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## TORNADOES MAKE IT TO STATE SEMIFINALS



Above, Jyquez Cason (left) catches a 21-yard pass for the final score of the night.

At left, Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers (center) is surrounded by his players as the Region 2-2S championship trophy is held aloft. The Tornadoes defeated Baker County 43-0 to advance to the state semifinals. Bradford will host Pensacola Catholic on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. See inside for more. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



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## WORTH NOTING

### BHS to host community pep rally before the Final Four game

Bradford High School will be hosting a community pep rally on Friday, Dec. 1, at 2:45 p.m. at David Hurst Stadium prior to the Tornadoes' state-semifinal football game against Pensacola Catholic, which will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

The school's band, cheerleaders and JROTC cadets will all perform. The event will also consist of games and a lip-sync battle.

Concessions will be available.

### Holiday art show

Mossman Hall will present its annual holiday show during the First Friday Art Walk in Melrose on Dec. 1. The art show will include quilts, jewelry, woodworking, needlecraft, leatherwork, handbags, pottery, Christmas decorations and more. The Food Truck Rally will provide plenty to eat as well.

### Community yard sale Dec. 2

The Bradford County Democrats are sponsoring a community yard sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will take place in the parking lot of the former Jay's Mini Mart, 15043 U.S. 301 South in Starke.

If you would like to join in to sell your own extra items or crafts, call or text 904-612-3942. Space is \$15. Bring your own table.

### Soil and water conservation board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Bradford County Extension Office. Sampling wells near the Chemours Starke facility to determine iron content of the groundwater will be on the agenda.

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

### Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan a food distribution on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtrey Road in Starke. This distribution may begin early depending on the arrival of the food truck.

## Group caught for vandalism, teen admits to arson

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
General manager

STARKE — The Bradford County Sheriff's Office said it assisted Starke police, questioning several juveniles and an adult about vandalism in the downtown area and arresting one juvenile for arson.

The agency said the defendants damaged the Florida Twin Theater, Veteran's Memorial Park, Wainwright

Park, and several street signs in the area.

"After analysis was conducted of the gathered surveillance footage, it was discovered that several juveniles and one adult were involved in these incidents," the office said in a news release. "These individuals were interviewed and ultimately confessed to the damages. While speaking with several of the involved parties, it became known that these individuals

were also involved in a recent house fire that occurred on South Street in Starke."

Lt. Jason Green of the Starke Police Department said the arson suspect was talking to deputies about an unrelated subject when he let it slip that he was connected to the November 17 house fire at the intersection of Water and South streets.

Green added that the minor also admitted to his agency that he was

involved with the blaze but refused to identify accomplices or additional details of the fire.

The lieutenant, who serves as the director of operations for the department, also said that the vandals painted the initials SRG or SR6 on some of the items they damaged. He added that investigators have been unable to determine the script's meaning so far.



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## Union board implements new rules for public comment

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — As has become the norm, the public comment segment of the Nov. 20 regular meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners served to allow several citizens to tell the board their various complaints, which were varied and lengthy.

Before the public segment of the meeting proceeded, the board read and unanimously voted to adopt a written page of rules of decorum to be imposed on all who speak at the meetings. The rules apply to the public, the commissioners, and county staff as well. The new rules require

all who speak in the meetings to pay heed to their language, attitude, and volume when addressing the board or each other.

### Crowded, rowdy meetings

The new standards resulted from a meeting about three months ago where the number of citizens in attendance exceeded the seating capacity of the regular commission meeting room and made it necessary for some to stand outside in the hallway. Several people were speaking loudly in attempts to make sure they were heard. That situation escalated, and Board Chairman Ryan Perez told the

group to settle down, or they would be removed by law enforcement. In response to the occurrence, commission meetings have been held in the main courtroom upstairs in the courthouse, which provides more seating capacity.

### Emergency medical service complaint

Jackie Rossiter came to discuss her experience with Union County Emergency Medical Services when she needed transport from Lake Butler Hospital to a larger facility in Gainesville.

She told commissioners that the EMS staff who came to pick her up

refused to transport her until they had the necessary medical paperwork. This situation took 18 minutes to resolve before they moved from her from Lake Butler. She also complained that the unit driver did not use the emergency lights in the City of Gainesville. She asked the commissioners to "please do something about emergency services."

Emergency Medical Services Director Toby Witt spoke to the board in response to her complaints and said that it was a required procedure to wait to transport a patient until documentation of the patient's treatment was in hand to be given to the staff at the receiving hospital.

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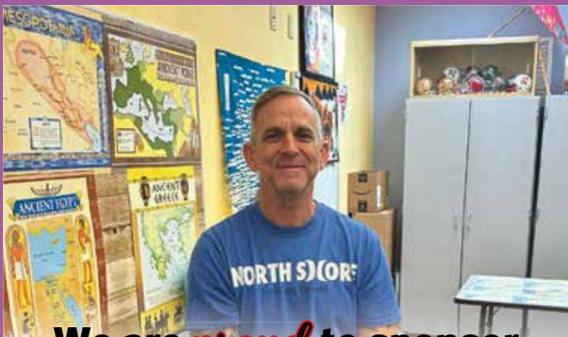
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**Northside Christian Academy** will be featured next week on **December 7th!**



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# Lake Region

## 'Garden of Eden' wins Yard of the Month

BY GINNY GEIGER AND  
BARBARA ANDERSON  
*Garden Club of the Lakes*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — When you think of a place to sit, enjoy nature's beauty, and relax, Timmie's place is that perfect place. And Napaporn "Timmie" Tullius thinks so, too. She has a chair or bench in every area of her yard.

Of course, you would think that is appropriate since Timmie is 83 years old; however, she only sits after working hard, taking care of all her many plants. An amazing side note is that she can name almost all of them. Since her husband died in 1994, Timmie has taken care of the yard mostly herself, but she does have the support of her daughter and 24-year-old grandson, Asher Sullivan.

Timmie is one amazing lady. Not only is her yard beautiful, but she is also beautiful and so warm, and friendly. She even made us some delicious spring rolls.

When Timmie was 29, she came to the United States from Thailand with her American husband. His job took them to many different countries, most of them large and noisy.

When it came time for them to retire in 1987, Timmie's sister-in-law told them about Keystone Heights. They both fell in love with our lovely community since



Napaporn "Timmie" Tullius has a chair or bench in every area of her yard.

her husband loved to fish, and she loved the quiet, little town that was so much different from most of the places they had lived.

The house on the property was what they were looking for, but the yard was the selling point for them. Being on a lake was the most attractive part of the property for her husband, and Timmie saw much potential in the large area surrounding their home.

Ginny was telling a friend about joining the Garden Club

of The Lakes. He said that his neighbor had the most beautiful yard with more plants than he had ever seen in one private yard. He was not exaggerating.

Timmie planted a most complex arrangement of plants, flowers, trees, and herbs that bloom during the four seasons. She could even tell us which ones bloomed in which seasons. We chose just a few to list here so that everyone could understand what we saw: Night Blooming Jasmine, Swiss Cheese, Money



Timmie is 83 years old; however, she only sits after working hard, taking care of all her many plants.

Tree, Pink Powder Puff, Confederate Rose, lemons, limes, Indian Cork tree, ginger, etc. See what we mean?

What a lovely visit we had. When asked what her favorite plant was, Timmie smiled and said, "All of them I love." She just glowed as she spoke of her plants.

Even though Timmie lives on

Lawrence Boulevard near the center of town, she is tucked away off the main road. When we were visiting, we felt like we were alone in the middle of the Garden of Eden. To get a little glimpse into what we saw, just drive slowly as you pass by homes near the town on State Road 100, look for the Yard-of-the-Month sign, and look in the

yard at the big, bright yellow Christmas Bush. You can't miss it.

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 contact Pat Lorenzo at (904) 728-9460.



Operation Christmas Child volunteers (L-r) Doug Margerum, Jeffrey Michel, Diane Michel and Paul Morrison stand at a nearly full trailer of Christmas giftboxes ready for shipment to children overseas.

## Lake Region sends out 14K Christmas boxes

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
*General manager*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Operation Christmas Child's

central drop-off team leader for the Santa Fe River area said she expected churches and volunteers to donate around 14,000 shoebox-sized Christmas

gift boxes for children overseas.

Diane Michel said she expected deliveries from three other drop-off locations: First Baptist Church of Alachua, First Baptist Palatka, and Southside Baptist in Palatka during the drive's final day. Michel's own congregation, Trinity Baptist in Keystone Heights, donated 2,000 boxes in the effort.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse.

"Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ," Samaritan's Purse said on its website. "We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease."

Michel said that whenever a church, another drop-off location, or a family drops off gift boxes, the central drop-off volunteers spend time with them. "We pray with them over the shoe boxes," she said. "We let them share a testimony, and then we pray over their boxes, and we open it up for prayer with everyone. People laugh, and people cry. It's a very touching and emotional time."

## Busy Keystone council meeting ends year

BY JAMES WILLIAMS  
*Special to the Monitor*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The last Keystone Heights City Council meeting for the year was held Nov. 20 and began with seven speakers from the floor.

Local resident Evan Stanley set the evening's theme, commenting on a new ordinance restricting beach park usage in an effort to curb expensive vandalism.

"(New) rules don't matter unless they are enforced," Stanley said. "New rules do not stop rule-breakers. Enforcement stops rule-breakers."

### Opposition to beach park restrictions

Real estate agent Deirdre Murphy added that the new park ordinance requiring youngsters to have a parent or guardian with them "... just seems silly... There's just a handful of kids (doing the damage), and it seems to me that we are basically reprimanding all children because of a few."

Another speaker, who is on the city's Planning and Zoning Board, had not witnessed from his front porch the malfeasance that plagues the park but did see teens using the basketball and tennis courts as late as midnight during summer months, despite the fact that lights were off.

"They're having a great time. They play tennis. They mind their own business and then they go home," he said.

Peggy Bach asked if anyone at the meeting had ever actually been to the High Ridge Estates neighborhood, the oft-reputed source of park vandalism. Ms. Bach had gotten to know kids who hung out at the beach, including some from broken homes. She thought most of the young people were from within the city limits.

"Most of these kids, they don't have family to go back home

to.... Our park is a safe haven.

Christine Arnold asked the city to fix its website to quell misinformation passed around on social media. "We're supposed to be a Smart City. It seems like it would start with the city's website," she said.

### Opposition to new city hall

Several speakers advocated refurbishing the present City Hall building's roof instead of building anew.

One unidentified speaker voiced concern about a potential new two-story city hall building. "I think that takes away from the small-town feel," the speaker said.

Councilman Tony Brown made clear that public speculation and social media misinformation about the potential new city hall had hit his last nerve.

"Aaron Bean made a phone call to me," he said "and when you have a congressman that has a pocketbook up in Washington that can help us out here in Keystone and we come up with an idea of a new city hall. It was an idea, guys. It was in a workshop. We discussed it, and what I saw on Facebook made me sick because everybody just jumps to conclusions. We don't have a plan. One person said it's going to cost one point something million dollars to build this thing. How the heck do you know that? But everybody in this community just took off and blasted us for having an idea for the future.... We have a job, to plan for the future. That's all. This was an idea. It wasn't anything that was sketched in stone...all we did as a council... was to have an idea.... We were looking at the possibility, and we weren't even in negotiations with (other county) agencies yet."

Mayor Nina Rodenroth also addressed social media, newspapers, and rumors regarding a potential new city hall.

"We were seeking an architectural concept for consideration. If we feel this becomes a good decision for our taxpayers, then certainly we are going to share every detail with you all for your input," she said.

The council plans conceptual discussions on tennis and basketball courts and a long-discussed splash park. The city will also be looking at the feasibility of surveillance cameras for safety, parking, bathrooms, lighting and other amenities.

### Other business

In other business, the council: Approved the Rotary Christmas Party at the pavilion, with an alcohol policy waiver;

Agreed to hold a workshop in January to finalize language for alcohol waivers in the pavilion and review its regulation on parks.

Made two appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board and changed the date for a third to begin immediately;

Discussed when and how to post meeting minutes for the public before or after approval;

Finalized plans to interview city clerk candidates. Four top candidates will be interviewed on November 28. The salary offer will be \$80,000 to \$90,000, depending on the candidate's experience, education and background. This compares favorably with other Florida cities of equal size and is in sync with Florida League of Cities standards.

Agreed to contract auditing services with Reddish and White. The audit will potentially include CRA and city accounts, and cover costs of bookkeeping assistance, at a total cost not to exceed \$47,500.

Planned a workshop with the Heritage Commission to discuss a quote from commercial contractors who have worked with city government to build a small city museum.

## Bradley reelected to water district chair

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
*General manager*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The St. Johns River Water Management District said its governing board reelected former Sen. Rob Bradley of Fleming Island to serve as its chair for a third year.

The panel, which oversees water policy in 18 northeast Florida counties, also elected Maryam Ghyabi-White of

Ormond Beach as vice chair, Cole Oliver of Merritt Island as treasurer, and J. Chris Peterson of Winter Park as secretary.

"Comprising nine dedicated members," the district said in a news release, "the governing board plays a crucial role in shaping district policies. Meeting monthly, they engage with staff and the public to discuss district operations, drawing upon their extensive expertise in agriculture, environmental protection,

consulting, geology, business, recreation, transportation, and law."

