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Pedestrian hit by 3 vehicles on U.S. 301

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

The Florida Highway Patrol said a pedestrian died after being hit by a sport utility vehicle, a semi, and a pickup on U.S. 301 north of Lawtey Tuesday night.

The state agency said the man was standing in the southbound lanes of the

highway north of the Clay-Bradford County line around 6:45 p.m. when a driver from the Villages first struck the pedestrian.

All three drivers pulled over and waited for law enforcement after the collisions, and the pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene.

First responders from Bradford, Clay, and Duval counties, as well as

FHP troopers, responded to the crash.

The death marks the fourth pedestrian fatality on Clay County roads over the past month.

On November 27, a 70-year-old Jacksonville man was killed while trying to walk across the First Coast Expressway near Trail Ridge Road. He was hit by six vehicles.

On December 12, a 24-year-old

Orange Park man was hit and killed while trying to cross U.S. 17 in Orange Park near Loring Avenue.

On December 14, a 36-year-old Tallahassee man pushing a shopping cart died after being hit at Wells Road and Blanding Boulevard near the Orange Park Mall.

Growth from 2023

New homes and businesses, even a new school

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Houses continued to go up around Bradford County, while commercial remodels made possible the opening of new businesses in 2023.

According to Bradford's Building and Zoning Office, permits were pulled for 64 new homes last year, and 76 for new or replacement mobile homes. This was a bit slower than 2022 when builders were granted more than 90 new home permits.

New commercial permits include the Taylor's Concrete office building on Southeast 144th Street, across from Bradford Elementary School, which opened this year after more than a year of construction.

Zaxby's also has plans to build across from Walmart, while demolition and site clearing are underway for the WaWa convenience store and gas station to be located on U.S. 301 and Edwards Road in Starke.

Remodeling of the Bradford Square Shopping Center continues after the opening of Harbor Freight and Five Below, the center became even busier with the opening of T.J.Maxx. North Florida Fitness joined Pizza Hut at the Deerfoot Village Shopping Center, where Aldi opened last year alongside



Tractor Supply.

The Holiday Inn Express also opened in 2023, and work began on the 25-home Sandcastle Pines in Starke. These will be affordable housing rental properties, with the target market being teachers, correctional officers, first responders, etc. The same groups as well as veterans will also be welcome at a planned townhome development known as CityWalk on East Call Street, pending the finalization of terms between the developer

and the city of Starke.

Doors also opened for worship at New Life Baptist Church in Starke.

The city also expanded its borders, annexing property at the S.R. 16 bypass interchange for a future mixed used development. The city and county are working together with the help of state and federal fund to extend water and sewer service to the area.

As always, rumors persist about what will be developed both inside and outside the city, from a new grocery store, car wash, fast food establishment and buffet-style restaurant, to potential truck stops at either end of the Starke bypass.



Contract approved for Lake Butler's new manager

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The contract has been signed, and everything is official — Kimberly Hayes will be the new Lake Butler city manager with an anticipated start date of Jan. 4, 2024. The date is anticipated because it may be delayed a few days to allow her to fulfill her obligation to Union County, where she has been employed for over six years as the director of the solid waste department.

At its regular meeting on Dec. 19, 2023, the board voted unanimously to approve the contract on a motion by Commissioner Annette Redman. In another motion made by Vice-Mayor Melissa Hendrix, the commission voted unanimously to have the authority and responsibilities of the city manager revert from Mayor David Stegall to Hayes, effective on

her anticipated start date, and if the date is adjusted for Stegall to retain the authority until the actual start date. Another motion, also approved unanimously, made by Commissioner Rondoll Huggins, provided for the role of city interim clerk to revert from Hayden Page to Hayes on the same dates and conditions.

In a comment at the end of the meeting, Stegall stated that he was "looking forward to Kim starting" and reassured her that he would still be at city hall to assist with her transition.

In other discussion and action, the Lake Butler City Commission:

- unanimously approved a motion by Redman on the second reading of an ordinance to ban smoking and vaping in city parks. The rule will go into effect immediately, and signs informing park visitors will be posted.
- discussed the hiring of Secur-

Tel Security and its camera proposal for parks, Union Depot, and city hall. The service will include enhanced security cameras and security system monitoring from Secur-Tel for the total installation amount of \$6,650 and direct the staff to divide the expense between repairs and maintenance for the affected areas. Redman made a motion to table the issue until later, and the motion passed the board unanimously.

• heard a report from City Attorney John Maines concerning new financial disclosure documentation which must be submitted to the state annually. The new requirements are iron-clad and several city commissioners around the state have resigned rather than submit their private lives to public scrutiny. If an elected official neglects or refuses to send their information in, they will be removed from office, and the

governor will choose a replacement. The required document is a detailed financial disclosure, and officials must list every asset they possess that has value, including bank accounts, property, investments, retirement accounts, collections (such as coins), and personal property (such as valuable jewelry). There is also required to be some reporting of a spouse's assets. "Send in the required paperwork or step down," Maines told the commissioners.

• appointed current budget analyst consultant Dave Mecusker to the salaried position of Finance Director. Hayes requested the appointment as she felt he was a resource to the city and could help her adjust to her new position (he is a former Lake Butler city manager who retired). Stegall made the appointment under his authority as mayor.

2024 is another big election year

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Voters in Bradford County have the opportunity to fill multiple elected positions this year, both by running for office and casting their ballots.

There are seats open to election both on the county commission and school board. For the county commission, districts 1, 3 and 5 will be up for election. For the school board, it will be districts 3 and 4.

Superintendent of Schools could also be on the ballot in 2024 along with all the county's constitutional offices — sheriff, clerk of courts, supervisor of elections, tax collector and property appraiser.

Without a challenger on the ballot, incumbents who declare their candidacy will automatically retain their offices. Incumbents who do not run again will leave office when their

term expires.

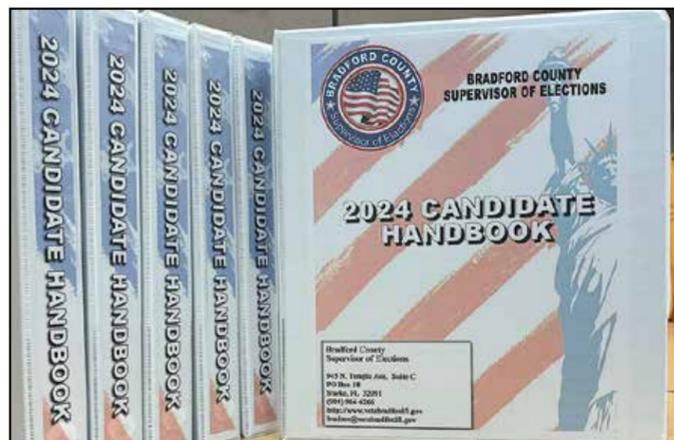
These are all salaried positions with benefits, although the legislative positions of county commission and school board member are not considered full time. The pay — while still significant — reflects this.

The state sets the salaries based on county population size. For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the state has set the salary for county commissioners at \$38,858 and school board members at \$33,044.

Most of the county's constitutional officers have the same salary. The clerk of courts, supervisor of elections, tax collector and property appraiser salaries were set at \$124,849. That is the school superintendent's salary as well.

The exception is the sheriff, whose salary is set at \$162,767.

The Bradford Soil and Water



Conservation District supervisors for districts 2, 3 and 4 will also be selected. These are voluntary positions concerned with the land management practices and the protection of land

and water resources.

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WORTH NOTING

Food distribution at True Vine

A community-wide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Jan. 9 and 23, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Food distribution at RJE Complex

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex on Pine Street in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bill Rice III at Bradford Baptist Church

Bradford Baptist Church (located on S.R. 100, 1.3 miles east of U.S. 301) welcomes Bill Rice III and family members on Sunday, Jan. 7, for Sunday school at 10 a.m. and the morning service at 11 a.m.

One of the Bill Rice Ranch's key missions is offer free camps to deaf youth at its Murfreesboro, Tennessee, location.

For more information, please call Pastor Rick Jackson at 904-964-3708.

Testing for iron in water, volunteers needed

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District has an ongoing study to monitor the existing state of iron levels in Bradford's surface waters. In 2024, conservation district proposes expanding its program by adding groundwater iron testing to its existing program for a more comprehensive view of iron content in the county's waters.

Board members are looking for people who will let them collect a water sample from their well in Bradford County. They are focusing efforts on shallow wells, usually with the pump on the top of the well. They will do limited testing throughout Bradford County for both shallow and deeper wells with pumps in the well.

Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or 904-368-0291 for more information or to have your water tested for iron content.

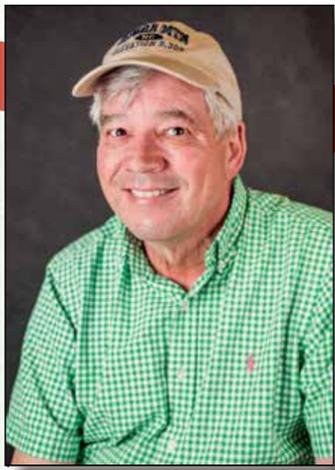
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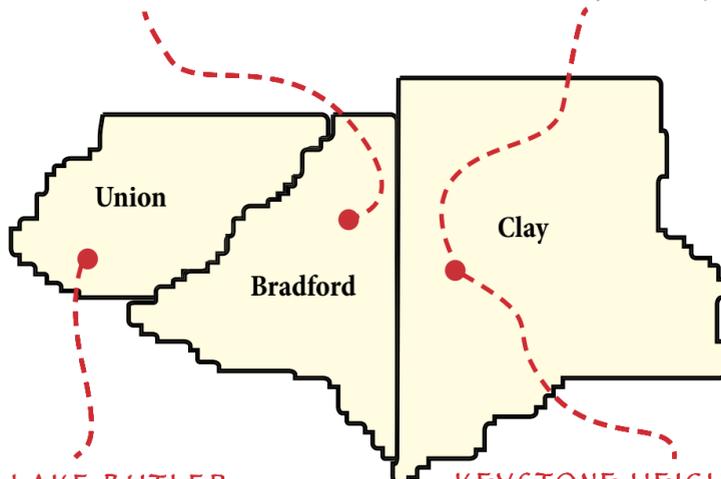
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Ranches at New River nearly sold out

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE—Twenty-six of the 33 lots offered for sale off County Road 235 north of State Road 100 near the Union County line have been sold after being on the market for around one month.

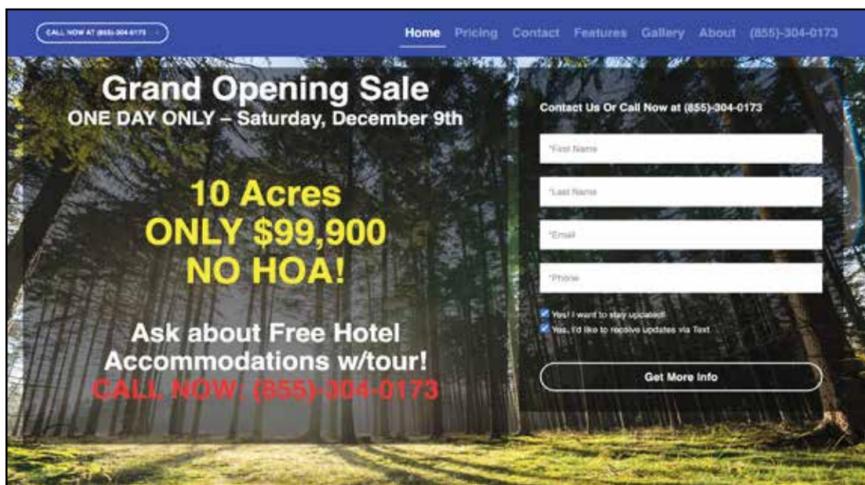
A website for the Ranches at New River advertised a one-day sale on December 9, offering 10-acre lots for \$99,900.

“Every day the population in the Sunshine State continues to skyrocket, making it harder and harder to find desirable large acreage property, without an often-time overinflated price tag,” the flinevr.com website reads. “Managing to find your dream Florida country homesite,

close to lake recreation is an even bigger challenge, but now it can all be yours! Get the best of the best in Florida outdoor recreational living, with a sprawling 10 Acre Ranch, for only \$99,900, during our Grand Opening Land Sale at The Ranches at New River!”

