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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.

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. 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 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

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Elementary school straight-A students

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Fourth Grade Straight-A students: (l-r) Alayah Boykin, Bella Johns, Eva Sharrah, & Seth Norcross. Not pictured is Holly Halfacre.



Baseball team wins district

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Congressman defends guns, tax cut

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

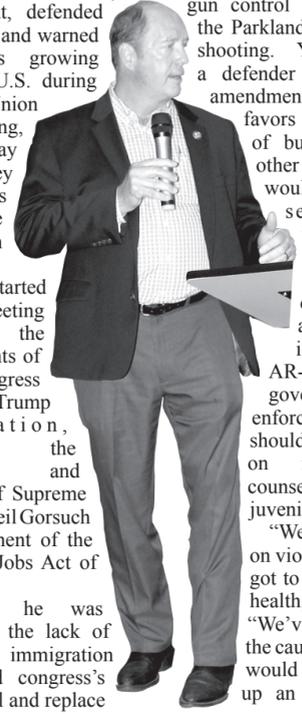
Guns

Rep. Ted Yoho promoted the benefits of the recently-passed tax cut, defended gun ownership and warned about China's growing threat to the U.S. during his Bradford-Union town hall meeting, held Saturday at the Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

Yoho started the meeting by touting the accomplishments of the 115th Congress and the Trump administration, including the appointment and confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

Yoho said he was dissatisfied by the lack of progress on immigration legislation and congress's failure to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Yoho also reiterated his pledge to limiting himself to eight years in congress, declaring that if reelected this year, the 116th congress will be his last.



Rep. Ted Yoho at his Bradford-Union town hall meeting, Saturday May 5 in Starke.

Audience members asked the U.S. Representative about gun control in the wake of the Parkland, Florida school shooting. Yoho said he is a defender of the second amendment, although he favors the banning of bump stocks and other devices that would convert semi-automatic weapons to fully automatic. He said he opposes outlawing assault weapons including AR-15s and said government and law enforcement resources should instead focus on mental health counseling and the juvenile justice system.

"We've got to focus on violence, and we've got to focus on mental health," he said. "We've got to go after the cause of why people would want to pick up an instrument and hurt anybody, whether it's a gun, a knife, a car, or anything. That's a societal problem that we

need to address as Americans, and those are not Republican or Democratic issues. But some people want to focus on one issue, whether it's a gun or something else. We need to focus on the underlying cause."

Yoho also said that school superintendents, state attorneys and other officials have told him that Florida's juvenile justice system is broken.

He also said the manner in which disruptive students are handled at school is counterproductive.

"They have kids that are in school that have disciplinary problems," he said. "They get pulled out of class, and they go into the ESE classrooms where there's kids with learning disabilities. (Then) the teachers spend 80 percent of their time dealing with the disruptive kid."

Tax cut

When asked why he voted for the Republican tax cut bill last year when it was rushed through congress and is to add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit, Yoho responded that he disagreed with the premise of the question.

"It wasn't rushed through," Yoho said of the legislation. "That thing's been talked about for two years. They've been working on this in committee, and so it wasn't rushed through."

"The CBO (Congressional Budget Office) came out and said that it was going to add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit," he added. "The CBO is wrong more times than they're right. They said there was going to be 25 million people thrown off the Affordable Care Act if we repealed it. That's not true."

Yoho then challenged the audience members.

"And if anybody in here — if

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Nine applicants try for Union county court vacancy

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

At the end of an extended application period, which concluded April 27, nine attorneys have applied to fill the Union County Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bo Bayer. The law states that when a retirement cannot be filled by election, as is the case with Bayer, the governor will appoint the replacement. The eighth judicial nominating committee was then called into service to accept applications for the position, review and interview applicants and made recommendations to the governor.

The committee met in Gainesville on May 9 to decide which of the applicants will be interviewed, then on May 14 the committee will conduct these interviews in the upstairs area of the Union County Courthouse. The committee can recommend three to six of the applicants to the governor for consideration and must have these recommendations turned in by May 15. The governor will then have 60 days to make his selection to appoint to the bench. This appointee will take office on January 2,

at the end of Bayer's term and will remain in the seat for two years when it will be filled again by election.

The nine applicants are all experienced attorneys, all with some sort of experience as either a governmental attorney or with the state attorney's or attorney general's office. They are:

Mitchell D. Bishop

Bishop is an assistant state attorney in Palatka in the career criminal unit of the 7th district, where he has served for three months. He is currently a deputy operations officer with the United States Marine Forces Reserve in Hialeah, holding the rank of major. He was previously an assistant state attorney in the drug unit, felony line of the 7th circuit in St. Augustine, a regional judge advocate for the United States Marine Corp and an assistant attorney general in Daytona beach. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, attended a summer semester program through the FSU College of Law held at Oxford University in England and earned his law degree

from Florida Coastal School of Law.

Luis Enrique Bustamante

Bustamante is currently a division chief assistant state attorney for the 8th judicial circuit in Starke. Previously, he was the managing partner of his own law firm, the executive director of the state attorney's office for the 7th judicial circuit in Daytona Beach, where he was previously the chief state attorney in that office. Before this, he was the chief assistant statewide prosecutor. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and a Law degree from the Florida State University College of Law.

Sara Jane Carter

Carter is a partner in the private legal practice of Douglas and Carter in Lake City. She is a fifth generation North Floridian and is the co-owner and manager of a fifth generation, family owned timber business. She lists experience in representing corporations and insurance

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O'Neal departing landfill after 24 years

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Members of the New River Solid Waste Association congratulated outgoing Executive Director Darrell O'Neal on nearly 24 years of service — a tenure during which the landfill underwent an enormous amount of change and innovation.

O'Neal is retired at the end of April and April 12 marked his final meeting. He took the opportunity to discuss progress that has made the landfill more known around the world than in its own community.

Regional solid waste

New River was the first regional solid waste authority in Florida, formed by Baker, Bradford and Union counties because they are both geographically close and likeminded, O'Neal said. New River Regional Landfill opened in 1992 with eight employees and a budget of \$900,000. By 1997, the landfill began taking on outside customers, including Alachua County, going from 125 tons of waste a day to 750 tons overnight.

Today, at 850 tons of waste a day, and because of the acquisition of 300 additional acres, there is capacity for another 65 years.

The landfill also owes its lifespan to its guiding principles, chief among them, "To pursue innovative technologies and methodologies to reduce waste, maximize the use of landfill space and maintain reasonable solid waste disposal costs to its users."

"This has been our primary focus, what we're distinguished by," said O'Neal. "New River is not a traditional landfill. It is a bioreactor, treat-as-you-go, sustainable, integrated solid waste management facility."



New River Solid Waste Association Chair Karen Cossey presents outgoing Executive Director Darrell O'Neal a plaque and the "key to the landfill" at his final meeting.

reclaim capacity and extend the life of a landfill. New River has served as a training and research site for many graduate students who have gone on to work at universities, government agencies and consulting firms around the world. A lot of articles have been written and there's hardly a solid waste conference in the country where New River isn't featured in some way, O'Neal said.

—early gas collection has given the landfill a source of fuel for one or more future energy projects that will benefit the environment and earn revenue for the association. They exceed gas collection requirements, collecting more than 85 percent — the equivalent of powering 126,000 homes for a year — and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 1.2 million tons.

—staff's participation in construction and expansion projects, guided by engineers from Jones Edmunds and Associates, has saved millions of dollars and eliminated the landfill's debt. The team of O'Neal and Perry Kent sitting on the tailgate of Kent's truck and observing the construction of the second disposal cell envisioned a day when the landfill would be doing the work itself. O'Neal said they do it faster and more economically — and with innovations designed by Jones Edmunds that have changed the industry. Even post-closure costs will be greatly curtailed because they are always looking for a better way. Both the engineering company and the landfill have won awards for the work they have done.

New director

One of O'Neal's final suggestions is that the board promote Kent from assistant director to executive director, which board members unanimously did. He and his team will have a combined 87 years of experience at New River, including Operations Supervisor Richard Crews, Gas Collection Supervisor David McKinney, Office Manager Lydia Greene and Finance Office Melissa Waters.

Reminiscing about O'Neal's arrival, Kent recalled the landfill was like the Wild West. "Darrell came in and within a couple of years had turned it around," Kent said. "He



The landfill's new executive director, Perry Kent, reminisces about O'Neal's time at the landfill.

Achievements

The landfill's environmental controls have prevented even a single case of contamination, and it is the only landfill in Florida that practices sustainability.

Among the achievements: —a bioreactor demonstration project with the University of Florida that put New River on the map in terms of research, showing that decomposition could be accelerated to

changed a lot of people's minds about New River Solid Waste. He said, "Just because it's a dump doesn't mean you have to treat it like a dump."

O'Neal said his management style is to set goals high and get out of the way. Kent said he's learned a lot from O'Neal. The days when he dreaded returning to work ended after O'Neal came, and 24 years later, he's now preparing to take over.

Recognizing just how much employees of the landfill have excelled, O'Neal thanked the board for allowing him 24 rewarding years of working with them all.

McGill recalls 'lines in the sand' during Rotary meeting

BY TED BARBER
Lake Butler Rotary Club

Bill McGill presented the April 24 program of the Lake Butler Rotary club, entitled "Hold the Line".

Throughout life we all have had special situations that have made us who we are today.

The key point of Bill's talk was that all of us have those proverbial, lines-in-the-sand moments where major events determine where we are going in life.

Bill recalled one such occurrence when he was in the 10th grade. He said Jack Whitehead, a great Union County Citizen who has since passed on to be with the Lord, was in the 11th Grade a year ahead of him.

Bill said marbles was a favorite game that many students played prior to the start of each school day. The object of the game was to get their marble closet to

the line drawn of the ground. If the School Bell rang, the older students would snatch up all the marbles leaving the younger students with no marbles. Bill said that Jack stepped in to help Bill and prevented the older students from taking all the marbles. This act of kindness to Bill provided the line-in-the-sand lesson for Bill that has remained a vivid memory.

Bill went on to talk about his enlistment in the Quarter Master Corps during the Korean Conflict. He said officers lined up all the graduates of induction training and drew a line separating the men in half by alphabet. The half whose last name began with N to Z went directly to Korea and the remainder went to Germany.



Bill McGill at the Lake Butler Rotary Club on April 24

Bill recalled his time in Europe and the fence separating the communists from the rest of the world. He said he waved at the Russian knowing that one shot could have ignited World War III.

Tommy Spires presented the May 1 program featuring our new city manager's perspective on the City of Lake Butler and his plans to improve our City.

Lake Butler Elementary School A-B honor roll, third 9 weeks Kindergarten

Jayne Sanders, Kyndall Smith, Naliana Hampton, Aubrey Park, Azrael Rodriguez, Bryce Keen, Jeremy Salisbury, Kayl Seaman, Petyon West, Stellan Wilson, Taylor Liston, Easton Smith, Lakyn Jackson, Marley Robbins, Zaden Sirmones, Kaylee Crawford, Nathan Wood, Daelan Courson, Fayla Holmes, Giavanna Thomas, Greyson Johns, Jalie Walker, Julianna Fulton-Tomidajewicz, Landon Ford, Jake Ross, Harper Forbes, Lawrence Anderson, Shelby Starling, Bella Banks, Cameron Freeman, K'mari Jackson, Mikayla Johnson, Rashawn Edwards, Sutton Sharp, Avery Ward, Emily Parrish, Kenley

Combs, Nolan Stokes, Hailey Rainey, Kyleigh McSpadden, Naomi Croft, Brylee Harden, Heavenly King, Hunter Epifanio, Jordan Baizabal, and Kilen Johnson.

First Grade

Aaliyah Jackson, Abigail Melton, Aiden Mitchell, Alayah Jefferson, Alexcia Edenfield, Allie Salanci, Andrea Smith, Ansley Ward, Brale Schill, Brayden Alexander, Braylen Sellers, Brianna Wimpy, Brilan Cliffin, Bryar Staier, Christopher Sweat, Clayton Perry, Daylon Harris, Eleonora Boccaneli, Ella Brannen, Emily Watts, Gracin Sharp, Hayleigh Andrews, Heath Benton, Hunter

Baker, Issac Johnson, Janessa Jenkins, Jaxson Thornton, John Keen, Kaylee Jewell, Khalia Ross, Kieren Seay, Kylee Bell, Kynley Tomlinson, Leigha Bell, Maddison Russell, Marya Kelly, McKenzie Fortner, Nyla Smith, Phillip Watts, Raegan Godwin, Rhylee Schaffer, Siddhi Patel, Sophia Elixson, Trenton Norman, Tripp Connell, Tyler Aldridge, William Belche, William Frank, & Wyatt Wilson.

