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## High Ridge man guilty in Good Samaritan's death

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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State Attorney Melissa Nelson said a jury convicted a Keystone Heights man of killing a neighbor who tried to protect the defendant's girlfriend in 2023.

The Jacksonville-based prosecutor said a Clay County jury found William Burroughs guilty of manslaughter with a weapon, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and domestic battery.

"With the verdict," said Nelson in a news release, (Burroughs) faces up to 30 years in Florida State Prison

as a prison release reoffender. The Honorable James Kallaher will sentence Burroughs at a later date."

Nelson's office said that on February 2, 2023, Burroughs got into a fight with his girlfriend. When she tried to escape their bedroom, Burroughs punched her repeatedly in the face. She yelled for help, and neighborhood children heard her screaming. The children told two adults — a man and a woman — who then attempted to intervene and deescalate the situation.

"Eventually the girlfriend was able to go into another room and call 911," the office said. "One of the adults there to help blocked the door where

the girlfriend was hiding in order to keep Burroughs away from her. He felt a sharp pain in his back and realized Burroughs had stabbed him."

The other adult who was there to help grabbed Burroughs and began struggling with him. Eventually Burroughs was pulled off her, but she was bleeding on the ground and said she couldn't breathe.

Clay County Fire Rescue took her to the hospital where she died from the blood loss caused by Burroughs' attack. The other victim was taken to the hospital and treated for a stab wound.



Burroughs

## FAA: Racetrack violates runway areas

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The Keystone Heights Airport Board proposed erecting guardrails on a part of the Florida International Rally & Motorsports Park track to allay objections to the track by the Federal Aviation Administration.

In February, the federal agency told the board that part of the track intruded into the runway protection area and the runway object-free area of the airport's runway 11/29.

The triangular-shaped former Keystone Army Airfield has two active landing strips. Runway 11/29 runs along the airport's northern boundary adjacent to Camp Blanding. Runway 5/23 is parallel to Airport Road. A third runway, parallel to State

Road 100, is no longer active and is occupied by the motorsports park.

In addition to the encroachment into the runway areas, the FAA also asserted that the airport was undercharging the motorsports park.

"It appears that the Airport may not currently be receiving fair market value compensation in exchange for the nonaeronautical lease agreements identified above," the federal agency wrote in a notice to the airport.

In response, the airport proposed a five-year graduated lease schedule, increasing the park's annual rent from around \$26,000 to just under \$89,000.

During a November 18 special meeting, the board focused on the runway encroachments and instructed Airport Manager Craig Coon to ask the FAA if erecting barriers or guardrails



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on the track, which would prevent vehicles from entering the protection area and the object-free area, would satisfy the agency's objection.

## More broadband coming courtesy of Cox

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Cox Communications will help bridge the digital divide by further expanding high-speed internet into rural Bradford County.

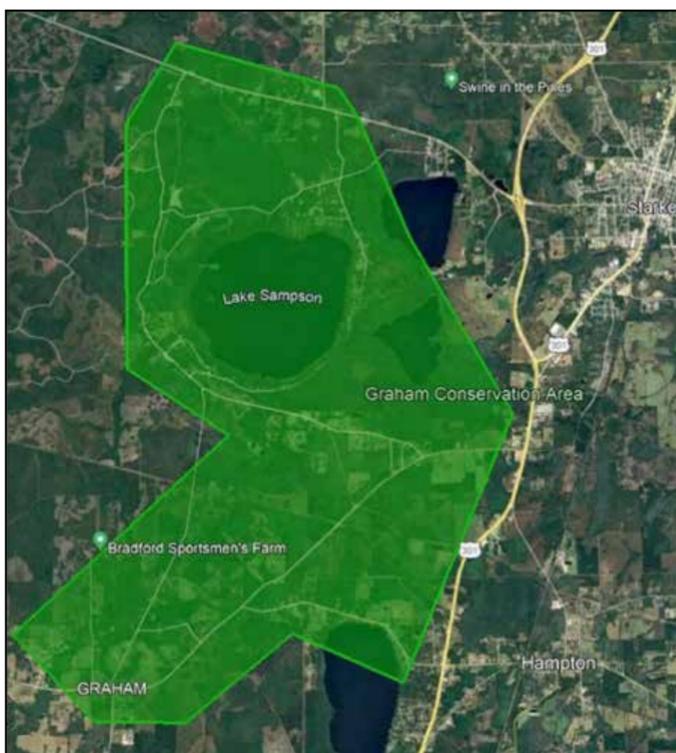
The announcement at last week's county commission meeting came on the heels of an August presentation by Comcast that it would be expanding its service in the Starke, Lawtey and Hampton with the help of a Broadband Opportunity Grant.

Cox, another grant recipient, will focus on bringing broadband to the areas of Sampson City and Graham.

"I'm excited to be here tonight to share with you our plans to bring broadband internet to the unserved and underserved residents of Bradford County," said Aimee Pfannenstiel, vice president for Cox's central Florida market.

"Our number one thing, our mission in life, if you will, is to connect our customers to the people and the things they care about most," Pfannenstiel said. That includes connecting them with educational and work opportunities, health care resources, and the loved ones who live at a distance.

With her was Michael McKinney, who was raised in Bradford County



The area to be served stretches from north of Sampson Lake, west of U.S. 301, to Graham.

by Dewey and Vicki McKinney and has worked for Cox for more than 23 years. As a senior director for technology involved in construction, Pfannenstiel said McKinney had a vested interest in the work taking place here.

"We haven't served out here, and we'd like you to know who we are and what we do," she said, diving into a bit of the company's history. Founded in 1898 by Gov. James M. Cox after losing a presidential election alongside his running mate FDR, Cox is currently the largest privately held communications company in the U.S. Cox started by buying a local newspaper. The company expanded into radio and eventually cable television in 1962. Today its primary companies are Cox Communications, Cox Business and Cox Media. It is the largest used car dealer in the world, she said, and the company's commitment to sustainability has made it the first telecommunications company with zero waste to landfills.

"We achieved that goal this year. It's one of our big goals. It means a lot to us to do the right thing for our environment and around sustainability," she said.

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### WORTH NOTING

#### Shop small this Saturday

It's a wonderful time of year to support small businesses. Shop Small Saturday is coming up Nov. 30 on the heels of Black Friday. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Home-based businesses will line Call Street in Starke, and local shops and restaurants will be open to serve you. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Williams Jewelry, and the Grinch will be a Nutrition Escape from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come shop for gifts, grab a coffee, enjoy some lunch and make holiday memories.

#### Enter Starke Christmas Parade

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#### Vendors invited to downtown events

Vendors are invited set up during holiday events in downtown Starke. Shop Small Saturday will take place on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas on Call Street will take place Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For applications, please contact the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce at 904-964-5278 or pam@northfloridachamber.com.

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# Union brings home gold again in FCDI debate

This month, ninth-grade student Holden Webb from Union County High School competed in the second speech and debate tournament for the northeast conference of the Florida Civics Debate Initiative and brought home the tall gold trophy as tournament champion.

Holden won first place in the category of Impromptu - Novice. He competed against 16 other students from schools such as The Bolles School, River City Science Academy, Ponte Vedra High School and St. Johns County Independent. This is his second time winning tournament champion this year. He has been a member of the Union County Speech and Debate Team for two years and is the acting president for the team.

In addition, a few honorable mentions include Courtni Peugh, 9th grade, in 5th place in Informative - Novice; Emerson Garmon, 6th grade, with 8th place in Informative - Middle; and Hanna Rizer, 7th grade, in 9th place in Legislative Debate - Middle.



Holden Webb accepts his first-place award.

On Nov. 19, the Union County School Board and Superintendent Mike Ripplinger congratulated Holden and the rest of the debate team on the success so far. Coached by social studies teacher Alexa Menz, the Union County teams from

both the high school and Lake Butler Middle School compete in the largest and toughest conference in the state with approximately 400 students registered. Their next competition is in December in Palm Coast.



School Board Member Curtis Clyatt, Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, debate champ Holden Webb, coach Alexa Menz, and board members Becky Raulerson, Terra Johnson, Chris Hodgson and Russell Gordon.



## Davis swears in returning commissioners

Bradford Judge Tatum Davis with commissioners Diane Andrews, Carolyn Spooner and Chris Dougherty after all three took the oath of office to begin their new terms on Nov. 21. This will be Dougherty's third term in office, which Andrews and Spooner are entering their second terms on the county commission. Later the commission appointed Danny Riddick chairman for the year, and Kenny Thompson was named vice chairman.

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# Bradford class of 1974 celebrates 50th reunion

The class of Bradford High School, 1974 celebrated its 50th reunion on September 28, 2024, at Cooper Hall in Camp Blanding. Special guest Melba Johnson, one of our class sponsors, PE teacher, and cheerleader sponsor, was in attendance. All enjoyed a catered meal of brisket, pulled pork, chicken, green beans, coleslaw, mac and cheese, and banana pudding catered by Alligator Creek Food Services. Special recognition of 51 classmates that have gone before us was presented by Jimmy Davis.

(L-R) Row one, Charles Dalton, Joe Gorden, Katrina Coleman Bythewood, Sandra Sheppard Sanders, Lucinda Cruce Batten, Sandra Edwards Hazen, Linda Buckley Carter, Mary Pearsall Hunter, Carol Beam Wise, Karen Martin Knoche, Diann Moore Outlaw, Joey Sapp, Charlotte Whitehead Durrance, Becky Payne Hall, Sandra Ebling, Alvarez, Linda, Allen Luther, Gerald Meng, Melba Howard Johnson, Harriet Faulkner Duncan, Stewart Duncan. Second row, Jeremiah Johnson, Dick Jones, Jimmy Gissy, Eugene Meng, Linda Waldon Cruce, Debbie Vickery Chism, Camille Gassett Whitaker, Robin Williams Copeland, Sue Fili McClellan, Karen Garst Ander, Cheri Hinton Keast, Brenda Holmes Starling, Keren Griffis Shepherd, Debbie Ritch Traylor. Third row, Rodney Holland, Steve Hall, John McCutchen, Donald Loper, Horace King, Zack Edwards, Brenda Tompkins Donaldson, Marily Monroe Wallace, Robin Corbin Lee, Teresa Herndon Walters, Cindy Brown Griffis, Marsha Clemons Nugent, Ricky Mott, Donald Jackson, Paul Hutchins, Mark Branson. Fourth row: Jimmy Cauley, Jennifer Hass, Larry David Andrews, Sally Torode, Yvonne, Reed Norman, Cliff Barnett, Jacqueline Oliver Wainwright, George Bennett, Joy Andrews McKay, Bruce Tucker, Jimmy Davis, Jimmy Hardenbrook, Victor Griffis, Paul Proctor. Not shown: Clint Sellers and Steve Jenkins.

## Tallman says goodbye to county commission

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

Retired Commissioner Jimmy Tallman came to the November 19 meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to give his thanks to the board and the people in the county who stood by him and prayed for him during his recent health crisis.

He joked that, before the accident where he was so severely burned, he had not missed a meeting in 16 years, then grew solemn in his statements.

“Serving this county for 16 years has been both a privilege and an honor,” Tallman said. “I met many wonderful people from everywhere else when I was in the hospital, but I would not trade places with any of them. I have confidence in the board to keep the county like it is. I am still humbled by the outpouring of love for me while I was hurt – you don’t get that in Boston. To quote the late Marvin Pritchett, “the popular thing is not always the right thing.”

### State might dissolve the county

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Bob Cotgreave, a resident of the county since 2017 spoke to the board about a problem he sees in the county.

“The county coffers are drained, more so since West Fraser closed and took 130 jobs with it,” Cotgreave said. “We need to become profitable, or the state will come in and dissolve the county. We all need to work together to bring in jobs. The key is manufacturing.”