The other board members are Gen. Douglas Burnett of St. Augustine, Douglas C. Bournique of Vero Beach, Ron Howse of Cocoa, Ryan Atwood of Mount Dora, and Janet Price of Fernandina Beach.

The district said the governor appoints each board member, and each serves without pay.

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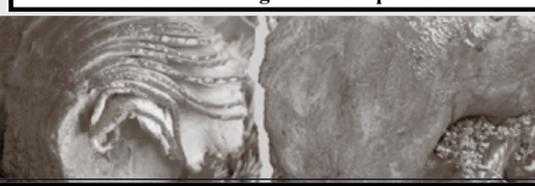
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Clay Electric Member Relations Representative Pat Mundorff (second from right) presents a grant check to Lake Region Kiwanis members (l-r) Karen Lake, Isaac Morford and Tina Santillo.

## Terrific Kids get \$6,000 from Clay Electric members

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Clay Electric Foundation donated \$6,000 to the Lake Region Kiwanis's Terrific Kid program during the foundation's October grant round. The contribution to the Keystone Heights nonprofit was one of 10, totaling \$86,000 for the month.

Terrific Kids is a character-building program that recognizes students for exhibiting positive behavior.

Lake Region Kiwanis recognizes students from Keystone Heights-area elementary schools each month under the program.

Other grants awarded by the foundation in October were:

The Knights of Columbus Holiday Helpers in Keystone Heights will use its \$12,000 grant for children's toys and to meet the needs of families and seniors during the holidays.

The Knights of Columbus Council, based at St. William Catholic Church, supports the community by providing services or products to individuals, families, or organizations in

need. St. Phillips Lodge in Alachua County. The \$5,000 grant will support the Masonic organization's community service projects, such as Adopt a Family, Unity in the Community, back-to-school supply giveaways, and youth football sponsorships.

Astor Community Association, Inc. in Lake County. The association promotes and fosters education, recreation, social activities, and community-building activities for all its members. The \$4,500 grant will purchase a new HVAC system for the organization's thrift shop.

Another Way, Inc. of Columbia County received \$10,000 for a storage shed at the group's emergency shelter.

Another Way provides a hotline, safe shelter, individual and group counseling, court accompaniment, food, clothing, hygiene items, and many other support services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Education Foundation of Putnam County was awarded \$10,000 to expand the school

district's aerospace technology classes.

Altrusa International of Lake City received \$7,500 for its Backpack Project and the Bright Shiny Faces program, which provide food and supplies to underprivileged children.

K9s for Warriors in Clay County will use its \$1,000 grant to support the costs of pairing a trained service dog with a deserving warrior. The organization provides service canines to veterans suffering from trauma as a result of military service post-9/11.

The Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry was awarded \$10,000 for its Grace Marketplace homeless shelter. Grace is a one-stop homeless resource center serving Gainesville and Alachua County. It provides emergency shelter for 10 military veterans every night.

Arnette House, Inc. in Marion County provides a 24/7 residential adolescent emergency shelter for youth ages 10 to 17 in Ocala. The organization will apply its \$10,000 grant to the purchase of minivans to improve transportation services.

## Community hubs multiplying

Starke hub moving to permanent home

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The Health and Wellness Community Resource Hub in Starke is preparing to move into its permanent home at the RJE Complex on Pine Street, and additional hubs are on the way.

Previously hosted at the Bradford County Faith and Community Center, Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will host the hub at the historic high school and is just one of a number of organizations to serve members of the public closer to home.

The hub is a one-stop to access a variety of services. The Community Partners providing services and resources at the Starke location include Bradford Health Department, Meridian Behavioral Health, Vocational Rehab, Elder Options, DCF Hope Florida Navigators, Catholic Charities Bridges to Prosperity,

Feeding Northeast Florida (cooking demonstrations), Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource Center, Center for Independent Living, and United Way VITA (free tax preparation). The partners can tend to physical and mental health, help someone seek employment and plan a path to greater prosperity, provide insurance counseling, and more. There is no charge for these life-changing services.

The Starke hub will take up residence at RJE beginning Thursday, Dec. 7. Twice a month — on the first and third Thursdays — the hub will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 1080 N. Pine St., be sure to come early for the coffee hour.

On the day of the opening at RJE, which also begins at 10 a.m., Concerned Citizens will provide a tour of the recently renovated resource rooms and they will serve a light brunch. The renovations are part of an ongoing restoration of this historic and cultural landmark.

This is just the first big event announced for December, however. One week later, the soft

opening for the Lawtey hub will take place.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will be the first day for the Lawtey hub at Tatum Bros. Park, 22598 Park St. The hub should be open on the second Thursday of the month moving forward. The partners are recruiting volunteers and a host agency.

Among the participating partners, SHINE will be guest speaker for the event. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs whose volunteers assist with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance questions.

That's not all. The partners will see their goal accomplished when the next hub opens in Hampton. The Arc of Bradford County has moved programs to the former Hampton Elementary School, and has set aside several classrooms to host the resource hub.

That opening date for the Hampton hub will be announced in the future.

## Ranches at New River has 33, 10-acre lots

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
General manager

STARKE — NRFLP, LLC recently recorded 33 new parcels within a 372-acre tract on County Road 235, east of State Road 100 and west of County Road 229, near the Union County line.

The Lakewood Ranch-based partnership acquired the 372-acre tract on Sept. 27 from a Rayonier-affiliated company for \$1.5 million. It has named the new community the Ranches at New River.

The subdivision consists of 33 lots of between 10 and 15 acres each.

The partnership also filed a

road maintenance agreement and restrictive covenants in Bradford County records for the new lots.

The road maintenance agreement establishes a road maintenance association with an initial annual assessment of \$500. The restrictive covenants prohibit mobile homes, nuisance animals, mineral development, and commercial activities within the subdivision.

Last month, the same company that manages NRFLP LLC, Atlantic Land and Lakes, recorded a similar subdivision in Union County. Pineview Ranch, north of County Road 125 and east of State Road 121, is in the northeastern corner of Union County. The single-family homes subdivision consists of 192-plus acres in lots of around 10 acres each.

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## Letters

### Operation Christmas thanks

Dear Editor:

The best week of 2023 for me was Nov. 13-20: National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Another amazing year of shoebox collection transpired at the drop-off located at Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights.

Unending generosity aptly describes our Lake Area Region. I clearly saw this through Operation Christmas Child, an evangelistic ministry of Samaritan's Purse. I am the team leader for the Keystone Heights central drop-off location. The 2023 global goal is 11 million shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Shoebox gifts have been delivered to over 170 countries since 1993. Would you believe 209 million shoeboxes were collected during this 30-year time frame? The incredible number of 6,161 shoeboxes poured in locally to bless poor children all around the world! Three other drop-off locations transported their cartons of shoeboxes to us since we are the central drop-off location for the Santa Fe Region Area. The grand total amounted to 13,857 shoeboxes! After inspection at the Atlanta Processing Center, these gift boxes will be delivered overseas. Through the Follow Your Box tracking system, we already know that some of our shoeboxes are being delivered to the countries of Cote d'Ivoire and Madagascar. An army of volunteers is required to pack, collect, inspect, and deliver shoeboxes to the delighted children, many of whom have never received any gift before.

I am thankful for each hand involved locally in this worldwide ministry. I am always thrilled to see the donors with smiling faces and exciting testimonies. Our community unequivocally rises to the occasion. Stores and restaurants advertised with colorful posters. Starke Beall's Outlet Store donated countless numbers of empty shoeboxes to wrap and pack. Red and green decorative OCC shoe boxes (known as Gospel Opportunities or GO boxes) were offered at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café and Johnny's Bar-B-Q. Johnny's famous sign shared the location and dates for the collection of the shoeboxes.

McDonald's once again donated Happy Meal toys as fillers. Ladies crocheted hats and purses. Handmade embroidered dresses found their way into the shoeboxes. Hundreds of handmade wooden cars and even some yoyos added fun to the gift boxes. The Lake Region Monitor published photos and articles. Forty-two volunteers served to collect, count and cartonize the shoeboxes at the drop-off over eight days. Strong men loaded 920 cartons onto three semi-trailers. Deserving recognition are the 38 churches and Christian ministries, four civic and school groups, and nine individuals and families who joyfully packed the 6,161 shoeboxes. Shoeboxes came from 14 locations: Archer, Gainesville, Green Cove Springs, Hampton, Hawthorne, Jacksonville, Keystone Heights, LaCrosse, Lawtey, Melrose, Penney Farms, San Mateo, Starke, and Waldo.

Moments of reflection with prayer were offered as each individual or group came in with their gift boxes. It did not matter if it was one box or 100 boxes; we prayed over each and every one because each gift box

represents one child who will receive it and also hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Sacrificial donors, you did another marvelous job! You are helping to change the lives of 6,161 boys and girls, ages 2-14. Our global world has allowed us to touch the lives of many children in desperate need of hope. Many emails and several letters were received this year from recipients of shoeboxes living in Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Asia, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Niger, and South Sudan. Diing Garang Diing's mother emailed us from South Sudan: "As a parent, I pray that may God almighty bless you abundantly in your next endeavors as you continue to help spread the word of Christ and keep extending a helping hand to children worldwide." A mother from Burkina Faso emailed: "We thank you for the gift that goes straight to our hearts."

Words of thanks are hardly enough to the Lake Area Region for your continued selfless giving of shoeboxes. We are the hands and feet of Jesus when we give these wonderful gifts. Pray for the children who will receive our shoeboxes packed in 2023. Imagine the looks of awe as the children open these treasure boxes! Whenever the shoeboxes arrive, it is Christmas! We celebrate each beautiful shoebox packed in this region with caring hearts. A sincere thank you from my heart to each donor. Merry Christmas!

*So very grateful,  
Diane Michel  
Team Leader Keystone  
Heights Central Drop-off  
Location  
Operation Christmas Child*

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The Agricultural Communications team visiting the World Honey Market booth inside the National Convention Expo Center. Pictured are Perry Johnson, Reagan Robinson, Kindall Johnson, Brittany McGee and Hannah Sherrod.

## Agricultural communications team is giving back

Lake Butler FFA's Agricultural Communications team took home the title of Reserve National Champions after competing at the 96th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

The five team members, Kindall Johnson, Perry Johnson, Madison Johnson, Reagan Robinson, and Hannah Sherrod, are all graduates from the class of 2023. Reagan Robinson was the national high individual of the contest, and Madison Johnson was the fifth high individual. Overall, the team had the highest scoring media plan and were all gold members.

The start of their journey took place in April, when the team became state champions after competing at the University of Florida. From there, they worked diligently to prepare for the national level in October. They were required to complete four individual practicums via Zoom prior to national convention.

The practicums included a press release, letter to the editor, website, and video. They also submitted a 31-page media plan containing an outline of their project and took a 50 question written exam.

The bulk of their score came from the presentation they pitched to a variety of judges at convention. The team was given the scenario of promoting an FFA alumni or supporter to various media outlets. They decided to promote John David Peterson, owner of World Honey Market and former member of Baker FFA.

Peterson began his first Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project with the purchase of a single beehive. That one hive has now expanded into over 4,000 and has taken his company across the globe. Peterson has launched "Got Honey Fundraising" as a way to give back to FFA chapters

and show students that an SAE project can become a potential future and livelihood.

Peterson was able to watch the Agricultural Communications team present live on the finals hall stage in the convention center. After seeing the team's plan to promote his business, Peterson decided that he would like to give them the opportunity to bring that plan to fruition. The Agricultural Communication's team have officially become World Honey Market Ambassadors and are trying to inform statewide chapters about "Got Honey Fundraising."

"We have one mission, and that is to give back to the organization that has given so much to us," says Kindall Johnson. "We may not have won National Champions, but the opportunity to help FFA through World Honey Market is an even grander prize than any of us could have hoped for."



The Agricultural Communications team standing with John David Peterson just before presenting on the finals hall stage.

## Lake Butler looks at recreation improvements

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The City of Lake Butler is in the process of selecting and purchasing some new playground equipment, primarily for Lakeside Park, making use of a grant made by the Union County Department of Health designated for the updating and replacement of American Disabilities Act adaptive and inclusive playground equipment.

The total grant amount is \$50,825.62, half of which will be paid upfront to help purchase the equipment. The city will have to match that amount at the time of purchase but will be reimbursed with the other half of the grant funds upon project completion.

Lake Butler Public Works will handle the site preparation and installation of the equipment and will be responsible for its care and maintenance in the future. The city is responsible for pulling any necessary permits for the project.

The equipment must be ordered and paid for by May 15, 2024, so the city will temporarily shuffle some funds from the city's General Fund to pay for its temporary match on the purchase.

Both Budget Analyst Dave Mecusker and Interim City Clerk Hayden Page agreed that the money would be available to be loaned to the Special Projects Fund, created to handle grant money, which must be sequestered from other city funds, and then be repaid when the second half of the grant funds were disbursed.

Commissioner Annette Redman made a motion to approve the loan of funds in the amount of \$25,412.81 from the General Fund to the

Special Projects Fund for the park revitalization project, with the motion seconded by Commissioner Fred Sirmones and passed unanimously.