Second Grade

Aajanai Jones, Alaina Tanner, Amanda Darr, Amare Lewis, Andy Gomez, Ayden Klein, Ayden Tomlinson, Breanna

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UCHS JROTC obtains symbolic unit crest and patch

Union County High School's JROTC unveiled its approved unit patch and crest during its annual awards ceremony on April 19.

Administrators established Union County High School's JROTC unit 20 years ago.

Earlier this year, the Institute of Heraldry approved the unit's patch and crest.

JROTC Instructor Kevin Steverson said the approval of the patch and crest is a significant and historic event for the program.

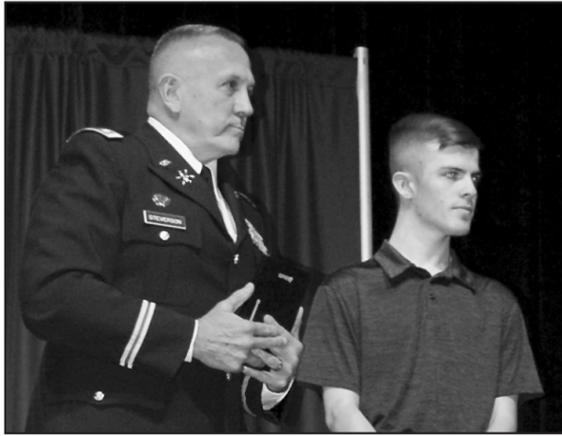
Cadet Cade Mesnard hand-drew the patch. During the awards ceremony, he was presented with a plaque with the patch and was also given the very first patch off the press.

All cadets of the program, who were present at the ceremony, were presented with the unit crest for placement on their uniforms.

The unit crest, which is purple and gold, consists of a shield: signifying defenders of freedom, a sword: representing courage, a heart with barbell: which stands for the commitment to strengthening the mind and body, and an open book and inflamed torch: signifying the pursuit of knowledge for a well-rounded individual.

The unit patch references the school's mascot, with a tiger's claws and a tiger's eye.

Steverson said the program fully supports the tenets that the symbols represent and will forever display them proudly in



Cadet Cade Mesnard (right) prepares to receive a plaque adorned with the patch he designed for the UCHS JROTC at the program's annual awards ceremony. Mesnard is pictured with instructor Kevin Steverson.



The UCHS JROTC patch consists of the school mascot: a tiger.



The UCHS JROTC crest consists of a shield, sword, heart with barbell and book with flaming torch.

and out of uniform.

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Barringer, Breydan Land, Briana Jensen, Bryce Cadle, Brysen Tomlinson, Canaan Harris, Cane Reddish, Carlton Hall, Carter Perkins, Conner Atwater, Delana Barton, Elauna Roberts, Eli Perkins, Ella Griffis, Emily Hann, Fisher Thomassen, Garrison Smith, Georgia Bridges, Isabella Preston, Jackson Andersen-Davis, Jackson Crawford, Jade Gregory, Javian Smith, Jaycee Elixson, Jayden Johnson, Joshua Davis, Kage Sapp, Kanaan Waters, Kayleb Graham, Kaylin Taylor, Kinzley Scott, Madyson Van Leeuwen, Lillian Jacobi, Lindsey Nash, Malachi Bennett, Morgan Smith, Natalie Rogers, Noah Visel, Owen Parrish, Paislee Stalnaker, Peyton Bennefield, Rachel Harris, Randy Randolph, Rylee McDowall, Saige Waters, Taylor Hunsinger, Taylor Lesch, Tenly Hardee, & Zachary Jackson.

Third Grade

Aidyn Westmoreland, Aislynn Smith, Alexia Cyr, Alyssa Cason, Ashton Pierce, Ava Bernal, Bayley Staier, Brayden Williams, Brianna Taylor, Bristol Tetstone, Bronson Haight, Casey Morris, Caylee Harrison, Cody Andrews, Cole Fillyaw, Edward Durant, Gabriella Parrish, Howard Fussell, Jayce Short, Jaiden Leet, Kaleb Jones, Kaylin Robertson, Krystian Davis, Madelyn Croft, Malik Hendricks, Marcus Jefferson, Mia Kent, Michael Hill, Natalie Thames, Nelson Ward, Nivera Jenkins, Paul Dinatelo, Phoenix Forbes, Preston Flick, Princess Maxwell, Randy Odom, Rayne Harper, Riley Gibson, Travis Johnson, Tywana Smith, Walker Richards, Xander Cowart, Zachary Yandle, Zoey Accordino, & Zulma Gomez-Gomez.

Fourth Grade

Allison White, Amia Bethea, Ashlyn Thomas, Ayden Stout,

Ayden Williams, Bailey Varnes, Blake Wimpy, Brooklyn Barnes, Brycen Sapp, Carolina Ranglila, Carsyn Dukes, Chelsea Waters, Chloe Gartman, Chloe Harris, Codi Huntley, Colton Norman, Dallas Cason, Dallas Walker, Dalton Broskey, Delani Harden, Derrick Brock, Devin Atkins, Devin Brown, Ella McRae, Garrett Keen, Hannah Rollins, Harbor Belot, Henry Elixson, Hunter Garber, Indi Knox, Isabella Kalback, Isabelle Kirsten, Jack Johns, Jackson Hipps, Jacob Scott, Jaielyn Simmons, Ja'kari Hill, Jayden Godsmark, Jesse Dicks, Keegan Shuler, Kelley Rollins, Kenli Jenkins, Kierston Clemons, Lacy Fipps, Landon Jones, Leanne Dicks, Lilly Hall, Mason Fasset, Natalie Campbell, Ny'keria Mack, Preston Griffin, Rachael Archer, Stefani Nash, Summer Shaw, Terriana Holton, Vanessa Raymond, William Denson, & Wyatt Barber.

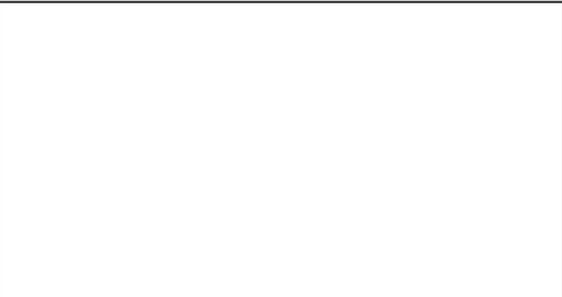
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you've got a negative response that you can document to me that the tax bill was bad for you — let me know."

"I've had people stop me on the street thanking me for it," he said of the tax cuts. "One person came up — they're getting \$120 extra every paycheck, that's every two weeks. Another guy was \$500 a month extra, that's \$6,000 a year."

"Look at the economy," he added. "Look at the building going on that started probably six months after the last administration came in. We're spending money. Look at the investment that companies are doing...and it's over and over and over again that this is happening."



PUBLIC NOTICE

As provided by Chapter 197 Acts of 1974, notice is given that tangible personal property taxes assessed for the year 2017 are now delinquent and beginning April 1, such taxes are drawing interest at 18 percent per year plus the proportionate cost of publishing this notice and delinquent cost. Unless the amounts set opposite each name below are paid prior to the 1st day of May, 2019, warrants will be issued thereon and the Tax Collector will apply to the Circuit Court for an order directing levy and seizures of the tangible personal property of the taxpayers for unpaid taxes, penalties and additional cost. The name of delinquent personal property taxpayers and the amounts including the cost of advertising for the first month's penalty of delinquent cost are as follows:

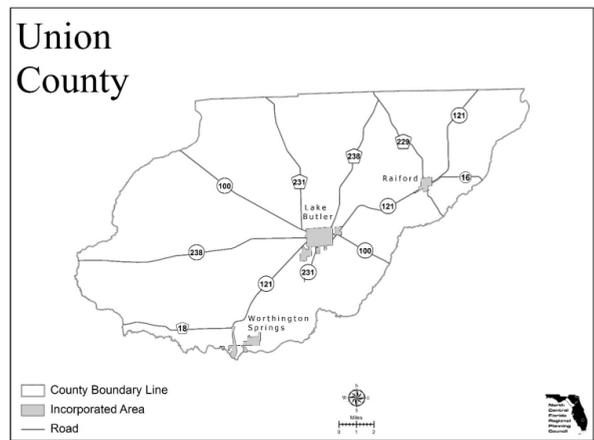
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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area as shown on the map below by amending the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 17-02, an application by the Board of County Commissioners to amend the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan and in response to the state and regional review agency comments by deleting Policy I.3.2 of the Future Land Use Element; by adding Objective I.3 and associated policies to the Future Land Use Element to regulate extraction activities, and renumbering the sequential objectives and associated policies; by amending the objectives and policies of the Suwannee River System 100-Year Floodplain Special Planning Area section of the Future Land Use Element to add the Santa Fe River and the New River; by amending the Policy S.3.4 of the Suwannee River System 100-Year Floodplain Special Planning Area section of the Future Land Use Element to comply with buffer standards established for mining activities pursuant to the policies of Objective I.3 of the Future Land Use Element; by deleting Illustration A-X of the Future Land Use Plan Map Series, entitled Mining Areas; by amending Policies V.2.1 and V.2.6 of the Conservation Element to add mining activities; by amending Policy V.2.8 of the Conservation Element to replace regulating mining operations within wetlands to prohibit mining operations within wetlands; by amending Policy V.4.7 of the Conservation Element to add language to include the applicant, any proposed mining activity, and mining operation permit to the requirements of this policy.



A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on May 21, 2018 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 17-02, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, AND IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE AND REGIONAL REVIEW AGENCY COMMENTS, PROVIDING FOR DELETING POLICY I.3.2 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADDING OBJECTIVE I.3 AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES TO THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO REGULATE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES, AND RENUMBERING THE SEQUENTIAL OBJECTIVES AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER SYSTEM 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN SPECIAL PLANNING AREA SECTION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO ADD THE SANTA FE RIVER AND THE NEW RIVER; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE POLICY S.3.4 OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER SYSTEM 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN SPECIAL PLANNING AREA SECTION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO COMPLY WITH BUFFER STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR MINING ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE POLICIES OF OBJECTIVE I.3 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DELETING ILLUSTRATION A-X OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES, ENTITLED MINING AREAS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICIES V.2.1 AND V.2.6 OF THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT TO ADD MINING ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY V.2.8 OF THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT TO REPLACE REGULATING MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN WETLANDS TO PROHIBIT MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN WETLANDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY V.4.7 OF THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT TO ADD LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE THE APPLICANT, ANY PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITY, AND MINING OPERATION PERMIT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS POLICY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND 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 the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 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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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 8TH 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.

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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: 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 EXCEPT 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
Phone:(352)376-5242
Fax:(352)375-0690
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 17000005CAAXMX
PACIFIC UNION FINANCIAL, LLC,
Plaintiff.
VS.
MICHAEL A. FEE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL A. FEE; UNKNOWN TENANT 1. UNKNOWN TENANT 2, UNKNOWN TENANT 3, UNKNOWN TENANT 4 the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on August 14, 2017 in Civil Case No. 17000005CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein, PACIFIC UNION FINANCIAL, LLC is the Plaintiff, and MICHAEL A. FEE is the Defendant.

The Clerk of the Court, Kellie Hendricks-Connell will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 55 W Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 on July 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4. A DISTANCE OF 1297.48 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD #S-796; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 842.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT. THENCE RUN EASTERLY CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1472.40 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 80 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS EAST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 402.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 1919.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT THENCE RUN EASTERLY CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1869.86 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 80 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 533.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1299.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND;

THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD #S-796, A DISTANCE OF 346.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD #S-796, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 47 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 69.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD #S-796, A DISTANCE OF 176.39 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 387.55 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 225.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Aldridge | Pite, LLP
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NOTICE
The Board of County Commissioners of Union County will have a special meeting regarding the proposed ordinance 2018-02 on May 21, 2018 at 5:50 p.m. in Board meeting room at Union County Courthouse.

ORDINANCE 2018-02
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE HALF (1/2) MILL TO BE USED FOR THE FUNDING OF THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida has created a Union County Special Library District by Ordinance 88-3, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fund the Union County Special Library District by levy of up to and not exceeding one half (1/2) mill of ad valorem taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1, FUNDING
A. The Board of County Commissioners herein directs the Union County Supervisor of Elections to place upon the First Primary Election Ballot, to be held August 30, 2016, the following:

For the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District by taxation of up to (1/2) mill of ad valorem taxes.

Against the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District of taxation of up to one half (1/2) mill of ad valorem taxes.

B. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a certified true copy of this Ordinance to the Union County Supervisor of Elections upon its final adoption.

C. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the referendum election, called for and provided in Section 2(A) above, vote in favor of the funding of Union County Special District, then, in that event, the funding of the Union County Special Library District for fiscal years October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, will be taxation of up to (1/2) mill of ad valorem taxes, and all property subject to assessment of ad valorem taxes shall be taxed accordingly.

