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Grand jury indicts Lake Butler man for murder

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A grand jury has indicted 56-year-old Anthony Lydell George for first-degree murder resulting from a March 19 shooting in Lake Butler.

Prosecutors had already charged Anthony with other charges relating to the shooting which killed one person, identified by the Union County Sheriff's Office as 35-year-old



George

William L. Hope.

However, Florida law requires a grand jury indictment for any defendant to be charged with first degree murder.

According to court papers George also shot two females in the Southwest 1st Terrace incident, one of which was his common law wife.

Prosecutors also filed a discovery exhibit related to the case which lists 22 witnesses, statements by the defendant

to law enforcement and his videotaped testimony before the grand jury, as well as surveillance video and items seized during searches.

Judge Mitchell D. Bishop granted a state motion to compel the defendant to give investigators a saliva sample for DNA analysis. George's next court date is in August for a case management conference.



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Fee for first week and the \$25 application fee must be paid at registration. Register Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday June 1 and 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sherry William at 352-278-3540, Glenda Ruise at 904-7691691 or call the office at 904-964-2298 and leave a message.

Garden club talks wildflowers

The Alligator Creek Garden Club will meet at the Bradford County Senior Center on Thursday, May 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Pat Caren and Paul Still will present slide show discussion on "A Year of Wildflowers in Bradford County." All are welcome to attend.

Contact Paul Still at 904 368-029 or stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Marketplace Ministry Festival

Regeneration Church of God in Christ will present a Marketplace Ministry Festival at the Starke Downtown Square on Saturday, May 21, from noon to 6 p.m. Vendor spaces are available for \$50 per booth.

For more information, please call Sister Julia Harden at 352-888-2563.

Union teachers receive raise and new salary structure to assist retention

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Like many small school districts, Union County has seen its share of problems in attracting talented new teachers and in retaining the ones they have.

It's the same story for all local governmental agencies in small counties. They do not pay enough to keep good people and have become a training ground where new people can come for a couple years of experience to add to their resume, and then move on to work in a larger county where they will be paid more. For school districts this is even a bigger problem since fewer and fewer college students are going into teaching as a profession. In fact, quite a few colleges and universities have closed their colleges of education due to lack of enrollment!

School districts are not losing demand for teachers but are finding the number of applicants is decreasing, especially in the smaller, often lower paying districts. This situation often makes attracting and hiring the "best and the brightest" from among the applicants.

According to Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger the school district has been experiencing all these issues for several years and has started having a hard time retaining new teachers, with many leaving for "greener pastures" after just one to three years.

"It has been getting more and more difficult to fill positions and also to keep people we hire," Ripplinger said. "With fewer people going into the teaching profession, districts have been hiring people from the private sector — professionals in a field, and often very proficient in it — but not formally trained as educators. Many of these make fine teachers, but they

often have to learn classroom skills and how to effectively interact with students."

Union County is the smallest county in the state and, as such, the local income from the school district's share of the ad valorem taxes charged all property owners is not as much as in larger counties. In the past, this has led to more conservative budgeting in areas. All school districts have areas where there is not "wiggle room" in their budgets for materials and equipment to provide effective education experiences for their students, Union County among them.

Ripplinger, school district Chief Financial Officer Renee Prevatt and many others got to work to find every dime in the budget that could be diverted from its current assignment into the line items for employee salaries and they found enough to make their idea work.

As of the beginning of the new district budget year (2022-23) on July 1, all teachers and other employees (non-instructional and administrative) will begin with a new salary schedule that will not only raise their annual salary immediately, but that will guarantee annual raises to current vested (13 years of experience or more) and competitive starting pay for newly hired teachers.

Currently, Union County pays new teachers \$41,350 annual salary with, in some cases, various supplements for advanced degrees or out of the classroom responsibilities such as for coaches, advisors and club sponsors. This is less, or only slightly more, than most of the surrounding counties, with Bradford County starting new teachers at \$40,275, Baker at \$42,428, Alachua at \$44,500 and Columbia at \$42,975. Under the new schedule, new Union teachers will start at \$46,000. After

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Home burns near Sampson Lake

No injuries were reported when a fire destroyed this home in the 8000 block of Southwest C.R. 225. Bradford County Fire Rescue posted the photo from the scene around 10:30 p.m. on May 12.

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and Most Christ-Like Award
Softball: Co-Captain, All-Conference

Hebrews 10:23

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Dakota Cedar
Dual Enrolled SFC,
Homecoming Queen,
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Society: Treas., Student Govt.
Assn: Senior Class Treas.,
Key Club Treas., Basketball
Genesis. 1:31

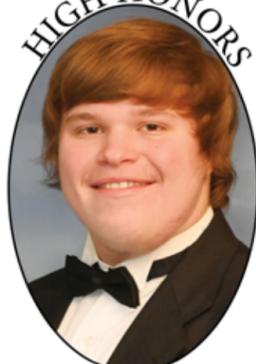


Madison Dibernardinis
Student Government
Assoc.: Senior Class
Parliamentarian,
Basketball, Homecoming
Court, Drama
1 John 4:19



Dylan Drew
In Memoriam

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Logan Ellis
Dual Enrolled SFC,
National Honor
Society
Psalm 12:10



Kody Griffis
Homecoming Court; Drama;
Community Service Award,
Football: Conf. State RU &
District Champs, Capt.;
Basketball: District Champs,
State Runner Up;
Baseball: All-Conference
Phil. 4: 6-7



Simon Hanson
Homecoming King;
Joe Murphy Mem. Scholar.;
Comm. Service Award;
NHS; Basketball: Capt.,
All-Conf., All- Tourn. Conf.
State RU, Most Christ-Like
Award; Baseball: Capt.,
All-Conference
James 3:13



Jeniah Harding
Student Government
Association: Senior Class
Secretary, Volleyball,
National Honor Society,
Key Club
2 Cor. 12:9



Rashad Jackson
Football: MVP, District
Champs, State RU;
Basketball: All-Conference,
All-Tournament,
District Champs &
State Conference RU
John 3:16



Eduardo Marrero, Jr.
H'coming Court; Comm.
Svc. Award; Football:
District Champs,
Conf. State RU; Basketball:
Dist. Champs, Conf. State
Runner Up; Baseball;
Drama: Sound Booth
James 4:8



Trey Mathews
Soph. Homecoming Rep.;
Basketball: Dist. Champs,
Conf. State RU; Football:
Dist. Champs, State RU;
Baseball
John 11:35



Alaina McKinney
National Honor
Society
2 Chron. 15:7



Zachary Moore
Freshman & Junior Class
Homecoming Rep.,
Community Service Award,
Executive Intern: Education
Department, PE Aide
John 16:33



Jackson Riley
Community
Service Award
2 Timothy 4:7



Emma Snyder
H'coming Court; JMMS; Comm.
Serv. Award; Science Fair; Drama;
Key Club: Editor, President; SGA:
Sec., Sr. Class Historian; NHS:
Parliamentarian, VP; Softball;
Basketball; Volleyball;
Psalm 61:2



Chance Taylor
Student Government Assn.:
Senior Class Chaplain,
Baseball, Basketball:
District Champs &
Conference State RU
Isaiah 43:1



Makayla Taylor
Sophomore Homecoming
Rep., Basketball,
Volleyball, Softball
1 John 4:18

Occasional notes on growing up:

Speaking of Grads and Graduation...

It has been an honor to report on the accomplishments of the graduating seniors. You have given us the opportunity to cover district, regional, and State championships in athletics and FFA, FHA and more.

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The older I've become the more I've realized that every life accomplishment or achievement is not possible without people who have poured love and encouragement into us.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be the

local newspaper that has had the honor of covering all your accomplishments.

To paraphrase Mark Twain:

the older I've gotten, the smarter the adults I've known, loved and respected have become.

Sincerely,

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 Director of Marketing and Operations for the Bradford County Telegraph, Lake Region Monitor and Union County Times. Contact: JohnRyan@bctelegraph.com

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Construction is now more evident at the site off of Southeast 144th Street.



The construction site offers a peak at the campus layout and final look of the new school.

New school construction, redistricting on track

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford School Board members heard the first of the monthly updates that will be taking place as school construction continues.

Todd Duffy of Ausley Construction showed the board aerial views of retention pond work, as well as outlines of where

foundations would be poured for Buildings 2 and 3 as well as the administrative building and cafeteria. He said they were also moving on to constructing the footers for Building 5.

Pipe installation for plumbing would also begin the next day, he said.

Future presentations will take the board through classrooms and other areas as they are built.

“We’re progressing well and on schedule. Just keep hoping that the rain holds off. We’re pushing as fast as we can before the rains hit us,” Duffy said.

Later, the board approved a \$31,300 change order for the removal and replacement of unsuitable soil during excavation for the sewer system, to be paid for with project contingency funds.

Prior change orders had raised the contingency funding, which now sits at nearly \$590,000.

Board briefed on redistricting

Matt Barksdale, deputy elections office supervisor, briefed the school board on the redistricting process. That included introducing them to

the same website that county commissioners have been using to formulate maps — www.davesredistricting.org.

County commissioners and school board members share the same labeled Districts 1-5. When the time comes, both boards will need to agree on the final map.

While the process won’t be completed prior to this year’s election, work continues to

formulate a map that both balances the voting-age populations between the districts as much as possible while maintaining District 1 as a majority-minority district in order help guarantee diverse representation.

Once both boards have spent some time working on the maps, they will hold a joint workshop to discuss their progress.

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Landfill budget approved with 5% raise

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

RAIFORD — New River Solid Waste Association board members approved the proposed budget for 2022-23 at their May 9 meeting.

On the revenue side, there will be another 50-cent increase in the tipping fees for Bradford, Union, Baker, Alachua and Levy counties in January, bringing the cost to \$30 per ton. The landfill recently entered a separate agreement with Gilchrist County, which will pay \$32 a ton. Out-of-region waste disposal will be \$45 a ton.

Disposal rates were projected to be the same next year, bringing the total expected revenue to nearly \$8.22 million. That’s an increase of \$141,168.

Salary costs increased \$56,000, as Director Perry Kent included a 5% raise for employees, which also translates into an increase in the cost of benefits.

Engineering cost for monitoring increased \$7,500 to

\$77,500 because of additional reporting required next year. Phase II planning is going from the preliminary to master stage, so an additional \$100,000 was budgeted.

Other contractual and operational costs did not increase.

The board must set aside other indirect costs, including escrow for long-term planning, depreciation, Phase II development, postemployment benefits, etc. The only change next year is the addition of around \$63,000 in escrow to go toward the future cost of landfill closure.

Planned equipment purchases include a landfill compactor for more than \$772,000. They plan to rebuild a 752 Caterpillar for \$263,432.

In the end, the budget was balanced at \$8.22 million.

Per usual, Bradford, Union and Baker counties will each receive \$100,000 back from the association, and Union will receive an additional \$100,000

for hosting the landfill.

Gas trucks leaving landfill

Trucks are leaving and returning to the landfill 24 hours a day, transporting renewable fuel to a natural gas pipeline near Yulee.

The landfill’s gas-to-energy project takes greenhouse gas from decomposition and cleans it so it can be used as natural gas.

Kent said it takes approximately five hours to fill a truck and two hours to drain it. This “virtual pipeline” is necessary until an actual pipeline is built to tie New River into existing pipeline infrastructure.

Prior to converting the greenhouse gas for natural gas use, the landfill simply had to burn it to prevent air pollution. Now the gas will make a profit for the landfill and Fortistar, which constructed the facility.

“We’re the first one to put it into a pipeline in the state of

Florida,” Kent said.

