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Union quarterback Anthony Hendrieth looks for a receiver.

## 35 years and counting

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Superintendent Carlton Faulk, LBES Principal Marcie Tucker, LBMS Principal Carolyn Parrish and UCHS Principal Mike Ripplinger honor 35-year employee Barry Sams.



## Union commissioners send mining changes back to state

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Union County Commissioners approved changes to their proposed amendment to the county's comprehensive land use plan during the commission's May 21 meeting.

The changes were in response to technical comments from state agencies about the commission's original Comprehensive Plan Amendment 17-02, filed with the state in February.

CPA-17-02 established new rules for mining within Union County. It prohibited mining in wetlands, residential and in other environmentally-sensitive areas. It also required new standards for mining permits, regulations, reclamation, reuse, buffer zones and water-quality monitoring.

After receiving the proposed amendment, Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission responded with technical comments.

County Attorney Russ Wade said most of the issues raised by the state agencies were minor, technical problems.

For example, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection said Union County's proposed amendment requires that the county land development regulations include standards for reclamation and reuse. The state agency recommended the county's policy refer to Florida Statutes Chapter 378: Land Reclamation.

FDEP also had a problem with the amendment's mitigation policy, which referred to a section of the Florida Administrative Code that had been repealed. The agency recommended the county refer instead to different sections of the administrative code.

### Citizens ask for delay

Several members of the public, including Mark Lyons of Citizens Against Phosphate Mining, asked commissioners to delay their response to the state. They complained that they did not have access to the changes in time and wanted to review the county's response to the agencies before the county sent its changes to Tallahassee.

"One of our experts went through the comp. changes," Lyons told commissioners. "She did not cover all of them because we simply didn't have time. She worked two-and-a-half days,

around the clock just to come up with this little bit that we came up with. The attorney is still working as of today to go through the document and come up with something for us."

Lyons added that it is important to get the comprehensive plan right, because the plan sets the framework for the more detailed land development regulations, which county commissioners have yet to approve.

"Your LDRs are dependent on specific language in the county's comp. plan," he said. "So, this means it's impossible to revise the LDRs until all of the proposed amendments to the county's comp. plan have been finalized."

"Additionally, we're concerned that the proposed amendment revisions to the county comp. plan will attempt to or will diminish or remove the county's ability to determine land use in the county that are not supported by facts or science," he added.

Wade, along with Sandra Joseph, senior planner with the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, brushed off those concerns. They said commissioners were only sending four proposed changes back to the state and the county's staff distilled those changes down to a four-page memo.

### Buffer zones

Wade said the most substantive change was based on a recommendation by the Department of Economic Opportunity that requested clearer and more meaningful guidelines, in addition to predictable standards for establishing buffer zones between extraction activities and bodies of water or residential areas.

He added that in response, the county added language to the amendment that said buffer zones around bodies of water and wetlands will be based on the size of the river, stream or wetlands, the proximity of federal- or state-protected species, and the proximity to New River, Santa Fe River or Olustee Creek.

Buffer zones around residential areas will be determined in accordance with future land use density.

In addition to the comment about buffer zones from the Department of Economic Opportunity and the two comments about referencing the Florida Administrative

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## UCHS holds 2018 graduation May 18

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The hard work was over, the tests all graded and the caps and gowns donned proudly by the graduates. All that was left to complete a 12-year quest was to make it official, to gain the certificate which would proclaim them all "graduate."

The class of 2018 entered the Tiger Stadium, walking single file while the band played, at a speed which bespoke of the solemnity of the event. They carefully entered the rows of seating laid out for them, trying not to smile or crack the joke they had just thought of, but their high spirits still leaked through - they had all worked hard to be there and it was now their time.

Once all were seated, the graduates were welcomed by Brooke Arin Waters, senior class president, whose talk focused on the achievements of all of the UCHS students over the past year, both in the academic and athletic arenas. She said that "Union County High School was an astounding place to go to school and achieve so much. The 2018 class will be known for its many achievements."

Water went on to tell her classmates that she hoped they all achieved their dreams and congratulated them on their graduation.

Andrew-Paul Alvin Griffis, senior class secretary, offered the invocation, followed by Erin Bertie Stidham, senior class vice president and class valedictorian, leading the pledge of allegiance.

Union County High School Principal Mike Ripplinger took the podium for the recognition of the honor graduates and other graduates with notable achievements.

Outstanding honors students, those who achieved a 4.0 grade point average or higher and who earned the purple honor cord included: Erin Bertie Stidham, Tori Loraine Wilkins, Brooke Arin Waters, Madison Noelle Adams, Madelyn Emily Kish, Andrew-Paul Alvin Griffis, Taylor Rae Beatty, Kale Alexander Oden, Lauren Killian Rhodes, Macey Faith Hardee and Madison Nicole Rimes.

High honors students, those who achieved a 3.75 - 3.99 grade

## (R-) Maurice Strong, Joseph Szymanski, John Tallman and Blake Tetstone walk toward the stage to receive their diplomas during Union County High School's graduation ceremony, May 18.

point average and who earned the gold honor cord included: Elizabeth Mary Avila, Lauren Ashley Britt, Austin Sawyer Wilson, Bobbie Grace Barber, Adrienne Kay Boatright, Landon Parker Roberts, Sara Louise Waters, Kaylee Cheyenne Molchan, Angelika Estela Rodriguez, Amanda Marie Blanton, Ashley Diane Harris, Haven Nathaniel Johns and Tyree Khalil McDonald.

Honors students, those who achieved a 3.5 - 3.749 grade point average and who earned the white honor cord included: Brianna Whitley, Griffin McInnis Whitley, Carley Paige Libby, Ciera LeeAnn Long, Jordyn Elizabeth Knight, Alexandria Nicole Perez, Kayla Brooke Kirby and Chase Andrew Crawford.

Ripplinger also recognized three students who were not only graduating from UCHS, but who had also either completed their dual enrollment coursework and earned an AA degree or completed their Industry Certifications. Erin Bertie Stidham and Tori Loraine Wilkins both had completed their AA degrees from Florida Gateway College and Gavin Reed Kite had completed both the Welding Technology Program and the Advanced Welding Technology Program from the North Florida Technical College.

"There is one more group of special graduates I would like to bring recognition to this evening," Ripplinger said. These men and women have made the choice to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against enemies, foreign and domestic. They are willing to serve and defend so that we may enjoy the very freedoms we many times take for granted."

Ripplinger called out the names of the graduating seniors who had already committed to service in the United States military, and the branch of service they had selected. They were:

Taylor Aaron Davis - United States Marine Corp.  
Brian Michael Scott - United States Marine Corp.  
Sara Louise Waters - United

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## Valedictorian: aim for goodness

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

The valedictorian of Union County High School's Class of 2018 urged her classmates to strive for goodness in their lives, adding that if they stay motivated and honest, everything else in life will fall into place.

Erin Stidham started off her address by reciting some truisms she learned in her four years at the school: "senioritis is real; no sandwich will ever rival a Skip's sub; underclassmen can grow to be some of your best friends, and so can teachers; don't try and look cute for school, because Miss Debe (Stephenson) will always look better than you... the best words are those that are spoken with kindness; life can change in an instant; the best version of you is the authentic version and you're never too old to hug your mom."

Stidham added that while the technical knowledge gained in high school is important, true success will come to those who focus on their characters.

"I think that as long as you're focused on being an honest, motivated and overall good person, the rest will fall into place," she said. "By the rest, I mean grades, jobs, financial stability, and other focal points of our lives."

Stidham followed up on her statement that her classmates should strive to be good people by saying that the word "good" is overused.

"We use it to describe Mexican food and movies, however, goodness, being one of the fruits of the spirit, is something that our souls would starve without," she said. "Goodness is virtue and holiness in action. This quality results in a life characterized by deeds motivated by righteousness, and a desire to be a blessing to others. With this quality, you are now driven by the desire to benefit other individuals and impact their lives for the good, rather than to simply appear virtuous. As long as we seek to incorporate goodness into our lives, we are sure to succeed."

Stidham concluded, "be a good one. Each of us has already received the strength and the power that we need. Class of 2018, what are you going to do with it?"

## Salutatorian: don't merely survive. Thrive.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Union County High School's Class of 2018 Salutatorian told her classmates that simply surviving life is not enough and that they should endeavor to thrive.

Tori Wilkins started her address by reminding the Class of 2018 of some of America's overachievers: Steve Jobs, Martin Luther King Jr., Walt Disney and Truett Cathy.

"What do (they) all have in common?" she asked. "All four of these individuals went above and beyond the status quo. They recognized that they had a purpose far greater than just serving. They were thriving."

Wilkins read Webster's definition of thrive and then drew upon a Casting Crowns song by the same name: "We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives. It's time for us to do more than just survive. We were made to thrive."

Wilkins said that in order to thrive her classmates must first discover their purpose, adding that she and her classmates' original purpose is revealed in the Bible.

"Scripture reminds us of our original design and purpose," she said. "Genesis 1:27 says we were made in the image of God. What an incredible thought that the Creator of the universe would fashion us in a way that is a reflection of himself. That alone is enough to remind us that we are far more than ordinary."

Wilkins added another Old Testament passage to build on her theme, Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for



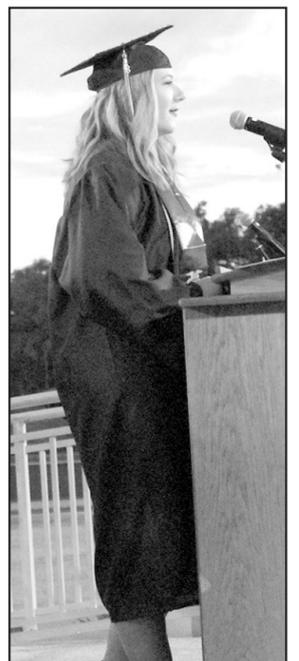
Valedictorian Erin Stidham leads the Class of 2018 in the Unity Circle, at the close of the commencement ceremony.

the valedictorian said that for those who think goodness is beyond them, they should seek help from above.

"In Second Peter, chapter one, verse three, you read a promise: 'His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him, who called us by His own glory and goodness.'"

"You, a creation of God, were created with goodness etched into your very existence," she added. "Through God's goodness and generosity, we are able to achieve outstanding things that we often naively view as unattainable."