Cotgreave suggested that the board hold a special session for

the board and county citizens to discuss the matter.

Eric Williams said he had several problems that were being “kicked down the road.” He cited the issue of RVs being allowed on small plots of land, costing the county funds for garbage, law enforcement, and other county services.

“The community is growing, but the tax base is not,” Williams said. “These RVs can’t be taxed, and it needs to be seen about.”

Williams also commented on a situation on CR-241, where there were cars, trailers and junk on the side of the road, on county property. He said it was a liability to the county, citing the fact that his mother almost wrecked her car because of it.

Commissioner Donna Jackson commented that she had also been informed of several other close calls in the area.

### Second pitch for Liberty Acres

After the public comments part of the meeting closed, the first item on the agenda was a presentation by American Land and Lake Development, a company that first approached the board last month concerning their desire to create a residential development in Union County.

Brian Brown told commissioners that the company wants total transparency in its dealing with the county. He stated that his company uses all local contractors and surveyors and noted that he had recently made a substantial donation to Promised Land Family Ministries and another local church.

“We want to give back to the community,” Brown said. The project, to be named

Liberty Acres, will consist of 18 “ranches” of 10+ acres in size and that there would be deed restrictions on all properties. Brown said that the developer would offer substantial discounts to any county residents that wished to buy a home there (between \$7,000 and \$15,000). He said the ranches would sell for between \$69,000 and \$199,000.

Commissioner Channing Dobbs said he was concerned that the project would bring more people into the county but no permanent jobs. He also repeated his concern expressed at the October meeting (when Pete Scerbo of American Land and Lake Development first spoke to the board about the project) that the roads, to be paid for by a fee charged to each homeowner, would end up the county’s to maintain if the agreement fails.

Jackson said she also wanted assurance that the county will not ever have to maintain the roads in the development.

Commissioner Mack Johns said that the land planned to be used for the ranches was swampland and said he felt the development company would leave the county to clean up their mess.

“That area will need retention ponds and other water control measures,” Johns said.

Brown said the company would turn in their application and plans for the project is a week, along with all of the information about the project.

In other discussion and action, the Union County Board of Commissioners:

- Approved a resolution declaring November 2024 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in the County.

- Approved a resolution entering into a construction and maintenance agreement with FDOT regarding the multi-use trail commencing at CR-237 and ending at CR-235. This is an expansion to the Florida Trail, which traverses the state. The FDOT will maintain it on the county right-of-way.

- Approved a new travel policy for county officials and employees, outlining the amounts allowed for meals, mileage, and other travel expenses and outlining how these expenses were to be approved.

- Approved an agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare for the provision of mental health and substance abuse services for citizens of Union County in the amount of \$15,000. The provision of such services is required by Florida statute.

- Approved a grant agreement for Hurricane Debby reimbursement.

- Approved a 911 grant agreement paying 100% with no match.

- Tabled three items for later consideration and possible workshops. These were: discussion of the renewal of the county moratorium on the building of new RV parks in the county, the consideration of an updated fee schedule for the building department and a discussion of land development text amendments.

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# Culbreth trees and resting spots win Yard of The Month

BY GINNY GEIGER AND  
BARBARA ANDERSON  
Garden Club of the Lakes

When Clark Culbreth was transferred from Jacksonville to Gainesville in 2002, he and Connie decided they had spent enough time in large cities. Clark, in particular, was tired of living without trees. He wanted trees, so they decided to move to a small town with trees.

And trees he got at 480 SW Magnolia Ave – beautiful oaks. They were small 22 years ago, but Clark made sure he nurtured them into beautiful huge trees.

Their yard was part of the property next door, which was split into two lots on Little Keystone Lake. Deirdre Murphy bought the one with the historic house, and the Culbreths bought the other lot with a new home. There was nothing there except trees, dirt, and the house. Their yard shows what lots of time and hard work can look like many years later. Be encouraged!

What do you think of when you hear about a beautiful yard with massive trees? Sitting in that lovely setting. The Culbreths have some beautiful resting spots where they enjoy the beauty of their yard.



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Connie is the one who gets most of the credit for the beauty. Clark was quick to say that Connie was the plant lover and did almost all of the work in the yard. And a lovely job she does.

The way she chooses to display a few of her plants is unique. Bromeliads hanging from pots along their fence and aloe in a strawberry pot caught our eyes. As soon as Ginny

got home, she found her old discarded strawberry pot and is going to put her small aloe plants in it. (We learn so much and have so much fun doing Yard of The Month! Oh, I think we have told you that already!).

When we asked Connie about her plants and how she knew what to get and where to plant them, her answer was perfect: "When I see a plant I really like, I just buy it and plant it somewhere and pray it lives." That's right down our alley!

All around their yard, Connie planted several different plants. There is some special type of mum around the base of a huge tree that seems to be doing quite well. Then she arranged Hosta, Jasmine, hydrangeas, and regular mums wherever she wanted to plant them. Amazingly, they appear to be doing quite well where she put them. She also has large peace lilies growing on their porch. It seems that the old saying of "Bloom where you're planted" has worked for her.

Connie attempted Tricolor Stromanthe, which has grown very tall but has not done as well as the other plants. She does not know how to fix them. Do you have any ideas?

That is not all this couple added to their yard. Since there is a canal as part of their property, a deck and stairs to the canal seemed to be in order. Their deck is surrounded by beautiful trees and plants, providing a lovely place to sit and grill their favorite foods. Even though you can't see the lovely backyard, you must take our word for it. Now, they are waiting for Keystone to continue to get our water supply back so that their canal will begin to flow again.

Connie would love for the yard



The deck is surrounded by beautiful trees and plants, providing a lovely place to sit and grill their favorite foods.

to take care of itself, but since that is impossible, she works in it all day, every other day. She rests in between. Clark would love for the enormous trees not to have roots to mow over, but that's not possible either. They are a perfect pair of yard "caregivers",

taking care of their own parts of the yard.

If you want to learn more about the Garden Club of The Lakes or nominate yourself or anyone in the community for Yard of The Month, please call Pat Lorenzo at 904-728-9460.



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## Santa books Lake Region appearances

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

You had better watch out; you had better not cry; Santa Claus is coming to town.

That's right, Santa Claus is making his way to Keystone Heights and the surrounding areas soon.

While Mr. Claus was checking his list and speaking to his elves, Mrs. Claus spoke with me about their organization, travel plans, and photo opportunities.

According to Claus Ministries, its mission started in 2017. Since then, the ministry has visited over 2,000 kids in more than 30 locations and sent over 1,000 letters.

Santa said, "God gave me a mission after my first trip to the children at Keystone Heights Elementary. I visited many children who wanted the Xbox, PlayStation, the newest tennis shoes, doll babies, and smartphones, but I will never forget that day when one child asked me for something completely different. The child said, 'Could you bring some food for the table?' which threw me off my sleigh."

From that day forward, Claus started Claus Ministries, which assists children and families and brings them the Joy of Christmas.

He said, "To give that joy would take more than me; instead, it would take the help of a community, and we are blessed to have that community."

Mrs. Claus said, "In 2022, we surpassed our goal of serving ten families, 45 children, and family members while serving 15 families and 53 children and family members."

The big man in red's partner added that the effort was accomplished with the help of the Community Church of Keystone Heights, local area businesses, Lake Region Kiwanis, and many different individuals.

"We have provided food, clothes, toys for the children, and a Bible to each family, and we respond to every letter sent through Santa Claus mailboxes when there is a readable return address," she said.

"All the money collected, 100% of the proceeds for the Claus Ministries from the donations our business and private event visits go back to the community to assist with purchasing food, clothes, and gifts, she added. "We are happy to continue the tradition of assisting children and families



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in need, especially in these hard economic times, but we couldn't have done it without the help of our community and donations. Florida was struck hard this year by the hurricanes, and we want to keep positively impacting the community."

### Where will Santa Claus be?

—Saturday, November 30, Lady Bug in Palatka 12–3 pm  
City of Keystone Heights Tree Lighting - 6 pm  
—Saturday, December 7, Hitchcock's - Keystone Heights, 1–3 pm  
—Saturday, December 14, Ace Hardware - Keystone Heights - 9–11 am  
Keystone Heights Parade / After Glow - 6 - 8 pm  
—Monday, December 16, Johnny's BBQ - 6 - 8 pm  
—Friday, December 16, Abandoned Treasures 1 - 4 pm  
—Saturday, December 21, Clyde's Cozy Cafe - 9 - 11 am  
Hitchcock's - Hawthorne - 1 - 3 pm  
—Monday, December 23, Hatch Realty Services - 5 -

7:30 pm  
These events are Claus's schedule and are open to the public.

Are children looking to write to Santa? The Santa mailbox will be parked in front of Hatch Realty Services, 350 S. Lawrence Blvd in Keystone Heights

Please be sure to write to him. Lake Region Kiwanis has teamed up with the Claus Mission to help the community.

"Without their support and help, we couldn't do it independently," said Mrs. Claus.

Lake Region Kiwanis is in charge of the Christmas parade each year, and this year's parade will be held on December 14 at 6 pm in downtown Keystone Heights.

This year's theme is "Christmas cheer throughout the years."

Santa will meet and greet children and their families right after the parade.

This year, he will be at the pavilion. So, stop by the afterglow and grab hot cocoa.

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## The season for STEAM

Seasonal change ushered in fall-themed STEAM projects for Starke Elementary School students. The school shared photos of students having fun while learning. Younger grades followed directions and worked on skills like counting and teamwork to build challenging projects. Students in fifth and sixth grades build catapults with popsicle sticks, rubber bands and bottle caps, from which they launched miniature pumpkins — a lesson in simple machines, kinetic energy, force and motion.



Fourth-grader Jhaidyce Coleman shows off her autumn tree.



Third-grader Kaiser Clark is tasked with building a maze.



Third-grader Joshua Hamilton with his build.



Adrianna Moore, Delaney Smith, Castiel Jones and Christopher Underhill work on building pumpkins, leaves and more.



Avery Sanville spelled out her name.



Sixth-graders Bradley Avenir and Jacob Matthews with their pumpkin catapults.

## Lake Butler gets historical grant

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
*Special to the Times*

The Lake Butler City Commission has approved a grant agreement with the State of Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources for grant funds to rehabilitate the Townsend Building, home of a city rental space on the first floor and the Union County Historical Museum on the second.

The grant is specifically earmarked for the Townsend Building only, with no funds allowed to be used elsewhere. The \$49,740 will be used to bring the building into a state with the appearance appropriate for the time it was first built.

Improvements and rehabilitation items include the repair or replacement of the roof to match the buildings historical appearance, a real boon for the city as the roof has sprung several leaks over the past few years. The twelve “modern” windows that were installed in the upper story of the building will be repaired or replaced to match the historic appearance. All doors and windows planned for use must be submitted to the Bureau of Historic Preservation for approval before any work can commence. Also included in the grant is the repair or replacement of the current non-historic flooring to match the historic appearance of the building.

Grant funds may also be used for architectural and engineering services to ensure the project is done to historical standards. All work must be completed on or before June 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rondoll Huggins, with a second from Commissioner Annette Redman to accept and sign the grant agreement. The city will stand good for the funds needed for each of the four phases of the project (design, roof, windows and floor) and then, once the necessary documents have been sent in, the state will issue a payment for that phase of the project.

The project engineer will provide required drawings and plans for the restoration of the building, including original plans for the building. Also to be included will be materials lists of items planned to be used in the project. These documents will include documentation of ant changes made to the building, including repairs made including a list of materials used that were used in place of original materials. All of these, along with a copy of the contract with the engineer must be received and approved before the project can commence.

