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Regional Champs

Quarterback Jeremiah McKenzie heads upfield on a keeper in Bradford's 28-17 Region 2-2S championship win over Baker County. McKenzie had a 61-yard touchdown run to give the Tornadoes the lead in the third quarter. Bradford will now host Cocoa in a state semifinal game on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. See page 9 for more. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Quarterback A.J. Cortese (left) shakes off a defender on the way to an 80-yard touchdown in Union County's 41-6 Region 3-1R win over Lafayette. The Tigers will travel to Century to play a state semifinal game against Northview on Friday, Dec. 2. See page 11 for more. Photo by Lisa Holtzendorf.



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Enjoy Breakfast with Santa and more

In addition to Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, Dec. 3, at Starke Elementary School, families can enjoy a holiday performance, play bingo and shop the Santa store! It all begins at 8 a.m.

The pancake breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids. Pictures with Santa and Santa store items are \$2. Bingo cards will be \$1 and \$2. Kona ice will also be on sale. Cash only, please. All sales at the event.

Santa Breakfast at Northside

Northside Christian Academy's annual Santa Breakfast will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Pancake breakfast tickets are \$5, plus professional photo packages are being offered for \$12. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to 904-964-7124.

Christmas parade in Lake Butler

Lake Butler's Christmas Parade is this Saturday, Dec. 3. This year it is Christmas on the Railroad, and the event kicks off at 6 p.m. Floats will line up along Northeast Third Street and travel west past Lakeside Park before turning south onto Northwest Sixth Avenue. At West Main Street, the parade will turn east and end at Southeast Fifth Avenue, with floats traveling back to Northeast Third.

Santa Claus will be at the lake following the parade.

Master plan for water management relies on additional study

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
 Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Representatives from the water management district received an earful during a recent visit to the county commission meeting.

Historically, Suwannee River Water Management District staff members have delivered a payment in lieu of taxes to the county. The district is a governmental taxing authority, so its own lands are tax exempt. The county receives an annual check to make up for a portion of the lost revenue.

Amy Brown, deputy executive director for water resources for the Suwannee River Water Management District, said those payments are now being mailed out in June, but said staff still wanted to be there to "check in"

with the commission.

Brown also reviewed how the district works toward its missions, which include ensuring water supply and quality, flood protection and restoration of natural systems. They use funding generated through its property taxation for cost share programs with counties and helps obtain funding for water supply and protection projects from the state.

She offered an overview of some of the projects underway and in planning, including setting minimum levels for lakes Santa Fe and Hampton, both of which are currently meeting minimum levels. Work is ongoing for the lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers

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Proposed impact fees reduced in Clay Co.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
 Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The author of an impact fee study for Clay County amended his report to county commissioners after consulting with the county's development community. The new report reduces the fee by 26% for the typical home. Carlos Villarreal of Willdan Financial Services revealed his amended report to commissioners during a Nov. 28 workshop.

The consultant unveiled the first version of his report in October. In that document, he said the maximum allowable impact fee for a new home between 1,500 and 2,499 square feet, was \$6,577.

In the revised report, the same home would generate a fee of \$4,877, a \$1,700 reduction.

Vote delayed

Commissioners were poised to vote on the higher fees during an Oct. 28 meeting but delayed the vote for 30 days after several representatives of the development and construction industries asked commissioners for more time to respond to the proposal.

The Nov. 28 workshop began with Villarreal reviewing his report and highlighting the changes he made to the document after meeting with development and construction representatives.

He said one change to the study was in the parks category where impact fees for recreation were divided into local fee zones in the way mobility fees were assigned to specific areas of the county.

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Hometown Christmas Celebration returns to Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke's Christmas on Call Street will feature all the classic holiday charm along with some new things to celebrate — not the least of which is a beautiful new Christmas tree downtown.

The lighting of that tree will be a centerpiece of the first night of the three-day event, which kicks off at 6 p.m. next Friday, Dec. 9. (Vendors begin setting up at 3 p.m. that day.)

The Downtown Square is the place to be when the live music begins. Christmas light tours are returning, but in a new form. Funtastic Fire Brigade, one of this year's event sponsors, will be offering the tours atop a fire engine. Bring the whole family or a group of friends to check that out. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue every 15 minutes. (Limit of 12 per tour.)

Local officials will be on hand for the Christmas tree lighting, which is scheduled for 6:45 p.m., and the seasonal magic continues at 7 p.m. with the Call Street Christmas



evening settles in, Starke's annual Christmas Parade will light up Call Street, with entries from local schools, churches, businesses and community groups. The parade lines up at the Starke ER and travels through historic downtown, moving west down Call Street, looping around the college to Jackson Street, and ending at the city parking lot.