### Water park, bowling alley

In another recreation-related discussion, Fred Sirmones, Jr. talked about the Recreation Board that the city once had and dissolved in 2017. Mecusker gave the history of the matter, as he was City Manager when the board was disbanded. At one time, the city and county worked together on recreation and park maintenance but were advised by legal representation that it was not a good idea to combine forces. Hence, the city dissolved its board and put the care of public works under the auspices of Public Works.

Each year, the city makes a \$5,000 donation to the county recreation department to compensate for city residents' use of its facilities. Vice-Mayor Melissa Hendrix stated that, due to the city's current financial condition, it could not afford to give any more. Sirmones, Jr. then outlined plans for creating more varied recreational opportunities for city and county residents, including a water park and a bowling alley. Commissioner Rondoll Huggins thanked Sirmones, Jr. for his presentation but asked that the board provide a visual outline or business plan to examine it.

In other business: The fact that the county had a city fire truck, apparently left in the fire department building, which the city granted the county the use of when it (the city) dissolved its fire department. The county has maintained the

truck and done extensive repair work to keep it available for use. It was recently discovered that the vehicle's title was still in the city's name, and the ownership issue resulted from a misunderstanding between the city and the county. Since the city no longer has a fire department, Redman made a motion, seconded by Hendrix, that the title to the vehicle be signed over to the county, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### Smoking, vaping banned in parks

The board heard on first reading an ordinance that would ban smoking and vaping in city parks. Hendrix had asked that the ordinance be approved and adopted after the Lake Butler Middle School Students Working Against Tobacco club members presented the proposal to the board at a previous meeting. She said that the club had agreed to pay for the signage, and all the city would have to do was post the signs after the ordinance had passed on second reading. Hendrix's motion was seconded by Redman and passed unanimously. Redman did raise the concern that certain people might not obey the ordinance and wondered how it would be handled. City Attorney John Maines responded that when it was discovered that someone was not complying with the rule, they would be asked to leave the premises. The ordinance will have its second reading at the regular December meeting of the commission and, if approved, will become official and enforceable.

## RULES

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Without it, he said, the receiving medical staff would not be aware of what tests had been done, their results, and what treatments, including medications, had been administered. He said this was critical to patient health so that time would not be wasted at the receiving hospital re-doing tests and also to prevent accidental overdoses and/or administration of antagonistic medication.

Regarding the non-use of lights in Gainesville, Witt said that unless the traffic is really heavy, running the lights usually creates more confusion than the speed of transport, as many people tend to slow down when they see an ambulance, even if it is behind them.

### Live nativity at Morningstar

Morningstar Baptist Church will present "The Reason for the Season" featuring a living nativity scene on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. each night. The church

### Can't get 911 addresses, lights needed for fields

Two county residents spoke about the difficulties of getting 911 addresses for their new residences. Rachel Benton said she has been waiting for nine months to be assigned an address, tearfully blaming County Coordinator Jimmy Williams for the delay. Crystal Rosier spoke next, saying she had also been waiting for her address for seven months.

Next to speak was Union County Recreation Board member Vicky Johns, who reported to the board about the many young people participating in the athletic programs offered. "Baseball had record numbers this year, and we had a great season," Johns said. "We got funding for lights for the t-ball fields, and now we desperately need lights for the football field because we have about 140 kids in those programs, and practices are held later because of the fall heat."

Commissioner Mack Johns responded to her comments and informed the board that he had asked for \$25,000 in funds for the lights for the field and that he might need another \$6,000-7,000 to get them up and operating. He said that Tom Jenkins Electric would do the work. Williams entered the discussion saying that he needed the board to approve the receipt of another FRDAP grant (\$190,000) and said it was likely that there would be some money available from it.

The final speaker of the evening was Sergio Fernandez, who asked the board if there was any progress on his complaints at the September meeting about some of his former co-workers and the medical care they were providing. He was assured that the matter had been investigated and that the board was satisfied with the results.

The public comment segment of the meeting was more restrained than in the past few months, and there were no problems with the participants' conduct.

### Joyful Voices Christmas Program

The Joyful Voices of

Lawtey will present the annual one mile west of S.R. 121 in Worthington Springs. Community Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. at the Lawtey Church of God on U.S. 301. The public is invited to join and celebrate this holy season with community churches.



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# Get to know your emergency manager

BY JAMES WILLIAMS  
Special to the Monitor

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** — Since 1953, Bradford County has seen 21 disaster declarations, with only nine due to hurricanes: 21 times a president included the county in a disaster area, most recently following hurricane Irma in 2017.

However, meteorologically, the county was never directly hit by a hurricane during that period. Roads were washed out; there have been floods, downed trees, and tornados, but technically, Bradford County was hit by tropical and subtropical systems, not by sustained hurricane-force winds.

Bradford's Director of Emergency Management, Brad Witt, has been with the sheriff's office for 11 years, the last three as director of emergency management.

A Florida statute allows county commissioners to put that duty under a constitutional officer. Thirteen Florida counties, including Bradford, choose to place the position under the sheriff's office.

Recently, Witt spoke to local Rotary Clubs about one of his favorite professional subjects: emergency preparedness.

"So yeah, I just want you to put that picture in your mind," Witt told the Keystone Heights Rotarians. "Even the worst you've seen could be worse. And that's why we really like to talk about personal preparedness because if we did get the worst, having every bit of that preparedness in place will ensure that we can recover quicker."

Witt recently emphasized to the civic group that getting the correct information is the first step to preparedness.

"There is a ton of information out there on social media that can steer us in the wrong direction. ... (but) there is also a lot of good online information," he said.

He advises the public to bookmark reliable sources on phones and computers—whatever updates on weather systems one uses—but he recommends following the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service, the Florida Emergency Management website, the National Weather Service out of Jacksonville, or locally, the Bradford, Clay or Putnam County Emergency Management system.

## Emergency Kits

Next, Witt told the club to prepare their emergency supply kits well in advance and not wait until the last minute when you may find empty shelves.

He said flashlight batteries lose their charge if they've been stored for a while or if you've been using them. Return flashlights to your home emergency kit after each use with fresh batteries.

Witt suggested using the tax-free or sales-tax holidays as a reminder to prepare, one at the beginning of June and another in August or September.

## Travel

Planning is essential, he said. "We think we know the way to work because we've done this every day, year after year. We think we know the road."

But what if those roads are filled with traffic from an evacuation? Bradford County has two major routes in the state evacuation plan: U.S. 301 and State Road 100, both of which run through or near Starke and Keystone Heights.

"Let's all of a sudden put half of South Florida coming up on them. What can that do to those roads?" Witt asked.

Decide for yourself well ahead of time if you would prefer to go to the nearest public shelter or to go, prearranged, to a friend's or family's house or even to a hotel in Florida or the next state.

If you are sheltering with agreeable friends or relatives, study beforehand to find the quickest, most effective alternate routes to their home. Figure out each route's length and look for the shortest and safest. Calculate how much fuel—and cash—might be needed.

Witt makes two points: a) evacuate early if you plan to, don't hesitate, and b) if safe, use local back roads to get you farther away from the endangered area before taking more heavily used evacuation routes.



Bradford County Emergency Management Director Brad Witt talks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

If you are in essential services and must shelter in place, you still need plans to stay put. How are you going to get to work? What if the roads are closed? Are there alternate routes to where you need to go? Could you safely stay at the work site if there's only one route and it's flooded, or a fallen tree blocks it?

## Shelters

Every county offers emergency shelters. Bradford's primary shelter is Starke Elementary School; its secondary site is the Bradford County Fairgrounds. In Union County, the main shelter is at the High School in Lake Butler. Find out in advance where the nearest shelters are in your county and one or more routes to get to them. Keystone Heights High School is the shelter for the Lake Region.

If you are heading to a shelter, bring your ID, disaster kit, food, change of clothes, prescription medications, sleeping bag and pillow, cash, credit cards, flashlights and batteries, toiletries, essential papers, significant phone numbers, and quiet activities for children.

Visit [bradfordsheriff.org](http://bradfordsheriff.org) and look for the emergency management tab to see what to bring to a shelter.

Be aware that under normal circumstances, a public hurricane shelter is just that; they're open bays filled with cots, made accessible to as many people as possible. They aren't necessarily cozy, comfortable accommodations.

Some shelters accept pets; others don't. Check to see well in advance whether the shelter near you welcomes your fur babies. If not, find a nearby hotel or motel that does.

Account for the needed supplies of all family members, such as infant formula or any medications ordinarily prescribed. At [bradfordsheriff.org](http://bradfordsheriff.org), find the emergency management tab for more information on what to bring to a shelter, including essential documents.

Consider whether you or a loved one has special needs for electronics, such as an oxygen machine, equipment for a dialysis patient, or a late pregnancy.

Most counties have a registry for special health conditions. In Bradford, it is on the [bradfordsheriff.org](http://bradfordsheriff.org) website, and there's a link for registration. If the person with special needs has recently moved, they should update their address now; don't show up at a new county shelter expecting special needs service unannounced.

Whether evacuating or sheltering in place, notify trusted friends, neighbors, or family members so that after the emergency is over, you can be accounted for. This is especially true if you live alone or just you and your spouse.

## Documenting

Witt also discussed documenting existing conditions in and around your home.

When the county activates Crisis Track, which allows the county to digitize damage assessment and debris removal

operations, it will announce the service via the Everbridge system, press releases, and social media sites.

"I highly encourage you to document your home," Witt said, especially if you know a storm's coming.

Take pictures outside and inside as you would for insurance, documenting conditions before and after.

"During an Emergency Operations Center activation, we put out a call and a link to the public that says, 'Hey, if you have damage...let us know about it, follow this link.' You go on there, you put your information in, you upload all your pictures, and it notifies us in the Bradford EOC."

That information helps emergency operations build a picture of the county emergency. After residents have uploaded photos into the system, they can start their cleanup.

"Nothing is too small to include," Witt said. "If it blew your gate down, include it."

Once the danger has passed, the county will come out to check the damage. The system records as well what it costs you to repair the damage; that information, too, is forwarded to government sources.

"Every little dollar counts when we start talking about these things," he said. "So, watch for calls for Crisis Track information when you see E.O.C. readying for a storm."

## Alerts

Coincidentally, FEMA was hours from testing a nationwide emergency alert system as Witt encouraged his audience to sign up for just such alerts.

"So, when you get that, don't be alarmed," he told them.

He referred to a recent test accidentally sent out unannounced early in the morning.

"I got woke up; probably everybody in here got woke up, but what we learned from that is, these things work, right? They actually wake us up to tell us there is an emergency."

FEMA has its way of sending emergency alerts; the states can also send them—as we all learned one morning at 4:45 a.m.—and the county has the ability to send alerts as well.

"You don't want to rely just on your cell phone because what if cellular services are down?" Witt asked.

## Cones, models, and spaghetti

"There are all kinds of stuff we see on the news or the internet coming from emergency management...these things are everywhere. What means what and what do I need to pay attention to?" Witt asked the Rotarians.

When you see in print or on TV a large, usually white circle of what looks like clouds on a map with arrows pointing toward Florida, "... we're probably going to get some rain. I mean, obviously, something's happening there, but it doesn't necessarily mean it's a hurricane."

Nor is it necessarily happening

# BHS alum earns prestigious FFA degree

Bradford High School congratulated alumnus Dakota Tillman on earning the prestigious American FFA Degree.

The school posted "As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career."

"American FFA Degree recipients show promise for the future and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence."



Dakota Tillman

## Christmas on Call Street

Christmas on Call Street kicks off with caroling and lighting the city Christmas tree at the Downtown Square. That will take place Friday, Dec. 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Activities downtown on Saturday, Dec. 9, including a car show from 2 to 5 p.m., lead up to the Starke Christmas parade at 6

p.m. Santa will arrive and meet children following the parade.

Downtown Grill's Breakfast with Santa takes place Sunday morning, Dec. 10. Reservations required.

## Winter Carnival at the library

Bradford County Public Library will present Santa's Winter Wonderland Carnival

on Thursday, Dec. 14. From 5 to 8 p.m., there will be games, train rides, a bounce house, face painting, prizes for children and adults, and more. Everything but the food is free.

And ensuring that this will be a white Christmas, the library is making this a foam party with the help of Foam Fantastic. Be sure to wear a bathing suit to take part in the fun.

tomorrow. "These could be seven days out. So, this is telling you if you're looking at a seven-day outlook that, hey, in seven days, there's going to be some kind of low-pressure system going on here that may organize into a tropical system."

We're all familiar with the cone. That is a National Hurricane Center product, and the cone tells us not the impacts of the storm but the probable track of the eye of the storm. The cone represents a composite of estimates from several forecasters around the world. The weather center has put it together and said, with only a degree of certainty, "... that storm's eye is going to track somewhere inside this cone." The entire state of Florida could be affected by the storm's outer bands.

Witt said he liked the cone model but cautioned against focusing on the size of the cone.

"Its official name is the 'cone of uncertainty.' The cone shows a forecast with high confidence in the narrow parts, but the wide sections may or may not occur for four or five days.

"As we get into days four and five, we really don't know (what might happen) once this thing gets overland, starts interacting with other systems, whatever, it's going to change its path."