A tour of the facility is planned for commissioners at the next association meeting. A formal ribbon cutting will be planned later.

Expansion being planned

Phase II master planning at the landfill is set to begin. The footprint will move from the initial site onto the additional acreage acquired from the state. Around 165 acres are available, but the planning project will begin collecting data on wetland and flood plains so some preliminary layouts for disposal cells, roads, etc. can be proposed.

The work will be the foundation for the comprehensive master plan approved next year.

Phase I of the landfill still has enough available capacity to continue disposal through 2027.

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DeSantis approves over \$125M for nursing ed

Money would provide scholarships, expand infrastructure

Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced his approval of over \$125 million for nursing education for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, bringing the total amount of investment in workforce education funding to more than \$5 billion since 2019.

Additional funding for nurses in this year’s budget will include student loan reimbursement and scholarships for nurses, expanding infrastructure at

colleges and universities that provide nursing education, and salary and recruitment incentives for nurses within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“We are investing in quality nursing education to increase the number of programs and jobs that prepare students for careers in nursing,” said DeSantis. “Florida’s nurses stand ready to serve their communities every day, and we will always recognize the importance of this vocation. There has long been a need for nurses in Florida, especially as our state is growing, and we want to continue to support these front-line heroes.”

Two major programs will lead the funding Gov. DeSantis is committing to nurses and nursing student this year, these include:

—\$100 million to establish the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) program to financially reward colleges and universities for their nursing education programs, based on student success.

—\$25 million to establish the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) fund for schools to recruit faculty and clinical preceptors for their nursing programs, to work

toward combating the shortage of nursing instructors, with funds matched dollar-to-dollar by health care partners in their community.

Florida’s major investments for nursing education programs will support those who serve the complex health care needs of our communities. Nurses comprise the nation’s largest health care profession, and in Florida we will always have their backs.

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By the way, 62 million humans have been aborted since Roe v. Wade. You became a person with a soul at conception according to the Bible.

You had a chance. Give them one, too!

Henry Hodges
Lawtrey

Lake Region

3 proposed charter amendments heard

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The Clay County Charter Review Commission held public hearings on three proposed amendments to the county's charter.

Only one of the proposed amendments received a comment from a member of the public when Dale Carter spoke against the proposal that would give county commissioners a cost-of-living adjustment.

Carter told commission members that he was also on the charter review commission until he resigned to run for county commissioner against District 4 incumbent Betsy Condon.

Carter argued that voters already rejected a salary increase for commissioners the last time they considered charter amendments in 2018.

"Why are we doing this?" he asked. "Three years ago, the voters voted for (this) not to be — to raise the salary. You're back here doing the same thing, changing it and it looks as fishy as can be."

The charter review commission has scheduled two additional public hearings for the

proposed amendments, one on May 16 and a second on May 31, both at 7 p.m.

The panel will then hold a final meeting.

Clay County voters must approve any changes to the charter.

Proposed charter amendments

In addition to giving commissioners a cost-of-living adjustment, the commission is also considering changes to the county's charter which would remove the term limits for constitutional officers and would change the frequency of the charter review commission from every four years to every eight years. Here are the three proposed amendments.

Charter Amendment for Cost of Living Increase to Salaries of Clay County Commissioners

Shall the Clay County Charter Article II, Section 2.2.C, be amended to include an annual cost of living increase to the current \$37,000 per year salaries of Clay County Commissioners,

based upon the federal consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, effective September 30, 2023, and thereafter adjusting annually for inflation? Yes or no.

Charter Amendment Removing Term Limit Provision for Elected County Constitutional Offices

Shall the Clay County Charter Article III, Section 3.1 be amended to remove existing term limits of three consecutive four-year terms, for the constitutional offices of the County Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Supervisor of Elections, following the November 2022 General Election? Yes or No.

Charter Amendment Revising Appointment of Charter Review Commission

Shall the Clay County Charter Article IV, Section 4.2.B, be amended to change the appointment of the Charter Review Commission from every four years to every eight years following the November 2022 General Election? Yes or no.



Clay school district breaks ground for new campus

School district officials broke ground at the future Spring Park Elementary on May 6. The campus will be the district's 43rd and will be located on County Road 315, west of Green Cove Springs. Pictured (r-l) are School Board Members Tina Bullock, Beth Clark and Ashley Gilhousen, Superintendent David Broskie, Board Members Mary Bolla and Janice Kerekes, Director of Facility Planning and Construction Mike Kemp and Assistant Superintendent for Operations Bryce Ellis. Photo: Clay County School District.

AMVETS-86 AWARD \$6,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO KHHS SENIORS AT THIRD AWARDS LUNCH



Emma Rogel, center, is the happy awardee of a \$500 AMVETS post 86 Veterans Scholarship.



Clayton Kicklighter, left and Dylan Gaffney, each received Sons of AMVETS Post 86 Scholarships.



AMVETS post 86 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships went to: Ashton Librojo, in the mask above left, Morgan Perkins, center, and Jacob Lepanto. Cody Saley, below far right, also received a Ladies Auxiliary scholarship.



AMVETS post 86 \$500 Veterans Scholarship winner, Delia Boyette.



Eden Jackson, right, also happily receives her AMVETS Veterans scholarship.



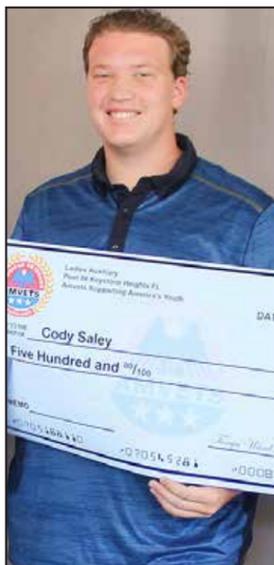
Mason Dicks stands between his proud parents, displaying his \$500 AMVETS Veterans scholarship.



Bryce Couey, above right, received the \$500 AMVETS Post 86 Rider's scholarship.



Christopher Anderson also received a \$500 AMVETS Veterans scholarship.



Cody Saley

Four AMVETS entities associated with Post 86 awarded 12 \$500 scholarships to KHHS seniors at their third annual scholarship luncheon ceremony, sponsored by Johnny's BBQ, on May 14 in Keystone Heights. Look for an article by Monitor editor Dan Hildebran next week.

Honoring those who choose to serve our nation: Graduating Seniors Who Will Enter the Military



Zachary Glover
Marines



Jaiden Robinson
Air Force



Sheppard Wingate
Navy

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Entering service members: we thank you and those who honor you!

Upcoming food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, May 24, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. The inventory is subject to change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

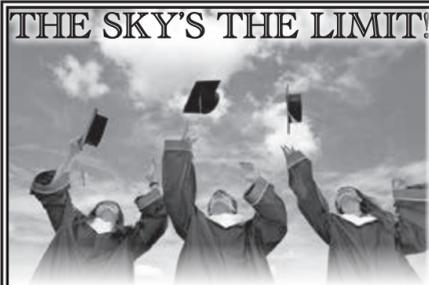
Pastor installed May 22

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will have an installation service for Pastor Marrison Dryer on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. All are invited.



Congrats to Nigel and the class of 2022!

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Lake Butler historic preservation reaches milestone

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Florida Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee announced on May 5 that the City of Lake Butler has been accepted to the Certified Local Government program following certification by the National Park Service.

"I am pleased to welcome Lake Butler as Florida's 81st Certified Local Government," said Lee in a news release. "The city will now partner with the Division of Historical Resources to preserve resources associated with its important agricultural past and role as the seat of Union County."

Florida's Department of State said Lake Butler joins a network of more than 2,000 Certified Local Governments in the United States. The town will now benefit from training and technical support provided by the Division of Historical Resources to enhance local historic preservation efforts of its unique historic and cultural

resources.

The program encourages decision making about historic preservation at the local level with input from citizens and local government. In order to become a CLG, local governments must be committed to enforcing local and state historic preservation laws and ensure the establishment of a professionally qualified historic preservation board.

"It opens the door for different types of grants for historic preservation," said Lake Butler City Manager Dale Walker.

He added that after passing an ordinance establishing a historic district within the city and appointing a historic preservation board, the city completed paperwork for joining the certified local government program.

Walker said the next step in the city's preservation efforts will be for the historic preservation board to receive training from state officials. Then the board will set its

priorities and line up projects, which is likely to include a survey of its historic resources.

Other North Florida governments in the Certified Local Government program are Keystone Heights, Clay County, Fernandina Beach, Gainesville, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and St. Johns County.

Democratic Women to meet May 26

The Democratic Women of the Lakes Area will meet in person on May 26 at 7 p.m. Jyoti Parmar, founder of North Central Florida Indivisible, will be speaking on getting out the vote in a rural area.

Meetings are held at the Historic Melrose Homemakers' Club, 25728 Park St. in Melrose. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 352-235-4161.

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their 12th year in service, these teachers will receive a raise of \$500 per year for the rest of their years with the county. Veteran teachers, how have served the district for 13 years or more, will see a significant raise in the first year this schedule is in effect and then will also receive a \$500 per year increase until their retirement from the district. This is in addition to whatever supplements the individual is entitled to.

The school district, which is the largest employer in the county, is not forgetting the contribution of its non-instructional employees to making the system run smoothly. These employees, from bus drivers to food service workers, to custodians and many others, will also be seeing more money in the paychecks thanks to the new payroll structure.

"We greatly appreciate all of these people for all that they do, but appreciation only goes so far."

This state mandated minimum wage increase for school employees to \$15 will raise the pay of many of the non-instructional staff substantially,

but Ripplinger said he felt that it was not enough. The new plan will institute a new minimum of \$15.25 per hour for the 2022-23 school year and will institute supplements to their pay based on fulfillment of contracts and year of service for all employees with 5 or more years of service to the district. This supplement will provide an additional \$100 per year of service if all employee contractual obligations are met.

Union County Teacher's Union President Nancy Griffis attended the May meeting of the Union County School Board and thanked Ripplinger and the members of the board for their attention to a matter that, she said, had been a problem for some time. She said that her research into the situation strongly indicated that the problem of retaining teachers was almost entirely a matter of money and said she thought that the new pay schedules would eliminate it.

Ripplinger said he has also found that the teachers and staff are also quite pleased and said that he knew of several teachers who had been planning on leaving deciding to stay.

"The district can afford this raise this year and the new pay schedule is permanent, but it is unclear as to whether we will

be able to do more next year," Ripplinger said. "This raise is not only going to help our people now, with each paycheck, but also because the higher amounts will all be figured into their retirement calculations. Raises and supplements go into the retirement figures, but bonuses do not. These raises will also benefit the local economy and, most of all, will benefit the students over their careers here by providing schools with more stability and continuity in the services they provide. Our district has made a large effort to invest in those who serve our students. This move will make us more competitive as we seek the best people to join us to meet the needs of our students and community."

Correction

There was an error in the May 5, 2022, article in the Union County Times titled "Union looking for best ways to spend ARPA funds." The amount of land purchased by the county for a fire refill station in Providence was five acres (not 10 as stated in the article) and the purchase price was \$37,800 (not \$195,904). The Times is sorry for the error and any problems caused by it.



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Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger presented LBMS teacher Nancy Griffis with a plaque for her retirement after 24 years of service to the school district.



LBMS band members who were recognized at the May meeting of the UC School Board for their participation in solo and/or ensemble at the Band Master's Assoc. competition. Pictured are (l-r): Brianna Elixson, Preston Flick, Kendyl Brannen, Marlee Trowell, Princess Maxwell, Barry Anderson-Davis, Serenity Rainey, Carmyn Barringer, Lacy Fipps and Amry Sullivan.

