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Lake Butler experiences two broken water mains in one day

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The city of Lake Butler experienced serious water issues on Jan. 12 and 13, with most of the city without water for more than 29 hours while public works crews worked round the clock to remedy the problem.

It all started when Kinetic workers were digging near the Union County Public Library on Southeast Fifth Avenue in Lake Butler and hit a water main about 2 p.m. on Thursday. Lake Butler public works employees quickly responded and shut off the water, with Kinetic also sending assistance as well, but city workers had to bring in heavy equipment to dig down a large enough area to work on the main.

The break was found in a 10-inch PVC main line and workers began to work to repair it. Repairs went on through the night, despite the cold and stormy weather. Finally, about 7:30 a.m. Friday morning the line had been replaced and the repair was complete. The water was turned on and the pressure of the rush of water broke another main line on the far side of the elbow that the first broken line had fed into. The water was turned off again.

The public works inventory did not contain a second 10-inch PVC pipe of sufficient length to replace



Once the excavation there was not much to do until the new pipe arrived so Cody Douglas, workers from W.W. Gay and representatives from Kinetic all hunkered down in their jackets and waited.

another section of the main, so phone calls began to locate another piece of the necessary length. One was finally located and a worker was sent to pick it up. By 2 p.m., city workers had been on site for 24 hours and the city called W.W. Gay Corp. to come in and finish the repair. All of the workers, with the exception of Public Works Director Cody Douglas went home, with Douglas remaining to see the repair through. City Commissioner Melissa Hendrix, who had been on the scene since Thursday also remained at the site.

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School zoning, county redistricting up for discussion

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The Bradford County School District has two workshops scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, one of which deals with the rezoning of its elementary schools.

The process precedes the opening of its new Pre-K-6 school, Bradford Elementary, this fall.

The school board will be reviewing student data as well as the current school zones and discuss rezoning options. They will be looking at options that transition Starke Elementary and Lawtey Elementary into Pre-K-6 schools as well.

Bradford Elementary was originally planned to educate students through the seventh grade. Eighth-graders would have gone to Bradford High. Changes in enrollment numbers have led to second thoughts, but there was also the elimination of a gymnasium

from the new school project because of its cost. The school will have two covered courts instead.

Without a gymnasium, seventh- and eighth-graders will be staying at Bradford Middle School.

The workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom at 501 W. Washington St. in Starke. It is open to the public, and there will be an opportunity for parent and community input.

The public may stay for a second workshop set to begin at 6:30 p.m. During this workshop, the school board will be meeting with Bradford County commissioners to discuss redistricting changes needed following the 2020 census.

County commissioners have discussed the need redraw districts, better balancing the population in each. This will be the first time county and school board officials will be discussing how to proceed.

Schools evacuated by outage

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The disruption of city water service presented little problem for the Union County schools on Thursday, Jan. 12, when it began, with the 2 p.m. service interruption occurring just about the time students were dismissed for the day, but when Friday morning rolled around it became a problem that had to be dealt with quickly by faculty, staff and administrators.

Union County School Superintendent Mike Ripplinger said that he was in communication with the city at 8:46 p.m. Thursday night that the repair was complete and that the water tower would need to be drained and that all should be ready in the morning for the schools to operate normally, with water service. He said he checked the schools at 6:30 a.m. and they all had water service. When the second break in the water line occurred about 7:30 a.m. on Friday morning and water service was cut off, students were already off-loading from the buses at the schools.

According to Ripplinger, every school is required to have an evacuation plan in an emergency. In this case, this was complicated by the fact that it did no good to evacuate the students to the pre-planned locations, due to the fact that all of them were dependent on city water service, so alternate sites had to be arranged. He put out a call to all of the district administrators to attend an emergency meeting at the district office to devise a plan.

"We were looking at four areas of concern — the welfare of the students,

transportation, communication and food service," Ripplinger said. "The first thing we did was start calling local churches who were not on the city water system to find a place to send the students we needed to transport. Three, Sardis Baptist Church, Harmony Freewill Baptist Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints all graciously opened their doors to our students. They were all incredible and ready to help in any way they could."

Ripplinger visited all three sites to ensure their space available and other suitability and found all three more than adequate.

Word of the problem was sent out by Skyward, email, callout and Facebook to try and get as many parents as possible to come to the schools to pick up their students or call the schools to give their students permission to walk home. Parents responded quickly to the problem and about 90% of the students were picked up in a period of 90 minutes. Ripplinger said that secure sign-out procedures were followed at all the schools, largely through the efforts of the faculty and staff.

"What transpired between 8:30 and 10 a.m. was truly amazing, with the students taking the whole thing in stride and the parents responding so quickly to the calls," Ripplinger said. "The whole process was smooth with no problems in any area. All of the parents were very responsive to the situation and courteous in their responses to it. I cannot give enough thanks and praise to our parents in the district."

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WORTH NOTING

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Chamber meeting & banquet Feb. 4

North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and banquet is Saturday, Feb. 4. The medieval-themed event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

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No election: Brooker council members retain their seats

Council settles paving bid, discusses fire department, ARPA projects

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The town of Brooker has a lot going on these days, though holding an election in February won't be one of them.

Mayor Gene Melvin, Steve Acree and Joe Tolleson, will have no challengers to their seats. They'll be sworn in at the March town council meeting.

Nonetheless, they and the other two council members, Linda Bennett and Chris Caldwell, have a lot on their plates.

The first order of business at the January meeting was to decide on awarding the bid for road paving services and address the complaint over the bidding process. Attorney John Maines advised that all FDOT bid requirements were met and the complainant never submitted a bid.

The complaint will be formally dismissed and the contract awarded to the only bidder, V.E. Whitehurst and Sons. Most of the funding comes through a Small Cities Outreach Program (SCOP) grant and the deficit will come from FDOT.

Once the "Notice to Proceed" is received from the FDOT, the council will meet with the contractor to develop an action plan. The work is expected to begin in February with 21 city

streets being resurfaced.

CSX is scheduled to begin work replacing some of the railroad tracks on Jan. 18 and 19 on SW 114th Street and "a private road."

Braggs Branch subdivision, which broke ground more than 15 years ago, is finally ready for new homes to be built.

Mayor Melvin inquired whether it would make sense to annex Braggs Branch into the town, since it is right on the outskirts. Attorney Maines advised it would be a complicated process. He said the town currently provides services at a 25% surcharge.

County Commission Chairwoman Diane Andrews has been a regular attendee to check on any need for county collaboration. Councilman

Tolleson brought up the need for a local fire department and Andrews said it would cost more than \$3 million for a station. She has hopes that a grant could fund a station eventually, but at the least a truck and staff person might be put into place by 2024.

Andrews cautioned that it would also come with a need for operational funding, likely in the form of an unpopular assessment or tax increase. The county is facing the same issue. Resident Tony Stalnaker suggested that council members voice their concerns at county commission meetings.

Commissioner Andrews also brought up the need for broadband services, especially with the new school coming in.

The Brooker Community School has received all the

required approvals for operating as a charter school and plans for opening are well underway.

Town Clerk Suzanne McRee and Bookkeeper Charlene Thomas detailed a variety of projects made possible using ARPA funds.

The playground at the Town Hall/Community Center is getting a makeover. The fence will be moved and some trees removed to expand the area and make room for the new seesaw and merry-go-round. It was decided that a new pavilion is not needed at this time.

Brooker will be getting new radar speed signs which will be installed by the county. The emergency notification system will be upgraded and so will the website.

Mayor Melvin believes there

will be growth in Brooker, prompted by Braggs Branch, the new school opening and housing expansions that will spill over from Alachua County.

Brooker school enrolling students

Brooker Community School has received all the required approvals for operating as a charter school and plans for opening are well underway. Enrollment is live now. Visit their website (www.brookercommunityschool.com) and Facebook page for an application or call Patsy Pullen at 352-481-9115.

Community Resource Hub plans grand opening

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The grand opening of Bradford Community Partners Health and Wellness Resource Hub will take place Tuesday, Jan. 24, beginning at 10 a.m.

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will be hosting the hub at the Bradford County Faith Community Center at 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

The grand opening will feature a ribbon cutting as well as refreshments and giveaways throughout the event. Everyone is invited to come meet the Bradford Community Partners and sponsors.

Together, a variety of services will be offered to the community at a single location. These include blood pressure monitoring, diabetes

prevention, adult education, job skills training, employment services, banking, college admission help, G.E.D. testing, tobacco cessation, disability resources, veteran resources, youth development, wellness workshops and financial literacy.

Initially, the hub will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

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MLK Banquet celebrates legacy and supporters

BY MELISSA PYLE
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Concerned Citizens of Bradford County hosted the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Service Award Banquet at the Women's Club of Starke on Saturday evening.

The celebratory event showcased the victories of the past and the expectations of the future, while also thanking supporters, donors, and community leaders who have been part of the organization.

This special event was even more significant this year, as the dream to secure funds for the renovation of the historic RJE gymnasium restoration project is being realized.

Donors and supporters were recognized with an awards ceremony. The event began in a spirit of unity and prayer Pastor Cynthia Bailey prayed a beautiful prayer of thanks, not only for the dinner, but for all that God has done in the community. This was an ongoing theme throughout the evening. Starke Mayor Scott Roberts thanked the community for coming together "not just for tonight, but for many things, especially the gym renovation."

Mayor Roberts was one of several community leaders in attendance.

The event had moving moments, one being the musical selection of "Lift Everyone Voice and Sing", led by Minister Bruce Griner. The crowd stood and sang in unity.

