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Woman escapes fire through window

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A woman escaped a Monday fire at her home by crawling through a window, according to Bradford County Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish.

The two-alarm blaze gutted the wood-frame structure on Southwest 132nd Avenue, which is off State Road 100 near the Bradford-Union County line.

Parrish said when his department received the call, the home was already fully involved.

Five firefighters from Lawtey and Sampson City responded to the blaze, in addition to two administrative staff.

"We got water on it in 12 minutes which is pretty good for us," Parrish said.

The director added that the cause of the blaze is under investigation, but he suspected a heater started the fire.



Bradford County firefighters battle a structure fire on Monday, Jan. 24 near the Union County line. Photo: Bradford County Fire Rescue.

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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.

RV Park plans expansion

Applications receive unanimous approval

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Though controversial when first proposed, the Keystone Heights RV Resort on County Road 21B sailed its way through a Jan. 20 hearing on a proposed expansion.

Proprietor Vincent Esson, attorney Jim Taylor and a number of resort supporters appeared to encourage county commissioners sitting as the Board of Adjustment to grant special exceptions for recreational activities on an additional 155 acres next to the original resort.

The plan includes adding another 293 RV sites to the existing 400 sites.

Cindy Avanon told the board, "I'm in favor of the expansion. I think is great. It's great for the community. It's brought a lot of business to the community, and I think a lot of people are seeing that more and more as we get more and more people into the park."

A question was asked about adding an emergency exit. Esson told the board he was acquiring additional land on State Road 100 for that purpose. A new entrance on 100 will be coupled with a deceleration lane to help traffic into the resort.

Esson and the others continue to pressure Florida Department of Transportation for a traffic signal at S.R. 100 and C.R. 21B. Currently, FDOT has agreed to a flashing light.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson complimented the park owner.

"That's a beautiful place," he said. "You all have done one heck of a job on that place."

"The commissioners can take some credit, too, because it's you who placed trust in Mr. Esson to do what he promised to do, and I think he's done it very well," Taylor said.

Esson said he remembered Commissioner Danny Riddick's request not to let him down. Riddick faced intense pressure from park opponents to vote against the

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County pursuing SAFER grant for additional firefighters

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — It seemed like a win-win scenario to apply for a no-match grant to fund new firefighting positions, but not everyone saw it that way.

Previously, Bradford County commissioners declined the original opportunity to apply for a SAFER grant because they couldn't afford to partially fund nine or more positions over the three-year grant period.

Attorney Will Sexton informed the board Jan. 20 that FEMA was no longer requiring matching funds for the upcoming application period, so if the grant was awarded, the county would have no additional salaries or benefits to fund.

Sexton said the positions would be advertised as SAFER positions so applicants would know they were

temporary, pending receipt of a new grant three years from now.

But Sheriff Gordon Smith said any grant funding should go toward funding the positions that are already in place but unfunded in future years by a recurring source of revenue.

That is how he said he intended to fund salaries and benefits when he oversaw the fire department.

The problem Sexton and Commissioner Danny Riddick had with funding existing positions is that those employees must be terminated now, or at the very least told that their jobs rely on the county receiving the grant. The county would be pulling a bait and switch if the grant application is unsuccessful but it continues to fund supposedly lost positions.

Riddick said county firefighters are

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Soil and water group meeting

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office. The Minimum Lake Levels to be set by the Suwannee River Water Management District for Lake Hampton will be discussed. There will also be reports on the status of projects and activities.

These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Food distribution Feb. 3 and 17

The next food distribution at Starke Church of God by Faith will be Thursdays, Feb. 3 and 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. Food distributions are the first and third Thursdays of the month. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

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Tony Brown, shortly after filing for reelection at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.



Marion Kelly, riding in the 2017 Keystone Heights High School Homecoming Parade as Kiwanian of the Year.

Tony Brown running for reelection, Marion Kelly moving on

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City Council Member Tony Brown filed for reelection with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office last week.

Brown's Seat 1 is slated to be on the April 12 ballot. So far, no one else has filed to run against him. Candidates have until Feb. 4 to qualify.

The longtime council member and former mayor took a year off from politics four years ago to focus on his business.

After a recent city council meeting, Brown pointed to improvements to Keystone Beach Park and the city's ongoing street scape project for South Lawrence Boulevard as major accomplishments during his current term. He added that more work lies ahead for the

two enterprises, and he wants to remain on the council to see them to fruition.

Council member Marion Kelly said she will not be on the April 12 ballot. The retired Clay Electric human resource manager said nine years was enough for her on the council and she wants to make room for someone new.

At press time Chris Thompson was the only candidate filed to run for Kelly's Seat 2.

Local colleges receiving training \$

Gov. Ron DeSantis awarded \$2.3 million in funding to support rapid credentialing workforce and education programs, including commercial driver's license and logistics training.

These programs help Floridians earn high-wage jobs and support the supply chain that is currently in great need of workers.

North Florida Technical College and Florida Gateway College are among the recipients.

"Workforce education provides a pathway for Floridians to succeed, but also helps alleviate the damage being wrought by inflation and supply chain interruptions," said DeSantis. "In Florida, we are stepping up by providing support to skilled trades that are essential for a strong economy."

Funding awarded today will help students across the state access workforce education. Rapid credentialing programs are designed to accelerate pandemic recovery for Florida residents and the state economy by increasing all of Florida's state and technical colleges' capacity to enroll and graduate students in short-term, in-demand, high-wage occupation and workforce programs.

"I was thrilled to receive the call from FLDOE notifying us that we will be awarded an additional \$100,000 from

Governor DeSantis' Emergency Education Relief, under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act," said Brad Bishop, director of North Florida Technical College.

The funds support rapid training programs, spanning six to sixteen weeks, in the areas of CDL, logistics and healthcare. Since the outset of the pandemic, DeSantis has prioritized \$35 million in GEER I funds for short-term training programs at Florida's state and technical colleges.

Bishop said, "The grant assists in educating and training residents in commercial vehicle driving who are unemployed, underemployed, or furloughed. The Commercial Vehicle Driving Program is an eight-week course that offers in-depth, hands-on truck driving experience and provides connections with future employers. If anyone is interested in finding out more about our program benefits, please contact 904-966-6764, or visit our website nftc.edu."

Past funding led to more than 18,000 short-term certifications within a year, in addition to increasing the number of graduates from CTE programs statewide since 2019 to over 63,000.

The total immediate collective impact is estimated to benefit 1,200 students by May 2022 and

benefit 2,000 students by August 2022. Class A and B CDLs remain in remarkably high demand across the state and can lead to mid-level family sustaining wages, as can critical entry-level healthcare occupations.

"We are one of six colleges to receive added funds because our team led the way with strong performance on grant evaluations. I couldn't be prouder of the NFTC team members who worked to support student success from registration to graduation," Bishop said.

Institutions that will receive funding are:

—\$930,000 to State College of Florida for CDL training.

—\$550,000 to Manatee Technical College for Logistics (forklift) and CDL training.

—\$415,000 to South Florida State College for CDL training.

—\$100,000 to North Florida Technical College for CDL training.

—\$135,000 to Florida Gateway College for Licensed Practical Nursing training.

—\$150,000 to College of Florida Keys for Licensed Practical Nursing and Surgical Technology training.

Florida has led the way in workforce development. The Florida Department of Education will celebrate Career and Technical Education in the month of February

Department of Corrections stops the bleeding

New hires keeping pace with separations

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Secretary of Corrections told a Senate committee last week that for the first time in over a year, more people were hired in the department's Region 1 than employees who retired or resigned from the region's facilities. Region 1 covers the panhandle.

Ricky Dixon added that statewide during December the

nation's third-largest prison system only lost six more officers than it hired, virtually breaking even for the first time in over a year.

The secretary credited new bonuses and raises the department implemented in December for the turnaround.

"We raised the salaries just before Christmas," he said. "We provided retention bonuses and increased sign-on bonuses, so we've seen a significant impact."

Dixon said the raises positioned the state to compete more favorably against county jails for correctional officers, lifting FDC's pay from the

bottom third of Florida's county jails to the top third.

"We'll always have trouble competing with some of the larger counties, but that's the place we need to stay," he said of FDC's pay, as compared to county jails.

Dixon also told the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee that over the past year the department has shuttered 203 dorms, suspended 431 work squads and closed 28 work camps and five community release centers to consolidate its facilities and lessen the impact of its shortage of correctional officers.

The department's vacancy rate

for correctional officers hit a new peak in December with 31.93% of jobs going unfilled. However, Dixon said he believed the trend will start to reverse soon.

"Going back over a decade, he told senators, we were running around nine and 10 percent," he said of FDC's officer vacancy rate. "To safely operate a prison system, we should be around a three percent vacancy rate."

Business association hosts financial advisor

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A Capital City Investments financial advisor spoke to the members of the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association during the group's Jan. 11 meeting at the Montgomery Center.

Chris Klinck briefed the group on Capital City Investments, which is a separate entity from Capital City Bank.

He said he is one of 12 advisors across the company's footprint in North Florida, the panhandle and into Georgia.

Klinck said he and his fellow advisors work as a team.

"It's impossible to know everything about everything," he said, "so we rely on one another."

Klinck joined Capital City in the summer of 2020 which he said was probably the worst time to switch firms.

Prior to working at Capital City, he worked for a Daytona Beach private investment firm which has been in business since 1966 and focuses on business succession.



Chris Klinck

With his experience in the business succession field and an audience made primarily of business owners, Klinck focused his remarks on the unique retirement alternatives small business owners face.