"Whatever you decide to be," Stidham concluded, "be a good one. Each of us has already received the strength and the power that we need. Class of 2018, what are you going to do with it?"



Union County High School Class of 2018 Salutatorian Tori Wilkins addresses her classmates during the graduation ceremony.

you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

"This verse is not simply saying that the Lord is going to protect you, but also to bless you," Wilkins said. "He has plans to prosper you and plans to give you hope. He has plans for

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## UCHS Class of 1963 to Meet

The Union County High School Class of 1963 will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 14 at noon at the Steakhouse in Starke. There will be a discussion concerning plans for a 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Friends welcome. Please contact Sharon Berry, email phillipberry@att.net or by phone at 904-272-8891 or 904-553-5123.

## 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.

## More Fun at the Library

The Union County Public Library is geared up for summer fun and offering something for everyone in the family.

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 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.

Thursdays at 10 a.m. the summer Libraries Rock program will be offered, beginning on June 7 with "Let's Rock" featuring live Rock and Roll Music.

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. For info please call Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647. Everyone is encouraged to come on out and play.

## UC School Board recognizes service and retirees



Honorees recognized for 20 years of service to the Union County School District: Dirk Schmidt, Mary Anne O'Steen, Pam Higginbotham, Lori Howard, Nancy Griffis and Pat Cunningham. Not pictured: Rita Baker, Margaret Clyatt, Kyler Cohen, Tana Godwin and Deivory Green.



Recognized for 25 years of service were: Chrystal Woodall, Cristi Whitehead, Mary Ann Taylor, Cindy Short, Cathy Sams and Kelly Dukes. Not pictured: Sherry Fortune, Tammy Harrison, Melissa Lynch, Lisa Cunningham Powell and Barbara Ward.



Pictured are: 30-year employees Margie Coburn and Mike Pittman. Not pictured: Linda Cross. Retiring district personnel Nancy Fischer and Deann Tucker. Not pictured: Edward Shadd, Darleen Ball, Nick Johnson and Daisy Reeves.



Daisy Reeves made it to the ceremony to pick up her retirement plaque, but not in time to make the group picture.



Union County 2017-18 Adult School Graduates. Pictured are: Justin Dukes, Clarissa Elixson, Shelbe Hernandez, Kristie Hilderbran, April Jenkins, Sarah Johns, Summer Lewis, Autumn Malm, Brianna Martinez, Tiffany Martinez Lee, Cade Mesnard, Erica Murphy, Joseph Sando, Kirsten Schepp, Nautia Spearman and Robert Stoutamire. Not pictured: Robert O'Steen, Michael Palmer, Kaily Phillips, Thomas Stalnaker and Justin Vignola.

## Adult graduates reap reward for hard work

There was a second high school graduation ceremony in Union County this spring, just a few days after the big event at the football stadium for all the UCHS graduates. In the second ceremony, the excitement ran just as high and the graduates were dressed in their caps and gowns, sharing small, nervous smiles as they marched into the UCHS auditorium to the sound of Pomp and Circumstance and took their seats.

The graduates of the Union County Adult School were welcomed to their graduation ceremony by Union County Director of Adult Education Barry Sams, who complemented the graduates on their hard work and their dedication to their chosen course, shown by their completion of their program.

"Great things are coming for you all," Sams told the graduates.

After the invocation, given by Mark Harrison, Sams took to the podium again and introduced the district dignitaries in attendance for the program. Present for the ceremony were Union County Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk, Union County School Board member Becky Raulerson and many members of the Adult School faculty and staff, including Harrison, Lee Clark, Cindy Short, Eugene Dukes, Chris Mecusker, Ginger Thompson and Christina Troup.

Joey Dicks took the podium as the guest speaker and told the graduates how proud he was of them. He related the origin of the work graduate, saying it came from the Latin word "gradus." Dicks said the Latin word translated as meaning "taking a step forward, towards something," and told the graduates that that was exactly what they were doing.

"Your accomplishment is amazing," Dicks said. "You have achieved something tonight that will propel you forward in life. I hope you graduate, or move forward in all areas of your life, professional and personal."

Union County Adult Education Lead Teacher Eugene Dukes took the microphone and called the names of the graduates. As they climbed the steps to the stage they were met by Faulk, who gave them their high school diploma and congratulated them, and then Sams, who also offered his congratulations.

To conclude the event, Faulk offered the closing comments, first thanking all of the parents for supporting their students in completing their diplomas. He told the new graduates that this was a beginning for them, that so many doors were now open to them. He told them they had

accomplished something that was theirs, that no one could ever take away from them. Faulk then asked the new graduates how many had children and/or jobs, and several raised their hands.

"Those of you who have worked and taken care of children while working towards your diploma have done double-duty, much more than the average high school graduate. You are to be commended for your hard work and dedication and I want you all to know that I am very proud of you all and wish you the best of futures."

Throughout the ceremony, husbands, wives, children and sweethearts sitting in the audience were lavish in their calls of pride and support as the graduates moved through the ceremony. Attendance was high for the event and the pride and support were made obvious.

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Code and Florida Statutes from FDEP, the only other comment was from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. That agency said Union County's proposed amendment refers to an FWC designation that the state no longer uses: Critical Wildlife Conservation Area. FWC recommended instead that Union County's Comprehensive Plan refer to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory Biodiversity Matrix.

## Other business

In other business during its May 21 meeting, commissioners:

Approved changes to its land development regulations adding solar farms as a special exception within the industrial zoning district;

Replaced a section of its flood prevention regulations to comply with FEMA definitions;

Approved a raise for 911 dispatchers;

Approved a special permit for a telecommunications tower on Southwest 150<sup>th</sup> Loop, Near S.R. 121 and

Approved an Aug. 30 ballot measure, asking voters to continue a half-mill levy to fund the Union County Special Library District.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 18-19-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS EDWARD MOORE, JR., deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of THOMAS EDWARD MOORE, JR., deceased, whose date of death was February 27, 2018; File Number 18-19-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: May 17, 2018.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 16000089CAAXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANAURY ANGELES A/K/A ANAURY O. ANGELES A/K/A ANAURY ORFELINA ANGELES, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 8, 2018, and entered in 16000089CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and ANAURY ANGELES A/K/A ANAURY O. ANGELES A/K/A ANAURY ORFELINA ANGELES is the Defendant. Kellie Hendricks Connell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, at 11:00 AM, on July 26, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 1, PROVIDENCE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, BLOCK B, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 12 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 8232 SW 44TH AVE LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054  
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. Dated this 9th day of May, 2018.

Kellie Hendricks Connell  
As Clerk of the Court  
Crystal Norman  
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case#: 2016-CA-000108

Selene Finance LP Plaintiff.

-vs.-  
Amy J. Kosal; Unknown Spouse of Amy J. Kosal; Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in, Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000108 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff and Amy J. Kosal are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Kellie Hendricks Connell, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 103 UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LAKE BUTLER, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on June 28, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 11 OF SANTA FE HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED FN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 1996, MAKE: CLASSIC, VIN#: JACFL16829A AND VIN#: JACFL16829B.  
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.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (352) 491-4490 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
This 21st day of May, 2018.

Kellie Hendricks Connell  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Union County, Florida  
Crystal Norman  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT  
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**RFQ TITLE: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UNION COUNTY**  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING JUNE 14, 2018 AT 8:30 A.M.**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME: JUNE 14, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE**

The Union County Board of County Commissioners will receive qualifications at the Board of County Commissioner's Office located at 15 NE 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, until Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. The RFQ's will be opened in the Board of County Commissioners' Board Room located in the Union County Courthouse on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as they can be opened.

RESPONDERS MUST SUBMIT ONE ORIGINAL AND FIVE COPIES; AND LABEL ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE AS "RFQ-PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UNION COUNTY." Further information may be obtained at www.unioncounty-fl.gov  
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## City ballot set – all that's left is campaigning

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Qualifying is done and Lake Butler City Commission incumbents and hopefuls are now walking the campaign trail in their quest for the most votes in the June 26 city election.

Three seats are up for grabs. The seats are numbered, but all of the commissioners run "at large," meaning that they each represent all of the city and its residents, not just specific areas or districts.

Annette Redman is the incumbent in Seat Three and

## Election Time is Approaching Fast

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

With cutoff getting close Union County candidates must get petitions signed or pay the qualifying fee.

All candidates must turn in their petitions by noon on Monday, May 21st, or pay the qualifying fee between noon on June 18 and noon on June 22. The fee for BOCC candidates is \$1,717.68 and for School Board is \$1058.76.

Offices up for election in Union County include seats 2 and 4 County Commission and seats 1, 3, and 5 School Board.

In seat 2, incumbent Woody Kitler, has said he will not seek re-election. Channing Dobbbs, Charles Alvarez and Nancy Griffis have all declared their intention to run for the seat. Tommy Nettles, the incumbent in District 4, will run for re-election, facing Lacey Cannon and Wayne Smith.

On the School Board, incumbents Allen Parrish (seat 1), Curtis Clyatt (seat 3) and Terra Johnson (seat 5) have all declared their intention to seek re-election and at this time have no opposition.

The August 28 primary will narrow the field, and then the general election on November 6 will produce the winners. The early voting period for the elections will be August 18-25 for the primary and October 27 – November 3 for the general election.

The voter registration deadline for the primary is July 30 and for the general election is October 9. The books will close after these dates and if residents are not registered by the closing of the books they will not be allowed to vote in the elections. All Union County residents who are not registered to vote, or who need to update their registration information, should do so as soon as possible at the UCSEO's Office or online at unionflvotes.com.

In addition to election related activities, the Supervisor of Elections office is in the process of creating a veteran's wall, to honor all of Union County's veterans by placing their photograph and service information on it. Anyone with a veteran in their family, from any era of service, is encouraged to visit the office and bring with them the information about their family member(s) to include in the project.

For more information about the elections, the deadlines or registering to vote, residents can call the office of the Supervisor of Elections at 386-496-2236.

faces no challengers. She was first elected to the commission in 2014.

Seat Four is where the competition will be heated. Incumbent Debra Browning, who has held the seat since 2014, faces two challengers in past city commissioner Jimmy Beasley and political newcomer David Stegall.

Mayor Fred Sirmones is the incumbent in Seat Five and faces no challengers. He was first elected to the commission in 2010 and has served as mayor from July 2011-July 2012 and July 2014 – the present.

Voting location and times will be announced in the Times as the information becomes available.