Each year, the parade brings the arrival of Santa Claus, and both he and Mrs. Claus will be at the Downtown Square following the parade for photos.

Sunday morning, Dec. 11, ends the celebration with Santa Breakfast at The Downtown Grill beginning at 8 a.m. Reservations are required for this event, so be sure to call 904-964-9253. Breakfast is \$10 per person. Bring your own camera for Santa photos.

Christmas on Call Street sponsors include the city of Starke, Starke Downtown Merchants, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and Funtastic Fire Brigade.

Choir and a live nativity at the concert pavilion in the square.

Live entertainment resumes and continues throughout the day on Saturday, Dec. 10. The day begins at 10 a.m., and vendors will be set up for shopping and refreshments. Bounce houses will be up by 11 a.m. A car show is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Live entertainers include Jaelyn Jackson, Lee Ann Purvis, Starke Dance Academy and more.

Then as the sun sets and



Drew Carroll, activities director for the Knights of Columbus Council 17931, presents a check to Hillary Ricks, director of community relations at Answers.

New Knights deliver check to Answers

The Knight of Columbus at St. Edwards Catholic Church donated funds to Answers Women's Resource Center as part of their Aid and Support After Pregnancy initiative. Council 17931 is new Council of the Knights here in Starke, and members raised the donation through a recent fund drive.

The goal is for the Knights — through gifts from councils, as well as direct gifts from the Supreme Council — to donate at least \$5 million through the fraternal year ending June 30, 2023.

The Knights' ASAP initiative will enhance the significant resources the Knights and local councils already provide to mothers and their children, both born and unborn.

Knights of Columbus believe

in the dignity and worth of every human life and work tirelessly, through prayer and action, to support mothers and their children. In 2021, Knights of Columbus donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to pregnancy centers and maternity homes, providing maternity and baby clothes, diapers, food and other items to women and children.

Chapter 797 will offer free flights to ages 8–17, and there will be opportunities to fly in a World War I biplane.

Food trucks will sell refreshments, and there will be live music, including the Keystone Heights Community Band.

Melrose Art Walk

The Art Walk event at Mossman Hall on Dec. 2 is an all-artist, holiday-themed affair. Children will also be making ornaments for free with Painted Planet. Live music and a food truck rally round out the event.

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

Airport celebrates 80 years

The Keystone Heights Airport is celebrating 80 years on Saturday, Dec. 3. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the public is invited to view a variety of aircraft displays, including Warbird and military vehicles, participate in the Touch a Truck event and visit classic car show.

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Christmas Gala features brass band and choir

Faith Presbyterian Church at Midway has a Christmas Gala on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. with a brass band playing carols and a choir cantata, "Christmas Presence." There will be refreshments after the music and a display of nativities from around the world. All are welcome.

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Undersheriff Brad Smith and Deputy Trinton Lovell.

Deputy receives national award for life-saving actions

A Bradford County Sheriff's Deputy was recognized for life-saving efforts while on duty. The American Police Hall of Fame Life-Saving Award was presented to Deputy Trinton Lovell during the Board of County Commissioners meeting Nov. 15.

According to Undersheriff Brad Smith, who presented the award, Deputy Lovell responded to a traffic crash on Aug. 10. Upon arrival, Lovell observed a male patient experiencing a serious medical emergency that resulted in the crash.

The patient, 61-year-old Gregory McClellan, suffered a medical episode, and his vehicle left the road striking a tree. McClellan received a severe laceration to the arm that cut an artery, and he was bleeding profusely.

Lovell quickly applied a tourniquet to control the bleeding and rendered medical care until paramedics arrived. McClellan was transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

In the nomination letter from Bradford County Fire Rescue, Division Chief Dylan Rodgers

wrote, "It's likely that this patient will live to see another day as a direct result of Deputy Lovell's actions."

Lovell was joined by family, friends and colleagues as he was congratulated by county commissioners.

The American Police Hall of Fame National Awards Program was started more than 40 years ago to fill the void of recognition for worthy American law enforcement officers. Lovell joins several other law enforcement and civilian employees recognized by the Hall of Fame.

Library

The Bradford County Public Library is located at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke. For a full schedule of events, pick up a calendar from the front desk. For more information on these programs or other services, please call 904-368-3911 or visit www.bcplibrary.com.