He said different legal structures like sole proprietorships, corporations and LLCs each carry different tax and compensation consequences. He also discussed retirement

options for small businesses, like 401(K)s and simple IRAs

He said that in most cases, a simplified employee pension plan, also known as a SEP-IRA is the best option for firms where the owner is the only employee.

Klinck also touched on other investment vehicles like traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and individual brokerage accounts.

He emphasized the importance of keeping an accurate and up-to-date list of beneficiaries in all retirement plans, including life insurance policies.

"I've seen it happen in divorces when people forget to change a beneficiary," he said. "Then when they die, the money goes to the previous spouse."

He said that discrepancies in other beneficiary information, like incorrect birthdates, could delay payouts to loved ones.

Klinck said planning and investing in retirement plans are like investing in yourself.

"Would you rather invest in yourself," he asked after the meeting, "or would you rather give your money to Uncle Sam?"

approval of commercial rezoning applications for James Bertotto at Griffis Loop and S.R. 100, and for Rowe Enterprises on U.S.

301. The commission approved the land use and rezoning ordinances.

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development. "You didn't," Riddick said. "You went way far beyond my expectations. ... The whole thing is first class."

It took two separate hearings and a waiver of the reapplication period for the county commission to eventually approve the park with a unanimous vote in 2017. The expansion also received unanimous approval.

Evan Douglas, the contractor who built the first phase, will also be responsible for the expansion.

The board also approved a setback variance for Jesse Hipps, and then met as the Planning and Zoning Board to recommend

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worried enough about their jobs as it is.

Smith said they should be because the commission — beyond maxing out property tax rates — hasn't committed to raising additional revenue to pay for fire rescue.

"We have kicked the can down the road far enough in Bradford County," Smith said. "We should work on what we've got first before we start moving on to something we don't have."

Commissioner Kenny Thompson sided with the sheriff. "We've got to find a way to fund what we've got," Thompson said.

When it comes to electrical franchise fees, Florida Power and Light is cooperative, but Clay Electric wants to hear from its members. A meeting is being set up toward the end of February for co-op customers and members of the public to sound off on having 1% to 6% added to their monthly electric bills to help fund fire rescue.

The commission has also discussed adding fire and EMS special assessments to annual property tax bills. Sexton said once the county knows how much revenue the franchise fees could bring in, then it will know how much of the budget needs to rely on fire and/or EMS assessments. The figure should

be lower than the public has seen in the past, he said.

"I think if you want to run off your existing employees, you start giving them pink slips so that you can show those pink slips to the federal government with your SAFER application. Then they're going to really go 'I don't know what's going on here,'" he said.

Riddick said they must get funding in place, because just like infrastructure and law enforcement, fire rescue is needed to help the county to attract development and grow.

"We've got to have good fire and rescue. We've just got to," he said.

"It's great to talk about nine or 10 more," the sheriff said. "I'd like to have nine or 10 more deputies. You got 14 to 16 fire-EMS persons working a shift right now. I got three deputies."

To be accredited, his agency needs one deputy for every thousand people in the county, he said.

"Guess what? I don't have it. We can't afford it. But we give the best service we can afford."

The discussion continued like this for several more rounds. Bradford Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish was at a conference and not available to speak to the board. Rather than decide that night, the commission chose to schedule a special meeting for Jan. 25.

Parrish and Fire Chief Ben Carter answered lingering questions, clearing up confusion

and laying out the numbers. First Parrish wanted commissioners to know it wasn't his job to convince them of anything. He was presenting information about a funding opportunity, but it was up to the board to decide whether to pursue it. Fire Rescue will continue operating with what the board provides.

"I am in no way asking you for permission to apply for the SAFER grant, nor has our department. We have an obligation to take direction from the board, give recommendations and take your guidance," the director said.

Parrish said the SAFER grant exists to help departments raise themselves to meet federal standards — to increase the number of trained frontline firefighters in communities. While his department does not expect they will ever match federal standards — including having 16 responders for a first alarm call — using the \$3.4 million grant to hire additional firefighters could get them closer. In fact, he said, they could go from having two firefighters per shift at each of the three existing stations to three, plus add two firefighters per shift in the Brooker area, where Commissioner Diane Andrews pointed out many structure fires have taken place.

Parrish also settled the matter of whether the grant could be used to pay for existing employees, pointing out that once the grant cycle opens, it is

too late to cut positions to request grant funding to retain them.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty, who, like Thompson, was opposed to adding new positions, asked Parrish and Carter to evaluate whether they were able to provide adequate service with what they have.

"I think we're doing the bare minimum right now," Parrish said, adding they can get six firefighters on a scene and hope there isn't another emergency taking place at the same time.

Parrish was upfront about the fact that the grant would not cover all the expenses of hiring new employees. The grant covers salaries and benefits for three years as well as initial training. Ongoing training, overtime, personal protective gear, uniforms, etc. are not provided for and would be an additional cost to the county — around \$100,000 a year for three years.

Hiring one firefighter per day (three shift positions in 24 hours) at the starting rate costs nearly \$232,000, according to the director. Adding five firefighters per day (15 shift positions) costs nearly \$1.16 million. The SAFER grant could accomplish that, but as he stated, there would be some additional cost to the county even with no match required.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner called the grant a rare opportunity to raise the standards of the fire department.

"There's not a guarantee we would get it, but there's a real possibility. I don't know how

you can decline an opportunity like that," Spooner said.

Riddick, who arrived at the meeting ready to support the grant application, began expressing doubt after hearing about the costs the grant would not cover. Clerk Denny Thompson said the county didn't have any money available.

Andrews then commented, saying priorities were backward.

"When I see huge equipment for \$200,000, \$500,000, and then I look at them, look at their faces and I say I can't afford \$300,000 in three years for their safety. To me, that makes no sense. But that's just my opinion," Andrews said. "Because I'd much rather give it to them than I would for a piece of equipment that — do we need it? Not really."

Riddick asked about pulling the additional cost of hiring new positions out of more than \$5 million the county is expecting in federal relief funding. Sexton said he would like to present the board with a complete spending plan for the revenue instead of chipping away at it, because it will be spent faster than they think. He did, however, agree it would be an eligible expense for the funding.

As was the case this year, it will also be the likely source of funding fire rescue services in next year's budget while commissioners arrange for new sources of funding from fees and/or assessments.

With that, the board voted 3-2 in favor of applying for the

SAFER grant. Commissioners Dougherty and Thompson were the dissenting votes.

Melrose Art Walk Friday

Sculptor and member artist Diana Simmons will be at Mossman Hall for a reception during the First Friday Art Walk scheduled for Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.

On the first Friday of every month, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Melrose Art Walk encourages patrons to visit exhibits at each of the town's galleries. The Art Walk is sponsored by the Melrose All Arts Council.

Trevor Thomas Live at Lake Hill Baptist

Lake Hill Baptist Church of Keystone Heights will host Christian entertainer Trevor Thomas on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. A love offering will be accepted, and the Valentine's themed dinner on the grounds will follow. Please bring an Italian covered dish and join the fellowship following the service.

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BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

A native of Union County, who has served Lake Butler Middle School for the past 12 years in positions ranging from substitute teacher to her current job as school secretary, but mostly as coordinator of whatever it takes to get the job done.

Minnie Broughton has dedicated her life to assisting others. She volunteered in classrooms as her own children grew up, helping students, teachers, staff and parents with the many "whatever tasks" necessary to make things happen as they should.

Broughton graduated from

Union County High School. She began volunteering at LBMS in the Spring of 2010. She served as an attendance clerk for eight years then was asked to become a paraprofessional. She attended Florida Gateway College, where she earned her AA degree in General Education. After achieving her paraprofessional status, she has been school secretary for two years.

Broughton said, "I believe it is a calling, a mission field. Kids need love and understanding. The ones that misbehave need love the most. I thought about teaching but figured the Lord has put me where he wants me, helping students, teachers, staff and parents."

When selected as the School Related Employee for 2021, she said that she was "surprised, but felt honored to be chosen."

December will bring the 25th anniversary of her marriage to her high school sweetheart and she said it still feels like he is. She enjoys family outings with her son, 22, and daughter, 19. They enjoy activities at the lake, as well as going to theme parks, riding four-wheelers and other outdoor fun. An active member of Smyrna Baptist Church in Starke, she said that she loved the Lord and tries to share this unconditional love with the faculty, staff and students.



SRE Minnie Broughton

The Bradford County Public Library is located at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke.

Dance your way to fitness

Do what feels good to you, as you move to your own rhythm under the black lights at Bradford County Public Library. You won't need to know how to dance and you won't have to match somebody else's steps. Come dance on Wednesdays, Feb. 2 and 16, at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy Paddock at 904-368-3911 for more information.

Native plants workshop

Bradford County Public Library is hosting a workshop on Friday, Feb. 4, that focuses on the benefits of using native plants in landscapes. Putting the right plant in the right place can lead to beautiful, low maintenance yards. Before you attend the event, think about the space you'd like to transform, take a photo of it with your cell phone. At the workshop, a Florida Master Gardener will advise you on the best steps to take. The discussion begins at 10 a.m. Attendance is free. To reserve a seat, please contact Kathy Paddock at 904-368-3911.

Make candles

Bradford County Public Library is having a workshop on the art of making candles. Learn how to make different types of candles and take home one of your own. All supplies are provided. To sign up for the Feb. 3 workshop, contact Kathy Paddock at 904-368-3911 or stop by the circulation desk.