Deputy Mike Bestoso looks on while (r-l) Jonathan Hedman, Shamar Highland, Kunya Hendrieth and John Holt wait to enter the field.

## WILKINS

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you to live out that outstanding life and plans for you to thrive. We were put on this earth for a purpose far greater, and I pray that this message leaves you empowered to do more than just meet the status quo."

Beyond discovering a purpose, Wilkins said a certain mentality is required for thriving in life. She said that management consultant Steven Covey put it this way: "We have two mentalities when it comes to life, the scarcity mentality and the abundance mentality. Those in the scarcity mentality see life as one big pie. If someone were to get a big piece of the pie, it would mean less for themselves and everyone else. On the other hand, those who live out of the abundance mentality have developed an inner sense of personal worth and security. They live by the mantra that there is plenty of pie for everyone and even some to spare. This mentality results in sharing of honor, awards and of decision making. It opens possibilities, options, alternatives and creativity."

"My hope is that you will adopt the abundance mentality," Wilkins said. "Cheer on your greatest competitor; help people; (say) thank you and genuinely mean it; love people well; choose humility; be authentic."

Wilkins left the class of 2018 with some advice originating closer to home. "My Aunt Angela said it best: Our mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style. Class of 2018: Thrive."



Superintendent Carlton Faulk congratulates Alyssa Mann on receiving her diploma.

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# Veterans to be honored at Memorial Day event

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The 2018 Union County Memorial Day event will be held at the Veteran's Monument, located at 325 West Main St. in Lake Butler at 8:15 a.m. on May 28.

The event is coordinated by the American Legion Post 153. The guest speaker will be Major Mitchell Bishop. The national anthem will be sung by Sondra Hunt, with UCHS band volunteers playing "Echo Taps." The UCHS JROTC volunteers will handle the flag detail. Union County Historical Museum Curator Bill McGill will read the names of those Union County members of the U.S. military who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their flag and country. Quinton Bloodsworth and Leon Shadd will be placing the wreath honoring the county's fallen service heroes at the memorial.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and attend this event to show their pride in members of the community, both those still present and those who cannot be here except in spirit. Below is the list of Union County veterans, who have served or are serving, alive or deceased, which has been compiled so far by the American Legion, VFW Post 10082, the Lake Butler Rotary Club, the Interact Club, the Union County Supervisor of Elections Office, the Union County Times and the Union County Historical Museum. All concerned know this list is not yet complete. If you know of any Union County veteran which is not on this list, please contact Debbie Osborne or the Union County Times to let us know who needs to be added.

## Union County Veterans

### Roll of Honor

#### A

Alvarez, Donald L. - Army  
Alvarez, Leaman - Army  
Alvarez, Matthew - Army  
Anderson-Davis, Noah - Army  
Anderson, Wendy - Navy  
Andrews, Albert - Army  
Andrews, Alvin - Army  
Andrews, Bobbie - Air Force

#### B

Bailey, Chance - Coast Guard  
Bailey, Robert - Army  
Bailey, Sam - Army  
Banks, Michael - Marines  
Barber, Theodore - Army vn  
Beall, Steven - Army  
Bishop, Larry  
Black, MSG Gene - Air National Guard  
Bloodsworth, Quinton  
Bloodsworth, Stanley  
Brackett, Ricky - Marines

## GRADS

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States Navy.

Gerald Matthew Whitehead, III - United States Army

Johnathon Dakota Williams - United States Army

Caleb Scott Wooddell - United States Army.

"We thank you for the path you have chosen and your willingness to serve this great nation," Ripplinger said in conclusion. "May God be with you and protect you."

Tori Loraine Wilkins then offered her class salutatorian address, telling her fellow graduates to seek to thrive. She said all should work to have an "abundance mentality," rather than a "scarcity mentality," to be authentic and choose to be present in their lives.

"Life is not about what we have gained, but what we did," Wilkins told her classmates.

Erin Bertie Stidham, class valedictorian, addressed the graduates next, reminiscing about her time at UCHS. She said she will always remember and cherish her memories of UCHS, where she said she "received opportunities that I could not have gotten anywhere else." She said that "UCHS was a place for her to grow up alongside her best friends." Stidham encouraged her classmates to "focus on being a good person. The rest will fall into place." And told them "Whatever you decide to be, be a good one."

Bobbie Grace Barber, senior class treasurer, led the graduates

Bradley, Kiara - Army  
Brently, Henry T.  
Bridwell, John W. - Navy  
Bridwell, John W. Jr. - Navy  
Bridwell, Kimberlee - Navy  
Broughton, Buddy - National Guard  
Brown, Jimmy - Air Force  
Brown, Robert - Air Force  
Bryant, Brad - Air Force  
Bryant, Bruce - Air Force  
Bryant, Nichole - Air Force  
Busby, Willie  
Burton, Dan - Navy

#### C

Capella, Ron - Air Force  
Carter, John William - Army  
Carter, A.B. - Army  
Cason, Rob - Army  
Cason, Robert - Army  
Cason, Jack - Army  
Cason, Jesse M. - Navy  
Cason, Jim Purvis - Marines & Army  
Cason, Scott - Navy  
Clark, Dalton - Marines  
Clemmons, Cecil - Army  
Chapman, Mark - Army  
Chestnut, Ernest - Army  
Chiominto, J.P. - Navy  
Clyatt, James Charles - Navy  
Clyatt, Jimmie A. - Army  
Clyatt, Kenneth - Navy  
Coody, Colan L. - Air Force  
Coody, Gretchen - Air Force  
Coody, James "JD" - Army  
Conn, Lewis  
Cornwall, Michael - National Guard  
Copeland, Wm. O. - Navy wwii  
Courson, Bob W. - Army  
Cox, Glenn - Air Force wwii, k, vn

Crawford, Horace G. Army vn  
Crawford, Kenneth - Army  
Crews, Clyde Harold - Army  
Crews, Jesse Raymond - Army  
Crews, John - Army  
Crews, Leslie - Marines  
Crews, Leslie Jr. - Marines  
Crews, William - Army  
Croft, Bruce A.  
Croft, Delbert H. Jr. - Army  
Croft, Reginal D. - Marines  
Culverson, Roger - Air Force  
Curtis, Mitchell - Army

#### D

Davis, Jefferson - Air Force  
DeLoach, Doug - Air Force  
DeLoach, Jason - Army  
Deweese, Charles - Marines  
Dewling, Tom - Air Force  
Dix, Kent - Army vn  
Dobbs, Morris - Army  
Douberly, Arvin - Army wwii  
Douglas, Ralph  
Driggers, Clayborn Jr. - Coast Guard wwii

Driggers, Bob - Army  
Dukes, Darrell  
Dukes, Daniel  
Dukes, Donald - Army vn  
Dukes, J.R. - Air Force

#### E

Elixson, Alfred - Navy  
Elixson, Brad - Army vn  
Elixson, Flen - Army wwii  
Elixson, Mason - Army wwii  
Elixson, Roy - Army wwii

and the crowd in the grandstands in the singing of "Alma Mater," while the UCHS band played the song. Then it was time - the moment all of them had come for and waited patiently for it to arrive.

Joseph Dicks began calling the names of the 138 graduates from the 2018 senior class. As each climbed up to the stage, he greeted them, then passed them along to Union County Superintendent of Schools Carlton Faulk, who presented them with their diploma. When all the graduates had had their moment, and all of the pictures had been snapped, the graduates solemnly gathered and walked the traditional unity circle, stopping at the beginning of the circle to toss their brightly decorated caps in the air, then walking together for the last time as a class to the applause and shouts of the crowd.

Graduation 2018 was over and all of its members were ready for their next step, whatever it might be. The names were in the

Elixson, Steve - wwii

#### F

Feltner, Larry D. - Army  
Fischer, Chris - Air Force vn  
Fischer, Barbara  
Fletcher, Jack - Air Force  
Floyd, Charles - Air Force vn  
Floyd, William "Freddie" - Army  
Ford, Clarence  
Forsyth, T.J. - Army  
Fortner, Sidney - Army wwii  
Fortner, Thomas S. - Army vn  
Fortune, Zane - Navy  
Freeman, Lawrence - Army  
French, Adam - Army

#### G

Gainey, Cody - Army  
Gainey, Justin - Air Force  
Gibson, Bobby - Marines  
Gibson, Henry - Army  
Godwin, Doyal - Army k & vn  
Godwin, Steve - Army vn  
Gordon, Gene S. - Army  
Gordon, Michael S. - Air Force  
Gordon, Russell - Marines  
Green, G. "Wayne" Sr. - Army  
Green, Harold - Air Force  
Gyunn, Buddy - Navy

#### H

Hamlin, Larry  
Hancock, Christopher Scott - Air National Guard/Air Force  
Hansens, William W. - Marines  
Hatcher, C.F. - Army  
Hedrick, Barry - wwii  
Hendricks, Bryan - wwii  
Hendricks, David - Army  
Hendricks, Donald - Army  
Hendricks, Drew - Navy  
Hendricks, Harold - Army  
Hendricks, Herman - Air Force  
Hendricks, Joe - Army  
Hendricks, John - Army  
Hendricks, James - Navy  
Hendricks, Vernon - Army  
Hill, Charles L. Jr.  
Hill, Mark D. - Army  
Holmes, Joseph Williams - Army  
Honour, Ralph - Army  
Howell, Chance - Air Force  
Hunter, Freeman D. - Army

#### J

Jackson, Donald E. - Army/Merchant Marines  
Jackson, Ronald "Buddy" - Navy  
Jackson, William "Bill Boy" - Army  
Dix, Kent - Army vn  
Jenkins, Tom - Army  
Jenkins, Sam - Army  
Johnson, Angela - Navy  
Johnson, Howard - Air Force  
Johnson, Marvin - Coast Guard

#### K

Kelley, Don  
Kelley, J.B.  
Kepa, Sarduy  
Key, Sam - Army vn  
King, Jacob - Air Force  
Kitler, Dawon - Coast Guard  
Kitler, Dalton - Coast Guard  
Kitler, Monroe - Army  
Kitler, Jr., Woodrow - Army

#### L

Lahaman, Sonja - Air Force  
Lane, Alvin - Air Force vn  
Lewis, Paul L. - Army vn

#### M

Mabrey, Buddy - Marine vn  
Mabrey, Raymond - Army  
Malcolm, Dan - Army  
Mann, Carol - Army  
Mann, Louis - Army vn  
Mark, James - Navy  
Mayle, James  
McCastle, Charlie - Army Grenada/