D. If the majority of qualified electors voting in the referendum election, provided for in Section 2 (A) above, vote against the funding of the Union County Special Library District, then, in that event, this Ordinance shall be automatically repealed.

SECTION 3, DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS
Those funds obtained from the levy of the ad valorem taxes on all real and tangible, taxable property within the boundaries of Union County Special Library District, shall be used solely for the purpose of construction, operating and maintaining the Library facilities to the citizens of Union County, Florida and for no other purpose.

SECTION 4, COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
The herein provided for the ad valorem tax shall be levied and collected in the manner provided for the levy and collection of the County ad valorem taxes. The Union County Board of Commissioners shall certify annually to the Property Appraiser of Union County, Florida the millage to be levied for the Union County Special Library District. Taxes collected shall be remitted by the Union County Tax Collector to the Clerk of the Court in and for Union County, Florida who shall be the Ex-Officio Clerk and Treasurer for the Union County Special Library District.

SECTION 5, REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE BY COUNTY OFFICERS
All cost and expenses incurred by a Constitutional Officer of Union County, Florida in performing any of the provisions of this ordinance may be reimbursed by the Union County Special Library District to said Constitutional Officer; said reimbursements however, shall not collectively exceed ten percent (10) of the revenues collected within the Union County Special Library District in any budget year.

SECTION 6, CONSTRUCTION
This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida.

SECTION 7, SEVERABILITY
It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of the Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity unconstitutional shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8, EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida this 21st day of May, 2018.

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(1) LDR 18-01, an application, by Florida Power and Light Company, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 2.1 entitled Definitions to add certain definitions; by amending Section 4.2 entitled Supplementary District Regulations to add Section 4.2.38 entitled Solar Farms; by amending Section 4.5.5 entitled Special Exceptions to add Solar Farms as a special exception within the "A" Agricultural zoning district; and by amending Section 4.16.5 entitled Special Exceptions to add Solar Farms as a special exception within the "I" Industrial zoning district.

(2) LDR 18-02, an application, by the Board of County Commissioners to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Article Two entitled, Definitions to delete certain definitions; by deleting and replacing in its entirety Article Eight entitled, Flood Damage Prevention Regulations to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements; by deleting in its entirety Section 12.1.2, entitled Flood Damage Prevention Appeals Provisions; and by deleting in its entirety, Section 12.3.3 entitled, Variances to Flood Damage Prevention Regulations.

The public hearings 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 the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendments.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 1.800.955.8770 or 1.800.955.8771.

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All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this 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.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 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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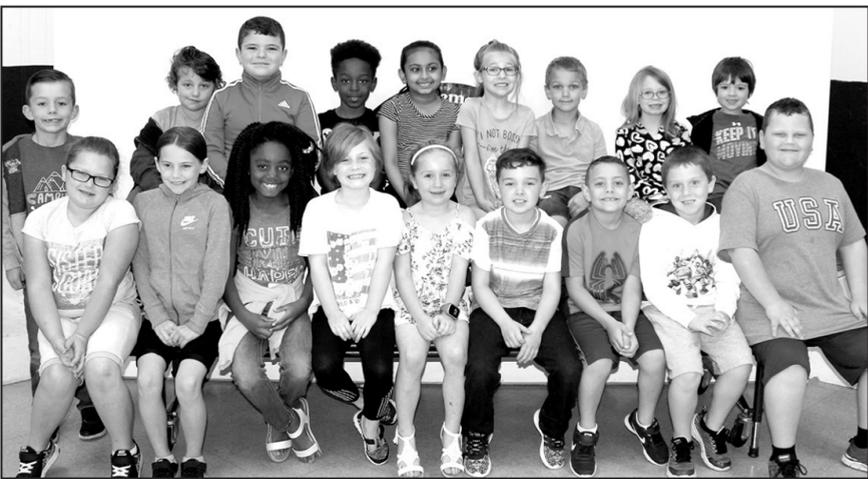
Lake Butler Elementary School Straight-A Students, first through fourth grade



First Grade (l-r): Back row, Addyson Kelley, Ashlyn Williams, Brylee Gay, Bryson Bratcher, Camryn Tempest, Dawson Ellis, Gracelyn Jackson, & Gracelyn McGee. In front, Harper Rogers, Jackson Jenkins, Jeneva Tallman, Jesse Bielling, & Reagan Williams.



Second Grade (l-r): Back row, Adrian Chandler, Ayden Beckham, Gabby Bradley, Holden Webb, & Alex Wade. In front, Peyton Courson, Melanie Elixson, Tripp Norris, & Grace Mullins.



First Grade (l-r): Back row, Collin Alvarez (standing) Canon Macfarlane, Kent Cox, Ra'mone Randolph, Riddhi Patel, Trinity Dyess, Levi Zukowski, Veronica Mann, & Zane Mott. In front, Emily Hunt, Malana Patrick, Jade Brown, Kiley Gibson, Chloe Foerman, Elijah Haltam, Emery Muse, Hayden Snyder, and Kolten Crews.



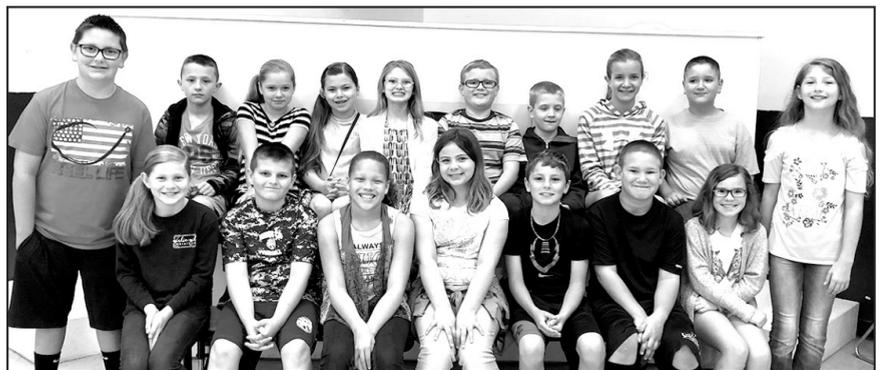
Third Grade (l-r): Back row, Kendyl Brannen, Bella Crawford, Rylan Hughes, Tucker Dortch, Ashton Bunkley, Emma Handley, Graysen Willis, & Judd Connell. Front row, l-r, Marlee Trowell, Miley Wilson, Seth R. Thomas, Adrian Tucker, Brady Tetstone, Cameron Bacon, Lucy Cabral, Reese Harrison, & Orson Dicks.



Third Grade (l-r): Back row, Brooke Hunt, Cali Tomlinson, Zekie Velazquez, A.J. Todd, & Irmarihi Green. In front, Rebecca Langkau, Mackenzi Huggins, Matthew Rogers, Barry Andersen-Davis, Dalton Bacon, Symphony Snyder, & Derrick Mann.
Fourth Grade (l-r): Back row, Parker Parrish (standing), Dylan Daniels, Abigail Williams,



First Grade (l-r): Back row, Allyson Jenkinson, Bailyn Kent, Cadenz Merriex, Corbin Neal, Ian Griffis-Futch & Jessa Dekle. In front, Harper Rogers, Jackson Jenkins, Jeneva Tallman, Jesse Bielling, & Reagan Williams. Not pictured is Brody Stephenson.



Addison Graham, Addison Wright, Aidan Welz, Ayden Dicks, Eva Whitehead, Jacob Stidham, & Eva Sharrah (standing). In front, Macie Wilson, Rhett Prevatt, Makaylin Randolph, Sarah Baker, Cash Cox, Erick Lasseter, & Hayden Andersen-Davis. Not pictured is Calynne Bass.



Second Grade (l-r): Back row, Allaya Blocker, Brylee Elixson, Chloe Sharrah, Isabella Hayes, Mark Cooper, Blakely Sellers, & Brodie Garmon. In front, Hayden Robinson, Kiptyn Shuler, Presley Whitehead, Mariah Griffis, Riley Trowell, Yegor Chumarov, & Annabelle Ripley.



Fourth Grade (l-r): Alayah Boykin, Bella Johns, Eva Sharrah, & Seth Norcross. Not pictured is Holly Halfacre.

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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.

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.

Mail Carriers Food Drive Sat. May 12

companies in civil litigation, personal injury, premises liability, nursing home defense and real estate litigation, as well as family law cases, including divorce, child support, paternity and time-sharing issues. She is a volunteer and former board member for Guardian Ad Litem and is a member of the National Association of Professional Women. She holds a law degree from the Florida Coastal School of Law.

Lee Carl Libby

Libby is an assistant city attorney for the city of Gainesville. He specializes in criminal law. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Jacksonville University and a law degree from the University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

Jacob A. Rush

Rush is an attorney in private practice in Gainesville. Before law school he served as a deputy in the Alachua County, a position he returned to as an unpaid reserve officer after finishing his law degree. He serves the Florida Bar as the Young Lawyer's Division Board of Governor's representative for the 8th judicial circuit. He has also served on the board of directors of the local Bar. He also serves as a member of the City of Gainesville's Black on Black Crime Task Force. In 2014, he was a Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress. He holds a bachelor's degree in classical studies from the University of Florida and earned his law degree at Stetson University.

Curtis A. "Lex" Sanders

Sanders is an attorney in

private practice in Starke. He specializes in personal injury, bankruptcy, divorce and family law, auto accidents, real estate, wrongful death and estate planning and wills. He holds a law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law.

Gregory Scott Slemp

Slemp is connected with the Office of the Attorney General in Tallahassee. He holds a Bachelor's of Arts from Southeastern College and a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Shawn Thompson

Thompson is a division chief at the Office of the State Attorney in the 8th judicial district and is, in fact, the only state attorney in the office. Previous to coming to Union County, he served as state attorney in Gainesville in the 8th circuit. He holds a bachelor of arts in criminal justice from the University of Florida and a law degree from the University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law. He is based in Lake Butler.

Russell Alexander Wade III

Wade is an attorney in a private practice in Lake Butler. He also serves as the attorney for Union County, for the city of Raiford and the New River Solid Waste Association. He holds bachelor's degree in business from the University of Florida and a law degree from the University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law. He is the only one of the candidates to have ever run for the office, in the last election in 2012, where he garnered 45.43% of the vote in the general election.

Right: Union County mail carriers (left to right) City Carrier Ken Marszalkowski, Rural Carriers Tina Blanton, Peggy Knagge, Shane Buchyn, Tina Lamb, Clerk Brandy Tomlinson, Rural Carriers Sheila Dicks, David Harrison, and Dwight Hersey. Not pictured are Rural Carriers Susan Thomas and Tara Eagleston.

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 12: the second Saturday in May. This is an event which has been going on for 26 years and allows mail carriers to work in the community they serve to help feed the hungry as well as delivering the mail.

Residents are asked to place non-perishable food donations at their mailboxes before the time their mail usually runs. When their carrier delivers their mail, the carrier will pick up the donation and take it back to the post office, where it will be sorted and given to local food banks and churches who provide food to those in need.

The National Association of Letter Carriers endorses a tradition of community involvement and service by its members, be it collecting funds for Muscular Dystrophy, watching out for elderly clients in the Carrier Alert program or working with the American Red Cross in disaster situations.

Carriers at the Lake Butler Post Office said they are looking forward to the day's food collection, seeing it as a positive way to give back to their community. The food collected in Union County will stay in the county and be distributed to local churches who will pass it on to those in need.

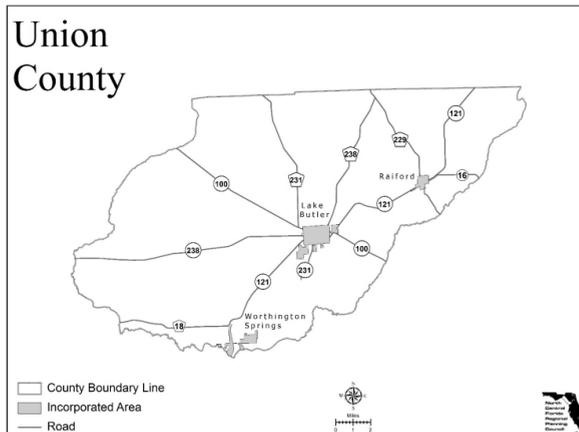
When considering donations, residents are asked to remember that about one in every seven Americans is living in risk of hunger or does not know where their next meal is coming from and more than 5 million seniors in our country have to choose between paying housing cost and utilities and having enough nutritious food to eat.



NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area as shown on the map below by amending the text of the Land Development Regulations of Union County, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, as follows:

LDR 18-01, an application, by Florida Power and Light Company, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 2.1 entitled Definitions to add certain definitions; by amending Section 4.2 entitled Supplementary District Regulations to add Section 4.2.38 entitled Solar Farms; by amending Section 4.5.5 entitled Special Exceptions to add Solar Farms as a special exception within the "A" Agricultural zoning district; and by amending Section 4.16.5 entitled Special Exceptions to add Solar Farms as a special exception within the "I" Industrial zoning district.



