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## Santa Fe president urges community to answer 'call to action'

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford County must answer a call to action in supporting its youth and enabling them to achieve future success — a call that Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie II said aligns with the beliefs of Martin Luther King Jr. and is proven necessary by data.

Broadie, who was the featured speaker at the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Service Awards Banquet, which was held Jan. 15 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center, said he had no hesitation in deciding what he wanted to talk about when he was invited to do so. He said the decision wasn't easy because he's a college president, but because of the power of education.

"The dictionary defines education as a process of giving and receiving," Broadie said. "That's true, but I want to expand on that. When I think about education, I think of education in terms of opening minds, unlocking potential, creating opportunities, provoking critical thinking and providing the tools that allow an individual to realize their dreams.

"By the way, a community has great power to change a life. Hold on to that for a little while. You — every single person in this room — has great power to change a life and demonstrate the



**Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie speaks at the fifth annual Concerned Citizens of Bradford County Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Service Awards Banquet.**

critical importance of education."

Broadie said data tells a story as well as calling people to action. With that in mind, he shared how 22 percent of Bradford County citizens are living in poverty. When looking at just children, that rises to 36 percent. Though he described Bradford High School as "strong," based upon its 88-percent graduation rate, Broadie said of those who graduate, only 17 percent go on to earn an associate's degree, while only 10 percent go on to earn a bachelor's degree.

"Those numbers represent a call to action," Broadie said, adding, "Poverty should never define or confine an individual or a community.

Instead, it should be used as a tool to inspire individuals to reach for prosperity.

"It is our job — Santa Fe College and every single person in this room — to show individuals the way, to provide an opportunity for a better future, a future that breaks cycles of poverty and generational poverty."

Broadie said Santa Fe College and Bradford County as whole have work to do, referencing the following Martin Luther King quote: "If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl; but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

"Bradford County, we must fly, run,

walk and crawl, but first, we must rise to the challenge that our community faces," Broadie said.

It's a call to action that Bradford County and the college share, Broadie said, adding that Santa Fe College and Concerned Citizens of Bradford County both strive to "lend a helping hand in our county, our communities and our surrounding areas in all positive aspects."

Broadie talked of how Martin Luther King said how education must allow one to reach his or her "legitimate goals" in life and that the goal of "true education" is "intelligence plus character."

"Everyone deserves to reach the legitimate goal of their life. We are here to make that possible," Broadie said, adding, "Education can change a life. More importantly, I have witnessed again and again how education can break cycles of poverty and close equity gaps."

Broadie remembered his own life and how his family seldom saw his father, while he was working two jobs and going to school. When his father finished school, the family's life began to change. His father worked only one job and was at home more often. The type of home the family lived in improved.

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**WORTH NOTING**

## Sen. Rubio's staff at senior center

Sen. Marco Rubio's office will be holding mobile office hours at the Bradford County Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 10-11:30 a.m. The senior center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

If you have any issues with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Affairs benefits, USCIS, the IRS or any federal agency, a representative from the senator's office will be available to meet with you to see how they may be of assistance. Please plan to attend to meet your local staff and find out the services Sen. Rubio's office offers.

## Democrats meet Jan. 24

Bradford County Democrats will hold their first meeting of the new year on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the office at 1080 Pine St. in Starke (entrance from Jenkins Street), and also on Zoom.

The group will review the past year and make plans for the coming election year. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

To receive the Zoom link, contact [bradfordcodec@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordcodec@gmail.com) or 904-526-2257. To attend in person, please wear your mask.

## Graduation rates up and down across area

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Florida high school graduation rates were released this month and nearly 93% of students graduated on time in Clay County.

While the percentage was slightly down from 2020, Clay County schools still had one of the highest average graduation rates in the area.

At 95.6%, Columbia County had the second highest graduation rate in the state, following Lafayette's 97.5%. Union County High School achieved the highest percentage increase in the state, rising 8.7% to 88.3%

Alachua was up slightly to 90.1%, while Baker fell to 86.6%

Bradford High school was also down in 2021 to 85%, according to the Florida Department of Education.

This was the lowest average of the surrounding counties.

Recall, Bradford County School District was previously investigated by DOE's Office of Inspector General for a change in its pupil progression plan that allowed the district to classify withdrawing students — including those leaving for a GED or other adult education program — as homeschool students whether they ever participated in homeschool or not. Doing so allowed those students to be removed from school rolls without being categorized as dropouts, which falsely inflated the district's graduation rate.

While not the lowest in the state, Bradford's graduation rate is among the lowest. Only nine other counties out of 67 reported a lower graduation rate.

## Raiford woman shot at dog, then at its owner

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Union deputies arrested a 59-year-old Raiford woman after she shot a handgun toward a neighbor's dog that was in her back yard, and then shot at the dog's owner.

Donna Susan Green was arrested on Jan. 13 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to an arrest report, Green called 911 to let deputies know that she fired the weapon only to scare off the dog and aimed into the ground.

Deputy Staci L. Stock wrote in the report that when she arrived on the scene, Green was sitting at one end of her porch and a black handgun was lying at the other end.

Green told the deputy that she was in her kitchen when she spotted the neighbor's dog wandering into her yard.



Green

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# BROADIE

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"I never forgot that because it was education that allowed that to happen," Broadie said. "Our mission at (Santa Fe College) is to expose as many people as possible to the power of education."

During his career in education, Broadie has seen single mothers rise from poverty into the middle class. He's seen those who've committed criminal offenses not only not repeat as offenders, but go on to become gainfully employed. He's seen individuals who were on the wrong path change their course and flourish as a result. He's seen first-generation college students inspire their entire family to go to college.

"As we have done and will continue to do in Bradford County, we will unlock the talents that reside within

individuals and provide avenues for them to advance their lives," Broadie said.

Broadie said his parents told him he could do anything if he followed his dreams. They let him know that he mattered and provided the belief in his ability to achieve whatever he wanted in life.

Those words had power. "I make it a point — and I'm going to ask you to make it a point — to let people know that they matter," Broadie said. "Some of our youth are lost because they don't think they matter. They don't think they can achieve."

"If you take nothing else from my remarks, let people know they matter. Believe me, your belief in others' abilities will inspire them more than you will ever know."

Broadie encouraged Bradford County to rise to the challenge of words recently uttered by Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter Bernice King: "Educate,

communicate, achieve."

"We are all accountable for the success of this community," Broadie said. "Just like Martin Luther King did, we must inspire individuals to dream and achieve — to achieve what they never thought possible. When they achieve it, we must tell them to keep going because the possibilities are endless."

The Santa Fe College president then told the room what the school was doing to help students achieve. He mentioned how Andrews Center Director Gina Greenidge is working to expand dual-enrollment opportunities, with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education and how students are benefitting from programs such as Talent Search and Upward Bound.

"Our college has added an Educational Opportunity Center, which is helping individuals aged 19 through 65 here in Bradford County earn credentials and



Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie (center) received a Drum Major Service Award and was named an honorary member of Concerned Citizens of Bradford County. He's pictured with Alica McMillian (far left) and Glenda Ruise.

secure employment," Broadie said.

One of the school's efforts is particularly exciting, Broadie said. SF Achieve gives Santa Fe a presence in Bradford High School, with college specialists working with students on pre-college curriculum, filling out college applications and financial-aid forms, and giving them look at career

opportunities, whether achieved through college-degree programs or career technical training.

Broadie said the college is also committed to helping students pay for books or even, in some instances, covering academic costs not covered by financial aid.

"The power of education is great," Broadie said. "At Santa Fe, we're doing everything we

can to make sure we reach as many people as possible. I'm going to take a liberty in saying I don't think Dr. King would have it any other way.

"Every student in Bradford County is a bright light. We will ensure that those lights shine as bright as possible.

"Remember the words spoken by Dr. King's daughter: 'Educate, communicate, achieve.'"

In closing, Broadie encouraged people to not ask children what they want to be when they grow up. Instead, he said the question should be this: "What can you be when you grow up?"

"Every one of us has the power to change a life and transform a community," Broadie said. "We all have the ability to turn hopeless to hope and dreams to reality."

"I personally and Santa Fe College join you as we rise to the challenge and make a difference in the lives of others."

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# 5 receive Drum Major Service Awards at MLK banquet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

Ricky Thompson, Esther B. Kelly, Rebecca Gloria Brown, Charlie J. Brown and Tedrick Brown were honored as being living examples of that Martin Luther King Jr. at the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County’s fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Service Awards Banquet, which was held Jan. 15 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center.

“Thank you to all of our recipients tonight for the community service that each of you provides thanklessly,” said Starke Mayor Janice Mortimer. “We at the Concerned Citizens wanted to take this opportunity tonight to let you know that your work is not in vain. We know and recognize and appreciate it.”

The Drum Major Service Awards derive their name from a sermon Martin Luther King gave at Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist Church two months prior to his assassination. King spoke of the day when people would reflect upon his life and described how he’d want to be remembered, using the illustration of a drum major, who is recognized as the leader of a marching band.

“If you want to say I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice,” King said as part of his sermon. “Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness.”

## Ricky Thompson

Mortimer was joined by Bradford County Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang in presenting the awards. The night’s first recipient was Thompson, a 64-year-old Starke native who co-owns the Downtown Grill with his wife, Chrissy. He worked 40 years for the city of Starke, including serving two terms as clerk (2013-2020). He also held positions of operations manager, project director, power and gas coordinator, safety director, power broker and power plant mechanic.

“Ricky is also an accomplished musician, playing guitar, mandolin, dobro and most noted for the pedal steel guitar,” Mortimer said.

Mortimer described Thompson as civic-minded, noting that he participates with the Rotary Club of Starke, Relay for Life, the city’s recreation department, Boy Scouts of America and Starke Downtown Merchants as well as Concerned Citizens of Bradford County.

“His heart and soul are definitely in Bradford County and the city of Starke,” Mortimer said. “One quirky fact about Ricky is that Ricky was born in Starke and never left — no more than 5 miles has he traveled.”

## Esther B. Kelly

Kelly worked at the Bradford



Starke Mayor Janice Mortimer and Ricky Thompson

County Clerk of the Court’s office, retiring as finance director and computer programmer. She served as pastor at Christ United Methodist Church, Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she’s currently associate pastor.

“Rev. Kelly’s mission is to be a servant of the Most High,” Mortimer said. “Her personal commitment is to continue to do all she can for the glory of God, to help encourage everyone — from the youngest to the oldest — to keep looking up and keep their faith in God, no matter what they’re going through.”