Starke City Clerk Jimmy Crosby Jr. and Mrs. Judy Sumpter recognized the largest



Aubroncee Martin gave an inspirational and challenging speech to the banquet attendees.



This year's honorees: The Rev. Clarence DeSue Jr., Kate Ellison and the Rev. Alvin Greene.

sponsors in attendance with an awards presentation. Bradford County and the city of Starke were one of the largest donors with Mayor Roberts and Commissioners Diane Andrews and Carolyn Spooner accepting the award on behalf of the city and county commissions. There were also large donations recognized from businesses and organizations such as FPL, Folds and Walker Law Firm, L & M Mobile Homes, Woodward & Curran, Chemours, the Williams family, and the Bradford County Democrats.

The banquet's keynote speaker was Aubroncee Martin. Martin served for years as a public defender and used some personal



Recognized sponsors received an award from the Concerned Citizens for their donations: (l-r) Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Diane Andrews, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, City Manager Drew Mullins, Carol Saviak with FPL, a representative from Chemours, Clay Martin from Folds & Walker Law Firm, the Williams Family, David McMillian of L&M Mobile Homes and the Bradford Democrats.



Judy Sumpter and City Clerk Jimmy Crosby recognize sponsors.

illustrations in his speech. He began with a challenge to all in attendance by saying, "It's important when we have the opportunity to put a little more good in the world, we should do it."

Martin also emphasized the quality of what one does in their life when he quoted, "It's the quality of your life, not the longevity," from an old Time magazine article written when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was still alive. One thing Martin continued to say was something not often said about great leaders, but Martin wanted to get the point across that all people have within their power, the ability to make a difference and changes in their own world. He repeatedly said, "Martin Luther King was special but not unique."

This simple, yet profound



Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian with Starke City Commissioner and co-chair Janice Mortimer, and Vice President and Chairwoman Glenda Ruise were all smiles at the end of a very successful 2023 banquet.

statement was a challenge to everyone in attendance to carry on King's dream and to be the positive change within your realm of influence. Martin reminded everyone that the movement MLK started is still relevant today because, "It's a spirit of legacy building and breaking generational curses."

Martin closed his speech with a story of a young man whom he met working in the street law program and whose case file later ended up on his desk. He needed a public defender. Martin said if even just a friend or bystander had taken a stand for what was right, this young man's story could have been different. Martin said many times we need to be like Dr. King and take risks but taking risks can be scary.

Martin said, "But we need to take a risk, stand up and be counted, no matter the cost."

After Martin's challenging

words and inspirational thoughts, the night's honorees were recognized. The Rev. Clarence DeSue Jr., Katherine P. "Kate" Ellison, and the Rev. Alvin Greene were this year's honorees. DeSue said he was thankful for the people of Starke and the diversity represented. He shared a quote by John Wesley that he said he lives by, "Do all the good that you can do, stay in love with God and do no harm." Ellison thanked everyone for embracing her and allowing her to serve the community. Greene gave heartwarming thanks to God and the goodness of the community.

Greene said, "I may be a pastor in Lake City, but Starke is my home." He welcomed anyone who ever needed a listening ear to stop by and see him anytime.

The constant theme of the evening was humility and service. This was evident with

each honoree who was humbled to be recognized, with the leaders and members of Concerned Citizens, the business and community partners who believe in a greater cause, and the spirit of MLK's dream of unity shared by all in attendance.

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian ended the evening with a word of thanks for all the support shown from attendees and the community. McMillian is thrilled to see the dream of the RJE gymnasium becoming a reality. The evening ended on a joyous note, with many smiling faces, and hope for the future.

Democratic Women meet Jan. 26

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area holds its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. We will address the issue of affordable housing. All Democrats are welcome. They meet at the Historic Melrose Homemakers Club, 25728 Park St.. Doors open at 6:30. For further information, call 352-235-4161.

Food at Church of God by Faith

There will be a food distribution at Starke Church of God by Faith, 730 Old Lawtey Road, on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drive-thru only. Distribution may begin earlier, depending on the arrival time of the Farm Share delivery truck.

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MLK ceremony focuses on youth

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—Over 100 people attended Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's Martin Luther King Jr. observance at Starke's Florida National Guard Armory.

Much of the ceremony focused on students, with recognition given to honor roll students, high school and middle school athletes and Pop Warner football players and coaches.

Presider Glenda Ruise told the audience that the theme of the event was a quote from King in which he said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

She added that the event's motto was another quote from the civil rights leader: "The quality, not the longevity of one's life, is what's important."

Bradford County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner began the observance by leading the crowd in the Black National Anthem: "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Jaquan Bryant offered the opening prayer, Jaquez Mitchell read Psalm 23, and the McDuffie family sang "The Family Song."

Iana Patterson from the Florida Department of Health told attendees about the department's new wellness resource hub.

She said the hub, located at the Church of God by Faith Community Learning Center on Old Lawtey Road, brings together a variety of services, including blood pressure monitoring, diabetes prevention, adult education, job skills training, employment services, banking, college admission help, G.E.D. testing, tobacco cessation, disability resources, veteran resources, youth development, wellness workshops and financial literacy.

OK Sun Broxton Burke told the audience that in addition to remembering the legacy of King, they should also strive to achieve the ideals of freedom and equality for all. She added that they should also honor the contributions of other trailblazers.

"I invite you to remember the names of your ancestors and to pay homage to their positive contributions," she said.

Community service honorees

Starke City Commissioner Janice Mortimer recognized Rev. Clarence DeSue Jr., Katherine P. "Kate" Ellison and Rev. Alvin Greene, three people Concerned Citizens of Bradford County honored at a Jan. 14 awards banquet.

Mortimer said DeSue attended R.J.E. High School and is remembered for his time as a drum major.

"I think everyone that has any memory of R.J.E. remembers high-stepping Rev. Clarence DeSue," she said.

Mortimer said that after DeSue earned a bachelor's degree from Bethune-Cookman College, he added master's and educational specialist degrees to his resume.

His career began in the corrections system, a hospital social worker and with the Florida Parole Commission as a parole examiner.

"After leaving the penal institution, he worked in the Bradford County School System as a social worker, a teacher, and later as an administrator at both Bradford High School and the Bradford-Union Vocational Technical Center," Mortimer said, "where he was instrumental in implementing the licensed practical nursing program in

2005." "Rev. DeSue answered the call of God on his life and served as pastor of Pleasant Plain United Methodist Church in Gainesville and the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Ft. White," she added. "Rev. DeSue's hobbies include spending time with his family, playing chess, gardening, reading, and jazz music."

Mortimer said Kate Ellison was born in north Louisiana and grew up in east Tennessee.

"Her parents, who were from New Orleans, raised her to care about equality and human rights locally and around the world," Mortimer said. "She grew up in a segregated white neighborhood in a house her family owned and remodeled. As her two sisters came along, she recognized the privilege of her background and tried to give back."

Mortimer added that after four girls were killed in the 1963 Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, Ellison's mother took her children to a local civil rights protest in their town.

"It was the first of many marches for Kate," said Mortimer, "although she focused in college on stopping the war in Vietnam, over the decades, she marched and organized for change when she had time, usually for equal rights for women."

Mortimer said Ellison has lived in Knoxville, where she graduated from the University of Tennessee, then in Atlanta, Washington D.C., rural Kentucky, Gainesville, and now at the edge of Speedville.

"Wherever she lived, she always found work but never had a continuous, meaningful career," Mortimer said. "She has been a social worker, a graphic artist, done odd jobs, helped build a house, and most recently, financial aid administrator in Gainesville for two acupuncture schools and a midwifery school in Gainesville."

Mortimer said that after retiring six years ago, Ellison focused on applying herself to being the change she wanted to see in the world.

"She joined the Bradford County Democratic Party, the We Care Democrats, the Melrose Business and Community Association, the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County and the monthly food bank, the Sierra Club and the NAACP."

Mortimer said Ellison helped establish the Bradford Environmental Forum and the Democratic Women of the Lake Area.

"In a more perfect world," Mortimer added, "together we can end racism and sexism, the climate crisis, and eliminate poverty and war. Those are Kate's words. Thank you, Kate."

Mortimer said Alvin Greene was born and raised in Bradford County. He graduated from R.J.E. High School in 1969 and received a Bachelor of Theology in 2017 from the International Seminary and has been married to his wife Clara for 47 years.

"After he was ordained and licensed to preach the gospel, he was called to pastor St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City in 2001, and he continues in that leadership position," Mortimer said. "Today, Reverend Green is known as the community preacher. It is not uncommon to pass his home on Pine Street and see several vehicles parked and people from all over enjoying the words of wisdom that he has to share, as well as a hearty meal that he cooks most of the time."

"He loves his family," Mortimer added. "He loves



MLK Model Scholars: (r-l) Trenyce Aikens, Za'Coyia Aikens, Destiny Crum, Jakyri Dean, Ja'Taiya Glover, Jayden Hudson, Devon McBride, Saniya Thompson, Malaiah Williams and Samuel Williams.



Dr. Naima Brown, Vice President of Student Affairs at Santa Fe College, presented the MLK Model Scholar Award to 11 students.



The McDuffie family sang "The Family Song."

people. He loves cooking. He's a great fisherman. But what he does the best, in my opinion, is preach the word of God. He is a tremendous asset to this community and always willing to help everyone."