The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on May 21, 2018 at 5:35 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will hold the public hearing to conduct a first reading of the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-04, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 18-01, BY FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 2.1 ENTITLED DEFINITIONS ADDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.2 ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS ADDING SECTION 4.2.38 ENTITLED SOLAR FARMS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.5.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "A" AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.16.5 ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS ADDING SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WITHIN THE "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND 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 the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 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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Starke's DeSue enjoys Honor Flight trip with other veterans

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

For so long, Starke's Amos DeSue kept his service in the Korean War in the past as he moved forward with his life. His wife said the experience was one he didn't like to talk about.

That changed recently when DeSue, 86, enjoyed a positive experience as one of more than 40 veterans who toured Washington, D.C., on April 4, courtesy of Honor Flight Network, a nonprofit organization that flies thousands of veterans to the nation's capital annually as a way of thanking them for their service. DeSue, who served in the Marines, visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial as well as other memorials as part of whirlwind, 31-hour trip.

Bruce Williams, who helped get DeSue included in the Honor Flight trip, said the trip had quite an impact on DeSue, who was thanked by numerous people while he was in D.C.

"Amos was a bit emotional and filled with joy from the people who shook his hand and expressed gratitude for his service," Williams said.

Jenny Lamoree, who is DeSue's wife, said, "He enjoyed it very much," adding, "That's all he talks about."

While many people were going to bed or thinking about going to bed on the night of April 3, DeSue's trip was getting its start. He left Starke for the American Legion post in Fruitland Park at 10 p.m. He, the other veterans he traveled with and the volunteer "guardians" who accompanied the veterans participated in a departure meeting at 2 a.m. on April 4 before departing for



Each Honor Flight veteran has the chance to visit the memorial specific to the war he or she served in. Here, Amos DeSue is pictured at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Orlando International Airport at 3 a.m. The flight to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport departed at 6:30 a.m.

The veterans arrived in D.C. at 8 a.m. and began a tour, which included visiting the memorials specific to the wars they served in. DeSue's flight back to Orlando departed at 8 p.m. after a two-hour flight delay.

At 1:15 a.m. on April 5, DeSue and his traveling group received a motorcycle and police escort from Leesburg to the American Legion post in Fruitland. The

Villages Fire Department provided a "water" salute at 1:30 a.m., followed by welcome-back ceremonies at 2 a.m.

Williams, a Villages resident who owns Bradford Village Apartments, learned of Honor Flight when his church — First Presbyterian of Wildwood — hosted a homecoming for a member upon his return from an Honor Flight trip.

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doesn't have an Honor Flight organization, but Williams learned that Honor Flight in The Villages would accept veterans from anywhere, so Williams filled out an application on DeSue's behalf.

DeSue, who was born Oct. 31, 1931, grew up in Starke with his mother, Linnie DeSue, and five brothers. All his brothers served in either the Marines or the Army.

As for his decision to join the Marines in the early 1950s, DeSue, in a March 29 Telegraph story, said, "If you weren't going to school, you were going to work. I was at that age that I could go into the military."

DeSue returned to Starke after his service. He had a family, marrying Jarutha, who still lives in Starke, and having four children: sons Glen and Guy (now deceased) and daughters Carol and Sandra. Glen, who starred in athletics at Bradford High School and goes by the nickname "Beaver," still lives in Starke. Carol lives in Georgia, while Sandra lives in Orlando.

The marriage didn't last. After a divorce, DeSue went to traveling. He'd spend a month or two in one place, find he didn't like it there and then move on to somewhere else. He traveled throughout Florida and then gradually made his way up north, stopping in Poughkeepsie, New



Upon his return from Washington, D.C., Amos DeSue was presented with a quilt made by Donna Rissman of The Villages. DeSue (left) is pictured holding the quilt with Don Ahlstrand, who was DeSue's volunteer "guardian" for the trip.

York.

DeSue worked in a variety of jobs, from painting houses to driving a bus.

It was in New York where DeSue met and married Lamoree.

At the age of 62, DeSue decided he wanted to move

back to Starke to be closer to his children. He got a job driving a bus upon his return, which he did until the age of 75.

He still keeps buys as he has a lawn service in which he has five regular customers.

Health study ranks Bradford and Union counties lowest in Florida

Inmate populations factor in study

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute recently completed their annual study of health outcomes and health factors.

For each county in the U.S., the study measures factors that affect health and well-being like tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol and drug use and sexual activity. The study also assesses the availability and quality of health care in each county and considers social and economic factors, as well as the physical environment of each jurisdiction.

The study derives health outcomes by measuring years of life lost before age 75. It also

assesses overall quality of life by counting self-reported unhealthy days. The study also reports the percentage of babies born at a low birth weight.

The study ranks Clay County 13th of the 67 Florida counties in health outcomes, while ranking Bradford County 62nd and Union County 67th.

Both Union and Bradford county's inmate population is included in the report.

As for length of life, the study ranked Clay County at 18, Bradford at 65 and Union at 67. All three counties show a higher number of premature deaths than the state average and somewhat higher self-reported sick days.

Low birthweight babies account for 11 percent of the births in Bradford County, 10 percent of the births in Union County and only 8 percent of the births in Clay County.

In the area of health behaviors, the study reports that 18 percent of the adult population of Clay County smoke, compared to 22 percent for Bradford and 25 percent for Union.

Adult obesity in Clay County is also the lowest of the three at 29 percent, with 36 percent reported for Bradford and 38 percent reported for Union.

Clay County scores the highest for excessive alcohol consumption at 22 percent, with Bradford at 17 percent and Union at 16 percent.

There seems to be little correlation between the above figures and those for alcohol-impaired driving deaths, however, with Clay County ranked 41st, Union 45th and Bradford at 28th in the state.

Among the three counties, the availability of primary

care physicians is much higher in Clay: one for every 1,760 persons. In Bradford availability is lower, at one physician for every 2,690 residents and according to the study, primary physician availability in Union County is less than one-half of that in Clay, with one physician for every 3,810 residents. However, all three counties rank lower than the state average of one physician for every 1,380 residents.

The availability of dentists and mental health providers are also low for the local counties, with the study ranking Clay first in the area for the health care professionals, followed by Union and then Bradford.

All three counties ranked better than the state average on unemployment. The state rate was 4.9 percent, Bradford's: 4.3 percent, Union: 4.4 percent and Clay: 4.5 percent.

Only Clay County scored lower than the state on the percentage of children in poverty, with the state at 21 percent and Clay County at 14 percent.

Bradford County showed 27 percent of children living in poverty, with Union close behind at 26 percent.

Clay County also scored below the state percentage of children living in single-parent homes. The state rate was 38 percent, Clay's was 29 percent and both Bradford and Union counties rate were at 40 percent.

The study makes a number of suggestions of how community leaders may improve health outcomes for their residents. The report can be accessed at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Wells campaigning for Congress

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office submitted by the candidate. Candidate announcements may be emailed to editor@bctelegraph.com.

I am Tom Wells. I am running for U.S. Congress in FL CD3 — the seat currently held by Dr. Ted Yoho. I am by education a theoretical physicist earning my B.S. at CalTech, my PhD at U. of Maryland. I worked 15 years at GaTech helping to develop the groundwork for Stealth technology required by the Department of Defense. After doing the electromagnetic (EM) engineering at a couple of small companies, I established my own company in 2005 giving me the opportunity to consult in new developments in EM measurement and design. My whole career has been an exercise in identifying problems and then solving them.

On the home front I was raising four incredible children. And I was seeing with dismay that despite their dedication, intelligence, and hard work; that despite the advantages

of a middle class upbringing; that their opportunities fell far short of what I enjoyed in my youth. That their college jobs effectively paid less than half what I had made while their tuition was several times greater.

I came to the conclusion that these problems, and the far graver problems of endless war, inadequate health care, and failure to address the very real threat of climate apocalypse, all came down to the fact that our representatives were passing laws that enriched corporations while impoverishing working people. Passing laws that in numerous cases simply gave our tax money to corporations while getting nothing in return.

I am Tom Wells. I am running as a Democrat, but one who recognizes that our elected representatives of both parties have for far too long have acted, passed laws, that favor their corporate donor-owners at the expense of the rest of us. I am a proponent of Fair Market Capitalism: Corporations should earn their profits by competing for our money with

their goods and services. When corporation profit by lobbying Congress to pass laws that misappropriate our tax dollars, that is not Capitalism. That is a crime against our children and ourselves.

The key to the power that lobbyists is that they can now fund campaigns. Few of our representatives see any way to get re-elected, or elected in the first place, without corporate funds. When I was growing up

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Wings of Dreams: preserving aviation, aerospace history

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bob Oehl has had a lot on his plate, from trying to successfully complete the acquisition of a NASA space shuttle external fuel tank to preparing to pilot a World War II-era C-47 to Normandy. Therefore, it's understandable that it's been a while since the Wings of Dreams executive director was a guest speaker at a Kiwanis Club of Starke meeting.

"Frankly, that's one reason I haven't been here in — I don't know — 10 years," said Oehl, who spoke at the club's April 24 meeting. "We're busy."

Oehl talked about how Wings of Dreams, an aviation museum located at the Keystone Heights Airpark, is preserving history. Part of that history relates to America's space program as Wings of Dreams has rescued items from NASA that Oehl said "would've been cut up for scrap and destroyed."

"At this point, we've saved \$500 million of NASA hardware and brought it here," Oehl said.

For example, Oehl noted that April 24 was the anniversary of the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope. Wings of Dreams has a mock-up of the Hubble that astronauts used in training for repair missions.

Then there is the 154-foot long, 75,000-pound object that currently sits in Green Cove Springs until the logistics of completing its journey from Kennedy Space Center to Wings of Dreams are worked out.

"As some of you may recall, we rescued, among other things, the only surviving ET — the massive external fuel tank to the space shuttle," Oehl said. "This does not make it back from space. It burns up in the atmosphere. This is the only one."

The move of the tank, up the Intracoastal Waterway, began in 2013, but such things as pavement analysis and the identification of overhead obstacles have had to be done as Wings of Dreams volunteers are working to meet Department of Transportation concerns about the trip the tank must make on S.R. 17 and S.R. 100.

"You can have a telephone pole that may have six lines coming across it," Oehl said. "It could be fiber-optic network. It could be cable TV. It could be telephone. It could be power. Any number of things that from one pole to the next pole may change ownership."

"The coordination of who owns what and where, while we're moving this monster, is enormous. It's never been done before. This is the largest piece of aerospace hardware moved over land since Howard Hughes moved the Spruce Goose in 1947."

Growing up in NASA's shadow

Any child that grew up in the U.S. in the 1960s undoubtedly has memories of the Space Race between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, but Oehl had an up close and personal view of the event. His father, Don, was a Grumman engineer who worked at NASA.

"I was in Mission Control during many of the launches, right there behind the glass, watching my dad standing there with the lunar director and everybody else" Oehl said. "He was chief of quality control for the lunar module program."

In fact, the elder Oehl helped assemble the team that worked out the problem of how to save the Apollo 13 astronauts.

"When that day happened, I remember Dad didn't come home," Oehl said. "In fact, for three days he didn't come home. They stayed there, and they worked on putting parts and pieces together that would help



Wings of Dreams Executive Director Bob Oehl displays a chart detailing the history of the Douglas C-47 Skytrain his museum has acquired and that he will be flying to Normandy next year as part of an event commemorating the anniversary of D-Day.



One of the planes Wings of Dreams has acquired and in the process of restoring is this Cessna O-2B Skymaster.

the air-filtration system."

Oehl was asked about the future of America's space program. He said amazing things are happening in regard to the private industry. As an example, he cited the Elon Musk's SpaceX rockets that can land on the same pad they took off from after dropping off payloads in space. Oehl asked, "Who would've even thought that was possible a year or two ago?"

As for NASA, Oehl said, "When a White House administration pretty much canceled NASA's budget and turned it into social programs, NASA was dying. They didn't have direction. They also didn't have leadership because there were people appointed to leadership that didn't really have vision."

That may be sad for someone like Oehl to say, but the flip side is Wings of Dreams has benefited.

"The blessing of that is we were able to rescue a lot of things (from NASA)," he said.

Restoring, flying vintage aircraft

The move of the space shuttle fuel tank isn't the only thing of note occurring in regard to Wings of Dreams. Oehl said a Douglas C-47 Skytrain the museum acquired via donation from Lee County mosquito control, has been restored to the point where it's now operational. It has

since been flown to a facility in Zephyrhills, where it is currently getting fully restored.