Decadent desserts

Learn from award-winning author Chef Warren Caterson about creating desserts so delicious you'll want to eat them

first. Chef Warren will show you how to move beyond baking to create incredible fruit-based desserts that won't monopolize your time or heat up your kitchen. The class will also cover how to mix together to-die-for sauces, turn your desserts into a work of art, and use wine to brighten up most desserts. Chef Warren will end the presentation with a cooking demonstration, preparing a healthy dessert that can be made in less than 10 minutes.

Decadent Desserts will take place at Bradford County Public Library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Attendance is free. To reserve a seat, please contact Kathy Paddock at 904-368-3911.

Funding for the programs is provided by Friends of the Bradford County Public Library.

Painting at the library

Sign up to enjoy a fun evening of transforming plain drink coasters into interesting table décor at the Bradford County Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 10. Supplies will be available from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The educational entertainment continues at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, with instruction on how to paint a winter scene. Contact Kathy at -904-368-3911 or stop by the circulation desk to sign up.

Learn about food preservation

With the rising cost of food, canning homegrown or locally bought food can be a frugal way to fill a pantry.

UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Agent D'Alicia Straughter will be at the Bradford County Public Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, to introduce the methods of canning. To reserve a seat, please contact Kathy Paddock at 904-368-3911. Attendance is free.

KH Teacher returned to first calling

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Sally Jackson said that as a senior in high school, her goal was to be an elementary school teacher.

"Life had other plans," she recalled, "and that got put on hold."

So, after other jobs, including stints at a law firm and at Johnny's Barbecue, Jackson returned to her first calling by earning an education degree.

"The older I got, the more I kept thinking I wanted to work with kids and that teaching was what I wanted to do," she said. "Initially, I thought I wanted to be an elementary school teacher, and then after going back to school and being older and having kids of my own, I realized that I actually wanted to work with the older kids."

Now, eight years later, Jackson is the Keystone Heights High School teacher of the year.

Jackson began her teaching career at Starke Elementary, teaching fifth-grade language



TOY Sally Jackson

arts and social studies. She then spent a year at Wilkinson Junior High before signing on at Keystone Heights High School.

She started off with eighth-grade language arts, then administrators added theater to her schedule. After that, journalism.

Her classes this year include drama, journalism and ninth-grade English.

Her favorite class: theater is a subject she was hesitant to

take on.

"(A former assistant principal) talked to me about doing drama," Jackson said. "I told her I had no experience with that and there were probably people more qualified than me to take it on. (The administrator) said that the arts program had kind of been dwindling here and that they just needed someone in there that the kids liked and who could build the program back up."

Jackson took the assignment after obtaining some additional certifications.

In addition to teaching theater, she also sponsors the school's drama club which puts on at least two productions a year.

This fall the club is producing the Greek Mythology Olympiaganza. After Christmas break the group will begin work on the Wizard of Oz.

Jackson is also the school's yearbook sponsor and she has integrated the yearbook work with her journalism class.

It's not just a writing class," she said of journalism.

"Now it's also the design and business side and everything in the yearbook."

Jackson said the most rewarding parts of teaching are the relationships she enjoys with students.

She added that when keeping in touch with former students, she asks them what the biggest benefits were that they received from her classes.

"They never mention the class content," she said. "They always talk about the friendship, the mentoring, the ability to have a caring adult nearby to talk to."

Jackson said that is why she was attracted to teaching in the first place.

In addition to sponsoring the drama club and yearbook, Jackson is also the senior class sponsor.

Along with other Clay County teachers of the year, Jackson will be participating in the school district's Apple Awards in January, when the district's teacher and support employee of the year will be chosen.

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.

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Legal Notices

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Brooker, 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 13th 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

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Legal Description
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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

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

Jan. 15 through Jan. 21

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

Scott Patrick Adkins, 42, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 15 for DUI.

Amr Mohamed Baleh, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 17 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and possession of marijuana.

Bernard Vantaurus Beard, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 18 and Jan. 19 for possession of cocaine.

Tristan Kahn Belanger, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 18 for battery.

Wayne Shontel Bright, 52, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 18 for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Angela Tyree Caperton, 37, of Middleburg was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 20 for a probation violation.

Isabella Rae Chambless, 19, of Gainesville was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 20 for possession of cocaine.

Thomas Mitchell Edwards, 70, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of cocaine.

Christopher Carl Fuller, 30, of Orange Park was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 16 for fleeing and eluding, larceny, resisting an officer and escape.

According to an arrest report, the defendant allegedly stole a cell phone and a PayPal scanner from a Starke retailer.

Deputies located the defendant after he tried to withdraw funds from the victim's PayPal account using his own name and location at the Bradford Motel and Campground.

A woman in an RV on the campground told a deputy that the defendant escaped the RV through an open window when they arrived, but officers later found the man hiding in a bed frame within the camper.

Tanner Chad Griffin, 22, of Middleburg was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 16 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, possession of drugs, trafficking amphetamine, fraud and out-of-county warrants.

Shantel Tonjia Latrice Guion, 29, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 18 for a probation violation.

Adrian Antwon Hankerson, 37, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 15 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Alaina Rae Lilly, 31, of Green Cove Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 18 for failure to appear.

Dawn Noel MacLeod, 34, of Lawtey was arrested by Lawtey police on Jan. 15 for resisting an officer.

Cody Allen Summerlin, 29, of

Valdosta, Georgia was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 21 for a probation violation and failure to appear.

Debbie Lelitha Walker, 58, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Starke police on Jan. 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Union

Tiffany Anne Braddock, 30, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Harold Lewis Brooks, 45, of Alachua was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 20 for failure to appear.

Kirstain Reneigh Todd, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 20 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Cali Shai Bergandi, 36, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Jan. 21 for and out-of-county warrant.

William David Clardy, 68, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Jan. 16 for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's wife told deputies the two had been drinking tequila all day while watching television. After the pair started arguing, he punched her in the face.

The defendant told arresting officer J.S. Wright that he and the victim were laying on the couch watching T.V., when she started kicking him with her feet. "He said she would not stop pushing him and kicking him with her legs," wrote Wright, "so he had to punch her in the eye to get her to stop annoying him."

Dyllan Brad Page, 18, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Jan. 15 for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug equipment.

Police: Babysitter punched 12-year-old

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Police arrested a 19-year-old Starke woman after she allegedly punched a 12-year-old boy of whom she was babysitting.

Aaliyah Shante Martin was arrested for battery, child cruelty and child neglect on Sunday, Jan. 23.

According to an arrest report, the victim's mother told police she went out to celebrate her boyfriend's birthday and left her two children in the care of the defendant and another person.

During the outing, she received a phone call from her 12-year-old son telling her Martin struck him in the head twice while he was holding his little brother,



Martin

who has Downs syndrome.

The victim told police that the defendant splashed water on him, and he retaliated, thinking that she was playing.

"Aaliyah then threw a bottle at the victim," wrote arresting officer Joseph Forbes. "(The victim) advised Aaliyah then proceeded to strike him in the left eye with a closed fist."

The victim added that when attempting to protect himself, he briefly lost control of the sibling he was holding, but regained control of his brother before he hit the ground.

Police wrote that they spoke to three witnesses who confirmed the victim and defendant were throwing liquids at each other before Martin struck the boy.

Attacked homeowner for not giving him a ride home

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Bradford deputies arrested a 22-year-old Keystone Heights man after he allegedly punched a Sampson Lake-area homeowner for refusing to give him a ride home.

Tristan Kahn Belanger was arrested on Thursday, Jan. 17 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim, who lives on County Road 227 near Sampson Lake told a deputy he and his wife were in their home when they heard the defendant screaming outside, demanding a ride.

When the homeowner went outside to ask the man to leave, the defendant struck him in the head and grabbed him around the neck.

"They both fell to the ground when (the victim) struck Tristan in the ribs by his armpit to get



Belanger

him to let go of his neck," wrote arresting officer Quineisha Armstrong in the report.

Once the homeowner freed himself from the defendant, he told Belanger to leave the

property and started to walk toward his house.

When the defendant followed the victim toward the residence, the homeowner told him that if he set foot inside the home, he would be shot.

"Once the threat was made, Tristan then walked in front of the ditch in front of their home and kept yelling and walking in circles," Armstrong wrote.

The officer added that the defendant told deputies he needed a ride home because he lost his shoes, and his feet were cold. He also said he never entered the yard, never struck the victim and that the homeowner called him names.

Belanger added that he offered the homeowner \$5 million in exchange for taking him home.

Toxic Round-up events collect hazardous waste

The Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Bradford and Union county commissions will sponsor a free Toxic Round-up collection event to properly dispose of and/or recycle common household waste items that cannot be collected curbside.

In Bradford, residents can bring hazardous waste items to the Bradford County Courthouse parking lot located at 945 N. Temple Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In Union, residents can bring hazardous waste items to the Union County Road/Solid Waste Department (by RMC West Union) located at 15285 SW 84th St. on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Household hazardous waste can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to our environment if improperly discarded. In 2021, 6.38 tons of waste (12,765 pounds) was collected in Bradford County, and 4.31 tons of waste (8,623 pounds) was collected in Union County.