MLK Model Scholars

Dr. Naima Brown, Vice President of Student Affairs at Santa Fe College, presented the MLK Model Scholar Award to Trenyce Aikens, Za'Coyia Aikens, Destiny Crum, Jakyri Dean, Ja'Taiya Glover, Jayden Hudson, Omari James, Devon McBride, Saniya Thompson, Malaiah Williams and Samuel Williams.

Brown said Trenyce Aikens has been a part of the Upward Bound program since 2019.

"She has remained engaged in the program because she says Upward Bound teaches you how to see the opportunities you have in life," Brown said. "Trenyce enjoys community and church activities. Her college interests include Santa Fe College and Valencia College."

Aikens's career interests include crime scene investigation, radiology and ultrasound technology.

Za'Coyia Aikens has also been in the Upward Bound program since 2019 and, like Trenyce, participates in community and church activities.

"She enjoys doing nails and plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Santa Fe College," Brown said.

The college administrator said Destiny Crum has been an Upward Bound member since 2020.

"She has remained engaged in the Upward Bound program because her mother motivates her to finish strong," Brown added. "She enjoys the trips that they take and the cultural experiences."

Crum plays basketball and volleyball and considers herself a planner. She hopes to pursue a career in the Air Force and business.

Jakyri Dean is a member of the Educational Talent Search program and the Bradford High School football team.

"In middle school, Jakyri realized he was associated with the wrong group of friends who were bringing him down instead of lifting him up, and he joined Future Farmers of America in high school," Brown said. "He continued his growth and really developed as a leader. Now in his senior year, he mentors the younger players."

Brown said Dean is active in Key Club and the National Honor Society.

"He's helped plan service projects," Brown added. "This is proof through Jakyri that students can change their path with the right attitude and hard work."

Ja'Taiya Glover is also in the Educational Talent Search



Pop Warner Coach Willie Brown and player Chase Small. Brown said two of the four Bradford teams made the playoffs. He added that the U12 team, of which Small was a member, made it to the title game but was outsize by a larger Jacksonville team. Brown added that he just completed his 50th year of coaching football in Bradford County.

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Kadence Adams



Cailynn Boggs



Sydney Box



Emma Jeffers



Kindall Johnson



Karleigh White



Reagan Robinson

Miss UCHS pageant Thursday promises 'Day at the Derby'

The Miss Union County High pageant will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the UCHS auditorium. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening ticket sales beginning at 6 p.m.

"A Day at the Derby" is the theme for this year and the seven contestants have worked extremely hard in preparation for this event.

There are a total of 10 categories: academic achievement; activities and honors; interview; talent; opening dance and introductions; on-stage question; casual wear; evening gown; photogenic; and

people's choice. The people's choice category is strictly based upon the total amount of funds donated by each contestant's supporters.

The contestants are: —Kadence Adams, the 16-year-old daughter of Kristen and Andy Adams. Adams is a junior at UCHS, student council treasurer for her class, is currently enrolled to receive her AA through Florida Gateway College, and plans to pursue a degree from Florida State University following graduation.

—Cailynn Boggs, the 16-year-old daughter of

Angelina Atkins and Steven Boggs. Boggs is a junior at UCHS, is enrolled at Florida Gateway College, is active in FFA, and plans to attend Florida Gateway College for her AA, then continue her education at Black Hawk University in hopes to find a job in animal genetics.

—Sydney Box, is the 16-year-old daughter of Jacob and Laresa Box. Box is a junior at UCHS, active in competitive cheer and 4-H Club, and plans to get her AA at Florida Gateway College, then transfer to University of Florida to continue her studies and eventually become a speech therapist or teacher following

graduation.

—Emma Jeffers is the 18-year-old daughter of Levi and Mary Garrett. Jeffers is a senior at UCHS, vice president of student council, enjoys singing and cheer. Jeffers has already signed with Florida Gateway College to run with their cross country team. While there she plans to receive her AA, then transfer to University of Florida to major in journalism, in hopes of becoming a news anchor.

—Kindall Johnson is the 17-year-old daughter of Alison and Jeff Johnson. Johnson is a senior at UCHS, is extremely active in FFA, and will graduate

from UCHS with her AA degree, transfer to University of Florida to obtain a bachelor's in human nutrition, become a dermatologist, along with plans of studying abroad and volunteering with FarmShare.

—Reagan Robinson is the 18-year-old daughter of Vince and Krista Robinson. Robinson is a senior at UCHS, active in FFA and cheer. Robinson plans to attend the University of Florida where she will be a part of the dual-degree program, obtaining her bachelor's and master's degree in psychology, then her juris doctorate to become an attorney, with hopes

of becoming a judge.

—Karleigh White is the 17-year-old daughter of Kara and Curtis Mesnard and Kyle and Jamie White. White is a senior at UCHS, active in all-star twirling (baton). White has been accepted into the University of North Florida and University of South Florida, but she plans to attend the University of North Florida, where she will earn a bachelor's degree in criminology. Following, she will attend a law program, in preparation of becoming a civil rights lawyer.

Redman assumes acting mayor role in Lake Butler WATER

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The city of Lake Butler has its first woman and African American mayor, and Annette Redman is very proud to fill the position.

Redman was serving as vice mayor when the resignation of then Mayor Jack Schenck made it necessary for her to move up and fill the position late last year. City Commissioner David Stegall was selected by the board to fill Redman's position as vice mayor.

The board voted to wait until the council seat left vacant by Redman's rise to the chair position could be filled through an election in the spring before electing someone to serve as mayor with a full board.

Until that time, Redman is titled as acting mayor and Stegall as acting vice mayor. For now, Redman is chairing the meetings and proud to do so, hoping to be selected by her peers as mayor for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Redman is a life-long resident of Lake Butler (except for her time in the military) and comes from a family of 14 children, where she is one-half of four sets of twins.



Mayor Annette Redman

She graduated Union County High School in 1975 and worked a number of jobs while deciding what she wanted to do with her life. She joined the U.S. Army in 1980 and did her basic training at Fort Dix in New Jersey, where she discovered real cold weather for the first time (and still does not like it). She trained as a chaplain's assistant and starting fulfilling that role at her first posting at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

After Maryland she was posted to serve in Germany, then returned to the states serving at Fort Ord, California, then it

was back to Germany, then Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Fort McClellan, Alabama, came next in her postings, followed by service in Korea and finishing in West Point, New York. After 17 and one-half years she retired as an E7, sergeant first class, and came home.

"I truly enjoyed the time I spent in the military," Redman said. "I got to see places I had only read about in history books. It was nice to go and see, especially Europe (she visited France, Greece, Belgium and Switzerland) and saw some beautiful country. I had the opportunity to train with other country's military — German, British and other NATO countries — and met some wonderful people."

Redman said she was offered positions in New York after her retirement, but decided to come home because of family, the people she missed in her hometown and to get out of the cold. When she first got home, she worked at the VA in Lake City, then later at CMC in Starke for 10 years until they closed. She began there working in the parts room, but worked her way up to purchasing before the company shut down.

She had earned in bachelor's

degree in general studies while in Europe as well as a teaching certificate through the military, so she applied to the Union County School District. She worked as a paraprofessional at Lake Butler Elementary School for more than 10 years and now is working as a substitute teacher, mostly at Lake Butler Middle School.

Redman first ran for the Lake Butler City Commission eight years ago and is now in her third term, which will end in 2026.

"When I first ran I just wanted to be part of a group working to ensure a good future for generations to come," Redman said. "I wanted to make sure there was something here for the young people, like recreation, and to keep our money here in the community. I was always especially worried about the young people and what should be done for them."

Redman said she still is focused on working toward the best possible future for the city. Her focus on the welfare of the city's youth has led her to become involved with creating a regular movie night during warm weather to allow families to attend events together that are both appropriate to family viewing and fun for everyone. She is also one of the most involved proponents for the FarmShare food distributions, not only supporting the program but also participating on site to sort, box and pass out the food.

"I only want what is best for our citizens," Redman said. "This is my hometown and I cannot think of any better way to serve the people who live here. Everything I do is for the betterment of this wonderful place we live in. I work every day to make that happen."

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Repair work continued, first preparing the area for the arrival of the pipe and then installing it. Water service was restored at about 7:15 p.m. Friday night.

Any time a water line breaks there is a mandatory 24-hour boil notice issued once the break is repaired and the water is turned back on. This is due to the possibility of the substrate the line is buried in entering the system, carrying microorganisms of various types. In a system such as is found in Lake Butler, a water tower is used to help pressurize the system and assist in the flow of water through the lines. Often, the tank on the top

of the tower must be drained as well to avoid any chance of contamination.

The lack of water affected most of the city, with restaurant and most business closing on Thursday and not opening on Friday. The Union County Courthouse and related offices were closed on Friday. The Union County School District, unaffected on Thursday due to the time of the break closely coinciding with the normal release time, had to evacuate some students to offsite locations outside the city water service area on Friday (see related story). Spires IGA remained open and the lines were full on Friday, with customers purchasing bottles water and other beverages.

Union County Historical Museum hours for 2023

The Union County Historical Society is pleased to announce that the museum will be open on Fridays now, as well as Tuesdays. Jean Brannen will be keeping the museum open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday. On Tuesdays, Peggy Cason, Dave Mecusker and Bob Driggers will open the museum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale of the book "Celebrating 100 Years of Union County Florida" has gone very well. There are 23 books left. If you would like one they are \$40 and can be purchased with cash or check on Tuesday or Friday at the museum location, 410 W. Main St. in Lake Butler.

Correction

The Union County Times deeply regrets several errors in last week's article on Spires IGA winning a national award. The errors are as follows:

IGA is an alliance of grocery stores, not an association.