"Realize that at the end of World War II, most of these aircraft were parked out in the desert and then cut up for scrap," Oehl said. "They were pots and pans. There aren't a whole lot of them around."

A year from now, Oehl will fly the plane to Normandy as part of a program involving "National Geographic" and the British Broadcasting Corporation to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Two weeks after that, Oehl will fly the plane to Berlin to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

"Then on to Italy where (the plane) will winter because we can't come back across the North Atlantic in winter," Oehl said.

Oehl talked of another aircraft in Wings of Dream's possession — a Cessna O-2 Skymaster.

"The O-2 was used in Vietnam as a forward air control aircraft and also was a PSYOPS — psychological warfare — aircraft," Oehl said. "Ours in particular is an O-2B. There were only 31 of them built."

Oehl showed a photo of the plane flying a couple of weeks ago and explained it is currently being restored and will be part of a Wings of Dreams partnership with Veterans Airlift Command, which transports combat

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Hardee receives this year's Betty Warren Scholarship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School student Macey Hardee, who is dual-enrolled at Santa Fe College, now knows what she wants to be when she grows up, and the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will help her accomplish it, awarding her with its annual Betty Eileen Warren Memorial Scholarship.

Hardee, who plans to become a nurse, was presented with the \$1,500-per-semester scholarship by Warren family representatives Jeff Warren (Betty's son), Lynda Warren Perez (who was married to Betty's son John, now deceased) and Whitney Warren Tansill (Lynda and John's daughter) at the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter's May 7 meeting.

"This scholarship is something my family cherishes because over the years, with (the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter's) help, we have helped a lot of young people with their education," Jeff Warren said. "That is something that meant a lot to my mother and our entire family."

Betty Hodges, who is the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter treasurer, told Hardee, "That scholarship is renewable in December. If you maintain your grade-point average, please, please take advantage of that and ask for more money."

Hardee laughed and said, "I'll probably be doing that."

Hodges said chapter members had a tough choice deciding between Hardee and one other applicant for its scholarship. What set Hardee's application apart was a written submission detailing what she wanted to do with her life. Hodges shared what Hardee had written, which began, "As a child, you often hear the question, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?"



Macey Hardee is this year's recipient of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are: Warren family members Whitney Tansill and Lynda Warren Perez, Heather Hardee (Macey's mother), Macey Hardee and Warren family member Jeff Warren.

Immediately, one's imagination would run wild. One day, my dream would be to dominate as a professional ice skater. The next day, I would dream of intimate encounters with wild animals as an animal trainer at Sea World."

Hardee wrote that the question of what she wanted to do when she grew up didn't hold "extreme value" for her at a younger age as she thought she had plenty of time to make her decision.

"Now, I am grown up, and the present-day question of what I want to do for the rest of my life is constantly stressful," Hardee wrote as part of her scholarship application. "That \$1 million question engulfs my every thought as graduation nears and is persistent with its nagging."

"Yet if I drown out all the noise in my head, there is one thing I have known all along:

I want to leave my mark on this world. My footprints may not lead to fame or fortune, recognition or appreciation, but I remain steadfast in my desire to only follow a path that leads to impacting others in a positive light. That path brought recognition of the value I held to making a different to those around me, which in turn directed me to the field of nursing."

Hardee, whose sister Taylor received the Betty Warren Scholarship in 2013, explained to the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter members and Warren family members that after she completes her associate in science degree at Santa Fe, she wants to enroll in the school's nursing program. She plans to graduate as a registered nurse and work in the field while continuing her education, studying in the field of

anesthesiology with the end goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist.

"Helping people is what I want to do," said Hardee, who hopes to work in a children's hospital or an outpatient clinic. "I know I can do that by being a nurse."

Betty Eileen Warren was a longtime resident of Starke, devoted to many community activities and serving in leadership roles within First Baptist Church, the Shands Starke Regional Medical Center auxiliary and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Betty was born in 1924 in rural West Virginia, where she was one of six girls," Hodges said. "Growing up during the Depression, there was little opportunity or encouragement to achieve an advanced education."

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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.



Deadline to apply for Bradford Fair scholarships is May 15

Senior agricultural students interested in applying for scholarships from the Bradford County Fair must have their applications completed and submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

Applications can be obtained from agriculture teachers at Bradford and Union County high schools. They're also available at the IFAS/4-H offices and the

Bradford County Fair office.

For more information, please call Bradford County Fair Manager Dale Woodruff at 904-964-5995.

Parents' meeting for BHS football is May 15

Parents of any Bradford High School student interested in playing football are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the BHS track.

Southside Players return with annual musical May 12

Southside Elementary School's Southside Players present the musical, "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits," on Saturday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the Bradford High School auditorium.

Admission is \$6 (3 and under free).

Scholarships available for College for Kids programs

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

Scholarships are available. Please visit the Andrews Center at 209 W. Call St. (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 8

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wounded and other veterans to medical appointments.

"It's a way to kind of give back and help out," Oehl said. "As a multiple-year combat veteran myself, this is a very important mission that needs to be done."

When asked how parts are come by to keep such vintage aircraft up and running, Oehl said, "I've got several semis full of parts that we've saved, some of them still in the cosmoline — not overhauled, but new old stock. I've rescued about 150,000 pounds of parts to keep these airplanes flying. We have people from all over coming here to pick through what we have."

In regard to the passion he and others have for working on old planes, Oehl said, "There are old buzzards like me who grew up overhauling radial engines. When I'm not flying them, I'm fixing them."

Wings of Dreams has a lot to offer

Besides displaying collections of vintage aircraft and space program artifacts, Wings of Dreams also hosts major air



Hopes are to one day complete the move for this NASA space shuttle external fuel tank from Kennedy Space Center to Wings of Dreams. The tank is currently in Green Cove Springs.

shows. "We've had the military come in with the (Douglas) A-3 (Skywarrior) demonstration team," Oehl said. "That wasn't Jacksonville that did that. It was Wings of Dreams that did that."

The museum also hosts astronomy programs featuring University of Florida professor Francisco Reyes and the chance to look through giant telescopes. "He's bringing in galaxies that

are 31 million light years away," Oehl said. "Just wrap your head around that."

Wings of Dreams offers educational programs for children and once even had a visit from a group from Ohio.

"Thousands of kids from all over come here," Oehl said.

Oehl said the museum is typically open for tours on Saturdays noon until 4 p.m., though tours can be arranged by

appointment as well by calling 352-256-8037.

"We have a lot going on out there," Oehl said. "We welcome you to come out for a tour."

Wings of Dreams is a nonprofit organization founded by Oehl and Susan King.

For more information, please visit wingsofdreams.org or call the aforementioned number. The museum also has a Facebook page.

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enough to double the salaries of our enlisted men and women.

Environment: Climate change is the critical problem of our time. I support HR3671 — Off Fossil Fuels. I will offer an amendment to tax greenhouse gases at \$100/ton of carbon dioxide equivalent taken at the source.

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CRIME

Bradford County arrests

David Byon Brauchle, 29, of Starke was arrested May 5 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Cedric Carter, 38, of Lawtey was arrested May 5 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Daryl James Fowler, 25, of Starke was arrested May 5 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Wilmer Marcelino Gomez, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested May 2 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant.

Nicole Nadine Grayson, 40, of Starke was arrested May 3 by Bradford deputies for driving with a revoked or suspended license and attaching a tag to a vehicle not registered to that vehicle.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer Justin Hanson saw the defendant run a stop sign at the corner of Park and Lake streets in Lawtey, just before 6 p.m. Grayson pulled into the Fast Track convenience store and a detective accompanying Hanson checked the status of the driver's license, which had been previously suspended five times and was currently suspended.

The officers also discovered that the tag attached to Grayson's vehicle was registered to another car.

Danwand Lee Green, 37, of Lawtey was arrested May 3 by Starke police for possession of drugs.

Dustin Andrew Heaton of Lawtey was arrested May 3 by Lawtey police for disorderly intoxication.

Drian Vontrel Jenkins, 21, of Starke was arrested May 3 by state troopers for possession of drug equipment, resisting an officer and possession of drugs.

Michael James Massey, 34, of Starke and Krystal Gale Mobley, 39, of Starke were arrested May 3 by Starke police for larceny.

According to an arrest report, a loss prevention officer at Starke's Walmart observed the pair on video tape on April 12.

The Walmart employee told investigating officer David Clancy Jr. that she saw the unidentified white male tamper with the metal tabs securing an HP Chromebook to a floor display. He then concealed the laptop and left the store with the female without paying for the computer. The pair returned a short time later and purchased other items from the store. Another Walmart employee identified the couple, and also picked them out of a photo lineup. The value of the Chromebook was \$528.

Jason M. McLaughlin, 50, of Starke was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Mariam Hodge Miller, 51, of Starke and Richard John Miller, 64, of Starke were arrested May 2 by Bradford deputies for child neglect.

According to an arrest report, the couple were verbally abusive to a child in their custody, homeschooled the student, but failed to offer individual help, leaving the child on a computer with educational software that the student could not understand. In addition, when the minor told the Millers she was involved with an adult,

the couple failed to protect the child from the neighbor.



Miller

Massey



Mobley

Michael Shane Rowe, 34, of Interlachen was arrested May 3 by Bradford deputies for two out-of-county warrants.

Anthony Lloyd Sheppard, 19, of Lawtey was arrested May 3 by state troopers for possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana, two counts of resisting an officer, driving with a revoked or suspended license and reckless driving.

According to an arrest report, FHP Trooper Kyle Robinson pursued the defendant in his car and on foot, stopping Sheppard with a Taser.

Latravia Strawder, 25, of Alachua was arrested May 6 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Candice Melody Stein, 34, of Starke was arrested May 2 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine, possession of drug equipment, an out-of-county warrant and driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Travis Allen Stewart, 29, of Fort White was arrested May 2 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Michael Kentrell Watson, 21, of Starke was arrested May 4 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Joshua Ethen Wilkerson, 29, of Starke was arrested May 3 by Lawtey police for possession of a weapon.

Tiffany Dawn Wilkerson, 26, of Lawtey was arrested May 1 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Regina Ruth Woods, 47, of Waldo was arrested May 4 by

Bradford deputies for larceny.

Stephen Daniel Alltop, 44, was arrested May 5 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Sean M. Haddix, 27, was arrested May 6 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for domestic violence.

Victoria Page Hemphill, 23, was arrested May 5 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for retail petit theft.

Barry Lee Long, 32, was arrested May 6 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Emily Aline Murphy, 33, was arrested May 5 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for DUI.

Joseph Kenneth Muschamp, 43, was arrested May 4 in Keystone Heights for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana.

Christopher Silvey, 36, was arrested May 5 in Keystone Heights by Clay deputies for a probation violation.

Caleb Bryan Stewart, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested May 1 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Thomas Joseph Bell, 38, of Raiford was arrested May 4 by Union deputies for aggravated assault. According to an arrest report, the defendant pointed a 357-magnum handgun at the parents of his girlfriend and told the father he was going to kill him.

Christopher Joseph Gordon, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested May 3 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Keith Bradley Mills, 41, of Alachua was arrested April 3 by Union deputies for a sex offense against a child.

Curtis Vince Rickard, 36, of Lake City was arrested May 2 by Union deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

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BMS students part of 1st Tri-County Honor Band



Bradford Middle School students that are part of the first-ever Tri-County Middle School Honor Band are: (front, l-r) Tanner Aucoin, Madilyn Wilsey*, Nicholas League*, Abigail Clouser, Madison Taylor*, Erika Davis*, Omari James, Christine Samons, Cynthia Macedo, Shaynah Miller, (back, l-r) Melanie Sammons, Gavin Sakkinen, Cyrus Coblentz, Andrew Crews*, Teagan Bradley, Emily Burns*, Brooklynn Reddish*, Rhett Bradley, Shawn Davis* and Ancelmo Macedo Banda*. Not pictured: Reagan Weller*. (An asterisk denotes a first-chair player.)

In April, 21 Bradford Middle School band students performed at Palatka High School as members of the first-ever Tri-County Middle School Honor Band.

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She found a way to attend the University of West Virginia for a short time, but soon left to join the wartime workforce with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C."

Hodges said Warren never had the opportunity to return to school, but she maintained a love of books throughout her life and placed a high value on lifelong learning.

"This scholarship is a fitting example of her life," Hodges said. "Betty would be honored to know that in her memory, she was able to provide an investment and hope for deserving students to achieve their dream of an advanced degree."

The Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship is presented annually to a student of Santa Fe College who is working toward a degree in the medical field, education or American history.

The band, filled with the top students from Bradford, Clay and Putnam counties, performed four pieces of music. Each representative school was granted the opportunity to have its director conduct one piece of music at the final concert.

BMS students made up almost half of the 49-member band. Plus, 10 out of the 13 sections had first-chair players from BMS.

