston Bakken qualified for the Region 2 finals in the discus, but did not make the trip to Orlando. Jaylon Diston qualified to

compete in the high jump, but wasn't listed as having any official results. The Telegraph-Times-Monitor could not reach coach Robbie Best for clarification on what occurred.

# UCHS defeats BHS 5-2 in regular-season finale

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Whip Davis and Caden Cox combined to pitch 4.1 scoreless

innings as the Union County High School baseball team defeated host Bradford 5-2 in the regular-season finale for both teams on April 26. The Tigers trailed 2-1 after the first inning, but scored two runs in the top of the second to take the

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