Please use the following as a helpful guideline for items that will be accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Fluids
- Brake Fluid, Automatic Transmission Fluid, Lubricants, etc.
- Batteries – Automotive Batteries, Lead-Acid, Ni-Cd, Rechargeable, etc.
- E-Waste – Computers, TVs, Microwaves, Radios, and other Electronic Waste.
- Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes, CFL & LED Bulbs
- Household Cleaners, Degreasers and Solvents
- Fertilizers, Pesticides and Insecticides (Solid or Liquid)
- Paint, Paint Thinner, and Other Waste Paint Related Materials
- Propane Tanks
- Fire Extinguishers
- Non-Controllable Pharmaceuticals (Pills and Liquid) & Over-the-Counter Medications
- Gasoline, Fuels
- Used Oil & Used Oil Filters
- Shop Rags & Absorbents
- Flares and Ammunition
- Used Vegetable Oil

For your safety: All containers must be labeled. Please use a tub or tarp to contain any potential spills in your vehicle. If at all possible, please drive only with

a well-ventilated cab and the windows open. For everyone's safety, please remain in your vehicle and allow staff to remove items from your vehicle.

Notice: Trash and/or recyclables will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-up events. Explosives, reactives, and/or radioactive, infectious, or biohazardous wastes including sharps (syringes, needles, and lancets) will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-up events.

For any questions or concerns about the handling of additional wastes (which are not listed here, or which cannot be accepted at this event) please call Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection at 352-334-0440, prior to the event.

All residents and small businesses are welcome. The event is free for residents, however, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department must assess small businesses a nominal fee for eligible quantities of all aforementioned waste items. Small businesses may contact 352-334-0440 for more information about associated fees and program availability.

For more information and a full list of accepted items, call Bennie Jackson from Bradford County Solid Waste at 904-966-6212, Kim Hayes from Union County Solid Waste at 386-496-2180 or visit www.alachuacountyhazwaste.us.

Fought deputy, dog killed

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A Starke man was sentenced to 13 months in prison for starting a fight with a deputy that caused the death of his own dog.

Robert Pittman Jr., 52, pleaded no contest to the Aug. 12, 2021, offenses of resisting arrest with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and depriving an officer of a means of communication.

According to an arrest report, a Bradford deputy was dispatched to the Lincoln City area, responding to a report of Pittman losing his teeth and being followed by two females.

When he found the defendant, the man was being followed by two female dogs. Pittman first said he did lose his teeth, then said he had his teeth but lost his keys, before pulling his keys out of his pocket.

"It was apparent he was under the influence of an unknown narcotic substance the lawman wrote in the report. "I asked



Pittman

Robert where he was staying and he pointed to a brick residence across the road, stating he was staying with his aunt."

The deputy knocked on the home's door, but no one answered. The defendant then started yelling, "I have no cash and no drugs," and ran away.

"I instructed Robert to stop at which time he continued to flee

on foot to an unknown residence, banging and trying to open the door," the deputy wrote.

The defendant then fled to another residence, where the lawman pinned him against a door.

"At this time Robert swung, striking me in the right side of my face, at which time we both went to the ground," the deputy wrote.

During the struggle, one of the defendant's dogs bit the deputy's left calf, while Pittman grabbed the lawman's radio mic cord, preventing the deputy from requesting help.

"I was able to break the dog loose from my leg," he wrote, "as the dog tried to reengage, I discharged my department-issued firearm one time striking the dog in the right side, fatally wounding it."

Pittman then dropped the radio and ran to another residence across the street, where the deputy gained control of the defendant as two additional officers arrived.

KH man crashes truck, monkeys escape

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

Three monkeys escaped into the Pennsylvania countryside after a Keystone Heights man driving a pickup with an enclosed trailer ran into a dump truck near Interstate 80.

Pennsylvania State Police said Cody Brooks, 31, of Keystone Heights was driving the pickup on State Road 54 at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21.

When attempting a left turn onto the interstate's on ramp, he hit the dump truck.

The New York Times reported that the pickup and trailer were carrying 100 cynomolgus monkeys, often used in scientific research, to a Florida lab. The report added that the monkeys can cost up to \$10,000 each.

The Times said the crash occurred in Montour County, about 150 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

State police said that after the collision, the trailer broke away from the truck and three of the primates escaped from the enclosed trailer.

The state police, local fire fighters and EMS workers, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, PSP Aviation, the Centers for Disease Control and the Pennsylvania Department of Health participated in the search. Authorities said that by 7:16 p.m. the following day, all three monkeys had been captured and were humanely euthanized.

In an email to a reporter, a CDC representative wrote that the captured monkeys posed a public health risk.

Neither Brooks nor the driver of the dump truck were injured.

The Associated Press reported that Brooks picked up the monkeys from New York's Kennedy Airport after they arrived from Mauritius, an island nation in the Indian Ocean.

Witnesses said Brooks had just exited the Interstate and was attempting to get back on when he cut in front of the dump truck

Starke woman killed in Union County crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Florida Highway Patrol said a 22-year-old Starke woman was killed in an early-morning crash on State Road 121 north of Lake Butler.

Troopers wrote in a news release that at around 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, a 32-year-old Lake City man driving a Dodge pickup southbound crossed the center lane and collided with the Starke woman's Chevrolet sedan.

The crash occurred near Northeast 188th Court. The Lake City man was transported to a hospital in serious condition.



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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:
124 Andrew Street, Starke, FL 32091
5758 Oliver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32211
4462 Abbs Valley Road, Bluefield, VA 24605

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LEGAL NOTICE:

The Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee/Workgroup will meet Thursday, February 3 at 2:30 pm in the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office at 945N North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. Bradford County Emergency Management encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation and contents of the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy which serves as the plan submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community.

This public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person wanting to attend the meeting and requires assistance with accessibility and/or interpretation should contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments via email to the Bradford County Emergency Management Director at brad_witt@bradfordsheriff.org at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. The meeting agenda may be obtained within 5 days of the meeting date via email request to the Emergency Management Director. Please contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 for more information.

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CIVIL ACTION
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.
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, Ulisban Shawn Bryant a/k/a Ulisban 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 13th 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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a meeting on February 7, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings

or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 21000201CAAXMX
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.
WENDELL A. BROWN, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered December 22, 2021 in Case No. 21000201CAAXMX in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida. COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (hereafter "Plaintiff") and WENDELL A. BROWN; TRUIST BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUNTRUST BANK ("Defendants"), Denny Thompson, Clerk of the Circuit Court for BRADFORD, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the LOBBY of the Courthouse; 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, at 11:00 a.m., on the 24th day of FEBRUARY 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 64 OF "KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES UNIT ONE REPLAT", AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN N 29 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID REPLAT A DISTANCE OF 180.0 FEET TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 63 AS SHOWN ON SAID REPLAT; THENCE RUN S 60 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 40 SECONDS W, 100.0' FEET TO THE POB THENCE CONTINUE S 60 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 40 SECONDS W, 623.75 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W, 183.84 FEET; THENCE RUN N 60 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E, 620.27 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A 60 FOOT ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 10.0 FEET AND ARC LENGTH OF 104.58 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N 37 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E, 102.17 FEET; THENCE LEAVE SAID RIGHT OF WAY AND RUN N 29 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W, 120.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org. Dated this 18th day of January, 2022. DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
Van Ness Law Firm, PLC
1239 E. Newport Center Drive
Suite #110
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
Phone (954) 571-2031
Email: Pleadings@vanlawfl.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 04-2021-CP-000152
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID ROSS OSTEEN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of David Ross Osteen, deceased, whose date of death was August 4, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 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.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 27, 2022. Attorney: R. Nadine David, Esq., FBN: 89004. Florida Probate Law Group, PO Box 141135, Gainesville, FL 32614
Phone: (352) 352-2654
E-Mail: ndavid@floridaprobatelawgroup.com
Personal Representative:
Charles Michael David, Esq., PO Box 141135, Gainesville, FL 32614
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-0322

LOANCARE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
DAVID W. COXE A/K/A DAVID COXE; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; CAVALRY SPV I LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK NA, FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF AMERICA, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; DONNA J. COXE A/K/A DONNA COXE; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 19th day of January, 2022 BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein LOANCARE, LLC is the Plaintiff and DAVID W. COXE A/K/A DAVID COXE AQUA FINANCE, INC CAVALRY SPV I LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK NA, FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF AMERICA, INC STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DONNA J. COXE A/K/A DONNA COXE; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. RAY NORMAN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, east front door of the Bradford County courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL., 11:00 AM on the 21 day of April, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO
IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. Dated this 20 day of January 2022. RAY NORMAN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by:
De Cubas & Lewis, P.A.
P.O. Box 771270
Coral Springs, FL 33077
Telephone: (954) 453-0365
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE
PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516
eservice@decubaslewis.com