Cone models are based on the historical accuracy of the track. Over the decades, forecasters have tried to reduce the size of the cones with varying degrees of

success. That is largely because each storm is different; Andrew was a very compact storm compared to Floyd, which looked as if it would cover the east coast. Idalia almost wiped out Live Oak, while 70 miles away, Bradford escaped with relatively little impact. The difference is a bigger or smaller wind field or eye wall, which puts us in or out of the line of impact.

Meteorologists are now talking about ditching the cone because of the issues it creates.

"You'll never see an official spaghetti model," Witt added. "Spaghetti models are just that. There are (weather) modeling agencies throughout the world. They do runs every few hours on the data the storm produces and what they think it can do, and they generate these spaghetti tracks off of it."

Each pasta strand results from a computer somewhere, solving an equation based on information fed into its system.

Whether cone or spaghetti, we tend to look at this and think, "Oh, the storm, it's absolutely going to follow this line!" But that line could shift hundreds of miles from one hour to the next. Forty-eight hours from now, that path could look very, very different. It could be headed away from you, or it could be headed straight for you.

"Usually, the big red bold text will say, or should, 'For official guidance, seek out your local emergency management or

weather service agency.'" Witt cautioned.

## Rumors

Witt also discussed rumor control and social media, stressing the need to keep correct information out front.

"I don't know if anybody's noticed over the last few years, but Facebook has changed its timelines. You go, and you look at your feed, you don't look at posts in chronological order anymore. You look at posts by popularity."

That means Facebook pushes to the top sponsored posts someone paid to make visible or the most popular posts with the most hits.

"We actually have folks in our E.O.C. whose duty is to track what's getting play on social media, to make sure we're getting the right message out.

"Sometimes, we'll see a post from two days ago, and people are still talking about it. Things have changed a lot in two days, right? ... So, I always like to point out that if you look, you'll see the name of the storm, and right underneath it, you'll see the date and time that advisory was put out. Always, always, always fact-check your date and time. Understand that these are static, two-dimensional graphics that don't show us the full extent of what that storm's capable of. Look at these things but look at them (with an) open mind."

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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

Brandon Lee Bailey, 38, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Frederick Laquan Bowman, 44 of Warner, Georgia, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 20 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Mikel Marvin Bright, 42, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 19 for battery, aggravated assault, and kidnapping-false imprisonment.

Bermudez Angel Brito, 46, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on November 23 for simple assault and resisting an officer.

Edward Lowell Canada, 52, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 20 for a probation violation.

Joshua Jarred Gibson, 43, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 18 for withholding support.

Leon Mario Hernandez, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested by Lawtey police on November 24 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Angel Matthews Jackson, 32, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on November 23 for battery.

Christian Zephaniah Kocher, 27, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 20 for possession of drug equipment and possession of drugs.

Michael James Massey, 39, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on November 21 for simple assault.

Thomas Eugene Perryman, 49, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 20 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Jimmy Lynn Pugh, 63, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 21 for larceny.

Kristy Ann Sauls, 40, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 20 for possession of drugs and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Demetria Qua'neal Slocum, 34, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on November 24 for battery.

### Union

Danny Alvarez-Prevost, 26, of Orlando was arrested by Union deputies on November 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of

a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of narcotics equipment, and a probation violation.

Antonio Miguel Gonzalez, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on November 27 for a probation violation.

Michael Anthony Fernandez Sr., 45, was arrested by Union deputies on November 21 for possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon and resisting an officer without violence.

Trey Michael Jacobs, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on November 25 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Christopher Mark Nicklas, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on November 24 for disorderly intoxication.

Joseph Stefan Wheeler, 55, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on November 27 for larceny and grand theft.

### Clay

Jesus Antonio Chirinos-Chirinos, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 24 for driving without a valid license.

Angel Louise Coakley, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 23 for simple battery.

Samantha Ann Truman, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 20 for resisting an officer and trespassing.

## Jury acquits veteran on DUI charge, crash blamed on PTSD

BY JAMES WILLIAMS  
*Special to the Telegraph*

STARKE — A Bradford County jury acquitted a 39-year-old Lawtey man on a DUI charge after he and his wife testified that he drank whiskey after he crashed his ATV and that his crash was caused by post-traumatic stress disorder.

One witness said she saw Terry Dean Stokes drive his Honda Pioneer off the roadway on Aug. 28, 2022, striking a ditch and flipping the four-wheeler over.

Stokes walked back to his County Road 225A residence and was in the shower when FHP troopers arrived around 15 minutes later.

Trooper Jonathan Mobley told jurors that he saw multiple Fireball and whiskey bottles around the ATV, which had been taken back to the defendant's home.

### Wife: He regularly drinks whiskey in the shower

Melissa Stokes testified that her husband collects empty bottles for months and turns them into strings of lights he gives to friends at the Hog Waller turkey bog at Christmas each year. She said she had noticed empty Fireball, water, and soda cans and bottles in the ATV or their driveway on the evening in question, but they were not indicative of her partner's drinking that night. She added that he regularly drinks whiskey shots in the shower.

Stokes was not charged with a DUI at the scene of a crash, despite the fact that a bystander, two Highway Patrol Officers, and attending medical technicians said during the incident that he smelled strongly of alcohol.

### Behaviors mirrored PTSD

Dr. George Restea of Key-

stone Heights and North Florida Hospital submitted testimony to say some of the defendant's behaviors that night mirrored a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder event.

Stokes had been treated at the VA for PTSD, a result of his military assignments in Afghanistan. However, Restea was not his attending physician. Nor does the Federal Government allow VA physicians to testify for or against their patients, fearing violation of HIPAA laws.

### "I've had enough"

The incident was witnessed by Department of Corrections Officer Kaye Lynn Sargent, who was off duty and leaving the Kerr farmhouse auction in Lawtey when she witnessed Stokes' ATV leave the road. She screamed to persons nearby to call 911 and tried to keep Stokes still and quiet. But after waking from a moment of unconsciousness, Stokes fought her attempts to improvise a neck brace and apply first aid until Sargent said, "I've had enough," and backed off. Stokes stood and walked to his home, which was nearby.

Shortly after that, Bradford Paramedic Lt. Ashley Rule and her EMT partner arrived with an ambulance at the Stokes home, which is near the scene of the incident. Stokes was in the shower.

Trying to talk Stokes into going to a hospital to see about his injuries, Rule observed the laceration above his eyebrow and other abrasions and bruises on his body. Stokes ranked the pain in his head at an 8 on a 1 to 10 scale. He moved about of his own accord.

Covering Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties, Trooper Jonathan Mobley was called to the scene at Lawtey. He did not see Stokes but did encounter his wife and an "independent wit-

ness." He observed the wrecked Honda Pioneer, now parked in Stokes' driveway, surrounded by multiple empty Fireball and whiskey bottles.

Mobley testified that he finished the original preliminary crash report and issued a ticket for careless driving on the evening of the incident. However, his final report and DUI citations were not issued until Dec. 13, 2022, after further investigations of the incident were complete. The trial itself was not held until November 2023.

### "He gets very anxious"

Melissa Stokes testified that she had seen her husband "act out" many times during their 10-year relationship.

"He gets very anxious," she said. "He gets claustrophobic very quickly. He acts irrationally. He's very impulsive. For example, if we're stuck in traffic, he drives over the median just to get out of a certain situation. I mean, he just tries to run away."

The defendant was at the auction when she came home that day, but when he returned home, he stripped down to his underwear. This, she said, was a sign that his PTSD was "triggered" and he was "acting out." He told her he needed to go back to the auction to pay his bill. She drove him to the auction in his boxers to pay, but their vehicle was hemmed in in the parking lot, and they couldn't get out. Terry Stokes drove the ATV and got them out, after that, he took Melissa home. When she got out, she heard the 4-wheeler take off again behind her and, a moment later, heard the crash.



Starke police direct traffic to bypass Walmart while store employees wait in the parking lot.

## Walmart evacuated after customer mentions bomb

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
*General manager*

Starke police and Bradford deputies evacuated Starke's Walmart for an hour and a half after a customer commented about a bomb.

Later that day, police arrested 84-year-old Robert Lee Cain of Graham for making a bomb threat.

According to an arrest report, the incident began around noon when Cain saw a Walmart associate in one of the retailer's aisles and said the store was crowded.

"It always is," replied the



Cain

store employee, according to the report. "The male subject then continued, 'If a bomb went off right now, all the associates would die.'"

The employee then relayed the exchange to the store manager, who called 911.

Cain left the store in a blue pickup. Police later found him at his home.

Starke police Lt. Jason Green said officials cleared the store after a dog from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit checked the building for explosives.

## Workshop set for Bradford's strategic plan

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
*Telegraph Editor*

Bradford Commissioner Carolyn Spooner — appointed to chair the board earlier this month — has been preparing to share the results of her work on a strategic plan for the county with the board.

Commissioners agreed to a workshop on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. to work together on the plan.

The importance of strategic planning is something Spooner has emphasized since her election to the county commission, just as she did when serving as commissioner and mayor for the city of Starke.

With the blessing of the other commissioners, Spooner began holding town halls throughout the county to gather public feedback. She has also put together a large collection of previous studies on the future of Bradford County, and reached out for information from the health department, public safety agencies and the business community.

Spooner prepared a SWOT assessment of each community she visited — a visual breakdown

of its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Brooker for example, has its natural beauty and strong community spirit, with opportunities to promote ecotourism and future land development. Weaknesses include its location relative to public safety services and a lack of broadband internet.

Starke is friendly, diverse and central to the county's economy. Its infrastructure is suffering, however, and some expressed frustration with a lack of leadership and feeling ignored. That being said, there are opportunities for more community engagement, developing entrepreneurship, and access to transportation and housing.

Lawtey also enjoys a rural, family-friendly existence and a good school, but it lacks the tax base to deal with its infrastructure concerns. But it has room to grow, including agriculturally.

Spooner said Bradford has selling points including its lakes and natural beauty, but it also has issues to contend with such as a lack of affordable housing. To grow economically, that is something that will need to be

addressed, she said. She said there are opportunities to grow the county's agricultural economy and partner with surrounding communities to draw down state and federal funds, using the Keystone Heights Airport and the expansion of Starke's water and sewer lines as examples.

She also highlighted the availability of vacant buildings for future development, using the acquisition of warehouse space on U.S. 301 for MHD Rockland.

She also touched on public health and safety and the protection of environmental resources as important areas to address.

A constant theme in her presentation was the importance of local and regional partnerships for the attainment of these goals.

First, the county will need set its priorities, she said, and then establish strategic objectives to achieve them, making sure there are targets along the way to measure progress.

The goal of the Dec. 14 workshop is to begin that process.

## December sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of December, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

## Starke's KOA changes hands

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
*General manager*

STARKE — A new partnership formed last month has acquired Starke's KOA campground for \$1.6 million.

With an address at a New York real estate investment and management firm, Starke RV Resort, LLC sold the 32 acres consisting of two parcels for \$1,638,750 on November 13.

The buyer: Starke RV, LLC.

lists a Broward County CPA firm as its address, with the director of operations of the accounting firm listed as the partnership's registered agent. The entity's other partners appear to be South Florida investors.

John A. Steffen Jr. and Deborah Steffen sold the park to Starke RV Resort, LLC in 2016 for \$2 million. The Steffens purchased the property from Raymond and Vivian Rignola in 1999 for \$950,000.



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Jeremiah McKenzie (far left) throws a pass, getting protection from (l-r) Cam Lewis, Kyren Green, Brian Cliffin and Ridge Bradley. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

## Tornadoes defeat Baker 43-0 for Region 2-2S title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School continued its dominant run in the postseason, capturing its second straight Region 2-2S championship with a 43-0 win over visiting Baker County on Nov. 24.

"I'm so happy for them," Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "To see that excitement and them jumping around — that's what it's all about for me."

Defensive end Duke Lewis, a transfer from Santa Fe who scored the game's first touchdown on a fumble return, said, "This feels the best. My first (region championship). I don't even know how to tell you (how it feels). I'm just happy for my brothers and coaches."

The Tornadoes (13-0) now host a state-semifinal game against Pensacola Catholic (11-2) on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Lewis and the defense played a

huge part in getting there, holding Baker County to 34 yards.

Bradford has won its three playoff games by a combined score of 113-7 and has held opponents to an average of 76 yards per game.

"We work for it," Lewis said. "Weight room, practice — we're locked in all the time. It pays off. It shows."

Offensively, the Tornadoes got a huge game from Jyquez Cason, who rushed for 97 yards and two touchdowns on six carries, while also catching three passes for 51 yards and another score.

"It feels good," Cason said, adding, "A couple of kids got kicked out of the game. I had to step up."

That was the downside to the Tornadoes' victory. Quarterback Dae'Jon Shanks and wide receiver/defensive back Chalil Cummings were both ejected after earning two 15-yard penalties each. Rodgers wasn't happy with

the officials, especially regarding the second unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty Shanks earned for spinning the ball in the end zone after scoring a touchdown in the second quarter. Rodgers said his team gets penalized for such things that other teams don't.

"I've seen it on news channels, at every high school in the country — it's a cool thing to spin the ball," Rodgers said. They throw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike on Dae'Jon for that — that's been happening against us all year long. It can't be inconsistent like that."