To expediate this approval the contract with ICE (Infrastructure Consulting Associates), a South Carolina company for the project

was approved unanimously on a motion from Huggins, seconded by Redman. Also approved was an agreement between the city

and Andy Easton and Associates for civil engineering services. Work on the project should begin around the first of 2025.

## Clay County lands largest ever competitive grant

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The Clay County grants coordinator said her department secured a \$17 million award from Florida’s Department of Transportation this year, the largest competitive grant the county had ever received.

Megan Covey made the announcement while giving county commissioners her annual département report.

The \$17 million SUN Trail award includes funding a non-motorized trail from Live Oak Lane in Middleburg’s Jennings State Forest to State Road 21.

Covey also said the county’s \$42.5 million ARPA allocation has been fully obligated.

“So, from here on out,” she

said, “we will be focusing on closeout and auditing that with U.S. Treasury. Similarly, our emergency rental assistance was another federal program that became available in response to COVID-19. Our Emergency Rental Assistance 1 program has been closed, and it was fully audited in FY 24.”

The grants coordinator said phase 2 of the emergency rental assistance program is being closed out.

Covey said the county’s return on investment in her department was 71 to 1 in fiscal year 2024. She added that the department cost the county \$845,714 and brought in over \$60 million in funding during that same period.

## Toy drive for Christmas party

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys for ages 6 months to 14 years old. These will be given to children in need during the organization’s annual Christmas party on Dec. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the RJE Complex on Pine Street in Starke.

Drop-off location for donations

include Starke City Hall, the Downtown Grill and Danielle’s Car Salon on Brownlee Street.

## Lawtey Christmas Musical

Lawtey Elementary School’s Christmas Musical will take place Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium.

## Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan a food distribution on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 10–11:30 a.m. This is a drive-thru distribution. The

church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. This distribution may begin early depending on the arrival of the food truck.

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## Promised Land feeds 500 a month

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Monitor

While the City of Lake Butler-hosted Farm Share food program provides needed food to residents of Union County, more options and opportunities are needed in the county to make sure all residents have enough to eat.

While larger counties have food banks and other sources for people in need of a little help, little else has been available, until now.

Promised Land Family Ministries began a monthly food distribution some time ago, the program is growing.

Founders Rebecca and John Hall, wanted to create a program closer to Providence to pose less of a trip for clients and to also increase the amount of food available in the county to hungry families.

So far, in 2024, the program has provided food to an average of 500 people each month. At the last food distribution, on Oct. 24,

2024, 145 families were served. The food bags included meats, fresh produce, canned goods, bottled water/drinks and bakery products.

Promised Land has partnered with the Gainesville Bread of the Mighty program to supply most of the food they distribute. Food is donated to the Gainesville program by a number of local businesses that sell food. The donated food is short-dated or just-expired but is still fresh and totally safe and wholesome to eat. All donated items are examined by Promised Land staff and volunteers when it is received, then stored as appropriate in shelves, in a refrigerator or in a freezer. All meats are received frozen and stay that way, taken out of the freezer only in time for the distribution.

Distribution day is a busy one at promised land, with 15-20 volunteers arriving early, except those who must wait until they get out of school for the day. Canvas Church in Alachua

and Impact Family Church in High Springs members come out to volunteer, as do (for the first time) members of the Union County 4-H program, accompanied by 4-H Youth Development Agent Meagan Daniel. Many individuals from throughout the community often volunteer as well. The program is 100% volunteer-led. The volunteers are kept busy sorting, examining, and storing food items and packing them into bags to be distributed. Promised Land always receives at least three pallets of food and, at one distribution, received 11. While they never know exactly what they will get there is always a minimum of one pallet each of protein, produce and baked goods.

"We want to be a blessing to our community and share God's love by meeting practical needs, like feeding people," Promised Land Co-Founder Rebecca Hall said.

Promised Land is always



Trinity Barnes, Deirdre Pearsall, Trionna McBride, Motion Meeze and Tempestt Odum work together to get the school supplies laid out and ready for the young people to make their selections.

looking for volunteers for their programs, as well as individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring their event.

The food distributions take place monthly, on the afternoon

of the fourth Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The distribution is drive-up, and volunteers will assist in loading the food into the vehicles. The date will be different for the month of December, due

to the necessity of working around the Christmas holiday. The December distribution is scheduled for Dec. 19, 2024 with the event beginning at 3:30 p.m.

## Clay citizens confront school board about diversity, accountability, porn

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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A speaker at the November meeting of the Clay County School Board told the board that the election of Donald Trump signals the likelihood of an increase in the discrimination of transgender people.

Echo Nova told board members that November is Trans Awareness Month and November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance.

"The Transgender Day of Remembrance is where we honor the many transgender people who have been murdered or died from transphobia," the speaker said, "and this year will be particularly tough because of the result of the election and all the transphobia that has come from the election."

"We now live in a country where the national government will be attacking every aspect of people's lives," Nova continued, "including education, particularly things like attacks



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on diversity, on equity and inclusion."

The speaker reminded the board that it must follow the law regarding transgender people and

requested that the school district go beyond its legal obligations to protect the rights of people with different lifestyles.

"I know that it probably won't," Nova said of the district, "because it is a reflection of the community, and the community here is, sadly, under the influence of organizations like Moms for Liberty and others who would rather see the various underserved communities basically disappear and not be remembered ever."

Other speakers during the school board's public comment section included:

### Says district lax on porn in libraries

Bruce Friedman complained to school district officials that of the 22 titles removed from public school library shelves in October, nearly all two dozen books were removed because of his challenges.

"It didn't happen because any of your staff read the books

or any of you read the books," he told school board members. "That's the problem. This has been going on for two-and-a-half years. You knew there was porn in the libraries for two-and-a-half years, and you haven't assigned a team to conquer it."

Friedman told school board members he would not describe some of the more explicit material he found on school library shelves. However, he did complain about descriptions of sexual arousal, pinching a girl's behind in a junior high school book, and bra-snapping.

"There are hundreds of books I have found where virginity is trivialized," he complained. "It's dismissed. Girls lose their virginity. Boys lose their virginity, and it's just another day at the beach. No big deal."

In addition to complaining about the district's ineffective library monitoring, Friedman denounced book purchases.

"This is trash," he said. "Our kids have a literacy problem. This is not how you solve it. Buy

better books. Our kids deserve better."

### Claims schools are not accountable

Sheila Torres told board members that when some students complain about a classroom atmosphere that makes learning difficult, the objecting students get into trouble for complaining.

The parent also said she requested to see a video of her son's classroom and was allowed to view a recording that was not in the time period she asked for.

Torres also claimed that a principal of one school is covering up fights at a school, and other incidences are being swept under the rug.

### Said district is violating ADA

Jeffery Marshall told board members that if anyone with a service animal wants to bring it on a school campus, district

rules require the person to make a request 10 days before the animal's entry onto campus. The rule also requires the dog's owner to provide the district with vaccination records.

Marshall added that the rule violates the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes.

"I've attended school functions and have volunteered for a couple of years," the speaker said. "I've never made these requests. I've never provided vaccination records. I just became aware of this policy recently, and I will not make a written request or provide vaccination records as it is not in compliance with the ADA. I ask the board to please review the section and update it accordingly."

After Marshall spoke, School Board Attorney Jeremiah Blocker said the district is reviewing its policies. He advised that the board not change its policies regarding service animals until the review is complete.

## KH mayor: Vandalism down at parks

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth said vandalism incidents at the Keystone Heights Beach Park disappeared during 2023.

The mayor told her colleagues during a November 12 workshop that the Clay County Sheriff's Office only had around five incidents reported at the park last year.

"Most of them were domestic disputes about

things," she said. "There were no vandalism claims at that address."

Rodenroth said that before viewing data from the sheriff's office, she thought vandalism at the park was commonplace.

"My perception was, we have a vandalism issue," she recalled. "We have kids destroying stuff in the park. We have something going on every single day. That's the feedback I was getting."

During a September 11,

2023, city council meeting, three people apologized to the council for damaging property at the beach park. It is unclear whether those incidents were reported to the sheriff's office.

Rodenroth thanked all three boys for appearing before the council and said she hoped their public apologies would deter future vandalism at the park.

During the November 11 workshop, the mayor proposed tougher penalties

for future vandals, such as community service.

"I think in the future, when we have something like this happen, I think they need to work for the city for a month or something," she proposed, adding that the public apologies did not appear to deter the offenders who apologized last year. "I heard they walked out and kind of laughed about it."

## Bradford chooses consultants for planning

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Bradford County commissioners unanimously chose to use two of its ongoing engineering firms for comprehensive planning services.

Earlier in the month, the commission chose to engage nine engineering consulting firms in ongoing contracts, with future work being farmed out to whichever was best suited to the job.

Staff looked further at their qualifications, selecting two with the ability to provide services such as drafting amendments to the land development regulations, evaluating proposed land use and zoning amendments, and site plan reviews.

The two recommended and approved by the board were North Florida Professional Services and CHW-NV5.

That means even at the bargain price of \$13,000 a year, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will no longer be providing those services. Commissioner Chris Dougherty said to stick by the planning council would mean receiving the same nonresponsive service.

He said other government agencies have also experienced similar issues.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said there hadn't been much detail on the planning council's performance prior to the last meeting. County Manager Scott Kornegay said they have consistently received a lack of response when contacting council staff. Recently, they haven't even been reachable by email, he said. Prior to that, there was "some back and forth, but never any results."

"It's public knowledge that the city of Gainesville and Alachua County both disengaged. There's another political subdivision nearby that is about to disengage," Kornegay said.

Addressing concerns about higher costs, he said, "Can I guarantee you that that we won't spend more than \$13,000 a year with one of the contractors? Absolutely not. As a matter of fact, there's a good chance we'll spend more than that. But we can't go on not getting anything done."

Since both consultants will be paid for each job they perform, Dougherty suggested they get together and come up with a

common fee schedule. He also said the county should reevaluate its development fees. When a Racetrac chooses to locate in Bradford County, as one has at U.S. 301 and C.R. 227, they pay much less than they would in another county, he said. Costs for planning services should be paid by the developers. Raising those fees would offset the cost of the consultants.

North Florida Professional Services project manager Clint Capps said they submitted a preliminary rate sheet, but it is not comprehensive.

"It's not everything we do. It's not everything we can do. If you ask our administrative team that works with grants, that works with the planning side of things, what they can provide, you name it, they will help out however they can. They will give you their full attention," Capp said. That included helping the county reevaluate what its development fees should be.

"We work with a lot of different counties, municipalities across north Florida. That's where our focus is, and we could easily compare what different municipalities and governments are doing and make

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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

Elizabeth Bannister, 39, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 19 for battery.

Eugene Farmer, 27, of Baldwin, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for failure to appear.

Christina Farrington, 57, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 21 for trespassing, possession of a habit-forming drug, and unlawful disposal of dead animals.

Dalton Hart, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 16 for battery, aggravated assault, and obstructing justice.

Matthew Higginbotham, 30, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Nicholas Lemoree, 52, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for DUI.

Deon Sewell, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 22 for possession of drugs and a weapons offense.

Kevin Snipes, 54, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 19 for DUI and a conditional release violation.

Zaya Thompson, 21, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 21 for a probation violation.

Christopher Truett, 47, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for a probation violation.

### Union

Jerome Addison, 56, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union

deputies on November 21 for a probation violation.

Sahara Canada, 20, was arrested by Union deputies on November 21 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, a weapons offense, and possession of drug equipment.

Richard Casper, 63, was arrested by Union deputies on November 22 for a probation violation.

John Gilliam, 31, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on November 24 for battery and resisting an officer.

Matthew Higginbotham, 30, was arrested by Union deputies on November 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Shelby Lacy, 32, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on November 18 for battery and battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

James Seay, 60, of Bell, was arrested by Union deputies on November 20 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Kerrie Shields, 49, of Bell, was arrested by Union deputies on November 20 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment, and possession of marijuana.