The Spires Family opened their first store in 1890, not 1926.

IGA was formed in 1926. Also, omitted was the fact that Spires IGA is the oldest grocery store business in the state of Florida.

The Times apologizes to all concerned for these errors and apologizes to the owners and staff of Spires IGA and our readers.



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UC Riding Club holds 2022 Awards event

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Riding Club held its annual awards dinner and ceremony on Jan. 13, 2023 at the First Christian Church in Lake Butler.

After all in attendance enjoyed a buffet style meal, the members gave their attention to the crowning of the Club Queen, Celia Elixson and Princess, Addyson Kelley, then the awards portion of the event proceeded. The awards were for the 2022 season for total accumulated points in a series of events the club holds twice a month. The classes are divided by age of the rider.

There were two competitors in the Lead Line class, neither of whom were on hand to accept their certificate. They were, in order of points earned, Easton Stuart and Cason Croft.

There were 17 riders in the Youth Class, with six receiving awards. They were, in order from first to sixth: Cuyler Collins,

Naomi Croft, Teghan Sullivan, Emmy Croft, Celia Elixson and Gage Lewis.

Receiving their awards next were members of the Teen Class. They were, in order from first to sixth: Cadence Collins, Alea Smith, Maddie Croft, Brooke Goldie and Cameron Jones.

Once the youngsters were taken care of the adults had their chance to receive recognition as well.

In the Adult Class four riders received certificate in recognition of the participation and skill. They were, in order, Brian Lagasse (who was not present at the event), Summer Andes, Katy Goldie (also not present) and Naomi Jones.

Saving the best for last came the awards for the Senior Class riders. The winners were: Janice Parrish, Ronnie Williams, Tracy Whitley Gary Cothran and Sue Lagasse (who was not present at the event).

Other awards were given as well for members who had made positive contribution to the club. They included: the Harlis R.

Ellington Memorial Award for leadership and sportsmanship, won by Celia Elixson and the J.P. Bennett Memorial Award for outstanding dedication and leadership in the club, awarded to the Rev. Shane Collins, pastor of the church where the event was held.

All winners, in all classes of competition received certificates or plaques, riding gear and other gifts, including custom backpacks and jackets in some of the classes.

The riding club would like to thank and recognize local businessman Bart Andrews, of Andrews Site Prep, who gave his time and energy to helping rework the club's arena free of charge and his other many contributions to the club.

The Union County Riding Club is growing again, after a few years with declining numbers. Now, at the beginning of its 2023 season, the club has more than 50 members and is hoping to add even more.



The top six riders in the youth division. Pictured are (l-r): Cuyler Collins, Naomi Croft, Teghan Sullivan, Emmy Croft, Celia Elixson and Gage Lewis.



Winners of 2022 Seniors Class honors. Pictured are (l-r) Janice Parrish, Ronnie Williams, Tracy Whitley and Gary Cothran. Not pictured: Fifth place winner Sue Lagasse.



2022 Union County Riding Clubs Princess Addyson Kelley and Queen Celia Elixson.



Shane Collins, pastor of the First Christian Church of Lake Butler, was recognized for his outstanding dedication and leadership in the riding club with the J.P. Bennett Memorial Award.



Naomi Croft took home honors as the Most Improved Rider for the 2022 riding club season.



Kasey Kelley earned a 2022 Workhouse Award for her contributions of time and energy to the riding club.

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For the students whose parents could not be reached, or who could not make arrangements to come pick them up, the entire fleet and had it ready to roll. The Union County Sheriff's Office responded with deputies and they, as well as the office's school resource officers, provided security and traffic control to make the evacuation of students and their transportation safe.

At 10:10 a.m. 97 students at Lake Butler Middle School started loading on the buses, headed for Harmony Freewill Baptist Church. Shortly after that, the 126 remaining students at Lake Butler Elementary School began loading for their trip to Sardis Baptist Church. Thanks to the quick mobilization of food service departments at each school by their managers, spearheaded by Food Service Director Betsy Whitehead, each student was handed a bag lunch as they got on the buses. School staff and faculty traveled with their students to the off-campus sites.

Union County High School was unique in that the majority of the students either drove themselves home or were picked up, so the remaining 10-12 students were able to stay at the school. All of the schools in the district maintain a supply of water on site in case of any problem and bag lunches were provided to them as well.

Buses returned to the evacuation sites at the proper time for the end of the school day, although many students had already been picked up by their parents. Students who were regular bus riders were transported to their homes at the

normal time, while walkers were returned to the school to take their usual route home. Less than 100 students needed the bus rides by the time they were released.

"The whole day was truly amazing," Ripplinger said. "Every area of the school system came together and made things run smoothly with no problems. Everyone stepped up and did what needed to be done and saw that it was done well. It is very rewarding to have such great people on staff in our district. Kudos to them all."



Two of the Adult Class competition winners, (l-r) Summer Andes and Naomi Jones. Not Pictured: Brian Lagasse and Katy Goldie.

Revival at Hope Baptist

Hope Baptist Church will hold a revival with Evangelist Kenny Evans on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The morning service will be followed by a fellowship meal. The evening service will feature Evans in concert sharing his personal testimony.

The church is located at

3900 SE S.R. 100. For more information, please contact Pastor Larry Strickland at 352-473-4188.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry

will take place Tuesday, Jan. 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. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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Crime

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

Travis Jams Brendle, 41, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 7 for an out-of-county warrant, withholding support and failure to appear.

James Joseph Brewer, 35, of Hampton was arrested on Jan. 13 for battery and false imprisonment.

Marqui Montez Church, 37, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 12 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Charles Edward Gillyard, 49, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Jan. 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

Danwand Lee Green, 42, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for a probation violation.

Clarence Griffin, 44, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Aaron Roy Griffis, 30, of Lawtey was arrested on Jan. 10 for battery and obstructing justice.

Diane Lee Hendricks, 55, of Starke was arrested on Jan. 13 for contempt of court.

Winston Dale Herring, 40, of Lawtey was arrested on Jan. 7 for battery and obstructing justice.

Jason Edward Michael, 47, of Live Oak was arrested on Jan. 14 for an out-of-county warrant, possession of drug equipment, possession of drugs and resisting an officer.

Andrew William Webb, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested on Jan. 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Gary Alvin Weeks, 38, of Starke was arrested on Jan. 12 for out-of-county warrants.

Union

None reported

Clay

William Owen Allen Alvarez, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Jan. 13 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Scott Gene Ballou, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Jan. 7 for trespassing.

Christian Zephania Kocher, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Jan. 12 for a probation violation.

Damon Jacob Henry Worth, 25, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on Jan. 12 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Letters

No solutions

Dear Editor:
One of the most important pieces of legislation that will be passed this year and next — SB 2 Property Insurance — was pushed through a special session of the State Legislature in a matter of 48 hours, under the guise of “fixing” the collapsing insurance market.

Following the delivery of a \$2 billion gift to insurance companies during a previous Special Session devoted to property insurance reform, this new bill is another \$1 billion bailout to the insurance industry. This industry has already contributed \$10 million to DeSantis’ political ambitions since he has been in office. It looks like payback to me.

The bill did nothing to reduce or stall the increasing insurance rates that policyholders are experiencing. In fact, there were about 50 amendments proposed to make the bill more helpful to policyholders, and all were voted down, despite representatives admitting that homeowners will not see reduced rates for at least 18 months. Homeowners need help now, not in a year and a half.

The bill is punitive to policyholders because it does not deal with bad-faith insurers who refuse to administer claims in a quick and fair manner, and it will also be harder for policyholders to retain legal counsel to fight the insurers.

In an effort to force customers out of Citizens Property Insurance, the insurer of last resort in Florida, it will force policyholders to purchase higher-priced policies on the private market and then purchase additional flood insurance policies.

DeSantis is crowing about the fact that it will allow more insurers to re-enter the Florida market. And that is true. The problem is that they will be coming back to Florida because there is literally no risk to them. They will sell policies that will not help Floridians when they need them most, then they will again leave the area and we will witness more Floridians losing their homes.

It is our elected representatives’ job to balance our need for safe affordable homes with the need for insurance companies to make reasonable profits. Home ownership is out of reach for more and more North Florida residents, and our reps in Tallahassee could actually solve this problem or explain honestly why they can’t. Voters will be listening.

Sincerely,
Kate Ellison
Melrose

Riding Club responds

Dear Editor:
I would like to say to Bob Milner, Dale Woodruff, and the Bradford County Fair Association, shame on you for breaking kids dreams. You said the Bradford County Riding Club didn’t have many members and most were from out of county. That was true during COVID, but they were starting to come back. Bob Milner said the riders can go to other counties, but some can’t afford it.

The fair numbers are down and have been for years. If we would card everyone who attended the fair, you would see that a lot of people are from other counties; which apparently you don’t like.

What if the out-of-county people found out how you feel and decided not to participate in your fair? What if buyers for the Cattlemen and Swine Association who are from out of county decided not to buy? What would that do to the fair?

It is supposed to be about the kids, but I think it’s about the money. You claim the Bradford Riding Club never paid the Fair Association anything. That is another one of your lies! We paid half the water bill for years. Even when the Fair Association had a bad leak in the walls, we paid half that bill, which was over \$5,000 dollars. I would like to know who got that money, since you claim we never paid anything.