Regarding Cummings' ejection, Rodgers said, "It's unfortunate what (Baker) lured us into with a couple of penalties on Chalil. I'm not happy with that. I'm not mad at Chalil. I'm mad at the circumstances that led to that — them cutting him in the

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## BHS hosts 11-2 Pensacola Catholic in state semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team has reached the Class 2S state semifinals for the second straight year and will host Pensacola Catholic on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Bradford (13-0) advanced to the semifinals by defeating Baker County for the Region 2 championship, while Pensacola Catholic (11-2) won the Region 1 championship by defeating Florida High (last season's state runner-up) 17-10. The Crusaders were the fourth seed in Region 1 and finished the regular season 10th in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 2S power rankings.

The Tornadoes finished the regular season ranked second in the power rankings behind Cocoa.

Cocoa (12-1) will play Booker (9-4) in the other semifinal game on Dec. 1.

The two semifinal winners will play for the state title on Friday, Dec. 8, at Florida A&M University's Ken Riley Field at Bragg Memorial Stadium. The time for kickoff has yet to be announced, though it'll be either 10 a.m., 3 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Pensacola Catholic is in the playoffs for the second straight year and for the sixth time in the last seven years. The Crusaders, who've qualified for the playoffs 20 years in all, have a postseason record of 22-19.

This is Pensacola Catholic's fifth time making it to the Final Four. The Crusaders also advanced that far in 1992, 2004, 2009 and 2010, with the 2004 team the only one to make it to the state finals, where it lost to Pahokee.

Pensacola Catholic opened this year's postseason with a 41-6 win over Suwannee, a team Bradford beat 35-3 in the regular season. The Crusaders then won 42-15 over Walton, which was their region's number-one seed.

The Crusaders played four opponents that finished the regular season with winning records, including Walton, which

defeated the Crusaders 23-21 in the regular season. The other three opponents with winning records were Class 4S Navarre, Class 3S Escambia and Class A Prince Avenue Christian of Athens, Georgia. The Crusaders beat Navarre 34-27 in overtime and Escambia 13-12, while losing to Prince Avenue Christian 56-20.

Pensacola Catholic had been balanced offensively, but has turned to the run game in the postseason, with running backs taking direct snaps in the wildcat formation. The Crusaders ran a total of 106 offensive plays in their last two games, with 104 being run plays. Junior running backs Nigel Nelson and C.J. Nettles combined for 88 carries

in those wins over Walton and Florida High.

The Crusaders are averaging 210 rushing yards per game. Nelson (5-11, 205 pounds) has 1,250 yards and 22 touchdowns on 148 carries, while Nettles (5-9, 170) has 852 yards and 11 touchdowns on 146 carries.

Senior Ryland Bragg (6-3, 290) leads the team in pancake blocks with 56. Junior Lukas Brown (6-3, 230) has 28, while senior Jacob Lacour (5-11, 240) has 27.

Pensacola Catholic is averaging 150 passing yards per game, though the Crusaders have attempted just seven passes in their last three games. Junior

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## UCHS grad wins bronze at Parapan American Games

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Stirley Jones, a 2003 Union County High School graduate, earned a bronze medal as a member of Team USA at this year's Parapan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

Jones, competing in the T13 class for visually impaired runners, recorded a time of 11.39 seconds in the 100m, finishing behind gold medalist Fabricio Barros of Brazil (10.99) and silver medalist Jean Carlos Mina of Columbia (11.09). He earned the last medal by placing ahead of Venezuela's Yosmer Adan Rojas, who had a time of 11.52.

"I felt pretty good," Jones said, adding, "This is my first full season of getting back (into competition), so I'm really pleased. The goal was to come here and see I how I was going to do, and to top it off with a medal? I'm really thankful."

The nine-day event (Nov. 17-26) consisted of 2,000 athletes from 31 nations. Team USA, which was represented by 240 athletes, finished second in the medal standings with 166 (55 gold, 58 silver, 53 bronze). Brazil earned 343 medals, while Columbia was third behind Team USA with 161.

"I want to thank the committee for allowing me to come here and represent the country," Jones said. "I'm thankful, I'm really happy. I know I have a lot to work on, mostly staying consistent. I can tell I will keep getting better."

Jones, who played basketball and football as well as competing in track and field at UCHS, was diagnosed with keratoconus while in high school. Keratoconus is a thinning of the cornea, which gradually bulges outward and causes blurred vision. Jones wears contact lenses for the condition. He wears sunglasses when competing to prevent the wind from blowing his contacts out.

"People think I'm trying to



Stirley Jones, a 2003 Union County High School graduate, is pictured during a training session for the Santiago 2023 Parapan American Games. Jones earned the bronze medal in the 100m T13 (visually impaired) class. Photo by Mark Reis, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

look cool," Jones was quoted as saying in an Aug. 27, 2015, Orange County Register story written by Brian Whitehead. "I just wear them for protection."

The condition doesn't hinder Jones as an athlete, but doctors thought a back injury sustained in a vehicle accident in 2006 would. Jones was told he wouldn't run at the same level he was used to.

"I thought it was like a challenge," Jones said in the Aug. 27, 2015, Orange County Register story.

After rehabilitating from that injury, Jones excelled in collegiate events and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in 2016.

As a junior at UCHS, Jones was a district runner-up in both the 200m and 400m. He was the only UCHS boy to qualify for regionals.

Jones placed third in each race at the regional level to qualify for

state. At state, he earned a medal with an eighth-place finish in the 200m. He finished 11th in the 400m.

During his senior year at UCHS, he was a district runner-up in both the 200m and high jump, while placing third in the 400m. He was also a member of the third-place 4x100m relay team.

Jones was first in the 200m preliminaries at the regional level, but he pulled a hamstring while running in the finals of the 4x100m relay, which prevented him from finishing the race in the 200m finals. The 4x100m team would place fifth, while Jones took sixth in the high jump.

After working for a year after graduating from high school, Jones moved to Huntingdon, California, and enrolled at Golden West College, where

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# Checking out the new school



Lamonzo Youngblood is excited about the new school.



ABOVE: Hailynn Gonzalez and Jeffery Thompson (foreground, l-r) check out the tornado chandelier in the front office. RIGHT: Nova Fiber can't contain her excitement as she waits to go inside.



Ryker Johnson is all smiles as she poses for a photo on the visitors' side of the glass in the entry area of the new school's administration building.



Checking out the music room are (l-r) Leon White, Jaxon Hart and A'monii Jackson.



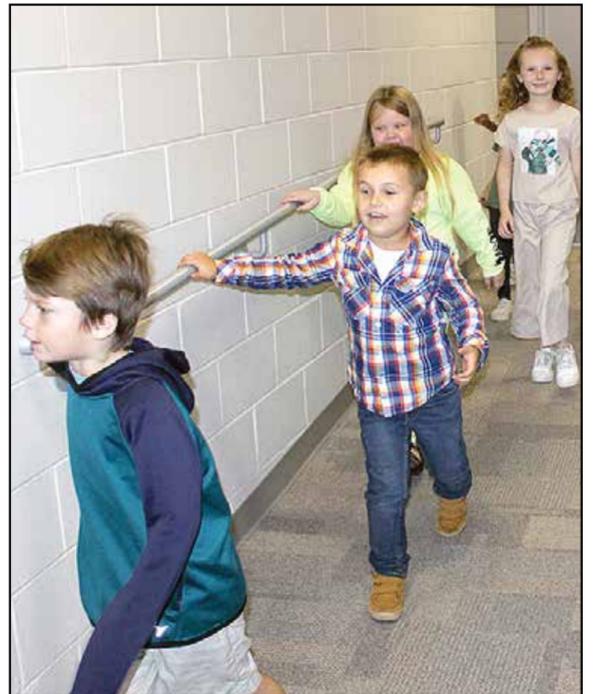
Taurlasia Lindsey (foreground) and Christian Raulerson (behind her) are impressed by the fact their new school has elevators. Following behind them (front-back) are AmberLynn Bryant, Journee Brown, Kozmo Williams, Kaise Lemire and Mary Croughin.



Mahlik Ford finds Assistant Principal Laurén Morgan's desk to his liking.



Kentzie Knipp has fun exploring the media center.



Walking down the ramp to the music room are (front-back) Weston Riddick, Tristan Rowe, Josie Weaver and Mary Croughin.



Benjamin McKenna and Amir Lewis check out the cafeteria.



Sierra Croy, along with A'Maria Blocker and McKenna Drawdy, have fun checking out one of the administration offices.



Angel Smith (left) and Liam Moylan look toward the kitchen in the cafeteria.



Assistant Principal Laurén Morgan (far right) points out a display case to A'Maria Blocker (center) and Michelle Swails.

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Gavin Jenkins (right) prepares to catch a ball behind Madison County's John Christian. Photos by 1stWayShots.

## Tigers can't hang onto 4th-quarter lead, lose 17-14

BY ANTONIO HENDERSON  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's football team had four interceptions on the night and held a fourth-quarter lead, but host Madison County scored the go-ahead touchdown with 6:25 to play in defeating the Tigers 17-14 in the Nov. 24 Region 3-1R championship game.

The Tigers (8-4) were attempting to advance to the state semifinals for the second straight year. Instead, Madison (9-1) moves on to take on Bozeman (12-0).

Union had the ball to start the game. Thomas Williams tripped over his own feet on the first play, making it second-and-13. Quarterback Trenton Klein threw a 4-yard pass to Bobo Williams. Klein dropped back again on third down and saw a wide-open Gavin Jenkins for what would've been a 60-yard touchdown, but Jenkins took his eyes off the ball for a second, resulting in an incompletion and a punt.

The Cowboys gained 7 yards on their first play before John Christian caught a quick pass

for a 17-yard gain. A holding penalty brought the play back. Za'vion Bryant threw a pass that was tipped into the air by Klein. Klein almost picked it off, but teammate Blake McCoy came out of nowhere to make the interception, taking it back to the Madison 35-yard line.

Union went to Williams and its ground game, but the Cowboys were on top of the play for no gain. A penalty on the play put the Tigers into a first-and-20 play. Klein found Woodall on a 4-yard pass play. On second-and-16, Klein took off, running for another gain of 4 yards. Klein found Woodall on an out route on third down, with Woodall noticing there was nobody in his area, so he turned and ran 38 yards for a touchdown. Jonathan Edwards' extra point was good, making the score 7-0.

Woodall finished with three catches for 41 yards.

Madison was penalized for holding on its first play following the Tigers' score. Jacob Jenkins then came up with a tackle for no gain. On second-and-12, the Cowboys' Rayshard Miller gained 9 yards before being brought down by John Nichols. John Christian then picked up

13 yards before going out of bounds. Bryant completed a 12-yard pass for another first down as the Madison offense was rolling.

The Tigers' Brycen Boney made a tackle for a 1-yard gain, while Miller was tackled for no gain by Klein, setting up third-and-9. Bryant wanted to go deep, with his pass initially being ruled incomplete. However, the back judge ruled that after the pass bounced off the intended receiver's foot, the Tigers' Dayquan Diston picked it off with one hand.

Diston's play couldn't get the Union offense going, as the Tigers punted after three plays.

Madison's Bryant used his feet for an 11-yard gain. He carried the ball again, but was held to a gain of 2 yards on a stop by Nichols and Jacob Jenkins. The Tigers' Jimmy Cox and Erich Seager then fought off blocks, meeting each other in the backfield as they sacked Bryant, making it third-and-16. Boney broke up the pass on third down to force the Cowboys to punt.

Union's offense had to start at its own 3-yard line. Klein had a 5-yard run as the first quarter

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Bobo Woodall (center) catches a pass over two defenders for what would be Union's first touchdown.

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he competed in basketball, football and track and field. As a freshman, he broke the school record in the 200m with a time of 21.31, was named his team's MVP and earned first-team all-conference honors. Jones was the Orange Empire Conference champion in the 200m and the runner-up in the 100m. He was fifth in the 100m and sixth in the 200m at the National Junior College Athletic Association Southern California Finals.

Jones took a semester off at Golden West after his back injury. He re-enrolled at the school and was again named his team's MVP, while also earning first-team all-conference honors. He was the conference champ in the 100m and runner-up in the 200m.

Following his graduation from Golden West, Jones worked various jobs and moved away from California to live with a cousin in Oklahoma. He would eventually return to the Golden State and start attending Concordia University Irvine. Jones later transferred to Bristol University in Anaheim.

Some of Jones' accomplishments leading up to his qualifying for the U.S.

Olympic Track and Field Trials included:

- Gold medal in the 400m at both the Orange Coast Invitational and Striders Meet of Champions.

- Breaking a 34-year-old record at the U.S. Track and Field Southern California Masters Championships with a time of 47.69 in the 400m. He also set the meet record in the 200m with a time of 20.63.

- Gold medal in the 200m

at the USTAF National Club Championships.

- Wins in the 100m, 200m and 400m in his age group at the USTAF Masters Outdoor Championships.

- Win in the 200m at the California College Invitational.

- Breaking the record in the 200m at the Long Beach State Invitational with a time of 20.75.

- Breaking the stadium record in the 200m at the Triton Invitational with a time of 20.49.

## Golfing Fore Kids

The Golf Week Tour Jax team of (l-r) Chet Carter, Tammy Carter, Donnie Thomas and Buddy Slay won the Communities Fore Kids Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for Communities in Schools of Bradford.



Placing second was the Bradford County Sheriff's Office team, represented by (l-r) Kevin Mueller, Shaun Burgin, Avery Burgin and William Burgin.