Aaron Smith, 30, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on November 21 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and a weapons offense.

### Clay

Sean Archibeque, 38, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on November 21 for resisting an officer, fleeing and alluding, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

David Bacon, 22, of Starke, was arrested by Clay deputies on November 18 for domestic battery.

Don Hill, 27, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on November 21 for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug equipment.

Kimberly Rossi, 47, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on November 22 for DUI, refusal to submit to DUI testing, and driving with a

suspended or revoked license.

William Wesley, 49, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on November 16 for battery.



Farrington

## Stuffed dead kittens into freezer

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Bradford deputies arrested a 57-year-old Starke woman after they said she put six dead kittens and a dead rat into a freezer.

Christina Farrington was arrested on seven counts of unlawful disposal of a dead animal, possession of a drug without a prescription, and trespassing.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to an Orange Street address in Starke regarding a trespass.

The property owner told deputies that the defendant slept in her backyard the previous night without permission.

Farrington told deputies that she was on the property to meet with animal control about kittens that were killed and that she put in a freezer.

“Christina stated to me she placed four kittens that were killed in the freezer until she could bury them,” wrote Deputy Devin K. Jones in the arrest report.

The officer reported that while searching the defendant’s belongings, he found two bottles of gabapentin.

Jones added that two deputies and an animal control officer found six dead kittens and a dead rat wrapped in napkins inside the freezer. The appliance had not had power for two days.

coming through Waldo, however, and Pfannenstiel said they’ve identified several hundred other homes along the way that could be served at some point as well.

Commissioner haven’t yet seen a map that addresses the Brooker area, something Commissioner Diane Andrews pointed out. McKinney discussed the concept of “sprawl economics,” pointing out that once the infrastructure is available in an area, there will be future opportunities to expand that to serve even more communities.

“We’ve been doing this market expansion in rural America, across multiple markets around the country. And once we get these grants and expand, like in this example, in the Sampson area, etc., once Cox’s network is there, and we see opportunities to extend off of that, we will,” he said. “That would be something that Cox would fund on our own. We’ve already seen in many cases across the country that as we extend our network — ‘sprawl economics’ — it becomes affordable for us to actually extend to other homes.”

He and Pfannenstiel said it’s possible another company was awarded funds to serve additional homes in Bradford County.

Pfannenstiel said engineering has been completed, and they are wrapping up permitting. Shovels are already in the ground, and they anticipate completing construction late in the second quarter or early in the third quarter of 2025.

# McNeal sworn in, commissioners take on new assignments

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of County Commissioners met Nov. 19, 2024 for its reorganization and regular meetings.

To begin the reorganization meeting, all welcomed new District 3 Commissioner Melissa McNeal to the board. She had been sworn in earlier in the day, along with all the other commissioners, the superintendent of schools and school board members who had either won or been uncontested in the primary election this year.

The meeting on a Tuesday night is routine for the board following each election, as Florida Statute requires that all officials be sworn in on the second Tuesday after the General Election.

The reorganization meeting reworks the structure of the board and also the assignments of commissioners to the various boards and committees associated with organizations that are part of the county government or assist in its operations. Also included are internal committees that deal with grant and appropriation projects underway in the county.

The first order of business was for the board to vote on who would chair the commission for the coming year and Commissioner Channing Dobbs was selected to continue in the role for another term. Commissioner Donna Jackson was selected to fill the role of vice-chair.

Next came the board and committee assignments. Commissioner Mac Johns will continue to represent the county on the Florida Crown Workforce, S.H.I.P. (with Commissioner Willie Croft as the alternate), the Broadband Initiative and on the Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board.

McNeal will take over as a



Union County Judge Mitchell Bishop swears in new County Commissioner Melissa McNeal.

member of the Transportation Disadvantage Board, the North Florida Regional Planning Council, and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (with returning member County Coordinator Jimmy Williams).

Commissioners Donna Jackson and Channing Dobbs will both serve as members on the New River Solid Waste Association and the New River Public Library Cooperative, with Croft as the alternate for both committees. Jackson will also serve as a member of the Small County Coalition, as will Williams. Croft will also continue to serve on the Mary Brown Union County Public Library Board and the SREC board, with Johns as an alternate on both.

As to the Current Projects and Grant Committees, Dobbs will continue to serve on the

Agricultural Educational Facility Grant and the FDOT Grants committees, while Johns will continue on the Broadband Grants and the Providence Fire/EMS Station Grant committees and add service on the FRDAP Grant Committee. Croft will continue to serve on the Resilient Florida Planning Grant Committee, while McNeal will serve on the Brownfields Grant Committee. Jackson will continue to serve on the Special Category/Historic Preservation Grant Committee and will add service to the Courthouse Security Grant Committee and the Public Safety Complex Grant Committee. She has also already volunteered to serve on two committees that will be formed at some point in the future — the New EMS Headquarters Grant and the Opioid Abatement Fund committees.

## Animal shelter slated for Doctors Inlet

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Clay County officials said construction should begin on its new \$21.5 million animal shelter early next year.

The county’s director of communications, Laura Christmas, wrote in a news release that the current facility, which holds up to 76 dogs and 65 cats, is isolated from the county’s population centers because it is three miles west of Penny Farms, near Black Creek’s southern prong.

“That shelter is also in danger of flooding during large storms,” said Christmas. “Clay County Animal Services staff works hard every day to maintain the county’s no-kill status, and this new shelter will allow for even more opportunities to help our county’s animals.”

The new shelter will be on Sleepy Hollow Drive in the Doctors Inlet area.

“County leaders hope (this) will improve access and promote even more community engagement,” Christmas said. “Community relationships are a key part of Animal Services’ continued success. The facility will boast additional meeting and training space that will allow for even more collaboration with other partner agencies.”

Christmas said the new shelter will feature a larger medical suite to accommodate more veterinarians and allow for more surgeries.

## Naming rights sold for \$1 million

Last month, Clay County Commissioners sold the facility’s naming rights to Lincoln Memorial University, a Tennessee-based institution that plans to build an osteopathic medical college and veterinary college on Wells Road in Orange Park.

The veterinary college dean, Dr. Kim Carney, told commissioners that the Wells Road facility will be the 36th veterinary college in the U.S.

She added that as part of the university’s agreement with the county, Lincoln veterinary students will work in the animal shelter, providing care and training on surgical procedures.

## \$6 million over budget

The lowest bid for the animal shelter was \$6 million, more than what commissioners estimated in their capital improvement projects budget.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle said that in addition to the \$1 million from the naming rights deal, he anticipates up to \$3 million of unbudgeted revenue from the county’s building department to help make up the cost overrun.

He also said another item in the CIP budget is a Clay County Utilities Authority project for which the water and sewer utility will reimburse the county.

“So, from a CIP standpoint, you do have revenue streams coming back in the CIP,” he told commissioners, adding that yearly expenditures for specific projects could be adjusted to make the capital improvement projects budget work.

County Purchasing Director Karen Thomas told commissioners that she and the building’s architect had identified \$300,000 in savings by the county directly purchasing materials instead of the builder buying them.

She also said she is working with the winning bidder, E. Vaughn Rivers, Inc., to find additional savings, adding that the Orange Park-based builder has built constructed for Moose Haven, Clay County Utilities Authority, and other county structures in which the contractor had cut costs.

## NET

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Nodding to Bradford County’s agricultural history, she said Cox and the county have a lot in common. The company is the largest producer of strawberries in North America, employing hydroponics and other sustainable farming technologies.

But Cox isn’t here to grow berries or sell cars.

“Our commitment is around bridging the digital divide. So, I’m proud to say that Cox is dedicated to serving our customers with reliable, high-speed internet through our digital equity and affordability products,” she said. “Through partnerships with community organizations and other stakeholders, we’ve empowered nearly 5 million people through our digital equity program since 2012 Cox’s commitment to digital equity is as strong as ever.”

Pfannenstiel explained how the Connect2Compete program provides affordable internet to homes with school-age children from kindergarten through 12th grade.

“The internet is critical, critical for kids to learn the right way, and we believe in providing the right kind of service to make that happen,” she said. The cost is less than \$10 per month.

Similarly, ConnectAssist is a \$30 per month plan for residents benefiting from income-based

government assistance programs like Medicaid, SNAP and WIC. The company can also connect customers with affordable refurbished electronics, including computers. There is also an online program for young children and their caregivers introducing them to digital literacy.

Cox’s expansion to rural areas of central and north central Florida means a greater number of people will have access to these programs and service in general, some of whom may not have had broadband access before.

Cox has invested its own funds on top of the \$137 million in federal grants received for the regional expansion.

“So, we’re looking at over \$150 million to build out rural Florida and provide internet to those who don’t have it right now, which is really, if you think about it, very uncommon and really a hardship,” Pfannenstiel said. “It’s a wonderful thing to see people really enlightened and excited about having the internet at their fingertips.”

She also highlighted the company’s charitable giving and community involvement, and she said that will be true on Bradford County as well.

The 35-mile expansion will reach around 400 homes in Bradford County. The \$5.8 million, \$3.89 million of which is grant funding, also includes the cost of expansion within Putnam County. Access is

## Christmas Gala

Join Faith Presbyterian for the 9th annual Christmas Gala on Sunday, Dec. 8. Listen to the sounds of Christmas with

the Quintessential Sax from Keystone Heights starting at 2 p.m. The cantata “Appalachian Winter” by Joseph M. Martin will begin at 3 p.m. with the combined choirs from Faith Presbyterian and First Presbyterian of Starke.

There will be a beautiful display of nativities from around the world. A reception will follow. The church is located at 2738 S.R. 21 in Melrose (Midway).

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## Indians earn another 8-0 win in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School boys soccer fans probably felt like they were experiencing déjà vu watching the Indians' latest win, which came by a score of 8-0 over visiting Trenton on Nov. 21.

It was the second straight match in which the Indians (5-1-1) had a 6-0 first-half lead and ended the game via the mercy rule before the second-half water break.

Aaron Wiley scored four goals and now has at least two goals in five straight matches. Keystone also got one goal each from Luke Brunt, Noah Jaramillo, Kipton Spence and Sammy Wacha.

Wacha led the team in assists with two, while the following had one each: Brunt, Jaramillo, Spence, Wiley and Ryder Thomas.

It was the third shutout for goalie Elijah Ortiz.

Keystone, which has won four in a row, entered the match off an

8-0 win over host Fort White on Nov. 19, getting three goals and an assist from Wiley.

Jaramillo scored two goals, while Brunt and Trenton Noble each had one.

A Fort White own goal was also part of the scoring total.

Brunt and Spence each had two assists. Wacha added one.

The Indians return to action with a road match against District 4-3A opponent Santa Fe on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Keystone hosts Columbia on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:20 p.m.

## KHHS girls soccer team defeats visiting Trenton 5-0

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Keystone Heights High School won its second straight in girls soccer, defeating visiting Trenton 5-0 on Nov. 21.

The Indians (5-2-1) got two goals from Kayden Huntley, who now has three matches in which she's scored multiple times.

Kaleigh Coffey, Halea Lam

and Kaylee Park each had one goal. Coffey also had one assist, as did Tayler Buchanan and Evie Hallberg.

Goalie Aspen Krohn made three saves.

Keystone entered the match off a 4-1 win at Fort White on Nov. 19, getting two goals and two assists from Lam.

Huntley and Park each scored a goal, while Buchanan had two assists.

Krohn made three saves.

The Indians host Crescent City on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:20 p.m. and then travel to play Suwannee on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:20 p.m.

## KHHS girls lifters place 2nd, 3rd in Feast Mode Invitational

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Keystone Heights High School took second in the Olympic event and third in the traditional event at the Nov. 22 Feast Mode

Girls Weightlifting Invitational at Palatka High School.