The band was formed to recognize outstanding musicians and provide an opportunity for them to excel in a unique and collaborative environment.

The High School Tri-County

Honor Band's performance was also a huge success. The 63-member band, which performed five pieces at Palatka High School, consisted of 17 students from Bradford High School, four of which were first-chair players.

BHS participants were: Christina Traylor, Ryan Appling, Alyssa Griffin, Kylie Miller, Collin Starling, Zachary Teague, James Dreyfuss, Nadia Perez, Myles Loper, Jewel Steifel, Sydnie Jenkins, Ashley Creighton, Isabel Burns, Austin O'Dell, Brooklyn Bayes, Austin Martin and Paige Howell.

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Photos from Concert on the Green



Kayden Shiffett (left) of Lawtey Elementary and Andrew Warren of Southside Elementary perform with the second- and third-grade group.



Alto saxophone players Zachary Teague (left) and Cody Sapp perform with the BHS band.

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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 sfcollege.edu and click on the Community Ed and College for Kids links for more information or to register.

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Obituaries

Jacqueline Alexander

RAIFORD—Jacqueline Yvonne Alexander, 65, of Raiford died Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Shands of Starke Hospital, Starke. She was born in Jacksonville. She was a member of Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church, Raiford. She attended the local schools of Duval County.

She is survived by: daughter, Lora Thomas of Raiford; brother, Jerome Lee Nixon of Jacksonville; sisters, Patsy Williams, Carolyn Edwards, Lora Jacksons all of Jacksonville, and Cynthia Nichols of Arizona; two grandchildren and many other family members.

Funeral services were held on May 5 at Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church Raiford with Pastor Henry Ortiz conducting the services. Interment was held in Five Sapling Cemetery in Raiford. Arrangements were by Haile Funeral Home Inc. Starke.

Joseph Califano, Jr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Joseph “Joey” Frank Califano, Jr. 73, of Keystone Heights died at his home Thursday, May 3, 2018. He was born Sept. 29, 1944 in Jacksonville to the late Joseph Frank and Santa Rose (DeRosa) Califano. He was a service advisor with a car dealership before retiring to Keystone Heights. He was a parishioner of St. William Catholic Church and had served in the National Guard with the 146th Signal Battalion.

Survivors are: his wife of 54 years, Constance “Connie” Califano of Keystone Heights; children, Lorraine Califano (Timothy Holloway) of Middleburg, and Billy (Rebecca) Califano of Keystone Heights; brother, Gerard (Judy) Califano of Highlands, North Carolina; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many other family members.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, May 8 at St. William Catholic Church with Father Mike Williams presiding. Interment will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

Deacon John Diggs



Deacon John Earnel Diggs, age 78, son of the late Deacon John and Christine Diggs, Deacon of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, former Head Operator of E. I. DuPont and 16 Degree Mason, peacefully left us on Sunday, May 6, 2018, during his stay at Haven Hospice Custead Care Center, Orange Park.

The Homegoing Celebration will be held 4:00 pm Saturday, May 12, at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church (Lawtey) where Reverend Tracy McGeathley Lockley is Pastor, with Rev. Alvin Green delivering the Eulogy. The Burial will follow at the Peetsville Cemetery. Deacon Diggs will be viewed at the Funeral Home on Friday 2-3:30 pm, and later at the Mount Zion A.M.E. Church (on Friday) 5-7:00 pm; On Saturday, Deacon Diggs will be viewed at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church 30 Minutes prior to the Services – and with the Processional. The Procession will form at his residence, 21581 NE 17th Ave, Lawtey, at 3:15 pm.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Emma Newsome Diggs of Lawtey; step mother, Inez Butler Diggs of Starke; children, Christopher Diggs of Sarasota, Cartrissa Diggs of Starke, Dalton Diggs (and Tracy) of Raiford, (John Diggs - Deceased), Demond Diggs and Juvoy Diggs of Lawtey, Dewayne Tyson of Starke, and Joseph Felton of Lawtey; sisters, Palm Lawton and Louise Hudson (Deceased); brothers, Benny Dixon (Deceased), Robert Diggs of Junction City, KS, James Diggs of Starke; Aunt, Alice Hamilton of Lawtey; And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to: Duncan Brothers' Funeral Home, 428 NW 8th St., Gainesville.

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Bennie Harris



LAWTEY—It is with great sadness that the family of Bennie Joe Harris, age 73, announces his passing on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Bennie was born on Aug. 20, 1944 in West Monroe, Louisiana.

Bennie proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years and served three tours during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked with the Department of Corrections for 12 years before retiring. He was active in the NRA and supported our 2nd Amendment rights.

Bennie will be fondly remembered for his love for his family, especially the joy he found in his beloved grandchildren. He loved to hunt and was an excellent gunsmith. His skills included woodworking and building. He will be missed on Saturday mornings having coffee with his best friend and son-in-law, Wannis Walker.

He was preceded in death by his father, H.W. Harris; mother, Annie Ruth Thomas; and Paul John Thomas; sister, Susie Cascio; brother, Barney F. Harris; and beloved son, Paul John Harris.

Bennie leaves behind his loving wife of 42 years, Laura Harris; children, Tina Harris, Barbara (Jeff) Franklin, Ruth Anne (Wannis) Walker, Frank Mastronardi and Floyd Mastronardi; brothers, Johnny (Linda) Thomas and Jimmy (Linda) Thomas; sisters, Dorothy (CD) Spillers and Paula (Andy) Jones. Bennie's legacy includes his twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren: Kristen Pleus (Addy Pleus), Bennie Joe Saucer, Brittany Ettman (Khalia Lyvers), Rebecca Griffin (Reylee Griffin), Natalee Thornton, Travis Evan Anderson (Bradley Anderson), Logan Crawford, Rod Crawford III, Zakary Wannis Walker, Mallory Mastronardi (Deena), Paul John Harris II, and Cameron Jenkins.

Funeral Service was held on May 5 at Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler. Interment followed in the Lawtey Cemetery in Lawtey. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home located at 55 N Lake Ave Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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Donna Jackson



LAWTEY—Donna Gail Rigdon Jackson was born on March 10, 1956 in Lawtey.

Donna is survived by: her long-time companion, Frank DeYoung; her loving mother, Doris (Carlos) Danson; her brother, Winfred “Charles” (Linda) Rigdon Jr.; her sister, Marian Danson (Jimmy) Griffiths; her children, Michelle Rigdon (Shawn) Griffiths and David Wayne (Charlene) Walling; and her six grandchildren, Honor, Holly, and Dylan Raulerson; Chase and Aiden Rigdon; and Alexis Walling. She also had many nieces and nephews that loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Winfred Charles Rigdon, Sr. in 1956; and beloved stepfather, Wiles Bud Danson, Jr. in 1994.

Donna was an avid NASCAR fan with her favorite driver being Chase Elliott. Her entire life she listened to, sang, and wrote country music. As a child, she worshipped Loretta Lynn, and never outgrew her passion for music.

Her diverse work history included: store management, long distance truck driver, correctional officer and data entry operator with the Florida Department of Corrections. While she loved her career and travels as a coast to coast truck driver, she was so thrilled when she received her certification as a correctional officer.

She was a born again Christian and loved to share the word of God. She knew that her final home would be with her Lord and Savior, and those she loved that had gone home before her.

In her later years, she enjoyed staying home, loving her cat Gracie, and utilizing her artistic skills in color sketches and painting.

Donna battled many illnesses for many years, finally succumbing to cancer May 2, 2018. Even through her sickest times and many stays in hospice, she maintained her sense of humor. One of the many times when she was asked her name for identification purposes at the hospital she replied, “I’m Loretta Lynn”. During the same visit her doctor asked how she felt, she replied, “with my fingers and toes”. She was never at a loss for words.

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Susie King-Moore



STARKE— Susie King-Moore, age 53, of Starke passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was born March 10, 1965 in Gainesville and has been a longtime resident of Starke. Prior to retirement she worked in the banking industry as a loan officer. Susie was a Southern Baptist who enjoyed cooking, going to the beach and flowers; she was also an animal lover having numerous cats and dogs over the years. Susie was known for being a loving mother to her children, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Rodney King; and her biological father, Johnny Wales.

Her survivors are: her husband of 26 years, Wayne Moore; mother and step-father, Sylvia (Broskey) and Lee Padgett of Interlachen; father, Richard Davis of Gainesville; two sons, D.J. Zwicker (Kayla Young) and Ricky (Karen) King all of Starke; two step-children, Clint Moore of Raiford and Kelly (Matt) Rolling of Keystone Heights; sister Laura Marie (Byron) Alligood of Keystone Heights; and a brother, Wesley Pryde of Interlachen. Also left behind are nine grandchildren Wyatt King and Kenley King along with Logan, Ashley, Darren, Conner, Crystal, Clinton and Cody.

The family will receive friends in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel Friday, May 11 between 6–8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 12, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Jason Crawford and Pastor Jeremy Crawford officiating. Interment will follow at Sapp Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke, (904) 964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Julia McMullen

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Julia “Judy” Faye McMullen, age 77, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home Friday, May 4, 2018. She was born Dec. 30, 1940 in Gadsden, Alabama to the late V.C. “Mac” and Bessie (Williams) McNair. Mrs. McMullen began her career starting with the Department of Transportation; she then began working with the City of Jacksonville for the next 32 years and retired as senior traffic engineer. This led up to her having an integral part in Keystone Heights receiving its first traffic light. In 1972, she moved to Keystone Heights from Jacksonville and was also a member of Fresh Start Fellowship. You could find Judy outside working in the yard, planting plants and growing flowers or even working on a car. Sewing, quilting, playing various musical instruments are just some of the many talents she had. She was also known for her famous quotes, “We’ll see”, “Maybe”, “Right back at ya” and “My ticket’s bought and paid for”.

Mrs. McMullen is survived by: two children, Denyse Riemer and Dudley Herring both of Keystone Heights. She was also known as “Nona” to four grandchildren, Julia Wagner, Danny Herring, Nick Riemer and Dylon Herring as well as three great-grandchildren, Makenna Davis, Contessa Herring and Decker Herring.

A graveside service was held May 9 at Eliam Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Willie Randolph

LAWTEY— Willie Lee Randolph, 74, of Lawtey died Saturday, May 5, 2018 at his residence in Columbus, Georgia in which he had recently moved. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and was affiliated with the churches of Lawtey. He served with the United States Army.

He is survived by: his daughter, Brenda Randolph Rhone of Columbus, Georgia; two grandsons; brothers, Lester K. Randolph of Jacksonville, James E. Randolph of Orlando, and Haywood Randolph of Miami; and sisters, Cornelius Simmons and Mary Alice Lewis both of Jacksonville.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 12 in True Vine Outreach Ministry Church, Starke with Elder Ross Chandler conducting the services. Interment will be held in Peetsville Cemetery, Lawtey. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Starke. Visitation will be held on May 11, Family hour 3-4:00 pm Friends 4-6:00 pm. The Cortege will form at the residence of Willie and Louise Johnson, 1226 Edwards Road, Starke on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The repass will be at Mt Pisgah AME Church Steel Mill Road Starke.

Norma Shorter



COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO— Norma Maxine Shorter, age 83, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Kootenai Medical Facility. Maxine was born April 11, 1935 to Raymond and Belva Spann in Mooresville, North Carolina and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland with her four siblings. She later relocated to Tampa where she married Raymond Gavilan and raised their daughter, Betty. Later in her life she relocated to Fairbanks, Alaska where she met and married Murl Shorter. Upon retirement, she and Murl moved to Melrose where she owned and operated a dog grooming and boarding business for many years. Through her love of animals, she gained many friends who enjoyed her upbeat, humorous and generous nature. In 2012, Maxine moved to Coeur d’Alene to be closer to her daughter, Betty. She truly enjoyed the fellowship with all of her friends and neighbors at her residence at Bestland Senior Independent Living....her door was always open. Maxine was preceded in death by: her husband, Murl Shorter; her sisters, Johnnie Hartzog, Betty Lawson, Peggy Stone; and brother, Raymond “Reds” Spann.

She is survived by: her daughter, Betty Zabek; son-in-law Jim Remitz; and her stepdaughter, Mary Elizabeth Shorter. A celebration of Maxine’s life will be held at Bestland Senior Independent Living, 606 E. Best Avenue, Coeur d’Alene at 2:30 pm, June 1, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Maxine may be made to Kootenai Humane Society, PO Box 1005, Hayden, ID 83835.

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Letters

Letter to the Editor:
The Chairman of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission’s (CRC) Style and Drafting Committee, Brecht Heuchan, defended grouping several issues into one amendment, saying it was done by past commissions. He stated the ballot language is clear and easily understood, that voters are exceedingly smart and will decide how they want Florida in the future. He said grouping issues will limit the length of the ballot, because long ballots create a disincentive to voting.