The new Bradford property owners are ALIF, LLC of Miami; Christopher Allen and Carolyn Yow of Jacksonville; Geatjens Altenor of Jacksonville; Jayakumar Bramalingam and Deepthi Jayakumar of Catharpin, Virginia; Douglas Falkiewicz and Bradley T. Falkiewicz of Deltona; Herman and Vivian Farmer of St. Johns; Justin and Jennifer Fischer of Lake Butler;

Luis Garcia of Jacksonville; Karen and Roberto Jimenez of Bradenton; Deborah and Kenneth Marshall of Kissimmee; Gary and Andrea McVey of Hollywood; Tele-Max Morgan; Sampath and Kamali Subramaniam of Tampa; Noor Ahmad of Jacksonville; Mary Olivar of Miami; Hantz and Marie Pyrrhon of Port St. Lucie; The Rabel Family Trust of Brandon; Sengodan Subramanian and Prerna Sethi of Tampa; Vijayaraj Shanmugam and Usha Devi Singaravelu of Tampa; Donavon C. Smith and Cameron M. Smith of Orlando; April and James Stone of Lakeland; and Michel Alex Emile Zamor of Miami who purchased four parcels.



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First lot sold in Pine Lakes Phase 2

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — The first lot in a new neighborhood near Sampson Lake sold in December.

Roberts Capital Ventures LLC sold the 10.22-acre tract to Wayne M. Wall Jr. and Cody Wall on December 12 for \$110,000.

The lot is one of 12 approximately 10-acre parcels that make up Pine Lakes Phase 2 north of Southwest 163rd Street, between State Road 100 and Sampson Lake.

Roberts Capital Ventures acquired the 127 acres for Pines Lake Phase 2 as part of a 2020 acquisition of nearly 1,200 acres

around Sampson and Crosby Lakes from Southern Pine Plantation of Georgia Inc. for \$2.1 million.

Some of the acreage acquired by the Lake Butler-based partnership in 2020 is on the western shore of Crosby Lake, which is subject to a conservation easement Thomas F. Smith granted to Florida’s Department of Environmental Regulation in 2016.

Before the sale of the lot to Wall, Roberts Capital Ventures, whose managers are Avery C. Roberts and C. Austen Roberts, filed a declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions for

the 12 lots. The document prohibits commercial activities, multi-family structures,

The declarations also permit doublewide mobile homes two years or newer on the properties, require that site-built houses have a minimum living space of 1,100 square feet, and allow one horse, cow, swine, and llama per acre in addition to two ducks, chickens, goats, geese or other common fowl per acre.

Pine Lakes Phase 1 is located south of Southwest 163rd Street and most of those lots sold in 2021.

New land sales worry commissioners

“They’ve got to understand that the road is going to be bad in a couple of years.”

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners said new land sales occurring in the area concern them because buyers may not know the county does not maintain access roads to their properties.

During a December 15 workshop, resident Paul Still cited the recently platted Ranches at New River neighborhood, a 33-lot development of between 10 and 15-acre lots on County Road 235 near the Union County line, as an example of potential problems the county might face because of poorly maintained, private roads.

The Lakewood Ranch-based developer acquired the 372-acre tract on Sept. 27 from a Rayonier-affiliated company for \$1.5 million.

I think we’re going to be seeing a lot more of that where the developer comes in and buys a parcel from Rayonier,” he said, “(and sells the divided lots.)”

Still said residents of the new developments could have serious access road issues as private roads within the new neighborhoods deteriorate.

“I agree with you 100%,” responded Commissioner Kenny Thompson.

County Zoning Director Randy Andrews said parcels divided into lots 10 acres or more are not subject to the county’s subdivision rules. He added that developers are notified that the county will not maintain roads within the properties they offer for sale.

Like many new developments in the area, the Ranches at New River’s lots are 10 or more acres. In county records, the neighborhood’s developer indicated that a road maintenance association funded by the



Like many new developments in the area, the Ranches at New River’s lots are 10 or more acres. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

property owners would maintain roads within the development.

The zoning director said the developer is responsible for telling buyers that the county does not maintain roads within the neighborhood.

“That’s where I worry about it,” responded Commissioner Diane Andrews, adding that buyers of the River Bend Estates neighborhood near Graham did not know their roads were not county-maintained.

“Sure, there was supposed to be an association set up, but there was not. And there are other places across the county. I think that...we owe it at least to the citizens to let them know: Hey, look, you’re buying a parcel of land where the road will not

be maintained. They’ve got to understand that the road is going to be bad in a couple of years.”

Thompson advocated for the commission to upgrade its requirements for new developments immediately.

“If they build a subdivision in there,” he said, “they should be required to have paved roads and paved driveways in there.”

The commissioner added that he, who represents the Lawley area, and Diane Andrews, whose district covers Brooker and western Bradford County, are getting blamed by residents living on private drives for the county not maintaining the roads. “It’s getting all of us in trouble,” he said.

Dealership exercises option on U.S. 301 lot

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — A limited partnership controlled by Jacksonville’s Scott-McRae Automotive Group Inc. has purchased the lot on which the company now operates Starke’s Duval Chevrolet.

Starke Motorcars LLC closed on the two parcels totaling around 2.75 acres at 1018 North Temple Avenue on December 26.

In March 2019, Scott-McRae, through Starke Motorcars, took over the Chevrolet dealership from Palatka-based Beck Automotive Group. The Jacksonville company also purchased the three-acre car lot, office building, and repair shop at 1901 North Temple Avenue. It was initially built in 1963 and operated as Baldwin Chevrolet and several successors

until it was rebranded as Duval Chevrolet.

The following year, Starke Motorcars signed a five-year, triple net lease with Noegel’s Properties, LLC, to use the former site of Noegel’s Auto Sales for Duval Chevrolet. The lease included an option for Starke Motorcars to purchase the property, which the lessee exercised to acquire the 2.75 acres.

The Jacksonville company retains ownership of the parcel at 1901 North Temple Avenue.

retail building that used to house a Pizza Hut. There were also no takers for a Charlotte Avenue property in Brooker that formally housed a repair shop.

At the beginning of November, commissioners instructed the county manager to list both parcels on GovDeals.com. The county had previously used the website to sell surplus equipment, but this is the first time it has used the site to sell real estate.

While discussing the lack of response for the two properties, commissioners rejected one alternative Kornegay mentioned: lowering the asking price of the parcels. They did, however, endorse another alternative, listing the properties on a second website: Auctions.com.

Both Chris Dougherty and Kenny Thompson said most organizations slow down their asset acquisitions at the year’s end, which may be a contributing factor to the lack of response.

Commissioners told Kornegay to list the parcels on the second website and return to them in two months with an update.

No interest in old Pizza Hut, Brooker shop

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay told the board of county commissioners that he has received no inquiries from potential buyers for the county’s North Temple Avenue

VOTE

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State and national elections Bradford will help decide include president, U.S. representative and senator, state attorney and public defender, and state representative.

For information on becoming a candidate, call the elections office at 904-966-6266 to make an appointment and pick up a candidate handbook.

Election dates

The first election date is in a few weeks. Florida’s presidential preference primary is March 19, with early voting from March 9-17. Florida is a closed primary state, and that means only registered Republicans will be choosing who gets their nomination: North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley, former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, entrepreneurs Vivek Ramaswamy and Ryan Binkley, or former President Donald Trump.

President Joe Biden was the only name submitted by Florida Democrats, so they will not have a presidential preference primary.

The primary election for other offices will be Aug. 20, with early

voting from Aug. 5-18. Election Day is Nov. 5, with early voting from Oct. 21-Nov. 2.

Ways to vote

To vote in person, got to your polling location on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or to the courthouse on one of the early voting days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Early voting takes place in the commission meeting room at the courthouse. Polling locations vary by precinct. Updated voter information cards were mailed when redistricting altered voting precincts. If you need to update your address, do so by calling the elections office at 904-966-6266.

Registered voters may also vote by mail by calling the office or signing up at www.

votebradfordfl.gov. All vote-by-mail ballot requests on file expired at the end of 2022. The deadline to request a mail ballot is March 7 for the presidential preference primary, Aug. 8 for the primary and Oct. 24 for the general election.

Signatures on file with the elections office are used to verify vote-by-mail ballots, candidate and petitions for candidates and ballot initiatives. If your signature has changed, you can update it at the elections office or by mailing an updated voter registration.

For information on voter registration, candidates, what is on the ballot, where to vote and much more, visit www.votebradfordfl.gov.

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Student art on display at restaurants

This year, several Starke restaurants are displaying the artwork of 43 North Florida Technical College digital design students. Sonny's Barbecue, Grannies Country Cooking, Funpoint, Downtown Grill and Captain D's will display the artwork.

The college's digital design Professor, Steven Djavaheri, said the collaborative initiative will transform the eateries into vibrant galleries, offering patrons a chance to savor both culinary delights and the diverse visual expressions of young artists over an extensive three-month period.

The instructor added that the driving force behind the artistic endeavor lies in the students'

passion and the support of the college's Director, Brad Bishop.

"His generosity in approving funding for this project has paved the way, highlighting the importance of nurturing artistic initiatives within educational institutions," Djavaheri said.

In the digital design class, students learn the intricacies of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign in addition to the world of 3D printing. The comprehensive curriculum prepares them for the dynamic landscape of digital design.

The instructor, who has a master's degree in information technology, said his classroom isn't just a space for skill acquisition; it's a hub of

inspiration and camaraderie.

"Together, these learners delve into everything crucial for training the next generation of digital professionals," he said. "Shaping not just skills but also a shared passion for the evolving world of technology."

The framed artworks are available for \$25 a piece and may be purchased through the school.

Djavaheri said every sale enables him to fund future projects for his students.

"It's a harmonious relationship between art and education," he said, "where creativity adorns walls and fuels the engine of innovation."



Secpnd period from left to right: Back row: Liam Reaves, Ethan Mann, Terrence Slocum, Harry Lawrence, Director Brad Bishop. Front Row: Professor Steven Djavaheri, Ralph Byrd holding art by Arrie Jenkins, Takayla Barnes, Elizabeth Mullen, Kaylee Solano.



Third period from left to right: Levi Lowe, Breion Johnson, Christina Howard, August Lefevers.



Fifth period from left to right: Back row: Parviele Lee, Jyquez Cason, Jonathan Tyson holding art by Jake Harris, Alyaisha Myles. Front Row: Student holding art by Ar'monie Brown, Tra'niqne Thompson.



Fourth period from left to right: Back row: Jake Degeus, Jordan Cason, Jayden Daugherty, Joshua Napier. Front Row: Harley Seay, Kiley Boulris.



6th Period from left to right: Back row: Christine Reaves, Devin Hall, Hayden Kilby, Cameron Newman, Iyen Addison. Front Row: Lydia Bland, William Maust, Savannah Roode.

7th Period from left to right: Back row: Kylie Maloy, Jackson Miller, Koen Reddish. Front Row: Alexis Kicklighter, Courtney Hannah, Paige Steed.



6th Period from left to right: Christopher Contreras, Ingris Ramos Alvarez.

NOTICE OF ELECTION 2024 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

City of Keystone Heights
Town of Orange Park

Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2024 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.

City of Keystone Heights

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Seats Three (3) and Five (5) for a three (3) year term of office on the Keystone Heights City Council.

Town of Orange Park

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Seat Three (3) for a three (3) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.

Qualifying for all seats will open Monday, January 29th at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 2nd at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outlined in each respective Municipal Charter.

A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May.

For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office at (904) 269-6350.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

AVISO DE ELECCION ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2024

Ciudad de Keystone Heights
Ciudad de Orange Park

De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2024 se llevarán a cabo el martes 9 de abril de 2024, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo.

Ciudad de Keystone Heights

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Asientos Tres (3) y Cinco (5) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Keystone Heights.

Ciudad de Orange Park

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Asiento Tres (3) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo Municipal de Orange Park.