The Indians' Chloe Still won her weight class in the traditional event, which also had three Keystone lifters placed second: Ashlyn Brown, Kaylee Park and Madison Sapp.

Brown took first in her class in the Olympic event, while Still was a runner-up.

Keystone had five earn third-place finishes in Olympic: Park, Cadie Bowles, Paige Harrington, Ava Herman and London Williams.

## Hope boys improve to 2-1 with 50-47 win

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Aiden Wilson scored 17 points as the Hope Christian Academy boys basketball team bounced back from a two-point, overtime loss, defeating visiting Open Bible 50-47 on Nov. 22.

The Lions (2-1) got 10 points from Zenik Patrick, seven points each from Gunner Lofton and Walker Munroe, four points from Brice Flint and three points from

Mason Masciocchi.

Wilson and Munroe had four and three steals, respectively.

Hope was coming off a 60-58 loss to host First Christian on Nov. 19. The Lions rallied from a double-digit deficit, outscoring First Christian 24-10 in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

Munroe led the team in points with 13 and in rebounds with four.

Loften and Patrick each scored nine points, while Wilson had eight. Flint added six points, while Masciocchi and Joele Smith had three and two, respectively.

The Lions will travel to Live Oak to play Westwood Christian on Monday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity game at 5 p.m. Hope then travels to Lake City to play Hart 2 Hart on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Hope's junior varsity team is still seeking its first win. It lost 44-34 to Open Bible and is now 0-2.

The Lions' varsity and JV girls teams are still seeking their first wins. The varsity team, which is 0-3, lost 47-18 to First Christian on Nov. 19 and 58-5 to Open Bible on Nov. 22. The JV team, which is 0-2, lost 47-24 to First

Christian and 32-21 to Open Bible.

## BHS girls off to 0-1 start, boys begin Dec. 5

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Despite 21 points and 16 rebounds from Ar'Nayshia Griffin, the Bradford High School girls basketball team opened the season with a 52-31 loss to visiting Rural Class Fort White on Nov. 21.

The Class 3A Tornados played Class 4A Eastside on Nov. 25 and will travel to play Rural Class Williston on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m.

Bradford hosts Class 5A Columbia on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

The Bradford boys team opens its season on Thursday, Dec. 5, with a road game against Fleming Island at 7:30 p.m. The Class 5A Golden Eagles are already off to a 3-1 start.

Bradford's first home game will be Friday, Dec. 6, against Class 5A Ridgeview at 7:30 p.m.

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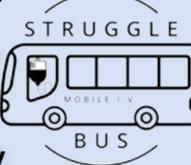
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# Tigers build 22-0 lead in 28-18 win over Pahokee

**BY CECE THOMAS**  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County and Pahokee last faced each other on the football field in the 2003 Class 2B state-championship game. In that game, the Blue Devils came out on top. The Tigers were looking for a different outcome this year.

They got it, with quarterback Trenton Klein rushing for two touchdowns and passing for another as the third seed Tigers defeated visiting Pahokee 28-18 in a Rural Class region final on Nov. 22.

Union (10-1) now travels to play second seed Madison County (8-3) in a state-semifinal game on Friday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Alec McClellon returned the opening kickoff for Union, setting the Tigers up at their own 25-yard line. Drew Simmons got the first-down carry and picked up about 6 yards, while a C.J. Ivey carry gained a few more. The result was a first down after the chains came out for a measurement.

Simmons bobbled a handoff, but recovered the ball and got back to the line of scrimmage. Simmons took another handoff and gained a first down at midfield. After an offside flag against Pahokee, Ivey carried for a huge gain and a first down at the Pahokee 25. Ivey carried again for 7 yards before Simmons added another big run for first-and-goal from the 2. Simmons took it in for a touchdown from there with 8:10 remaining in the first quarter. The Tigers successfully went for two, with Simmons getting the carry again to make the score 8-0.

Pahokee received Carter Whitehead's kickoff, with the Tigers' Wyatt Elixson hitting the returner as soon as he got the ball. The Blue Devils began their drive at their own 17-yard line.

The Devils received a flag for a false start on their first play. A pass led to a receiver taking the ball around left end and stepping out of bounds after a gain of about 7 yards. On second-and-short, the quarterback looked to pass, but wound up scrambling with the ball before being run out of bounds by Ashton Newsom. A holding penalty against the Tigers, though, gave Pahokee a first down. An overthrown pass and a run attempt that was met at the line of scrimmage had

the Devils facing third-and-9. Pahokee completed a pass for another first down.

A penalty backed Pahokee up into a first-and-15 play. A pass was completed, but the receiver was stopped at the line of scrimmage. A pass was almost intercepted by the Tigers' Gavin Jenkins on second-and-15. The Devils completed a pass on third down and almost made enough for a first down. An encroachment penalty on Union, though, would result in a Pahokee first down at the Union 37.

The Tigers earned another penalty before a quarterback keeper gave the Devils another first down at the 24-yard line. Pahokee picked up several yards on a run play, while a completed pass earned more yardage, but not quite enough for a first down. The Devils then fumbled, with the ball popping up into the air and landing in the hands of Jenkins. Jenkins ran from inside his own 10-yard line all the way to inside the Pahokee 10-yard line before being tackled. An unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty resulted in half the distance to the goal being marked off, giving Union the ball at the 5.

Ivey picked up a yard before Simmons almost carried it into the end zone. Klein's quarterback sneak gave the Tigers a touchdown with 1:18 left in the first quarter. The Tigers lined up for two and were penalized for a false start. They still went for it, with Simmons taking the ball into the end zone to make it a 16-0 game.

Simmons finished with 154 yards on 28 carries.

Pahokee was forced to punt at the start of the second quarter. Simmons caught the punt, and the Tigers began an offensive series at their own 17.

Simmons carried the ball for a short gain before Ivey was stopped at the line of scrimmage. Klein then kept the ball for a big gain all the way to the Pahokee 24-yard line. After he was dropped for a loss on first down, Simmons carried the ball again, taking it to the 12, but a holding call against the Tigers brought the run back. A false-start penalty backed Union up another 5 yards.

Klein was able to pick up a first down on a carry to the 10-yard line. Simmons then got the carry, fumbled and recovered for a 5-yard gain. Simmons picked up a yard on the next play, bringing up third-and goal at the

5. The back received the handoff a third straight time, taking the ball inside the 1-yard line. Klein, who rushed for 134 yards on 13 carries, scored on a keeper to put the Tigers ahead 22-0 with 5:35 to go in the second quarter. The two-point conversion failed.

The Devils had a huge return of Whitehead's kickoff, taking the ball all the way to the Union 22-yard line. The Tigers sacked the quarterback for a loss of 8 yards. A pass was then tipped incomplete by Anthony Holmes. Pahokee completed a pass on third down, but a tackle by McClellon brought up fourth-and-5. Pahokee faked a field-goal attempt, with a pass into the end zone complete with 3:30 to go in the second quarter. The Devils then faked an extra-point kick, with a pass being picked off by Connor Bresee, leaving the score at 22-6.

Pahokee received the second-half kickoff, starting a drive at their own 41-yard line. The Devils picked up 7 yards on a run play, but Bresee tackled a running back for a 2-yard loss on second down, bringing up third-and-5. After a flag for intentional grounding, the Devils punted, with the ball rolling dead at the Union 24.

Simmons took a handoff around right end and was run out of bounds after a gain of 5 yards. A short gain by Ivey, who had 48 yards on 10 carries, was followed by a Klein run for a first down at the 41-yard line. Simmons had a carry for a 4-yard gain, but fumbled on his next run, with the Devils recovering at the Union 40.

An illegal-substitution penalty and an incomplete pass had Pahokee facing third-and-15. The Devils then picked up enough yardage on a pass play for first down at the 29-yard line. A holding penalty backed Pahokee up into a first-and-20 play. Two passes gained 13 yards, bringing up third-and-7. Union's defense had a sack-fumble, with Newsom picking up the loose ball and carrying it all the way to the Pahokee 27-yard line.

After carries by Simmons and Klein, the Tigers had fourth-and-short. Union went for it, with Simmons getting the carry. Officials marked him short of the first down despite Head Coach Andrew Thomas asking for a measurement.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Pahokee quarterback kept the ball and ran all the way



**Drew Simmons (right), pictured sprinting to the end zone in the Tigers' region-semifinal win over Holmes County, scored a touchdown in the region-final win over Pahokee, giving him four touchdowns in two playoff games. Photo by CeCe Thomas.**

for a touchdown, but a penalty for block in the back wiped away the score. The Devils, though, had the ball at the Union 19-yard line.

Pahokee was able to pick up another first down at the 3. The Devils scored on a second-down run play with 10:55 to go in the fourth quarter. Pahokee was penalized for delay of game while lining up to go for two. The Devils still attempted the two-point play after the yardage was marked off, but an incomplete pass left them trailing 22-12.

Union's offense began a drive at its own 26-yard line after McClellon's return of Pahokee's kickoff. A Simmons carry gave the Tigers a first down at the 47. Ivey then broke loose for another first down at the Pahokee 42. Runs by Klein, Simmons and Ivey left Union facing a fourth-down play. The Tigers went for it. Klein dropped the snap, but

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## Tigers advanced to region finals with 42-20 win over Holmes Co.

**BY CECE THOMAS**  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Drew Simmons rushed for three touchdowns for the Union County High School football team, which built a 29-0 lead in defeating visiting Holmes County 42-20 in the first round of the Rural Class playoffs on Nov. 15.

The third seed Tigers (9-1) scored more than 40 points for the fifth time this season, but Head Coach Andrew Thomas saw some room for improvement.

"We played good at times, but we did miss some opportunities and felt it was not our best, execution wise," Thomas said. "The effort was there, and the boys played really hard. We missed some opportunities on offense to kind of separate

earlier, but we took control. We have to finish the fourth quarter a little bit better.

"We did what we needed to do but can definitely get better."

Union won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. The 14th seed Blue Devils (6-5) had a short kickoff, which had the Tigers starting at their own 35-yard line. The Tigers lost yardage on run plays by Simmons and Ashton Newsome, but on third-and-13, a beautiful pass from Trenton Klein to Bryan Tyson went for a huge gain and a first down all the way out to the Holmes 30. Tyson picked up another first down at the 12-yard line. Klein kept the ball for a pick-up of 8, making it second-and-2 at the 4. Simmons took a handoff in for a touchdown with 9:16 left in the first quarter.

Union went for two, with Simmons again carrying the ball in, making it 8-0.

The Devils bobbled Gavin Jenkins' kickoff, but managed to bring it out to their 27-yard line. A running back took a handoff and was met immediately by a host of Tigers for a loss, bringing up second-and-14. Another handoff resulted in the back being met in the backfield for another loss, resulting in third-and-20. A sack by Klein brought up fourth-and-a-lot. The Devils punted, with the Tigers taking over at the Holmes 44-yard line.

Klein threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Jenkins to put the Tigers ahead 14-0 with 11:52 left in the second quarter. The two-point conversion was no

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## Union to play at Madison for right to go to state-title game

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Union County and Madison County will tangle in the playoffs for the third straight year when the third seed Tigers travel to play the second seed Cowboys in a Rural Class state semifinal game on Friday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Madison (8-3), which opened the playoffs with a 51-13 win over Moore Haven, advanced to the state semifinals with a 43-6 win over Blountstown.

The Tigers and the Cowboys have met each other a total of seven times in the postseason, with Madison winning all but one of those matchups. The Cowboys defeated Union 65-12 in the 2015 region semifinals, 50-6 in the 2017 region semifinals, 49-0 in the 2019 region finals and 18-7 in the 2020 region finals. The Tigers snapped that losing streak with a 27-16 win in the 2022 region semifinals, but Madison then defeated Union 17-14 in last year's region finals.