Mortimer also shared Kelly’s personal testimony, which she read in Kelly’s words: “As I battle cancer for the third time, I know that He’s keeping me here for a reason. As such, we all must remember the most important thing we do should be to please God and let His will be done and not ours.”

Kelly’s favorite scripture is Isaiah 40:31: “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

In accepting her award, Kelly challenged those in attendance to be selfless and strive to help others.

“That’s how God will bless you,” she said. “That’s how God will keep you. Selfishness will get you nowhere.”

## Rebecca Gloria Brown

Mortimer shared Rebecca Gloria Brown’s approach to life, using Brown’s own words she submitted in writing to express her love for God and people and how her “purpose is my passion, so whatever my hands find to do, I do it with all my heart.”

Brown also wrote: “As I look at the great need for direction for our young adults and our next generation, I try living to be an example of good, helping and sowing love however possible.

Mortimer shared a quirky fact about Brown, saying that when she gets a short nap in, she’s good to go.

Brown took the opportunity to address the crowd, saying, “I just would like to say thank you very much for this recognition. I was surprised when it came my way. I live in the Speedville area, and I’m pretty content out there. When it was sent to me that I was being recognized, it was like, ‘For what?’”

“My greatest desire is just to live what I’m about. Just to live it. I’ve come a long way. God is the answer. I’m with Pastor Esther there. God is the way. He is the answer. He’s brought me a long way, and I’m just so very grateful to God.

“I know if He’s brought me where he’s brought me to, He’ll do it for you.”

## Charlie J. Brown

Charlie J. Brown was born and raised in Hampton. Mortimer described him as a “hard-working man” who served in the Army for three years and worked at DuPont for 36 years before his retirement.

He coached Lawtey’s club baseball team and has coordinated the team’s annual trips since 1975.

Brown, who’s a member of Mt. Zion AME Church in Lawtey, and his wife, Mary, have been married for 58 years. His goals are to see his grandchildren graduate from college and become productive citizens.

“Quirky fact about Charlie J. Brown: Charlie can tell you about the time and date of any incident in the past,” Mortimer said. “He can tell you the exact location and anyone who was there at the time. Oh, yes — he’s also a human GPS.”

Upon receiving his award, Brown said, “I was born and raised in Hampton. I’ve been a citizen of Lawtey for 57 years. When I came home from the Army, my wife, Mary, was in Lawtey, so that’s where I stopped.”

## Tedrick Brown

Tedrick Brown is the brother of Charlie J. Brown. Therefore, he, too, was born and raised in Hampton. He was the nine of 10 children reared by Charlie and



Mayor Mortimer, Esther Kelly and Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang



Rebecca Gloria Brown



Charlie Brown



Tedrick Brown

Elizabeth Brown.

Brown retired from the Bradford County School District in 2010 after working there for 34 years as a bus driver. He also worked as a custodian at North Florida Technical College when his bus duties were completed.

While driving a bus, Brown had opportunities to drive Bradford’s Special Olympics athletes to events in Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

“During that time, he got to meet some awesome students who were working hard to represent their school and county,” Mortimer said.

Brown has operated his own business — Brown’s Floor Care — for the last 20-plus years. Mortimer said Brown’s business motto is: “No job is too tough for us.”

Brown and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for 55 years. He serves as chairman of the deacon board at Macedonia Baptist Church. His favorite scripture is Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I

walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

As with most of the other award recipients, Mortimer presented a quirky fact about Brown.

“Some of his former bus riders — and some of you may be in here tonight — joke about him on social media being the bus driver who would leave you the quickest if you were not at the bus on time,” Mortimer said.

After being presented with his award, Brown said, “I thank God for allowing me to be here tonight. I’m having some health issues now, but I still thank God for being here 74 years.”

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# Youth urged to embrace opportunities at MLK event

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Monday marked the celebration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, and in Bradford County that included celebrating those who continue to be inspired by his example.

The Jan. 17 program at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center recognized honorees Charlie and Tedrick Brown, Pastor Gloria Rebecca Brown, Minister Esther Kelly and retired City Clerk Ricky Thompson, as well as students involved in Upward Bound. (See related stories.)

The youth centered program also recognized athletes from Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School, including the undefeated BMS girls basketball team.

The youth-centered program also served as an opportunity to motivate them to higher achievement.

"I just want to let you know how beautiful you are because most everybody out there, you represent our young folk, our next generation, our future," said County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, who presided over the program.

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian said the organization was formed following school desegregation to preserve the RJE campus and prevent it from becoming a bus barn. Today it persists in supporting the community and its youth.

"They say you're lost, but that's a lie," McMillian said. "We're going to do everything we possibly can to help you if you want to be helped."

The community's and school district's partnership with Santa Fe College has made it possible for anyone who wants an education to receive it, whether they have money or not, said McMillian. Be it a two- or four-year degree, or certification in a trade, it's an opportunity they need to take advantage of, she said.

"All the assistance that's available to you now, we didn't have," she said.

McMillian attended Santa Fe on a scholarship before completing her education at the University of Florida and the University of North Florida. The decision to get married in her final year delayed obtaining her degree. After becoming a mother, she decided to finish the work and obtain her bachelor's degree, but instead of a single year, it took seven years of traveling to Jacksonville twice a week after work.



Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian



County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner



Minister Bruce Griner and the MLK Choir



BMS girls basketball team and their coaches



BHS Homecoming King Jaquan Bryant



BHS Homecoming Queen Santee Blye

"If you don't get it now while you're young, it's going to be hard. I'm not saying you won't get it, but it's going to be difficult," she said.

"Get your education. You're going to need it. Don't let anyone tell you any different," said McMillian, remarking how some students are graduating high school and receiving a two-year college degree along with their diploma. "Come on, guys! I wish I had that then," she said, urging them to wake up and stop wasting time on social media.

"Leave Facebook alone, it ain't nothing but trouble. Leave TikTok alone, it ain't nothing but

trouble," she said, calling it "a bunch of foolishness" and telling parents to do their part to shut it down.

"I'm saying this because I see you young people, I see potential," she said. "I want y'all to do good. Please, wake up. You ain't perfect, but if you mess up, straighten it up, get it together. You've got the opportunity."

Dr. King isn't dead, McMillian said. He has just gone home.

"You need to follow him," saying he was more than a tool used by God, he was a prophet. She emphasized his message of nonviolence, telling the youth you follow King by embodying



Jimmy "Soldchylid" Hankerson Jr.

his nonviolence, and that starts with having a nonviolent mind. Once it's there, no one can take that peace away.

The program also included prayers and presentations by BHS Homecoming King and Queen Jaquan Bryant and Santee



School Board Chair Sheila Cummings

Blye, Carnell Williams, music from Minister Bruce J. Griner and the MLK Choir, and a praise dance by Jimmy "Soldchylid" Hankerson Jr.

## 'Omicron is like having a bad cold'

Health officer hopes pandemic nears end

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The leader of the Florida Department of Health's Clay County office said the COVID-19 Omicron variant spreads faster than earlier versions of the virus but causes less severe symptoms.

Heather Huffman told county commissioners during their Jan. 11 meeting that new cases of the latest variant in Clay County are between 400 and 500 a day.

She added that the latest infections are not resulting in the hospitalizations and fatalities the county saw during the Delta

variant surge last summer.

"Listening to the interviews with the actual cases," she said, "it's like having a bad cold. That's what we're hearing over and over again."

Huffman said that based on her interviews with hospital administrators, the newest variant is not impacting Clay hospitals like the Delta strain did.

"We're not seeing a huge surge like we saw with the Delta surge where you had 30 people waiting for beds in the emergency room and then the EDs were backed up," she told commissioners. "We're not seeing the deaths that are going along with it too."

Huffman said the behavior of the Omicron variant is indicative of what happens at the end of

a pandemic, especially with higher rates of vaccination and immunity.

"We really are seeing that this will become an endemic virus," she said, "meaning that it will become similar to the flu where it mutates year to year. We will have to track those and look for vaccines to upgrade them each year for boosters."

"I'm not going to say that there's not going to be more waves of different variants," Huffman added, "but this is typical of a virus cycle, especially during a pandemic, seeing this go into an endemic phase."

Huffman said that of the 708 Clay County deaths attributed to COVID-19, half occurred during the Delta surge.

### COVID Infections

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Dec. 30 Jan. 6 Jan. 13

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Positivity rates as of Jan. 13 had risen to 32.7% in Bradford, 33.7% in Clay and 40.7% in Union.

## Upcoming food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Thursday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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

## Hot Meals and a Prayer

Come to the Bradford County

Faith Community Center for hot meals served up with prayer on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. the center is located at 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

## Church blood drive Jan. 30

Greater Allen Chapel AME Church will host a blood drive on Sunday, Jan. 30, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All donors will receive a free recognition item and cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show a photo ID. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

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**Hope Christian Academy leadership worked months on the re-accreditation review process. The accreditation team is (front, l-r) Director of Early Ed and VPK Theresa Frazier; Head of School Terry Denmark; Director of Education K5-12 Rachel Morgan; (back) Director of Finance Marcial Lee; Food Services Director Chef Jeff Cockayne; and Accreditation Team Leader and Director of Public Relations, Virginia Denmark. Photo: Amanda Cockayne.**

## Hope Christian Academy granted national re-accreditation status

Head of School Terry Denmark announced this week that Hope Christian Academy has earned re-accreditation status from the International League of Christian Schools by meeting national standards for academic excellence.

“This is a monumental achievement not only for Hope Christian Academy to be state and nationally accredited, but also for the community of Hope Christian Academy and Christian education,” stated League of Christian Schools Executive Director Michael Burroughs. “We are honored to recognize such a great school and know that parents and students will value this recognition.”

The ILCS raised their standards even higher over the past few years, and Denmark said, “The increased raising of standards by ILCS strengthens our resolve in the pursuit of excellence in Christian education. Our amazing results-oriented staff work very hard to provide a solid foundation for our students through skillful, Christ-centered instruction and academic rigor.”

The ILCS/Florida League of Christian Schools provide nationally recognized accreditation for the purpose of continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. Hope Christian Academy staff completed a rigorous process of self-examination of the entire academy and also prepared an extensive self-examination report, which also included input from its stakeholders — their staff, students, board members and parents/guardians.