La calificación para los asientos se abrirá el lunes 29 de enero a mediodía y permanecerá abierta hasta el mediodía del viernes 2 de febrero en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

Aquellos interesados en calificar para Asientos en los Consejos Municipales o Municipales mencionados anteriormente debe ser un elector calificado, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cumplir con todos los demás requisitos de calificación como se detalla en cada Carta Municipal respectiva.

Una segunda vuelta electoral, si es necesario para cualquier municipio, se llevará a cabo el segundo martes de mayo.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay, (904) 269-6350.

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Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de la Florida, establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión de la junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos, y que, para tales fines, él o ella puede necesitar asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, el cual incluye el testimonio y la evidencia sobre los cuales se basará la apelación.

Calling all Brooker alumni

Brooker Elementary and Junior High School alumni, staff and families from 1942 through 2021 are invited to a reunion that will take place Feb. 16, 2024, at Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker. Join the "Brooker Elementary (& Junior High) Alumni" page on Facebook for more information, or contact Sondra Bothwell (Green) at bsegarrett@aol.com, Suzanne McRee (Dyal)

at mcreesd@gmail.com or Patsy Pullen at easyace7@yahoo.com.

Soil and water board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Bradford County Extension Office. These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Lake Region

Former schools chief among KH city manager finalists

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Former Clay County Superintendent of Schools Charlie VanZant Jr. was one of three finalists the city council chose to replace current city

manager Lynn Rutkowski during a December 20 meeting.

The other two finalists are Elmon Lee Garner and Jeff Shoobridge.

Garner brings management experience from three Florida municipalities: Palatka,

Chattahoochee, and Sneads.

Shoobridge has also led a city government in the Sunshine State: Redington Shores. He also served as city manager of Madison Lake, Minnesota.

The council will interview all three candidates on Jan. 3.

Condon thanked for chairing commission

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — New Clay County Board of County Commissioners Chair Jim Renninger recognized the outgoing chair, Betsy Condon, during the board's December 12 meeting.

Renninger said that during Condon's tenure, the Crystal Lake resident championed

high-speed internet for rural residents, improving traffic flow, drainage, careful approval of new developments, growth in the county, and other issues.

"Under her leadership," the new chairman said, "we commissioned countywide pavement studies, a countywide strategic plan, the gun range (on County Road 215), the College Drive Initiative, Gateway to

Clay, and the High Ridge Estates Initiative. So many irons in a fire for her over the last year. Pedestrian safety improvements were also one of her priorities."

Renninger also credited Condon with helping secure a \$3.5 million jobs grant from the governor's office and a \$3 million legislative appropriation for an inpatient detox facility.



(R-L) Clay County Public Schools Athletic Director Jay Stilianou, Keystone Heights High School Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson and Principal Laurie Burke present a ceremonial check to Jacqueline Rodriguez during halftime of the school's last home game of the year against Joshua Christian Academy. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

Clay County turns away request from new employer

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Clay County commissioners said no to a request by IKO to limit the Canadian company's indemnity liability.

IKO, a Toronto-based roofing, waterproofing, and insulation manufacturer, said that it plans to construct a new manufacturing campus in Clay County, about five miles north of the Bradford County line.

"The 300,000 square foot facilities will initially employ about 100 people locally," IKO said in a news release. "The company intends to begin work on the site near (U.S.) 301 and

County Road 218 later this year. It marks the eighth modern shingle production line in IKO's North American manufacturing operations and the first facility it

County Attorney Courtney Grimm told county commissioners during their December 12 meeting that in its contract to waive mobility fees for the manufacturer of roofing materials and in its economic development grant, the county stipulated that IKO indemnify the county against potential losses.

IKO requested that its liability be limited to \$250,000.

Grimm pointed out to commissioners that the indemnity clause has been in the county's

economic agreements for some time and that other parties to the agreements, including HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital and Niagara Bottling in Middleburg, have signed off on the clause.

"I think it's fair to go back and tell them that we're not interested in putting a cap in there," said Commissioner Mike Cella. "Not that we don't want them in our community and don't want their project, but I think that's been a standard term of this agreement for a number of other corporations."

Cella added that putting a \$250,000 liability cap on a \$250 million project seemed unreasonable to him.

Keystone leads county in pink-out games fundraising

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay County Public Schools Athletic Director Jay Stilianou told the school board during its December 7 meeting that all seven of the county's high schools and two of its junior highs participated in this year's American Cancer Society Pink Out Games fundraiser.

Stilianou said this was the second year the school district's athletic directors led the county-wide event, and the campaign raised \$14,429, nearly \$10,000 more than last

year.

Keystone Heights High School led the district in fundraising with \$2,600. During the campaign, Orange Park, Middleburg, Clay, and Oakleaf high schools raised over \$2,000 each.

Jacqueline Rodriguez, representing the American Cancer Society, told the board that the organization is investing more than \$78 million through 160 grants for breast cancer research.

"The estimated number of people who have heard or will hear the words: 'You have breast cancer' this year is 300,590, and of that

number, 2,800 will be men," she said. "Our trained cancer information staff answers live calls and chats, and the number one information request is breast cancer."

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Meet DLP Bank's new president

The community is invited to join DLP Bank for refreshments and an opportunity to meet the new president, Tom Fontaine, on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 4-6 pm.

Fontaine will always have an open door, so if attendees can't make it on Jan. 9, they are encouraged to stop by when it's more convenient.

Fontaine joined DLP Bank (formerly Community State Bank) this past fall, arriving from the Boston area, where he played a significant role in managing Cambridge Bancorp, a \$5 billion bank and wealth management company. Prior to that, he served as the president and CEO of another regional bank, Wellesley Bank, leading its successful growth for two decades.

Throughout his extensive career, Fontaine has focused on community banking, and he now brings that expertise — and the emphasis on relationship-building — to Starke.

Fontaine's decision to move to the Sunshine State was slightly preceded by his twin brother, who now resides in nearby Ponte Vedra. He has relocated to Starke with his fiancé, Maureen Sullivan, her son Jordan, and two dogs: an English-cream golden retriever and a rescue dog (mix unknown). His son has followed in his financial footsteps and works in Austin, Texas, while his daughter is on the verge of graduating from Boston University with a doctorate in occupational therapy.

Outside of financial matters, the couple enjoy fine wine and food experiences, praying together with family and friends, and traveling.

Fontaine encourages residents, stating, "Come talk to me. Let me know what we're doing right, and wrong, so we can make your banking experiences better."

Jan. 9 provides the perfect opportunity to do just that — and welcome Fontaine to the Starke community.



Workers replace the Community State Bank sign with the depository's new moniker: DLP Bank. Photo: Dan Hildebran

Dream, Live, Prosper

Bank replaces sign after 66 years as Community State Bank

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — Workers covered Community State Bank's sign this week showcasing the financial institution's new name: DLP Bank.

DLP Bancshares acquired the 66-year-old Starke-based bank with \$225 million in deposits earlier this year.

DLP stands for Dream, Live Prosper, the motto of DLP Capital, which was started by

St. Augustine resident Don Wenner in the early 2000s when Wenner was a college student in Pennsylvania.

Former Florida Governor Charlie E. Johns founded Community State Bank in 1957. Johns started his career as a railroad conductor and owned an insurance agency before entering politics in 1935. He was serving as president of the Florida Senate in 1953 when Gov. Dan McCarty died. Johns was sworn in as McCarty's replacement. The state's lieutenant governor's office did not exist between 1884 and 1968. In 1954, Leroy Collins defeated Johns in a special election for the state's chief executive post.



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UNION COUNTY

Christmas events delayed but memorable

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The City of Lake Butler held its annual Christmas parade and Santa event on Dec. 22, 2023. The evening was cool but clear, and most people did not even realize it was the first day of winter. Due to rain and cool temperatures, the parade was a week later than originally scheduled.

The evening began at 6 p.m. with the Christmas parade. Led by the UCHS Tiger Marching Band, the parade was colorful and seasonal, featuring 11 floats (on trailers ranging from 12-50 ft.), 18 vehicles, four golf carts, four horses, and about 75 walkers. Near the end, Santa first appeared, riding on the UCHS Fire Department truck.

After the parade, the action shifted to the Union Depot



Mom Sunshine Scaff enjoys watching daughter Ellie get excited about the parade.

building, where parents, grandparents, and kids lined up outside the building for their turn to see Santa. The City of Lake Butler hosted the event with the gifts and toys sponsored by Andrews Site Prep. There was a little delay while Santa got off the fire truck and made his way to the depot, but all the kids were focused on being good, so there was no problem. Since the depot is smaller than where the event is usually held, family groups were admitted one at a time to avoid overcrowding. Over 75 children got to see Santa, sit in his lap if they chose, and whisper to him their list of what they wanted for Christmas.

The Parade Float Judging Contest winners and the Main St. Decoration Contest were announced while everyone was waiting for Santa. Andrews Site Prep sponsored

both of these contests. Winners of the float contest were First Place (\$125) – Church of God, Second Place (\$100 – Union County Soccer Club, and Third Place (\$75) – Babe Ruth Baseball. Winners of the decoration contest were Lake Area Title Services and Simply Blessed, both of whom will receive a check for \$112.50 and their 2024 city occupational license free at the next meeting of the Lake Butler City Commission on Jan. 16, 2024, along with the float winners.

The events went off with no problems. Community participation was high, with families lining the sidewalks along the parade route. As always, the Lake Butler/Union County Community comes together to celebrate Christmas and spend time with their families.



Sawyer Lawrence was all light up at the prospect of seeing Santa at the parade.



Chloe and Karter Foerman seem to be happy to be sitting with Santa but little Charli is not too sure about it.

Quieter meeting addresses personnel matters

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of Commissions met Dec. 18, for its regular monthly meeting and, for the first time in several months, there was very little public comment and the meeting went quickly.

Patricia Burkel was the sole member of the public to speak, and she made objection to an item on the evening's agenda concerning policy changes and compression back pay. Although she is a county employee, she said she was speaking as a citizen of the county in making her comments. Her main objection was to the fact that the proposed changes and actions were not posted on the county website for the benefit of county residents prior to the meeting and also said she found the compression raises with back pay were "a bit excessive."

The raises in question were to board secretary Diane Hannon and Denise Clemons in the building department, who had been omitted from the countywide compression raises when they were granted in January. Both county employees had received only the 2022 COLA (cost of living adjustment) raises a few months before the compression raises were put into effect. They were two of five county employees who did not receive a compression raise in January.

The purpose of the raises were to bring all county employees up to the \$15 per hour minimum wage (effective in 2026). Originally the five employees (Hannon, Clemons, Pamela Toney, Vickie Barron and Burkel) had all been deemed to be paid fairly when their pay after the 2022 COLA fell within the range for employees with comparable jobs and all were making at least \$15 per hour at that time. Burkel questioned why she did not get a compression raise and was granted one as a result of her questions she was

granted a compression raise of 54 cents per hour and was given back pay to Jan. 1, 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Willie Croft and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Tallman to grant retroactive compression raises (with back pay to Jan. 1, 2023) of 50 cents per hour to Hannon and Clemons, and the motion passed the board unanimously. Barron and Toney had previously been approved for compression raises, with Toney receiving a \$1.95 per hour raise and Barron receiving \$2.01 per hour, both with backpay.

The change to the personnel policy on the agenda was a clarification of the policy concerning holiday pay for county employees. According to the clarification, all full time county employees will receive eight straight hours of holiday pay at their base pay rate. Full time collection site employees will receive holiday pay only for hours they are scheduled to work on a holiday (the work nine hour shifts, not eight hours as do other county employees. The county's single (at this time) scheduled part time employee will receive holiday time as per the regular schedule, while call time employee are not eligible to receive holiday pay. Motion was made by Croft and seconded by Commissioner Mac Johns to approve the clarification and the motion passed unanimously.

In other business and discussion the Union County Commission:

—approved a payment of \$10 to J.R. Davies for the land he donated to the county near Sara's Park. It seems that Davis' tax consultant felt that it would be better if the county purchased the land rather than take it as a donation.

—honored the Union County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Jim Rooney has been with the county fire department for 18 years. Johns said that Rooney was "a big asset to the community, the fire department

and his fellow firefighters. He is always there when we call."