McDermott, Don - Coast Guard  
McGill, William - Army  
Mecusker, Megan E. - Army  
Mecusker, Patricia J. - Navy  
Melvin, Billy - Air Force  
Mesnard, Curtis - Air Force & Army National Guard  
Miller, David - Army  
Miller, Douglas - Marines  
Miller, Dylan - Air Force  
Mitchell, Curtis - Army  
Mooneyham, Wallace L. - Navy  
Murray, Rev. Randolph Sr. - Army

#### N

Nazworth, Daniel - Army  
Nettles, Tommy  
Newsom, Ashley - Army  
Newsom, David - Army  
Newsom, Gladwell - Navy  
Newsom, Shawn - Army  
Norman, Carlos - Army  
Norman, Donald - Army

#### O

Oden, Eddie - Army  
Olitz, Ralph - Coast Guard  
Osborne, Dana - Army  
Osborne, Larry - Army  
O'Steen, Jimmy - Army  
O'Steen, Johnny - Navy  
O'Steen, Kenneth R. - Army  
O'Steen, Stanley - Navy

#### P

Paige, Joe - Army  
Palmer, Tim - Coast Guard  
Paosel, Dorothy Varnes - Navy  
Parrish, Bret - Army  
Parrish, Joseph Wilbur - Army  
Parrish, Kenneth - Air Force  
Pittman, Harold - Army

Poole, Jerry  
Powell, Wayne - Marines  
Putnal, Donald "Steve" Sr. - Army

#### R

Redman, Annette - Army  
Reddish, James R.  
Richardson, Minnon - Army

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Richardson, Perry - Army wwii  
Riherd, Paul M. - Navy wwii  
Riherd, Robert - wwii  
Riherd, Thomas M. III - Navy  
Roberts, Curtis - Navy  
Roberts, Gary H. - Army  
Roberts, Rodney "Tools" - Army  
Roberts, Wayne - Navy  
Robertson, Chesley - Navy  
Rucker, Seabie P. - Navy

#### S

Sams, Donald E. - Navy  
Sapp, Jack - Air Force vn  
Sapp, Matthew J. Jr. - Army

wwii

Sarduy, Kepa - Navy  
Schenck, Jack - Army  
Seay, George - Army  
Shadd, Leon  
Shadd, John Lowell - Army  
Shaw, Albert Donald - Navy  
Shaw, Eugene - Army  
Shaw, Royce Albert - Army  
Shatto, Tim  
Smith, Earl - Navy  
Smith, Irvine  
Smith, Rob  
Smith, Robert  
Southernland, John Earl - Army  
Spires, F.L. Sr. - Navy  
Spires, Norman - Air Force vn  
Stanley, Earl  
Stafford, Albert K. Air Force  
Stafford, Albert L. - Army  
Stafford, John Howard - Air Force  
Starling, Zachary - Air Force  
Stephenson, Norman - Marines  
Stroud, Billy - Army  
Suggs, Jerome H. Sr.  
Sweat, Brently - Coast Guard  
Sweat, Tony - Air Force  
Swofford, George - Marines

#### T

Thomas, Charles - Navy  
Thomas, Danny - Air Force k  
Thomas, Russell - Army wwii  
Thomas, Scott - Army  
Thomas, Tommy - Army

#### V

Van Buren, Vicky  
Varnes, Neal - Navy

#### W

Waddell, Barbara - Marines  
Waddell, Cliff - Marines  
Wade, Russell Jr. - Army  
Walker, John - Army  
Wall, John E. IV - Navy  
Ward, Nolan  
Warren, Charles - Army  
Webb, Kato - Army  
White, William  
Whitehead, Alfred - Army  
Whitehead, Doug - Air Force  
Whitehead, Glen - Army  
Whitehead, Jack - Army  
Whitehead, John Sr. - Navy  
Whitehead, John Henry - Air Force

Whitehead, Terry - Army  
Whitehead, William J. Sr. (Bill) Air Force  
Whitehead, William J. Jr. (Joe) Air Force

Williams, Carter - Army  
Williams, David G. - Navy  
Williams, Greg - National Guard

Williams, Henry James  
Williams, Robert W. - Navy

wwii

Williams, Shawn - Marines  
Williams, Wyatt - Navy  
Williams, Waylan - Army  
Wimpey, Bianca - National Guard

Wilson, Clint - Marines  
Wilson, James R. Sr. - Army

wwii

Winningham, Robert John - Marines  
Woodall, Ronnie  
Word, Danny  
Word, Scott - Army National Guard  
Word, Tyler - Army  
Wynn, John Jr. - Army  
Wynn, John Sr. - Army/Air Force

#### Z

Zapp, Daniel James - Navy



Superintendent Carlton Faulk congratulates Ashley Harris. Also pictured are (l-r) Assistant Principal Brian Boyer, Principal Mike Ripplinger and Joseph Dicks.

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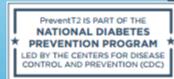
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## Longtime PE coach ready to retire after 40 years Steve Acree says he 'got lucky' to be able to do what he loves



Steve Acree is surrounded by all kinds of sports equipment at Hampton Elementary School, where he has taught PE for more than 30 years. Acree, who is retiring this year.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

How does one retire without ever having worked? Steve Acree can tell you.

Yes, for the past 40 years Acree had a job, most of it teaching PE at Hampton Elementary School. Take that word "job" and replace the "b" with a "y," and you'll understand Acree's sentiment. He enjoyed what he was doing.

"I just got lucky," he said. "I just found something I loved to do. I never had to work a day in my life because I loved doing what I was doing."

Acree, who is married to the former Sandy Friese — a Bradford County native —

wished to express his thanks to so many people in Bradford. He said he's met a lot of great people, many of whom were less than 10 years old. Acree enjoys interacting with children and lending them an ear.

"The secret I found out with little kids is if you listen to them, and they know you're listening to them, they'll want to talk to you," Acree said. "They have so much to say."

He began his career in Bradford teaching math at Bradford Middle School in 1978. His first PE job was at Lawtey Elementary School the following year. It was in the mid-1980s when Acree began working in

what he said was the best job anybody could have — coaching PE at Hampton Elementary School.

"I was real fortunate to work there," Acree said. "I met a lot of great people."

Acree, who's taught the last 13 years at both Hampton and Brooker elementary schools, was basically doing his part to make school the positive experience he found it to be when he was a child.

### Loving school, finding a mentor

Teaching at Hampton brought

back memories for Acree. He found the school similar to the elementary school he went to in Archer. It was small, and he knew all the students and their parents.

Some parents have gone through the experience of having to drag their kids out of bed to get them ready for school, but Acree makes it sound like he wasn't one of those children.

"I just loved the whole concept of school," he said. "It was a social thing, but it was also a challenge to me to do good work. I always liked schoolwork."

Archer children went to junior and senior high school in Newberry. It was there Acree met his mentor in PE Coach Richard LaLance. He remembers LaLance taking the children out every morning to do push-ups and pull-ups in the wet grass. LaLance taught them all kinds of sports, including flag football, soccer, wrestling, badminton and ping-pong.

"He taught us everything," Acree said. "That guy was probably the best teacher I ever had."

Approximately 10 years ago, Acree wondered what happened to LaLance. Through research, he discovered LaLance had wound up teaching at Middle Tennessee State University. Acree contacted LaLance via email, telling him he was the reason he became a PE coach.

"I do the same things he did," Acree said.

Though teaching PE was his goal, Acree did not start out in that field after graduating from the University of Florida. His first teaching job, though, brought him to the county where he spent the duration of his career.

### A fateful phone call

Acree was tutoring math as an intern at North Marion Middle

School when he received a call from a friend of his at Bradford Middle School. The school had an opening for a math teacher. Acree applied for the position and was hired by Principal Jesse Moore.

He took a lot of math courses in college and enjoyed doing math, but Acree got what he really wanted the following year when he successfully applied to teach PE at Lawtey Elementary.

"I've always loved teaching PE. That's my thing," Acree said.

The UF graduate laughed at the memory of going to Lawtey Principal Charles Hall's office to interview for the position.

"I walked into his room, and there's all this Georgia Bulldog stuff on the wall," Acree said. "I was like, 'Oh, I don't know if this is going to work.'"

It did work and worked especially well in that he got to work alongside another PE teacher in Robert Eddins.

"When there's two people, it's a whole lot better than one," Acree said.

Even though he enjoyed what he was doing, Acree left briefly to work as a substitute in Alachua County (he lived in Gainesville).

"I kind of lost my mind and quit working for four months,"



Steve Acree as he appeared in the early 1990s.

he said.

He eventually returned to teaching at Lawtey.

Then, in 1985, came the job at the school that was so special to him.

### A 'dream job'

Acree said Connie Clark, who was the principal at Hampton Elementary, called him during the summer of 1985, saying he wanted him to come teach PE at Hampton Elementary.

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The rest, as they say, is history. "I went up there and got my dream job," Acree said.

He said the great thing about the Hampton job was that he wasn't an all-day PE teacher. He'd fill a variety of roles, such as teaching math or reading, or working in the computer lab. After 10 a.m., he would start his PE duties.

"It's been a great job," Acree said. "I didn't have to stay outside all day long for PE every day."

Acree said when he went to the school, people from the city of Hampton were in the Telegraph quite a bit for a variety of arrests. He described Hampton as an "outlaw town" back then.

"I was actually teaching kids whose parents were in prison for drug deals and stuff like that," Acree said. "These kids were great. They all wanted to play

and have a good time."

Acree's tenure at Hampton outlasted those "outlaw" days. He's had the opportunity to coach children and grandchildren of former students.

"You'll see kids, and they're just like their parents in some way," Acree said. "It's just fun. I've just had so much fun out at Hampton all these years."

Acree's had the pleasure of teaching all four of his children at Hampton, with his youngest child, Presley, is finishing up fifth grade and will join her brother Kevin at Bradford Middle School next year. Acree has two grown children as well: Stephanie, who's a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and Spencer, who delivers food and works as a stand-up comic in Gainesville.

"That was really cool, teaching my own kids," Acree said.

It was 13 years ago that Superintendent of Schools Harry Hatcher told Acree he'd be taking on the role of PE teacher at Brooker Elementary school, too. Acree was told it wouldn't

be permanent, but he's still working at both.