Program materials from all courses offered, testing, as well as material validating governance, facilities, student services, safety, and more, were sent for review to outside specialists chosen by ILCS. A team of nationally trained evaluators then traveled to Hope Christian Academy and conducted an onsite review including financial review, student services, teacher evaluations, and review of all procedures. Based on this entire process and the team’s report to the Accrediting Commission, Hope Christian Academy was granted accreditation for ILCS

(also Florida League of Christian Schools).

Hope Christian Academy has been an educational ministry of Hope Baptist Church serving the families in the local communities since 2001 offering services to infants through K3, VPK (K4), and K5 through 12th grades. Their students organizations — Key Club, National Honor Society, and Student Government Association — and award-winning athletics were also a part of the accreditation process examination.

Hope Christian Academy is located on State Road 100 in between Starke and Keystone Heights. More information can be found at myhopechristianacademy.org.

The League of Christian Schools has served quality Christian schools since 1983 as a primary choice for Christian preschool and K-12 accreditation promoting biblical, academic, and professional excellence in its member schools. The LCS is a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

## Active parenting class offered

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Mission of the Dirt Road is offering a class in January and February to help adults parents their teenagers.

The sessions entitled “Active Parenting of Teens” will cover methods of respectful discipline, skills for clear communication, strategies to prevent risky behavior and how to be an encouraging parent.

“We did a similar class for parents of elementary-aged children in the fall,” Mission Pastor Carey Moreford said, “and we knew there was interest

in the teen class.”

Moreford added that the sessions, which are held on Tuesdays through Feb. 25 are taught by the Hanley Foundation, and consist of video, group discussion and a book.

The curriculum is by Dr. Michael Popkin, who has been teaching active parenting since 1974 when he was a master’s student at Georgia State.

Popkin said he decided to devote his career to training parents after sitting in on a parenting class taught by one of his professors at an Atlanta church.

“I was amazed that parents

would hear a new concept or skill, go home and try it with their kids, and then come back and share these wonderful stories of how things were changing week by week,” he recalled. “I knew pretty early by the time I was 25 or 26 I’d be doing the rest of my career in parenting education.”

The classes are free and come with a complementary meal and childcare.

Moreford said that after a holiday break, classes are gearing up again at the mission’s location on SR 100. A career development series is also being offered on Tuesdays through Feb. 1.

## Letters

### Parties need young, intelligent leadership

Dear Editor:

We live in the greatest country in the world and we have the best political system ever devised by man. Yes, it is terrible, but until someone comes up with a better idea we need to make this mess work. The Democratic Party is all but dead. It has been taken over by a group of liberal politicians led by a northern senator who is an admitted Socialist.

The Republican Party is led by an ex-president that is so arrogant he can’t admit the majority of American voters don’t like him.

Both parties need young, intelligent leadership with strong energy, preferably with some experience in working in Washington, D.C. Maybe a governor or mayor of a big city.

The recent hostage situation in Texas is a perfect example of just how crazy it has gotten. A middle-aged man from Great Britain walked into a Jewish synagogue during Saturday service and took the rabbi and several members of the congregation hostage. This all happened on live TV as the service was being broadcast

to its members. The terrorist was armed with a hand gun and explosives. He wanted the release of a female prisoner who was being held in a local federal prison. If he didn’t get what he wanted, he would kill all the hostages and blow up the synagogue.

The city of Fort Worth was put on lockdown, as was the prison, where the female terrorist was being held.

The FBI was called in and, thank God, the situation was resolved with only the terrorist being killed.

This could happen anywhere. God bless America.

Thomas Smith

## Agency works to close foster parent gap

Partnership for Strong Families, the lead child welfare agency in North Central Florida, is seeking the community’s help recruiting foster parents, specifically in Dixie and Union counties as neither county has any licensed foster parents.

Dixie County currently has 10 youth in foster care while Union County has 23 youth in foster care. Without any licensed foster homes in these counties, PSF’s placement team must find homes for these youth outside of their home county. Moving a child outside of their home county can make a youth’s transition into foster care even more challenging.

“When a child is removed from their home and placed outside their county of residence, it makes it very difficult for them to maintain relationships with their friends. In some cases, when there are siblings who can’t be placed together, it may mean they do not get to see their brothers or sisters with any regularity. If the child is in school, being placed in a different county can mean they are unable to continue in sports or other activities they enjoyed in their home community,” says Stephen Pennypacker, CEO and president of Partnership for Strong Families. “Adding this disruption to what is an already traumatic time in their lives is something we should all work to prevent.”

Families who wish to help us provide more loving homes for youth in foster care are encouraged to contact a recruitment specialist at 352-213-7219 or HopePartner@psf.org to get the process started. One of the steps involved is graduating from the virtual PRIDE foster care training class. Families from Union County may sign up for an upcoming Lake Butler class running once a week from Feb. 17–April 14 from 6–9 p.m. Families from Dixie County may sign up for an upcoming Trenton class running once a week from March 15–May 10 from 6–9 p.m.

The need for foster parents exists across PSF’s 13-county area, and families from all these counties are welcome to call to learn more about becoming a foster parent.

“If being a foster parent is

something you are considering, we would love to talk with you further,” says Stevie Doyle, director of communications and engagement. “In order to become a licensed foster parent

in the state of Florida, you can be single, married or living with a partner, and you must be 21 years old. Our recruitment team will be able to walk you through the process and answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding foster care and if this is the right fit for your family.”

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# Crime

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

Jan. 8 through Jan. 14

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

Damian Neil Albritton, 29, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

Lewis Alexander Jr., 60, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 13 for burglary and larceny.

Hanna Elizabeth Anderson, 23, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 12 for reckless driving and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Peggy Sue Barton, 54, of Macclenny was arrested by Starke police for DUI.

Preston Lee Chestnut, 21, of White Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Christopher Lee Crawford, 33, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and destroying evidence.

Robin Michelle Dampier, 30, of Old Town was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 10 for a probation violation.

Arthur Lavern Desue, 58, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 14 for selling drugs and possession of drugs.

Jonathan Austin Deutsch, 42, of Ocala was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 10 for assault and battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's ex-girlfriend told police that she and the defendant were arguing about their relationship when the defendant slapped the victim and threatened to cut her throat.

Anthony Dwayne French, 59, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for selling cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Christine W. Fugatt, 41, of Callahan was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 8 for an out-of-county warrant.

Shantel Tonjia Latrece Guion, 29, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for possession of cocaine.

Marcel Vashawn Henderson, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Todd Hilliard, 50, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that the defendant pulled out in front of him on Madison Street in Lawtey.

After the victim avoided the collision and blew his horn, the defendant exited his truck, and during an argument with the victim, pulled both a knife and gun, threatening the man.

Winford Alphonso Howell, 41, of Alachua was arrested by Starke police and Bradford deputies for battery, driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of marijuana.

Rotissia Milwanda Irving, 43, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for selling cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Betsey Iris Johnson, 38, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 14 for a probation violation.

Zoykynda Branarri Long, 18, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for failure to appear.

Randall Eugene Manning, 40, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Ronald Dean McCloud, 29, of Green Cove Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 8 for battery and trespassing.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's girlfriend told deputies McCloud punched her in the face and choked her until she passed out. The incident occurred at the victim's home, and deputies found an active trespass warning against the defendant for the property.

Eddie Gene Padgett, 34, of Maxville was arrested by Lawtey police on Jan. 9 for larceny and fraud.

According to a sworn complaint filed by Bradford deputies, in May of 2021 the defendant purchased \$162 in merchandise from a Starke auto parts retailer, charging the purchases to the account of a timber company. A timber company employee told deputies the defendant did not have permission to charge the purchases to the company's account.

Danielle Perez, 34, of Lake City was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 11 for dealing in stolen property and using a two-way communications device while committing a felony.

Jakeal Damon Simmons, 27, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a conditional release violation.

According to an arrest report, the defendant, while arguing with one of four passengers in a vehicle said, "you better go find someone else to play with before I shoot up the car."

Police detained the defendant nearby and located a .22 caliber weapon in plain sight within the vehicle. Simmons denied making the threats.

Police also found an active pretrial release order for domestic battery under which Simmons was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Menietha Patricia Spencer, 58 of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 10 for selling cocaine, possession of cocaine and a probation violation.

Shawn Devon Steward, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 13 for driving with a revoked or suspended license and reckless driving.

Kaitlyn Nicole Watkins, 26, of

Starke was arrested on Jan. 9 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Sean Donovan White, 32, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 13 for battery and false imprisonment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's girlfriend told deputies they were arguing about their relationship when the defendant grabbed the victim by the hair and began swinging her around aggressively to the point that her glasses fell off. When the victim attempted to leave through a front gate, the defendant held the gate shut, until the defendant's mother intervened, allowing the victim to leave.

### Union

Lewis Alexander Jr., 59, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 12 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Jesse Bryant Carter, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 10 for vehicle theft.

Donna Susan Green, 59, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 13 for aggravated assault.

Howard Frederick Redding III, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 10 for larceny and possession of a weapon by a felon.

According to an arrest report the victim told deputies she saw the defendant leave her home with a white garbage bag. Soon after, the victim noticed the firearms were missing. Redding later admitted to a deputy that he took the two pistols from the house because another man was now living in the victim's home. The deputy also recovered the Ruger .38 caliber and Desert Eagle .40 caliber, which were buried near the Santa Fe River in Worthington Springs.

### Clay

Gary Edward Boyd, 41, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for violating a domestic violence injunction.

Lisa Renee Hunt, 34, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for a probation violation.

Shawn Adam Seiling, 48, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for domestic battery.

Travis Allen Wright, 36, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Jan. 10 for domestic battery, resisting an officer and violating a domestic violence injunction.

## 22-year-old killed in crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

MELROSE— The Florida Highway Patrol said a 22-year-old man was killed when his pickup ran off State Road 21 Sunday morning and ran into a ditch on the highway's west shoulder.

The crash occurred around 2:30 a.m. near County Road 214, midway between Keystone Heights and Melrose.

Troopers said the man was not wearing a seat belt. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Child: Woman tried to run over me

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Bradford deputies arrested a 23-year-old Starke woman after a boy said she tried to run over him.

Hanna Elizabeth Anderson, 22, was arrested on Jan. 12 for the May 24, 2021, offenses of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and reckless driving.

According to a warrant affidavit filed by Starke police, the victim told Officer Hunter Redding that while outside at Orangewood Apartments, he saw a car come around a corner, so he stepped onto a concrete curb and then into a grassy area.