EXHIBIT A
Lot 3 of Forest Heights
A parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) and run North 00 degrees 01 minute 50 seconds West, along the West line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) a distance of 73.9 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 81 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 628.7 feet to an iron pipe on the West right of way line of State Road No. 16, thence run South 35 degrees 00 minutes East, along said West right of way line 54.77 feet to a concrete monument on the East line of the East One-Half (1/2) of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence run South 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West, along said East line, 247.99 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West, along said East line 104.00 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, 223.10 feet to the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run North 00 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds West, along said center-line 104.00 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, 223.29 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel being Lot 3 of an unrecorded Map of FOREST HEIGHTS as surveyed by Joseph G. Knapp, Registered Land Surveyor. Reserving an easement for Utilities and General Road Purposes across the West 30 feet of the above described lands. Lot 4 of Forest Heights
A parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) and run North 00 degrees 01 minute 50 seconds West, along the West line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) a distance of 73.9 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 81 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 628.7 feet to an iron pipe on the West right of way line of State Road No. 16; thence run South 35 degrees 00 minutes East, along said West right of way line 54.77 feet to a concrete monument on the East line of the East One-Half (1/2)

of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence run South 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West, along said East line 351.99 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West, along said East line 104.00 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, 222.91 feet to the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and General road purposes; thence run North 00 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds West, along said center-line 104.00 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, 223.10 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being Lot 4 of an unrecorded Map of Forest Heights as surveyed by Joseph G. Knapp, Registered Land Surveyor. Reserving an easement for Utilities and General road purposes across the West 30 feet of the above described lands
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 04-2021-CP-000158
IN RE: ESTATE OF WARREN J. DASSAU,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Warren J. Dassau deceased, whose date of death was November 18, 2021, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-2450 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave, 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 27, 2022. Attorney for Personal Representative: ADAM LEE LAW PLLC
Adam J. Lee, Esquire
FL Bar No:0072083
4735 NW 53rd Ave, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653
Email: adamadamelelaw.com
Email: legalassist@adamleelaw.com
Telephone: (352) 373-5500
Attorney for Petitioner
Personal Representative:
Jennifer A. Dassau
29 Kiltie Drive
New Hope, PA 18938
Petitioner
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 63-2021-CP-0036
Division Probate
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 THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 20, 2022. Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen M. Witt
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 231916
PO Box 2064
LAKE CITY, FL 32056-2064
Telephone: (386) 755-2863
Fax: (386) 752-1732
E-Mail: stephen@attorneywitt.com
Secondary E-Mail: carey@attorneywitt.com
Personal Representative:
Haleigh Bates
8992 NW 45th Ct
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING VARIANCES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as

the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the variances, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of Union County, Florida, at public hearings on February 7, 2022, at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

(1) V 21-01, a petition by Paula E. Jolley and William F. Jolley II, to request a variance be granted as provided for in Section 12.3 of the Land Development Regulations to reduce the South front yard setback from 30.00 feet to 20.00 feet and to reduce the East front yard setback from 30.00 feet to 20.50 feet within an RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/HM-1) zoning district zoning district, in accordance with a site plan dated January 4, 2022 and a petition dated December 14, 2021, and revised on January 6, 2022, to be located on property described, as follows:
A parcel of land lying in Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The South 1/2 of Lot 15 of the Hidden Oaks Subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida.

Containing 0.51 acre, more or less.
(2) V 21-02, a petition by John D. Harrington, as agent for Erica L. McGraw and James Kyle McGraw, to request a variance be granted as provided for in Section 12.3 of the Land Development Regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 30.00 feet to 22.00 feet within an AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) zoning district, in accordance with a site plan dated February 17, 2021 and submitted as part of a petition dated January 11, 2022, to be located on property described, as follows:
A parcel of land lying in Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Lot 3 of the Turkey Ridge Heights Subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida. Containing 1.40 acres, more or less. The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the variances. Copies of the variances are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate the proceedings should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).
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LAKE REGION
CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE 2022-594
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 9 GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III - CITY RECREATIONAL PARKS; TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN THE PAVILION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Keystone Heights seeks to protect the health, safety and well-being of both the citizens of the City as well as visitors; and
WHEREAS, the City Council believes the consumption of alcohol can be accomplished safely at the City Pavilion and without detriment to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens and visitors; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority in Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, the City Council of Keystone Heights desires to amend Chapter 9, General Regulations, Article III City Recreational Parks, of the Ordinances for the City of Keystone Heights; and
WHEREAS, the City Council of Keystone Heights, Florida hereby finds and declares the adoption of this ordinance is appropriate and in the public interest of the citizens of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA: Section 1. Recitals
The foregoing recitals are adopted and hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
Section 2. Code Amended
Chapter 9, General Regulations, Article III City Recreational Parks of the Ordinances for the City of Keystone Heights is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. - CITY RECREATIONAL PARKS
Sec. 9-71. - Title and application.
This article shall be known as the "Keystone Heights Recreational Facilities Regulations Ordinance." This article shall apply to all recreational lands owned or operated by the city.
Sec. 9-72. - Purpose.
(a) The purpose of this article is to set rules and regulations for the Keystone Heights Recreational Parks; to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the recreational parks unless approved by City Council as a Special Event; to set operating hours for the recreational parks.
(b) The city council finds that in order to properly police the recreational parks,

it is necessary to provide appropriate rules and regulations for the use and operation of the recreational parks. The city council finds that it is also important to set specific times for use in order to permit the proper policing of the recreational parks. The city council finds that this article is required in order to foster the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Keystone Heights.
Sec. 9-73. - Definitions.
The following definitions shall apply to this article:
Alcoholic beverage means a beverage containing alcohol as defined in Florida Statutes.
Recreational parks means any real property owned or operated by the city used for recreational purposes. All other words and phrases shall be governed by the common definition or in Florida Statutes, or Keystone Heights Code of Ordinances.
Sec. 9-74. - Keystone Heights recreational parks hours.
The hours of operation of recreational parks shall be determined by written order of the city manager.
Sec. 9-75. Public use of recreational parks.
It shall be unlawful, within the confines of the recreational parks, for any person or persons to:
(1) Bring or use alcoholic beverages unless approved by City Council as a Special Event;
(2) Climb on benches or tables;
(3) Bring an unleashed or aggressive animal;
(4) Skateboard, skate, rollerblade or engage in similar recreational activity;
(5) Bring a bicycle or other such vehicle into the recreational parks;
(6) Bring or use glass containers;
(7) Fish within swimming area or kayak launch;
(8) Play a radio, tape recorder, or other instrument or device which produces sound, that can be heard more than ten feet from the instrument;
(9) [Reserved];
(10) [Reserved];
(11) When using the picnic areas, patrons must clean up after use and place all refuse in the garbage cans provided;
(12) City employees may expel anyone from the recreational parks if the patrons behavior is deemed to be disruptive, dangerous, or from anyone who does not comply with these rules;
(13) There will be one adult in the water or in very close proximity to every four children in the water;
(14) There must be one adult supervising every eight children under the age of 12; and
(15) Access to recreational parks and any waters contiguous to any recreational parks shall be set forth from time to time by the city council.
Sec. 9-76. - Fees.
Fees for the day-to-day use and special use of the Keystone Heights Recreational Parks shall be designated by the city council.
Sec. 9-77. - Alcoholic beverages.
(a) The consumption of alcoholic beverages within any recreational parks is hereby prohibited unless approved by City Council as a Special Event and is strictly limited to the boundaries of the pavilion and punishable as set forth in Section 13-9.
(b) The possession of any open or unsealed container(s) of alcoholic beverages or mixtures containing alcoholic beverages is hereby prohibited unless approved by City Council as a Special Event and is strictly limited to the boundaries of the pavilion and punishable as set forth in Section 13-9.
(c) If alcohol is approved by the City Council for a Special Event for use in the pavilion, the applicant is responsible for ensuring alcohol is not consumed in any of the surrounding areas, including but not limited to the playground, parking lot, park, picnic area, beach or lake. The City Manager shall inform Clay County Sheriff's Office of event date and time. City Council does reserve the right to request additional security at applicant's expense.
Sec. 9-78. - Violations.
A violation of this article shall be considered a category 1 civil infraction and shall be punishable pursuant to Section 1-20. In addition to the penalties proscribed in Section 1-19, a trespass warning for 90 days in length shall be issued to an individual upon his or her commission of a first violation of this article. A trespass warning for 12 months in length shall be issued to an individual who commits a second violation of any kind within 18 months of a first violation.
Secs. 9-79—9-80. - Reserved.
Section 3. Direction to the Codifier
The codifier is instructed to place the provisions of this Ordinance within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Keystone Heights and make any modifications necessary to place the provisions in a form that complies with the Code.
Section 4. Conflict
If any portion of this ordinance is in conflict with any portion of any other ordinance, then the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.
Section 5. Severability
If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
Section 6. Effective Date
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
DULY APPROVED on First Reading this 1st day of March 2021, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.
DULY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on Second Reading this _____ day of February 2022, by the City Council of City of Keystone Heights, Florida.
By: Karen Lake, Mayor
ATTEST:
Lynn Rutkowski, City Manager
FORM APPROVED:
Rich Komando, City Attorney
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Personal property of the following tenant will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807.
Auction will be held on February 12, 2022 at 10:00 am at Melrose Mini Storage, 827 N. SR21 Melrose, FL 32666. Phone (352) 475-5000. All items may not be available on the date of the sale.
TENANT NAME Shaundra Henry
UNIT # 32 DESCRIPTION Household Items
1/27 1tchg-LRM

KHHS girls soccer team wins 8-0 to cap regular season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School capped the regular season in girls soccer in a big way, with Kiersten Shaw scoring four goals in an 8-0 win at Fort White on Jan. 21.

Sydney Colaw and Ella Hutchins each scored two goals as the Indians improved to 13-5-3.

Shaw and Lindsay Hovsepian each had two assists, while Hutchins and Raegan Hogg each had one.

Keystone entered the match

off a 1-1 tie at Eastside on Jan. 20.

Goalie Miranda Yow made 10 saves, while Elizabeth Waughon scored the Indians' lone goal off an Alec Horton assist.

The Indians earned the number-two seed in the District 4-3A tournament, which is being hosted by Newberry High School. Keystone was scheduled to play seventh-seed Interlachen in a quarterfinal match on Wednesday, Jan. 26. If they won, the Indians will play either third-seed Trinity Catholic or sixth-seed Williston in a semifinal match on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 5 p.m.

Semifinal winners play for the championship on Saturday, Jan. 29, at noon.

The rest of the tournament consists of top-seed P.K. Yonge, fourth-seed Newberry and fifth-

seed Fort White.