"I knew the handwriting was on the wall," Acree said. "They were going to save that money and let me do two schools."

The situation wasn't ideal, but he's enjoyed being around each school's students.

"It's turned out pretty well," Acree said. "The kids at Brooker are sort of like the kids at Hampton."

### Caring for students and helping them succeed

Through the years, Acree has wanted to accomplish one thing with his students — helping them find that one activity they're good at and can take pride in. Children had lots of opportunities to find just such a thing in Acree's classes.

"What I found out with kids is if you just give them as many different kinds of activities as you can, you'll finally find the one thing that kid can be good at," Acree said. "Then you can build on it. Some of them are just scared to do stuff. If you can find the one thing they like, then they'll just start to grow. They'll blossom."

Acree remembered one student who wasn't very good at jumping rope. Yet she practiced and practiced, getting to the point where she won the jump rope event in her age group at the Hampton Elementary field day. She then followed that up by winning the event at the county wide field day.

It's always a thrill when a child calls out to Acree to watch him or her do something successfully.

"I get to be there for their moment," he said. "I get to be the parent of all of these children when they finally have their a-ha moment."

He's enjoyed meeting the children he taught when they're adults, seeing and hearing about the successes they've had in life. The memory of one such



Steve Acree is pictured in the 1992-93 Hampton Elementary yearbook with the school's safety patrol: (front, l-r) Patrick Flanagan, Nena Contois, Jason Lovell, Nikki Baker, Marcus Affron, (back, l-r) Ester Smith, Alishia Hayes, Jassy Starling, Joey Rowe, Detra Ford and Acree.



Riley Thourot-McClellan and Steve Acree watch Ellie Plum take aim at a target during an archery activity at Hampton Elementary School.

## Former Bradford student designs official poster for Clay County event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

LeAnn Hilliard, an Orange Park High School junior who used to live in Starke, was chosen as the senior division winner of the poster contest for Clay County's annual Concert on the Green, which will take place this Sunday, May 27, at 4 p.m. at St. Johns Country Day School in Orange Park.

Hilliard's design, entitled "Clarinet Celebration," will be featured as the event's official poster and will be printed on the front cover of the programs. Her poster was also displayed at the Clay County Fair and is currently on display at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts until Friday, May 25.

First- through third-place awards were presented in senior, junior and elementary divisions, with two students receiving honorable mention in each division as well.

Joann Mason, a sixth-grade student at Keystone Heights

McRae Elementary, placed second in the elementary division with a design entitled "Echoing Sounds."

All student winners will be recognized and presented with prizes at Concert on the Green.

Hilliard, who moved to Orange Park from Starke two years ago with her grandmother, Cathy Wood, received a \$500 scholarship for being her division's winner. Her poster design, which features a line of music from Tchaikovsky's "The Year of 1812," which is better known as "The 1812 Overture." The overture is played every year at Concert on the Green.

Concert on the Green's principal purpose is to provide music and visual art scholarship opportunities to Clay County students through the organization of the annual event.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will perform at this year's event, along with various local bands. Concert on the Green also features children's activities, food trucks and a



fireworks show.

For more information on Concert on the Green, please visit [concertonthegreen.com](http://concertonthegreen.com).

meeting is especially emotional for Acree.

A student, as part of a class assignment, wrote about how he was her favorite teacher. Acree still has the paper she wrote, which concludes with the following: "He is the best teacher. He is never ever never ever mean."

One day after that, the student told Acree she was being abused by her stepfather. He called the Department of Children and Families to report the incident. He never saw the student again until about 12 years later. He was at Shands Hospital when a nurse approached him and told him, "You saved my life." It was that same student.

She grew up to have a life she can be proud of — a life she didn't expect to have — thanks to someone who cared.

That's what students want, Acree said.

"People say kids have changed. They haven't changed. They still want to be loved," Acree said, adding, "They still

want someone who cares and gives them leadership."

Not seeing the faces of the children every day will be quite a change. He'll miss the smiles and those a-ha moments.

"That's going to be the hardest part," Acree said in regard to

retirement. "Can I do without that?"

In essence, it's difficult to walk away from a job that never felt like a job.



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## Odom places 2nd at state track and field finals for LBMS



Representing Lake Butler Middle School in the Florida Youth Running Association State Championship were (l-r) Hunter Vedder, Brycen Boney, Martin Odom, Malcom Odom and Akira Jonas.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Malcom Odom earned a second-place finish for the Lake Butler Middle School track

and field team, which had five athletes in all competing at the May 12 Florida Youth Running Association State Championship in Bradenton.

Odom's runner-up finish occurred in the 200m, which he ran in a time of 22.96.

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# Middle school students send cancer patient on Disney cruise

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Bradford Middle School students sent an 8-year-old cancer patient on a Disney cruise Monday afternoon with a pep rally and magic show, highlighted with the school's administrators wearing a 13-foot Burmese python around their necks.

Gavin Larramore is a second-grade student at Bryceville Elementary school between Baldwin and Callahan.

His father said that a little over a year ago, his son started complaining of headaches and pain in his arms and legs.

"I took him to the emergency room three different times and was turned away each time," Paul Larramore said. "The fourth time I wasn't going to take no for an answer."

Physicians diagnosed Gavin with B-cell Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, and within 12 hours he was receiving treatment.

"Ever since then, we've been dealing with treatments," Paul Larramore added.

Middle School Principal John Green said that while leading Lakeside Junior High in Clay County, he searched for a community service project that his students could unify under and rally around. Four years ago, he found the answer with Dreams Come True: a Jacksonville nonprofit that sends young cancer patients on Disney cruises.

"A child fighting a life-threatening illness —" said Green, "that's something every single human being can rally behind. So, we partnered with them the first year, and then it just took off after that. The parties have gotten bigger, and bigger, and better, and better, and better. We've kind of perfected it."

Green said students raised the funds, primarily through a campaign provided by Ocala-based Country Meats, which provides a beef jerky-like snack for students to sell. The fundraising company and the school split the proceeds 50-50.

The Harry Potter-themed party in the middle school gym included cheers from the school's cheerleaders and music from the band and chorus. Orange Park illusionist Dave Paxton entertained the students and Green capped the celebration off by fulfilling his promise to wear a snake around his neck if the students met their fundraising goal.

After prodding by the student body, Assistant Principal Carla Dicks also donned the 13-foot, 75-pound Burmese python, named Xena.

"You can't say 'no' if they chant your name," she said.



"You can't say no if they chant your name." BMS Assistant Principal Carla Dicks tries on the snake, after prodding by the student body. Helping Dicks are Savannah Stevens and Matt Crews of Wild Things Exotic Animals in Middleburg.



Student Council President Jaquan Bryant presents Gavin Larramore with a \$5,000 symbolic check representing the value of the Disney cruise the family will be taking, while Dreams Come True Development Manager Kate Wirz looks on.



"I'm a man of my word." Bradford Middle School Principal John Green carries Xena: a 13-foot, 75-pound albino Burmese python, fulfilling his promise to the student body that if they met their fundraising goal, he would wear a snake around his neck.



Kate Wirz, development manager for Dreams Come True goes over the details of the cruise with Larramore family members in the BMS media center (l-r) Gavin, mother Cassi, father Paul and brother Blaine.



Grace Young leads the school's chorus.

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finishing with a distance of 30-7.5.

Martin Odom also competed in the 200m for Lake Butler, placing ninth overall and fourth among fellow middle school runners with a time of 23.61.

Martin Odom also placed second among middle school runners in the 400m with a time of 51.77. He finished ninth overall.

Malcom Odom ran a time of 53.78 in the 400m.

The 4x400m relay team of Brycen Boney, Malcom Odom, Martin Odom and Hunter Vedder placed ninth overall and sixth among middle schools with a time of 3:49.77.

Vedder competed in the 100m hurdles, finishing with a time of 17.55.

Akira Jonas was Lake Butler's lone girls' participant. She competed in the shot put,



Caitlyn Jackson assists illusionist Dave Paxton during a pep rally in the middle school gym.

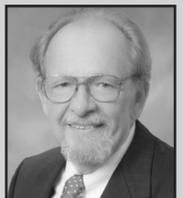
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# Obituaries

## Eddie Akridge

STARKE— Eddie Lee Akridge, 75, of Starke died at his home Monday, May 21, 2018. He was born Feb. 9, 1943 in Douglas, Georgia to the late Broward and Mary (Giddens) Akridge. He was a lifelong resident of Starke; he was baptized at Hope Baptist Church and he attended Bradford County High School. Prior to retirement, he worked as a meter technician. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by: two children, Monica Ann Akridge and Darren Lee Akridge.

Survivors are: his wife of 56 years, Gwendolyn (Wynn) Akridge, and son, Shawn Eddie (Edna) Akridge, both of Starke; seven siblings, Edgar George Akridge of Keystone Heights, Eula Mae Crews of Jacksonville, Emmett Akridge, Alma Packham, Elaine Crawford, and Allen Akridge, all of Starke and Jean Readyhough of Live Oak; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

A reception was held May 22 at the home of Allen and Elaine Crawford, Starke. Graveside services were held May 23 with Mr. Allen Crawford officiating. Interment will be at Prevatt Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.



## Etna King

STARKE— Etna "Faye" Chancey King, 76, of Starke, died Friday, May 11, 2018 at Shands Hospital. She was born in Patterson, Georgia on May 24, 1941, and was the daughter of the late Mauldin and Dorothy Chancey. She lived most of her life in Starke. She worked as a cosmetologist. She was a long-time member of Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by: brother, Lyndell Chancey, and sister, Anita Chancey.

Survivors include: her husband of 58 years, James "Lowell" King of Starke; son, Barry (Stephanie) King of Patterson, Georgia; son, Shannon (Debbie) King of Starke; sister, Charlotte Chancey Thrift of Patterson; brother-in-law, Jerome (Marie) King of Fayetteville, North Carolina; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

A home going celebration took place May 19 at Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

## Mary Lee

FLORAHOME— Mary L. Lee, age 83, of Florahome, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018 at NFRMC in Gainesville. She was born July 24, 1934 in Lawtey to the late John Darby and Gladys (Carter) Gaskins. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a technician for Continental Telephone Company and was a faithful member of Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church. Her husband of 61 years, James Walter Lee and her sister, Melba Williams preceded her in death.