Family Holiday Bingo

Special guests are coming to Bradford County Public Library to celebrate the holidays. We're very excited that School Board Member Cheryl Canova and County Manager Scott Kornegay will be joined by the legendary "Mean Green One" for Family Holiday Bingo. From 2 to 4 p.m., Cheryl Canova will be the special guest bingo caller on Friday, Dec. 9. Scott Kornegay will be calling out the numbers on Monday, Dec. 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

All adults attending Family Holiday Bingo must be accompanied by a child. Children must bring an adult. Reserve seats by stopping by the BCPL circulation desk or calling 904-368-3911 and speaking to any library staff member.

Santa & His Reindeer Games

Bradford County Public Library is doing something new and exciting when Santa Claus comes to visit this year. Not only will families get to visit with Santa, but they can play holiday-themed games as well. Trippie Hippiie Shaved Ice will be available for anyone wanting to purchase a flavorful treat.

Families are invited to join us for Santa & His Reindeer Games from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8. Bring your picture taking devices to take photos with Santa. Registration is not required for this special library event.



The Kiwanis Club of Starke gave the Bradford County Public Library a Christmas present in the form of a \$400 donation in support of the library's Santa and His Reindeer Games event, which will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club President David Kniseley (center) presents a check to the library's Kim Crawford (far left) and Robert Perrone. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Charcuterie classes

A series of charcuterie classes is being held at Bradford County Public Library. Introduction to Charcuterie is a free information packed presentation (for those who missed it in 2021). It's scheduled for 11 a.m. on Dec. 12.

DIY charcuterie is a hands on workshop that will allow you to design your own edible art. After you make your charcuterie board, it's yours to enjoy. Supplies cost \$12 per person. If you have food allergies, please let Kathy know in advance.

An evening workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 30. A morning workshop begins at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Sign up at the BCPL circulation desk. Please pay for supplies by Jan. 26, cash only. For answers to any questions, call 904-368-3911 and ask for Kathy.

sale at Bradford County Public Library on Monday, Dec. 5, from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll find a variety of books at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Library, which is an organization that helps fund programs and services at Bradford County Public Library.

Painting at BCPL

Reserve your seat(s) for fun painting activities for all ages. Paint with neon colors under the glow of black lights on Monday, Dec. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. Enjoy an afternoon of pour painting, from 2 to 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 20, beginning at 10 a.m., paint a snowman with acrylics.

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Letters

Thanks from around the world

Dear Editor:
National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child was Nov. 14-21. Another amazing year of shoebox collection occurred at the curbside drop-off located at Trinity Baptist Church.

A hallmark of our Lake Area Region is a heart of generosity. 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 2022 global goal is 11 million shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. The shoebox gifts will be delivered to over 100 countries. This year is expected to see the collection of the 200 millionth shoebox gift since the ministry started in 1993! The record-breaking number of 6,843 shoeboxes poured in locally to bless poor children all around the world! Two 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 13,393 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 Angola, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Honduras, Mali, and South Sudan. 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 beaming faces

and precious 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 shoeboxes (known as Gospel Opportunities or GO boxes) were offered at Betty's Pizza, Clyde's Cozy Corner Café and Johnny's Bar-B-Q.

McDonald's once again donated Happy Meal toys as fillers. Ladies crocheted hats and purses. Handmade embroidered outfits and dresses found their way into the shoeboxes. Hundreds of handmade wooden cars added fun to the gift boxes. *The Lake Region Monitor* published photos and articles. Forty volunteers served to collect, count and package the shoeboxes at the drop-off over eight days. Strong men loaded 880 cartons onto three semi-trailers. Deserving recognition are the 37 churches and Christian ministries, eight civic and school groups, and nine individuals and families who joyfully packed the 6,843 shoeboxes. Shoeboxes came from 15 locations: Florahome, Gainesville, Grandin, Hawthorne, Jacksonville, Keystone Heights, LaCrosse, Lawtey, Melrose, Palatka, Penny Farms, Raiford, San Mateo, Starke, and Waldo.

Moments of reflection with prayer were offered as each church, civic group and individual 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.

Selfless donors, you did another fantastic job! You are helping to change the lives of 6,834 boys and girls, ages 2 to 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 in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central

Asia, Chad, Mali, and South Sudan. Emmanuela Achol's mother emailed us from South Sudan: "I am pleased to say that we are so very happy for the gifts, to know here in Africa that people in America care for us, may God richly bless you."

Words of thanks are hardly enough to the Lake Area Region for your continued sacrificial 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 2022. Imagine the looks of wonder 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!

Diane Michel
Team Leader Keystone Heights
Central Drop-off Location
Operation Christmas Child

Treatment of veterans

Dear Editor:
My name is Willie Busby from Lake Butler. I am not upset because my name was not on the white cross with flag, or about dropping the American Legion because of the Veteran's Day Ceremony held at the school (no monument, lowering or raising of the flag and presenting a wreath), or not a member of the VFW because I don't drink and support the ones that do.