KHHS wins 2nd straight in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School concluded the boys soccer regular season with two straight wins, including a 2-0 victory over visiting Fort White on Jan. 21.

Logan Spence scored off a Chris Anderson assist, while a Luke Brunt corner kick led to a goal by Tyler Shaw.

The Indians (10-6-4) entered the match off a 5-1 win over visiting Interlachen on Jan. 20.

Tyler Colaw scored three goals, while Shaw and Skyler Kedgley each added one.

Micah Wiley led the team in assists with two, while Brunt, Spence and Aaron Wiley each had one.

Goalie Carson Eatmon made three saves.

Keystone is the fourth seed in the District 4-3A tournament, which is being hosted by Fort White. The Indians will play a quarterfinal match against fifth-seed Newberry on Friday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. If Keystone wins, it will play top-seed P.K. Yonge in a semifinal match on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. The winner will advance to the championship match, which is set for Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m.

The rest of the tournament field consists of second-seed Williston, third-seed Trinity Catholic, sixth-seed Fort White and seventh-seed Interlachen.

Bradford boys hoops team loses to 46-40 to Trenton

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chalil Cummings recorded a double-double, but the Bradford High School boys basketball team saw its three-game winning streak come to an end with a 46-40 loss to visiting Trenton on Jan. 22.

The Tornadoses (8-8) held a nine-point lead before being outscored 22-7 in the fourth quarter.

Cummings had 10 points and 12 rebounds to go along with four assists.

Shayne Davis just missed scoring in double figures with

nine points.

Robbie Simmons-Godwin, who scored five points, grabbed 10 rebounds, while Keith Ardley, who scored six points, dished out three assists.

Following a 62-26 win over Keystone Heights on Jan. 17 (which was covered in the Jan. 20 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor), Bradford recorded its second win over fellow Class 1A team Newberry in a week. The Panthers were ranked number one going into the first game (a 56-51 BHS win on Jan. 11) and still ranked number one going into the second, which the Tornadoses won 46-41 on Jan. 18 in Newberry.

Newberry has since fallen to second with the Jan. 24 release of the latest 1A rankings. The Tornadoses are fifth.

Bradford overcame a six-point halftime deficit and took a 27-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

Jontez Williams and Simmons-Godwin scored 11 and nine points, respectively, with Williams also recording six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Amari Jones and Dae'Jon Shanks had seven and six points, respectively, while Cummings and Davis each scored four. Sincere Hankerson and Torin Brazell added three and two points, respectively.

Cummings had three assists, while Jones had five steals.

On Jan. 19, the Bradford got 14 points from Williams in a 53-44 win over visiting Wildwood.

Cummings and Simmons-Godwin scored nine and eight points, respectively, while Shanks and Hunter Crawford each had seven. Jones had six points, while Hankerson added two.

Simmons-Godwin led the team in rebounds with eight, while Cummings had six.

Jones and Shanks recorded four and three assists, respectively.

Bradford played Gainesville this past Tuesday and will travel to play Oakleaf on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoses host North Marion on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m.



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Obituaries

Jon Brownell

STARKE Jon H. Brownell, 87, formerly of Hastings, died at his home in Starke on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.

A Celebration of Life service will be held this summer in Hastings, Michigan.

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

Dana Corson



LAKE BUTLER Dana Lynn Corson, 54, of Lake Butler passed away Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville following an extended illness. She was born on Sept. 6, 1967 in Mears, Virginia and graduated from Arcadia High School in Virginia. After graduation she moved to Starke in 1988 and later resided in Lake Butler for the last 20 years. She worked for the state of Florida for many of those years. She was of the Presbyterian faith and a homemaker. She always had a happy smile and a unique laugh that always made you feel comfortable being around her. She loved to cook and decorate for the holidays, take care of animals (a lot), and help her niece (Sissy) take care of her three children. Preceding her in death were her mother, Frances Darlene (Stevens) Lafferty of Virginia and her sister Nova Clyatt (Lafferty).

Survivors are: her father, Grover Lee Lafferty Jr.; children, Keith Corson of Starke and Vance Paladino of Lake Butler; siblings, Roy Lafferty, Bill Lafferty, G.L. Lafferty of Virginia; niece, Arica Brown and her children, Drayton, Dalen, and Aylah of Lake Butler; and nephews, Adam Adkins and Aaron Adkins of Lake Butler.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Esther Dallimore

STARKE Esther L. Dallimore, 87, of Starke died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022.

No services will be held at this time.

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

Dr. Mark Frost

MELROSE Dr. Mark Malcolm Frost, 73, of Melrose died on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.

Memorial services are to be determined at a later date in spring.

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

Maegan Johnson



LAWTEY Maegan R. Johnson, 32, of Lawtey died on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at St. Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a member of the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church. She was a lifelong resident of Lawtey and attended the local schools of Bradford County. She graduated with an associate's degree from college and was an honor student. She was very active with the church choir and also served as the youth secretary.

She is survived by her parents, Edmond and Sylvia Johnson; two brothers, William Aldridge III and Devin Ryan (Taylor) Johnson; two nieces; six nephews; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many sorrowing friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 904-964-7905. The family will arrive at Peetsville Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. There will be no viewing.

Facemasks are required and please practice social distancing measures. PAID OBITUARY

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Steven McBride

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Steven "Steve" McBride, 55, of Keystone Heights died Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, in Gainesville.

Visitations are Thursday, Jan. 27, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176.

Dorothy Moore

MELROSE Dorothy May Moore, 85, of Melrose died at her home Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.

She is survived by her daughters Kelly Miragliotta of Freemantle, Australia and Kimberly Anne Pate of Keystone Heights and four grandsons. There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

Vera Nicula



Vera H. Nicula was a godly wife, mother, nana, and friend. She left this world after an extended illness on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at the age of 82. She was born to Bill and Goldie Myers on Oct. 7, 1939. She had five brothers and four sisters who preceded her in death. She met the love of her life at the restaurant where she was a waitress, her mother was the cook and her soon-to-be husband was a waiter. She married Octavian Nicula on April 24, 1958. They were married 55 years.

She is survived by two children: Perry (Gayle) Nicula and Vickie (Jay) Eaves. She had five grandchildren: Laura (Dusty) Griffis, Kasey (Brandon) Bradley, John (Kaitlyn) Nicula, Leanna (Eric) Spriggle, and Jackson Eaves. She had 11 great-grandchildren: Dempsey, Ally, Colby, Cruz, Kessler, Baylor, Brix, Everleigh, Banx, Decker and Ripp. She was a wife, mother and nana to all. She spent her life living for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and devoting her time to her children and grandchildren. She was always ready for an adventure with her family, even if we had to strongly persuade her to go.

A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Denmark Barn with David Cox conducting the service.

She was loved by so many and will be greatly missed.

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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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Benny Richardson



SANDERSON Benny "Franklin" Richardson, 80, of Sanderson, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at the Macclenny Nursing and Rehab facility, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Jan. 5, 1942, in Sanderson, to Lacy and Emma Laura (McDonald) Richardson. Soon after school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served until he was honorably discharged. He came back home and, in 1961, married the love of his life, Lura Drulene Luke. The couple moved to Jacksonville in 1964 where he worked for Barco-Duval Inc. He worked as their general superintendent for 28 years until opening his own business in 1991; R&B Contracting, Inc. Known for his work ethic, he remained active in the business until his health recently declined. In 1996, he and his wife were able to move back to Sanderson after they purchased "the farm." Although proud of the company he built, coming home to the farm, riding the ranger with grandkids, checking on his cows, and being with family are what he really enjoyed. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years, Lura Drulene "Ging" Richardson; his parents; his brothers, Harry, Wilford, and Vernon Richardson; and sister, Redith Bryant.

He is survived by his son, Franklin E. "Benny" (Debbie) Richardson of Sanderson; daughter, Rhonda K. (Huey "Peanut") Davis of Middleburg; grandchildren, Lavaughn (Emma) Morris, Melissa Davis, Brent (Corine) Davis, Benny (Corley) Richardson, Christopher Richardson, and Amber (Cotey) Smith; great-grandchildren, Tori, Dallas, Skyler, Abby, Gavin, Brynlee, Boone, and Carolyn (on the way); one great-great-grandchild, Wrenley (on the way); his siblings, Earl (Iris) Richardson of Glen St. Mary, Rachel (Marvin) Lauramore and Joyce Griffis all of Sanderson; and a host of extended family.

A funeral to honor him was held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the church he attended, Christian Fellowship Temple. Interment followed at South Prong Cemetery in Sanderson. His services were officiated by Brother David Thomas, Brother Jim Cox, and his great-nephew, Brother Bryan Richardson.

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

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Shirley Sheppard



LAWTEY Shirley "John Wayne" Ann Sheppard, 68, of Lawtey, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 at her residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make donations to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses as she had no insurance.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Starke. 904-964-5757.

Cynthia Thornton



RAIFORD Cynthia Carlton Thornton, 65, of Raiford, passed away on Jan. 17, 2022, at her home. She was born on Jan. 21, 1956, at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, to Ernest and Elsie Linzy Carlton. She spent her whole life in Bradford and Union counties. She worked for the Bradford County School Board in a variety of roles, mainly janitorial and culinary until her retirement. She was a caring and devoted daughter, mother, and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest; and her brother Ernest Jr.

She is survived by her mother, Elsie Carlton of Raiford; her daughter, Wendy (St. Claire) Sefcik of Lake Butler; grandchildren, Savanna, Falina, and Tucker Sefcik; and brother, Eric Carlton of Raiford.