UCSB recognizes retirees, staff longevity and band members

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

At its regular May meeting the Union County School Board took time at the beginning of the meeting to recognize employees retiring soon and those with 20 years or more of service to the school district. Band members from both Lake Butler Middle School and Union County High School who participated in solo and ensemble competition held by the Band Master's Association were also recognized.

Retirees honored included: Betty Brackett (40 years), Susie Crawford (17 years), Nancy Griffis (24 years), Lee Hughes (41 years), Debe Stephenson (26 years) and Jimmy Thomas.

Employees honored for years of service included: (with 20 years) Cynthia Howell, Alice Wingham, Jacquelyn Moseley and Delores Sapp; (with 25 years) Betty Hutton; (with 30 years) Elizabeth (Betsy) Whitehead and Lisa Cunningham; (with

35 years) Celeste Saunders and Thomas "Bub" Williams; Betty Brackett (40 years) and Eugene Dukes (46 years).

Each honoree received a plaque commemorating their contributions and the thanks of Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger and the members of the board.

Members of the LBMS and UCHS bands received certificates of achievement for competing in solo and ensemble competition.

LBMS Band Director Caleb Switaneck and UCHS Asst. Band Director Pam Higginbotham (Band Director Kelley Dorsey was not in attendance due to illness) called each of their students up to the podium and they received a certificate of accomplishment from Ripplinger.

LBMS students recognized who were in attendance included: Amry Sullivan, Lacy Fipps, Carmyn Barringer, Serenity Rainey, Barry Anderson-Davis, Princess



UCHS band members who were recognized by the UC school board for their participation in the Band Masters Assoc. competition. Pictured are (l-r): Jessica Kingsbury, Ke'Andre Stephens, Robert Smith, Alena Boyer, Sierra O'Steen and Nolan Beighley.

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Arrests

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

The following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights-area) counties. All defendants are considered innocent until convicted in a court or until pleading guilty or no contest. Information in this report is from law enforcement agencies and court documents, which are public records.

Bradford

Nicholas Lee Anderson, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of drug equipment.

Valerie Ann Ayers, 30, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies and game and fish commission agents for an out-of-county warrant and resisting an officer.

Joshua Aaron Bogdan, 24, of Starke was arrested by Starke police for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Bobby Ray Cole, 51, of Middleburg was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 7 for DUI and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Andrae Bernard Dommon, 46, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for contempt of court.

Norman Paul Driggers, 38, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 11 for a probation violation.

Robert Olin Fulham, 47, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for failure to appear.

Courtany Anne Gooderham, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 11 for larceny, possession of cocaine, possession of drug equipment and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Ryan Allen Griffis, 30, of Sanderson, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 9 for a probation violation.

Aaron Charles Gunter, 43, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on May 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Weston Christopher Hiam, 48, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for aggravated battery.

Daquan J. Jackson, 19, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on May 10 for probation violations.

Marc Austin Johnson, 18, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 9 for child cruelty.

Cody Michael Jones, 23, of

Starke was arrested by Starke police on May 14 for resisting an officer and disorderly intoxication.

Bruce Austin Lee, 42, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 9 for larceny and failure to appear.

David Michael Lenczycki, 54, of Brandon was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for DUI.

Kiera Edwina Lindsay, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for a probation violation, possession of drugs and selling drugs.

Glenn Dale Magyari, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 10 for resisting an officer.

Steven Frederick Maloy, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 10 for a probation violation.

Earl Wayne Murray, 40, of Fort White was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for probation violations.

Corey David Patrick, 25, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 8 for DUI and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Dalton James Russell, 25, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Matthew Tyler Russell, 29, of Macclenny was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for contempt of court.

Ozzy Schneider, 29, of Lake City was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 9 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Erma Lee Stallings, 31, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on May 11 for arson.

According to an arrest report, the defendant attempted to set fire to the door of a North Temple Avenue apartment after a resident of the apartment refused to let her in.

Keana Javae Thomas, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for a probation violation.

Frank Harold Waring, 41, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 11 for failure to appear.

Isaac Edward Warren, 19, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 8 for domestic battery.

Brad Akawn Williams, 23, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 9 for aggravated assault, battery and burglary.

According to court papers, on March 26 the defendant broke into his ex-girlfriend's home, awoke her and choked her. When another resident of the home attempted to intervene, the defendant pointed a gun at the second victim and threatened to kill him. The defendant then fled

the scene.

Union

Christina Ann Baer, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for an out-of-county warrant and a probation violation.

Joni Renee Bradwell, 42, of Crawfordville was arrested by Union deputies on May 5 for battery, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary and child cruelty.

Joshua Thomas Crosby, 23, of High Springs was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Audrena Kay Mallard, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for burglary and criminal mischief with property damage.

According to an arrest report, the defendant tried to enter a closed convenience store by shattering the store's glass front door.

Ashley Leeann Mathews, 34, of Auburndale was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for burglary, larceny and criminal mischief with property damage.

Victor Lamar McKinney, 32, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on May 6 for a probation violation.

Traver Lane Tetstone, 30, of St. Petersburg was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for possession of drugs.

Kelly Michael Varnell, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 11 for lewd or lascivious molestation.

Randy Eugene Williams, 59, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 7 for domestic battery.

Christopher McCray Wilson, 37, of Branford was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for battery and robbery.

Clay

Colby Alexander Chevalier, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 9 for breach of peace.

Melody Jean Hess, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 12 for aggravated battery.

Michael Shane Middleton, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 12 for domestic battery.

Derrick Byron Nichols, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 12 for possession of marijuana and a concealed weapon violation.

Henry Wimberly, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 7 for criminal mischief with property damage.

reunion, and feel free to bring a companion. Get together with those you haven't seen since your school days and join the group photos.

There is no charge to attend. Refreshments and appetizers provided. If you want to bring something, contact Joe Callan Sr. at 912-506-3525 and coordinate with him. If you have any dietary restrictions, feel free to bring what you need as well.

The reunion will take place Saturday, June 18, from around noon until? The reunion will be at the Kingsley Lake Civic Center (formerly Nail's Store).

Peeper arrested near Silver Lake

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Bradford deputies arrested a 38-year-old man after his neighbors accused him of banging on their doors and windows late at night, peering into their homes and exposing himself.

Christopher Seth Henderson of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sunday, May 5 for indecent exposure and loitering.

According to an arrest report, a Southeast 7th Avenue resident told Deputy Logan Hough that he saw the defendant walking through his back yard and attempting to get inside his gate.

"(The victim) stated he then went inside his home with his wife and locked the door fearing what Christopher may do," wrote Hough in the report. "While inside the residence they continued watching Christopher and witnessed him pull his shorts down, exposing himself."

The deputy wrote that he



Henderson

found Henderson walking away from the victim's back yard.

"I asked Christopher what he was doing to which he stated that he was lost," wrote the deputy.

Hough added that after discovering the defendant lived only a few houses away from the victim's, he asked Henderson

how he could be lost. The defendant had no answer.

The deputy added that Henderson had bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred speech and had a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person.

Hough also wrote that he spoke to a neighbor who told him Henderson came to his house in the middle of the night two to three weeks ago, banging on his door.

"(The witness) stated that on May 5, at approximately (2 a.m.) Christopher again showed up at his residence" wrote Hough. "Christopher had a flashlight and was shining (it) into his windows, looking inside his residence. (The witness) then demanded Christopher leave his residence at once."

The lawman added that Henderson did not take kindly to his arrest.

"While escorting Christopher to the holding cell," Hough wrote, "he became very aggressive and stated: 'I will remember your face when I get out of here.'"

KH woman injured; Middleburg man killed in crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Florida Highway Patrol said a 74-year-old Middleburg man was killed and a 54-year-old Keystone Heights woman was injured in a Wednesday, May 11 crash between Camp Blanding and Middleburg.

According to an FHP report, the 74-year-old was driving a sedan east on County Road 215

around 4 p.m. The Middleburg man failed to yield to a southbound SUV on State Road 21 driven by the woman.

The SUV struck the sedan. Both drivers were taken to Orange Park Regional Medical Center, where the 74-year-old died.

The state agency said neither driver was wearing a seat belt.

12-year-old critically injured in ATV crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The Florida

Highway Patrol said a 12-year-old boy suffered a severe head injury after falling off an ATV on Monday, May 10.

In a news release, the agency said the boy was driving the vehicle north on Southwest 147th Avenue near County Road 18 around 7:45 P.M. when he fell off.

A 10-year-old passenger also riding on the four-wheeler with the older boy was not injured.

The 12-year-old was taken to UF Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

FHP said neither teen was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident, which occurred between Graham and Brooker.

DeSantis appoints five to the Board of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis recently announced the appointment of Vincent Ferreira of Starke to the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, as well as Joseph Brandenburg, Janis Liotta, Jill Peebles and Darrin Williams.

Vincent Ferreira Ferreira, of Starke, is the owner and president of Ferreira Enterprises Inc. He is also an advisor for funeral services education at Florida State College of Jacksonville. Ferreira earned his associate degree from Miami Dade College.

Joseph Brandenburg Brandenburg, of Jacksonville, is president, funeral director, and embalmer of Hardage-Giddens

Funeral Home. He is a veteran of the United States Army National Guard. Brandenburg earned his degree in mortuary science from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service.

Janis Liotta Liotta, of St. Augustine, is the director of income tax compliance for CSX Transportation. She is a member of the Tax Executive Institute. Liotta earned her bachelor's degree in accounting and two master's degrees in taxation and business administration from the University of Florida.

Jill Peebles Peebles, of Jacksonville, is the licensed funeral director at Peebles Funeral Services,

Inc. She is a member of the Independent Funeral Directors of Florida and the National Funeral Directors Association. Peebles earned her associate degree in mortuary science from Gupton-Jones College.

Darrin Williams Williams, of Jacksonville, is a supervisor for Duval County Public Schools. He is a board member on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group and the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville. Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University.

These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

UC Livestock Assoc. to hold a Backyard BBQ Cook-Off June 17

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Livestock Association will host a Backyard BBQ Cook-Off June 17, with the proceeds going to promote agricultural education for county young people.

Richard Kelley, a UCLA board member, spoke to the Union County Board of County Commissioners at their May 16 meeting, telling the board about the event and securing permission to hold it at the Agricultural Education Center near the O.J. Phillips

Recreation Center. The board gave its permission for the event.

The event is open to amateur cooks only and they can compete as a single individual or as a team made up of a team captain with up to three assistants. The entry fee is \$50 per team and the prize money will be taken from this. Meat categories include chicken, pork butt and brisket. Entries will be judged on appearance, taste/texture and overall impression.

Pre-registration is required. Competitors must provide

their own means of cooking their meat and the utensils necessary to make/apply their sauce. The only cooking media allowed will be wood, charcoal or wood pellets. Use of sanitary gloves is required anytime the meat is handled. Setup will be Friday, June 17, at 5 p.m., with the judging set for Saturday, June 18, at 4 p.m. Plates will be available for sale after the judging.

For more information or to enter or sponsor the event, contact Richard Kelley at 352-519-9081 or at jdrkelley@hotmail.com.

2022 Kingsley Lake Kids Reunion

It is almost time again for the next Kingsley Kid's Reunion. An invitation is extended to everyone who grew up at Kingsley Lake to join the next



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Democrats to meet May 23

Bradford County Democrats will hold their regular meeting on May 23 at 7 p.m. on Zoom only. They are activating teams to contact voters this election year. All Democrats

are welcome to attend. To receive the Zoom link, contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com, or call 904-526-2257.

Bingo at Legion Post 56 home

American Legion Post

56 is hosting bingo games every Monday evening. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. and regular games at 7 p.m. Proceeds aid veterans in need.