Sincerely,
Louette

Post Office proud of progress

Dear Editor:
It is a great honor to serve Keystone Heights as your new Postmaster. In my years with the United States Postal Service, I have seen firsthand the role the postal service plays connecting neighbors and our community to the nation. Our post offices also serve as a lifeline for our small businesses to reach customers no matter where they are.

About two years ago, the United States Postal Service published an ambitious but achievable 10-year strategic plan, Delivering for America. The plan established a path to building a postal service that is financially strong and consistently delivers on time for the American public.

In the short time since the launch of our 10-year plan, and under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, we are making great progress on its four key pillars:

Investing in our people, modernizing our network, providing service excellence, and creating financial sustainability.

Our actions are leading to concrete results. We had exceptionally positive holiday seasons in 2021 and 2022. We successfully delivered more than 680 million COVID-19 test kits to the American public during the past two winters. In the 2022 midterm elections, we delivered 54.4 million ballots from voters to election officials in an average of under two days. And USPS installed a total of 249 new processing machines as part of a \$40 billion investment in the postal network. With these new machines, we can now process 60 million packages every day. Additionally, we are focused on making USPS a great place to work, creating career pathways and opportunities for our employees.

All of this in service of delivering mail and packages to more than 161 million addresses across our nation every day.

On behalf of the 650,000 women and men of the U.S. Postal Service, I thank you for continuing to support the postal service. Providing reliable mail delivery while strengthening the future of this treasured institution is our commitment to you.

Sincerely,
David Spencer
Postmaster
Keystone Heights

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Call Street detoured Jan. 20 through 23

STARKE — As part of the Florida Department of Transportation's Starke Railroad Overpass Interchange Improvements project, Call Street (State Road 230) between U.S. 301 and St. Clair Street will be closed for resurfacing from 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, to 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

Please plan for alternate parking as on-street parking along Call Street will not be available during resurfacing operations. This will primarily affect diners and moviegoers. Parking is available downtown.

Traffic will be detoured during the closure as follows:

—Westbound Call Street traffic will turn left onto Water Street, right onto State Road 100, right onto U.S. 301 and proceed to Call Street.

—Eastbound Call Street traffic will turn right onto southbound U.S. 301, left onto S.R. 100, left onto Water Street and right onto Call Street.

—There will be a single lane closure on Call Street from Water Street to St. Clair Street with flaggers present to direct traffic.

—A large vehicle detour will remain in place for eastbound State Road 100 from U.S. 301 to Water Street. Eastbound S.R. 100 large vehicle traffic will turn right onto southbound U.S. 301, then turn left onto SE 144th Avenue (Hazen Street) and continue onto SE 144th Street to S.R. 100.

In coming weeks, downtown will experience additional lane closures, each lasting two to three weeks, while work is completed on Walnut and Thompson streets and their intersections with Call Street. One lane of Call Street will remain open while work is performed on the other.

Completion of the \$23.6 million overpass project is expected this summer.

Gold Head presents Yesterdays Festival

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park and the Gold Head Friends group present the 17th annual Yesterdays Festival on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come on down to this unique, affordable, and family friendly event. The festival is free to attend with the purchase of park admission, \$5 per vehicle, up to 8 people in a vehicle.

Meet hobbyists, collectors and enthusiasts as well as professional museum curators, archivists, archaeologists and historians. Antique cars, tractors, tools and weapons of all kinds will be on display in the picnic area. Take a tram ride tour of the park, guided by a park ranger. Churn butter, grind corn, feel the heat of antique camping lanterns and watch cast iron cooking over a wood fire. Live music will be performed on stage throughout the day. The Third Florida/Thirty Fifth Mass. Heritage Company will perform weapon firing demonstrations and the The Kirby-Smith SCV Camp 1209 will fire confederate weapons and cannon Replica of the Hunley Submarine will be on display as well.

Food will be available from local vendors. A silent auction will be ongoing throughout the day in the park recreation building.

A scenic drive through the park's rolling sandhills will lead to the picnic area where the festival takes place.

For additional information, contact the park at 352-262-8129 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org/mikeroess.

Pop-up book sale

Gently used items will be on sale at Bradford County Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You'll find a variety of books at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Library, which

is an organization that helps fund programs and services at Bradford County Public Library.

Cooking with Chef Warren at Bradford Library

Spice things up at mealtime by learning about Cajun and Creole cuisine with Chef Warren. On Monday, Feb. 13, Chef Warren will show you how to prepare quick and healthy New Orleans-style meals using a variety of seafood, poultry, and meat with vegetables from the region.

The discussion will cover the difference Cajun and Creole cuisine, the Holy Trinity of Cajun and Creole cooking, the three-pot method, and how to make a roux. Chef Warren will also explain how to make traditional dishes like gumbo and jambalaya, as well as the secret to cooking perfect rice.

To top off information-packed workshop, Chef Warren will demonstrate how to cook a delicious entrée that anyone can replicate in his or her own home in less than 15 minutes. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m..

Guitarist Peter Fletcher performs

For those of us who love to listen to talented musicians, the event happening on Monday, Feb. 27, at Bradford County Public Library will be music to your soul. This is one of those times when you can close your eyes and allow the sounds to lift your spirit or sit wide-eyed, transfixed on the magical movements bringing the melody to life. Be sure to mark your calendars, the not-to-be-missed performance by classical guitarist Peter Fletcher begins at 4:30 p.m.

Fletcher, is bringing his audience friendly solo recital to Bradford County by special request. Fletcher, a classical guitarist based in Detroit and New York City, performs over 80 concerts a year. Fletcher's recordings on the Centaur Records and Towerhill Recordings labels have received critical acclaim.

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program, which pairs students with mentors to help them with academic support, test preparation, study skills and college and career exploration.

Brown said Glover is a quiet student who leads by example.

"She's never had to be reminded of deadlines because she is internally motivated and responsible," Brown said. "In 11th grade, she broke out of her comfort zone and tried out for the color guard. She made the team and never looked back."

Brown said Glover serves as a role model for younger members of the team.

Jayden Hudson has been in Upward Bound since 2022.

"He's remained engaged in Upward Bound because it helped bring his grades up," Brown said. "He is a member of the Church of God by Faith. He plays football, enjoys basketball, and his college interests include my alma mater: the Florida A&M University."

Brown said Omari James, who was not at the ceremony, is also in the Educational Talent Search program.

James has a 4.0 GPA and is active in several school clubs, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students Working Against Tobacco. He is also on the executive board and serves as the parliamentarian of student government.

Devin McBride has been a member of Upward Bound since the summer of 2021.

"He says the reason that he has remained is that he's learned a lot through Upward Bound, and it's helped him to enter college," Brown said. "He plays football and enjoys video games and working out with his friends."

McBride's college interests include Florida State University and hopes to become a wildlife biologist.

Saniya Thompson has participated in Upward Bound since the spring of 2020.

"She's learned new things



Jaquan Bryant offered the opening prayer.

about college and is college-ready," Brown said. "Saniya enjoys church and community activities, cooking, driving, singing, and playing games."

Brown added that Thompson aspires to be a teacher.

Malaiah Williams has been a participant in Upward Bound since 2021.

"She says Upward Bound teaches her the skills and motivation to pursue academic success in high school and college," Brown said.

Williams volunteers with the Young Hearts Extended Assisted Living Facility in Lawtey and works as a clerical assistant at L.J. Prestige Lending.

"She's also a member of the girls' basketball team, and her hobbies include writing, hanging out with friends, and being on her phone," Brown said. "Her college interests include FAMU and UCF, and she is going to be a pediatric nurse practitioner."

Samuel Williams has participated in the Upward Bound program since the summer of 2020.

"He's remained engaged because he believes it is a start for him to be great, and if he stays engaged when his time comes, he will be ready," Brown said. "He is the class president of 2024. He plays football and participates in track."

Williams' college interests include Florida State and Florida A&M.

I'm coming with a switch

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian wrapped up the event by telling the audience that her organization focused the MLK observance on youth because of the challenges they face.

"Not only due to the educational system," she said, "but the criminal justice system too. There are not enough churches and organizations lifting them up, and we don't know sometimes what our kids go through. We are supposed to be a village. Everybody's got a part, and so we've got to help each other."

McMillian added that young people need encouragement, particularly after they make mistakes.

"We need to back them up and say: 'Hey, you're doing a good job,'" she said. "And when they are not doing a good job, say: 'You've got to change. You can't go down that road. It's a dead end.'"

McMillian also exhorted parents to take charge of their households.

"You need to stop letting your children run your house," she said. "They don't pay your light bill. They don't pay your mortgage. You need to let them know: in this house until you start paying some bills, you don't move nothing in here. That's what we need to do. We need to take control."

McMillian added that when parents take control at home, they create an environment where teachers can take control at school.

"And then our superintendent's job will be easy," she said, "(Bradford High School Assistant Principal Chris Coffey) Mr. Coffey's job will be easy... and your job will be easy too."

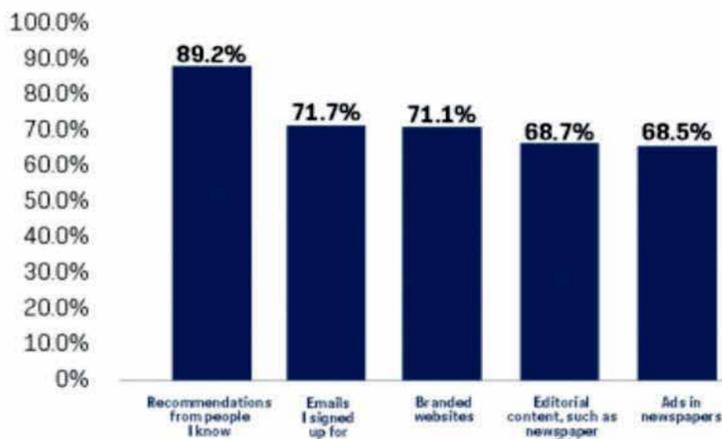
McMillian criticized students who rebel at school and then expect their parents to back them up when facing discipline for their actions.