—heard a report from County Coordinator Jimmy Williams concerning some trees that require removal at the Harmony property/ballfields. Williams said that there were not many trees and he had tried to find a company that would pay the county for the wood, rather than require being paid for the removal and that the best offer he had received was from Gary Williams who would do the job and pay the county \$5 a ton for pulp wood and \$10 a ton for chip wood. He asked the commissioners if they wanted him to see about getting a better price but the board chose to approve the individual and payment he had outlined to them.

—heard a request from Williams that personnel director Michaela Clemons be issued a county credit card for use in paying for background checks and for expenses at conferences. He said it was proving to be difficult for her to use his card and it often led to confusion with the hotels when both attended a conference. Commissioner Mac Johns told Clemons that she could always contact one of the board members directly if she encountered an issue in the use of the card and made motion to approve getting her a card. The motion passed unanimously.

—unanimously approved a design exception/variation on the plans for the work on C.R. 18. It seems that Clay Electric has some utility poles already in place on S.R. 121 at the end of the road that are right at the edge of the planned 18 foot clear zone.

—heard comments from Williams that the plans and engineering for the Providence Fire Station are complete and have been sent to Tallahassee for review and approval. Once the approval has been given the county can advertise for bids on the project, so construction should be able to begin in early 2024.



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Leanne Helen Baker, 33, of Starke was arrested by Starke police and Bradford deputies on December 27 for battery and a probation violation.

Floyd O'Neal Barnes, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 27 for DUI.

Andrew D. Barr, 21, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 29 for a probation violation.

Edward Lee Blocker, 57, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 29 for DUI.

Thomas Allen Box, 41, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 25 for DUI and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jonathan Ray Burns, 29, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 26 for aggravated battery.

Joshua Ray Clough, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 28 for an out-of-county warrant.

Teffanie Sophyll Cummings, 47, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 28 for an out-of-county warrant.

Amanda Gail Godwin, 41, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 27 for destroying evidence.

Brandon Erik Gumz, 21, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 23 for possession of drugs.

Christie Renee Jones, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 24 for fraudulent use of credit cards.

Robin Danielle Lusk, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 27 for a probation violation.

Jared Tra'kel Mason, 24, of Columbus, Georgia was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 29 for battery.

Cameron Jamal McKenzie, 23, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 24 for loitering.

James Timothy Mefford, 56, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 23 for possession of drug equipment.

Mindy Lee Mefford, 23, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 23 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of marijuana.

Cyle Albert Michael Olcott, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 28 for DUI.

Augusto Eleaquin Guzmán Ramirez, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested by Lawtey police and Bradford deputies on December 28 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, resisting an officer, and out-of-county warrants.

Kevin Auther Ratliff, 36, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 28 for larceny.

Helen Roxanne Satterfield, 48, of Lake City was arrested by Bradford deputies and Union deputies on December 23 for

an out-of-county warrant and a probation violation.

Rory Jabran Staten, 23, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on December 23 for disorderly intoxication.

Bryce Logan Stewart, 22, was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 23 for DUI.

Jacob Dalton Taylor, 30, of Sanderson was arrested by Starke Police on December 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Blakely Thomas Trueblood, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 25 for aggravated assault.

Jamea Alise Tyson, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 29 for battery and aggravated assault.

Union

Quinton Dale Connor, 48, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on December 27 for a probation violation.

Thomas David Cook, 55, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on December 22 for fraud-impersonation.

Todd Devon Hutcheson, 31, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on December 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Sergio Valdes Lluveras, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on December 19 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jacob Dalton Taylor, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on December 27 for a probation violation.

James Calvin Todd, Jr., 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on December 18 for a probation violation.

Katherine Marie Wyatt, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on December 17 for failure to appear.

Clay

Ashley Nicole Harnish, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on December 26 for battery.



Benjamin Ozer Benoit told Starke police, "She came at me with a knife, so I beat her up." Photo: Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

Prison for attacking woman with guitar

STARKE— Benjamin Ozer Benoit will spend the next 17 months in prison after pleading to felony battery-repeat offender on December 13.

Starke police arrested the 42-year-old Church Street resident on August 20 after a woman said he attacked her with a guitar.

According to an arrest report, police found the woman on the floor covered in blood and called emergency medical services for assistance.

According to police, Benoit told officers, "She came at me with a knife, so I beat her up." The defendant admitted to striking the woman several times in the head with a wooden guitar. He also claimed the woman threw a mirror at him, injuring his toe.

While awaiting medical care,

the victim told police the two argued over the woman inviting a friend to the residence. Police found a steak knife in a bedroom trash can with no signs of blood, a broken wooden guitar with blood, and a broken mirror.

The defendant's prior convictions include DUI, making written threats to kill or do bodily injury, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, domestic battery, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, battery, sale of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.



Walter Jerrod Davis Photo: Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

Probation for choking woman after breakup

STARKE—A 54-year-old Starke man was sentenced to 30 months' probation after pleading to pushing and choking his ex.

Walter Jerrod Davis pleaded to felony domestic battery by strangulation.

According to a July 18 arrest report, the victim told deputies that after a one-month relationship, she and the defendant had been apart for three weeks and that Davis had been texting her all day requesting a meeting.

"(The victim) told him there was nothing to talk about, and she did not want to have a relationship with him," wrote Corporal James Swaggerty in the report.

At around 9:30 p.m., Davis appeared at the woman's door wanting to talk, but the victim rebuffed his requests.

"Walter grabbed (the victim) by the arms and shoved her into a wooden post on her front porch," wrote the officer. "Walter then picked up (the victim), put her over his shoulder, and attempted to put her in his car."

The female stated that after she successfully prevented Davis from placing her in the vehicle, the defendant put his hands around her neck and started choking her. He then threatened to damage the woman's car if she continued to refuse him and fled the scene.

1 year in jail after flunking probation

STARKE— Edward Lowell Canada Jr. was arrested for DUI on April 20, 2019, after he crashed his white Chevrolet Cruze into a curb and sidewalk near Starke's Colley Road and South Water Street.

A Starke police officer wrote in an arrest report that the defendant had two previous DUI convictions.

In June 2019, County Judge D. Tatum Davis sentenced Canada to 30 days in jail and 12 months' probation. Davis imposed a \$2,000 fine on the now-52-year-old and ordered him to install an ignition interlock device on his vehicle for two years, attend a DUI school, surrender his tag for 10 days, complete substance abuse counseling, and submit to random drug screenings.

In August 2020, a probation officer reported that Canada tested positive for methamphetamine, failed to pay a \$258 balance on his fine, failed to attend the



Looking after public safety

Law enforcement leaders thanked The Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Bradford County for their recent donation of tourniquets to every officer and deputy in the county. In addition to raising funds to support public safety, The Pink Ladies volunteer to provide welfare checks to senior citizens, help keep first responders well fed and provide administrative assistance around the office. Pictured are, I-R, Sheriff Gordon Smith, Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Auxiliary President Linda Johns and Lawtey Police Chief Jerry Feltner.

DUI school, failed to complete substance abuse counseling, and failed to forfeit his tag for 10 days.

On December 18, Davis terminated the defendant's probation and ordered him to jail for 364 days, crediting Canada for 53 days served.

Removed interlocking ignition device

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

A Wisconsin man who fled from police in Lake City and was apprehended in Lake Butler was sentenced to 40 days in jail for violating driver's license restrictions.

Nicholas Wade Gregory, 37, of Kenosha had already served 39 days in the Union County lockup.

According to court records, deputies stopped the defendant after seeing that his grey Toyota Camry had no tag and receiving information from Lake City Police that a similar vehicle had fled from officers. Deputy Clyde Barringer wrote in an arrest report that the defendant refused to stop after he and another deputy activated their emergency lights, so Barringer maneuvered his vehicle in front of Gregory's and forced the 37-year-old to stop.

"I questioned Nicholas in regard to why he did not stop, and he stated, 'I was scared,'" wrote the deputy.

A dispatcher told Barringer that the defendant had a valid license in his home state with a restriction that his car was equipped with an interlocking ignition device, which requires the driver to submit a breath sample before the vehicle can be started.

"After searching the vehicle," Barringer reported, "no device was found. 'I questioned Nicholas in regards if he was supposed to have an interlock device in his vehicle, and he stated, 'Yes, but I paid a guy under the table to remove it for me!'"

Made a threatening hand gesture

STARKE— A 41-year-old Starke man was sentenced to 12 months' probation after pleading to stalking his ex-wife and making a threatening hand gesture toward the woman's boyfriend.

Beau Jeffrey Whidden pleaded to stalking and violating a domestic violence injunction.

According to an arrest report, the boyfriend of the defendant's ex-wife told a Bradford deputy that he and his girlfriend were at the Griffis Loop Circle K when Whidden pulled up next to him in a vehicle.

"(The victim) stated that Beau pulled up as he was walking to his car," wrote Deputy Paul Moody Jr. in the report. "He stated that Beau had his window down and made his fingers into a gun-like sign, and stated, 'I'm going to kill you. I've been here the whole time.' Then Beau left."

The victim added that after he and his girlfriend returned home, they saw someone walking along the road toward the house. He added that his parents, who were driving toward the residence, also saw the walker, whom they identified as Whidden.

Bradford Sheriff's Sgt. Logan Hough wrote in the same report that he questioned the defendant about the incident and reported that Whidden told him he went to the Circle K to buy a can of dip and did not know the couple was at the store. The sergeant added that, according to Whidden, when he realized the couple was at the store, he immediately left.

"I then asked about him making threatening gun signs with his hands," Hough wrote, "to which he stated that he did not recognize who (the victim) was at first; he stated that (the victim) then threw up a finger as if he was saying hello, so Beau did it back. I then asked Beau if he threatened (the victim), at which time he stated that after (the victim) threatened to kill him, he threatened to kill (the victim)."

Hough stated that Whidden

changed his story several times during the interview. He also reported that law enforcement had been called to the ex-wife's residence several times due to the defendant walking or driving by the home and allegedly causing damage.

Played music too loud

STARKE—A man who was pulled over in Citrus County after a deputy heard loud music from his SUV was sentenced in Bradford County to 20 months in prison after he pleaded to a probation violation.

Dickie Lynn Tribble, 48, was arrested in Bradford County in 2022 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and was sentenced to two years' probation.

On April 1, 2023, a Citrus County deputy wrote that he was on patrol on South Suncoast Boulevard in Crystal River when he observed a gold SUV "approximately 30 feet in front of me with its audio music at an audible level that I could hear the lyrics from my patrol vehicle."

The deputy conducted a traffic stop after running the gold SUV's tag and found that the plate was registered to a red sport utility vehicle.

Tribble told the deputy that he had just gotten the vehicle painted, and the officer arrested the driver after discovering that the defendant's license had been suspended and that he was on probation in Bradford County.

A Citrus County judge sentenced the defendant to 18 months in prison for driving with a suspended license in Crystal River. The Bradford probation violation sentence will run concurrently with the Citrus County sentence.



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KHHS boys defeat BHS 66-64 on last-second shot

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Garrison Teague scored off an offensive rebound with half a second remaining to give the Keystone Heights High School boys basketball team a 66-64 win over Bradford to conclude a three-day winter tournament at BHS on Dec. 29.

Bradford's Keith Taylor tied the game at 64-64 when he made two free throws with 13.2 seconds left. At the other end of the floor, the Indians' Zeke Pelham drove to the basket and dished the ball off to Andru Siemer. Siemer missed a shot underneath the basket, but Teague was there to grab the miss and put it in for the winning score.

Of the tournament's four boys teams, only Keystone (6-7) went 3-0.

The Tornadoes (4-4), who were attempting to finish 3-0 as well, missed 3 of 6 free-throw attempts in the final 40 seconds.

Bradford scored six straight points in the first quarter to take a 13-9 lead. Chalil Cummings grabbed a defensive rebound and passed the ball to Damarion Hankerson, who then fed Mattox Burgin for a layup. Taylor scored off a Cummings steal and then hit a floater in the lane following another turnover.