Post 56 is located at 715 Edwards Road in Starke, across from National Guard Armory.

Clay preservation board updated on three historical markers

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County's preservation board heard updates on three historical markers proposed for the county, during the board's March 17 meeting.

Mary Justino from the clerk's office proposed a historical marker for the Branon Naval Outer Landing Field.

The WWII-era landing field southwest of Cecil Field consisted of four, 4,000-foot runways that intersected in the center of the facility.

She said the marker would be placed in the Oakleaf area and would highlight the development

and work of the Navy's Blue Angels at the airfield during the 1940s. The marker would also display information about the Spencer Bombing Range.

Although Naval Air Station Jacksonville is listed as the official birthplace of the Navy's Blue Angels, the unit was actually developed at Branon Field.

Justino said the marker proposal grew out of county Archive Specialist Vishi Garig's efforts to develop a local history curriculum for Clay County students.

"We really could use a spot where we could send folks in Clay County, whether it's

teachers with their students or families with their kids, and they could read about the military history specific to Clay County and have an understanding of the land they are occupying," she said.

Justino added that although some areas of the county, like Keystone Heights, Green Cove Springs, Orange Park and Penny Farms have rich histories, Oakleaf has been a challenge.

One preservation board member said he is advancing on the marker commemorating Clay County native Slim Whitman. In the 1950s Whitman performed as Elvis Presley's opening act. Over his career Whitman

sold over \$70 million with 100 albums and over 500 songs.

The board voted to approve the marker during its Feb. 8 meeting.

The board also received an update on a marker commemorating sculptor and Green Cove Springs native Augusta Savage who was associated with the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s. Savage's marker is currently being made at a foundry, which in a letter said it is experiencing delays due to labor shortages.

The foundry said the marker will ship within three to four weeks.



Belmore was once a 'city,' site of naval airfield

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

BELMORE — Thirty-five years before the Lawrence Developing Company marketed land along Lake Geneva to Pennsylvania residents, laying the foundation for Keystone Heights, another developer executed a similar business plan 15 miles northeast.

The Belmore Florida Land Company, headquartered in Chicago, with branches in Jacksonville and Belmore City, offered 40-by-100-foot lots in Belmore City for \$10.

Flanking the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad, Belmore City never existed as a legal, Florida municipality, but was platted by the land company into 350 blocks containing 20 lots each. The east-west streets were mostly named for trees, such as Walnut, Orange, Pine and Palmetto, but also included the names Clay, State, Spring and Summer. The town's north-south avenues were named after places: Michigan, Florida, Chicago, Brooklyn, Belmore and other locales. Anderson Park anchored the community in the center and a public school was 10 blocks north of the park.

The land company purchased

4,000 acres that straddled the railroad, which stretched from Green Cove Springs, west. The line reached Sharron in 1884 and Belmore in 1886, the same year the railroad entered into receivership for the first time. The line reached Melrose in 1890.

The Belmore Florida Land Company promoted the area as an ideal location to grow citrus. A 35-page book promoting the town contained chapters entitled "How to Make an Orange Grove," "Orange Culture in Florida," "How Much Shall I Need to Start a Grove in Florida," and "How Orange Groves Pay."

The publication: "Florida: The Land of Sunshine, Oranges and Health," also highlighted timber and vegetable agriculture, as well as the health benefits of living in the Sunshine State.

The company also published a monthly newspaper: "The Belmore Florida Journal," which profiled town residents and promoted the area.

However, the freezes of Dec. 29-30, 1894 and Feb. 8-9, 1895 forced citrus growers to replant farther south and wiped out any hopes of a citrus industry in northern Florida. Around the

same time, the railroad, which was never financially stable, finally went under and ceased operations. The railroad was in and out of receivership from 1886 onward and underwent reincarnations as the Green Cove Springs and Midland Railway, Western Railroad and Southwestern Railroad before going belly-up.

By the turn of the century Belmore City was mostly abandoned. The small school, at the corner of Geneva Street and Naples Avenue, remained until around 1915.

However, 28 years later, the area bordering present-day C.R. 315, also known as Sharron Road, once again stirred with activity.

During World War II, the U.S. Navy built several outlying landing fields to support its Naval Air Stations around the country. The Navy used the outlying fields mostly for training, where students would not be distracted by heavy air traffic. Outlying fields supporting Naval Air Station Jacksonville included Whitehouse; Branon Field, which also included the Spencer Bombing Target; Fleming Island, now the site of Thunderbolt Elementary

School; Foremost, near present-day Lake Asbury; Stengel, now the site of Butler Plaza in Gainesville; and Middleburg, across S.R. 21 from present-day Middleburg High School.

Around 1943, the Navy also constructed an outlying landing field on the east side of S.R. 21, north of Sharron Road. The Belmore field was a baseball field-shaped, grass field with no structures.

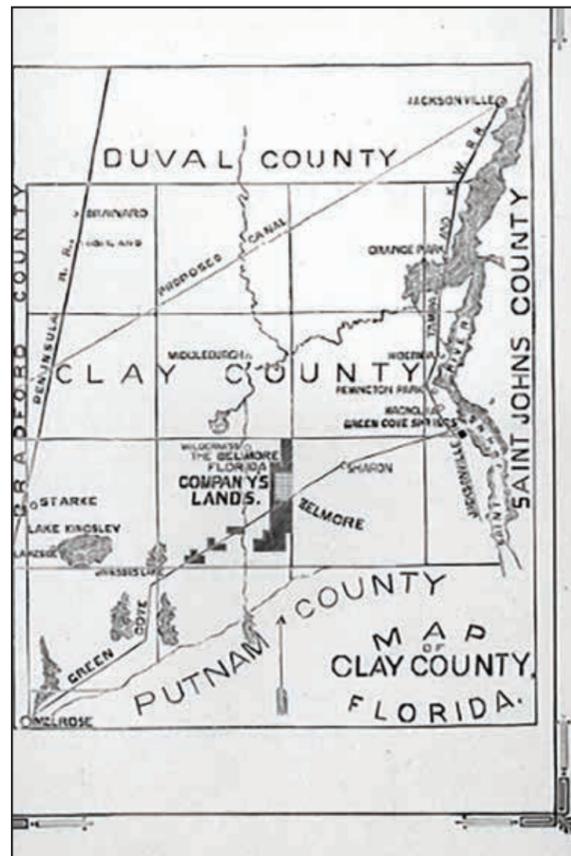
By 1949, even though a U.S. Geological Survey topography map still showed the Belmore Airfield, by then the property had been abandoned.

Over the next 50 years, individuals, timber companies and investment funds acquired land in the area.

In 2008, the State of Florida purchased an 8,736-acre tract south of C.R. 315 from the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Fund for \$13 million and established the Belmore State Forest.

Now, the community consists of agricultural land, with the Ates Creek Tract of Belmore State Forest lying on the southern part of the community.

However, more changes may soon be coming to the area. In 2016, Clay County commissioners increased the density for 4,000 acres east of



This map, from a 35-page book promoting the City of Belmore, shows the community on the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad.

S.R. 21 and north of C.R. 315 acres from one house for every 20 acres to one house for every 10

UCSB

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Maxwell, Marlee Trowell, Kendyl Brannen, Preston Flick and Brianna Elixson. Band members recognized but not in attendance included: Brooklyn Barnes, Chloe Harris, Estrella Hernandez, Cole Gaultney and Tucker Dortch.

UChS students recognized who were in attendance included: Nolan Beighley, Sierra O'Steen, Alena Boyer, Robert Smith, Trestin Durant, Ke'Andre Stephens and Jessica Kingsbury. UChS band members not in attendance included: Eli Hendricks, Nadia Norman, Ethan Ali, Nathan Pavlisko, Makayla McKenzie, Lyndee Griffis, Darby Andrews, Natalie Gay, Karleigh White and Laura Park.

It was also noted which band members scored either an excellent or superior rating in competition. Students earning an excellent rating included: Ethan Ali, Lyndee Griffis, Natalie Gay, Karleigh White and Laura Park (all UChS students). Students earning a superior rating included: Robert Smith, Makayla McKenzie and Laura Park (also all UChS students). Two students, Eli Hendricks and Nolan Beighley, will take part in the Honor Band and several of the students will move on to compete at the state level, where they will play more advanced music in competition.

All of the board members, as well as Ripplinger, complimented the students' achievements.

"Think about the number of hours these students have worked on their music, outside of school hours, to acquire the skill that they are not being recognized for," School Board Member Allen Parrish said. "I think the same about the hours



Mike Ripplinger with Eugene Dukes. Dukes was recognized at the May school board meeting for his 46 (and still counting) years of service to the district.



Mike Ripplinger presented Elizabeth (Betsy) Whitehead with a plaque honoring her 30 years of service.

put in by the other people we have recognized here tonight — not just hours in the office or classroom, but all the other hours talking with students and parents, preparing lessons and grading

assignments. Their dedication is commendable and they are all representing our district and county well."

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BCEF presents Golden B Awards to 16 BHS seniors

Golden B winners, 41 additional seniors receive Principal's Achievement honors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School announced 16 recipients of the Golden B Award during a ceremony in the school auditorium on April 29.

Golden B Awards, which are sponsored by the Bradford County Education Foundation, are presented annually to 10 percent of the graduating class.

"The Golden B Award is one of the highest awards a student can possibly receive at Bradford High School," Assistant Principal Chris Coffey said.

This year's recipients are Santee Blye, Jonathan Brugh, Eden Chalker, Zachary Clayton, Hunter Crawford, Kylee Davis, Raven Ford, Makenli Kirkland, Hannah McFarland, Heidi Munoz-Rubio, Christopher Norman, Tommy Padgett, Hayden Powell, Shaina Rogers, Chaz Strayer and Jaelyn Swanagan.

To be eligible, a student must be nominated by at two faculty/staff members based on a set of criteria.

"As a faculty, we wish to recognize students who have consistently set very good examples for other students to follow," Principal Angela Ward said.

Ward explained that each letter in "Bradford" can be used to describe what a Golden B winner should be. B stands for the behavior that sets the example for others to follow; R stands for respectful of administration, faculty and staff; A stands for academic effort that is worthy of recognition; D stands for discipline, with maturity and good judgment; F stands for friendly and courteous to others; O stands for obey rules without objection; R stands for responsible, having a strong work ethic; and D stands for

dignified, not desirous of self-recognition.

The 16 Golden B winners were also part of a group of 57 seniors chosen as Principal's Achievement recipients. To earn Principal's Achievement, a student had to attend BHS for at least two years, maintain an unweighted grade-point average of at least 3.0, be enrolled in at least one course at BHS or North Florida Technical College, have a lack of discipline referrals and have no more than 10 unexcused absences in a semester at the end of the third nine-weeks grading period.

Joining the Golden B winners as Principal's Achievement recipients are Chayton Alford, Stephen Appling, Keith Ardley, Justine Bay, Savannah Bayes, Ronald Bowen, Rhett Bradley, Shelby Burkhalter, Emily Burns, Ariana Covington, Delaney Crosby, Shawn Davis, Todd Dean, Alahna Faulkner, Hannah Ferguson, Bailey Filippi, Ashley Flanagan, Cole Franks, Allison Funderburk, Jada Harris, Ayden Henly, Joshua Higginbotham, Ariana Innocent, Grady Johns, Aaliyah Jones, Mauricio Mena, Rebecca Nettles, David O'Brien, Devon Osteen, Carley Pilcher, Breann Ponce, Walker Propst, Lilibed Ramirez, Taylor Reddish, William Reddish, Chase Roberts, Mackenzie Smith, Dakota Tillman, Madison Tilton and Hannah Tyson.