"Stop telling the teacher: 'My mom will come,'" she said. "If I'm coming, I'm coming with a switch, and they are going to put me in jail afterward."

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Obituaries

Jacob Blalock

Jacob (Jake) Michael Blalock, 35, of Lake Butler, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. He was born in Gainesville on May 27, 1987. He grew up in Lake Butler, where he was surrounded by loving friends and family. He attended Union County High School and graduated in 2005. He spent many years working in Orlando while living with the Vietnamese community. He enjoyed making music, creating art, and spending time with his pet snake, Gracie. In 2019, he married Tam Ngoc Blalock (Ty Ty). He was genuine, spiritual, open-minded, and saw the good in everyone he met. He positively impacted every person he met, and he will be sorely missed. He was preceded by his paternal grandfather, Charles Blalock; and his maternal grandparents, Edward and Geraldine Green.

He is survived by his loving wife, Tam Ngoc Blalock of Saigon, Vietnam; his parents, Jerry and LeeAnn Blalock of St. Augustine; his sister, Chelsea Blalock (Steven) Dose of Lake Butler; his nephew, Stetson Dose; and niece, Maren Dose.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, at 12 p.m. at Pine Grove Barn in Lake Butler.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY



Sterile processing program to be offered at Santa Fe Andrews Ctr.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A Sterile Processing Technology certificate program will be offered at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center during Summer C.

Registration is currently underway for the 30 credit-hour (two semesters) course, which will begin May 15. The registration deadline is March 3.

Though classes will be held at the Andrews Center, clinical internships will be held in Gainesville.

The program, which requires students to be available Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., prepares students to become a vital part of a surgical team. A sterile processing technologist's main responsibilities are to ensure that medical equipment and devices are sterilized, operational and packaged for procedures.

Students can obtain employment as central-supply workers, ambulatory surgery processors, surgical-instrument processors, gastrointestinal flexible-endoscope reproprocessors, case-cart technicians, inventory technicians, processing technicians and stock clerks.

According to Santa Fe College's Career Coach (an online resource at sfcollege.lightcastcc.com), the median salary for a sterile processing technologist is \$36,535. New workers start at around \$28,240, while highly experienced workers can earn up to \$46,492.

Career Coach numbers show that the career field has 203 annual job openings. Projections are for 1,480 sterile processing technologists to be employed in a 120-mile radius from Santa Fe College this year, with that number steadily increasing to more than 1,600 within that radius by 2030.

The program cost for Florida residents (including tuition, lab fees and other expenses) is \$5,484.30.

Financial aid is available. The Andrews Center course will have a maximum of 10 students.

You can email Sharon Whitercraft, department chair for Allied Health Programs, at sharon.whitercraft@sfc.edu.

The Andrews Center is located at 209 W. Call St. in Starke (904-964-5382).

Offering Sterile Processing Technology at the Andrews Center is the first step in achieving Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie's goal of creating employment opportunities for people in Bradford County by making programs available locally so that students don't have to travel to the school's main campus in Gainesville.

"We are currently working on plans to add some Health Science programs in Bradford County so that students will be able to take those classes in Bradford County," Broadie said during his Oct. 12, 2022, state-of-the-college address in Starke. "We are focusing on high-demand, higher-wage fields that open the doors for students to become phlebotomists, EMTs, dental hygienists and sterile processors."

In a Dec. 29, 2022, Telegraph-Times-Monitor story, LaToya Chandler, the interim director of the Andrews Center, said, "We want to see more options like this available. A lot of times, for students, if the program is too far away, then transportation becomes an issue. We want to fix that."



Bradford FFA students place at sub-district

Bradford Senior and Middle FFA members competed in the sub-district speaking contests, with Kyndall Key of Bradford High School and Tucker Griffis of Bradford Middle School each placing first in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. They will advance to the district-level contests. Chloe Anderson of BHS placed third in Prepared Public Speaking, while the BMS Opening and Closing Ceremonies team placed third. Allie McFarland of BHS was elected as the new sub-district chair, replacing Key. Pictured are: (front, l-r) McFarland, Shilynn Hannah, Kingsley Phillips, Griffis, Mason Stone, Anderson, (back, l-r) Key, Maddison Lee, Jordayne Goodard, Hailey Griffis and Trevor Clements.

Ray Bowman

Ray Eugene Bowman, 94 of Middleburg died on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, in Jacksonville. He was born in Ashton, Idaho on Jan. 24, 1928, to the late Irvin Edward and Clara belle (Neifert) Bowman.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 East Walker Dr. Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

St. Mark's of Starke offering free test-prep

St Mark's Episcopal Church of Starke is hosting free test-prep classes as well as basic reading, basic English and basic math instruction at the church parish hall (212 N. Church St.) on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Students must be at least 18 years old. Please bring ID.

Florida-certified and experienced teachers will provide instruction for passing the following tests: GED, TEAS, ParaPro Assessment, PERT and U.S. citizenship.

ACT-prep classes can also be made available for Bradford High School students.

Starke Kiwanis Club to host poker tourney on Jan. 20

The Kiwanis Club of Starke's next scheduled Patsy Welch Memorial Poker Tournament is Friday, Jan. 20, at The Downtown

Grill. Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by play at 6:30 p.m.

Buy-in is \$60, which includes high hand.

Cash prizes are awarded for first, second and third places.

Proceeds will go toward the STEM program at Southside Elementary School.

Registration now underway for Bradford Youth Athletics spring ball

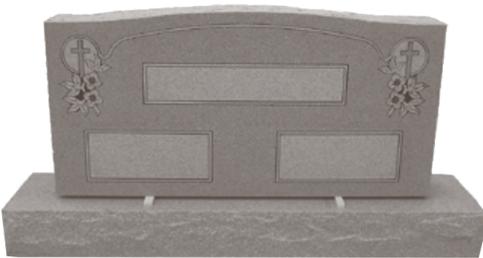
Bradford Youth Athletics is hosting online sign-ups for spring baseball, softball and T-ball and will host in-person sign-ups on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. until noon at the main concessions stand at Edwards Road Sports Complex.

To register online, visit starke-bradford-babe-ruth-league.sportngin.com. The final day for online registration is Friday, Jan. 27.

Registration costs are \$120 for baseball, \$120 for softball and \$110 for T-ball. A multi-kid discount of \$10 per child is available.

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Keystone girls get 32-28 hoops win over Bradford

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kiley Channell scored seven of her game-high 14 points in the second quarter to give the Keystone Heights High School girls basketball team a lead it wouldn't relinquish in a 32-28 win over host Bradford on Jan. 12.

It was a ragged, low-scoring affair in which the teams combined for almost 50 turnovers. The Indians (13-5) would've had a bigger cushion if they could've improved on their 12-of-26 performance at the foul line.

The first quarter began with seven turnovers before the first points were scored—two free throws by Bradford's Nichelle Brown approximately two minutes into the game. The first field goal didn't come until Jada Hankerson knocked down a jumper for the Tornadoes at the 5:07 mark, putting Bradford ahead 4-1.

Keystone went 0-of-4 at the foul line following two consecutive Bradford turnovers. The Tornadoes' Kah'myra Hankerson then sank a three-pointer to make it a 7-1 game.

It was 8-1 before the Indians finally got their first basket off a rebound putback by Kaitlin Brown with approximately three minutes remaining in the first



Keystone's Kiley Channell (right) handles the ball against Bradford's Nichelle Brown in the Indians' 32-28 win. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

quarter. The Indians' Yasmin Bryant made the third to send Keystone into the second quarter trailing two free-throw attempts, but she fouled shooting a three-pointer with 39 seconds left in the quarter. She missed her first

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Tigers rally, but lose 48-46

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Thomas Williams' 19 second-half points helped his team erase an 11-point deficit, but Fort White's Brandon DeMartino knocked down a turn-around jumper in the lane with 16 seconds left and then came up with a steal as the Union County High School boys basketball team lost 48-46 in a District 6-1A matchup on Jan. 14 in Fort White.

Gavin Jenkins was able to get off a three-point attempt at the buzzer, but it went off the front end of the rim as the Tigers (7-7) lost for the second time in three games.

Williams and Dee Williams each had two field goals during a 9-0 run that put Union up 9-3 in the first quarter. One of Dee Williams' baskets came off a Johnte' Nichols steal, while a Cole Andersen-Davis steal led to one of Thomas Williams' baskets.

Union didn't shoot well in the opening quarter, making 36 percent of its shots. Things got worse in the second quarter as the Tigers made 3 of 12 field-goal attempts (25 percent). Still, they were able to maintain their lead. Baskets by Kam Paytee and Auntrell Ross helped Union go up 17-10. Thomas Williams rebounded his own miss and scored to help the Tigers go into halftime leading 19-13.

The Tigers' shooting struggles continued after the break, while the Indians surpassed their first-half point total in the third quarter, which they opened with a 14-0 run. Two consecutive baskets by Fort White's Garrett Brady tied the score at 19-19



Johnte' Nichols (far right) pulls up for a shot in the Tigers' 48-46 loss to Fort White. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

before DeMartino made a three-pointer to give the Indians a lead they wouldn't lose until less than a minute remained in the game.