A memorial will be scheduled at a later date.

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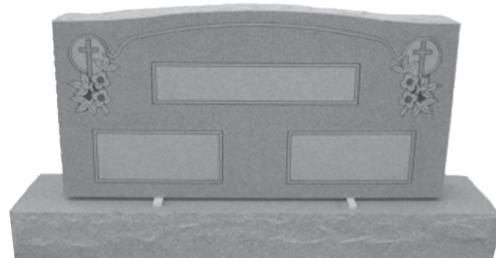
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KHHS girls improve to 16-4 with 59-31 win over BHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School scored the first 15 points and rolled to a 59-31 victory over Bradford in a Jan. 25 girls basketball game in Starke.

It was the third straight win for the Indians, who improved to 16-4, while it was the third straight loss for the Tornadoes (7-10).

Keystone forced Bradford into turnovers on its seven possessions. Lindsay Qualls took advantage, scoring the game's

first 10 points, which included six points on two three-pointers.

Kiley Channell also made two shots from beyond the arc as the Indians took a 24-3 lead into the second quarter.

Bernaria Nichols made two three-pointers for Bradford in the second quarter, but the Tornadoes continued to turn the ball over, with Keystone coming up with almost 20 steals in the first half. Bradford turned the ball over on three straight possessions following Nichols' second three-pointer. The first turnover led to a basket by Madi Mitzel, followed by two straight steals by Yasmin Bryant. Bryant scored off her first steal, with the second setting up another Mitzel basket.

When the first half ended, the Indians held a 37-14 lead, with Qualls having scored 10 points and Bryant and Mitzel having scored nine each.

Bryant made two three-pointers early in the fourth quarter and finished with a game-high 17 points. Qualls and Channell scored 13 and 12, respectively, while Mitzel had nine. Dezaray Bright had four points, while Emma Rogel and Kasey Valentine each added two.

Santee Blye and Aniyah Carroll did the bulk of the scoring for Bradford, finishing with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Nichols scored six points, while Kimber Woods added two.

Each team concludes the regular season with a home game on Thursday, Jan. 27. The Indians play Baldwin at 5:30 p.m., while the Tornadoes play Williston at 7 p.m.

District-tournament play is next week. Details weren't known by deadline.

KHHS enters game off 2 straight wins

Prior to playing Bradford, the Indians went on the road to defeat Palatka 47-31 on Jan. 18, while also getting a win at home over Baker County by a score of 39-27 on Jan. 21.

Qualls scored 16 points in the win over Palatka, with Channell and Rogel scoring 11 and 10, respectively. Mitzel had six points, while Bright and Valentine each added two.



Keystone's Emma Rogel (left) takes a shot over Bradford's Santee Blye. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Keystone's Kiley Channell (far right) drives to the basket against Bradford's Sky McMillian. The Tornadoes' Kimber Woods (far left) is also pictured.



Bradford's Kimber Woods (left) wrestles a rebound from Keystone's Rexi Lewis.

Bright and Channell each had nine rebounds and six steals, with Channell also dishing out nine assists. Mitzel had eight rebounds, while Qualls had four steals.

In the Baker County win, Channell scored 10 points, while Bright and Qualls each had six. Valentine and Rachel Roth added

five and four points, respectively, while Bryant, Mitzel, Rogel and Riley Barry each had two.

Mitzel and Rogel had 11 and seven rebounds, respectively, with each also coming away with three steals. Rogel also had four assists.

Channell had four assists and five steals, while Roth had four steals. Bryant had three steals.



Bradford's Aniyah Carroll sets up for a jump shot.

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BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE— With a 2.9% December unemployment rate, Clay County led the area in an increasingly tight labor market.

Bradford County's unemployment rate for December was 3.5% and Union's was 3.0%. However, because of its smaller work force, Union had the second-lowest number of people looking for a job in the state with 136. Only Lafayette County, with 93 people unemployed, had fewer people out of work.

Miami-Dade had the lowest unemployment rate in the state with 1.4%. Putnam County's rate of 5.2% was the highest in Florida.

The statewide unemployment rate is 4.4%

Pam Whittle, president of the North Florida Chamber of Commerce said CareerSource of North Central Florida is holding frequent hiring events for the Florida Department of Corrections as well as for other organizations.

"We had a hiring event for Walmart last week," she said. "They had openings in every department for every shift."

Whittle said three people showed up for the event and all three were hired by the retailer.

"It's to the point now where if you will just show up, you will get hired," she said.

Whittle added that many larger employers now are offering signing bonuses, led locally by the Department of Corrections. She added that a local bank is also offering the bonuses.

However, there is a downside for workers in the plentiful job market.

Miami-Dade which had the lowest unemployment rate in the state last month, also recorded the biggest increase in rent prices for single-family residences in the U.S.

According to analytical firm CoreLogic, the average price for renting a house in Miami-Dade increased by 33% in the month of November alone.

NURSES

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McCord said passing the exam on the first attempt is a "big deal," explaining that "if you don't pass after your third attempt, you have to go back through remediation and schooling again."

The December 2021 graduating class consisted of Emily Collins, Roberta Dykes, Halie Hammond, Ashley Hicks, Brandi Hopkins, Cassidy Phillips, Marlies Siemer, Natasha Smith, Sierra Steward, Amber Taylor and Imani West. Now nurses, they enter a field that's in high demand for employees.

"According to the literature, there's going to be more than 1.1 million nursing shortage in our country," Dickinson said. "I think a lot of that has to do with our current state with the pandemic. However, we were kind of headed that way before the pandemic hit."

Trimble said graduates can earn approximately \$15 per hour to \$25 per hour starting out, depending on the facility they work in and their level of responsibility.

"There is no greater return on the dollar than this program because, essentially, for \$7,500, they can then make that back within the first few months of their employment," Trimble said.

Dickinson said graduates can sometimes earn back their tuition on day one in the form of sign-on bonuses — another factor of the nursing shortage.

Practical nursing at NFTC is a 1,350-hour program that's offered both full-time (10 months) and part-time (18 months).

"They spend half that time in clinicals at various healthcare facilities throughout the area," Trimble said. "The other half is in the classroom."

Even in the classroom, though, students are treated as if they're in a clinical setting. A phrase the instructors like to use is, "Your shift isn't over."

"We expect and demand



North Florida Technical College's practical nursing instructors are (l-r) Lynn Dickinson, Becky McCord and Suzy Trimble.

excellence from them in the classroom setting in all aspects, as if they were on the floor giving medications, arriving to work on time, giving their best and not cutting any corners or compromising," Dickinson said, adding, "We hope they take that into the clinical setting. I feel like they do."

Trimble said, "I consider these students to be on the clock when they're in the classroom learning. They have to develop that discipline."

The instructors say they are strict and demand a lot of their students. Would any of us really want it any other way?

"We kind of say, 'Would I want her taking care of me one day or my mother or my grandmother?' They have to toe the line," Dickinson said.

One of the December graduates certainly took her education/training seriously. Marlies Siemer didn't miss a day.

"That is completely unheard of," Trimble said. "(NFTC Administrator Brad) Bishop said in all his years here, he's never heard of a nursing student having perfect attendance."

More job opportunities for licensed practical nurses exist due to the nursing shortage, McCord said. However, if NFTC practical nurse graduates wish

to go on and earn a degree as a registered nurse, they can enroll in LPN-to-RN bridge programs at Santa Fe College, Florida Gateway College and St. Johns River State College and receive credit for the work they've done at NFTC.

It would be natural to assume that students in the NFTC program are from Bradford County as well as Union County and parts of Alachua and Clay counties, and that is true, but students are also coming from Baker, Columbia and Duval counties. Dickinson said the program has had some students drive from more than an hour away, which says a lot about the program's reputation.

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Clay County Chamber establishing Lake Region Prosperity Council

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The Lake Region Development Corporation said it is sponsoring a new Clay County Chamber of Commerce council that will focus on expanding economic development in Keystone Heights.

The corporation's Executive Director Scott Kornegay said the Lake Region Prosperity Council will increase education, foster connections and coordinate business development efforts in the area.

"We are very excited to announce the formation of this new council and proud to be sponsoring this much needed resource for the Lake Region," Kornegay said in a news release. "The Lake Region Development Corporation is committed to assisting with sustainable business and economic growth in our area and this is just one more example of that commitment."

The chamber operates several councils, based on an area like the Oakleaf Business Council or a peer group like the Women's Empowerment Council to focus on specific topics.

Kornegay said that Patricia Evans, Bradford and Clay County President of Capital City Bank and a Clay Chamber board member, has been working alongside Keystone Heights City Manager Lynn Rutkowski to lay the foundation for the formation of the council.

Another Clay Chamber board member, Dana Heisler, owner of Basket Life in Green Cove Springs will serve as liaison and advisor to the new council.

"I'm thrilled to help the Lake Region area create a resource network of people that supports the local area business needs and

helps them grow," she said.

The chamber's board approved the new council last November.

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be a mixer at Keystone's Cedar River Seafood on Thursday, Jan. 27.

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King, Wagner have notable performances at district meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was a big day for the Keystone Heights High School girls weightlifting team at the Jan. 18 District 5-1A finals at Fort White High School, with two lifters accomplishing something that hasn't happened in 10 years.

The Indians qualified 11 individuals for the Region 2 finals, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at Father Lopez High School in Daytona Beach. Ariel King and Grace Wagner are moving on as the champions of their respective weight classes. Keystone's last individual district champ was Jaelyn Miller in 2012.

When she was informed that she and Wagner were the first champions since then, King said, "Wow. I don't know what to say."