The CRC should be held to the same standards as the voters relative to amendments. Doing otherwise, they appear to be nothing more than appointed, political hacks, doing the business of the politicians who appointed them, not the people.

Please, before November, take the time to read and digest the specific content of these amendments, then make educated, informed decisions at

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3-1 win gives Tigers 1st district title in 6 years

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hits were hard to come by, but the Union County High School baseball team didn't need many as it was able to score all of its runs in the seventh inning despite just having one hit in the inning to defeat top seed Williston 3-1 and win the District 6-1A championship on May 3 in Lake Butler.

It was the first district title for the Tigers (18-8) since 2012 — the year they won the state championship. Union hosted Lafayette in the Region 3 semifinals on Wednesday, May 9. If the Tigers won, they will either travel to play Madison County or host Williston for the Region 3 championship on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

Senior right fielder Matthew Starling, who drove in the third seed Tigers' first run, had trouble putting into words what it felt like to earn the first-place trophy.

"It's indescribable," he said. "It really is. It doesn't seem real."

Freshmen pitcher Garrett Mullins, who earned the win, said, "I'm just so excited right now. We've come so far from when we started in January. We've grown so much as a team, as a family. I can't be more excited."

Williston (18-7), who was the designated home team as the number-one seed, took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth. Chandler Neal hit a leadoff double and moved to third on Matthew Webb's fly ball right field. Neal scored on Christian Rey's sacrifice fly to center field.

Prior to entering the final inning, Union Head Coach Boo Mullins said he told his players, "When this is over, we've still won tonight. If it's 1-0 at the end, we won. They're supposed to beat us by 10 runs."

The Tigers didn't settle for a moral victory, though. Garrett Mullins admitted he and his teammates lost a little confidence after falling behind, but putting multiple runners on base in the second base changed that.

4 BHS, KHHS athletes compete in 7 events at state track and field finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The track and field season ended at the highest level for four Bradford and Keystone Heights high school athletes at the May 4-5 Florida High School Athletic Association Track and Field Finals, which were held at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Meghan Harris competed in three events for Bradford. She placed 12th in the triple jump with a distance of 35-10.5, while placing 13th and 19th, respectively, in the 400m and 300m hurdle preliminaries. Harris had a time of 58.02 in the



The Union County High School baseball team won its first district championship since 2012. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Jake Worthington, Skyler Shatto, Lance Thornton, Garrett Mullins, Paden Clyatt, David Dillow, Braxton Dukes, Trace Croft, (back, l-r) Chad Sanders, Matthew Starling, Alan Palmer, Caden Cox, Whip Davis, Trevor Rogers and Tripp Davis.

"We gained it right back," Mullins said. "They couldn't take it away from us."

Trevor Rogers was hit by a pitch to lead off the top of the seventh. Mullins moved courtesy runner Paden Clyatt to second on a sacrifice bunt before Clyatt then advanced to third on a wild pitch. Caden Cox was hit by a pitch and promptly stole second. Starling tied the score by hitting the first pitch he saw for a single that scored Clyatt.

"Coach Mullins told me, 'Get up there, and be ready to hit early in the count.' That's what I did," Starling said. "I saw a fastball and put the bat on it."

Cox was tagged out going to third on a ground ball hit by Skyler Shatto, leaving Starling on second and Shatto on first with two outs. After Jake Worthington drew a walk to load the bases, Whip Davis drew another walk to force Starling in and give the Tigers a 2-1 lead. Tripp Davis was then hit by a pitch to force Shatto in for the game's final run.

In the bottom of the seventh, Mullins struck out the first batter and forced the second to ground out. Levi Pickel then popped up to Cox at shortstop to end the game.

The seventh was only one of two innings in which the Tigers

400m and a time of 48.78 in the hurdles.

The top eight times in the preliminaries advanced to the finals.

Keystone's Alex Guy competed in two events, placing 15th in the 1600m with a time of 4:30.44 and 16th in the 800m with a time of 2:00.33.

Bradford had two other participants: Jade Hines and Jeremiah Vaughn. Hines placed 13th in the long jump with a distance of 17-1.5, while Vaughn placed 23rd in the 200m preliminaries with a time of 23.12.

Vaughn's participation came as a surprise. He placed fifth at the Region 2-2A finals, which left him one spot of an automatic state berth, but Bradford coaches noticed he was included among the list of competitors. Coach Edrick Hamilton said Vaughn had been placed in a lottery and earned a bid, so Hamilton returned to Starke to pick up Vaughn.

LETTERS

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the ballot box.

There are three citizen and two legislative generated amendments I will give serious consideration to before voting. The CRC will get no affirmative vote from me.

"In the end, they alone will be the judge of our work."

Jack Schenk

Dear Editor:

There was a time when I was proud of my small town and its accomplishments. But lately there hasn't been much to be proud of. Years ago some people got together and made some changes, some drastic changes. Our downtown was going downhill at tremendous speed and no one was trying to stop it. Then some people who actually cared about our city got together and our city began a positive journey. Empty buildings started

filling up, fresh paint went up, inmate crews came in and started cleaning our streets. We were looking good. What happened? No one at the city knows what's going on or really seems to care. Wait, let me correct myself on that. Our code enforcement officer seems to be the only one who realizes we have abandoned buildings and trash-littered yards. But she can't do anything about it. Signed complaints, but one person can only do so much. I was under the impression that our elected officials were in place to promote and support business in our city. There again I was wrong. I have had a small business on the outskirts of our city for 8 months. I have had 2 city elected officials in my shop. Two, that is pathetic. I asked one commissioner about it he said it wasn't his thing. How do you know if it's not your thing if you have never been in there? My next answer was this

commissioner didn't have time. Excuse me isn't that what you were voted in for, to have time for the citizens. My next thing is my signs. Due to the sign ordinance I am not allowed permanent signs. I would straighten them every day if I could but due to the rough terrain, and my balance, that is impossible for me to do. So my solution to the problem of the city commissioner who requested that they be removed when you are out for your morning walk why not straighten them. It would make the city look better, help me out, and it might make you feel better. We are all in this together to make Starke a better place starting at the top.

Carolyn Crews
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Pitcher Garrett Mullins gave up four hits and no walks in a complete-game effort.



Shortstop Caden Cox prepares to throw to first base.

had multiple baserunners. In the top of the fifth, Union put two on when Mullins singled and Starling walked. Williston ended the inning when it turned a ground ball hit by Shatto into a double play.

Union had a runner on second base in five of the first six innings before finally capitalizing in the seventh.

In the first five innings, Williston had three runners in scoring position, leaving two stranded, while the other was thrown out on an attempt to steal third base.

Mullins allowed four hits and no walks, while striking out three.

"He did an amazing job," Starling said, while Mullins said, "I didn't do it by myself. Everybody played a role in this."

That includes the head coach — his father, who was a standout pitcher himself in high school and college before pitching in the Major Leagues for the Milwaukee Brewers.

"My dad, he calls pitches," Mullins said. "He's good at it. He called the right ones on the right counts. I threw it where it needed to go, and God blessed me."

Coach Mullins said his son almost has no choice but to be a good pitcher because he's so hard on him. Still, the elder Mullins said he was surprised at how calm Garrett was on



Trace Croft (right) slides into second base on a successful steal attempt.



First baseman Tripp Davis (left) attempts to tag Christian Rey out on a pick-off attempt in the fourth inning. Rey was eventually caught in a rundown between first and second to end the inning.

the mound. In fact, the whole season has been a pleasant surprise. Garrett is 7-1 with a 0.71 ERA.

"He's worked hard," Boo Mullins said.

The coach has a pretty young team overall. Four of the starting nine against Williston were freshmen, while the other five were two seniors and three juniors. Mullins said it's almost a shock that the Tigers have won 18 games, including defeating a more experienced team in Williston for the district title.

However, after working with this group all year, the coach is also confident in their abilities

moving forward into the going to be there at the end, but postseason. if we play like we did tonight,

"They're young, but they're good, and they're not scared," Mullins said. "We're going to be there at the end, too."

Mullins said. "(Williston) is

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Indians advance to Region 2 final with 4-1 defeat of Raiders

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Daelynn Eatmon gave up just three hits and one walk in a complete-game effort as the Keystone Heights High School softball team defeated Santa Fe 4-1 in a Region 2-5A semifinal game on May 8 in Alachua.

It was the first region semifinal win for the Indians (19-10) in six years.

"I couldn't be more proud (of the players)," Keystone Head Coach Jessica Marquart said. "They deserve it. They work so hard."

Keystone now travels to play Hernando (25-3) for the Region 2 championship on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m.

The win over Santa Fe came 12 days after the Indians suffered a 6-4 loss to the Raiders in the District 5 championship game.

"It's great to beat anybody in the district, especially the ones that beat us in the district championship," Marquart said, "but at this point right now, it doesn't matter (who we play)."

The Indians were looking

forward to another shot at the Raiders, though. Molly Crawford, who homered and drove in two runs in the Region 2 semifinal win, admitted as much, though she said thoughts didn't turn toward a possible rematch until Keystone defeated Eustis in the Region 2 quarterfinals (see related story).

"We were so ready for this game," Crawford said. "We were ready to get revenge."

Eatmon, who took the loss against the Raiders in the District 5 championship game, pitched a shutout through the first five innings.

While Eatmon was shutting the Raiders down, the Indians were scoring early, taking a 3-0 lead in the first three innings.

Ashleigh Jennings led the game off with a bunt single. After moving to second on Ashton Ludwig's ground out, she scored on a Bailey Story single.

Keystone had two outs in the second when Cami Worley drove a 2-2 pitcher over the fence in center field for a 2-0 lead.

The Indians faced two outs again in the third when Story hit

a bloop double that just fell fair between third base and left field. She scored on a Crawford single.

Marquart said her players relish the opportunity to be the team hitting in the top half of the inning.

"They're so crazy," she said. "They love to hit first. I'm like, 'I'd love to be the home team,' but they're like, 'No. We want to hit first.' They believe they're going to score."

Crawford gave the Indians their last run when she led off the sixth with a home run.

Santa Fe (20-9) got two consecutive singles to lead off the bottom of the sixth. Two outs later an error on an infield grounder led to the Raiders' only run.

The Raiders' Madison Hylton, was on third in the bottom of the seventh after reaching on an error and advancing on Jordan Bevington's ground out. Hylton, however, was caught between third and home when Jaye Carter flied out to left fielder Lexi Northway. Catcher Story tagged Hylton out to complete the game-ending double play.

Crawford, Northway and Worley each finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate, while Story went 2-for-4.

Since giving up six runs to Santa Fe in the third inning of the District 5 championship game, the Indians have outscored opponents 13-4 in 18 innings.

Crawford said the team is looking to keep things rolling this postseason.

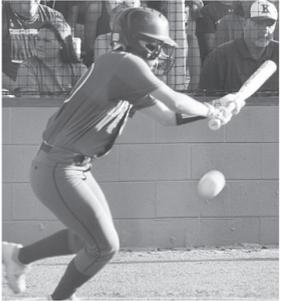
"Our motto is, 'Win the last game,'" she said. "We're pumped. We're ready for it. We're not stopping now."



Pictured after the game are (l-r) Cami Worley, Molly Crawford and Daelynn Eatmon. Worley and Crawford each hit a home run, while Eatmon was the winning pitcher, giving up three hits and one walk.



Catcher Bailey Story looks a runner back to base.



Ashleigh Jennings bats in the top of the first. She reached on a single and scored the game's first run.

Below: Shortstop Molly Crawford fields a grounder in the bottom of the sixth.



Third baseman Savannah Channell (left) and Santa Fe's Bailey Ledvina wait for the pitch. Ledvina would eventually score on an error.

Indians knock off state runner-up to advance

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Pitcher Megan Moncrief gave up one earned run and drove in two runs as part of a three-run first inning in helping the Keystone Heights High School softball team defeat last year's state runner-up, Eustis, 5-3 in a Region 2-5A quarterfinal game on May 2 in Eustis.

Cami Worley's RBI single in the top of the third proved to be the difference, while Savannah Channell drove in an insurance run in the sixth on a single.

Keystone, which was eliminated in last year's Region 2 semifinals by Eustis, got off to a fast start, scoring three runs in the first. Ashton Ludwig and Bailey Story each singled, with Ludwig scoring on a Molly Crawford double. After Channell was hit by a pitch, Moncrief doubled to drive in Story and Crawford.

Eustis (21-6) made it a 3-1 game in the bottom of the

inning when leadoff batter Jaycie Michael singled and scored on a Leea Hanks' sacrifice fly.

Channell led off the top of the third with single and moved to second on Moncrief's sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Worley singled to right field, scoring Channell and putting the Indians up 4-1.