Keystone closed out the first quarter by outscoring the Tornadoes 5-2. Pelham scored on a drive to the basket, while Bradford's Cummings scored off an offensive rebound. Pelham then sank a three-pointer at the



Keystone's Garrison Teague (far right) looks for his opportunity to go up for a shot against Bradford's Torin Brazell and Race Black. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

buzzer, making the score 15-14 in favor of the Tornadoes. A Burgin basket put Bradford

up 19-18 in the second quarter before the Indians went on a 13-2 run, which began with Bryant

Kubisiak scoring off a Pelham assist. Keystone then took advantage of three turnovers, with Pelham making a jump shot, Bryce Hollingsworth making a free throw and Cartez Daniels scoring off a Hollingsworth assist.

Cummings added a basket for Bradford before Hollingsworth scored twice, driving the baseline for one basket and then grabbing a defensive rebound and going the length of the court for another bucket.

Zane Leger then scored off his own steal to put Keystone ahead 31-21.

The Indians led by 10 at the half and maintained that lead until Bradford went on a 9-2 run in the third quarter. Burgin made two free throws and then added a basket off a Hankerson steal. Burgin was fouled on the shot and made the ensuring free throw. Torin Brazell scored off a Burgin assist. After Keystone's Teague scored off an offensive rebound, the Tornadoes got a basket from Hankerson, which left them trailing 42-40.

Bradford closed out the quarter by outscoring the Indians 7-2. Burgin sank a three-point shot, while Brazell had a basket following a Hankerson steal. A Taylor basket made it 47-44 in favor of the Tornadoes, but Teague had the final basket of the quarter to make it a one-point game going into the fourth.

A Taylor three-pointer put Bradford up 50-48 before Keystone went on a 9-2 run. It began with two free throws by



Bradford's Mattox Burgin goes up for a score as (l-r) teammate Keith Taylor and Keystone's Zeke Pelham and Darrion Grady look on.

Siemer, followed by a Connor Guy three-pointer. Pelham then dribbled the length of the court for a score after a defensive rebound. Bradford's Burgin got a basket after a steal by teammate Race Black, but Keystone's Darrion Grady grabbed a defensive rebound and drove all

the way to the Bradford basket for another two points to give the Indians a 57-52 lead.

Bradford went 1 of 7 from the field during the run, with Teague rebounding three of the missed shots.

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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the City of Starke Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

R230511A, an application by Osceola Land & Timber Co., LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to CITY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (more than 8 less than 20 units per acre) and CITY COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

From COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to CITY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (more than 8 less than 20 units per acre):

A parcel of land lying in Sections 16 and 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence South 01°18'25" East 661.10 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°06'15" East 671.29 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°22'20" East 497.19 feet, along the East line of said Section 17 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 01°22'20" East 816.75 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence North 88°18'34" East 1,319.73 feet; thence South 01°23'37" East 1,316.42 feet; thence South 88°18'17" West 1,322.16 feet; thence South 87°40'55" West 182.44 feet; thence North 00°53'16" West 271.12 feet; thence North 54°19'51" West 186.57 feet; thence North 39°52'58" West 105.98 feet; thence North 46°41'46" West 174.22 feet; thence North 62°49'38" West 418.52 feet; thence North 79°34'06" West 274.64 feet; thence North 50°51'37" West 158.52 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223), said point lying on a curve concave Westerly, having a radius of 13,625.00 feet, and being subtended by a chord having a bearing and distance of North 28°15'43" East, 235.59 feet; thence Northeasterly, along said Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223) and the arc of said curve through a central angle of 0°59'27", an arc distance of 235.59 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 25°36'34" East 1,062.65 feet, along said Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223); thence North 27°11'50" East 36.54 feet, along said Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223); thence North 88°14'53" East 661.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 77.37 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence South 01°18'25" East 661.10 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°06'15" East 671.29 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 87°29'14" West 736.93 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223) and the Point of Beginning; thence South 87°29'14" West 559.27 feet; thence North 03°12'46" West 967.72 feet; thence South 88°20'20" West 1,749.63 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 16; thence South 18°53'59" East 1,437.61 feet, along said Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 16; thence North 48°14'14" East 520.99 feet; thence South 37°38'40" East 815.02 feet; thence South 50°09'05" West 280.93 feet; thence South 38°40'22" East 551.33 feet to a point on said Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223), said point lying on a curve concave Northwesterly, having a radius of 6,086.00 feet, and being subtended by a chord having a bearing and distance of North 35°22'28" East, 765.95 feet; thence Northeasterly, along said Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223) and the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 07°12'57", an arc distance of 766.46 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 31°46'00" East 518.74 feet; thence North 27°46'00" East 353.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 62.54 acres, more or less.

From COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to CITY COMMERCIAL:

A parcel of land lying in Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence South 01°18'25" East 661.10 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°06'15" East 671.29 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°22'20" East 497.19 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence South 01°22'20" East 816.75 feet, along the East line of said Section 17; thence North 88°18'34" East 1,319.73 feet; thence South 01°23'37" East 1,316.42 feet; thence South 88°18'17" West 1,322.16 feet; thence North 00°53'16" West 271.12 feet; thence North 54°19'51" West 186.57 feet; thence North 39°52'58" West 105.98 feet; thence North 46°41'46" West 174.22 feet; thence North 62°49'38" West 418.52 feet; thence North 79°34'06" West 274.64 feet; thence North 50°51'37" West 158.52 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223), said point lying on a curve concave Westerly, having a radius of 13,625.00 feet, and being subtended by a chord having a bearing and distance of South 30°07'15" West, 648.38 feet; thence Southwesterly, along said Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 223) and the arc of said curve through a central angle of 02°43'37", an arc distance of 648.44 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 87°40'55" East 250.05 feet; thence South 04°09'00" East 419.00 feet; thence North 87°40'55" East 1,162.04 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 19.66 acres, more or less.

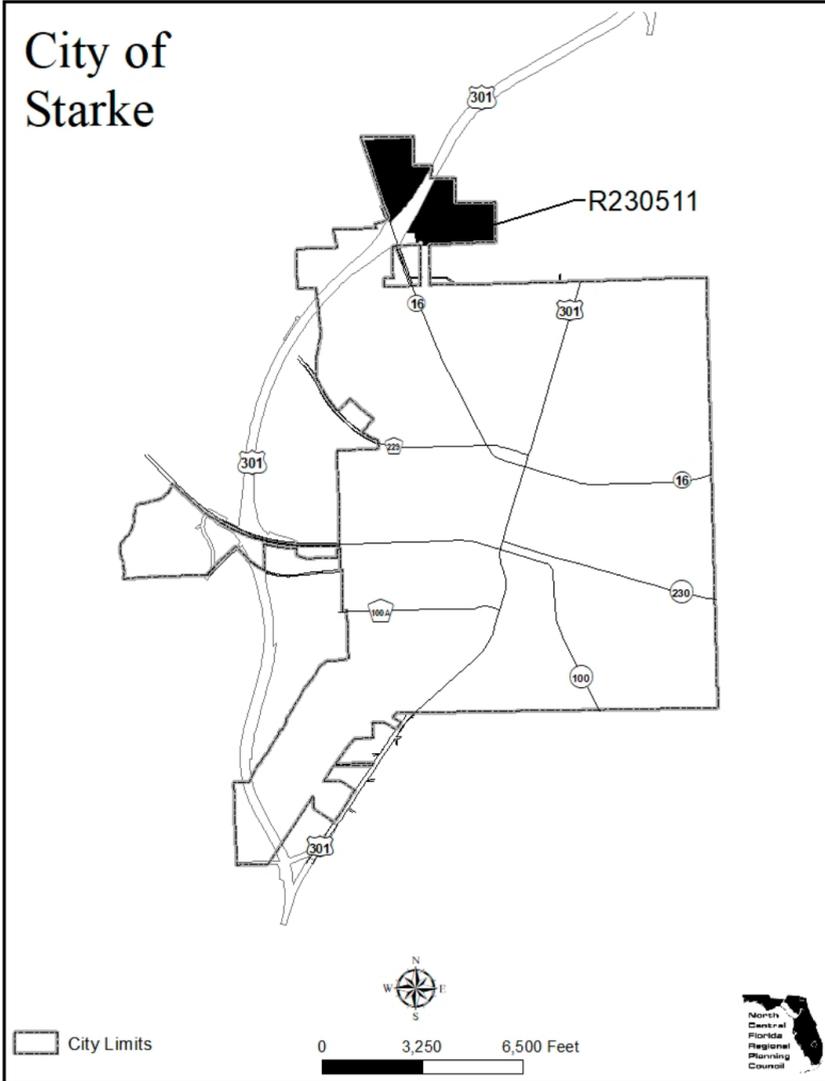
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Containing 20.52 acres, more or less.

All said lands containing 180.09 acres, more or less.

City of Starke



The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on January 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The City Commission will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to FloridaCommerce. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF MORE THAN 50 ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, R230511A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO CITY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MORE THAN 8 LESS THAN 20 UNITS PER ACRE) AND CITY COMMERCIAL ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings 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 in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

Indians defeat Tavares, Ridgeview in 1st 2 games of BHS tourney

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Andru Siemer scored 18 of his game-high 21 points in the second and third quarters as the Keystone Heights High School boys basketball team built and maintained a big lead in defeating Tavares 70-34 on day-one action at Bradford High School's winter tournament on Dec. 27.

The Indians made five of their first seven field-goal attempts in building an 11-7 lead in the first quarter. A drive to the basket by Darrion Grady led to a layup by Garrison Teague, followed by Zane Leger scoring off his own backcourt steal. Grady later made a three-pointer, while Teague scored on another layup, which was created by Bryce Hollingsworth's drive to the basket.

Keystone missed its next eight shot attempts and clung to an 11-10 lead entering the second quarter.

The Indians scored six straight points in taking a 17-12 lead early in the second quarter. Siemer had a layup off a Teague assist and later followed that with a basket off an offensive rebound. Siemer then recorded an assist on a basket by Michael Petty.

Siemer and Tavares' Matthew Chavez traded three-point baskets before the Indians made two straight baskets — one by Petty and one by Grady.

The Bulldogs' Steven King was fouled on a three-pointer. He made two of his three free-throw attempts, leaving Tavares trailing 24-19. King later made two free throws to make it a three-point game, while the Bulldogs' Izayia Williams rebounded his own

miss and scored to make the score 24-23.

Keystone then scored eight straight to close out the half. Siemer made two free throws and added a basket off a Teague assist to make it 28-23. Hollingsworth sank a three-point shot and was later fouled with 22.9 seconds remaining. He made one free throw to send the Indians into halftime leading 32-23.

A basket off a Leger drive was the start of a 15-2 Keystone run to open the third quarter. Siemer had a three-pointer and later grabbed a defensive rebound and threw a pass downcourt to Grady for another score. Teague made two free throws and recorded an assist on a Siemer basket to put the Indians up by eight. Consecutive baskets by Seimer and Teague — off Petty and Connor Guy assists, respectively — gave Keystone a 47-25 lead.

Teague, who had six points in the third quarter, finished with 12 points. Petty, who had eight points in the final quarter, also scored 12.

The Indians also got nine points from Grady, eight from Hollingsworth, six from Leger and two from Zeke Pelham.

On day two of the tournament, Keystone had five players score in double figures in defeating Ridgeview 72-59 on Dec. 28.

The Indians found themselves trailing 10-4 after Ridgeview made a three-pointer to start the second quarter. When halftime arrived, however, Keystone had outscored the Panthers 27-11 in the quarter to lead 31-18.

Keystone answered the three-pointer by scoring the next six points. Pelham sank a jump shot. Petty then had a steal, passing the ball to Hollingsworth, who gave it back to Petty for a transition layup. Cartez Daniels, after getting fouled on an offensive rebound and putback attempt,

made two free throws that evened the score at 10-10.

A three-pointer by Leger gave the Indians their first lead since the first quarter. Ridgeview would tie the score again before Keystone went on a 12-0 run that began with a jump shot by Grady. Leger made a basket and followed that with an assist on a basket by Teague, who created the opportunity with a steal. Teague came up with another steal, which led to a Leger basket. Leger drew a foul on the play, making the awarded free throw to put the Indians ahead 22-13.

Leger, who scored 11 points in the quarter, then made a three-pointer before Grady scored off his own steal to make the score 27-13.