The Smith Brothers Body Shop team of (l-r) Matthew Sullivan, Denny Thompson, Tatum Davis and Shannon Smith placed third in the annual fundraiser, which was held Nov. 3 at Turkey Creek Golf Course.



## Volleyball players from BHS, KHHS, UCHS to play in all-star game

Five senior volleyball players from Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high schools will participate in The Prep Zone All-Star Showcase in Alachua on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The event, which features a total of four games, will take place at Legacy Park Multipurpose Center (15400 Peggy Road). It includes 41 players from 23 schools as far south as Marion County, as far north as Suwannee County, as far east as Keystone Heights and as far west as the tri-county area of Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie counties.

Bradford defensive specialist Rylie Blankenship will play for the East team, along with two players from Keystone: setter Taylor Marquart and outside hitter/right side Abbie Roach.

Union will have two players on the North team: defensive specialist Jurney Crim and setter/right side Jordan Hendricks.

All four teams (North, South, East and West) will have an open practice beginning at 9 a.m. Play then begins at 10:30 a.m. with two semifinal matches on opposite end courts. The North will play the West, while the South will play the East.

The third-place and championship matches will be played approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the first matches.

All matches will be a best-of-three format.

Admission (a day pass for all matches) is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Children 5 and under will be admitted for free.

Cash or credit card will be accepted.

Concessions will be available. No coolers or outside food will be allowed.

Please visit theprepzone.com for more information and to view team rosters.

## Indians have big 2nd half in defeating Newberry 12-4 in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Aaron Wiley scored five goals for the Keystone Heights High School boys soccer team, which scored nine second-half goals in defeating visiting Newberry 12-4 on Nov. 27 in the Indians' home opener.

Bryce Huntley and Noah Jaramillo each had three goals as a 3-3 match at halftime turned into an eight-goal District 4-3A win for Keystone. The Indians (3-0) are now 2-0 in the district.

Luke Brunt, who scored a goal, and Wiley shared the team high in assists with three. Huntley had two assists, while Jaramillo, Landon Spence and Sammy Wach each had one.

Wiley is currently second in all of Class 3A in goals scored this season with 10. He's also tied for third in all of the state, regardless of classification.

Brunt's six total assists puts him in a tie for first in Class 3A,

while Wiley's five goals has him tied for second. They are tied for fourth and fifth, respectively, in all classifications.

The Indians played district opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will host West Nassau on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Keystone then hosts Bell on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:20 p.m.

## Shaw leads Keystone girls soccer team to 6-2 district win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kiersten Shaw scored five goals for the Keystone Heights High School girls soccer team, which defeated visiting Newberry 6-2 on Nov. 27.

Ashly McCarthy also scored a goal as the Indians (2-2-1) improved to 2-0 in District 4-3A.

Ella Hutchins recorded an assist, while goalie Aspen Krohn made 10 saves.

Shaw has 11 goals on the season, which ranks her second in Class 3A and tied for fifth in all classifications. Melbourne Central Catholic's Grace Vera has 13 goals to lead Class 3A.

Krohn's 32 saves ranks her sixth in Class 3A

Keystone played district opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will host West Nassau on Friday, Dec. 1, at 5:30 p.m. The Indians then host Ridgeview on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:20 p.m. That match follows a junior varsity match, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Keystone's JV team is 2-1.

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# Obituaries

## Suzanne Austin

Mrs. Suzanne "Susie" Austin, 64, of Melrose passed away Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka. She was born Dec. 16, 1958, on Long Island, New York to Gerard and Terry (Florio) Kissane. She was a homemaker and loved fishing and taking trips to Steinhatchee, but her pride and joy was her family and grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry; and sister, Joanne.

She leaves behind her loving and devoted husband of 45 years, Dale Austin; and their children, Laura Austin Ellis, Jamie Austin, Jennifer Austin, and Stacie Austin; along with siblings, John, Bobby, and Linda. Also left behind are numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday, Nov. 25. A private interment will take place at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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



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## Benton Futch

Mr. Benton Futch, 88, of Keystone Heights passed away Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at Parkside Assisted Living Facility in Starke following an extended illness. He was born Sept. 17, 1935, in Lawtoy to Melvin Brown and Joyce (Terry) Futch. He graduated in 1953 from Bradford High School where he was active playing on the basketball, football, and baseball teams. He had started employment, during the summers, with Jones Funeral Home in Gainesville when he was 15 years old. After marrying Vonciel (1954), he went to work selling insurance. He later returned to Jones Funeral Home (Starke) and then attended John A. Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Tennessee, graduating in 1959. This began his lifelong career as a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer with DeWitt C. Jones Funeral Home for the next 50 years. After 32 years, he and Vonciel moved to Graceville (Baptist Bible Institute) to obtain the proper degrees to prepare them for the mission field, graduating in 1986. He then returned to the Jones Funeral Home in Keystone Heights and spent the next 18-plus years ministering to that community. He was past president of the Starke Chamber of Commerce and a long-time member of Grace (Boatrain) Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1963. Following Bible College and moving back home, he became an active and long-time member at First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights and taught the Scripture Sunday school class at the funeral home for several years. He was very knowledgeable about the Bible and loved making conversations. In his spare time, he would shell pecans while watching sports or John Wayne movies on television. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his devoted and loving wife of 66 years, Vonciel (Kelly) Futch; brothers, Terry and Ralph Futch; and a sister, Mary Fachtmann.

His survivors are his children, Eve (Chuck) Jones of Theresa and Steve (Cindy) Futch of Starke. He was lovingly called "Papa" by his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Brandi, Andrew, and Stephanie; along with his great-granddaughter, Sydney. Also left behind are sisters-in-law; several nieces; nephews; and a host of longtime friends.

The family received friends Wednesday, Nov. 22, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel, with funeral services to follow. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to First Baptist Church, 550 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.



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## Betty West

Betty Sue West, 67, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at UF Health Shands in Gainesville. She was born on Nov. 17, 1956, in her beloved hometown of Lake Butler. Her loving and warm personality endeared her to everyone she met, and she never encountered a stranger throughout her life. She adored fishing and spent countless hours casting her line into serene waters. Gardening was another passion of hers, tending to luscious plants that brought joy to her days. The beach held a special place in her heart; her favorite pastime was watching the sun rise over the tranquil waves. However, nothing could compare to the love she had for her family; they were her whole world. She will be remembered as a vibrant soul who brought light and laughter into the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. Her engaging personality and strong opinions created lasting memories and meaningful connections with everyone she encountered. She was also a member of Faith Baptist and was dedicated in her love for her Lord and Savior. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Gladys Trowell; her husband of 22 years, Stanley West; two brothers; and four sisters.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Rick) McLaughlin of Worthington Springs and Clay (Lindsay) DuBose of Tallahassee; her grandchildren, Heather Clark, Ricky McLaughlin, Kaleb Dubose, and Thomas (Kenya) DuBose; and her great-grandchildren, Conner Clark, Carly Clark, and Koa DuBose. She also leaves behind cherished siblings, James (Joann) Trowell of Lake Butler and Maggie (Kenny) Keen of Wellborn; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The visitation was held on Monday, Nov. 27, at Faith Baptist Church, Lake Butler. Following the visitation, a funeral service was held in the same location. She was laid to rest immediately following the service beside her husband at Dekle Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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## Sherry Brosky

Sherry Elizabeth Brosky, 60, of Starke, passed away peacefully at her mother's home with her loving family by her side on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023. She was born in Palatka on April 7, 1963, to the late Tommy G. Trentham and Jewell Elliot Hillard. She attended and graduated from Bradford County High School in 1981. Shortly after high school, she relocated to Tennessee where she married the love of her life, Lawrence Alan Brosky Sr. In 1991, the two moved back to Florida, where they made their forever home in Bradford County. She was full of life, always had a smile on her face, loved people and never met a stranger. In her spare time, she enjoyed being outside and working in her yard. More than anything, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, "Nana," sister, and aunt, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Lawrence Alan Brosky Sr. of Starke; daughter, Ashley Alvarez of Starke; stepsons, Patrick and Lawrence Alan Brosky Jr., both of Fleming Island; mother, Jewell Elliot Hillard of Starke; brother, Greg (Barbara) Trentham of Starke; granddaughters, Shyann Alvarez and Morgan Massey, both of Starke; nieces, Christi (Rodney) Carmichael, Tiffany Thomas and Destiny (Dustin) Shireman, all of Starke.

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



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## Betsy Jackson

Mrs. Betsy Jackson, 69, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, in Sunrise.

Survivors are a son, Vinnie Blye Sr.; two sisters; six brothers; and numerous extended family members.

Viewing will be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel. Services will be Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Community Church, Starke, officiated by Rev. Alvin Green. Interment will be at Bob Love Cemetery, Starke.

Arrangements are by Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke. 904-964-7905.

## Brenda Poole

Brenda Gail Poole of Lake Butler has passed away at the age of 70. She was born on Oct. 2, 1953, in Lake City to Ervin and Pauline McCullough Taylor. Her vibrant personality was reflected in her fiery red hair and feisty spirit. Her career began as a correctional officer for the Department of Corrections until her retirement. Her commitment to her work was admirable, and she approached every task with unwavering determination. After retirement, she took care of her mother, Pauline, until the death of her father, Ervin, after her passing. She then went back to the Department of Corrections, but this time as a food-service professional. She will be remembered for her culinary skills. Her dishes brought joy and contentment to those fortunate enough to savor them. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she had a deep love for nature. She found solace in the presence of flowers and birds, which brought an undeniable spark of joy to her life. Her fondness for these creatures was evident to all who knew her. She possessed an extraordinary ability to love others unconditionally. Her kindness knew no bounds as she embraced every person she encountered with warmth and empathy. However, you didn't mistake her kindness for weakness; she knew how to stand her ground. It is impossible to overlook her unique fondness for chicken decor, a testament to her charmingly eccentric character. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Pauline Taylor; her grandchildren, Abby and Colten Davis; and her siblings, Jerry Taylor and Patricia Parrish.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, Robert Poole of Lake Butler. Together they built a beautiful life filled with cherished memories and enduring love. She is also survived by her three daughters, Michelle (Bobby) Poole of Worthington Springs, Tonya Thornton of Bell, and Heather Poole of Lake Butler; her grandchildren, Brett Wilson, Robert (Jodi) Wilson, Zachary Wilson, Ciara (Nate) Thornton, Kevin Thornton, Mikayla (T.J.) Speer; and great-grandchildren, Rhett Wilson, Knox Wilson, Raelynn Mitchell, Thomas "Hutch" Hutchinson III, and Warren Hutchinson; siblings, Katie Feagle, Faye (Gary) Luke, Gary (Rosemary) Taylor, Greg (Debbie) Taylor, Yvonne (Keith) Osborn, Ronald (Maryann) Taylor, and Teresa (Charles) Tomlinson; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

The visitation service was Monday, Nov. 27, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. The funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Johnstown Baptist Church in Lake Butler. She was laid to rest immediately following the service at Mt. Zion/Swift Creek Cemetery.

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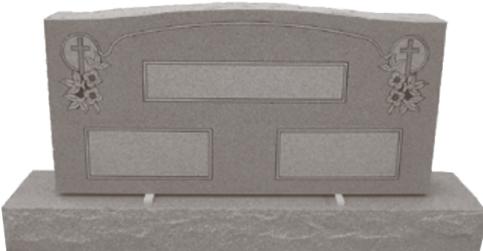
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coming up with tackles that forced the Cowboys to punt.

Union's offense couldn't get anything going either, going three-and-out.

The Cowboys had the ball at their own 41 following the punt. A false start backed them up 5 yards. Klein then made a tackle for a loss of 2 yards. On second-and-17, Varian Terry broke free for a 17-yard gain. Madison continued to march down the field, getting first-and-goal. Bryant handed off to Miller for a touchdown. The extra point was good as the Cowboys led 10-7 with 4:37 remaining in the third quarter.

Union, which was held to 32 yards rushing, tried to get its run game going on the following series, but Williams was held to no gain. The Tigers then gained 5 yards when Madison was penalized for being offside. Klein, who was 13 of 20 for 129 yards, then saw Diston for a deep pass for a gain of 45 yards. After a 1-yard run and an incomplete pass, Klein found McCoy for a 21-yard gain and first-and-goal. Williams scored on a 2-yard run two plays later with 1:32 to play in the third quarter. Edwards kicked the extra point as the Tigers took a 14-10 lead.

Bryant got Madison's next drive started with a 17-yard run. He called his own number again, but he was tackled by Jacob Jenkins for just a 1-yard gain. Miller broke free for an 11-yard run, but a flag for holding made it second-and-14. Williams made a tackle for no gain to start the fourth quarter. Bryant then had a pass picked off by Diston.

A 12-yard reception by Gavin Jenkins resulted in a first down. Williams and Klein each had a 2-yard run to set up a third-and-6 play. Williams was held to 1 yard, which forced the Tigers to line up to punt, but they were unable to get the kick off on a fumbled snap, giving the Cowboys good field position just past midfield.

Terry got the Madison offense rolling with a 22-yard run. Terry and Christian then had runs of 4 and 3 yards, respectively, before Terry carried the ball in for a touchdown. The extra point made it 17-14 in favor of the Cowboys.