"(The victim) advised that Hanna was driving and drove onto the concrete near the grass at which point (the victim) advised that is where Hanna almost hit him," Redding wrote



Anderson

in the affidavit. "(The victim) advised that after she almost hit him, she began to curse at him and an unknown male inside the vehicle flicked him off."

The boy, whose age was redacted from the document, said Anderson almost hit him a

second time.

"I asked the victim if he believed that the incident was intentional or if it was an accident," Redding added. "It was on purpose," the boy replied.

Anderson, in addition to two people who said they were in the vehicle at the time of the incident, said the defendant's vehicle did not come near the victim.

The boy's biological mother said she witnessed the incident and backed her son's story. She added that her current roommate and the defendant were once involved.

"The (roommate and defendant) apparently have a tumultuous relationship," wrote Officer Joe Silverstein, "stemming from the suspect thinking that the (mother) and (the roommate) are in a romantic relationship."

## Charges dropped for three

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The State Attorney's Office recently dropped pending felony cases against Ryan Michael Duford Jr., Jodi Ann Miller and Deborah Ann Wood.

Duford, a Fort White resident, was arrested on Sept. 30, 2021 for the alleged Feb. 21, 2021 offenses of burglary and larceny.

According to a sworn affidavit, the victim accused Duford and his father of stealing stereo

equipment from the back of a pickup truck in Hampton.

The father and son denied the accusation, and the primary evidence against the defendant were footprints of someone walking barefoot around the crime scene.

The victim said she saw Duford walking without shoes prior to the theft.

Miller was arrested on Aug. 27, 2021 for the alleged July 28 offense of vehicle theft.

According to a sworn

complaint, Miller's cousin, a Lawtey resident accused the defendant of stealing the cousin's van.

The victim told a Bradford deputy that Miller drove the van for the cousin and said she left the keys at the cousin's residence. The vehicle later went missing.

Wood was accused by a Starke retailer in 2017 of renting a washer and dryer valued at \$2,019, falling behind on payments and failing to return the items.

## Whipping offender avoids prosecution

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A man whom police arrested for whipping a child on Aug. 25, 2021, signed a pretrial intervention agreement with the State Attorney's Office, allowing him to avoid prosecution if he meets the terms of the agreement.

According to an arrest report,

Jorge Geovanni Aguilar, 36 was arrested after a juvenile told a Bradford deputy the defendant beat him with a folded belt and threatened to kill him.

"While speaking with (the victim) in the mother's presence, (the victim) lifted his shirt and I observed a red abrasion in the shape of a folded belt right below his left shoulder blade, as well as a large red abrasion on the small

of his back," wrote arresting officer Brandon Whitehead in the report.

Whitehead added that Aguilar first denied striking the child and making threats.

"Upon further investigation," Whitehead wrote, "Jorge admitted to spanking (the victim) but still denied making any threats to kill him."

## 18 months for possession of drugs

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE— A 36-year-old Starke man was sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading to a variety of charges, including possession of cocaine.

Circuit Judge James M. Colaw adjudicated Travis Edward Aldridge guilty after the defendant pleaded no contest to the Sept. 30, 2021, offenses of fleeing and eluding, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to an arrest report, Starke police arresting



Aldridge

officer Christopher Keel saw the defendant driving on East Brownlee Street and turn right onto Pine Street.

Keel wrote that he knew the defendant did not possess a valid license, so he activated his emergency lights and siren.

After a brief chase, the defendant turned into the driveway of an Old Lawtey Road residence, where he was detained by Keel.

Searches of Aldridge and his vehicle yielded 4.7 grams of cocaine, four grams of marijuana, two Molly pills, also known as MDMA or ecstasy, 1.5 Lortab pills, five oxycodone pills, and \$2,961 in cash.

## Not guilty by reason of insanity

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A circuit judge ruled a Bradenton man not guilty by reason of insanity after the State Attorney's Office and the defendant's lawyer filed a joint, stipulated motion.

Michael Anthony Mays III, 22 was arrested on Sept. 26, 2021, for grand theft auto and a second time on Oct. 21 for battery on a law enforcement officer.

According to an arrest report, the victim of the vehicle theft told deputies he parked his truck in front of a convenience store at the intersection of County Road

18 and State Road 100, then went inside to get a drink.

While in the store, he saw someone, later identified as Mays, ride a bicycle up to the store, get into the victim's truck, and begin to drive off.

The victim ran outside and confronted the defendant.

"When (the victim) opened the driver side door, Michael got out of the truck like nothing happened, grabbed his black bicycle and left toward Starke on SR 100," wrote arresting officer Cody Wells. Another deputy detained Mays and drove him back to the convenience store.

The following month Mays

was arrested a second time for striking two detention deputies while they attempted to move him.

In the stipulated motion the State Attorney's and Public Defender's offices wrote that at the time of both incidents, the defendant was legally insane and unable to distinguish between right and wrong or understand the consequences of his acts.

The parties said they relied on a psychological evaluation. They also wrote that Mays does not meet the criteria for involuntary hospitalization.

## GREEN

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"She further elaborated that she ran out of the back door and started yelling, telling the dog to get out of her yard," Stock wrote in the report. "She continued telling me that she shot in the dirt at the dog to scare it away."

The dog's owner told Master

Sgt. C.T. Hanlon that she was in her shed when she heard a gunshot.

The neighbor added that after she told Green she would get the dog and advised her to calm down, the woman continued to discharge rounds.

"She walked over to get the dog by the collar to bring it home, when Ms. Green shot at her from approximately five feet

away," according to Hanlon.

The round struck the ground to the left of the neighbor, one foot from where the neighbor was standing. The victim said Green then fired another round which struck the ground to the right of her feet.

Hanlon said bullet holes in the ground were in locations described by the victim.



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# Lake Butler Middle School selects top teacher

BY LARRY DUPEE  
Special to the Times

Through an introspective process of nomination and evaluation LBMS staff has chosen the Teacher Of the Year (T.O.Y) from the among faculty. When Emily Newsom was told that she was named Teacher of the Year she said that she “felt humbled to be chosen among so many deserving colleagues.” She also stated that she “appreciates the recognition that her peers have shown for her work in the classroom.”

Newsom grew up in Live Oak, Fl. She attended St Leo University where she earned her B.A. While attending college she met and married



LBMS Teacher of the Year  
Emily Newsom

Shawn, a Union County native. The Newsom’s spent the following eighteen years in Charlotte N.C. where Shawn’s job placed him. Emily taught at inner city schools in Charlotte for six years. She said that during this time her perception of the role educators play changed.

She said that growing up with many teachers she felt a sense of indifference to students need for emotional support. When she decided

to become a teacher, she said “It felt like it’s my calling.”

Newsom said that with many students, support beyond the educational level is important. Showing an interest in student development inspires confidence as individuals acquire skills that will define who they will become. Any teacher who “feels the calling” must love the job, which means loving working with the children as they grow and become unique individuals.

With today’s busy schedule many students are practically raising themselves and they need the love that true teachers are willing to share. The rule of love is that it exists in many forms, the more you give away the more you will

get back.

Newsom has been teaching for twenty years and has for the past five years been inspiring 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science and Math students at Lake Butler Middle School.

While teaching, Newsom is attending grad school to earn her Master’s in Education (MED) in curriculum and instruction. This degree will qualify her to move into administrative duties, however she said that she “can’t see myself leaving the kids.”

As well as teaching at LBMS she is also treasurer for the Union County Quarterback Club, chairperson of the school advisory council, a fifth grade team leader and

one of the parent coordinators for Project Grad. While handling these tasks, Newsom also mentors a student teacher and new teachers to LBMS.

In her leisure time she said she enjoys reading historical fiction... a lot!

She also likes spending time on the water with Shawn and their son, 17 and daughter, 15. Anywhere on the water is good at the lake, on the river and out in the ocean. That is when they are not at the cabin in the mountains of North Carolina... or of course at school!

“Newsom said, “I appreciate having the opportunity to work with the quality of educators that we have at LBMS. They are the best.”

## Legal Notices

### BRADFORD

#### NOTICE OF ACTION Bradford County

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING IN RE: The license to practice Nursing Kimberly Sullivan, R.N. 3216 West State Road 235 Brookler, FL 32622  
CASE NO.: 2021-09909  
LICENSE NO.: RN9497328  
The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Judson Searcy, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9898. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by February 17, 2022 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.  
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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that DONALD C LOTT LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number: 1286  
Year of Issuance: 2015  
Parcel Number: 05817-C-01500  
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0027  
Description of Property:  
SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
Name in Which Assessed: HANS JOACHIM HADAN ;  
Name on last tax roll, if different:  
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.  
Denny Thompson,  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
Bradford County, Florida  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk  
490TDA ACCOUNT NUMBER:  
R05817-C-01500  
Legal Description  
Parcel 1 - The West 75.00 Ft. of the East 525.00 ft. of the South 120.00 ft. of the North 720.00 ft. of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East being LOT 16,  
BLOCK C in recorded plat.  
Parcel 2 - The West 75.00 ft. of the East 450.00 ft. of the South 120.00 ft. of the North 720.00 ft. of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East being LOT 15, BLOCK C in unrecorded plat.  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No: 2020-CA-000062-CAAM  
NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2017-3,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