Keystone scored six of the first nine points of the third quarter before the Panthers scored eight straight, with turnovers leading to four of those points. Hollingsworth stopped the brief drought when he drove the baseline for a basket that put the Indians ahead 39-29.

The Indians got a big play with Teague at the foul line. Teague made 1 of 2 attempts,



Bryce Hollingsworth pulls up for a shot against Tavares. Garrison Teague (far left) and Bryant Kubisiak (second from left) are also pictured.

but rebounded the miss and put it back for a basket that helped Keystone go into the fourth quarter leading by 12.

Ridgeview had three three-point baskets during a 13-2 run

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Zeke Pelham (far left) looks to pull down a loose ball against Ridgeview. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

BHS gets wins over Ridgeview, Tavares prior to KHHS game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School made three straight three-pointers as part of a 20-2 run to close out the game and give the Tornadoes a 60-47 win over Ridgeview in a boys basketball matchup on day one of the BHS winter tournament on Dec. 27.

The Tornadoes' Keith Taylor was hot to start the game. He scored off a Willie Pollard assist and followed that with two more baskets (including a three-pointer) to put Bradford ahead 7-0.

Pollard scored off a Race Black steal to make it a 9-0 game.

After making 4 of their first 5 field-goal attempts, the Tornadoes went 0 for 10 the rest of the quarter.

Cold shooting plagued both teams. Ridgeview missed its first 10 field-goal attempts, which helped Bradford go into the second quarter leading 9-5.

The two teams combined to shoot 29 percent in the first half, which ended with the Panthers leading 19-18.

Bradford missed its first 10 shot attempts in the third quarter, which including failing to capitalize on consecutive



Damarion Hankerson (left) drives to the basket for a fourth-quarter shot attempt against Ridgeview. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

backcourt turnovers by Ridgeview. Taylor ended the drought with his third three-pointer of the game, followed by Dae'Jon Shanks making a three-pointer, which left the Tornadoes trailing 25-24.

Mattox Burgin was fouled on a drive to the basket late in the third quarter. He made only one of his free-throw attempts, but Black rebounded the miss and sank a jumper that gave Bradford its first lead of the second half at 32-31.

Ridgeview made a three-pointer with 4 seconds remaining in the third quarter to give the Panthers a 34-32 lead.

The Tornadoes trailed by five points in the fourth quarter

when they began their 20-2 run. It began with a three-pointer by Shanks. Damarion Hankerson, following a Shanks defensive rebound, sank another long-range shot to put Bradford ahead 46-45. Shanks grabbed another defensive rebound, which led to another three-pointer by Hankerson.

Shanks was fouled on a drive to the basket after grabbing an offensive rebound. He made both free throws with 1:56 to play to make it a six-point game. Burgin was fouled after a Ridgeview turnover, making 1 of 2 free throws. Brazell rebounded the missed attempt and scored to put the Tornadoes ahead 54-45.

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Keith Taylor (left) looks to get a shot off against Ridgeview.

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Hankerson made a three-pointer, which was followed by Taylor scoring off his own steal to tie the score at 57-57.

Hollingsworth was fouled on a drive to the basket, making 1 of 2 free throws with 2:07 to play to put Keystone up by one. Grady scored after a Bradford turnover to put the Indians ahead 60-57. After Teague rebounded a missed shot by the Tornadoes, Siemer was fouled. He missed both free-throw attempts, however, with 54.1 seconds on the clock.

Taylor scored on a drive to the basket to make it a one-point game. Keystone then committed traveling violations on two straight possessions. Taylor was fouled away from the basket after the first, making 1 of 2 free

throws to tie the score at 62-62. Burgin was fouled after the Indians' second traveling call, but he missed two free-throw attempts. Teague rebounded the second miss.

Hollingsworth drove the baseline for a basket that put Keystone up 64-62 with 17 seconds to play. Taylor was able to beat most of the defense down the court to receive the ensuing inbounds pass. He was fouled, which put him on the foul line for the two free throws that would even the score again before Teague made the game-winner at the other end.

Teague led Keystone with 15 points, while Pelham and Hollingsworth had 11 and 10 points, respectively. The Indians also got seven points from Grady, six from Siemer, five from Leger, four from Daniels, three from Guy and Kubisiak and two from

Michael Petty.

Bradford's Burgin led all scorers with 19 points, while Taylor and Hankerson had 16 and 14, respectively. The Tornadoes also got seven points from Brazell, six from Cummings and two from Mikey Oliver.

The Indians will be back in action when they host Old Plank Christian Academy on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. They then travel to play Interlachen on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Bradford travels to play Fort White on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. before returning home to play P.K. Yonge on Friday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The Tornadoes then play three straight road games: at Interlachen on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m., at Middleburg on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. and at Crescent City on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m.



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DAY PROGRAMS						
Program	Instructor	Registration Begins	Course Dates	Day	Hours	Program Hours
Adult General Education, GED, and Applied Academics	Snyder	Apply Now	January 8 - May 24, 2024	M - F	9AM to 12PM	Vary
Adult General Education, GED, and Applied Academics	Snyder	Apply Now	January 8 - May 24, 2024	M - F	12:30PM to 3:30PM	Vary
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Apply Now	January 10 - March 7, 2024	M - R	7:30AM - 5:30PM	320 & 150
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Apply Now	March 18 - May 16, 2024	M - R	7:30AM - 5:30PM	320 & 150
Practical Nursing (LPN)	McCord	Call School For Details				1350
Welding Technology	Geiger / Hunt	Apply Now	January 8 - May 24, 2024	M - F	9AM - 3:30PM	1050
Welding Technology, Advanced	Geiger / Hunt	Apply Now	January 8 - May 24, 2024	M - F	9AM - 3:30PM	750
EVENING PROGRAMS						
Nursing Assistant - Long Term Care (C.N.A.)	TBD	Call School For Details				Vary
Adult General Education, GED, and Applied Academics	TBD	Apply Now	January 8 - May 24, 2024	M, T, R	5PM to 8PM	Vary
COMMUNITY EDUCATION						
Hunter Education (Three separate course offerings) Call Mr. Davidson at (904) 813-0008 with course questions.	Davidson	Open	Call School For Details	R	6PM - 9PM	3
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Bridgman/Riker	Open	January 8 - May 24, 2024	T & R	5PM - 6:20PM	Vary

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Jan. 4, 2024

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-2023-CP-124
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EMANUEL NICK KLONDES, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The formal administration of the estate of EMANUEL NICK KLONDES, JR., who died on April 18, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.7022 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 TO CREDITORS is December 28, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-393

BRENDA YEOMANS,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JOY E. WATKINS AND
STATE OF FLORIDA,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY I
SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION
4912 SE 92nd Street
Hampton, FL 32044
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a complaint for declaratory relief regarding the following single wide mobile home described as 1982 Nova bearing Vehicle Identification Number EF2966A and Title Number 19988481 has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/response, if any, to it on VERONICA R. OWENS, ESQ., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before thirty days from the date of first publication of this NOTICE OF ACTION, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter.

If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

Dated: November 27, 2023
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Kanetra Jenkins
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2023-CA-000242
DIVISION:
MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER

CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CONSTANCE M. ERDMAN A/K/A CONSTANCE MAY ERDMAN, DECEASED, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in Case No. 04-2023-CA-000242 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which MCLP Asset Company, Inc., is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Constance M. Erdman a/k/a Constance May Erdman, deceased, Mercantile Bank, Joseph Bernard Erdman, David Timothy Erdman, Leann Jessica Erdman, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on online at 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 January 25, 2024 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT FIVE (5) KNIGHT'S REPLAT, A RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF KNIGHT'S SUBDIVISION, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 1002 NORTH THOMPSON STREET 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has also been furnished to all parties on the attached service list by mail or eService.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2023.

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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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INVITATION TO BID
COOK BROTHERS, INC. (CBI), FL.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NO. CGC-046567, Construction Manager for the following project, is seeking bids from all qualified bidders. Go to the CBI website, www.cookbrothersinc.com, to view and/or download all project plans, specifications, prequalification forms, insurance requirements, P&P Bond forms, etc. On the left side of home page click on Projects and choose New Projects from the drop-down menu.

PROJECT: Camp Blanding Administration Building #3888A, Florida National Guard; Florida Dept. of Military Affairs Project # 12215021, located at 5629 FL-16W, Starke, Florida.
DESCRIPTION: All work necessary to provide sitework, infrastructure and construction of a new 6,100 SF metal administration building. Submit **QUESTIONS** to bids@cookbrothersinc.com, no later than end of day Jan. 9th, 2024.

PRE-QUALIFICATION: All bidders who have not previously been under contract with Cook Brothers, Inc. must pre-qualify for this project. Email Pre-qualification form to bids@cookbrothersinc.com no later than Jan. 15, 2024.

BONDS: All bids over \$100,000 must include a 5% Bid Bond or a Certified check for the same. All subcontracts of \$100,000 or more will require a P&P Bond, on a Cook Brothers, Inc. Payment and Performance Bond form.

SEALED BIDS are due Thurs. Jan. 18, 2024 2:00 PM, Eastern Time in the office of Cook Brothers, Inc., 1255 Commerce Blvd., Midway, FL 32343. Submit bids via: HAND DELIVER, UPS, FEDEX or other deliver service to the office of Cook Brothers, Inc. CBI is not responsible for the date/time at which bids are received, so please allow time to accommodate your mode of delivery. LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED. All bids must be submitted on the CBI Bid Form, which is found in the Bid Package. E-MAILED BIDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS: All bids of \$100,000 or more require a 5% Bid Bond or Cashier's Check. All contracts of \$100,000 or more will require a Performance & Payment Bond.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS are available for view/downloaded from our website: On the left side of home page click on Projects and choose New Projects from the drop-down menu.

NOTE: See the plans Cover sheet page # G000 for Alternate Bid Items. **The following BID PACKAGES will be posted on the CBI website on or before Jan. 4, 2024.** All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form, which is found in the Bid Package.

2A Sitework
3A Concrete
4A Masonry
6A Architectural Wood Casework/ Cabinets
8A Doors, Frames, Hardware
8B Overhead Coiling Doors
9A Flooring includes tile, carpet and fluid-applied flooring
9B Framing and Sheetrock
9C AC Ceilings
9D Painting and (see Division 7)
Joint Sealants 10A Specialties, bath compartments, accessories and lockers 13A Metal Building 22A Plumbing 23A Mechanical
26A Electrical
28A Electronic Safety & Security (controls, intercom and video)

E-Verify: Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor must be registered with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by Contractor during the term of this Agreement.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: All contractors and vendors must agree that they will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which require that contractors and subcontractors will not discriminate against individuals and businesses due to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or physical or mental disability.

COOK BROTHERS, INC., (CBI) is the Construction Manager for this Florida Dept. of Military Affairs (Owner) project. The Owner is not a party to any and all solicitations and submitted quotations or bid proposals which are made to the Construction Manager. Nothing in the bid documents, either expressed or implied, enjoins Owner as a party to the receipt, review or award of bids received by Construction Manager. Award of each trade contract shall be based solely on the best interests of the Project as determined by Construction Manager. Cook Brothers, Inc., as Construction Manager for this project, reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids and waive informalities in any bid.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 18th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida, to consider the exercise of its authority pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, to close and abandon portions of Canova St. and Jackson St., Lakeside S/D, Plat Book 2, page 24, of the public records of Bradford County, Florida as it pertains to the following Bradford County Parcel Numbers;

05691-0-00400, 05692-0-00400, 05693-0-00000, 05694-0-00000, 05695-0-00100, 05698-0-00100, 05699-0-00000, 05700-0-00000, 05701-0-00000, 05702-0-00000 and 05702-0-00100

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the Zoning Department, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter. The public hearing 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 hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County Courthouse, Starke, Florida, 904-966-6280 at least two business days in advance; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION
DIVISION
CASE NO: 23000245CAAXMX
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ZAZHARY V. MITCHELL; SARAH J MITCHELL N/K/A SARAH JEANISE FLOWERS; CAVALRY SPV I LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK, NA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SARAH J. MITCHELL, N/K/A SARAH JEANISE FLOWERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ZAZHARY V. MITCHELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Published in Bradford County Telegraph)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 22, 2023 entered in Civil Case No. 23000245CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC is Plaintiff and ZAZHARY V. MITCHELL and SARAH J MITCHELL N/K/A SARAH JEANISE FLOWERS, et al are Defendants. The Clerk, DENNY THOMPSON, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32901, at 11:00 AM on February 22, 2024, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in BRADFORD County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 2, BUTLER COURT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 711 via Florida Relay Service.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by Electronic Mail pursuant to Rule 2.516, Fla. R. Jud. Admin, and/ or by U.S. Mail to any other parties in accordance with the attached service list this 28th day of December, 2023.
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COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on January 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-04
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO

PROCUREMENT OF REAL ESTATE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; EXEMPTING THE PROCUREMENT OF REAL ESTATE FROM COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in Bradford County Telegraph)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 20th day of December, 2023, and entered in Case No. 23000220CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and MARISA LEIGH BATEMAN A/K/A MARISA BATEMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARISA LEIGH BATEMAN A/K/A MARISA BATEMAN; JUSTIN HAVERKATE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONALD A. HAVERKATE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN HAVERKATE; are defendants. Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 at 11:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of February, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTH 40 FEET OF LOT 23 AND ALL OF LOTS 24 AND 25, BLOCK 15, KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 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 your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2023.