Mrs. Lee is survived by: her children, Michael (Darlene Stacil) Lee of Starke; a daughter, Nancy (Ray) Norman of Lawtey; a sister Linda (Glenn) Norman of Keystone Heights. Also left behind are three grandchildren, Christopher Lee of Billings, Montana, Jason Lee of Winter Haven and Jared Lee of Montreal, Canada; as well as four great-grandchildren, Carson, Cadence, Olivia and Eric.

Services were held May 23 at Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church with Brother Danny Boyd officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Starke. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Ray Norman, 5816 NW 230th St. Lawtey, FL 32058. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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## Judy NesSmith

WHITE SPRINGS— Judy Carolyn NesSmith, 74, of White Springs, died on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Haven-Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center in Lake City after an extended illness. She was born on Jan. 24, 1944 to the late George and Jewell Johnson. She was a restaurant manager for many years and has lived in the Groveland, Lake Butler and White Springs areas most of her life. She is preceded in death by: her husband of 38 years, John "Joe" NesSmith; step-sons, Tony and Timmy NesSmith; brother, William "Bill" Johnson; sisters, Sadie Lewis and Melba Wilbanks.

She is survived by: sons, Gordon (Karen) Jennings of Folkston, Georgia, Michael (Marie) Jennings of Worthington Springs; and step-son, David (Rolan) NesSmith of Denver, Colorado; daughters, Joei (Jeff) Ogburn of Lake City, Crystal Jennings (Newell) Cantrell of MacClenny; and step-daughter, Diane Waters of Lake City; brother, Lawrence Johnson of Groveland; sisters, Leona Davis of Gray, Georgia and Peggy Sykes of Louisiana; 25 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted on May 21 in the Oak Grove Cemetery (Union County) with Pastor Randy Ogburn officiating. Interment followed. Arrangements are under the direction and care of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Lake City.

## Rusty Riles

LAWTEY— Rusty Riles of Lawtey passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2018. He was a member of Christ's Church of Starke (Lester Austin). He used his knowledge of well drilling and pump repair to serve Bradford, Baker, Duval, Clay and other nearby community members. He had a well drilling license in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama (D. R. Riles Well Drilling, LLC). Rusty's passion for the Lord inspired him to compose writings that he shared with friends, family, community members, acquaintances, individuals in jail and prison, and many whom he never knew. He was known for his incredible storytelling about his life and adventures. He loved the outdoors and spent his early years as an avid hunter in Chimney Road Hunting Club in Hilliard, Florida. He loved people and had a unique respect for diversity in the world.

Mr. Riles is survived by: his wife, Corinna, of 25 years; daughter, Ashleigh Riles; brother, John (Debbie) Riles; three sisters, Linda (Steve) von Eberstein, Sue (Gene) Teeter, and Nancy Roberson; father-in-law, Pepe Panganiban; brother-in-law, Joseph Panganiban; and sister-in-law, Kim Ryals (Carl Watson); his two treasured nephews, John (Kim) Riles Jr., and Jessie (Jenny) Riles. He had many nieces and grand nieces, grand nephews, and other family members and friends who will also miss him dearly.

A Life Celebration / Memorial Service is planned for May 30th, in Jacksonville at Diamond D Ranch (Normandy Blvd.) at 11 am. All are welcome to help the family commemorate how Rusty's life impacted theirs.

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## Kenneth Scarborough

HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS— Kenneth Lamar Scarborough, 80, of Huntsville, passed away May 12, 2018, at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Kenneth was born Oct. 17, 1937, at Lake Butler. He was a coach who loved sports, and a math teacher who taught thousands of students all over the US, including Florida, Alaska, Texas and Arkansas. Kenneth was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing; he was also a preacher who spiritually brought a number of people to the Lord and preached to thousands. Kenneth was preceded in death by: his mother, Myrtle Scarborough; his wife, Karen Scarborough; and one son, Joe Scarborough.

He is survived by: two daughters, Melissa (Lyndall) Watkins of Huntsville, and Diane Holder of Newberry; two sons, David (Mary) Scarborough, and Dean (Nancy) Scarborough, all of Gainesville; two sisters, Linda (Kenneth) Parrish of Lake Butler, and Christine (Roger) Blackwelder of Lake City; ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 16 in the Bruce Brashears Memorial Chapel with Jeff Thomas officiating. Pallbearers were: Shane Jordan, Kim Williams, Lynn Jackson, Shane Battaile, Derrek Wood, and Marcos Hernandez. Interment followed the service at the Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements are in care of Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory.

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## Myrtle Shaw

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Myrtle Virginia Shaw, 90, of Keystone Heights died Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Windsor Health & Rehabilitation Center in Starke. She was a homemaker and a member of Gadora Baptist Church and preceded in death by her husband, Edmund; and two sons, Edmund Jr. and Bradley.

She is survived by: her daughter, Rosellen Virginia Hatch of Keystone Heights; brother, James Henry Elliott of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 pm Tuesday, May 29 at Florida National Cemetery with Rev. Carl Romey officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Forest Meadows Funeral Home, Gainesville.

## Ricky Terry

GRAHAM— Ricky Allen Terry, 56, of Graham died on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 26, 1961 to the late Julian Terry and Barbara Hatcher Williams. Shortly after graduating high school, he joined the United States Army. Following his discharge from the military, he worked in the construction field. He was preceded in death by: his parents; and his wife, Evelyn Terry.

He is survived by: daughter, Tabitha (Charles) Moore of Gainesville, Georgia; brother, Charles Scott (Jennifer) Goodin of Blanchester, Ohio; sisters, Nina Jean Goodin of West Union, Ohio, Judy Filson of Wilmington, Ohio, Beverly (Doug) Evermann of Blanchester, Vickie Cook of Wilmington, Sue (Russell) Popp of Dayton, Ohio, and Jackie (Steve) Feirl of Blanchester; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

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



## Nestor Bertotto

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Nestor Hugo "Skip" Bertotto, 86, of Keystone Heights died at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville Thursday, May 17, 2018. He was born May 31, 1931 in Teaneck, New Jersey and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. Prior to retirement, he had been employed as a bus driver. He was preceded in death by: mother, Olga (Puccini) Bertotto; his wife of 46 years, Irene (Taylor) Bertotto; and daughter, Kathy Mathias.

He is survived by: children, Gail Bauman of Tallahassee, Shari Smith and James Bertotto of Keystone Heights and Trude Smyth of Secaucus, New Jersey; his girlfriend of 18 years, Yvonne Johnson of Gulfport; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, May 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 26 in the funeral home chapel with Father Andy Mitera officiating. Interment will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery with a reception to follow at the American Legion Post 202 in Keystone Heights. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.



## Mildred Crawford

LAKE BUTLER— Mildred Crawford, 89, of Lake Butler passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Baya Point Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. Mildred was born to the late Willie and Pearl Croft on May 11, 1929 in Union County. Mildred was a co-owner of C & L Farm Center in Providence. Mildred also worked as the layaway manager at K-Mart. Mildred was a very hard worker, and she was always a friendly person. Mildred is preceded in death by: her beloved husband, L.J. Crawford; two brothers, Wilford Croft and Freeman Croft; one sister, NinaLee Johns; and one grandson, Alvin "Vinny" Andrews. She leaves her beloved family to cherish her memory.

Mildred is survived by: two sons, George Parrish and Don (Patricia) Parrish; two daughters, Linda Andrews Scott and Charlotte (Ray) Townsend; two brothers, Travis Croft and Randolph Croft.

She is survived by 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on May 21 at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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## Kirstie Ellington

LAKE BUTLER— Kirstie Shannon Ellington, died on Friday, May 18, 2018. She was born Jan. 25, 1974, in Lawton, Oklahoma. She spent most of her life in Texas, 28 years here in Florida. Shannon had many talents and interests. She had a special love for horses. She began riding at nine months of age. Shannon is preceded in death by: her grandparents, Reverend Cecil Bass and Mary Catherine Bass. Shannon leaves her beloved family to cherish her memory.

Shannon is survived by: her husband, Garrett Ellington; four daughters, Bailee Peoples, Maddee Peoples, Cheyenne Peoples, and Tess Ellington; her mother, Glenda Kerr; father, Loyd Kerr; one sister, Bobbi (Shane) Powell; one brother, Alan (Rachel) Kerr; two nieces, Cora Jane Cooper and Realan Kerr; two nephews, Cameron Leidy and Brody Kerr; five aunts, Joyce (Wayne) Scroggins, Jeanette (Forrest) Stacks, Lea Voyles, Betty Bass, Lottie Norman, all of Mississippi; father and mother-in-law, Ricky and Mel Ellington; and one brother-in-law, Garth Ellington. Shannon was loved by many, and she will be missed.

A funeral service was held in Shannon's honor on May 23, at Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, with graveside to follow at Mt. Zion cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler. For more information, please call (386)496-2008.

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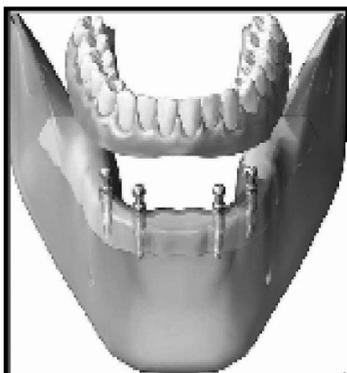


## Sherry Herrin

YULEE— Sherry L. Herrin, 75, of Yulee passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May 16, 2018. She was born Jan. 26, 1943 in Starke to the late Horace and Ola Mae (Andrews) Redding. She was a homemaker and member of Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey. Along with her parents, her brother, Richard Redding preceded her in death.

She is survived by: her husband of 51 years, Mathew Herrin of Yulee; children, Cindy (Jimmy) Andrews of Anniston, Alabama and Jeff Herrin of Yulee; sisters, Sue (Ron) Kimbrell of Starke and Vivian Johns of Jacksonville; two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 19 in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Rev. Ron Kimbrell officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.



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## Letters

To the Editor

Report of Memorial Day Services, Schedule of Events.

Post 56 of the American Legion, Starke will observe Memorial Day Service on Wednesday 30 May 2018 instead of Monday 28 May 2018, observing Memorial Day as proclaimed in our history and not on a day to celebrate a long weekend.

Memorial Day was originally proclaimed by General John Logan, National Commander of the Guard Army of the Republic on May 5th 1868. It was first observed with flowers placed on graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. After World War I, the holiday changed from honoring

just those who died fighting the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting any war and was set as 30 May for the observance.