Union didn't score in the third quarter until Deonte Jones made a free throw at the 3:48 mark. Thomas Williams scored the Tigers' first field goal of the quarter with 3:02 on the clock.

Fort White outscored Union 26-9 in the quarter, which ended with the Indians' Najeeb Smith draining a three-pointer before the buzzer, making the score 39-28.

The Tigers' first three baskets of the fourth quarter were three-

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Jan. 19, 2023

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2022-CA-0377 VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BAUGH, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BAUGH Last Known Address: 16368 SW COUNTY RD 235, BROOKER, FL 32622

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Current Residence Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF; 270.19 FEET TO THE IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 235, SAID IRON ROD BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5679.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 500.26 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 74 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST; TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 77 DEGREES NORTH 28 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 371.91 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 465.65 FEET TO AN IRON ROD LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, ALONG LAST SAID NORTHERLY

BOUNDARY, 946.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 771270, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33077 on or before _____, a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court 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.

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DENNY THOMPSON As Clerk of the Court By: L. Brannon, As Deputy Clerk

1/12 2tchg 1/19-BCT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2022-CA-473

MARIAN L. BRIGHT, a/k/a MARIAN H. BRIGHT, Plaintiff, VS. DEMOND STOKES, SR., a/k/a DEMOND L. STOKES, SR., Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: DEMOND STOKES, SR. a/k/a DEMOND L. STOKES, SR. Residence(s): Unknown Last Known mailing address: 3880 Morning Glory Road Jacksonville, Florida 32210 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Bradford County, Florida: The North 102.53 feet of the South 334.53 feet of the West 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

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1/12/23 4tchg 2/2-BCT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 042022CA000037CAAXMX COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAY VIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, VS. MARK S. GARRISON, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 28, 2022, entered in Case No. 042022CA000037CAAXMX in the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-DWELLING SERIES V TRUST is the Plaintiff and MARK S. GARRISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARK S. GARRISON; NANCY L. GARRISON A/K/A NANCY LEE GARRISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NANCY GARRISON A/K/A NANCY L. GARRISON A/K/A NANCY LEE GARRISON; ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC; VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A CHRISTINA RHUE and UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A ANGEL GARRISON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, DENNY THOMPSON, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at public sale on FEBRUARY 23, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. to the highest bidder for cash at the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 after having first given notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: THE NORTH 165 FEET OF THE SOUTH 330, FEET OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 63-2022-CP-044 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF STEPHEN T. BOOKER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Stephen T. Booker, deceased, File Number 63-2022-CP-044, by the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054; that the decedent's date of death was November 3, 2022; that the total value of the estate is \$250.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 12, 2023. Attorney for Person Giving Notice Sarah S. Butters, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 499021 AUSLEY & MCMULLEN PA 123 S. Calhoun Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 Telephone: (850) 224-9115 Fax: (850) 222-7560 E-Mail: sbutters@ausley.com Secondary E-Mail: spelham@ausley.com 1/12/23 2tchg 1/19-UCT

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Something to cheer about: from region to state

Bradford High School, in its first year of competitive cheerleading, qualified for the Florida High School Athletic Association state semifinals with its performance at the Region 1 finals at West Nassau High School on Jan. 14. The Tornadoes had a raw score of 68.6 in the Small Varsity division (up to 12 participants). Teams — including region champions and runners-up — that have a raw score of at least 60 qualify for the state semifinals. Region champions and runners-up that have a raw score of at least 70 qualify for the finals round at state. Every team in Bradford's division qualified for at least the state semifinals: Tate (champion), Nease (runner-up), Fort Walton Beach, Navarre and Baker County. The state finals will be held Feb. 3-4 at Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center at the University of Florida. ABOVE: Jaimee Lin, Kendall Cook and Abigale Casey (front, l-r) spell out BHS, while behind them are (l-r) Lily Mercer, Desirae Jones, Amy Prescott and Skyla Buonacore. LEFT: Abigale Casey and Lily Mercer top the pyramid (l-r), with the base made up of (l-r) Skyla Buonacore, Desirae Jones, Jamiee Lin, Kendall Cook and (not visible) Amy Prescott. Photos by Patricia Bath.

KHHS improves to 16-4 in girls soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Keystone Heights High School girls soccer team won its eighth straight match and made it a memorable Senior Night for Kendall Gagnon, Carly Rogers, Lizzie Waughon and Miranda Yow in defeating visiting Newberry 4-0 on Jan. 13.

The Indians (16-4) got one goal each from Waughon, Dallas DeCrosta, Ella Hutchins and Kiersten Shaw, while goalkeeper Aspen Krohn made six saves.

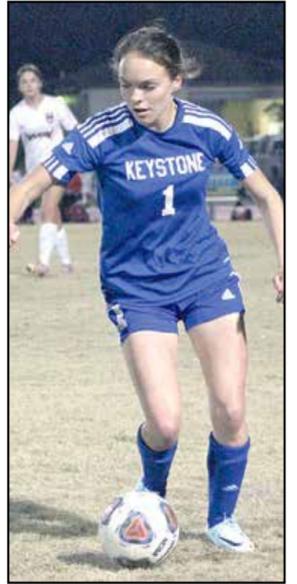
Keystone, which has won 11 of its last 12, entered the Newberry match off home wins over Fort White on Jan. 10 and Middleburg on Jan. 12.

Shaw scored four goals and had two assists in an 8-0 win over Fort White. Hutchins and Alec Horton scored two goals each, with Horton also recording a team-high three assists. Hutchins had two assists.

Krohn made three saves. In a 4-1 win over Middleburg, Shaw scored two goals and had two assists, while Gagnon and Hutchins each scored one goal.

Yow made four saves.

The week also saw the junior varsity team go 1-0-1, with the win coming by a score of 6-1 over visiting Palatka on Jan. 11. Tayler Buchanan scored four goals, while Madison Brinson and Kaleigh Coffey scored one each. Jaylynn Kurtzo had two assists, while the following had



Lizzie Waughon scored a goal on Senior Night in the Indians' 4-0 win over Newberry. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

one each: Buchanan, Olivia Griffin, Ashly McCarthy and Alexis Taylor. Xana Briley made three saves.

Keystone concludes the regular season with a home match against Crescent City on Thursday, Jan. 19. The JV teams play at 5:30 p.m., followed by the varsity matchup at 7:20 p.m.

Wiley scores 5 goals in 8-0 KHHS win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Aaron Wiley scored five goals to lead the Keystone Heights High School boys soccer team to an 8-0 win over visiting Interlachen on Jan. 16.

It was the second straight win for the Indians (9-4-3) and their fourth victory in their last six matches.

Bryce Huntley added two goals, while Skylar Kedgley had one.

Kedgley and Spence each recorded two assists, while the following each had one: Huntley, Wiley, Liam Callahan and Ian Kruzan.

Goalkeeper Carson Eatmon recorded his sixth shutout of the season.

Wiley has now scored seven goals in the team's last two matches, making him second on the team with 14 on the season. Kedgley and Spence each have 20 goals.



Aaron Wiley scored five goals in Keystone's 8-0 win over Interlachen. It was the Indians' second straight win. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

A 1-1 tie against visiting Fort White on Jan. 10 is what's preventing the Indians from enjoying a three-match winning streak. Kedgley scored the lone goal off a Luke Brunt assist.

On Jan. 13, Keystone scored eight first-half goals en route to defeating visiting Newberry 11-3

on Senior Night, which honored Eatmon, Kedgley, Kruzan, Spence, Gabe Buchanan, Austin Edsall and Micah Wiley.

Pelayo Martinez scored three goals, while Kedgley, Spence and Wiley each had two. Huntley and Micah Wiley each scored one.

Aaron Wiley led the team in assists with three. Brunt, Buchanan, Kedgley, Kruzan and Spence each had one.

The Indians played Middleburg this past Tuesday (Jan. 17) and will end the regular season with a home match against Palatka on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.



ABOVE: Hope Christian Academy varsity player Marcus Cheer (right) puts up a shot as teammate Dalton Thomas looks on in the Lions' 66-31 win over Corinth Christian. RIGHT: Hope varsity player Brook McCloud (right) dribbles along the baseline in the Lions' 42-23 win over Corinth Christian.



HOOPS

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8-6. Keystone went 0-of-3 from the field to start the second quarter before Channell scored off her own steal to even it up at 8-8. That began an 9-0 run.

Channell later came up with another steal and was fouled on her way to the basket. The Indians had gone 2 of 11 at the foul line up to that point, but Channell sank both attempts to put Keystone ahead 10-8.

A Kaitlin Brown steal led to Channell getting put on the foul

line again. She made both free throws to put the Indians up by four. Brown then scored off an offensive rebound and was fouled in the process. She made the ensuing free throw to make the score 15-8.

The Tornadoes finally scored when Alysia Rentz grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on her putback attempt. She made both free throws at the 3:50 mark of the quarter.

Gemma Rodriguez came up with a steal for Bradford and was fouled on a shot attempt. She sank both of her free-throw attempts to make the score 15-12.

After adding two more points on free throws, Keystone got back-to-back three-pointers from Brynn Creekmore and Bryant. Both baskets occurred following steals by Kadence Massey.

Bradford's Ayanna Pringle scored off an offensive rebound before the end of the half to make the score 23-14.

The Tornadoes scored the first six points of the third quarter. An Ajjyah Jackson steal set up an Ar'Nayshia Griffin basket. Nichelle Brown scored following her own steal and then added another basket when she grabbed a defensive rebound and went the length of the court.