By: Liana R. Hall
Liana R. Hall
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Submitted by:
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UNION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO 63-2022-CP 043
In re THE ESTATE OF CLYDE RONALD SHORT, also known as CLYDE SHORT Deceased

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO RONALD WRIGHT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONALD WRIGHT OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a petition for authorization to sell real property has been filed in the above-referenced court, with the above referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on Jennifer T Arubla, the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 420 S Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 28 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the personal representative's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in the above-identified petition
Dated on December 18, 2023
KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
Clerk of the Court
By: K Rhoades
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2023-CP-0012
IN RE: ESTATE OF FAWN COLLEEN WALKER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FAWN COLLEEN WALKER, deceased, whose date of death was September 29, 2021, File Number 2023-CP-0012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Maine Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 4, 2024.
Attorney for Personal Representative: CAMERON, HODGES, COLEMAN, LaPOINTE & WRIGHT, P.A.
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Personal Representative: KATLYN ROSE WALKER
5825 SW CR 239
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
Petitioner

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2023-CP-0014
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALEXIS ROSE WALKER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ALEXIS ROSE WALKER, deceased, whose date of death was September 29, 2021, File Number 2023-CP-0014 is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Maine Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Tornadoes split tournament's 1st 2 games

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jada Hankerson scored 14 of her game-high 21 points in the second half as the Bradford High School girls basketball team defeated Williston 55-52 on day one of the BHS winter tournament on Dec. 27.

Bradford trailed by one point at halftime, but five of its first seven field-goal attempts of the second half were three-pointers. Hankerson had three of those as the Tornadoes took a lead they'd never relinquish.

The game was tied at 14-14 after the first quarter. Williston went on a 9-2 run to open the second, with a three-pointer by Kaelynn Brown putting the Red Devils up 23-16. Bradford's Khamyra Hankerson answered with a three-pointer of her own

to make it a four-point game. The Tornadoes missed their next five shot attempts and turned the ball over three times, but Williston couldn't capitalize, scoring only three points.

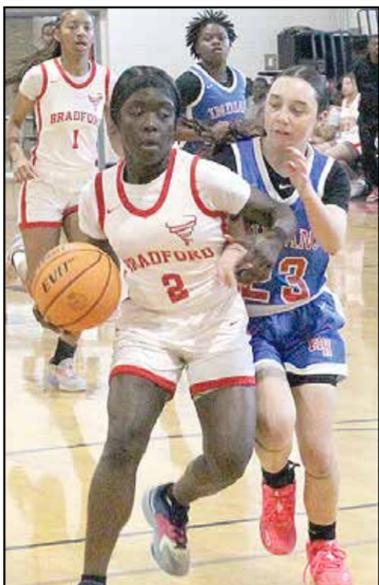
Khamyra Hankerson scored off an inbounds play, which was the start of an 8-1 run to close out the half. Ar'Nayshia Griffin drove the baseline for a score and a foul, making the awarded free throw that left the Tornadoes trailing 26-24. After a basket by the Devils' Jayla Coleman, Griffin scored off an offensive rebound. Griffin, who grabbed 10 rebounds in the half, was then fouled after a Williston turnover with 30 seconds on the clock. She made one of two free throws to send Bradford into halftime trailing 28-27.

Williston got off to a fast start in the second half. Delecia Dallas scored off her own steal, while Brown made a three-pointer. Jada Hankerson knocked down a three-pointer for Bradford, followed by a two-point bucket by the Devils' Brown.

Bradford then scored seven straight points to take a 37-35 lead. Ajiyah Jackson had a layup off a Jada Hankerson assist, followed by a Jada Hankerson three-pointer. Jackson then added another basket off an offensive rebound.

The Devils scored the next two baskets before Jada Hankerson sank her third three-pointer of the quarter. Williston's Brown then had a basket to put the Devils back on top, but a Destiny Crum steal led to an eventual three-pointer by Griffin, which sent the Tornadoes into the fourth quarter leading 43-41.

Bradford never trailed again.



ABOVE: Bradford's Khamyra Hankerson drives to the basket against Keystone's Daisy Hubbard and Rigby Morford. LEFT: Keystone's Brynn Creekmore attempts to keep pace with Bradford's Jada Hankerson, who pushes the ball toward the basket. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Destiny Crum prepares to dribble into the lane against Williston.



Ar'Nayshia Griffin (center) draws contact from Williston's Kaelynn Brown (far right) as she drives the lane. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Khamyra Hankerson sank a shot from beyond the arc for the first points of the fourth quarter. Jada Hankerson later scored off her own steal, getting fouled in the process. She made the ensuing free throw for a 49-43 lead.

Griffin forced a turnover that led to a layup by Crum off a Jada Hankerson assist, giving Bradford an eight-point lead. Williston whittled its deficit down, with Dallas making a three-pointer and Brown adding a two-point field goal. Jada Hankerson and Griffin each went 2 for 2 from the foul line to give the Tornadoes a 55-48 lead with 2:30 to play. Williston missed its next four field-goal attempts, with the Tornadoes getting defensive rebounds from Griffin, Jackson

See SPLIT, page 13

BHS girls close out tourney with win over KHHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jada Hankerson had eight of her game-high 18 points in the second quarter, which saw the Bradford High School girls basketball team outscore Keystone Heights 16-1 en route to a 51-14 win on the final day of BHS' winter tournament on Dec. 29.

The Tornadoes (8-5) scored the game's first five points, with Hankerson hitting a jumper following a Khamyra Hankerson rebound and Destiny Crum sinking a three-point shot.

Riley Shuford hit a three-pointer of her own for the Indians, who were able to later tie the score on a rebound putback by Kadence Massey.

Keystone (1-12) made just two more field goals the rest of the :30game, with more than 20 turnovers also hurting the Indians' cause.

Bradford's big second quarter began with Jada Hankerson grabbing a defensive rebound and taking it the length of the floor for a basket. Another transition opportunity for Hankerson following Kayla Evans' defensive rebound led to a trip to the foul line, where she made one free throw to put the Tornadoes ahead 13-5.

The Indians' Daisy Hubbard made one free throw when she

was fouled on a drive to the basket, but the rest of the quarter belonged to Bradford. A Jada Hankerson steal led to a three-pointer by Khamyra Hankerson. After a free throw by Jada Hankerson, Khamyra Hankerson sank another shot from beyond the arc for a 20-6 Tornadoes lead.

Jada Hankerson added a basket off a turnover, while Ar'Nayshia Griffin hit a jump shot to send Bradford into halftime leading by 20 points.

Ajiyah Jackson and Jada Hankerson scored six and five

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Dewey Addison Sr.

Dewey Gilford Addison Sr., 86, known for his skills as a handyman and for selling his famous peanuts, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at his home in Lake Butler. He was born on May 8, 1937, in Raiford to the late Lee and Erma Johns Addison. In his youth, he dedicated four years to serving his country with the Army and Merchant Marines. His honorable military service shaped him into the determined and resilient man he became. After returning from his military duties, he settled in Lake Butler and embarked on a fulfilling career as a handyman. He took great pride in his work and gained a reputation for being reliable, skilled, and kind-hearted. Fishing was one of his greatest passions; especially going down to the riverbank. With a green thumb, he also had an impressive garden that flourished under his care. However, what truly made his heart swell with happiness was gathering loved ones together for fish fries or cookouts. No matter the occasion, he ensured everyone felt welcomed and appreciated. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, Barbara Ann Opachick, James Addison, Paul Addison, and Hargart Addison.

He is survived by his children, Sheryl (Mike) Bielling, Linda Sumner, Lisa (Daniel) Tollefsrud, Kim Addison, and Dewey Addison Jr.; grandchildren, Adrian Hurst, Shanell Harrell, Mathew Cowger, Tony Cowger, Marcia Williams, Brittney Gaskins, Daniel Tollefsrud, Savanna Tollefsrud, and Ayden Addison; great-grandchildren: Jayden Jenkins, Graci Jenkins, Madilyn Holland, Ryland Gaskins, De'Asia Harris, Lilyna Cowger, Khloe Cowger, and Gabriele Cowger; sister, Pauline Prescott; and a host of extended family and friends.

Visitation services were held on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Friday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m., also at the funeral home.

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Jeanette Hendricks

Jeanette Hendricks, 93, of Lake Butler passed away on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at Windsor Manor in Starke. She grew up in High Springs, the baby girl of Raymond and Ethel Ryals. She played basketball for the High Springs "Sandspurs" and graduated from High Springs High School in 1949. In the spring of 1951, on a visit with her brother and sister-in-law in Dunedin, she met Bryan Hendricks, a country boy from Union County who was working for the railroad after his tour of duty in the Navy. They were married on Nov. 18, 1951. In just a few years they became parents to three children: Stephen (1953), Linda (1954), and Joe (1956). Seemingly overnight, she went from a carefree teenage girl to a young mom with a husband, and three babies, with bottles and diapers everywhere. Admittedly, she had to learn to cook quickly since she said she didn't even know how to boil water. When the kids started school, she began her 32-year career driving a school bus for the Union County School District. She loved her job and had great rapport with kids. She quickly became the primary driver on class field trips, band, FFA and athletic trips. She knew the best route through the woods to Dixie County or down the interstate to Orlando or Atlanta. She was "Google Maps" before Google Maps was invented. Her favorite role began when she became a grandmother. She was the taxi driver for all the grandkids to dental appointments, she was the nurse when they got sick at school, and she was the errand runner when they needed a sheet of poster board or a few dozen cupcakes. "Grannie" was the "go-to" person for whatever was needed. She was at every steer show, recital, ball game, graduation, wedding or birthday party. She loved all family activities. Sunday dinner after church was a family tradition that she had established and cherished. She loved Christmas Eve brunch, Hendricks Family Thanksgiving, birthday parties and cookouts at the lake. She was always ready for an adventure. If anyone mentioned the words "let's go" or "trip," she was ready! All she needed to do was grab her purse, the bag that she kept packed, and head out the door. She welcomed in every new family member and was actually at the hospital when almost every one of her 20 great-grandchildren were born. She was not impressed with the trappings of style or status. She had no idea who Liz Claiborn or Louis Vuitton were. She was perfectly content with a dress or purse from Penney's or Belk's. She loved to serve others in her family, her church or neighborhood. She was a worker in the trenches, cooking, cleaning and caring for others. She was never interested in recognition or praise, she just loved people. She was an amazing example of someone with a servant's heart, reflecting Christ's love for others. In the last few months, as her dementia worsened, she tended to tell you exactly what she thought, not mincing any words. This strong, determined inner strength carried her through many of those 72 years of marriage and child-rearing, when she said that she would just go out behind the barn, have a good cry, and then "carry on." She never understood why today's wives and mothers have to go on weekend getaways and shopping trips to cope with today's problems. "They need to stay home and take care of their families," she often declared. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Bryan; her parents; Raymond and Ethel Ryals; her sister, Betty (Lowman) Beville; and brother, Robert (Johnnie) Ryals.