What really upsets me is how veterans are treated in Union County. I go by the monument and sit sometimes. I am on oxygen 14/7 and my wife has to drive me wherever I go.

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Algae bloom alert for Sampson River

The Florida Department of Health in Bradford County has issued a Health Alert for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins in the Sampson River (off Sampson Lake). This is in response to a water sample taken on Nov. 17, 2022. The public should exercise caution in and around the Sampson River area.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautions:

—Do not drink, swim, wade, use personal watercraft, water ski or boat in waters where there is a visible bloom.

—Wash your skin and clothing with soap and water if you have contact with algae or discolored or smelly water.

—Keep pets away from the area. Waters where there are algae blooms are not safe for animals. Pets and livestock should have a different source of water when algae blooms are present.

—Do not cook or clean dishes with water contaminated by algae blooms. Boiling the water will not eliminate the toxins.

Eating fillets from healthy fish caught in freshwater lakes experiencing blooms is safe. Rinse fish fillets with tap or bottled water, throw out the guts and cook fish well.

Do not eat shellfish in waters with algae blooms.



What is blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae are a type of bacteria that is common in Florida's freshwater environments. A bloom occurs when rapid growth of algae leads to an accumulation of individual cells that discolor water and often produce floating mats that emit unpleasant odors.

Some environmental factors that contribute to blue-green algae blooms are sunny days, warm water temperatures, still water conditions and excess nutrients. Blooms can appear year-round but are more frequent in summer and fall. Many types of blue-green algae can produce toxins.

Is it harmful?

Blue-green algae blooms can impact human health and ecosystems, including fish and other aquatic animals.

For additional information on potential health effects of algal blooms, visit floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic.

toxins.

Find current information about Florida's water quality status and public health notifications for harmful algal blooms and beach conditions by visiting ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov. Protecting Florida Together is the state's joint effort to provide statewide water quality information to prioritize environmental transparency and commitment to action.

What do I do if I see an algal bloom?

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection collects and analyzes algal bloom samples. To report a bloom to DEP, call the toll-free hotline at 855-305-3903 or report online.

To report fish kills, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at 1-800-636-0511.

Report symptoms from exposure to a harmful algal bloom or any aquatic toxin to the Florida Poison Information Center, call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to a poison specialist immediately.

Contact your veterinarian if you believe your pet has become ill after consuming or having contact with blue-green algae contaminated water.

If you have other health questions or concerns about blue-green algae blooms, please call the Florida Department of Health in Bradford County at 904-964-7732.

WATER

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and associated springs, where additional water is needed to reduce the strain on the aquifer, Brown said.

"That's where we'll be engaging with communities to try and identify projects that we can do to shift water supplies where we can recharge water and increase efficiency," she said.

They are also working with the St. Johns River Water Management District to update the regional water supply plan to identify constraints on the system and propose solutions.

Specifically, within Bradford County, Brown said they are working with Rayonier on a silviculture enhancement and recharge project, examining how forestry practices can shift to support water supply. Looping Hampton's water main will add efficiency and reduce losses to the system thanks to alternative water supply funding obtained from the state. Pending an award of matching funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, SRWMD has also obtained funds to replace water mains in Lawtey.

Construction of wetland mitigation projects, including management of invasive plant species, is ongoing. These are related to the Edwards Bottomlands in Starke off Alligator Creek and the Starke bypass.

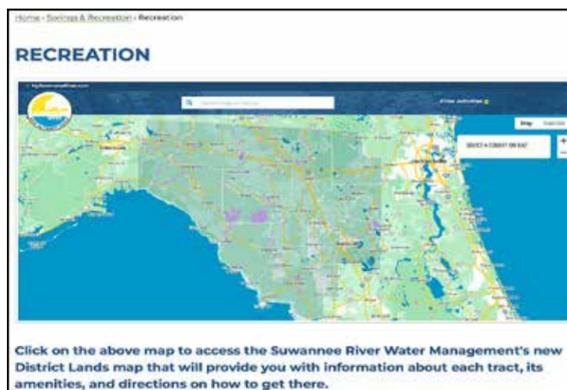
Finally, Brown said SRWMD is kicking off a planning project for Starke and Bradford County to pull together research on available water supplies and develop a list of projects that could tackle multiple objectives, including water supply and flood protection.