Advice from a 2012 Golden B recipient

The awards ceremony featured a special guest, who was introduced by Coffey.

"It is often said in high schools all over that 'you can't go to fill-in-the-blank high school and be successful.' While this has also been said by teenagers at BHS, it couldn't be further from the truth," Coffey said. "Bradford High School has produced countless successful business owners, doctors, nurses, lawyers, judges, teachers, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, elected

officials, dentists, veterinarians, architects, scientists, restaurant owners, realtors, accountants, aeronautical engineers, skilled laborers, military men/women, musicians, professional athletes, journalists and even an Apple and Nike employee.

"Our guest speaker this morning is that former Nike employee and current Apple employee. A 2012 graduate of Bradford High School and a Golden B recipient — Mr. James Ramsaur."

Ramsaur was unable to attend in person, but he addressed students via video. He described how he helps Apple solve marketing problems through strategy, adding, "Working at Apple has been very tough, but enlightening and a huge learning experience for me."

He also talked a little of his past experiences, including



Receiving this year's Golden B Awards were (in alphabetical order) Santee Blye, Jonathan Brugh, Eden Chalker, Zachary Clayton, Hunter Crawford, Kylee Davis, Raven Ford, Makenli Kirkland, Hannah McFarland, Heidi Munoz-Rubio, Christopher Norman, Tommy Padgett, Hayden Powell, Shaina Rogers, Chaz Strayer and Jaelyn Swanagan. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

helping win an Emmy in advertising and interacting with the U.S. women's World Cup soccer team that won the gold medal as well as various NBA players, such as Kevin Durant,

Kyrie Irving and LeBron James. Ramsaur said he helped James open his UNKNWN store in Miami during Super Bowl week. "I got to kick it with LeBron a little bit in Miami, which wasn't

too bad," Ramsaur said. Ramsaur said he could put himself in the situation the soon-to-be-graduates are facing. It

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Bradford High School recognized 57 seniors as earning Principal's Achievement. They were (in alphabetical order) Chayton Alford, Stephen Appling, Keith Ardley, Justine Bay, Savannah Bayes, Santee Blye, Ronald Bowen, Rhett Bradley, Jonathan Brugh, Shelby Burkhalter, Emily Burns, Eden Chalker, Zachary Clayton, Ariana Covington, Hunter Crawford, Delaney Crosby, Kylee Davis, Shawn Davis, Todd Dean, Alahna Faulkner, Hannah Ferguson, Bailey Filippi, Ashley Flanagan, Raven Ford, Cole Franks, Allison Funderburk, Jada Harris, Ayden Henly, Joshua Higginbotham, Ariana Innocent, Grady Johns, Aaliyah Jones, Makenli Kirkland, Hannah McFarland, Mauricio Mena, Heidi Munoz-Rubio, Rebecca Nettles, Christopher Norman, David O'Brien, Devon Osteen, Tommy Padgett, Carley Pilcher, Breann Ponce, Hayden Powell, Walker Propst, Lilibed Ramirez, Taylor Reddish, William Reddish, Chase Roberts, Shaina Rogers, Mackenzie Smith, Chaz Strayer, Jaelyn Swanagan, Dakota Tillman, Madison Tilton and Hannah Tyson.

NFTC student takes 2nd at SkillsUSA state competition



BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jack Hendrix (left) installs an SSD (solid-state drive) as instructor Jeff Ledger looks on. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Jack Hendrix, a sophomore in North Florida Technical College's Computer Systems and Information Technology program, was the runner-up in Information Tech Services at the April 20 SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference in Jacksonville.

"I didn't expect to place because the others who competed against me were very talented," Hendrix said. "I was really surprised when they called me up for second place."

Hendrix said the part of the competition that catered to his strength was problem solving. He was obviously eager about competing in that part of the event, but he was ready to enjoy the overall experience, saying, "I was really looking forward to putting myself out there and being able to apply my skills in ways that I would experience if I actually had an IT job."

That is Hendrix's goal — to get a job working with computers. Though he brought a lot of knowledge with him, Hendrix said the Computer Systems and Information Technology program at NFTC is benefitting him.

"I've been around computers pretty much my entire life," Hendrix said. "I think this class is really good in enabling you to learn more about computers because we can work at our own pace. I'm able to work at the pace I feel is fit for me. That allows you to excel and really learn faster."

Hendrix said since he's been in the program, he's also learned a lot about a computer's components and how they work together and work with applications.

"I've learned a lot about how the entirety of a computer works,"

Hendrix said. "A computer is an amazing thing. It has a lot of parts. They all work in harmony."

To earn the right to compete at the State Leadership and Skills Conference, Hendrix had to place at a SkillsUSA regional-level event. He placed second at the regional level between two other NFTC students: Payton Tillman, who was first, and Shawn Davis.

Tillman placed ninth at the state event. Instructor Jeff Ledger said Davis was still awaiting to hear where he placed.

Ledger said the main benefit students get from competing at SkillsUSA events is confidence.

"Most students coming through here, they go out in the field, and

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Honoring those who choose to serve our nation: Graduating Seniors Who Will Enter the Military



Brandyn Cree (Army)



Carson Halsey (Army)



Winston Herring (Navy)



Ariana Innocent (National Guard)



Hayden Powell (Army Senior ROTC at UF)



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Entering service members: we thank you and those who honor you!



Members of the Bradford High School Class of 1965 gathered for a reunion and joint birthday celebration. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Glenda (Wade) Hawkins, Janet (Hardy) Sapp, Dee (Walters) Canova, JoAnn (Scott) Diddell, Judy (McRae) Brown, Odessa (Melton) McConaghy, Virginia (Brown) Crawford, (second row, l-r) Sue (Ballard) McKown, Virginia (Linz) Cruce, Viki (Struth) Case, Jean (Seeley) Tanner, Patty (Bigham) Williams, (third row, l-r) Sue (Brice) Thomas, Barbara (Brice) Dickens, Jane (Adams) Farnsworth, Buddy Sellers, (fourth row, l-r) Lemar Alvarez, Merry Beth (Crawford) Crawford, Sheryl (Shealey) Howard, Leon Thomas, Wayne Sapp, (back, l-r) Bob Verbust, James Stalnaker, Mark Hamilton, Jeff Warren, Jimmy Bryant, Phyllis (Haddock) Talley, James Talley and Jerry Dempsey. Photo by Traci Waters Photography. (Traci is the daughter of Class of 1965 member Larry Crawford.)

BHS Class of '65 reunites, celebrates birthdays

Members of the Bradford High School Class of 1965 celebrated their 57th reunion as well as their 75th birthdays, as all of them reached or will reach the ripe age of 75 this year.

Meeting at Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker. The lovely background and beautiful sunshine enhanced a day of gathering to remember the good times, kid about a few of the mischievous times and honor those who were there in spirit, if not in person.

After a meet-and-greet, a blessing was given by one of the pastors/class members. A delicious and plentiful barbecue dinner was served buffet style, which the men especially took advantage of, returning for second helpings.

A remembrance of highlights and activities of the class was followed by the singing of the alma mater and an entertaining and thought-provoking celebration of the class members and the contributions they've made.

Many male class members

were called to serve in all branches of the armed forces as the Vietnam War was raging halfway around the world. Men stood as the theme song of the branch they served in was played: Air Force (5), Army (22), Marines (5), Navy (10) and Florida Army National Guard (23). Several class members spoke about the sacrifices made by these men, recognizing the efforts they made in serving the country.

Other class members spoke about the contributions to society made by all who served in some way to make life better than others. The occupations they filled run the gamut: farmer, firefighters, business owners, managers, government employees, beauticians, secretaries, bankers, CPAs, lawyers, judges, medical staff, military staff and officers, teachers, professors, police officers, missionaries and mechanics. No occupation was more important than another as all were noble in their efforts to make the world a better place for

future generations.

The Class of 1965 originally consisted of 164, though some of those members moved to other schools before graduating. The class currently consists of 116, with 94 living in Florida. Of those 94, 25 remained in Starke, while 12 reside in Lawtey.

The remaining class members live in states such as Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Sadly, 52 class members have passed away, but they are still in their classmates' hearts and thoughts.

After much recognition of everyone's efforts to come together again to celebrate their lives and friends, a toast was given, followed by members singing "Happy Birthday" to each other. As they enjoyed birthday cake, they were reminded that their 60th reunion will be held in 2025.



Qualifying for the SkillsUSA state event with a one-two-three finish at the regional level were North Florida Technical College Computer Systems and Information Technology students (l-r) Payton Tillman, Jack Hendrix and Shawn Davis. Photo provided courtesy of NFTC instructor Jeff Ledger.

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they're doubtful about what they learned. That's in any job. "When (Hendrix) placed second, it did so much for his confidence

and what he can do." SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working to provide the U.S. with a skilled labor force.

BHS Class of 1977 to host reunion June 3-4 in Starke

Bradford High School's Class of 1977 will celebrate its 45th reunion June 3-4 at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

June 3 will be '70s night, with anyone who graduated in the 1970s welcome to attend. The event starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10, payable at the door.

The reunion night is June 4, beginning with time for socializing from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Money must be received by Sunday, May 15. Please mail to: Gayle Nicula, c/o Class of 1977, PO Box 119, Lawtey, FL 32058. On the memo line of your check, please write "Class of 1977."

For more information, please contact Sherry Petteway Williams at 352-278-3540, Ronnie Norman at 904-364-6985 or Gayle Shuford Nicula at 904-509-4269.

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May is Beef Month. This is a wonderful time to recognize the importance of the beef industry and to celebrate the farmers and ranchers who work hard every

day to raise and care for cattle while preserving the land.

According to the Florida Beef Council, Florida's cattle industry is ranked 13th in overall cow numbers nationwide. We are known as a cow-calf state and are centered around birthing and raising calves. In 2019, the Florida Department of Agriculture reported the beef cattle sales and sales of breeding stock generated more than \$900 million annually.

The State of Florida supplies the building blocks for commercial herds around the world. There are approximately 15,000 cattle

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The Union County High School Class of 1972 held its 50th reunion on April 30. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Becky Barber, Joan Courson, Jan Philpot, Linda Johns, Libby Crawford, Debbie Pittman, Sharon Kraus, (middle, l-r) Lynn Taylor, Linda Reed, Rachael Sherwood, Gayle Bielling, Sandra Androlevich, Sheila Jackson, Lajana Hill, Velma Browning, Benie Hudson, Cassie Driggers, (back, l-r) David Campbell, Max Denson, Richard Cason, Faron Dukes, Johnny McSpadden, Jimmy Tompkins, Roy Singletary, Donald Rosier, Steve Saunders, Jeanne Ternier, Cathy Bandy, Bill Thomas and Ronnie Mack.

UCHS Class of 1972 holds 50th reunion April 30

The Union County High School Class of 1972 held its 50th reunion on April 30 at Lakeside Community Center in Lake Butler.

This close-knit class of 62 graduates has consistently held reunions every five years since their graduation. This year, 31 class members and 29 guests gathered to enjoy dinner and renew acquaintances.

A special table with pictures of class members who have passed away was set up. Shelia Jackson read aloud their names, while a moment of silence was held in their honor.

Gayle Bielling and Jan Philpot created a display of memorabilia, including uniforms and programs from high school sports and activities.

David Campbell welcomed everyone with humorous reminders of current events and activities from the 1970s and subsequent decades.

Roy Singletary of the Baggy Bottom Bunch, with assistance from Campbell and Eugene

Watkins, entertained the group with songs and skits.