Keystone's Jaynell Hill scored off an offensive rebound before Bradford's Brown scored her third basket of the quarter, making the score 25-22.

The Tornadoes turned the ball over on their final four possessions of the quarter, while Channell knocked down a foul-line jumper to send the Indians into the fourth quarter leading 27-22.

Griffin had the first points of the fourth quarter off a rebound putback, but Keystone scored four straight, with Dezaray Bright knocking down a jumper and Channell making two free throws.

It was 31-25 when Griffin went to the foul line for the Tornadoes with 1:54 remaining. She went 1 of 2, but rebounded the miss. Bradford missed three shot attempts before the Indians' McKinlee Kirkland grabbed a defensive rebound.

Bradford, after a free throw by Keystone's Bright, missed another three shot attempts before Brown sank a three-pointer before buzzer for the 32-

28 final.

The Indians, who won their fourth straight game, got five points from Brown, four points from Bryant, three points each from Bright and Creekmore, two points from Hill and one point from Massey.

Bright grabbed 10 rebounds, while Brown and Channell each had five. Brown and Channell also had four steals each.

Nichelle Brown led the Tornadoes with 12 points, while the team also got five points from Griffin, three points from Kah'myra Hankerson and two points each from Pringle, Rentz, Rodriguez and Jada Hankerson.

Bradford (9-6) entered the game off a 39-26 win at Palatka on Jan. 10. Griffin scored seven of her game-high 15 points in the opening quarter as the Tornadoes built an eight-point lead.

Brown scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter to help Bradford take an 11-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Bradford also got six points from Jackson, four points from Pringle and two points each from Tamani Cray and Jada Hankerson.

Keystone, which played St. Augustine on Jan. 13 and Fleming Island on Jan. 16, will host Fort White on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians travel to play Baldwin on Friday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. before returning home to play Union County on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

The Tornadoes travel to play Gainesville on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. and will also play road games against Andrew Jackson on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. and P.K. Yonge on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

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\$1K donation is more good news for KHHS track program

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Keystone Heights High School's track and field program received a \$1,000 donation from Team Florida Track Club, which was presented to student-athletes, coaches and administrators on Jan. 13 by Team FTC board member Stirling Myles.

The Gainesville-based Team FTC was founded by 2004 KHHS graduate Enoch Nadler and his wife, Angela. Nadler, who enjoyed a standout athletic career at the University of Florida, said Team FTC, which offers coaching and evaluation, has grown from 300 members around the onset of the pandemic to 600 today.

"The Florida Track Club is thriving, which means we're able to make an impact," Nadler said.

As for being able to support the track and field program at his high school alma mater, Nadler said, "It's really meaningful to give back in that way."

KHHS Principal Laurie Burke said, "When you have been successful as a graduate and you give back to your community, it's more than just a donation. You are giving back as an alumnus to the school to make it better for the kids who are now here. You just can't replace that. That is just an amazing thing for someone to do."

Nadler has worked with KHHS track and cross country runners in the past and was invited to talk to the current student-athletes by KHHS Coach Chris Thomas. Thomas said all he wanted was for the student-athletes to have the chance to talk and listen to someone who was once in their shoes. It was value

enough for student-athletes to hear from someone who enjoyed competitive success in high school and after high school and is successful in life.

"An alumnus giving \$1,000? It's beyond words," Thomas said when asked what the donation meant. "It's beyond what I was prepared for. It's beyond what I was looking for."

The monetary gift adds to what has been an exciting year for the KHHS track and field program. A new rubber-surface track was installed as part of a Clay County School District project, replacing the asphalt track that was installed in 1977.

Since then, the track received little in the way of improvements.

"I don't think there was anything ever done to it, other than maybe painting the lines one time," KHHS Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson said.

Thomas, who believes the new track will entice more students to become involved in track and field, said, "This is a long time coming. We went from asphalt with potholes to a brand-spanking-new, updated, rubberized track with brand-new lines. It's clean. It looks good. It feels good."

Burke, who was a standout in track and field when she was a student at KHHS, said it warms her heart to see the new track.

"It is fantastic," she said. "Going back on my track days, the only time I ran on rubber tracks was basically at district, regional and state runs. To have it at my home is amazing."

"I'm a little jealous because it was always fun running on a rubber track."

Though the school isn't ready



Keystone Heights High School's track and field athletes and coaches accepted a \$1,000 donation from Team Florida Track Club board member Stirling Myles on Jan. 13. Team FTC was founded by 2004 KHHS graduate Enoch Nadler and his wife, Angela. Pictured on the school's new track are: (front, l-r) coaches Helen Moncrief and Mary Shaw, Principal Laurie Burke, Jaden Park, Jason Parales, Ryeland Wahl, Ryder Thomas, Garrett Jones, Kerrington Norman, Kaylee Park, Kiersten Shaw, Coach Jessica Thomas, Myles, (back, l-r) Anthony Peak, Josiah Durrenberger, Tyler Griffin, Olivia Griffin, Lexi Taylor, Kendall Gagnon and coaches Chris Thomas and Stuart Robertson. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

to begin hosting track and field meets this year, it plans on doing so in 2024, which would mark the first time that has happened since the 1990s.

Still, that doesn't mean the new track isn't useful in 2023. Nadler said track athletes now have a safer, better surface to train on.

"It's not fighting an uphill battle like when I was there," Nadler said, adding that the track was probably used more by driver's ed students than track

athletes when he was at KHHS.

Thomas is excited, saying, "This is going to help us, actually, with our speed because you rebound off this rubber track. It's so much faster than the old asphalt-style track. This is where everybody's at. This puts us — Keystone — on the same level as all the higher schools we compete against."

Though Nadler participated in track and field (and cross country) at UF, he said it's nice to see KHHS have a track that

won't prevent student-athletes from setting high goals.

"It's hard to really dream big when you don't have the facilities (to support that dream)," Nadler said.

Thomas said the Team FTC donation will help purchase equipment so that KHHS can be in a position to host track and field meets. For example, the school has probably enough hurdles for one or two lanes, and those don't adjust in height like they should, Thomas said.

Work on the new track began in July 2022. To accommodate the project, the school didn't host a football game until the fourth week of the season. After football season, the work was completed, with the school's soccer teams playing all their games away until this month.

The project also included the installation of fencing and sidewalks.

"Hopefully, it's something the school takes pride in," Dickinson said.

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39 seconds on the clock. When play resumed, Thomas Williams was successful in a steal attempt, which led to his layup and a 46-45 Union lead with 35 seconds left.

DeMartino answered at the other end to put the Indians back on top. He then came away with a steal underneath his own basket and was fouled with 5.2 seconds remaining. DeMartino made 1 of 2 free throws before Jenkins' unsuccessful three-point attempt at the buzzer.

Thomas Williams, who had 13 of the Tigers' 18 fourth-quarter

points, finished with 26 points. Union also got six points from Jones, five points from Dee Williams, two points each from Andersen-Davis, Jenkins, Paytee and Ross, and one point from Nichols.

The game capped a 1-2 week for the Tigers that began with a 48-40 loss at Branford on Jan. 9. Dee Williams led the team with

10 points, while also adding nine rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Thomas Williams and Jenkins scored nine and eight points, respectively. Nichols added five points and three assists, while Andersen-Davis and Jones each had four points.

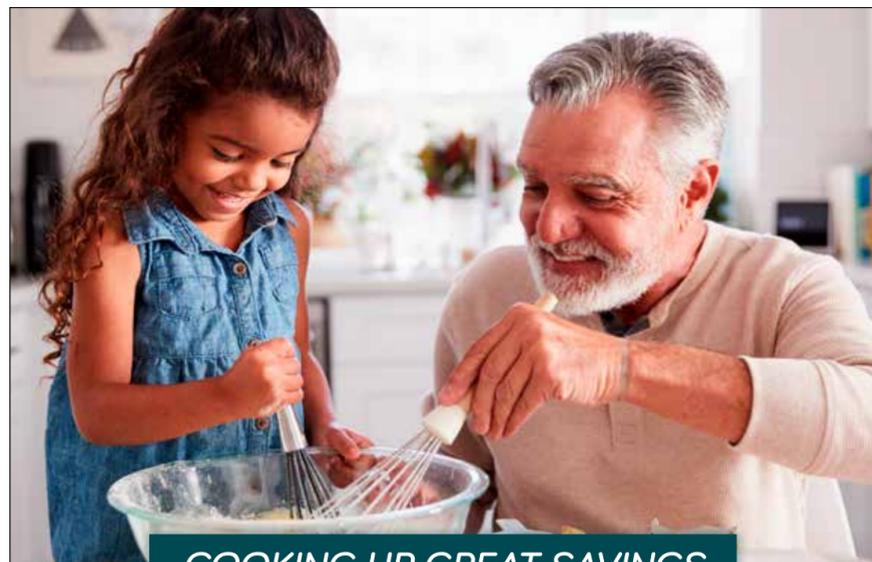
Union bounced back with a 20-point effort from Thomas

Williams in a 69-41 win over visiting Dixie County on Jan. 12. Williams also had four steals and three assists.

Nichols had 14 points, six assists and six steals, while the Tigers also got nine points from Jones, eight points each from Jenkins and Dee Williams, and two points each from Andersen-Davis, Paytee, Ross, Jayce Puni

and Jason Thomas.

The Tigers played Interlachen this past Tuesday (Jan. 17) and host Keystone Heights on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. Union travels to play Trenton on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play Bell on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m.



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