BRYAN K. STARLING A/K/A BRYAN KEITH STARLING, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure dated December 9, 2021 and entered in Case No. 2020-CA-000062-CAAM of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida wherein NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2017-3, is the Plaintiff and BRYAN K. STARLING A/K/A BRYAN KEITH STARLING; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRYAN K. STARLING A/K/A BRYAN KEITH STARLING; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BRYAN K. STARLING A/K/A BRYAN KEITH STARLING; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLS, AS ASSIGNEE OF CAVALRY SPV I LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF CHASE WASHINGTON MUTUAL, are Defendants, Denny Thompson, Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 at 11:00 AM on February 10, 2022 the following described property set forth

in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST ONE QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST ONE HALF OF SAID SECTION 16 AND RUN N 89 DEG 20 MIN 57 SEC E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 A DISTANCE OF 441.86 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN S 03 DEG 23 MIN 07 SEC W, 1105.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN S 06 DEG 15 MIN 49 SEC E, 562.50 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH ONE QUARTER (N 1/4) OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTH 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 826.08 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN N 00 DEG 40 MIN 59 SEC W, 330.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC W, 24.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN N 00 DEG 40 MIN 59 SEC W, 102.19 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC W, 475.53 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF BRAGGS BRANCH; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID BRANCH TO A POINT BEARING S 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC W, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC E, 433.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF, AND ACROSS THE EAST 107.25 FEET OF THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF.  
TOGETHER WITH:  
A 60 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND LYING 30 FEET LEFT AND 30 FEET RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTER-LINE:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN N 89 DEG 20 MIN 57 SEC E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 A DISTANCE OF 134.78 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01 DEG 13 MIN 54 SEC W, 1333.87 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 19 MIN 01 SEC W, 522.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN N 00 DEG 40 MIN 59 SEC W, 270.00 FEET TO THE END OF SAID EASEMENT CENTER-LINE.  
TOGETHER WITH 1983 SUMMIT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #H25499GL AND VIN #H25499GR AND 1967 Fleetwood, MOBILE HOME VIN #: DB7TST188 Title #: 2397008 Decal #: NONE RP #: R0007211  
More Commonly Known as: 11400 SW 162ND AVE., BROOKER, FL 32622  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
DATED in Bradford County, Florida this, 5th day of January 2021.  
DENNY THOMPSON  
As Clerk of Circuit Court  
Bradford County, Florida  
Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERALD E. WEBSTER  
Deceased.  
File No. 21-000113-CP-AXMX  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of GERALD E. WEBSTER, deceased, whose date of death was August 14, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is January 13, 2022.  
Personal Representative: James LaRue Williams 6087 Copper Drive Maccleenny, FL 32063  
Attorney for Personal Representative: LAUREN RICHARDSON LAW, PLLC Lauren N. Richardson, for the Firm Attorney for the Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 0083119 3620 NW 43rd Street, Suite B Gainesville, FL 32606 Telephone: 352-204-2224 E-Mail: lauren@laurenrichardsonlaw.com  
Secondary E-Mail: kristen@laurenrichardsonlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No: 2020-CA-000227-CAAM  
CIVIL ACTION  
DIVISION:  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff,  
vs.

JANICE M. MORTON A/K/A JANICE M. KELLY-BRYANT A/K/A JANICE MORTON-NICHOLS KELLY A/K/A JANICE M. NICHOLS, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 3, 2022, and entered in Case No. 04-2018-CA-000227 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for BNC Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, is the Plaintiff and Janice M. Morton a/k/a Janice M. Kelly-Bryant a/k/a Janice Morton-Nichols Kelly a/k/a Janice M. Nichols, Ullisban Shawn Bryant a/k/a Ullisban S. Bryant, Janice M. Kelly-Bryant, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 10th day of February, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
LOT 1 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 4 OF BLOCK 2 OF NAT WILLIAMS ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 67, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1439 N GROVE ST, STARKE, FL 32091  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
DATED in Bradford County, Florida this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Bradford County, Florida  
By: Lisa Brannon  
Deputy Clerk  
Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
(813) 221-4743  
CT - 18-013159

IN AND FOR  
OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, MICHIGAN  
Case No. 2021-507658-DO – Family Division  
JERRY LYNN SCOTT – Plaintiff  
vs.  
TAMMY YVONNE SCOTT a/k/a TAMMY ASQUITH – Defendant  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT TAMMY YVONNE SCOTT** – In the name of the people of the State of Michigan: **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment has been filed in your domestic action in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan. The matter is scheduled for hearing on February 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Julie A. McDonald at the Oakland County Circuit Court, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341. If you have a response to this motion, you must serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Kenneth D. Clayton at the Clayton Law Office, 2055 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320. Otherwise, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Last Known Addresses:

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JAMIE DENNARD WEBSTER A/K/A JAMIE L. WEBSTER  
Deceased.  
File No. 21-000100-CP-AXMX  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of JAMIE DENNARD WEBSTER A/K/A JAMIE L. WEBSTER, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is January 13, 2022.  
Personal Representative: James LaRue Williams 6087 Copper Drive Maccleenny, FL 32063  
Attorney for Personal Representative: LAUREN RICHARDSON LAW, PLLC Lauren N. Richardson, for the Firm Attorney for the Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 0083119 3620 NW 43rd Street, Suite B Gainesville, FL 32606 Telephone: (352) 204-2224 E-Mail: lauren@laurenrichardsonlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No: 2021-CP-0036  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
WILBUR HARVEY BATES, JR  
Deceased.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of Wilbur Harvey Bates, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was October 12, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, Ste 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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The date of first publication of this notice is JANUARY 20, 2022.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen M. Witt  
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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERALD E. WEBSTER  
Deceased.  
File No. 21-000113-CP-AXMX  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of GERALD E. WEBSTER, deceased, whose date of death was August 14, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
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Case No.: 04-2018-CA-000227  
DIVISION:  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff,  
vs.

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LOT 1 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 4 OF BLOCK 2 OF NAT WILLIAMS ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 67, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1439 N GROVE ST, STARKE, FL 32091  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
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### BHS Students Got Talent to be held Friday

Bradford High School's Class of 2023 presents "BHS Students Got Talent," which will be held Friday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

### Local DAR chapter meets on Feb. 7

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center (88 S.E. 75th St., Starke).

A \$10 brunch (payable at the door) is available.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Registrar Jane Argo Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.



Bradford won the District 5-1A girls weightlifting championship — the Tornadoes' second straight district title. Seven individuals won their weight classes, while 15 in all will compete at the Region 2 finals.

## Tornadoes lift way to district title

Bradford qualifies 15 for the Jan. 29 Region 2-1A finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School took first in seven of the 10 weight classes in capturing the District 5-1A girls weightlifting championship on Jan. 18 at Fort White High School.

It was the second straight district title for the Tornadoes, who had a team score of 74 to

place ahead of Palatka, which had a score of 61.

Bradford will send a total of 15 lifters to the Region 2 meet, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach. The top six in each weight class at the District 5 meet earned the right to advance.

Three Bradford lifters finished in first place by at least 155 pounds: Brianna Jordan with a 435 total (235 bench press, 200 clean and jerk) in the 154 class, Courtney Comer with a 440 total (255, 185) in the 169 class and

Mahailya Reeves with a 575 total (360, 215) in the unlimited class. Jordan and Comer were ahead of their nearest competitors by 155 and 165 pounds, respectively, while Reeves took her win by 170 pounds.

Hannah McFarland finished in first by 95 pounds, winning the 110 class with a 245 total (110, 135).

The Tornadoes' other champs were Mikayla Cooper with a 240 total (115, 125) in the 199 class, Takeirra Bakken with a 355 total (175, 180) in the 183 class and Gabby Oliver with a 340 total

(195, 145) in the 199 class.

Jessica Traylor finished as runner-up to teammate Reeves in the unlimited class with a 405 total (220, 185). Allie McFarland was a second-place finisher as well, compiling a 245 total (125, 120) in the 139 class.

Bradford had three earn third-place finishes: Abbie Markham with a 175 total (90, 85) in the 101 class, Breann Ponce with a 220 total (115, 105) in the 129 class and Raven Ford with a 250 total (125, 125) in the 154 class.

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### KHHS will send 11 lifters to regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School had individual champions in Ariel King and Grace Wagner and will send a total of 11 to the Region 2-1A girls weightlifting finals after their performances at the District 5 meet, which was

See KHHS, page 10

### Highland earns 5th for UCHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's Jaira Highland earned the right to compete at the regional level after her performance at the Jan. 18 District 5-1A finals, which were held at Fort White High School.

Highland placed fifth in the 199 class with a 235 total (125, 110).

The top six in each class qualified for the Region 2 finals, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach.

Union had two miss out on qualifying by one spot: Trista Tamburri with a 145 total (70, 75) in the 183 class and Tifton Roseke with a 205 total (105, 100) in the 199 class.

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Eight Bradford High School students who are in the Santa Fe College Upward Bound program were recognized as being Martin Luther King Model Scholars. Pictured (l-r) are: Jametrius Pringle, Breann Ponce, Jaleel Easley, Alysia Rentz, Ajjiah Jackson, Jada Harris and Elijah Williams. Not pictured: Zaeavion Small. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

# 8 BHS, Upward Bound students are selected as MLK Model Scholars

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Martin Luther King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Santa Fe College and its Bradford County Initiative and Upward Bound presented MLK Model Scholar Awards to eight Bradford High School students who are putting themselves on the best track so that they can help others in the future.

"We want to honor the students in the Upward Bound program who show the potential that Martin Luther King Jr. demonstrated with his life in making an impact and in making a difference," Bradford County Initiative Committee member Naima Brown said during a brief ceremony on Jan. 13 at BHS.

Upward Bound is a part of the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO program, which is designed to provide assistance to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Upward Bound accepts students that are potentially first-generation college students and whose families meet income requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education. Students receive information on how to complete college applications and resumes, attend college fairs and tour college campuses, learn professional etiquette and receive tutoring and work-study opportunities.

The end goal is to help students go to college.

Brown, who's also Santa Fe College's vice president for student affairs, said a little about each student as they received commemorative plaques.

Jaleel Easley has been in Upward Bound since the summer of 2021. He's a member of the Kiwanis Club of Starke's Key Club at BHS, participates in cross country and track and field, and enjoys photography. Easley is considering attending Florida A&M University or the University of Central Florida.

"We will see Jaleel making an impact in the field of psychology and modeling in years to come," Brown said.

Jada Harris, who's been in Upward Bound since 2018, plays basketball and enjoys participating in community service, traveling and watching YouTube. Colleges she's considering are Santa Fe and the University of South Florida.

"We will see her making a difference in the future as a pharmacist and a Realtor," Brown said.

Ajjiah Jackson has been in Upward Bound since the summer of 2021.

"Her friends will say she always has their back," Brown said, adding that Jackson "likes to get crafty and creative."

Jackson plays volleyball and basketball and is active in her church. Colleges she's considering are Santa Fe, FAMU and the University of Florida.

"We will see her making a difference with her life as she pursues (a career in) the medical

field as a pediatrician or pediatric nurse," Brown said.

Breann Ponce, who's been in Upward Bound since 2018, participates in weightlifting and softball, enjoys hunting and fishing and volunteers at Bradford Middle School. She's interested in attending Santa Fe College.

"You will see her making a difference in the lives of others as a future nurse," Brown said.

Jametrius Pringle has been in Upward Bound since 2019 and said he's enjoyed it because it's shown him "how college works," Brown said. He plays football and basketball, enjoys fishing as well as participating in Upward Bound and is interested in a career in criminal justice.

"You will see him making a difference in the future as a conservation officer," Brown said.