Steve Saunders greeted guests upon arrival and extended a special thank you to everyone who helped to make the event such a great success, especially Nanette Stalnaker, who catered an amazing dinner, and Ardry Henderson, who created a beautiful purple-and-gold balloon archway and table

centerpieces.

Recognition was also made of Coach Sam Lee and his wife, Carolyn, who were special guests. Lee taught math to many of the class members and coached many of the young men in several sports.

Class members extended God's richest blessings for health and happiness to each other until the next reunion in 2027.

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Obituaries

Leavy Alvarez III

STARKE Leavy Alvarez III, 74 of Starke died on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Riverwood Health & Rehab Center in Starke. He served two tours in Vietnam with the United States Army. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rex Alvarez; and sister, Penny Alvarez.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Elizabeth Tetstone Alvarez of Keystone Heights; children, Leavy (Melissa) Alvarez IV of Starke, Carrie Crews of Hampton, and Kristy Alvarez and Curtis (Maryelen) Alvarez, both of Keystone Heights.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757.



Richard Huling

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Richard A. "Rich" Huling, 89, of Keystone Heights passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, May 10, 2022. He was born June 5, 1932, in Providence, Rhode Island to George and Bernice (Dickerson) Huling. He was a Merchant Marine and made Shaker/Colonial reproduction furniture. He loved his Lord and Savior and his family, and he would help anyone in need, no matter the circumstances, day or night. He was a Deacon at Barrington Baptist Church, and helped start and run a children's bus ministry. He moved to Keystone Heights with his wife for retirement. He joined Lake Hill Baptist Church in 2002 and became very active with his church family, being an Elder in the church, running a singles ministry, and teaching children's Sunday school. He was a true and loyal friend, and a good kind listener to anyone, at any time. In his spare time he wrote Christian poetry, having one of his books published, and was working on a second one. He enjoyed collecting lighthouses and being on the ocean; he loved sailing on Narragansett Bay on his 1910 Cat boat that he had restored. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a daughter, Christine Moniz and a brother, Donald Dickerson.

Left behind is his loving and dedicated wife of 67 years Nancy (Norberg) Huling of Keystone Heights and their children, Judy Huling of Keystone Heights, Susan Huling of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and Douglas Huling of Chesapeake, Virginia. He was lovingly called "Papa" or "Grampy" by 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Lake Hill Baptist Church, County Road 214, Keystone Heights at 3 p.m., on Friday, May 20, with Pastor Will Smith officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 2 p.m.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. jonesgallagherfh.com
PAID OBITUARY



David Loper

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS David Anthony Loper, 74, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, May 13, 2022 at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. He succumbed to the challenges and difficulties of a recent leukemia diagnosis. He was born on March 29, 1948 in Palatka to the late Henry and Bertie (Morgan) Loper and was a lifelong area resident. Following his graduation from high school in 1966, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy in 1967. His service took him to the Pacific Theater, where he served with distinction, monitoring and tracking Soviet submarines at the height of the Cold War. He was honorably discharged from service in 1971. Following his time in the Navy, he earned an associate's degree and became an electrician; he worked for All Florida Electric for many years. During this time, he also started his own electric business, but eventually joined Clay Electric in 1990. While serving with Clay Electric, he began in the purchasing division and quickly rose to become the manager of purchasing and sales. He ultimately retired in 2020 from Clay Electric. He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hunting and fishing, and the camaraderie that comes with such activities. Additionally, he was an avid reader and a self-taught man. He immensely enjoyed spending time with his family and many close friends. One of his greatest joys was being with his grandchildren.

Survivors are, his children, Miranda (Steven) Higgins of Springfield, Virginia, Jacob Dylan Loper of Keystone Heights; siblings, Edward (Diane) Loper of Starke, and Donald (Sue) Loper of Starke. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Alissa Loper, Gage Loper, Autumn Higgins, Colton Higgins, and Trenton Higgins.

The family will receive friends at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Thursday, May 19, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Mr. David Anthony Loper's honor to North Florida Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (lls.org/noff).

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. jonesgallagherfh.com
PAID OBITUARY



Barbara Crane

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Barbara Ann Cane, 79, of Keystone Heights died at her home Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 14, at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Daniel Findley officiating.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656.

Marjorie Baker

Marjorie Cato Baker, 83, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 12:11 p.m. She was born in Tarpon Springs on Oct. 31, 1938. She was a strong woman, kind and caring, who was devoted to her family. She enjoyed spending time with her family and bird watching. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, William Baker.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom she adored. Her children are Garry, Glenn, Debbie, and Lorrie; her grandchildren are Kim, Kristen, Wesley, Mandy, Amber, and Taylor; and she has many great-grandchildren.



PAID OBITUARY

GOLDEN

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was just 10 years ago that he was sitting in the auditorium, receiving a Golden B Award and feeling anxious about the future. What was his next step in life after high school?

"You guys are going to have a lot of people talk to you across the few months that are coming up," Ramseur said, "but I just wanted to give you some advice I wish I would've heard 10 years ago that I think could be useful and directly be applied to your life in the next few months."

First, Ramseur encouraged students to "get out." Whether they go to college or not, take an opportunity to experience life outside of Bradford County.

"Whether you like it or not, we do live in a bubble in Bradford County," Ramseur said. "I think it's very important to get outside of this bubble and interact with people who may have different perspectives, travel to places that may operate differently in the United States so you can get this world view that can help you understand and keep an open mind."

"It really allows you to meet some really great people along the way and experience and learn different cultures."

Ramseur's next piece of advice was to "get involved." He said he thought he was outgoing in high school, but that was before he went to the University of Central Florida and became one of 60,000 students.

"It turns out when you stop onto a campus that's larger than your entire city, it puts you in a predicament where you kind of get shy, and you don't know how to go about things," said Ramseur, who's a Lawtey native. "It's easy to fall back into the

trap of, 'I'm just going to figure it out on my own and stay low-key, but getting involved is super important because your network is your net worth. Getting to know different people throughout your time in college or just these next few years in life will really help you get opportunities."

Ramseur said he was in the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and still calls the people who were in it with him friends today.

The next piece of advice the BHS alumnus had to give was to "allow yourself the ability to fail." Ramseur said he took a Statistics class his first semester of college in which the teacher said everything would be a rehash of what everyone learned in their AP Statistics classes in high school, so everyone should pass with A grades.

"The only problem was I didn't have AP Stats in high school," Ramseur said. "I was a little confused and ended up failing the class. If I would've ended up letting that failure define me, I would've just gone back home and joined the military."

He didn't make the snap judgement that college wasn't for him. Ramseur stuck it out, saying it helped when he talked to the valedictorian of his graduating class at BHS and found that he was having his own struggles in college.

Ramseur told the students they should actually seek opportunities that may lead to failure because failure helps build character as well as helping you learn to navigate your way through difficulty scenarios.

"Put yourself in situations you may not be the best at," Ramseur said. "You'll probably come out a little better toward the end."

That led to his next piece of advice: "Get uncomfortable."

"Putting yourself in uncomfortable situations allows you room for growth," Ramseur said. "It's been one of the things I've had the most trouble with

throughout my life — from 10 years ago to now — but also the most beneficial. It just opens our world up. It makes our world so different when we can understand that people come from different places. People have different viewpoints, and that's OK."

Lastly, Ramseur encouraged students to "stay authentic." He recounted how during the first couple of years out of high school, he never mentioned to anyone that he was from Lawtey or Bradford County, thinking that perhaps he was embarrassed to say so when surrounded by people who came from bigger cities and different backgrounds. He eventually embraced where he was from and learned that even the perspective of a person from Lawtey or Bradford County matters.

"It really started to grow on me that you should be proud of being from Lawtey. You should be proud of graduating from Bradford High School. A lot of stuff we go through makes us different and makes us special," Ramseur said. "Never let go of your roots. Stay authentic. Stay yourself. Don't forget that. Don't ever let that go."

Once he shared his advice, Ramseur said he was available to anyone who wanted to reach out to him through his Instagram and Linked In accounts.

"If you have any questions or even just want to chat, I'm always open to helping people out from my alma mater," Ramseur said. "Best of luck. Congratulations, everybody. I can't wait to see what you do in the future."

Superintendent, BCEF president speak to honorees

Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley addressed the Golden B/Principal's Achievement recipients, saying he thought back to when he was sitting in their places 23 years ago.

"What do I remember from that moment? I can tell you that if my superintendent came that day and spoke, I do not remember it, so I will keep it short because I know my place here," Hartley said.

What Hartley did feel it important to say is that behind every successful student is supportive parents or guardians.

"You guys would not be sitting here today with this accomplishment without your parents and guardians who have helped you along the way," Hartley said. "I want you to do me a favor. Will you stand up right now with me and give your parents and guardians a round of applause?"

When the applause died down, Hartley said, "Your hard work, dedication, perseverance — those things that landed you in the seat you're in today are the exact things that make you and continue to make you a successful adult. Keep doing the things that you've been doing. We're extremely proud of you."

Cheryl Canova, the president of the Bradford County Education Foundation, talked about how the Bradford Alumni Association approached BCEF about taking control of the Golden B Awards, turning over its remaining funds of \$6,000 to BCEF. She also described what BCEF is — a nonprofit started in 1990 by a group of concerned citizens who saw a need for proactive involvement in the school system.

This school year, BCEF has provided more than \$60,000 in support of projects at various schools.

"We simply care about students and their future," Canova said.

In speaking of the future, Canova left the seniors in attendance with this: "As I always say to young adults, find something you love to do and are passionate about and figure out a way to make a living doing it. That will truly bring you happiness throughout your life."

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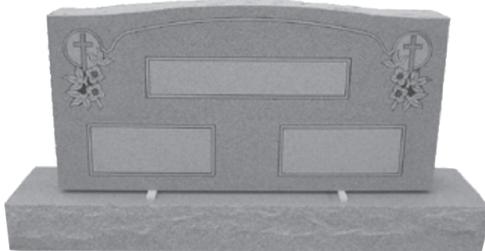
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Moncrief, Odum earn state medals for KHHS and UCHS

Caleb Moncrief took 7th in the discus

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

At first, it wasn't something he took as seriously as the other sports he competed in, but in the end, Keystone Heights High School senior Caleb Moncrief wound up being a standout in it as well as he earned a medal for a seventh-place finish in the discus at the May 12 Class 2A Track and Field Finals at the University of Florida's James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track.

"I wasn't even expecting to get here, really, at the beginning of this year, so I'm really glad with how it ended," Moncrief said.

Moncrief's best throw covered 142 feet, 4 inches. It wasn't near the personal record of 149-8 he threw in winning the Region 1



Caleb Moncrief
Photos by Cliff Smelley

championship, but if Moncrief was disappointed in any way, he didn't show it.

"I just came in with the goal of getting a medal of any kind," he said. "That's what I came out with. I'm happy with it."

Medals are awarded for top-

eight finishes.

Qualifying for state alone is a major accomplishment, but it's even more so for someone who was just kind of devoting what time he could to throwing the discus when he wasn't working out as part of the school's weightlifting team.

"I started it 10th-grade year," Moncrief said. "We got in three meets. Then it shut down (because of COVID-19). I came back in 11th grade, and it was really just kind of something I did for fun. I didn't really practice because after weightlifting, I only went out for like 10 minutes every couple of days. I started liking it more last year and got into it this year."

Moncrief qualified for state in two events. He competed in the shot put, finishing 12th with a

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Malcolm Odum received 2 medals in the 200m and 400m

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School senior Malcolm Odum earned medals in the 200m and 400m at



Malcolm Odum
Photos by Cliff Smelley

the May 12 Class 2A Track and Field Finals at the University of Florida's James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track.