Madison, which is in the playoffs for the 11th straight year, has a postseason record of 71-20. The Cowboys have qualified for the playoffs every year but one since making their first-ever appearance in 1995.

The Cowboys won four straight state championships from 2018 through 2021 and also won state titles in 2001 and 2007. They've been state runner-up six times, including last year when they lost 22-13 to Hawthorne in the Class 1R title game.

Madison's three losses this year occurred against teams that finished the regular season with at least seven wins and qualified

for the playoffs, with two still alive in the postseason. The Cowboys lost 29-7 to Class 5A Lincoln, 35-31 to 6A Pace and 23-13 to 2A Florida High.

Those were the only teams the Cowboys played that finished the regular season with winning records. Another three opponents went 5-5.

Eight of Madison's 10 regular-season opponents qualified for the postseason.

Like the Pahokee team that Union just defeated, Madison played no fellow Rural Class teams until the playoffs. Besides Florida High, Lincoln and Pace, their opponents were 7A DeLand, 3A Suwannee, 4A Columbia, 3A Bay, 7A Apopka and 6A Lake Minneola.

Madison is scoring an average of 32 points per game. During their current four-game winning streak, that average is 39 points per game.

The Cowboys are a run-heavy offense that has amassed more than 3,000 yards on the ground, averaging 274 rushing yards per game. Junior Naquez Christian has 71 carries for 731 yards and six touchdowns, while senior Jason McDaniel has 79 carries for 615 yards and nine touchdowns. Junior quarterback L.J. Crumity has rushed for 523 yards and eight touchdowns on 76 carries.

Madison averages 61 passing yards per game. Crumity has completed 27 of 51 attempts for 512 yards and six touchdowns. He has only three interceptions.

Junior Rayshard Miller is the leading receiver with 231 yards and five touchdowns on six catches. Senior Sean Williams

and Christian each have six catches for 100 and 99 yards, respectively.

Stats are taken from MaxPreps and don't include Madison's latest playoff win.

Opponents are averaging 18 points per game and only eight points per game during the Cowboys' current winning streak.

MaxPreps box scores have opponents' offensive stats for nine of Madison's games. Based on those, opponents are rushing for an average of 130 yards per game and passing for an average of 139 yards per game.

In the Cowboys' win in the Nov. 22 region finals, Blountstown rushed for 35 yards on 28 carries, while completing 13 of 21 passes for 43 yards.

In looking at every regular season game and the Cowboys' first playoff game, senior linebacker Octavius Hodge has recorded a team-high 87 tackles. Senior linebacker Kemari Scurry has 76, while junior linebacker De'andre Arnold has 60. Scurry and Arnold have 10.5 and 10 tackles for loss, respectively, which Scurry having recorded seven sacks.

Five players have combined to make seven interceptions. Defensive backs Crumity and Williams have made two each. Madison's defense has recovered just three fumbles.

The winner between Union and Madison will play for the state championship on Friday, Dec. 6, at The Villages. The opponent will be top seed and two-time defending state champ Hawthorne or 13th seed Williston.



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good. Jenkins finished with two catches for 101 yards. Holmes began its next drive at its own 46. After an incomplete pass, a running back was stopped for a short gain, making it third-and-9. Another incompletion brought up fourth down and a punt. With the ball at their own 30, the Tigers gained good yardage on a Simmons carry, bringing up second-and-3. Simmons got another carry, breaking away for a 20-yard gain and a first down at the 50. Jenkins, on a double reverse, picked up a couple of yards, while a carry by Alec McClellon picked up several more yards, making it third-and-4. A trip-up at the line up scrimmage brought up fourth-and-4. After a penalty for delay of game (on a confusing play on which the Devils seemed to jump offsides), Union faked the punt, with C.J. Ivey picking up the first-down yardage and then some — all the way to the Holmes 32. Klein, who was 8 of 17 for 248 yards, then threw a touchdown pass to McClellon with 6:53 left in the second quarter. Carter

Whitehead's extra point was good, making the score 21-0. McClellon finished with two catches for 46 yards. The Tigers had another chance to possibly score late in the half when Holmes turned the ball over on downs at the Union 41 with 27 seconds left. Klein completed a pass to Simmons for a big gain and a first down at the Holmes 18-yard line. Another pass then appeared to be caught in the end zone, but pass interference was called against the Tigers. Two passes from the 31-yard line were incomplete as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Jenkins kicked off to start the second half, with the Tigers tackling a Holmes player inside the 5-yard line. The Devils were then flagged for a false start. A handoff led to a running back being tackled in the end zone for a safety. The Tigers led 23-0 with just 10 seconds gone in the third quarter. McClellon's return of the free kick put the Union offense at the Holmes 43-yard line. A couple of penalties backed the Tigers up to their own 36. On first-and-20, Klein, who rushed for 84 yards on eight carries, picked up more than half the yardage on a keeper up the middle. Simmons took a handoff and picked up 4 yards to bring up third-and-4. He got the



Garett Jackson (right) gets a sack for the Tigers in the region-semifinal win over Holmes County. Photo by CeCe Thomas.

handoff again and took it all the way for a touchdown with 10:22 left in the third quarter, making the score 29-0. The extra point was no good. The Devils had a good return of Jenkins' kickoff before a tackle was made at the Union 47. Holmes completed a pass behind the line of scrimmage, with the receiver fumbling and the Tigers recovering, setting the Union offense up at the Holmes 49-yard line. Holmes got the ball right back, intercepting a pass. A run up the middle for an 8-yard gain gave the Devils second-and-2 at the Union 45. A run around right end just did get enough yardage for a first down at the 43. A quarterback keeper up the

middle picked up 5 yards. The quarterback kept the ball again for a gain of 1 yard around right end. A handoff and run up the middle resulted in a first down at the 29. Two more runs gave the Devils a first down at the 16. A run up the middle then gained 7 yards, but a loss on second down and then a penalty brought up third-and-11. The Devils broke loose for a big run and first down inside the 10. Two more runs set up third-and-goal at the 2. A quarterback keeper was stopped short of the goal line, but the Devils got it into the end zone on the fourth goal-to-go opportunity, making it 29-6 with 2:57 left in the third quarter. The two-point conversion was no good. On their next possession, the Devils fumbled, with the Tigers recovering at the Holmes 13-yard line. Simmons, who rushed for 125 yards on 14 carries, looked as if he would be tackled behind the line of scrimmage on a second-and-9 play, but he broke multiple tackles and dragged defenders into the end zone for a touchdown with 52 seconds left in the third quarter. The extra point was no good, but Union led 36-6. The Devils completed a pass and took it the distance for a touchdown, making the score 36-12 with less than a minute into the fourth quarter. The two-point conversion was no good. McClellon returned the Holmes kickoff to the Union 39. Two plays later, the Tigers faced third-and-9. Newsom caught a pass for an 8-yard gain, while Ivey took the ball up the middle to convert on fourth down and set up first down at the Holmes 45. Simmons had a 7-yard carry before Edward Durant picked up a couple of yards. A third-down carry by Simmons then resulted in a first down at the 31. Union was penalized for delay of game, but Simmons picked up 7 yards on a run. After Newsom picked up a couple of yards, Klein kept the ball on third-and-4, carrying a host of defenders almost to the end zone. On first-and-goal, Ivey took it into the end zone to make the score 42-12 with 4:51 to play. The extra point was no good. After forcing a Holmes punt, the Tigers sent their former junior varsity players into the game. A fumble was recovered by the Devils at the Union 17-yard line. Holmes scored a touchdown with less than a minute to go. The Devils had a successful two-point play to end the scoring at 42-20.



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# Tornadoes' season ends with 2nd loss to Newberry

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School's football team has been hard to beat under Head Coach Jamie Rodgers, but this year's Newberry Panthers have now accomplished the feat twice.

The third seed Panthers built a three-touchdown lead early in the second half and got four touchdowns and 195 total yards rushing and passing from quarterback Collin Dunmore in defeating the second seed Tornadoes 39-14 in a Region 2-2A semifinal game on Nov. 22 in Starke.

Newberry defeated Bradford 21-7 in the regular season to win the District 5 championship. Now, the Panthers (10-2) travel to play number-one seed and two-time defending state champ Cocoa (8-3) for the Region 2 championship on Friday, Nov. 29.

The teams were almost even in most stat categories, such as rushing yards, passing yards, first downs and time of possession, but Bradford had two turnovers, while Newberry had none. One turnover was a fumble that led to a Panthers touchdown — their second within the first 5.5 minutes of the second half.

Of course, the most obvious advantage the Panthers had was points scored. Newberry became just the second team to score more than 30 points against the Tornadoes in Rodgers' three years at the helm.

Dunmore was a big part of that, rushing for 72 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries and completing 5 of 11 passes for 123 yards and one touchdown.

The Panthers also produced big chunk plays, with six covering more than 20 yards each.



Running back Iyen Addison (far right) heads upfield. Linemen Kyren Green (center) and Hunter Cochran are also pictured.

Rodgers said Newberry, which is on a nine-game winning streak, reminds him of the way Bradford has played the last couple years.

"We just didn't play very well," Rodgers said, "but you've got to give them a lot of credit. They've got a lot of good football players over there."

It was just the fifth loss the Tornadoes have experienced under Rodgers.

"You're not going to win every game you play in life. We've been fortunate to win a lot of them," said Rodgers, whose Bradford teams have a three-year record of 35-5.

Bradford (9-2) had the game's first offensive possession, but the Tornadoes' first play resulted in a loss of 5 yards. Gino Addison did have a 10-yard run on third-and-14, but with the ball at their

own 22, the Tornadoes punted on a quick three-and-out.

Dunmore made his presence known immediately, carrying the ball for a 5-yard gain on Newberry's first offensive play. After a 12-yard run by Kaleb Woods, Newberry attempted a flea flicker. It didn't go as drawn up, but what it did do is produced the game's first score as Dunsmore scrambled out of the pocket to elude pressure and found himself sprinting through the defense for a 32-yard touchdown, capping a three-play, 49-yard drive. With Zane Spires' extra point, the Panthers led 7-0 at the 7:30 mark of the first quarter.

It was a better effort from the Bradford defense on Newberry's next series. A pass play resulted in a 3-yard loss, while Trente

Jenkins tackled Dunsmore for a 1-yard gain. Dunsmore's pass attempt on third-and-12 was incomplete, forcing a punt.

The Tornadoes, after gaining a net total of 14 yards on their first two series, put together a 55-yard scoring drive on their third. A 20-yard run by Iyen Addison put Bradford at the Newberry 40, while two consecutive runs by Gino Addison moved the Tornadoes to the 21, with Addison dragging defenders for a 13-yard gain on the second carry. Bradford hurt itself with two penalties and eventually faced third-and-20. Marlin Haywood caught a pass from Zack Paulk at about the 10-yard line and took it into the end zone for a 31-yard touchdown as the first quarter ended. Cy Cubbedge's extra point was blocked by Logan McCloud, leaving the Tornadoes trailing 7-6.

Bradford forced the Panthers to go three-and-out on the following series and was awarded with good field position on a short punt that put the Tornadoes at the Newberry 29-yard line.

The Tornadoes, though, couldn't capitalize. After an illegal-procedure penalty, Gino Addison had two runs to set up third-and-7. Paulk's pass to Haywood in the end zone was incomplete. On fourth down, Bradford went for it, with Branden Williams receiving the snap and running toward the line of scrimmage before pulling up for a pass. It was intercepted by Newberry's Elijah Beckford. His 30-yard return and a dead-ball personal foul on the Tornadoes set the Panthers' offense up at the Bradford 42.