Alysia Rentz, who's been in Upward Bound since the summer of 2021, is a member of the junior varsity basketball team, plays clarinet in the marching band and plays bass clarinet in the symphonic band.

"She also has her own personal violin," Brown said.

Rentz is still deciding which colleges she's interested in attending.

"You will see her making a difference in the future in the field of medicine," Brown said.

Zaeavion Small wasn't present at the ceremony, but Brown said, "We know that we will see him making a difference in the field of business."



Santa Fe College Bradford County Initiative Committee members Shelia Cummings (far left) and Glenda Ruise (far right) present local Upward Bound Coordinator Yolanda Thomas with a Community Impact Award.

# Obituaries

## Laquasha Carroll

STARKE Laquasha D. Carroll, 33, of Starke died on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 at her residence. Born in Gainesville she was a lifelong resident of Starke. She was a member of Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church and a graduate of Bradford High School in Starke.

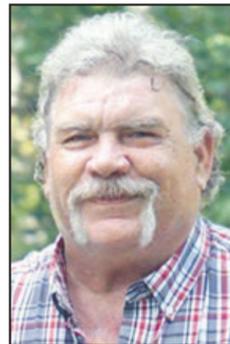
She is survived by her mother, Sheron McCutchen Risby; three children, Chelsie Curtis, Aleece Carroll and Khyrin Holmes; four sisters, TaKeirra Johnson, Latelisha Carroll, Rakia Carroll and Aniya Carroll; and a host of nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins, family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 21 from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. for friends at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke 904-964-7905 FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED. The Cortege will form at the home of Mrs. Risby at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 6912 N.W. CR 229, Starke, Pleasant Grove.. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Greater Bethlehem Freewill Memorial Garden Cemetery in Starke with Pastor Micheal McDuffie conducting the services. Interment will follow immediately after the services by Haile Funeral Home Inc. Please wear a Face Mask and practice Social Distancing.

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## Jimmie Clark

STARKE Jimmie William "Bo" Clark Jr., 62, of Starke passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Shands UF in Gainesville. He was born on Sept. 25, 1959 in Bradford County and was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from Bradford High School and played football for the University of Florida in 1977 and 1978. He was a member of Madison Street Baptist Church and the Lawtey Masonic Lodge. Prior to retirement he worked as an investigator for the Florida Department of Corrections, and, for the last 12 years has worked for Sears in Starke. Preceding him in death were his son, Jason L. Clark; father, Jimmie William Clark Sr., and his sister, Polly LuAnn Clark.



Survivors are his wife of 36 years, Josephine "Jo" Clark of Starke; children, Tisha (Michael) Calderin of Starke, Jimmie W. (Allyson) Clark III of Starke; his mother, Linda (McRae) Clark (Bill) Spivey of Starke; brothers, Clayton Clark of Starke, Johnnie Clark of Starke, and Dane Clark of Hampton. Also left are his grandchildren, Kenneth (Taylor), Morgan, Natalie, and Chason, along with his great grandchild, Shiloh; and many nieces; nephews; and others that knew him as "Uncle Bo."

The family will receive friends at Madison Street Baptist Church from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Charles Warren and Rev. Richard Cason officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to his beloved Tornado football team through the Tornado Touchdown Club, 620 N. Thompson St., Starke, FL 32091.

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# Obituaries

## Bobbie Harden

Bobbie William Harden passed away on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022. He was born on Aug. 17, 1958 to Charles William Harden and Irma Freida Steiner-Harden in Munich, Germany. He was raised along with his little sister, Peggy Jo in a German village called Schwabhausen. He believed there was no better place on Earth than where he came from and was very proud of his heritage. He had a unique perspective on life as his childhood was different than most. Two families, two languages, and a magical homeland he was blessed to return to throughout his life. He permanently came to the United States in 1969, where he graduated from Union County High School in 1976. He joined the United States Air force in 1977 where he served as a Law Enforcement Specialist. In 1981, he began a 30-year career with the Florida Department of Corrections, where he retired as a Captain in 2011. He was a proud father of three children. He spent his later years enjoying retirement, and spending time with the love of his life, his granddaughter Kamryn. His greatest joy in life was being a grandfather and he would proudly show off his "Kamika" to everyone he knew. He was an intelligent, kind, and loving soul, and he will be missed beyond measure. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Oskar and Freida Steiner; his Tante (Aunt) Paula Jorg; his brother, Jack Harden; his father, Charles William Harden, and his mother, Irma Freida Steiner-Harden.

In the United States, he is survived by his granddaughter Kamryn Hartley; his three children, Amanda Harden, Joshua Adkins, and Cody Harden; his sister, Peggy Jo (Carley) Broome; his brothers, Donnie Harden, Ronnie Harden, and John (Dawn) Mihalko; and his stepmother, Teri Harden. In Germany, he is survived by his cousins, Christine Weiss, Ralph (Marissa) Weiss, and Andi (Feli) Weiss.

A service to honor him will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation beginning at 12 p.m.

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## Samuel Mackey

Samuel "Joe" Douglas Mackey, Jr., 63, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, at St. Vincent's Riverside Center for Caring with his loving family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville on June 16, 1958, to the late Samuel Douglas Mackey Sr., and Joyce Ann Kristof Mackey. While attending Terry Parker High School, he worked at CSX until he graduated in 1977. He then pursued a career with JTA as a bus driver. In the mid 1980s, he met the love of his life, Kathryn Johnston, and they were happily married on May 6, 1989. He was a devoted husband, loving father, son, brother, and friend who loved his family dearly. He was an amazing provider; was hardworking and always had more than one job. He was also very family oriented and had a passion about being an active father; teaching and leading his daughters. He coached and umpired his girls for years and even drove their school bus throughout their elementary and middle school years. He was very successful in his career; he drove for JTA from 1985 until 2000, then was a school bus driver for the family business, Mackey Bus Services, from 2001 until 2008. Then he worked at Granger, delivering doors for new constructions for a few years, and finally worked at CSC as a security guard for many local events, concerts, and football games. When not working, he was cheering on the South Carolina Gamecocks and the Florida Gators, but WWE was a weekly must as he really enjoyed wrestling. He also enjoyed being outdoors, fishing at the lake, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lois Shortridge.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Kathy Mackey of Jacksonville; daughters, Haley Mackey of Jacksonville, and Kimberly (Travis) Duncan of Starke; sister, Debra (Bryan) Pennington of Middleburg; his fur ball grandpups; along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ferreira Funeral Services, 1320 Chaffee Road South, Jacksonville, 32221, 904-378-7777. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.  
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## Lloyd Rosier

Lloyd Raymond Rosier, 72, of St. Augustine passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Flagler Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1950 in Dade City to the late Willard and Mildred (Stephens) Rosier and had served in the Florida National Guard. He spent most of his life in West Palm Beach before making St. Augustine his home a few years ago. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and retired as a Senior Commercial Loan Officer for Farm Credit. He was a Baptist and enjoyed reading, tinkering with old cars and trucks; but, most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

His survivors include his loving wife of 21 years, Deborah Kay (Lewis) Rosier of St. Augustine; children, Jeff (Brooke) Chitty of Keystone Heights, Melissa (Hollis) Hines of Starke, Kristen (Tom) Valdez of Ridge Manor, Steven (Chrissy) Rosier of Sumterville, and Kimberly (Jeremy) Swainbank of Oxford; along with his sister, Connie Florer of Zephyrhills. He was lovingly called "Papa" and "Pa" by nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 17, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Ken Weaver officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to the Haven Hospice, 4900 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, 32606.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.  
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## Aubrey Smith

LAKE CITY Aubrey Glen Smith, 86, passed away peacefully at his home in Lake City on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. He was born in Chipley to the late Wills and Essie Taylor Smith. He proudly served in the US Navy for 20 years, including a tour in Vietnam. After the military, he began working at the US Post Office as a mail carrier until his retirement. He was also a member of Bible Baptist Church in Starke, the V.F.W. #10082, American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Frances Smith; son, Aubrey G. Smith Jr.; brothers, Frank and Thomas Smith; and sister, Doris Hiers.

He is survived by sons, Terry Smith of North Carolina and Jeffery Smith of Lake City; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Charles and James Smith; sisters, Grace Anderson and Betty O'Brian; and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

A service to honor him was held on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. He was laid to rest immediately following the service with military honors at Mt. Zion/Swift Creek Cemetery.

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## Wayne Kinney

STARKE Wayne S. Kinney, 77, of Starke, passed away at his home Monday, Jan. 17, 2022. He was born Oct. 17, 1944, in Starke to Theron and Carolyn (Redgrave) Kinney. Prior to his retirement, he owned and operated Kinney Heating and Air for many years. In 1968, he graduated with his business degree from the University of Florida; he also obtained and currently holds his electrician, air conditioning, plumbing, and building contractor's licenses from the State of Florida. He was a Christian and loved working; he enjoyed traveling while working for Jim Walter homes, and being with his family. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Christopher Shelton Kinney.

His survivors are his wife of 44 years, Diann (Thomas) Kinney; and their son, Daniel Kinney, both of Starke; his 95-year-old Aunt Garnita Parker of Miami; Aunt Irene Hutto of Jacksonville; and a first cousin, Sharon Locke of Stuart. He also leaves behind additional cousins and friends that will miss him dearly.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21 at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Interment will follow. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial donation to Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, P.O. Box 37920, Boone, IA 50037-0920.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, FL 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.  
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## Lori Mann

LAKE BUTLER Lori Norman Mann, 59, of Lake Butler passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. She was born in Starke, to the late Ed and Judy Norman. She graduated from Bradford High School and began working at Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She worked as a secretary for them until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her brother, Eddy Norman; 2 nieces; and many great-nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be truly missed.

A service for Lori will be set at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler.  
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## Joseph McLoughlin

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Joseph R. McLoughlin, 75, of Keystone Heights, formerly of South Attleboro, Massachusetts; died with his family by his side on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Muriel (Travers) McLoughlin; his son Joseph and wife Karen of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, his daughter, Amy and her husband Steven of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; his son, Andrew and his wife Heather of Keystone Heights; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

## James Powell

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS James "Jim" E. Powell, 74, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, at his home. He was born on April 2, 1947 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Arthur and Janet (Guild) Powell. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a retired real estate broker and contractor. His family settled in Orange Park after his father retired from the Navy. He grew up in Orange Park where he graduated from Orange Park High School and attended St. Johns Community College. He was a life member of the Jaycees, AMVETS, and the American Legion. He owned Keystone Realty-Keystone Construction and bought Wards, which later became J & R Overhead, with partner, Robin Griffith. He was also co-owner of Patsy's Jym Bar & Grill with his wife, Patsy Ricks. He loved the water, sailing the St. Johns River, and going to the mountains in Blowing Rock, North Carolina during the summer.