Odum is the first UCHS track-and-field athlete to win a state medal since 2009. The Tigers earned two individual medals 13 years ago, with Shamari Highland and Bryan Holmes placing fifth and sixth in the high jump. Union's boys 4x100m relay team of Holmes, Deven Perry, Koydrick Simmons and Najeeb Smith also earned a medal that year with a seventh-place finish.

Medals are awarded for top-eight finishes.

In the 200m, Odum ran a time of 21.75 seconds, which put him two-tenths of a second in front of his twin brother, Martin. Odum ran the 400m in 49.24, earning the last medal ahead of Monsignor Pace's Jae-Lijah Cochran, who had a time of 49.65.

Odum said he was looking to

set personal records, but he can't complain about getting to state and then earning two medals.

"Hey. This feels good," he said. "I'm not going to lie." Martin Odum was the only other UCHS athlete to qualify for state. Besides the 200m, he also ran the 400m, finishing 13th with a time of 50.32.

"It feels great," Malcolm Odum said of getting to compete at state with Martin. "My brother and I have been working hard all these years. I feel like we deserved it."

It was the second time the brothers have competed at state. In their freshman year, Malcolm Odum competed in the 200m, finishing 20th, while Martin Odum competed in the 400m, finishing 22nd.

COVID-19 prevented the brothers from competing as sophomores as the season was

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Kiley Channell slides into home, scoring a fourth-inning run in the Indians' 7-4 Region 1-3A quarterfinal win over West Nassau. She also drove in a run and scored a run on an error in the 3-1 semifinal win over Providence. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Indians advance to Region 1-3A championship game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights scored two runs in the top of the first, while pitcher Madi Mitzel gave up just one run in the Indians' 3-1 win over host Providence in a Region 1-3A semifinal softball game on May 17.

Keystone (19-9) now travels to Baldwin for the Region 1 championship. As of now, the game is scheduled for either 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20. KHHS Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson said he'd contact the Florida High School Athletic Association to see if the game could be moved since May 20 is also KHHS' graduation, but he admitted he didn't know if that was possible.

Baldwin (25-2) advanced by defeating FSU High School 12-

0. Emma Rogel led off the game against Providence by drawing a walk. She advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Alaina Kinsal before scoring on a Kiley Channell single. Channell was able to continue to third on the throw and scored on an error.

Providence (19-7) had two runners on with one out in the bottom of the third. A line out to Abbie Roach in center field and a line out to Jaiden Robinson in left field ended the inning.

The Stallions' Grace Wilson hit a one-out single in the fourth and advanced to second on a passed ball before scoring on a single hit by Avery Adcock, making the score 2-1.

Channell, who went 2 for 3, hit a two-out double in the sixth. Roach then singled to bring her

home with the game's final run.

Providence's leadoff batter in the bottom of the sixth reached on a single, but the Keystone defense turned a double play when Joey Trawick lined out to second baseman Kinsal.

Mitzel gave up seven hits and no walks, while striking out four. Stallions pitcher Trawick gave up four hits and one walk, striking out 10.

The last time the Indians played for a regional championship was in 2018.

Johnson had key hit in 1st-round win

Delia Johnson's bases-loaded double in the bottom of the sixth inning proved to be the difference as the Indians defeated visiting West Nassau 7-4 in a Region 1-3A quarterfinal game on May 11.

Keystone held a 4-3 lead over West Nassau (16-8) when it loaded the bases with one out in the sixth. Channell hit a single, while Roach ground into a fielder's choice on which both runners were safe. Mitzel, who hit a two-run homer in the fourth to put the Indians ahead 4-1, was intentionally walked. That set the stage for Johnson, whose hit —

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As provided by Chapter 197 Acts of 1974, notice is given that tangible personal property taxes assessed for the year 2021 are now delinquent and beginning April 1st, such taxes are drawing interest at 18 percent per year plus the proportionate cost of publishing this notice and delinquent cost. Unless the amounts set opposite each name below are paid prior to the 1st day of May, 2023, warrants will be issued thereon and the Tax Collector will apply to the Circuit Court for an order directing levy and seizures of the tangible personal property of the taxpayers for unpaid taxes, penalties and additional cost. The name of delinquent personal property taxpayers and the amounts including the cost of advertising for the first month's penalty of delinquent cost are as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County ("CCBC"), a Florida non-profit corporation, will hold a public meeting and invite public comments on May 16, 2022.

In conformance with Federal funding anticipated by the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), the CCBC is soliciting public comments for project costs and associated construction activities for re-roofing the RJE Gymnasium Addition.

Public comments can be made at or mailed to the following physical and mail addresses below:

RJE Gymnasium Addition 1080 North Pine Starke, FL 32091	-OR-	Concerned Citizens of Bradford County Box 354 Starke, FL 32091
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All comments received by regular U.S. mail will be publicly opened during the public meeting at the RJE Gymnasium Addition, in the presence of the CCBC Board of Directors and CCBC members, on Monday, May 16, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The contact person is Alica McMillan, phone: (904) 966-1100; or "Alica McMillan" ccbc_inc@yahoo.com.



VeRonica R. Owens

The Duty Owens Family Scholarship, also known as the "D.O." Scholarship, was founded in 2011 by VeRonica R. Owens, a local attorney, and the Duty and Owens families. The D.O. Scholarship started as a small seed that VeRonica and her family planted the year after she opened her private law practice in Keystone Heights, the goal of which was to honor her grandparents, Earnest and Frances Duty and Woodrow and Lena Owens, who reflected the grit and determination found in James 1:22, "Be ye doers of the Word."

In its first year, the scholarship presented three awards at three area high schools, and over the last eleven years, the "D.O." Scholarship has grown in its participation and reach. Members of the Duty and Owens families from Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Nebraska joined together to grow the fund and honor their living, thriving heritage of hard work, faith in Christ, and dedication to future generations. They truly believe that they sit in the shade of trees planted long ago.

As of 2021, VeRonica and her family have awarded over \$50,000.00 in scholarships to 128 deserving seniors at seven Florida high schools and one Virginia high school, located in the hometown of VeRonica's parents, Ron and Rose Owens.

VeRonica was Keystone Heights High School's class of 2002 salutatorian, and she went on to attend Florida State University and Florida Coastal School of Law. She is married to Peter Penrod, also an attorney and Chief of Staff for Florida's Chief Financial Officer, Jimmy Patronis, and they have four spirited children, Peter II (age 7), Evangelena (age 5), Margarete (age 4), and Francena (age 2). Their fifth child is due this summer. In 2020, VeRonica partnered with Linda Wagner, an attorney from Melrose, and formed Owens & Wagner, P.A., which is proud to have offices in Melrose, Keystone Heights, and Middleburg.

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UCHS struggles at the plate in 4-0 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County couldn't get its bats going against Fort White pitcher Kadence Compton, striking out 14 times and getting only two hits in a 4-0 loss in the Region 3-1A softball championship on May 17 in Fort White.

The Tigers (18-6) were attempting to advance to the Final Four for the first time since 2017.

Fort White (15-7) scored all the runs it'd need in the bottom of the first. Gracie Clemons, who singled, scored on a double by Compton, while Ciara Byrd, who was hit by a pitch, scored on a single by Kaitlyn Suggs.

Union's best chance to score occurred in the third. Maggie Thomas hit a leadoff single. One out later, Tamia Young singled. A strikeout and a fly out ended the inning.

Kompton didn't need much run support, but she helped her own cause by hitting a two-run homer in the sixth.

UC builds big lead



Tamia Young drove in two runs as part of a five-run third inning in the Tigers' 10-6 Region 3-1A semifinal win over Madison County. She had one of the Tigers' two hits in the title-game loss to Fort White. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

in semifinal win

The Tigers built an eight-run lead and defeated host Madison County 10-6 in a May 12 Region 3-1A semifinal game.

It was a rematch of the District 5-1A championship game, which Madison won 7-4. The Cowgirls (14-10) never trailed

in that game, but the Region 3 semifinal was a different story.

McKenzie Clemons hit a two-run single to help the Tigers take a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Angela Tucker reached on a one-out walk, stole second and then advanced to third on a passed ball. After Hailey Rivera drew a two-out walk, Nyasia Williams hit a single to bring in the first run. Hayley Burke was hit by a pitch before Clemons stepped to the plate and hit a grounder into center field.

The Tigers added a run in the second when Tucker, who reached on a two-out error, scored on a Leah Clark double.

Madison scored its first run in the bottom of the second, with Brianna Thompson, who walked, scored on Merridy Archambault's two-out single.

Union then put together a five-run third inning that proved to be vital. The Tigers loaded the bases with no outs. Burke reached on an error, Clemons doubled and Mackenzie Orton was hit by a pitch. Hannah Rivera drove in one run on a single, while Clemons scored on a wild pitch. Young hit a two-

run single and scored herself on a single by Tucker, making the score 9-1.

The Cowgirls scored five runs in the fourth and fifth innings, with all but one coming on home runs. Josie Driggers hit a three-run shot in the fourth, while Morgan Sevor had a solo homer in the fifth.

It was 9-6 going into the top of the seventh. Hannah Rivera drew a one-out walk, followed by Tucker hitting a two-out single. Clark was intentionally walked, loading the bases for Hailey Rivera, who drew a walk to force a run in and put the Tigers up 10-6.

Madison's Sevor led off the bottom of the seventh by reaching on an error. The Tigers' defense recorded two straight outs before Mackenzi Bochnia hit a single. Union pitcher Megan Sullivan ended the game when she struck out Tsadi Irvine on a 2-2 pitch.

Clemons, who was 2 for 3, and Young each finished with two RBI. Clark, Tucker, Williams, Hailey Rivera and Hannah Rivera each had one RBI, with Tucker going 2 for 4.

KHHS

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Delia Johnson connects on what would be a three-run double, which proved to be the ultimate difference in Keystone's 7-4 win over West Nassau in the Region 1-3A quarterfinals. The game also featured a two-run homer by Madi Mittel.

her first of the game — cleared the bases and gave Keystone a four-run lead.

The Indians' first two runs were scored on an error and a single by Kinley Carlton.

Mittel, who went 2 for 2 with two RBI, earned the win in the circle, gaining up three earned runs on eight hits and two walks. She had four strikeouts.

Legal Notices

Bradford

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-099-CA-0147
LUKE T. FULMER, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
CLYDE D. TAYLOR, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST CLYDE D. TAYLOR, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: CLYDE D. TAYLOR, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST CLYDE D. TAYLOR, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property described as:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 22, WOODLAWN OF SAID SECTION 21, AND AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225, has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/response, if any, to it on Veronica R. Owens, Esquire., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before May 31, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record.
Dated: April 14, 2022
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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IN THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2021 CA 455
21st MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff
vs.
TONY RAY LINDSEY; REBECCA JEAN JONES; and UNKNOWN TENANT
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated April 20, 2022 entered in Case No. 2021 CA 455, of the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein TONY RAY LINDSEY and REBECCA JEAN JONES are the Defendants, that Denny Thompson, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest

and best bidder for cash, at the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091 on JUNE 30, 2022, beginning at 11:00 a.m., on the prescribed date, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: Legal: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT A:

A parcel of land lying in Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
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Deputy Clerk

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via U.S. Mail to:
Attorney for Plaintiff, Leslie S. White, Esq., 420 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 700, PO Box 2346, Orlando, FL 32801;

Defendant
U.S. Mail to: Tony Ray Lindsey, 26800 NW 68th Avenue, Lawtey, FL 32058; Rebecca Jean Jones, 26800 NW 68th Avenue, Lawtey, FL 32058
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 04-2021-CP-000153-CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD K. MILLAR
Deceased.
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of Richard K. Millar, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 04-2021-CP-000153-CPAXMX, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is: May 12, 2022.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2022-47-CP
DIVISION: 53

IN RE: ESTATE OF ADELIN M. TESKE

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ADELIN M. TESKE, deceased, whose date of death was April 13, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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BUDGET WORKSHOP

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a budget workshop on May 31, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 63-2022-CP-0016

IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMY SHELTON ALBRITTON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of JIMMY SHELTON ALBRITTON, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is May 12, 2022.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 22000012CAAXMX
MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,
v.
CURTIS LEE MITCHELL A/K/A CURTIS L. MITCHELL A/K/A CURTIS MITCHELL, ET AL.
Defendants.