Our observance will be a solemn observation of the day and will be held at 10 am on Wednesday at Charlie Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park on East Call Street. Our guest speaker for this year's observance will be Master Chief Petty Officer Frederick J. Flattery, USA who is currently stationed at NAS Jacksonville.

At the conclusion of the services, Post 56 Veterans will dedicate to the public our newly

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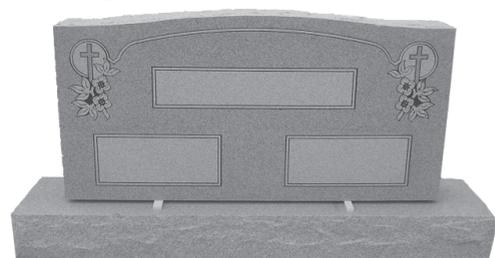
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# CRIME

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

### BRADFORD –

Mark Alan Andrews, 42, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 17 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Tahlia Quantanece Banks, 20, of Jacksonville, was arrested May 17 by Starke officers for possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of drug equipment.

Helena Marie Bath, 42, of Starke, was arrested May 19 by Starke officers for possession of marijuana.

Grace Marie Biggs, 23, of Middleburg, was arrested May 18 by Starke officers for possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

Dustin Ryan Brower, 23, of Melrose, was arrested May 19 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Clarence Edward Desue, 45, of Starke, was arrested May 18 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Mitchell Terry Durrance, 31, of Brooker, was arrested May 20 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Anthony Dwayne French, 55, of Starke, was arrested May 17 for violation of probation, possession of drug equipment and impersonation.

Marion Russel Gatlin, 42, of Hampton, was arrested May 16 by Starke officers for shoplifting and violation of probation.

Tiffany Desire'e Georgsson, 22, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 15 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation, battery and burglary.

Jeffrey Carl Goodman, 30, of Starke, was arrested May 15 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear and violation of probation.

Kade Payton Haug, 20, of Lake City, was arrested May 22 by Starke officers on an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua William Johnson, 27, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 20 by Bradford deputies for battery.

Amos Daniel Lamoree, 41, of Starke, was arrested May 19 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation and withholding support.

Jeremy Allyn Ledogar, 24, of Lake City, was arrested May 22 by Starke officers for possession of drug equipment.

Manning, Randall Eugene, 36, of Hampton, was arrested May 19 by Bradford deputies for three counts of violation of probation.

Jonathan Lawrence Demont Mattson, 20, of Lake City was arrested May 22 by Starke officers for possession of drugs.

Alexis Danielle McGahee, 33, of Jacksonville, was arrested May 19 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana.

Gregory Bernard Merricks, 29, of Starke, was arrested May 22 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

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Merriwhether, 29, of Starke, was arrested May 20 by Starke officers for disorderly intoxication.

Michael William Palmer, 19, of Starke, was arrested May 15 by Bradford deputies for battery-touch or strike/domestic and kidnap-false imprisonment/domestic.

## Released inmate threatened correctional officer

Kirstin, Steven Sconiers, 34, of Orlando, was arrested May 15 by Bradford deputies for aggravated stalking - following, harassing or cyberstalking with credible threat to a person.

According to a BCSO Warrant Affidavit, Deputy Joseph Silverstein and Sgt. Russell Gordon were dispatched to Florida State Prison in Raiford on May 9 in reference to threatening/harassing phone calls to an employee of FSP.

On arrival, they met with the victim who told them that she had received a threatening letter at her home address, dated Jan. 10, 2018, from the suspect and former inmate Kirstin Sconiers. The letter indicated that the inmate wanted to have an intimate relationship with the victim when he got out in 70 days. The return address was Santa Rosa Correctional Institution in Milton.

The letter was reported and no other contact occurred until earlier that day (May 10) when Sconiers called and asked to speak to the warden. He was told that the warden was busy and he hung up. He called again and asked to speak with Dr. Kort. The secretary did not have the extension for Dr. Kort and she offered to connect him with mental health facility. After transferring the call, she received a transfer back and recognized it as coming from the same phone number. The caller said he had a message and identified himself as Sconiers and as a former inmate, giving his DC number. He advised that he was in Lake City and stated that he wanted to complain that officers were beating inmates in the medical facility and that the victim was covering up the beatings. He said the

## LETTER Continued from 4B

places brick pathway at the park, which honors all veterans who served in all wars. The bricks were purchased by family members to be placed in the park.

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NAACP would be "coming after" the prison and "bring the whole place down." He said to tell the victim that he knew where she lived and provided the address. His call was transferred to the assistant warden, to whom he made vulgar statements and then hung up.

Several more calls were made to the medical facility by the same caller, identified by the number called from. He made statements such as "tell everyone I had relations with (the victim) and she gave me her address while I was there," and "I'm coming after her and her family." When pressed for more information he hung up.

Because of Sconiers statements and his violent history, the victim was in fear for the safety of her family and herself. Both she and the secretary gave sworn statements of both incidents and a case number was issued and the warrant affidavit was forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for review.

A warrant was issued by the Bradford County State Attorney and Sconiers was arrested on the warrant and transferred from the Orange County Jail to the Bradford County Jail without incident.

Amy Michelle Sellers, 39, of Florahome, was arrested May 21 by Bradford deputies for battery and possession of drugs within 1,000 of a college-methamphetamine.

Rebecca Lynn Sellers, 37, of Starke, was arrested May 17 by Bradford deputies for resisting an officer, possession of drug equipment and child neglect.

Kevin Laroy Sullivan, 38, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 20 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation - driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Robert Dale Taylor, 56, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 21 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation - driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Robert Dalton Thornton, 32, of Hawthorne, was arrested May 15 by Starke officers for a moving traffic violation - driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Jeanie Renee Waters, 23, of Gainesville, was arrested May 18 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation - driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Patti Sue Williams, 42, of Starke, was arrested May 20 by Bradford deputies for possession of drug equipment, possession of cocaine and smuggling contraband into a

prison.

### UNION COUNTY –

Daronte Jawaun Corbitt, 24, of Starke, was arrested May 16 by Union deputies on a Union Count warrant for felony violation of probation.

Alice Faye Crawford, 51, of Lake Butler, was arrested May 20 by Union deputies for battery - touch or strike.

Christopher Joseph Gordon, 36, of Lake Butler, was arrested May 16 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for felony violation of probation.

Jerry Ryan Jones, 21, of Lake Butler, was arrested May 17 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for felony violation of probation.

## Women caught trying to sneak contraband into RMC

Two Jacksonville women are in custody after being caught trying to smuggle contraband into the RMS Main Unit on May 19.



Haywood

Union Deputy David Gladding responded to the RMS on May 19 in reference to a female attempting to introduce contraband into the prison. According to the arrest report, when he arrived at the scene he made contact with two correctional officers who were present with Jocelyn Prettyman Haywood. While a female officer had been conducting a pat-down search on Haywood, she said she could feel an object between her thighs. Haywood later admitted that she had a cell phone between her legs and was attempting to bring it to an inmate.

While conducting that investigation, Gladding received information that another person had contraband either on her person or in her vehicle. The witness said she had gotten a ride to the prison with Genaine Sandy and that she had contraband in



Sandy

her vehicle. Sandy was contacted and denied having any contraband on her person or in her vehicle. She provided officers with the keys to her black BMW and a search was conducted.

In the trunk of the car, officers discovered a black and green beach bag containing multiple packs of cigarettes, eight cell phones, two of which were wrapped in electrical tape, cling wrap, quart sized zip lock baggies, commonly used for narcotics, a can of chewing tobacco and a scale. In the passenger side corner of the trunk, three items were recovered, all of which were wrapped in electrical tape. Upon opening the items, they were found to contain a green, leafy substance was found that was believed to be K2, an illegal narcotic. The substance from all three packages was weighed and totaled 44 grams.

After being restrained and read her rights, Sandy said she had no idea the items were located in her trunk. She said she had given a ride to a woman who she knew was going to try to bring contraband into the prison, but she did not want to get into anyone's business. She said when she realized that the woman had been caught she removed the woman's purse from her trunk. She admitted that the black and green bag was hers, but said the woman

must have put the items into it.

Jocelyn Prettyman Haywood, 43, of Jacksonville, was arrested May 19 by Union deputies for smuggling contraband into a prison - cellular phone/portable communications.

Genaine Terrace Sandy, 33, of Jacksonville, was arrested May 19 by Union deputies for smuggling contraband into a prison - controlled substance and six counts of smuggling contraband into a prison - cellular phone/portable communication.

James D. Willis, 32, of Lake Butler, was arrested May 15 by Union deputies for burglary of a structure or conveyance, unarmed, without a person inside and larceny - theft is \$300 or more but not more than \$5,000.

### KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION –

Ashley Marie Baribeau, 23, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 11 by Clay deputies for simple domestic battery.

John Jacob Langbehn, 36, of Iowa, was arrested May 9 by Clay deputies for breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling.

Jordan De Laune McMillan, 24, of Keystone Heights, was arrested May 13 by Clay deputies for simple battery - domestic.

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# Indians and Tigers pick up Spring Game victories

**BY CHUCK DOWLING**  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

On Thursday, May 18, Union County (1A) and P.K. Yonge (4A) each traveled to Keystone Heights (4A) for this year's Spring Football Jamboree. The evening would consist of three halves, each consisting of two 10-minute quarters. The Indians picked up a first half victory over the Blue Wave, 21-7, with the Tigers doing the same, 6-0 in the second half. The final half of the night featured the host-school battling the Union County to a 0-0 tie.

Things kicked off with Keystone (4-6 a year ago) taking on PK (2-7 in 2017). With no live kicking game for the night, the Indians fielded the ball and then took over at their own 25-yard line. They then went right to work with their potent rushing attack out of the wing formation. Taylor Vojnowski and Ty Friedlin traded carries and after a couple of first downs, Friedlin took it to the house from 39 yards out to put Keystone up 7-0 with 5:55 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Blue Wave started the ensuing drive from their own 35, but a big pass breakup from freshman defensive back Colton Tibbetts and a tackle for a loss by junior defensive lineman Dad Dodd forced a three-and-out and after a PK punt, the Indians would take over at their own 43.