Jim had 31 years of love and fun with his loving wife, Patsy Ricks of Keystone Heights; daughter, Chanel Powell LeBlanc of Fleming Island and her son Landon Powell LaBlanc; stepson, Brent (LeighAnne) Ricks of Orlando and their son, Gabryel; adopted son, Michael Alayon of Keystone Heights; sisters, Donna (Roger) Wesnitzer of Casper, Wyoming and Janel (Walter) Hawkins of Ocala.

There will be a birthday celebration of his life on April 2 at 2 p.m. at 5943 CR 352, Keystone Heights.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176 www.jonesgallagherfh.com  
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## Julia Ripplinger

STARKE Julia Ann Walters Ripplinger, 72 of Starke passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville following a brief illness. She was born April 28, 1949, in Lake City to the late Rev. Hugh and Irma (Graham) Walters. She graduated in 1967 from Trenton High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi College. Prior to retirement she was employed many years as a schoolteacher with the Bradford



County School System. She was a longtime member of Madison Street Baptist Church where she had also played the piano and organ for many years. Having tea parties with the children always brightened her day, but, most of all, she loved taking her grandchildren on trips to Cades Cove.

She is survived by her loving and much devoted husband of 50 years, Ed Ripplinger of Starke; and their two sons, Michael (Dawn) Ripplinger of Lake Butler and John Ripplinger of Starke. She was also lovingly called "Meme" by her two precious grandchildren, Abigail and Caleb. Also left behind is her mother-in-law, Lavonda (Ramon) Dix of Providence.

The family received friends Sunday, Jan. 16, beginning at 2 p.m. at Madison Street Baptist Church with funeral services starting at 3 p.m. Pastor Richard Cason and Pastor Charles Warren officiated. Interment followed at Dekle Cemetery in Lake Butler. A reception was held at Ed's home Sunday afternoon following the interment.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.  
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## Willie Strong Sr.

STARKE Willie J. Strong Sr. answered his final call for duty on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022. He didn't need a draft notice like back during the Vietnam War when he was a sharpshooter during his seven years of service in the United States Army. Willie and Paulette spent almost 62 years together. To their union four children were born: Sherry Clark of Jacksonville; Willie (Zanita) Strong Jr. of Lawtey; Vyunda Strong of Lawtey; Kwambee Strong (deceased), formerly of Lawtey; his siblings; Billy (Carroll) Demps, Lugean (Geraldine) Strong, both of Jacksonville; Edward Strong, Starke; Henry Strong, Jacksonville; Charles (Zinner) Strong of Lawtey; grandchildren, Terrance, Marcus (Dawn), Khiana, Ryan (Ashley), Willow, Kwambee J., LaMaria, Kiana, Zach; eight great-grandchildren; cousins; in-laws; and a host of other sorrowing family members.

A graveside Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Peetsville Memorial Cemetery Association with Pastor Charles Green officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, FL 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.  
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Takeirra Bakken (far right), one of Bradford's district champs, hopes to win a state title like her sister, Kurston (far left), did in 2018. The sisters are pictured with BHS Coach Bryan Griffis.

## BHS

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Presley Acree was fourth in the 119 class with a 150 total (80, 70), while two lifters placed sixth: Kristen Hodges with a 180

total (100, 80) in the 129 class and Emma Franke with a 210 total (110, 100) in the 169 class.

Blakeleigh Smith missed out on a regional berth by one place, finishing with a seventh-place total of 160 (80, 80) in the 139 class.

## KHHS

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held Jan. 18 at Fort White High School.

The top six in each weight class earned the right to advance. The Region 2 finals will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach.

King won the 129 class with a 235 total (125, 110), while Wager took first in the 139 class with a 260 total (120, 140).

Abigail Anthony-Rozier and Kaylee Wright were the runners-up in the 110 and 183 classes, respectively. Anthony-Rozier had a 150 total (75, 75), while Wright had a 305 total (150, 155).

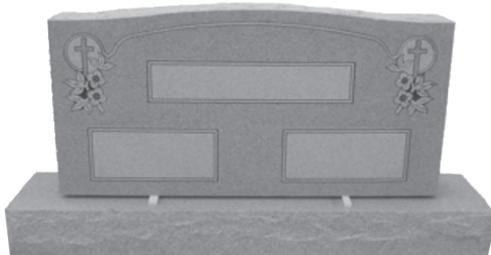
Heidi Knapp placed third in the 119 class with a 165 total (85, 80), while three lifters earned fourth-place finishes: Kathryn Brossette with a 200 total (110, 90) in the 129 class, Harmony Geiger with a 225 total (120, 105) in the 169 class and Lillian Mitchell with a 220 total (120, 100) in the 183 class.

Schiley Starling had a fifth-place total of 150 (80, 70) in the 119 class, while Chloe Still and Kenly Chitty placed sixth in the 139 and 154 classes, respectively. Still had a 195 total (95, 100), while Chitty had a 180 total (95, 85).

Annabeth Oody missed out on a Region 2 berth by one spot, placing seventh in the 101 class with a 125 total (60, 65).

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# Bowlan-Smith to play football at Webber International

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School senior football player Nathaniel Bowlan-Smith has more experience playing the six-man version of the sport, but he'll get a chance to continue playing 11-man ball, thanks to an offer from Webber International University.

Bowlan-Smith, who announced his college choice during a get-together at his home in Hampton on Jan. 15, received offers from 11 schools in all.

"I never thought I'd actually make it," he said, adding, "I'm ecstatic."

Bowlan-Smith, who played center, said people doubted he'd get the chance to play in college because he mostly played six-man ball at Hope Christian Academy. He even had people doubt he'd make an impact during the one season he played at Bradford High School. He started every game during Bradford's 2021 season with the exception of one, and that was because he was sick the week leading up to the game.

"It's been a journey," Bowlan-Smith said. "I had people tell me I probably wouldn't make it to college (to play)."



Bradford High School senior football player Nathaniel Bowlan-Smith (center) signs to play with Webber International University as his parents, Heather and Will Smith, look on. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

The college reveal, which took place at a cookout for family and friends, came courtesy of Bowlan-Smith's grandmother Tina Hutchins. She was given a sealed envelope, which contained her grandson's choice.

Before opening the envelope,

Hutchins shared some memories of her oldest grandson, including how she wrote a song for him when he was 2 and how he'd always ask her to sing it for him.

"I would sing it (now), but it would probably embarrass him," Hutchins said.

Hutchins went on to share how her grandson referred to daytime as "sunny time" and nighttime as "moony time." When she said he enjoyed playing with Tupperware in the bathtub, Bowlan-Smith cut in and said, "All right."

As everyone laughed, Bowlan-Smith's father, Will Smith, said to Hutchins, "You had one job. Read the letter."

Hutchins said though she wasn't a football fan and the fact Bowlan-Smith played it scared her, she was happy for him and the opportunity she had. As she began opening the envelope, she said she just hoped he wasn't going off to Kansas or Ohio. She was thrilled when she said he was going to Webber.

"Yes. Yes. He'll be in Florida," Hutchins said. "I'm so happy."

Bowlan-Smith said his decision really came down to Webber, Lake Wales' Warner University and Ohio's College of Wooster and Defiance College.

"It was a hard decision," he said. "It took me a lot of praying and a lot of thinking about where I needed to be in my life to pick where I wanted to go. Ultimately, God showed me I needed to go to Webber."

Webber is located in Babson Park, which is approximately 60 miles southwest of Orlando and 70 miles east of Tampa. Bowlan-Smith liked what he saw and experienced during a couple of visits.

"I went and saw the facilities, saw how they warm up before a game and how they treat their players," he said. "That was one of the best things. They really treat their football players good."

"The facilities and everything are just nice. It was a great experience. Great people there."

Though it was his goal to play college ball, he wasn't certain it could happen. Then Hunter Cornwall, who was a year ahead of him at Hope Christian Academy, signed to play with

Judson University in Elgin, Illinois.

"He showed me it was possible, so I was grinding my tail off," Bowlan-Smith said.

Bowlan-Smith believes what helped him more than anything was having the year of experience at BHS. He credited Assistant Coach Caleb Dukes for helping him transition from playing six-man ball.

"Coach Dukes showed me the stances I needed to get into, where I needed to be on the ball and how to call stuff out," Bowlan-Smith said. "He really got me physically and mentally ready for college ball."

He also gave credit to his

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Nathaniel Bowlan-Smith, as he puts on his Webber hat, gets a hug from grandmother Tina Hutchins, who's happy he's staying in Florida.



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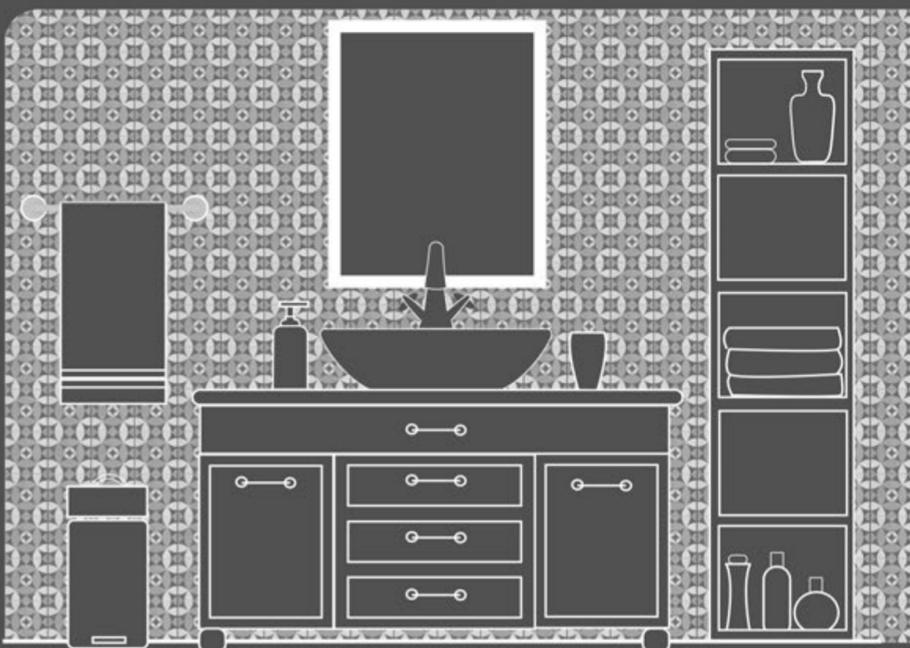
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## BHS girls in midst of 7 straight hoops games at home

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Bradford High School girls basketball team, which played Paxon this past Tuesday, is in the midst of playing seven straight games at home to close out the regular season.