Dunmore completed a 35-yard pass to Keivan Santiago for first-and-goal at the 2. Dunmore went over center and into the end zone



Jy'Quez Cason (far left) tries to avoid getting tackled on a punt return.

on a scoring drive of only three plays, putting the Panthers up 13-6 with 7:23 to play in the half. The PAT was no good.

Bradford squandered another opportunity inside the Newberry 30-yard line on its next series. The drive began with a 9-yard reception by Williams and an additional 15 yards because of a late hit on Newberry. Jeremiah McKenzie then lined up to take the snap, keeping the ball for a 36-yard gain to the Newberry 20. McKenzie, however, was tackled for a 1-yard loss on the following play, while Williams was held to no gain on second down. On third-and-11, Jy'Quez Cason was dropped for a 2-yard loss. Paulk set up to pass on fourth down, but tucked the ball and ran for only a 3-yard gain, resulting in a turnover on downs.

The Tornadoes would've had a first down past midfield on their next drive, but a fumble on a pass play was recovered for a 4-yard loss, resulting in fourth-and-5 at the Bradford 47. Newberry's

Jarquez Carter blocked the punt, which set the Panthers up at the Bradford 7-yard line with 18 seconds remaining until halftime. The Panthers had no time outs.

Bradford's Haywood broke up a pass on first down, while Dunmore and Carter weren't on the same page on second down, resulting in another incompleteness. An illegal-procedure penalty backed Newberry up to the 12 with 10 seconds on the clock. The Panthers elected to send Spires onto the field for a field-goal attempt, but Bradford jumped offside. With the ball back at the 7, Newberry sent its offense back onto the field. Dunmore handed off to Jamarcus Wimberly, who was tackled at the 4-yard line. The Panthers attempted to get to line up so Dunmore could spike the ball and kill the clock, but time expired, sending the teams into the half and the score still standing at 13-6.

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## Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Nov. 28, 2024

### BRADFORD

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Bradford County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to fund annual costs incurred by the County in providing fire protection and emergency medical services. The uniform method allows for the collection of non-ad valorem assessments, sometimes referred to as special assessments, on the annual property tax bill mailed each November by the county tax collector. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform collection method, commencing in November 2025, at a public hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 19, 2024, at the County Commission Chambers located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091.

Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. The non-ad valorem assessments may be levied within the entire County; provided, however, that the imposition and collection of non-ad valorem assessments from any incorporated area of the County shall be subject to the consent by ordinance of the governing body of the affected municipality as required by section 125.01(1)(g), Florida Statutes. The resolution does not impose any assessments, it only preserves the County's ability to collect assessments on the annual property tax bill beginning in November 2025, if the Board takes additional steps before then to impose fire protection assessments. Such additional steps include public hearing and mailed notice at least twenty (20) days before the public hearing to all owners of real property subject to the assessments. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of the County Manager, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with

respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation of an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the County Manager at (904) 966-6327, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.  
Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida  
Publish on the following dates:  
November 21, 2024, November 28, 2024, December 5, 2024, December 12, 2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter

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AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 97-03; ESTABLISHING A FIVE MEMBER CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MANNER AND DURATION OF APPOINTMENT OF EACH BOARD MEMBER; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY OVER MANAGEMENT OF CITY PROPERTY BEING UTILIZED FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES; REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF A RECOMMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD AND THE PROMULGATION OF BYLAWS AND RULES; REQUIRING ANNUAL REPORTS; ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE POSSESSION AND USE OF ALCOHOL IN OR ON CITY RECREATION FACILITIES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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### UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24000086CAAXMX  
MIDFIRST BANK

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL A FEE, ET AL.

Defendants.

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TO: MICHAEL A FEE,  
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WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 63-2024-CA-0015  
BULLARD-DENUNE INVESTMENT CO., a Florida corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
LUBOV BOGOPOLSKAYA, and THE COMMONS LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,  
Defendants,

AMENDED CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28, 2024, and Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 31, 2024, in

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Dated this 20th day of November, 2024.

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES, Clerk of Courts  
By: Crystal Hollingsworth  
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I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by United States Mail, or electronic mail on this 20th of November, 2024, to the following:  
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# Obituaries

## Peter Barnum

Peter "Pete" Albert Barnum, 70, of Starke passed away Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024. He was born in New Rochelle, New York on Oct. 15, 1954, to the late Royal S. Barnum and Georgette J. Cornell Barnum. He was raised in Gainesville and graduated from Gainesville High School. Shortly after school, he started his career at Raintree Graphics Printing Company in Jacksonville as a driver. His true passion was people. He was known for his willingness to serve others, his kindness and friendly spirit. He never met a stranger and had a gift for conversation. He could share a story, give words of encouragement, and bring smiles to many with his outgoing personality. Pete spent over 25 years as a cook with Hills BBQ catering company in Gainesville, which was a career that brought him much joy. Creating meals and helping families have a memorable gathering was very rewarding, and he took great pride in his work. He met his future wife, Cindy Odom, in 2003, and they were happily married on Oct. 28, 2004. He was a devoted husband and loving father who cherished his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was certainly full of life, lived it to the fullest, and enjoyed each moment. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Ruth E. Barnum and Sally L. Barnum.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cindy Barnum of Starke; son, Austin O'Dell of Starke; sister, Susan (Shelly) Packer of Gainesville; and numerous extended family members and friends.

His family will celebrate his life in the near future. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757.

PAID OBITUARY



## Sharon Fussell

Sharon Cluff Fussell, 81, the wife of Billie Wayne Fussell went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024. She was born at Camp Blanding on Dec. 25, 1942. Her unwavering faith defined her life. She loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, above all, followed closely by her deep love and pride for her family. She never missed an opportunity to remind her loved ones how cherished they were. Her years of dedicated service at The Well Church of God in Pulaski, Tennessee, reflected her devotion to ministry. She actively participated in SHAMAR (intercessory prayer), Legacy (the over-50 group), and KP (feeding ministry). A natural nurturer, she had a lifelong calling to serve through food ministry and prayer. Whether in Polk County, or Tennessee, she worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone, regardless of their background, was fed, both physically and spiritually. Her love for people was relentless, and her honesty was guided by her unwavering trust in God. An avid reader, she was rarely seen without a book in hand or in her purse. Her passion for reading left a lasting legacy, even inspiring some of her grandchildren to embrace the joy of books. She was also known for her wisdom, often offering heartfelt advice, especially when she felt led by the Holy Spirit. Her most profound teaching was about love: "Love is a choice. Every day you wake up, you must choose to love. Only when you understand that love is a choice will you find true love." She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Allen Cluff; mother, Eleanore St. John Palmes; grandparents, Vincent S. St. John, and Mildred H. St. John; and brothers, Joseph Paul Holland II, William Garth Palmes, and Kenneth Lott Holton.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Michael Andrews, Michelle A. (Kit) Wolf of Savannah, Georgia, Raymond Shawn Varnadore of Haines City, Tina (Dale) Pelfrey of Pulaski, Tennessee, and Tamara (Pete) Watson of O'Brien; grandchildren, Billie W. Pelfrey, Keith Wayne Daniels, Tiffany Michelle Watson, Raymond Shawn (Danielle) Varnadore Jr., Georgia (Adam) Bennett, Thomas Dale Pelfrey Jr., Tamara Caroline (Chris) Keyser, Shaina Michelle (Chris) LeDuc, Chelsea Laine (Riley) Cribbs, Kelsey Lynn Levister, Destiny Lenore (Jason) Rowe, James Dalton (Brooke) Pelfrey, Nicholas Milton (Samantha) Pelfrey, Stephen Lee (Faith) Pelfrey; siblings, Chris (Debbie) Palmes of Kathleen, Chase Palmes of Crystal River, David Desch of Tonto Basin, Arizona, Richard "Vincent" (Jo) St. John of Jacksonville, William Hugh St. John and Joy St. John Johnson, both of Starke; and 44 great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Nov. 22, at The Well Church of God in Pulaski, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made at Employee Resources Credit Union under Sharon Fussell.

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## Frederick Hodges

Frederick William Hodges (Fred), 78, of Starke, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024. He was born in Jacksonville in 1946 to Joe and Lanta Cannon Hodges. He attended Ribault High School. He had many fond memories of his childhood growing up in Jacksonville and spending summers with his Brookins cousins on their farm in Chiefland. He was an avid deer hunter. After retiring from JFRD, he spent time hunting in Alabama, Georgia and Illinois. Anyone who visited him was shown his many trophy bucks in his "Man Cave." Fred and his wife, Betty, enjoyed camping, cruising and cheering for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Betty; his son, Bill (Ashlea Varnadore); daughters, Amanda (Jason) Manos, and Jill (Richard) Maculewicz; three grandsons, Joseph Hodges, Keith (Ashley) Shope, and Nolin (Dee Ocasio) Robertson; one granddaughter, Marissa Maculewicz (Lee) Brannon; and two great-granddaughters, Luna and Bella Robertson. Being an only child, he is also survived by many cousins who were like siblings, Mavis Tuten Youngblood and Steve and Gary Cannon.

Fred's celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, at Keystone Heights Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to your favorite charity or to Keystone Heights Methodist Church, P.O. Box 744, Keystone Heights, 32656 in Fred's memory. Fred is greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

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## Philip Mobley Sr.

Philip Terrance Mobley Sr., 77, of Starke, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Michael and Carlo Mobley.

Survivors are his wife, Katherine Mobley; son, Phillip Mobley Jr.; daughter, Candy Bilyeu; two grandchildren; and extended family members and friends.

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## William Quiett Sr.

William Thomas Quiett Sr., 63, of Lawtey died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, at his residence.

Survivors are his wife, Allie Ann Quiett; children, William (Erica) Quiett Jr. Johnathan Lee Quiett, Crystal Rose Miller, Christy Ann (Michael) McKenzie and Kevin Louis Miller; and seven grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 1 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends an hour prior at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

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## Emily Collins

Emily Elaine Collins, 28, a cherished daughter, granddaughter, sister and aunt, passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2024. Emily was born July 13, 1996, in Jacksonville and was a lifelong resident of Baker County. She was a member of the 2014 graduating class of Baker County High School and went on to college to receive technical degrees in business operations and business specialties. Emily enjoyed spending her free time outdoors riding four-wheelers with her family and friends. She was an avid Florida Gators fan. Above all, Emily loved her family and her favorite role in life was being an aunt to her nephews and niece, who were her whole world. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Virginia Faye Collins and J. L. Collins; and maternal great-grandparents, S. M. and Mae Miller, and L.W. and Zola Rosier.

She leaves behind her loving parents, Dennis and Cheryl (Rosier) Collins of Macclenny; brother, Chadwick (April) Collins Sr. of Macclenny; niece and nephews, Addison, Owyn, and Chadwick Jr.; maternal grandparents, Bud Rosier of Lake City and Phyllis Rosier of Starke; as well as aunts, uncles, and other extended family members.

## Hoyet Daugherty

Hoyet Ervin Daugherty, 83, of Starke, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lorian Levy; sons, Junior Daugherty and Robert Lacy Carol.

Survivors are his wife, Mabel Daugherty; daughters, Ruth (Matthew) Bryan, Rebecca Hill and Zonna Carol; brothers, Daniel Daugherty and Ray Daugherty; sisters, Betty Adamson and Jackie Kennard; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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## UCHS

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picked it back up and took the ball far enough to convert, giving Union the ball at the 27-yard line.

A Klein pass was just out of Simmons' reach. Simmons then picked up a couple of yards on a second-down carry. On third down, a Klein pass looked as if it was going to be intercepted, but Jenkins made a fantastic

catch in the end zone instead for a touchdown and a 28-12 Union lead with 6:07 left in the fourth quarter. The two-point conversion was no good.