After a Vojnowski 16-yard run put the Tribe into Wave territory, freshman quarterback Gage Stevens hit freshman wide receiver Sterling Roberts on a 30-yard pass play to set up first-and-goal just inside the 10. A few plays later Vojnowski took it in for the score on fourth-and-goal from the one. After sophomore kicker Anthony Briseno's extra point, Keystone led 14-0 with 1:25 left in the first quarter.

PK quarterback Denotae Mavin botched a hand-off to open the next drive, resulting in a ten-yard loss, but on the next play he was able to scramble out of pressure to pick up the first first down of the night for the Blue Wave. Still, they would then go the wrong direction and have to punt it back to Keystone on fourth-and-22.

Vojnowski and Friedlin went back to work, with Vojnowski hauling in an 18-yard reception to take it to the Blue Wave 30. A bit of a melee ensued around the 10-yard line resulting in offsetting penalties before Friedlin would punch it in from inches out on third down to put the home side up 21-0 with 2:24 remaining in the contest. It was the sophomore's second trip to paydirt on the evening.

With everything over except for the crying, Mavin threw up a prayer, and it was answered when Jacari Byrd at the nine-yard line. Israel Wilcox took it in from the nine on the next play to give P.K. Yonge their only score of the night. The clock would prove to be the only thing that could stop Keystone in the contest as the game would then end in a 21-7 Keystone Heights Victory.

With only a ten-minute break in between halves, the Tigers (6-5 last season) had to warm up quick to face the already battle tested Blue Wave. On the opening drive, senior middle linebacker Allan McClellon came up with a big 10-yard sack of Mavin forcing PK to punt it away. Unfortunately, the Union County returners did not get back deep enough in time and the punt went over their heads and bounced all the way down to the Tiger 17.

In stepped new Tiger quarterback Anthony Hendrieth. The Junior was making the transition from the hardwood



Trevor Rogers (second from right) fights for tough yardage against P.K. Yonge.



Keystone offensive lineman Dan Dodd (left) battles P.K. Yonge lineman Justin Conklin.



Keystone's Kaleb Vojnowski fights for yardage against P.K. Yonge.



Union quarterback Anthony Hendrieth looks for a receiver.



Running back Ty Friedlin (center) finds a crease en route to scoring Keystone's first touchdown against P.K. Yonge. He receives blocking from players such as (l-r) Tyler Cumbus, Dan Dodd and Josh Hughes.



Union defensive linemen J.B. Godwin (far left) and Agelu Nunu (far right) prepare to take down the P.K. Yonge quarterback.



Converging to tackle a P.K. Yonge player are Keystone defenders (l-r) Layton Murphy, Trey Horton and Zac Parmeter.



Keystone quarterback Andrew Cox rolls out of the pocket.

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**Union running back Jalen Watkins gets pulled down by a P.K. Yonge player.**



to the gridiron and seeing the first live action of his football career. Head coach Ronny Pruitt would later say that Hendrieth played fine for having only been practicing for three weeks.

On his first place, he handed off to junior Jalen Watkins for three yards. Union was able to pick up a few first downs on the drive before a holding call backed them up then Watkins was stuffed on a fourth-and-one play from the Tiger 44. PK took over from their own 37 but went three-and-out and had to punt it right back.

On the ensuing drive, UCHS was again able to begin to matriculate the ball down the field, evening picking up a first down on fourth-and-11 before a Watkins fumble was recovered

by the Wave to give the ball back to PK. That's when Junior defensive end Agelu NuNu woke the crowd up with a huge hit six yards into the backfield and the Wave were forced to punt it away once again.

This time Union County would not be denied, taking over the ball at the 49 with 6:07

remaining in the contest. After a first down, Keyshawn Young would turn on the Jets and race 38 yards for the score. The two-point conversion would fail, but the Tigers still led 6-0 with 3:42 left.

P.K. Yonge tried to make a game out of it, but Union County would stop them on



**The Tigers' Keyshawn Young finds room to run against P.K. Yonge. Offensive lineman Jackson Pilcher is pictured in the background.**

fourth down with 57 seconds remaining and go on to the 6-0 victory.

With each squad coming into the final half of the evening

undefeated, the Indians and the Tigers would play to see who wins the night, but there would be no victor on the evening as neither team could find the end zone prior to the clock hitting :00.

Union County would completely control the clock in the contest, taking the entire first quarter on their opening drive before Keystone would finally get the stop on fourth down at the 10-yard line. The Tribe took over to open the second quarter but would only run seven plays before Friedlin punted the ball ball over the Tigers' heads all the way down to the 20.

Union County would drive to the Indians 39 but with 8.5 seconds left, Josh Hughes came up with the stop and then each team would have to settle with 1-0-1 records for the night, while P.K. Yonge went 0-2 on the evening.

Both Pruitt and Keystone head coach Chuck

Dickinson seemed pleased with their team's efforts on the evening. Dickinson even said he did not mind only having the ball 3:23 in the final half of the evening because, "It gave us a chance to get a good look at the defense. We have a lot of new guys and there were some missed assignments but that is to be expected at this point. Overall they played well."

Pruitt said that he saw what he needed to, but it was a costly Spring junior center John Manning breaking his thumb, but he said, "Hopefully he will be back as a senior when the regular season starts." He went on to add that "It is always nice to play a full night of football without allowing a score, but there is still plenty to work on."

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# Tornadoes win Spring game

**BY DAN HILDEBRAN**  
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Bradford bussed out of Lake Weir Thursday night with a 22-16 win over the Hurricane near Belleview.

The two coaches agreed to play backups and allow the clock to run in the fourth quarter.

Jeremiah Vaughn led the Tornadoes in rushing with 105 yards on 13 carries. Jackson Smith and Erric Smith each ran for Bradford touchdowns and each had five carries in the game, with Jackson Smith tallying 42

yards and Erric Smith 27.

Bradford Coach Brian Tomlinson said his main goal of the game was to get his players on video, so he could evaluate them over the summer.

"We got it on film," he said after the game. "We got to see what we did right, what we did well, and mistakes that we made that we can fix going into the off season."

He also said spring practice was valuable in getting inexperienced players some playing time. "We've got a lot of players

playing and a lot of guys who've never played before so to see them out there playing I'm excited for what we have coming up this season," he said.

Tomlinson said he feels good about the team's skilled positions but sees work ahead for linemen.

"We have some play makers that I think can do some things," he said. "I think some of the things we need to work on is some stuff up front but I think it'll all be fixed by the time we come back in the Fall."



Gabe Cook and Donovan Etienne bring down Lake Weir's Gene Reid.



With three defenders closing in, Nathaniel Davis looks for a way out.



Jackson Smith lets one get through his fingers.

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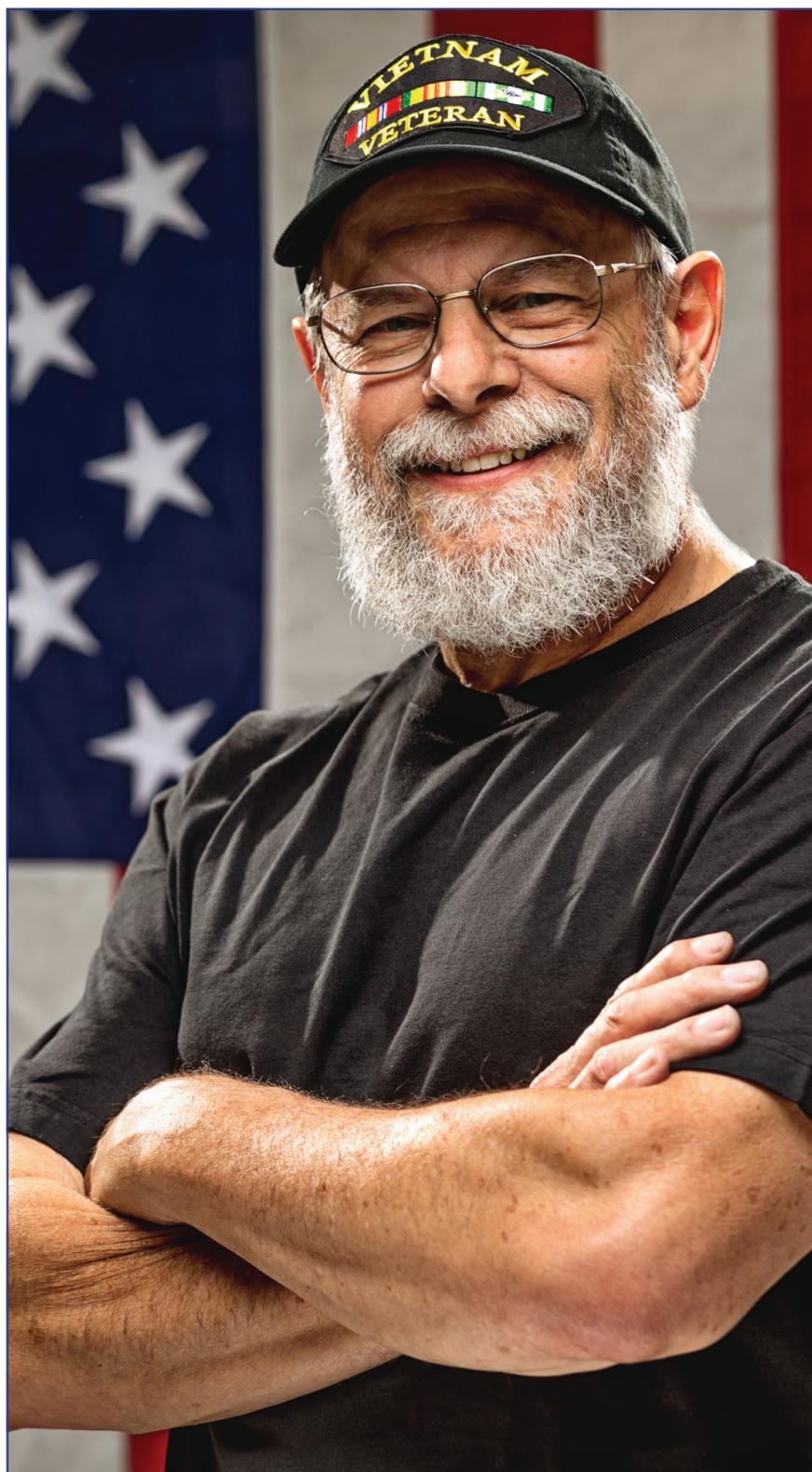
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