The Panthers made it a one-run game in the bottom of the inning. Michael, who reached base in all of her at-bats, hit a leadoff single, stole second and scored on Kayla Betts' single. After Hanks reached on an error, Tori Rodebaugh singled to load the bases. Seriah Brokenborough drove in Betts on a sacrifice fly, but Moncrief was able to get out of the inning without any more damage. She forced Lexi Rodriguez to hit a foul pop-up



Bailey Story (right) kicks up a lot of dust after successfully stealing second in the top of the first.

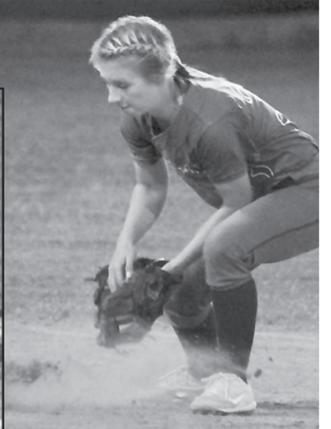
to Channell at third base and Graelyn Crawford to pop up to Ludwig at second.

Ludwig scored Keystone's final run in the sixth, reaching on a walk and scoring on Channell's single to center field.

Eustis had two on in the bottom of the seventh, but Moncrief forced Rodebaugh to ground out to end the game.

Moncrief gave up nine hits and just one walk.

Channell and Ludwig each went 2-for-3, while Crawford and Worley each went 2-for-4.



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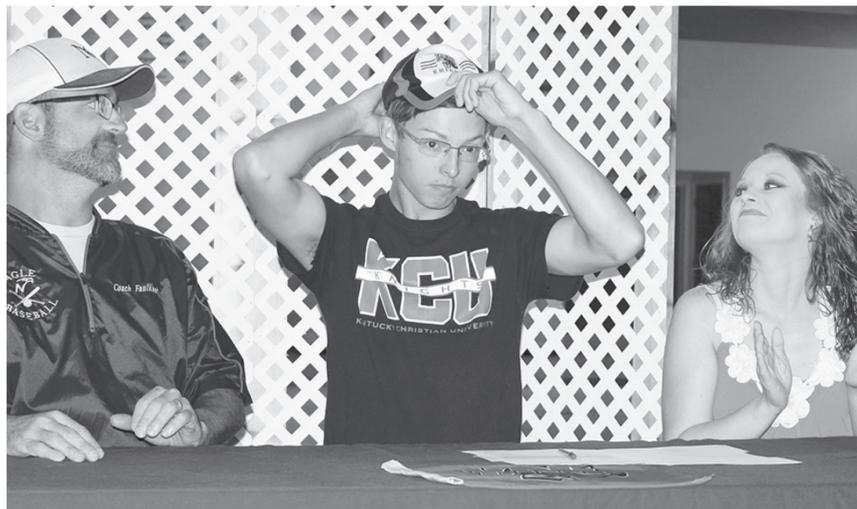
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Northside teams make playoffs NCA's Elixson to play baseball at Kentucky Christian



The Northside Christian Academy baseball team finished second at its conference tournament and will compete in the state tournament this week in Orlando. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Joey Barrick, Joseph Santos, Donovin Norman, Quinton Goodson, Clayton Stokely, (back, l-r) coach Brian Sapp, Aaron Randolph, Jakob Garrison, Colton Elixson, Jarrett Underhill, Justin Ring, Preston Crawford (All-Conference), Logan Miller and coach John Faulkner.



Northside Christian Academy senior baseball player Colton Elixson, seated between NCA coach John Faulkner and mother, Jessica Dilas, places a Kentucky Christian University cap on his head during a May 4 signing ceremony.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Throwing a no-hitter is pretty special.

So is signing a letter of intent to play college ball.

Northside Christian Academy senior baseball player Colton Elixson has now done both this year. Elixson accepted a scholarship from Kentucky Christian University, with NCA hosting a signing ceremony on May 4.

"It's exciting," said Elixson, who pitched a no-hitter in the Eagles' final regular-season game. "I'm a little nervous, going far away from home, but to get an opportunity like this, of course I'm going to take it."

Elixson said he never believed such an opportunity would present itself, but he was put into contact with Kentucky Christian coaches by NCA coach John Faulkner, who is a KCU alumnus.

"To know that he's going to go to the school I graduated from means a great deal to me," Faulkner said. "I'm excited for him, and I know that he'll do great."

Elixson visited the Grayson, Kentucky, school and liked what he saw.

"One thing I really like is that it's a small school," Elixson said. "I'm not going to have to really worry about a bunch of people."

He played in the outfield also, but Elixson is going to KCU as a pitcher. Elixson is currently 5-1, with the Eagles set to wrap up their season at the state tournament in Orlando.

Elixson has also had some offensive highlights this year, including four triples during a playoff game.

To successfully transition from high school to college, Elixson said, "I just have to work out and practice, practice, practice."

Faulkner said Elixson is a great athlete, but hopes playing at KCU will help increase his confidence in his ability.

"I think there's a lot of humility there, but he also needs to have some confidence," Faulkner said. "I think playing against other college athletes will hopefully grow his confidence in his ability."

Faulkner said what KCU will get is a player who always strives to do his best.

"He's a great student of the game," Faulkner said. "He's always trying to perfect his game. He's very coachable. He's very passionate about the game."

Taking the mound for the first time as a KCU Knight should be quite the experience.

"I'm going to have butterflies," Elixson said. "It's going to be nerve-racking, but after the first inning or so, it'll feel just like it does now (at NCA)."

Before Elixson signed his paperwork, Faulkner, who is also the school's athletic director, encouraged the entire student body, which was in attendance, to follow in Elixson's footsteps.

"It's exciting to see our student athletes have the opportunity to continue to play at the next level. I want every single one of you to know it's possible," Faulkner said. Looking down at the children sitting on the floor, Faulkner added, "Even you guys

down here, you kindergartners. Don't just stop after high school. Seek the opportunity to play sports at the next level. We will try to do whatever we can to make that happen."



The Northside Christian Academy softball team placed second at its conference tournament, but will compete in the state tournament this week in Orlando. Pictured are: (front, kneeling) Head Coach Jason Pilcher, (second row, l-r) coach April Pilcher, Jillian Kirkland, Amberlyn Pilcher, Morgan Elixson, Kayla Moss, Gracie Garrison, (back row, l-r) Taylor English, Makyllah Kirkland, Aniston Pilcher, Savannah Ennis, Tamya Coleman and Kyla Lawrence.

Upset loss ends Tigers' hopes for another state title

BY CHUCK DOWLING
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County ran into a familiar foe in the first round of the 1A state softball playoffs on Friday night in Lake Butler. It was an opponent they had already beaten 3-2 in the regular season, and this would be the third year in a row that the Fightin' Tigers (15-5) would open their postseason with the Madison County Cowgirls. Last year, they used an 8-0 first-round victory to propel them all the way to the 1A State title a few weeks later in Vero Beach.

But as the old adage goes, you do not have to be the better team, you just have to be better on that night, and Madison County (15-8) was, earning a 5-2 triumph and spoiling Union County's repeat title aspirations in the process.

The Cowgirls got started early, with Laila Dickey leading off the game with a double and Reese Rutherford coming up with an RBI single in the next at bat. The Fightin' Tigers were quick to respond when Rutherford stepped off the rubber in the bottom half of the inning and the umpire waved home Teala Howard, who had led off the inning with a bloop triple. The inning would end with the teams all knotted up at 1-1, and with Union leaving a runner in scoring position, something that would become a theme for the night.

Over the next four innings, Lexi Androlevich commanded control of the circle, shutting Madison down and forcing a three up-three down each time. Unfortunately for the Tigers, they were also able to produce over the same time span, leaving four runners on base, including three in the bottom of the fourth.

The Cowgirls would strike again in the top of the fifth, when McKenzie Miller singled to left to score Hope Underhill and give the visiting side a 2-1 lead. The Tigers looked to be bouncing back in the bottom of the fifth when Kamaya Cohen stole third, but Rutherford continued her dominance from the rubber, ending the inning



Above: Lexi Androlevich pitches in the Tigers' Region 3-1A semifinal game against Madison County. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.



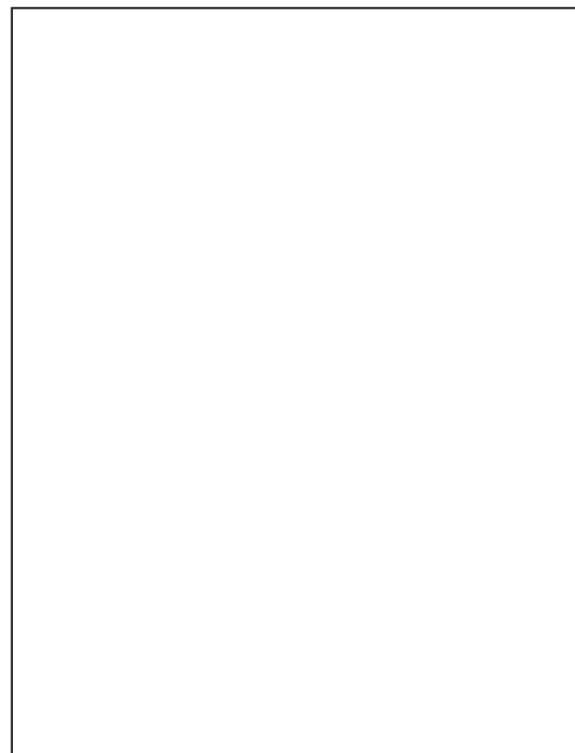
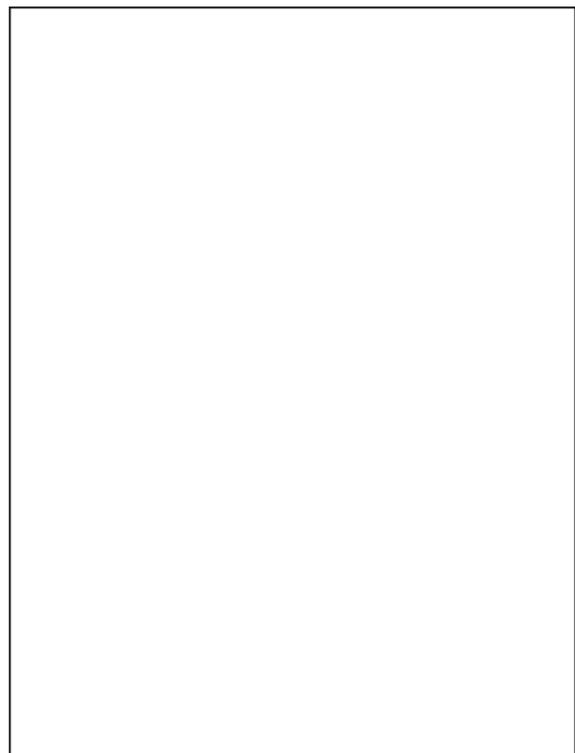
Right: Kensley Hamilton bat for the Tigers. She and Teala Howard had five of Union's seven hits. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

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Teala Howard is caught stealing third in the bottom of the third. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

with yet another strike out. Madison County added to their lead in the top of the seventh, scoring three more runs and leaving Union County with the task of making up a four-run deficit with just three outs to spare. The Tigers definitely showed fight in the bottom side

error had both runners almost nestled at third base at the same time, before Hamilton had to run back to second. Howard would then score on a wild pitch, but that would prove to be the final run of the evening for Union County. Tiffany Clark hit the ball straight

of what would prove to be their final inning of the season. Howard singled to left, followed by a

to the circle and Reese fumbled it to put runners on the corners with just one out, but fittingly Reese would strike out the final two batters of the night, giving her 14 strikeouts on the evening.

Afterwards, Tigers' head coach James Godwin said of Rutherford's performance, "We faced her the last time they were here, and she pitched lights out tonight, but we had our chances."

He went on to praise his Senior class, stating, "They are going to be remembered for a long time around here. They have done stuff around here that's never been done before. Three District Championships, two regional titles, one state championship, two final fours, and I want to say they have only lost five or six 1A ball games during their four years here."

UCHS grad Lewis makes ASUN All-Freshman team

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Devin Lewis, a 2017 Union County High School graduate, has already made her mark as a member of the Stetson University softball team, having been named to the Atlantic Sun Conference's All-Freshman team.

Lewis, who has made 48 starts and appeared in all 49 of the Hatters' games to date, is batting .263. She is second on the team with seven home runs and fourth in RBI (27) and slugging percentage (.438).

During a March 7-9 series against Holy Cross, Lewis had three walk-off hits. She hit RBI singles in 4-3 and 5-4 double-header wins on March 7 — the first double walk-off in Stetson history — and a two-run home run in a 9-1 in on March 9.



Stetson University's Devin Lewis, a 2017 Union County High School graduate, was named to the Atlantic Sun Conference's All-Freshman team. Photo courtesy of Stetson University.

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