The Devils returned the kickoff for a touchdown to make the score 28-18. They lined up to go for two and were penalized for delay of game. Pahokee still went for two, with the Tigers sacking the quarterback.

Pahokee was unsuccessful on an onside-kick attempt, with the Tigers having the ball at the

Devils' 48-yard line. Simmons had a big carry for an 8-yard gain, with an Ivey carry then giving Union a first down. Simmons was tackled for a 3-yard loss after a run on which he gained 4 yards, bringing up third-and-9. Klein completed a pass to Newsom for a first down at the 15.

The Tigers would drive inside the 10-yard line on a Klein carry. A run by Simmons then brought up fourth-and-2. After Pahokee used its last time out (with 1:10 remaining), Klein was stopped

short of the first down.

A penalty on the Union defense gave Pahokee a first down with 30 seconds to play. The Devils completed a pass for a 4-yard gain, with the receiver going out of bounds. Another pass, though, was intercepted by Union's Bryan Tyson with 13 seconds remaining.

McClellon led Union's defense with a team-high eight tackles. Jenkins and Klein finished with seven and six, respectively.

## BHS

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Newberry received the second-half kickoff and put together a six-play, 62-yard touchdown drive. A 27-yard catch and run by Carter set the Panthers up at the Bradford 36. Dunmore converted a third-and-4 play with a 4-yard run to the 26. On the resulting first-down play, Dunmore connected with Santiago for a touchdown at the 8:45 mark of the third quarter. Spires added the PAT for a 20-6 Newberry lead.

The Tornados fumbled on their third offensive play of the half, with the Panthers recovering at the Bradford 30. Dunmore promptly completed a 22-yard pass to McCloud for first-and-goal at the 8. The quarterback eventually scored on a 5-yard run, putting Newberry up 27-6 after Spires' PAT with 5:41 to play in the third quarter.

Bradford answered with a

10-play scoring drive. Paulk completed passes to Haywood, Elijah Lawrence and Jordan Cason for first downs. Newberry was penalized for a personal foul on Cason's 15-yard reception, which moved the Tornados to the Newberry 20.

Paulk was sacked for a 5-yard loss on the ensuing play, but runs of 6 and 13 yards by Iyen Addison resulted in first-and-goal at the 6. Addison, who rushed for 46 yards on six carries, got another handoff and scored from there with 1:19 remaining until the fourth quarter. Cubbedge kicked the extra point, making the score 27-13.

The Tornados got what they needed from their defense, which forced a three-and-out on the following series. Bradford's offense began a drive at its own 48. Williams had a 6-yard reception on first down, but an incomplete pass set up third-and-4 at the Newberry 46. After a 1-yard run by Iyen Addison, the Tornados went for it on fourth down, with Paulk being sacked for an 11-yard loss.

Jenkins sacked Dunmore for a 5-yard loss on the Panthers' first play following the turnover on downs, but Newberry got runs of 6 and 10 yards by Darius Debose and Dunmore, respectively, in picking up a first down at the Bradford 33. A holding penalty backed the Panthers up, but on third-and-14, Dunmore completed a 37-yard touchdown pass to Santiago. After the PAT, Newberry led 34-13 with 6:19 remaining in the game.

Jy'Quez Cason returned the ensuing kickoff 44 yards to the Newberry 36. After an 11-yard pass to Lawrence, Paulk hooked up with Mikey Oliver for a 25-

yard touchdown to make the score 34-19 with 5:52 to play. Cubbedge's extra point was blocked.

Paulk finished 11 of 16 for 125 yards.

Newberry's offense chewed up five minutes with an 11-play, 41-yard drive that consisted of nothing but runs by Debose and Dunmore. The Panthers turned the ball over on downs at the Bradford 13-yard line with 13 seconds on the clock.

After rushing for just 42 yards in its regular-season loss to Newberry, Bradford had 180 yards on 34 carries. Two players besides Iyen Addison also rushed for more than 30 yards: McKenzie, with 37 yards on three carries, and Gino Addison, with 33 yards on seven carries.

The Tornados had 305 yards in all, while Newberry had 290 total yards.

It was the final game for a senior group that has meant a lot to Rodgers.

"They're all special groups every single year, but this group has been with me for all three years that I've been here," he said. "It's different from having them only one or two years. I see them more than I see my own kids."

"Man, I'm so appreciative of how hard they've played and everything that they've done. I just love them."

Now, it's a short break before casting an eye toward next season.

"We'll go back to work in a couple of weeks," Rodgers said. "I'll give them a couple of weeks off. Then, we'll get back in the weight room and try to get better."

## Keystone basketball teams drop games after victories

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Keystone Heights High School opened the season with wins by both its boys and girls basketball teams, but both dropped their next games, putting each at 1-1 on the season.

After a 69-55 win over Hope Christian on Nov. 18, the boys team lost 80-69 at Oak Hall on Nov. 21. The Indians (1-1) will travel to play West Nassau on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. and then travel to play District 3-3A opponent Palatka on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The girls team, which defeated Hope 46-22 on Nov. 18, lost 42-28 to visiting Maclay on Nov. 22. Keystone travels to play Fort White on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. and then travels to play District 3-3A opponent Palatka on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

## UCHS girls hoops team drops 3, boys team starts season Dec. 3

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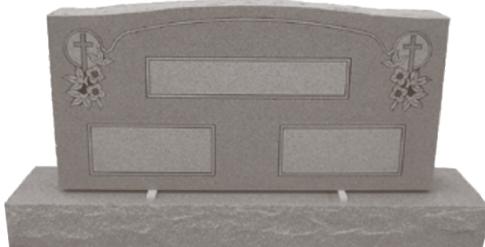
It was a positive start for the Union County High School girls basketball team, but the Tigers have lost three in a row after a season-opening 46-37 win over Cedar Key on Nov. 18.

The Tigers (1-3) lost 26-18 to host Saint Francis on Nov. 19, 30-19 to visiting Oak Hall on Nov. 21 and 65-16 to host First Christian on Nov. 22.

Union will host Lafayette on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. That game takes place prior to the first game for the boys team, which will also play Lafayette at 7:30 p.m.

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# KHHS, UCHS represented in all-star volleyball event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Four volleyball players from Keystone Heights and Union County high schools had one more chance to play while in high school, thanks to the second annual Prep Zone All-Star Showcase, which was held Nov. 21 at Alachua's Legacy Park Multipurpose Center.

More than 40 players made up four teams. The East team included Keystone's Mya Jennings (opposite/outside hitter/defensive specialist) and Emma Stanley (middle blocker/middle hitter), while the North team included Union's Layla Barber (outside hitter) and Kamryn Southerland (setter).

The North team was coached by Union's Tifani Knox and Columbia's Trudy Andrews, who used to coach at Union.

Employing a best-of-three format, two semifinal matches started the event, with the winners playing in the championship match and the losers playing a consolation match. The North team advanced to the championship match, but lost to the West. The East team won the consolation match.

The North team played the South team in a semifinal match. After winning the first set 25-18, the team got off to a fast start in the second set, scoring the first three points with Southerland serving. Southerland assisted on a kill by Columbia's Kayla Goodloe to put the North up 4-2.

It was 20-11 in favor of the North when the team scored a point with Southerland serving. A tip by Barber later resulted in a point and a 23-12 lead.

The North eventually won the set 25-13 for the 2-0 sweep and a berth in the championship match.

In the other semifinal match, the East played the West, with the West winning the first set 25-23.

The East forced a tiebreaker with a 25-12 win in the second set. Jennings made a play at the net that resulted in the winning point.

In the third set, the West built a big lead en route to winning 15-8.



Kamryn Southerland (left) sets up to pass as her North — and UCHS — teammate Layla Barber looks on.



Emma Stanley (far left) attempts to block an attack by the West team's Trinity DeWees of Chiefland.

The West would go on to win the championship match against the North. Barber and Branford's Addison Folsom had consecutive kills for the North team in the

first set, but those two points still left the North trailing 10-3. Southerland would later add a kill, but the West would take the set 25-13.

Southerland had an assist on a kill by Goodloe as the North kept it close early in the second set. The West, though, would go on to build a big lead before winning 25-14.

In the consolation match, Jennings had an early kill for the East team, which won the first set 25-17.

A couple of points scored with Stanley serving helped the East go up 7-3 in the second set. The East would build a 22-13 lead before getting another point off a Stanley tip.

The East would eventually win the second set 25-14.

Besides Jennings and Stanley, the East team was composed of Eastside's Samiyah Daniels, Kieara Hall and Joanna Williams, Interlachen's Brianna Webber, Oak Hall's Sara Duggan, Cassidy McDonald and Sophie Thompson, P.K. Yonge's Trinity Jacobs and Palatka's Mackenzie Thomas and Kenadie Wilkinson. The team was coached by Oak Hall's Perry McDonald and Eastside's Rachel Williams.

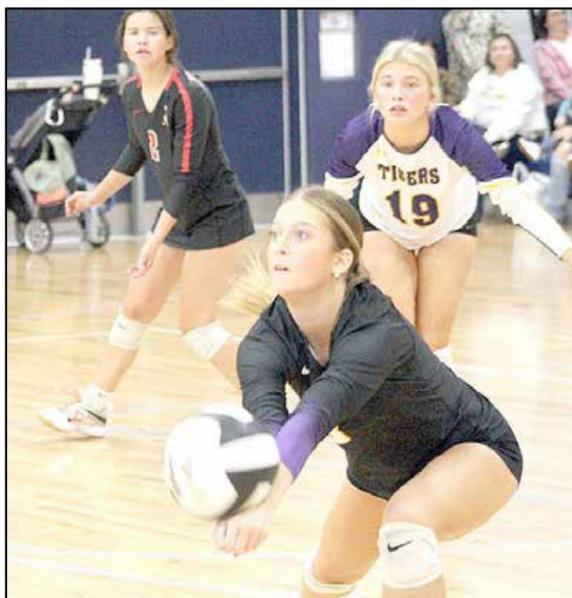
Joining Barber, Folsom, Goodloe and Southerland on the North team were Branford's Andi Sabourin, Columbia's Avery Sandlin, First Christian's Dilyn Koon, Fort White's Cassidy Nesselt and Lafayette's Rylee Skillman.

Making up the overall champion West team were Bell's Alaina Thomas, Buchholz's Rosy Logan and Lelia Ricks, Cedar Key's Kaytie Bailey, Chiefland's Trinity DeWees, Dixie County's Kailey Edmonds and Hailey Moody, Newberry's Chloe Jones and Malana Kennard, The Rock's Mary Massias and Abigail Vaillancourt, Trenton's Koi Perry and Williston's Chanitey James. Coaches were The Rock's Ruben Perez and Darrel Card.

The South team was composed of Dunnellon's Samantha Bernstein and Shamyra Reid, Forest's Annalise DeLaberera and Avery O'Cull, Lake Weir's Kyra Rigozzi, North Marion's Camryn Peterson and West Port's Almarelis Malave and Abbey McClinton.



Emma Stanley (far right) watches as her East — and KHHS — teammate Mya Jennings makes a play that would lead to the winning point of the second set of her team's semifinal match.



Layla Barber plays a serve as North teammates (background, l-r) Rylee Skillman of Lafayette and Avery Sandlin of Columbia look on.



Mya Jennings (far left) goes up for an attack.



Layla Barber prepares to take a swing in her North team's semifinal match against the South. The North won by a 2-0 sweep.



The North team coaches: former Union Coach Trudy Andrews (left), who's now at Columbia, and current Union Coach Tifani Knox.



Union County junior Indi Knox (right) also got to be part of the event, serving as one of the line judges.



Emma Stanley prepares to send the ball over the net.



Kamryn Southerland celebrates a point.



Emma Stanley (left) and Mya Jennings share a laugh as they wait for their turns to substitute in.

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