The Tigers benefitted from an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty that was marked off on the kickoff. Union began its drive with Klein rolling out of the pocket under pressure and dumping the ball off to Williams for 5 yards. Klein then passed to McCoy for a 4-yard gain, setting up third-and-1. Klein was held to no gain on a keeper by Madison's Xavier Keger. The Tigers went for it on fourth down, with Williams breaking loose for a 19-yard gain.

A screen pass from Klein to Gavin Jenkins went for no gain. After an incomplete pass on second down, the Tigers were again held to no gain on a screen pass. On fourth-and-10, with 2:33 on the clock, Klein's pass was tipped and picked off by Madison's Octavious Hodge.

Klein led the defense with 10 tackles. Seager and Tyson had seven and six, respectively, with Seager recording four for loss.

# BHS girls are 2-0 after 52-30 win over KHHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School got a game-high 22 points from Ar'Nayshia Griffin in defeating visiting Keystone Heights 50-32 in a girls basketball game on Nov. 28.

The Tornadoes (2-0) led by only three after the first quarter, but eight points from Griffin helped them go into halftime leading 26-18.

Keystone (0-3) got a three-pointer and seven points total in the second quarter from Riley Shuford, but the rest of the team scored four points in falling behind by eight.

Bradford opened the third quarter with a 14-0 run, with Griffin and Jada Hankerson scoring all but one of those points. Hankerson had five straight points on a three-pointer and two free throws to make the score 34-18, while Griffin scored five straight on two field goals and a free throw to make it a 40-18 game.

Hankerson finished with 11 points.

The Tornadoes Ajyah Jackson scored four points in the fourth quarter, giving her seven total for the game. Bradford also got five points from Khamyra Hankerson, four points from Alysia Rentz, two points from Kayla Evans and one point from Stonay Shine.

Shuford led Keystone with 10 points. The Indians also got six and five points from Yasmin Bryant and Daisey Hubbard, respectively, four points from



Bradford's Jada Hankerson (left) gets fouled on her way to the basket by Keystone's Riley Shuford. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Alana Anderson, three points from McKinlee Kirkland and two points each from Jaynell Hill and Kadence Massey.

Bradford attempts to improve to 3-0 with a home game against Dunnellon on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Keystone also plays that night, hosting Middleburg at 7 p.m.

The Tornadoes travel to play Suwannee on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

Keystone hosts St. Johns Country Day at 9:30 a.m. to start a tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2. The Indians host Eastside on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

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quarterback Ryan Huff (6-3, 200) is 123 of 219 for 1,902 yards and six touchdowns.

The leading receivers are sophomore Cayden Jasso (5-5, 150), who has 19 catches for 485 yards and three touchdowns, and senior Jayvion Showers (6-1, 165), who has 26 catches for 427 yards and five touchdowns. The Crusaders have three more receivers with 200-plus yards: sophomore Justin Weatherall (5-10, 165), 18 catches for 292 yards and one touchdown; freshman Geno Cunningham (5-5, 140), 22 catches for 271 yards and one touchdown; and senior Jacob Chambers (6-1, 225), nine catches for 241 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior linebackers Turner

McLaughlin (6-1, 223) and Demontrae Gaston (6-1, 200) lead the team in tackles with 107 and 71, respectively. Junior linemen Terius Mason (6-0, 240) and Jeremiah Shelby (6-3, 240) have 61 and 52, tackles, respectively.

The defense has created 23 turnovers (14 interceptions, nine fumble recoveries), though none in its last two games. Nelson, who also plays defensive back/linebacker, leads the team in interceptions with five, while McLaughlin, senior lineman Trenton Henderson (6-5, 215) and freshman defensive back Otha Thomas (6-0, 160) each have two fumble recoveries.

Pensacola Catholic, which is on a six-game winning streak, is scoring an average of 34 points per game. Opponents are averaging 18 points per game.

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open field and stuff like that."

The ejections mean that Cummings and Shanks can't play in the state-semifinal game. Rodgers will make an appeal to the Florida High School Athletic Association in hopes the organization "will do what's right."

Rodgers said Bradford isn't a one- or two-player team. Plus, players have been filling spots because of injuries all year, he added. If Cummings and/or Shanks can't play, Rodgers said, "Somebody will step up and play. That's all."

Baker (8-4) received the opening kickoff and had good field position at its own 41. The Wildcats' first two plays from scrimmage, though, resulted in lost yardage on tackles by Lewis. Quarterback Hudson Register then had a 12-yard run that came up inches shy of a first down. The Wildcats went for it on fourth down, with Bradford's Torin Brazell causing a fumble. Lewis scooped the ball up and took it back 48 yards for a touchdown at the 10:17 mark of the first quarter. Declan Hense kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Bradford lead.

"When you play hard and do what you're supposed to do, you end up making plays," Rodgers said. "I'm happy for Duke. Duke's played well all year."

Register had two runs that resulted in first downs on Baker's second possession. Penalties gave the Wildcats another two first downs, with one for pass interference setting Baker up at the Bradford 29. Jeremiah Hill and Jeremiah McKenzie tackled running back Benny Lewis for a 1-yard loss, followed by a 12-yard sack by Brazell. Malachi Murphy then held Register to a 2-yard gain, forcing the Wildcats to punt on fourth-and-21.

Bradford's offense finally stepped onto the field with 4:47 to play in the opening quarter. Shanks was sacked for a 4-yard loss on the Tornadoes' first play, but Cason had a 19-yard run on second down to move the chains. A 12-yard run by Shanks and a personal-foul penalty on the Wildcats moved the Tornadoes to the Baker 37. Cason broke free for a touchdown run with 1:22 to play in the first quarter.

"It was crazy," Cason said. "I wasn't expecting to get that far."

Hense added the PAT for a 14-0 lead. Lewis recorded his second sack of the game as the Tornadoes forced Baker to go three-and-out on the ensuing series. The Wildcats' punt pinned Bradford at its own 14. Shanks was dropped for a 1-yard loss on first down. After an incomplete pass, the Tornadoes converted a third-

and-11 play on a 32-yard run by Cason. Shanks then had a 15-yard run to the Baker 40 before completing a 29-yard pass to Michael Oliver for a first down at the 11-yard line. Runs of 6 and 3 yards by Shanks and McKenzie, respectively, set Shanks up for a 2-yard touchdown run that put Bradford ahead 20-0 at the 8:57 mark of the second quarter. The PAT was no good after a mishandled snap led to an incomplete pass.

The touchdown run was the last play of the game for Shanks, who rushed for 30 yards on six carries and completed 2 of 3 passes for 61 yards. That forced Bradford to bring starting linebacker McKenzie into the game at quarterback. McKenzie, however, has plenty of experience after starting at quarterback for most of the Tornadoes' games last season.

A 16-yard kickoff return by Vontayus Walker had the Wildcats starting their next series at the 50-yard line. They would move to the Bradford 26, thanks to a personal-foul penalty. A 5-yard sack by Brazell forced Baker into a fourth-and-12 play. The Wildcats went for it, with Brazell sacking Register again for a 10-yard loss.

When the Wildcats got the ball back, they were starting a drive at their own 16. A Chason Clark tackle held Register to a 4-yard gain on second-and-10. On third down, the shotgun snap rolled past Register, who fell on it in the end zone for a safety, making the score 22-0 with 3:25 until halftime.

Cason returned the kickoff to open the second half 26 yards, setting Bradford's offense up 1 yard shy of midfield. A 12-yard run by Cason was nullified by a personal-foul penalty, but the Tornadoes overcame that with a 13-yard run by Cummings for a first down at the Baker 41. A 28-yard run by McKenzie and a subsequent personal-foul penalty on Baker set up first-and-goal at the 8. Cason scored on a run from there at the 10:54 mark of the third quarter. Hense kicked the extra point to make the score 29-0.

The ensuing kickoff was when Cummings was ejected. Two plays later, Bradford's Branden Williams intercepted a pass.

Bradford picked up another personal-foul penalty after the interception. Bradford, which was penalized 11 times for 140 yards, had eight 15-yard penalties, while Baker, which was penalized 13 times for 115 yards, had five.

The Tornadoes' latest 15-yard penalty had them starting a drive at their own 7. Cason promptly took them out of the shadow of their end zone with a 20-yard run. Runs of 5 and 9 yards by Brian Clifflin picked up first downs, while a 22-yard run by McKenzie, who finished



Duke Lewis (far left) takes off on a 48-yard fumble return for a touchdown. Malachi Murphy (second from left) and Devon McBride (second from right) are also pictured.

with 73 yards on 11 carries, moved Bradford to the Baker 23. Clifflin and McKenzie had runs of 6 and 5 yards, respectively, before McKenzie found the end zone from 12 yards out with 5:20 to play in the third quarter. The score stood at 36-0 after Hense added the PAT.

With a running clock now employed, the rest of the game played out quickly. The Tornadoes added the final score on a 53-yard drive. Clifflin, who rushed for 41 yards on nine carries, gained a first down on a 5-yard run. An offside penalty on a fourth-down play gave Bradford a first down. McKenzie, who was 4 of 6 for 28 yards, later threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Cason, capping his impressive night.

"He loves football," Rodgers

said. "He lifts in the weight room really hard. He watches more film probably than anybody. That's what happens. When you've got all those good things pulling in one direction, that's what happens."

Hense was successful on the extra-point kick. Since joining the team mid-season, he is 26 of 28 on PATs in six games.

Bradford has now won by at least three touchdowns for the sixth straight game. Rodgers wasn't surprised his team kept that streak going in the Region 2 title game.

"I'll be honest with you, that's exactly how I envisioned it, if we played up to our capabilities," he said. "I thought we had a great game plan on offense going into this week and that we were going to execute it well."

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## BRADFORD

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

CASE NO.: 04-2023-CP-035  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
THOMAS W. BARKER,  
DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of THOMAS W. BARKER deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4824 North West 179th Street, Starke, FL 32091, to-wit: Parcel Number: 02229-0-00600 (7928) HX HB

A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East Bradford County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Westerly boundary of the right of way of State Road 16 and the Northerly boundary of the right of way of a county road and run thence West along said Northerly boundary a distance of 501.26 feet to a point, said point being 911.2 feet Easterly of the SW corner of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; run thence North a distance of 456.04 feet to a point; run thence North 89 deg 58 min 30 sec West a distance of 250 feet to an iron stake for point of beginning. From point of beginning thus described continue West a distance of 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence North 175 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 89 deg 58 min 30 sec East 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO taxes for the year 1987 and all subsequent years, easements, restrictions and covenants of record if any. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 14, 2023.

Virginia Anderson  
Personal Representative  
CHARLES DANIEL SIKES  
817 W. MacMahon Street  
Starke, Florida 32091  
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com  
(904) 964-2020  
Florida Bar No: 0886858  
Attorney for Petitioner

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

Case No 2023-CP-115  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
ELAINE D. HAILE,  
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The formal administration of the estate of ELAINE D. HAILE, who died on November 28, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is November 23rd, 2023.  
ALETIA D. DESUE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 04-2023-CP-82  
In Re: The Estate of  
WILLIAM C. AHRANO, I  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the Estate of WILLIAM C. AHRANO, deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2022, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 1109, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.  
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### COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a Strategic Planning workshop on December 14, 2023, at 3:00 PM, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Northeast District Office  
Draft Permit No. 0070001-015-AV  
The Chemours Company FC, LLC,  
Chemours-Highland  
Bradford County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is The Chemours Company FC, LLC. The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Clement J. Hilton, Vice President Minerals, The Chemours Company FC, LLC, Chemours-Highland, P.O. Box 753, Starke, Florida 32091.

Facility Location: The applicant operates the existing Chemours-Highland, which is located in Bradford County at 274 NE CR 125 in Lawley, Florida.

Project: The applicant applied on September 19, 2023 to the Department for a Title V air operation permit renewal. This is a renewal of the Title V Air Operation Permit No. 0070001-014-AV. The existing facility consists of equipment for mining and processing of heavy mineral sands. The heavy mineral sands are principally mined for ilmenite, which is a source of titanium dioxide used in paints, fabrics, plastics, etc. The four regulated emissions units are a dryer at the concentrate building, product handling and transfer operations, a portable screening system with equipment subject to 40 CFR 60, Subpart LL, Standards of Performance for Metallic Mineral Processing Plants, and a non-emergency 95 kW diesel engine subject to 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII, Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous

Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines that powers the portable screening system. The dryer uses a cyclone to recover valuable product. The primary pollutant from the operation is particulate matter emissions with a potential of 112 tons per year. The facility also emits less than 50 tons per year of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds, and hazardous air pollutants. These emissions primarily emit from the ilmenite dryer, the portable screening system, and the internal combustion engine.