She is survived by her three children, Stephen (JoAnn) Hendricks, Linda (Phillip) Johns, Joe (Debbie) Hendricks; seven grandchildren: Stephanie (Danny) Christmas, Blake Dicks, Jason (Angie) Hendricks, Jodi (Jeff) England, Kellie (Jessie) Rhoades, Stacie (Richard) Cason and Brad (Sara) Dicks; 20 Great grandchildren, Macy, Evan, and Molly Christmas, Seth (Haley), Gage, and Jordan Hendricks, Ella, Grant, Jesse, and Kenna Dicks, Lexi England, Tanner, Judd and Tripp Connell, Andie Jo Rhoades, Landon, Clayton, Allie, Alston and Aubrie Cason; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David & Ann Hendricks, Vernon & Janet Hendricks, Donald & Lois Hendricks, and Pam Hendricks. A multitude of nieces and nephews lovingly called her "Aunt Net."

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Lake Butler Church of Christ. She was laid to rest immediately following the service at Hendricks Cemetery.

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Joan McDonald

Joan Waters McDonald, 80, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Lake City. She was born on June 9, 1943, in her beloved hometown of Lake Butler to the late Lonnie "L.V." and Georgia Martin Waters. She devoted many years of service to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher, playing a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of her community. Outside of work, she found happiness in gardening. Her green thumb was evident in the vibrant flowers and thriving plants that adorned her home. Tending to her garden brought her immense joy and allowed her creativity to bloom alongside the flowers she nurtured. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Dean Underhill; and siblings, Eloise Monds, Earl Waters, Alvin Waters, Mary Jane Waters, and Correne Stringer.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Peter McDonald; her children, Joan "Beth" (Bob) Boone of Lake Butler and Dale (Maria) Underhill of Starke; grandchildren, Jennifer (Justin) Hollingsworth, Samantha (Billy) Brooks, Dale Underhill, Athens Underhill, and Andrea Underhill; her great-grandchildren, Preston, Gracelyn, Tyrus, Rosie, Isaiah, Wesley, Ryker, and Benjamin; siblings, Ted (Jean) Waters, Robert (Pat) Waters, Margaret Stansel, Jeanette (Jake) Bielling, and Madeline (Mark) Richardson; and a host of extended family and friends.

On Monday, Jan. 8, friends and family will gather to pay their respects and celebrate her remarkable life. Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. This will be followed by a funeral service beginning 2 p.m. She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Oak Grove Cemetery.

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George Fleming Jr.

George Warren Fleming Jr., 70, of Keystone Heights died at his home Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023.

Survivors are his children Melissa Campbell, George Fleming III, and Damian Fleming; siblings, Kathy Swearingen and Michael Fleming; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Barbara Norman

Barbara Ann Norman, 87, of Starke, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at her residence with her loving family by her side. She was born in Lee on April 24, 1936, to the late William Hinton Jackson and Louise Bass Jackson. She was raised in Lee and graduated from cosmetology school in Jacksonville. In the early 1960s she made Bradford County her forever home. She enjoyed a long successful career as a cosmetologist. She owned and operated her beauty salon for years and enjoyed styling hair for all the residents at Windsor Manor Nursing Home. One of her greatest honors was helping make loved ones at Archie Tanner Funeral Home beautiful for their families. She was a devoted wife to James "Buck" Norman and loyal companion to Jim Buehne for 18 years after Buck's passing. She enjoyed adventures at sea on many cruise excursions and the peacefulness of fishing. For years she attended Pine Level Baptist Church and in the last six years became a member of Keystone Methodist Church. More than anything, she loved her family and especially loved spending time with her grandkids. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Hinton Jackson and Louise Bass Jackson; and loving husband, James "Buck" Norman.

She is survived by her son, Tim (Joanie) Norman of Starke; companion, Jim Buehne of Starke; brother, Leroy "Roy" (Clifford) Jackson of Starke; sister, Joyce (Damon) Melton of Starke; grandchildren, Andrew (Brittany) Norman and Seth (Chelsea) Norman; and great-grandchildren, Emma, Kylie, Chase and Luca.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Rev. Melanie J. Fierbaugh officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.



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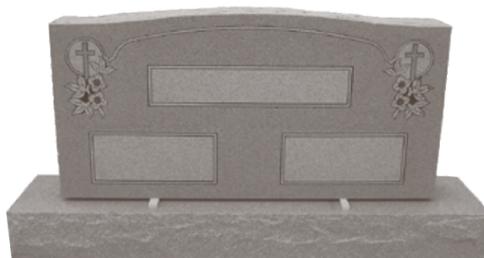
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Paul Jenkins Jr.

Mr. Paul Leon Jenkins Jr., born on Aug. 18, 1958, in Starke, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 at North Florida Regional Hospital in Starke. He was a graduate of Bradford High School. After graduating from college, he earned an associate's degree. He served in the United States Army.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church in Lawtey. Interment will be held at the DeSue Cemetery in Starke (Pleasant Grove). Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Carl and Elaine D Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home, 802 Oak St., Starke 32091 904-964-7905. The cortege will form on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of Mr. Jenkins, 17927 N.W. 62nd Ave., Starke, 32091.

PAID OBITUARY



William Sewell Jr.

William Dennis Sewell Jr., 80, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, after an extended illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, William D. Sewell Sr. and Ruth Leigh Suratt Sewell; and his sister, Peggy Harris.

Survivors are his wife, Shirley Dampier Sewell of Lake Butler; daughters, Tammy Ann Olive of Coco and Terry Ann (Darren) Smith; stepsons, Joseph (Tammy) Thomas and Frankie Lee (Sandy) Thomas; and two grandchildren.

Final memorialization will be by cremation.

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Ernest Vaughn

Mr. Ernest "Pete" Vaughn was born on Jan. 12, 1952, in Jacksonville and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Vaughn; brother, Larry Vaughn; sister, Serena Phillips; niece, Lauren Atkins and nephew, Robert Vaughn.

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that made it a 58-55 game. The Indians responded with a 14-2 run, which began with Pelham driving to the basket for a score. Hollingsworth, who was fouled on his way to the basket after making a backcourt steal, made two free throws. Another turnover led to a Hollingsworth

basket. Hollingsworth later grabbed an offensive rebound, passing the ball to Teague for a turn-around jumper for a 66-57 lead.

Pelham then came up with steals on two straight Ridgeview possessions. He got baskets on both, drawing a foul on one and making the free throw. Pelham forced another turnover, which led to a trip to the foul line for Leger, who made one free throw to make it a 15-point margin.

It was a huge fourth quarter for Pelham, who had nine points. That gave him 13 for the game.

Teague also finished with 13 points, while Leger had 12. Grady and Hollingsworth each scored 10.

The Indians also got five points from Siemer, three points from Guy and two points each from Daniels, Petty and Bryant Kubisiak.

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Brazell, who then rebounded missed shots on the Panthers' next two offensive possessions, had quite the ending to the game. He converted on three wide-open layup attempts off assists from Shanks (2) and Burgin.

Taylor finished with 15 points, while Brazell and Shanks had 12 and 11 points, respectively. The Tornadoes also got eight points from Hankerson, five each from Burgin and Cummings and two each from Black and Pollard.

On day two of the tournament, the Tornadoes took advantage of nine turnovers and outscored Tavares 19-2 in the second quarter for an eventual 54-38 win on Dec. 28.

The Tornadoes took a six-point lead into the second quarter, thanks to a 13-3 run that began with a three-pointer by Burgin. Shanks scored off an offensive rebound before Burgin sank

another shot from beyond the arc for a 10-6 lead. Brazell, after getting fouled after an offensive rebound, made two free throws, followed by a three-point basket by Hankerson.

Tavares' Steven King ended the first quarter with a three-pointer, but Bradford led 15-9.

The hot long-range shooting continued for the Tornadoes, with Hankerson sinking a three to start the second quarter. Burgin later added his third three-point basket of the game to put Bradford up 21-11.

Burgin's shot was the start of a 16-0 run to close out the half as the Bulldogs turned the ball over on nine straight possessions. Taylor scored off an offensive rebound and then made a three-point shot for a 26-11 lead. Brazell had consecutive baskets as well — one off a rebound putback and one off a Shanks assist.

The half ended with Shanks and Taylor scoring off their own steals to send Bradford into the locker room leading 34-11.

Bradford's defensive pressure continued to start the second half, which began with Hankerson scoring off his own steal. Cummings and Brazell each had a basket following a turnover to make it a 29-point game.

Turnovers continued to plague Tavares, which finished the game with more than 20. Ethan Caraway caused one when he drew a charge in the third quarter, while a Race Black steal at the end of the quarter led to a Caraway three-pointer.

Caraway's basket gave Bradford eight three-pointers for the game.

Black, Pollard and Taylor all had steals in the fourth quarter.

Brazell had 10 points to lead the Tornadoes, who also got nine from Burgin, eight from Hankerson, seven each from Shanks and Taylor, four from Cummings, three from Caraway and two each from Pollard, Mikey Oliver and Journie Sampson.

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points, respectively, in the third quarter as the Tornadoes increased their lead to 31 points.

Griffin, who scored six points in the fourth quarter, finished with 13 points. Khamyra Hankerson and Jackson scored eight and seven points, respectively, while Bradford also got three from Crum and two from Alyssa Rentz.

Shuford made two three-

pointers in the second half to lead Keystone with nine points. Hubbard and Massey each scored two, while Yasmin Bryant added one point.

It brought a close to a rough tournament for the Indians, who were outscored 180-46 in three games. Keystone opened with a 64-10 loss to Toco Creek on Dec. 27 that had Bryant scoring five points, while Shuford and Jaynell Hill added three and two, respectively. The Indians then lost 65-22 to Williston on Dec. 28. Bryant led the team with

seven points, while Shuford had six. Hill and Alana Anderson each added four points, while Madisun Brady had one.

Bradford is idle until Tuesday, Jan. 9, when it hosts Fort White at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes then travel to play P.K. Yonge on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m.

Keystone hosts Nease on Friday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. The Indians then travel to play Middleburg on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. before returning home to play Ridgeview on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

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and Jada Hankerson (2). The Devils didn't get on the board again until Brown scored off a steal with 34 seconds remaining. Williston's Tia Coleman rebounded a missed three-pointer by Bradford, which led to Janyiah Span scoring and drawing a foul that made it a 55-52 game. Span, with 7.8 seconds left on the clock, missed the awarded free throw, which was rebounded by Griffin.

Griffin and Jackson had six and eight rebounds, respectively, and finished in double figures in that category. Griffin posted a double-double with her 15 points, while Jackson had nine points. Khamyra Hankerson and Crum added eight and two

points, respectively.

On day two of the tournament, the Tornadoes struggled from the field, shooting just 21 percent in a 45-24 girls basketball loss to Class 7A Toco Creek on Dec. 28.

Toco Creek opened the game with a three-pointer by McKenzie Mabry. It was the first of five long-distance shots made by the Toros in the first half.

The Tornadoes answered, with Griffin scoring on a drive to the basket. That was as close as Bradford would get. The Tornadoes had only one other field goal in the quarter, with Jackson scoring off a Khamyra Hankerson assist.

Bradford also committed nine turnovers in the first quarter.

Another three-pointer by the Toros' Mabry sent Toco Creek into the second quarter leading 13-4. The Toros then scored 11 of

the first 14 points of the second quarter. That span included three-pointers by Mabry and Audrey Beyer.

Toco Creek led 26-11 at halftime and extended the lead to 30-11 before Jackson scored off a Jada Hankerson assist. Bradford scored two of the next three baskets, with Crum sinking a jump shot and Jada Hankerson driving to the basket for another two points. The Toros, though, got six points from Gabi Iturralde in taking a 19-point lead into the final quarter.

Jada Hankerson scored seven points in the fourth quarter to finish with 11, which tied her Toco Creek's Kathryn Moeller for second-most in the game. (Mabry led all scorers with 12 points.)

Jackson added nine points for the Tornadoes, while Crum and Griffin each had two.

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