Wagner admitted it was hard to believe Keystone had gone that long without having at least one champion "because we do have a good program."

"It's definitely crazy to think some girls just haven't done it (since 2012)," she said.

Wagner, a senior, came close to winning a championship last year, when she was the district runner-up in the 139 class. That followed a third-place finish in 2019 and a fifth-place finish in 2020.

"It feels pretty amazing," Wagner said of winning this year. "I've been working for it for five years. To finally be able to call myself a district champ is absolutely amazing. I can't wait



Grace Wagner (left) and Ariel King became the first individual district champions for Keystone in girls weightlifting since 2012. Photos provided by Mary Karshner-Smith.

to see what I call myself by the end of the season."

Wagner is hoping to earn her first-ever trip to the state finals. She's made great strides toward that end. She improved her district totals from last year to this year by 15 pounds in the bench press and by 25 pounds in the clean and jerk. Her 260 overall total this year was 40 pounds more than last year's total.

"This was the last time I was ever going to compete in districts," Wagner said. "I had to give it to my all and hope that it worked out. It did. It worked out really good for me."

King, a junior, is in her third year of weightlifting. She placed fifth at the district meet last

year, lifting in the 154 class. She dropped down into the 129 class this year, but improved her district totals from last year to this year by 25 pounds in the bench press and by 5 pounds in the clean and jerk. Her overall total of 235 this year was 30 pounds more than she did last year.

"I honestly didn't see myself coming this far," King said. She credited coaches Mary Karshner-Smith and Todd Gillenwaters with pushing her to perform to the best of her abilities.

King wants to go as far as her coaches want her to.

"They really want me to go to state," she said. "Because they want that so much for me, I also want it a lot."

King said she and Wagner were in tears when they figured out they both placed first after looking at the totals. It meant a lot to each lifter that the other had won. They both lifted in the 154 class in the past and have been close since then.

"It was really a good feeling," Wagner said of seeing King win her class. "Ariel's always been kind of the person who I kind of put under my wing. I'm the oldest on the team. I'm the only senior. For the past three years now, she's kind of been the person who's been right under me and always there with me. We were in the same weight class for about two years."

The top six lifters in each class at the District 5 finals earned the right to move on to the Region 2

finals. Joining King and Wagner will be Abigail Anthony-Rozier and Kaylee Wright, who were runners-up in the 110 and 183 classes, respectively. Heidi Knapp (third in the 119 class), Kathryn Brossette (fourth in the 129 class), Harmony Geiger (fourth in the 169 class) Lillian Mitchell (fourth in the 183 class), Schiley Starling (fifth in the 119 class), Chloe Still (sixth in the 139 class) and Kenly Chitty (sixth in the 154 class).

"I'm very proud of my girls," Karshner-Smith said. "We've come a long way this year."

Anthony-Rozier, a freshman, and Wright, a junior, made improvements from last year to this year similar to those made by King and Wagner. Anthony-Rozier improved her overall total by 30 pounds, while Wright improved hers by 45 pounds.

Knapp and Starling improved their overall totals by 15 pounds, while Mitchell improved hers by 10 pounds.

Wright is seeking to qualify for state for the second straight year. Last season, she became the Indians' first state qualifier since 2013.

"I foresee more than one girl — like we had last year — going (to state) this year," Wagner said, adding, "It would be pretty awesome to have a group of girls going."

King said, "I think it would be a really good experience for a bunch of us to go to state, even if we don't place."

As for the Region 2 meet, King hopes it's as special for her and Wagner as their last meet was.

"We won districts together," King said. "I'm hoping that we can take regionals, too."



Keystone Heights High School is sending 11 to the Region 2-1A girls weightlifting finals. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Schiley Starling, Abigail Anthony-Rozier, Kathryn Brossette, Harmony Geiger, (back, l-r) Coach Todd Gillenwaters, Chloe Still, Kenly Chitty, Heidi Knapp, Kaylee Wright, Lillian Mitchell, Grace Wagner, Coach Mary Karshner-Smith and Ariel King.

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BHS lifters working toward hopeful state championship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

One year after winning its first district championship, the Bradford High School girls weightlifting program did it again, capturing the District 5-1A title on Jan. 18.

An accomplishment to be proud of, for sure, but this year, the Tornadoes are aiming for a much higher championship.

"District was just one steppingstone," senior Jessica Traylor said.

Senior Hannah McFarland said, "We're coming for a state ring."

The next steppingstone is the Region 2 finals on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at Daytona Beach's Father Lopez High School, where Bradford will attempt to win its second straight regional championship and qualify as many lifters as possible for state.

Winning championships of any sort is a thrill, so don't think the Tornadoes didn't celebrate earning that District 5 trophy. It was certainly a big deal to McFarland, who didn't compete at last year's district meet because of a shoulder injury.

"It was amazing," she said of this year's experience. "Last year, it broke my heart because I wasn't able to help my team."

Senior Mahailya Reeves, who lifted for Union County High School the previous three seasons, has never lost a competition, so she entered the

Jan. 18 event as a three-time district champ. However, this year's meet, which resulted in her winning her fourth district title, was still a meaningful experience.

As the saying goes, "Winning never gets old."

"It was an emotional day," Reeves said. "I had a good time."

In fact, just because the Tornadoes have a bigger goal in mind, the team's seniors said winning the district title this year was even better than doing it last year. They said they're closer as a team this year and enjoying the ride more.

"We were a team last year," Mikayla Cooper said. "This year, we're a family."

Breann Ponce echoed that sentiment, saying, "Honestly, it is one big family with us. We're here day in and day out with each other. We've become more like sisters. Coach Bryan (Griffis), honestly, has become more like a dad to us. We see him every day."

Ponce then couldn't help picking on "Dad" just a little.

"We get sick of his face, but we still love him," she said. "He knows it."

Griffis is in his first year as BHS coach, but he's no stranger to training top-performing lifters. In each of the last six seasons, he coached at least one individual state champion at Union County High School. He had four win states in 2018, which also resulted in Union winning the team



Bradford High School captured the District 5-1A girls weightlifting championship — the second straight for the Tornadoes — and had seven individuals win their weight classes. Pictured (front to back, left to right) are Assistant Coach Roger Crews, Head Coach Bryan Griffis, Presley Acree, Breann Ponce, Kirsten Hodges, Abbie Markham, Allie McFarland, Brianna Jordan, Assistant Coach Kaylan Taylor, (back, l-r) Gabby Oliver, Takeirra Bakken, Jessica Traylor, Mahailya Reeves, Mikayla Cooper, Hannah McFarland, Courtney Comer, Emma Franke and Assistant Coach Joey Taylor. Not pictured: Raven Ford. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

championship.

Obviously, that was a special year for him. Could this one be better?

"These girls are competitive. They want to win," Griffis said. "If I get a hold of a team that's competitive and wants to win, I'm going to give them 100 percent of me to help them. They want to win."

"This could be better than any team I've ever coached. They have the chance to better than

any team I've ever coached. It just depends on how much each of them wants it."

If the senior class is any indication, they want it bad, which is why they wish the Region 2 meet didn't start more than a week after the District 5 meet.

"I want it bad," McFarland said. "Like Coach Bryan says, 'You have to want it more than you want to breathe.'"

Ponce said, "We're ready." Bradford will have 15 competing at the Region 2 meet: Cooper (119 class), McFarland (110), Ponce (129), Reeves (unlimited), Traylor (unlimited) and fellow senior Raven Ford (154), juniors Takeirra Bakken (183), Courtney Comer (169), Emma Franke (169), Brianna Jordan (154) and Gabby Oliver (199), sophomores Presley Acree (119) and Kristen Hodges (129) and freshmen Abbie Markham (101) and Allie McFarland (139). Cooper and Reeves are

making their fourth straight trip to regionals, while McFarland has been three out of four years. Bakken, Comer, Jordan and Traylor are each making their third trip.

Bakken, Comer, Cooper, Jordan, Oliver, Reeves and Hannah McFarland won their weight classes at the District 5 meet, while Traylor and Allie McFarland were runners-up. Ford, Markham and Ponce were third-place finishers. Acree placed fourth, while Franke and Hodges both placed sixth.

Seven of the Region 2 qualifiers were state participants last year, with Reeves and Comer, who lifted for Union County High School, winning state titles. Reeves is attempting to become the first girls weightlifter in Florida to win four championships. No one's come remotely close to beating her during her career.

Bakken, Cooper, Jordan, Oliver and Traylor qualified for

state last season as well, with Bakken and Jordan placing second in their respective classes.

The individual champions at all of the state's regional meets will automatically qualify for state. An additional 17 lifters in each weight class will receive at-large berths, based upon their regional totals.

The Class 1A state finals will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Port St. Joe High School.

Griffis expressed his thanks to local businesses for their support as well as to the parents, who've allowed him to focus on the task at hand.

"The parents have really, really helped out this year," he said. "It has made it easier for me to coach not to have to worry about the fundraising part, the food at every meet, helping me get stuff lined up for coolers and ice and drinks for the girls. There's so much that people don't realize goes into it."

"When you have the support of the parents, it makes it so much easier."

Thanks to the support they've received, the weightlifters and coaches have team T-shirts, the back of which bear Philippians 4:13, the Biblical verse Griffis and his teams have long held as their motto: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Griffis hopes his team's supporters wind up buying more than T-shirts when it's all said and done.

"We're not through with our journey yet," Griffis said. "We're just getting started. Make sure those businesses know that at the end of it, we've got to buy state rings for all these girls."

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