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-213, of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and a Title V air operation permit is required to operate the facility. The Northeast District Office is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is (904) 256-1700.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft permit, the Statement of Basis, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the draft permit by visiting the following website: <https://fddep.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp> and entering the permit number shown above. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue a renewed Title V air operation permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that continued operation of the existing equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a proposed permit and subsequent final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the draft Title V air operation permit for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). If a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the draft permit, the Permitting Authority shall issue a revised draft permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination

(hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address, any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this written notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Extension of Time: Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at [Agency\\_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us), before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding. Objections: Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day public comment period provided in the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator of the EPA at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Administrator, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code: 1101A, Washington, DC 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/florida-proposed-title-v-permits>.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE PLAINTIFF, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
MORTGAGE  
MANAGEMENT, LLC  
VS.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
BENEFICIARIES,  
DEVISEES,  
ASSIGNEES,  
LIENORS,  
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND  
ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM  
AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE  
OF CARRIE F. LEWALLEN A/K/A  
CARRIE FRANCES LEWALLEN

A/K/A CARRIE LEWALLEN A/K/A CARRIE BAUGHMAN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S)  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees and all others who may claim an interest in the estate of Carrie F. Lewallen A/K/A Carrie Frances Lewallen A/K/A Carrie Baughman  
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TO: Unknown Spouse of Carrie F. Lewallen A/K/A Carrie Frances Lewallen A/K/A Carrie Lewallen A/K/A Carrie Baughman  
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Current Residence: UNKNOWN  
TO: Tabatha Renee Clark A/K/A Tabatha Renee Dickerson A/K/A Tabatha Clark  
Last Known Address: 3719 Tully Court, Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Current Residence: UNKNOWN  
TO: Carrie L. Whittlesey A/K/A Carrie Whittlesey A/K/A Carrie Frances Whittlesey  
Last Known Address: 8441 Free Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32211  
Current Residence: UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35: THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 1/2 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 662.91 FEET TO A POINT FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST. A DISTANCE OF 505.10 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 05 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 331.62 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 492.15 FEET TO A POINT: SAID POINT BEING IN A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 50 FEET; THENCE ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 77.93 FEET; SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING NORTH 44 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST. A DISTANCE OF 70.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 380 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, on or before \_\_\_\_\_, within or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Bradford Telegraph, 131 W. Call Street, Starke, FL 32091 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023.

DENNY THOMPSON  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
BY: KANETRA JENKINS  
As Deputy Clerk

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As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
BY: KANETRA JENKINS  
As Deputy Clerk

11/30 2tchg 12/7-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 21000046CAAXMX  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
Plaintiff(s),

VS.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
BENEFICIARIES,  
DEVISEES,  
GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES,  
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF NATHANIEL B. HARRIS DECEASED; REGINA MERRICKS, THE UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

Defendant(s).  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
BENEFICIARIES,  
DEVISEES,  
GRANTEES,  
ASSIGNEES,  
LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES

AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF NATHANIEL B. HARRIS DECEASED  
Last known address: Unknown  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, to replevin certain personal property described as follows:  
1999 Fleetwood, 30x76 Waverly Crest, Mobile Home Serial Number(s): FLFLW70A26362WC21 and FLFLW70B26362WC21.  
Property address: 11162 Southwest 42nd Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this the 13th day of November, 2023.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk

11/16 4tchg 12/7-UCT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
The Union County Board of County Commissioners will have a Special Meeting on December 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Union County Courthouse.

11/30 1tchg-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 22000014CA  
SOUTHWEST STAGE FUNDING, LLC DBA CASCADE FINANCIAL SERVICES  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
RANDALL A. GRIFFIS, JR.;  
TERISSA D. GRIFFIS;  
Defendant(s).  
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on October 26, 2023 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 4th day of January, 2024 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to-wit:  
A parcel of land lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Union County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found 2 inch iron pipe located at the Northwest corner of said Section 30 and run North 84 degrees 29 minutes 06 seconds East, along the North line of said Section 30, for a distance of 1528.89 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod located on the Westerly right of way line of County Road 793 (80 feet right of way); thence run South 11 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds East, along said Westerly right of way line, for a distance of 987.20 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 11 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds East, along said Westerly right of way line, for a distance of 110.09 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run South 84 degrees 27 minutes 55 seconds West, for a distance of 409.74 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod located on the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 30; thence run North 01 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West line of said Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, for a distance of 109.51 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run North 84 degrees 26 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 388.97 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to any covenants, easements, and/or restrictions of record. Together with that certain 2018 mobile home bearing Serial Numbers: LOHGA21833204A and LOHGA21833204B  
Property address: 11311 Northeast CR 793, Raiford, FL 32083  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at [interpreter@court8.org](mailto:interpreter@court8.org).  
Kellie Hendricks-Rhoades  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Crystal Norman  
Deputy Clerk

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# Jackson is ready to take control of BHS boys Hoops team

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

A new era of Bradford High School boys basketball is set to begin for the second time since the Tornados won the state championship in 2022, but this time, the new head coach has a connection to that team that accomplished what no other team in program history had done.

Tarrin Jackson, an assistant coach on that title-winning team, now takes over for previous Head Coach Andree Thomas, who resigned after one season. Jackson has been involved with BHS basketball for four years as an assistant. The 2018 graduate, who also played for the Tornados, said it's "surreal" to now be in charge of the team.

"To be presented with an opportunity like this is a blessing," he said, adding, "It's wild. It's kind of like a dream."

An opportunity to become the head coach was there for the 2022-23 season after Sampson Jackson stepped down as head coach to focus on his duties as athletic director. The timing for

Tarrin Jackson, though, wasn't quite right.

"I had to come to the realization that last year I wasn't ready," he said.

Jackson continued to serve as an assistant coach, though. He said last year's experience helped prepare him. It was a season in which the players returning from the state-championship team decided not to play, forcing Bradford to go through a 1-18 season with most of its 14-man roster filled with freshmen.

"Going through what I went through last year and learning what I learned last year really showed me that, yeah, I'm definitely ready," Jackson said.

Jackson said he learned more last season than he did during the season Bradford won state.

"I learned patience," he said. "I learned how to control what you can control."

Coaching was something Jackson began to think about when he was still a student at BHS. Talks with Adrian Chandler, who was the head coach at that time, served as the



Tarrin Jackson, who's been an assistant coach for four years, is ready to take the reins of the Bradford High School varsity boys basketball program. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

inspiration for such thinking.

"He used to tell me I had a coach-like mentality, a coach-like perspective," Jackson said.

Prior to that, coaching wasn't on his radar. As Jackson said, "I just came to school and played basketball."

His first year of coaching took

some getting used to. Jackson was in school at the same time as some of the players on the team. He described himself feeling more like a big brother than a coach.

"It was definitely a learning experience, learning how to talk to the kids a certain way and

trying to get them to know the difference between friend and former teammate and coach," Jackson said.

As a player, Jackson was part of a good senior season in which the Tornados went 21-9 and won a district championship. He was part of an even better season as an assistant coach in 2021-22. Bradford may not have won as many games that season (16-10), but the Tornados did win a district title in the midst of an eight-game winning streak that culminated with the program's first-ever state championship.

"When the final buzzer went off, there were no words to describe that feeling," Jackson said, adding, "It just felt amazing. A feeling I can't describe."

He did more than celebrate a state title that year. Jackson said he benefitted as a coach working alongside Head Coach Sampson Jackson and fellow assistants James McBride, Justin McBride and Mike McMillian.

"I was surrounded by a lot of great minds," Jackson said.

In preparing for the role he

has now, Jackson took things from the mind of each coach he's worked with.

"I've kind of grasped different pieces from everybody and put it all together," he said.

Jackson said he wants to lead the Tornados to another state championship, but the main goal this year is to improve upon last year's one-win season.

The new coach said he wants Bradford to be that team that when opponents see the Tornados upcoming on their schedule, they dread having to play them. He wants the Tornados to play fast and to be aggressive on defense.

"Defense wins championships," Jackson said. "We proved that theory in the (state-title) season."

Coaching isn't just trying to collect more wins than losses. It's also about helping players experience growth over the course of a season.

"If you have a kid who's averaging six points and five fouls a game, and by the end of the season he's averaging 11

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## Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Nov. 30, 2023

### LAKE REGION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Keystone Heights  
The City of Keystone Heights City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to consider a use by exception application filed with the City. The use by exception, if approved, will allow for limiting warehousing, including mini-warehouses at 101 Commercial Drive, Keystone Heights, FL. The meetings will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed use by exception.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights City Manager by mail at Post Office Box 420, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, by email at assistant@keystoneheights.us or by telephone at number (352) 473-4807.

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#### 2023-2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

City of Keystone Heights, FL  
The City of Keystone Heights is soliciting sealed bids for the 2023-2024 Roadway Improvement Project. Sealed bids shall be received for the above-named project by Dec 20th, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Sealed bid shall be delivered to City of Keystone Heights City Hall located at 555 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Upon closing of the bid period, all bids shall be opened and reviewed for completeness.

Project Description  
This project will include a Base Bid for removing an existing recycled asphalt surface and construction of new asphalt road on Beam Lane. Additive Alternate bids for this project will include improvement of existing asphalt road within City Limits. Roadway improvements will include

milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt pavement. Construction will consist of resurfacing existing pavement on a portion of Beam Lane. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights City Hall on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 am.

A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid will be required to accompany bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding. Participation in the Disadvantage Business Enterprises Program (DBE) is not required.

This project will be bid as a single contract. Bid prices may be held for up to 90 days. All bids must be submitted in accordance with Project Documents.

Contractor Selection will not be solely based on lowest bid. Other factors determining the final selection will be based on previous work history with the City of Keystone and performance of said work history.

Complete PDF sets of drawings and specifications will be provided via FTP download. An FTP link will be provided by emailing and requesting the Bid Package. Email your request to gcx@keystoneheights.us. Please provide your full Company Name, Address, Contact Name and Contact phone number.

Bidder Questions shall be sent in written email format to Kenny Hall (Project Coordinator) at gcx@keystoneheights.us. The final day for bidder questions shall be Friday, Dec 15th, 2023 no later than 4:00pm.

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#### Bid Advertisement #2 2023-2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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Project Description  
This project will include a Base Bid for construction of a new roadside swale and valley gutter along a section of Beasley Lane. Additive Alternate bids for this project will include improvement of existing asphalt road within City Limits.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights City Hall on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 am.

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Project Description  
This project will include a Base Bid for removing an existing recycled asphalt surface and construction of new asphalt road on Citrus Avenue. Additive Alternate bids for this project will include improvement of existing asphalt road within City Limits. Roadway improvements will include milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt pavement. Construction will consist of resurfacing existing pavement and thermoplastic pavement markings on a portion of Citrus Avenue.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights City Hall on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 am.

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#### Bid Advertisement #4 2023-2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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City Hall located at 555 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Upon closing of the bid period, all bids shall be opened and reviewed for completeness.

Project Description  
This project will include a Base Bid for removing an existing recycled asphalt surface and construction of new asphalt road on Naha Street. Additive Alternate bids for this project will include improvement of existing asphalt road within City Limits. Roadway improvements will include

milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt pavement. Construction will consist of resurfacing existing pavement and thermoplastic pavement markings on a portion of Naha Street.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights City Hall on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 am.

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### DAR chapter meets Dec. 6

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet Monday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the pavilion at Keystone Beach. Any woman 18 years or older,

regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Tara Hildebran at 904-964-2352 for more information.

### Hoops season underway for KHHS boys, UCHS boys to start next week

Keystone Heights High

School got the boys basketball season started with an 82-30 loss to host Williston on Nov. 27, while Union County will begin its season on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Tigers' first game will be

on the road against Baldwin. Tip-off is 6:30 p.m.

Union won't play its first home game until Tuesday, Dec. 19, against Dixie County at 7 p.m.

Keystone played Fort White

on Wednesday, Nov. 29, and will travel to play Old Plank Christian Academy on Monday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m.

### COACH

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points and two fouls, you know that what you did during the season has worked," Jackson said.

That's a different type of win than the one dictated by the numbers on the scoreboard. As a coach, Jackson said he's looking for those other types of victories.

"Say we're horrible at taking charges, but in (a particular) game, we take six charges," Jackson said. "That's a win. You try to find the wins within the game."

Another win is the fact that Jackson has a mentor in Sampson Jackson. Sampson Jackson was

just a phone call away as athletic director, Tarrin Jackson said. Now, though, Sampson Jackson has returned to coaching as well, taking over the head job for the varsity girls program.

"We're literally in the gym together every day," Tarrin Jackson said. "If he's practicing, and I see something, I ask him a question. If I'm practicing, and he sees something, he asks me a question."

"We see each other every day, so the communication is there."

Sampson Jackson, when interviewed for a story about being the new girls head coach, said he wants to assist Tarrin Jackson in any way he can. Tarrin, who described Sampson Jackson as like a big brother, said

that means a lot.

"Most people put you in a position and let you learn on your own," he said, "but for him to want to hold my hand and guide me through this year and whatever comes after that is huge. That speaks to who he is as a person. He's very helpful. He's not self-centered. He always puts other people first."

Jackson is so eager to get his head-coaching career underway that during his Nov. 17 interview for this story, he said, "I wish it started tomorrow."

He'll have a little while to wait still. The Tornadoes will play their first game on Tuesday, Dec. 12, when they travel to play West Nassau at 7:30 p.m. Bradford will then play three more road games (Trinity Catholic on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Toco Creek on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Baldwin on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.) before finally playing at home against Hawthorne on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm just ready to show (people) that it's going to be totally different than last year," Jackson said.

Jackson's assistant coaches will be fellow 2018 BHS graduate Daren Mackey, 2016 BHS graduate Shawn Aaron and 2015 BHS graduate Alex Mejias.

"All people who know basketball and who I know are good people," Jackson said.



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