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TO: VALERIE LYNN MITCHELL A/K/A VALERIE L. MITCHELL A/K/A VALERIE MITCHELL

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on eXL Legal, PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before June 15, 2022 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 55 West Main Street, Union County Courthouse, Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 16th day of May, 2022.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk
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Tigers outscore The Villages 35-6 in the 2nd half, win 42-20

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jamez Jamison rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns in the second half of the Union County High School football team's 42-20 win over The Villages in a May 13 spring game in the The Villages.

The starters for both teams played the first half and the first two series of the second half. Union trailed 14-7 at halftime, but tied the score on Thomas Williams' 32-yard touchdown run and subsequent extra point by Jonathan Edwards.

Once the backups and younger players entered the game, it was all Tigers. Besides Jamison's two scores, Union got a touchdown pass from Trenton Klein to Bobo Woodall and a rushing touchdown from Cole Austin.

"It's bright with our young guys. We've built a lot of depth here over the last two years," Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas said, noting that the younger players basically ran most of the system the varsity starters do.

Though the varsity starters put only one score on the board in the first half, the offense was basically unstoppable. Three of its four first-half drives ended in turnovers.

The Tigers had 231 yards in the first half and finished with 556 overall. They never punted.

"I thought offensively, we kind of did everything we wanted to do," Thomas said.

The Villages rushed for an average of 9 yards per carry in the first half, with Alvon Isaac carrying the ball eight times for 137 yards and one touchdown.

Thomas said Villages backs hurt his defense when they bounced plays to the outside.

"We've got to be a little bit more aggressive on the edges because they weren't really hurting us in the box," Thomas said. "They were bouncing it, and we were missing tackles."

Isaac ripped off a pair of 9-yard runs on the first two plays of the game and helped the Buffalo drive past midfield. Daylyn Diston ended the threat when he intercepted a pass.

Union's first offensive series began at its own 30. Quarterback A.J. Cortese had an 18-yard



Daylyn Diston (second from right) runs after intercepting a pass in the first quarter. Deonte Jones (far right) is also pictured. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Jamez Jamison (right) heads upfield after receiving a handoff from Trenton Klein. Jamison rushed for two scores in the second half, while Klein had a touchdown pass.

run on the first play. Cortese later completed a 9-yard pass to Gavin Jenkins for a first down at the opponent's 40-yard line. Diston had a 10-yard reception for another first down before The Villages' Janiyis McNeil recovered a fumble.

The Buffalo responded with a 10-play, 68-yard scoring drive, with 30 of those yards coming off two penalties. Isaac had a 14-yard run to the Union 46, with a personal-foul facemask penalty tacking on another 15 yards. The Tigers' Dylan Lane tackled quarterback Danny Biting for no gain on the first play after that. Biting then threw two straight incompletions before a roughing-the-passer penalty gave the Buffalo a first down at the 11-yard line.

After three straight run plays, the Villages was facing fourth-and-1 at the 2. The Buffalo were then flagged three straight times for illegal procedure before Isaac turned a screen pass into a 17-yard touchdown with 2:43 left in the first quarter. The Buffalo, after the PAT, led 7-0.

Union answered with an eight-play, 75-yard scoring drive. The Tigers picked up first downs on a 25-yard reception by Jenkins and an 11-yard run by Cortese, but

Rayvon Durant did most of the work, carrying the ball five times for 39 yards. His 15-yard run set up his own 1-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Edwards added the PAT to tie the score.

Durant finished the game with 113 yards on 15 carries.

On The Villages' first offensive play following the score, Union's Jimmy Cox tackled Maleek Williams for a 2-yard loss. The Buffalo did pick up a first down on the next play when Biting completed a 29-yard pass to Ja-quez Oliver. Biting's next pass, though, was tipped and intercepted by Dalton Lane. Lane's return and a personal-foul penalty on the Buffalo put the Tigers' offense at The Villages' 40-yard line.

A 19-yard catch-and-run by Dayquan Diston converted a third down and moved Union to the 17-yard line, but the Tigers eventually turned the ball over when Michael Florian intercepted a pass.

Isaac received two straight handoffs after the change of possession, with the second run resulting in an 88-yard touchdown. The Villages took a 14-7 lead at the 7:36 mark of the second quarter.

Union's offense drove right down the field. Durant picked up first downs on runs of 11 and 9 yards, while Cortese moved the chains on runs of 7 and 11 yards. The quarterback's 11-yard run put the Tigers at The Villages' 15. Durant then had a 13-yard run to the 2. After a 1-yard run by Durant, the Tigers lost yardage on two straight run plays. Then, on the last play of the half, The Villages' Oliver intercepted a pass.

Thomas said he decided to have the offense try a few different plays at the goal line, admitting that the Tigers probably would've scored if they had "just mashed it" instead.

The Tigers' offense took to the field first to start the second half. Daylyn Diston and Durant had consecutive runs of 9 and 20 yards, respectively. Williams then had a 14-yard carry before he broke free for a 32-yard touchdown approximately two minutes into the half. Edwards added the PAT to tie it up.

Isaac picked up a first down on The Villages' first offensive series of the half, but the Buffalo turned the ball over on downs at their own 43 when the Tigers' Deonte Jones broke up a fourth-down pass.

The backups and younger players began entering the game, and Union's Jamison made an immediate impact. He had consecutive carries of 7 and 11 yards. After Klein's 10-yard run moved the Tigers to the 13, Jamison ripped off a 12-yard run. That set up his own 1-yard touchdown run with 5:20 remaining in the third quarter. After Edwards' PAT, Union led 21-14.

On the Tigers' next offensive series, they went 81-yards on seven plays. Jones caught a 38-yard pass from Klein to set up first down at The Villages' 43. A 14-yard reception by Austin set up a first down at the 23. Klein hooked up with Woodall from there for a 23-yard score on the first play of the fourth quarter. The Tigers led 28-14 after Edwards' PAT.

The Villages scored on the following series. The Buffalo benefitted from a 39-yard pass play and a 15-yard run as well as a 15-yard penalty against the Tigers. Josh Ivan threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Deon'dre Hamilton to make the score 28-20 at the 7:33 mark. The PAT was no good.

Union was penalized for holding on its first offensive

play following The Villages' score. The next play, though, saw Jamison scamper 82 yards for a touchdown with 7:07 to play. Edwards added the PAT to make the score 35-20.

The Tigers' Phil Jackson was a disruptive force on The Villages' next offensive series. He made a tackle for no gain on one play and pressured Ivan on two plays that resulted in incompletions and a turnover on downs.

Union's offense went 37 yards on three plays. Woodall and Klein had runs of 12 and 19 yards, respectively, setting up Austin's 6-yard touchdown run with 3:39 to play. Edwards' PAT capped the scoring.

The Tigers rushed for 417 yards on 44 carries. Cortese had 52 yards on six carries, while Williams had 46 yards on two carries. Klein added 39 yards on four carries.

Cortese completed 7 of 11 passes for 81 yards, while Klein completed all three of his attempts for 58 yards.

Jones caught one pass for 38 yards, while Dayquan Diston caught four for 37 yards. Jenkins caught two passes for 34 yards, with Woodall adding 20 yards on two receptions.

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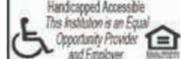
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distance of 46-1.25.

"I really wasn't expecting (to qualify in) shot," he said.

Moncrief now prepares to graduate, capping an incredible year for him in athletics. He was a member of the football team, which had a historic season, going 10-2 and winning the program's first-ever playoff game. He was a member of the weightlifting team, which won its second straight state championship, earning individual medals in the process for a second-place finish in the traditional event (bench press and clean and jerk) and a third-place finish in the snatch. Moncrief competed in the 238-pound class.



Caleb Moncrief readies for one of his attempts. He also had throws of 140-9, 139-6 and 137-10 besides his best attempt, which was 142-4.

medal in track and field to his accomplishments.

"It was a really great year," he said.



Malcolm Odum (right) runs in the 200m.

ODUM

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canceled, while in their junior

year, Union didn't compete in a district, which meant no participation in the Florida High School Athletic Association postseason.



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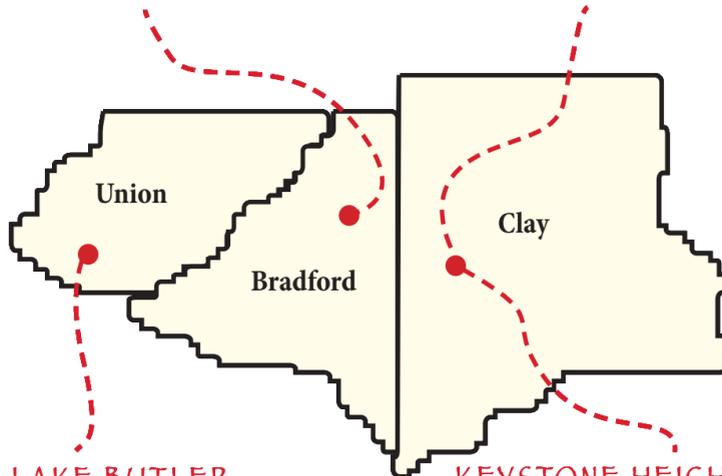
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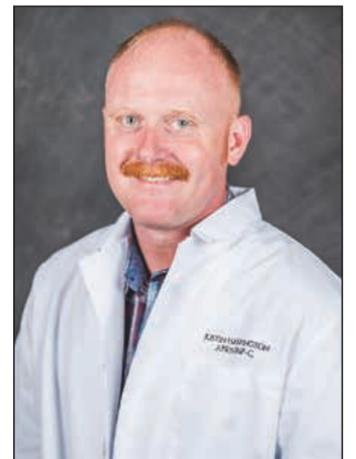
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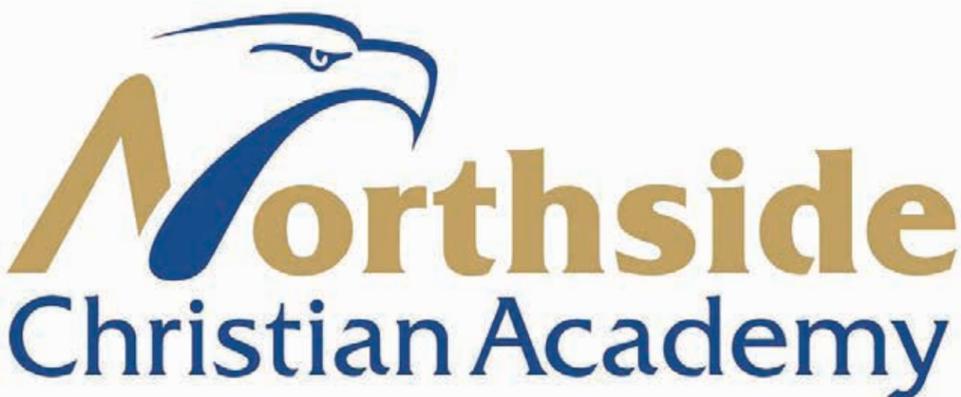
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