Bradford fell to 6-7 with a 48-33 loss to visiting Madison County (ranked fifth in 1A) on Jan. 15. The Tornadoses went 1-1 in the two games prior to that, defeating visiting Eastside 40-30 on Jan. 11 and losing 49-30 to host Ridgeview on Jan. 13.

In the win against Eastside, Santee Blye recorded a double-double with 18 points and 16 rebounds. She also had three steals.

Jada Hankerson scored 12 points, while Nichelle Brown had five. Bernaria Nichols and Ayanna Pringle each had two points, while Sky McMillian chipped in one.

Pringle and Ajjyah Jackson grabbed nine and eight rebounds, respectively, while Brown had seven to go along with three steals.

Hankerson added five rebounds and five steals.

The Tornadoses' next three home games have them playing Buchholz on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m., Trenton on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. and Keystone Heights on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

## Lady Indians drop games against 5A and 6A schools

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Keystone Heights High School girls basketball team concluded a stretch of six straight games against larger schools with a 67-36 loss to host Ponte Vedra on Jan. 14.

Stats weren't available by deadline in the loss to the Class 6A Sharks.

Keystone (13-4), which plays in Class 4A, entered the Ponte Vedra game off a 43-30 loss on Jan. 11 to visiting Ridgeview, which is a Class 5A school. Lindsay Qualls scored eight points, while Yasmin Bryant and Kiley Channell each had six. Dezaray Bright and Emma Rogel each scored four points, while Madi Mitzel added two.

Bright grabbed 11 rebounds, with Channell finishing with six to go along with four assists.

Rogel had five steals.

The six-game stretch against

larger schools also included a 35-30 win over Ridgeview, a 50-21 loss to 5A Rickards, a 54-30 win over 5A Middleburg and a 48-32 win over 5A Lake Weir. Those games were covered in previous issues of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor.

Keystone played Palatka this past Tuesday and will host Baker County on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. The Indians then travel to play Bradford on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

## Webb posts double-double for UCHS boys in 62-59 victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Curran Webb scored 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as the Union County High School boys basketball team defeated host Hilliard 62-59 on Jan. 11.

The Tigers trailed by three entering the fourth quarter, but then outscored Hilliard 18-12.

Cole Andersen-Davis and Gavin Jenkins scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, while Union also got eight points from Thomas Williams, five points from Quinten Rawls and two points from Kyler Cohen.

Andersen-Davis had six rebounds, while Rawls recorded seven assists. Cohen, Jenkins and Webb each had three assists.

Union fell to 5-8 on Jan. 14 with a 50-45 loss to Trenton (stats not available by deadline).

The Tigers played Baldwin this past Tuesday and will host Fort White on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Union travels to play Lafayette on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and then travels to play Fort White on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

## Indians drop match against Middleburg in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School had an 0-1-1 week in boys soccer, with the most recent match being a 2-1 loss to visiting Middleburg on Jan. 14.

Stats weren't available by deadline.

The Indians (8-6-4) entered the Middleburg match off a 3-3 tie against visiting Williston on Jan. 11. Logan Spence scored two goals, while Chris Anderson had one goal and two assists.

Keystone hosts Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. and then hosts Fort White on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7:20 p.m.

# Tornadoses end skid, beat Indians 62-26

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School snapped a three-game losing streak in boys basketball, getting 10 points from Dae'Jon Shanks and eight points each from three players in a 62-26 win over visiting Keystone Heights on Jan. 17.

The Tornadoses (6-7) struggled early on the offensive end, failing to score any points off five Keystone turnovers. The Indians, meanwhile, took advantage of a steal by Seth Gagnon, which led to a basket by Zeke Pelham and tied the score at 2-2.

A backcourt steal by Shanks led to Amari Jones getting fouled on a shot attempt. He made both free throws to put Bradford ahead 4-2, but the Indians (2-11) tied it on their next trip down the court on a dunk by Gagnon.

Bradford closed out the quarter on an 18-2 run, which included two three-pointers by Shanks. Shanks, who scored all 10 of his points in the first quarter, also scored off a Jontez Williams steal as well as getting a bucket off a steal of his own.

Keystone got baskets from Bryant Kubisak and Andru Siemer early in the second quarter, but the Tornadoses increased their lead to 27, with Chalil Cummings scoring five straight points during one stretch and Hunter Crawford scoring six straight during another.

Two turnovers led to baskets by Bradford late in the half, which ended with the Tornadoses leading 45-16.

Crawford, Cummings and Sincere Hankerson each finished with eight points for Bradford, which also got seven points from Jones, six from Keith Ardley, five from Robbie Simmons-Godwin, four each from Bryson Bowen and Torin Brazell and two from Williams.

Simmons-Godwin led the team in rebounds with seven, while Crawford and Bowen grabbed six and five, respectively.

Jones and Shanks each had four assists, with Shanks also

coming away with five steals. Williams and Bowen had four and three steals, respectively.

The Indians were led by Siemer's six points, while Gagnon had five.

Bradford, which is ranked seventh in Class 1A, played top-ranked Newberry this past Tuesday and was scheduled to host Wildwood on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The Tornadoses then return to action with a home game against Trenton on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. before traveling to play Gainesville on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Keystone played St. Joseph Academy this past Tuesday and will travel to play Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. The Indians then travel to play Baldwin on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play St. Joseph Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

## Tornadoses enter game off 1-3 week

In the week leading up to the Keystone game, the Tornadoses defeated a fellow Class 1A team that was ranked number one, but then lost three straight by a combined 20 points.

On Jan. 11, Jones and Shayne Davis poured in 19 and 13 points, respectively, in a 56-51 win over visiting Newberry.

Williams and Brazell scored nine and eight points, respectively, while Hankerson had four. Simmons-Godwin scored two points, with Crawford adding one.

Brazell led the team in rebounds with seven, while Crawford and Hankerson each grabbed five.

Williams had six assists and four steals, while Davis had three assists and six steals. Crawford also had three assists.

Bradford was outscored 14-3 in the third quarter of what would be an eventual 49-37 loss at North Marion on Jan. 13.



Bradford's Sincere Hankerson (left) challenges a shot by Keystone's Zeke Pelham in the Tornadoses' 62-26 win on Jan. 17. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Jones scored 16 points, followed by Williams with nine. Hankerson and Simmons-Godwin each had four points, while Brazell and Crawford each added two.

Crawford, Hankerson and Williams each grabbed five rebounds, with Williams also dishing out three assists.

Davis had three assists and four steals.

On Jan. 14, Williams had a solid overall game with 16 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and four steals, but it wasn't enough, in a 54-49 to visiting P.K. Yonge.

Simmons-Godwin scored a team-high 18 points and grabbed six rebounds, while Ardley and Davis each had six points. Brazell had two points, while

Jametrious Pringle had one. Isaiah Wilcox had five rebounds.

The Tornadoses had a five-point lead at halftime on Jan. 15, but wound up losing 48-45 to visiting Madison County.

Simmons-Godwin finished with a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

Williams and Hankerson scored nine and eight points, respectively, while Wilcox had five. Crawford and Pringle each added two points.

Pringle and Williams grabbed 10 and eight rebounds, respectively, while Brazell had seven. Williams also had four assists, while Wilcox had three assists and three steals.

## KHHS girls soccer team still unbeaten after break

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School won its fifth straight match on Jan. 17, defeating visiting Suwannee 3-2.

Ella Hutchins, Kiersten Shaw and Elizabeth Waughon each scored a goal for the Indians, who haven't lost since returning to action after the Christmas/New Year's break. Hutchins and Waughon also had one assist each, while Sydnie Colaw had an assist as well.

Goalie Miranda Yow made 11 saves.

The Indians (12-5-2) recorded a pair of shutout wins prior to playing Suwannee. On Jan. 11, Shaw scored five goals in an 8-0 win over visiting Williston.

Kendall Gagnon scored two goals and had an assist, while Waughon scored one goal. Alec

Horton recorded an assist.

On Jan. 13, Shaw scored both goals in a 2-0 win over visiting Crescent City.

Yow made two saves.

Keystone travels to play Eastside on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. and then travels to play Fort White on Friday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m.

The District 4-3A tournament begins Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Newberry High School. The schedule wasn't known by deadline.

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fellow offensive linemen at BHS: Cole Crosby, Jordan Daniels, Jayden Luna, Elijah Williams and Easton Wynn.

"They really helped me out and showed me the ropes," Bowlan-Smith said.

Bowlan-Smith said his first offer came from the University

of North Carolina at Greensboro, which participates in club football.

"I was just like, 'Wow. I finally did it.' I was just so happy," he said, adding that it was a surreal experience once the other offers started coming in.

To put himself in position to have an impact at the next level, Bowlan-Smith said he has to focus on getting stronger and listening to instruction from his

coaches.

Stepping onto the field for the first time as a college player is going to be like the experience he had in May 2021.

"I'm probably going to feel the same way as I did that spring game at Bradford, when I finally stepped on that field and looked around and saw the stands filled with people," Bowlan-Smith said. "It'll probably be one of the happiest moments of my life."

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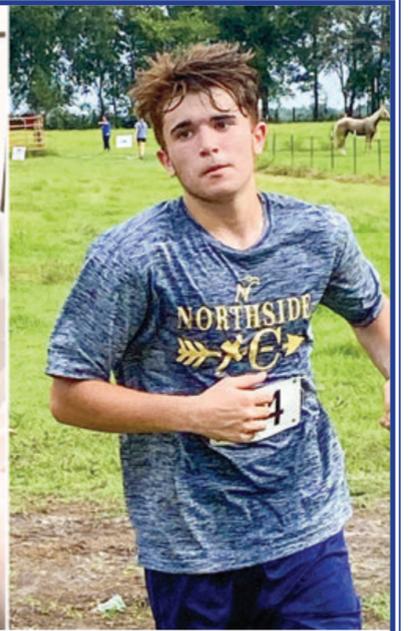
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