Commissioners, however, felt they had been signaling the district about project priorities for some time without action. Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, for example, brought up a tour of the Chemours mining area last year, including Northeast 227 and Northeast Sixth Avenue, as well as the Florida Power and Light property near Northeast Seventh Avenue and C.R. 125. Both areas are prone to flooding when rainfall is combined with runoff or the release of water, she said.

Brown said the goal is to identify projects and turn them into multi-tier projects, so they are not just addressing flooding but identifying an alternative water supply or aquifer recharge point.

"There have been some recent studies that have identified areas of Starke and Bradford County in general that are flood prone, and so the hope would be to kind of develop a short list of what action could be taken," she said.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson brought up Water Oak Creek and the flooding that occurs in Lawtey. It wasn't



Click on the above map to access the Suwannee River Water Management's new District Lands map that will provide you with information about each tract, its amenities, and directions on how to get there.

enough to continue hearing about coordinating and prioritizing. Thompson said the creek has gone for decades without a cleanup, and when water is released from Chemours, it floods "everybody."

"It kills us over there," he said. "I've begged since I've been a commissioner to look at it, but it's been studied for five or six years."

For Commissioner Chris Dougherty, it is the stormwater shed that flows from the east into the city of Starke flooding multiple streets along the way. Commission Chair Diane Andrews brought up flooding on Crosby and Sampson lakes as well. The water control structure at Sampson Canal is in such disrepair that the county must use the Jaws of Life to operate it, she said.

Before there are any solutions, there is more studying to come. Leroy Marshall, a chief professional engineer in the office of agriculture and environmental projects, said the district will be working on a master plan for Bradford County as Brown had indicated.

As of the commission's Nov. 15 meeting, the district was still negotiating a contract with a consultant. That consultant will be tasked to meet with the county manager and other concerned officials to hear more about these issues. That information will be included in the consultant's study.

"The hope is that when we look at these areas of concern, they are overlaps between your areas of concern and our areas of concern," Marshall said. "We may be looking at water quality in that area, and you may be looking at flood protection, and there could be one project that does both. So that's kind of the intent of the study is to find those areas of concern and then start drilling down and focusing in on those areas."

Whatever SRWMD does must meet its core values, he said. It must do so for the entire district, which covers 7640 square miles, including all or a portion of 15 north central Florida counties.

Suwannee River is the fifth largest water management district in the state, responsible to 340,000 residents, not just the 28,000 or so residing in Bradford County.

Dougherty asked the water

management representatives to be "diligent," saying the district has been talking about studying the same issues for years.

Brown said all that information would be aggregated to look or the areas of overlap Marshall mentioned to identify a list of projects to implement.

"I just ask that when you study it, come during a rain event, so you can really see what's going on, because that's when we see and we hear about it," Dougherty said.

New map highlights district lands

Brown said a new online portal provides an interactive map of district lands and how these public spaces can be used for recreation. By visiting the recreation page at Mysuwanneeriver.com, you can view the various tracts on the map, including information about amenities and directions.

Opportunities in Bradford County include Santa Fe Swamp, which allows biking, hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing, horseback riding and hunting; Lake Rowell, which allows birdwatching, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing; and Mud Swamp near Brooker, which allows biking, hiking and wildlife viewing.

Near Worthington Springs is Santa Fe River Ranch, which allows biking, hiking, horseback riding, birdwatching, wildlife viewing and fishing.

Lake Alto and Lake Alto Preserve also lie across the county line in Alachua County. Depending on the track, hunting, hiking, biking, birdwatching and wildlife viewing are allowed.

According to the page, some tracts throughout the district offer parking and marked trails, and others are so remote they can only be accessed by canoe or small boat.

"Here you are your own tour guide, free to explore natural lands and waterways – including the legendary Suwannee River."

Some restrictions apply, including visiting hours, where one can camp and dog leash requirements. Other activities are prohibited altogether, including igniting fires, using ATVs, possessing and drinking alcoholic beverages, and waste disposal.

Smoking ban planned for public parks

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — When Bradford County has a new attorney on board, one of the first tasks will be drafting a smoking ban for county parks.

County commissioners gave the direction last month following a presentation from Bradford High School's chapter of Students Working Against Tobacco.

Mario Small and Brooklyn Reddish, president and vice president of the group, encouraged the board to restrict smoking in public parks.

"Every person in Bradford County should be able to enjoy the great outdoors without exposure to toxic smoke vapor and the litter these products leave," Reddish said.

Smoking is prohibited in state parks, and Reddish said legislation allows cities and counties to enact similar bans.

Small said there is no such thing as safe exposure to secondhand smoke, yet nearly 56% of young people in Bradford County report being exposed to cigarettes and vaping products and the cancer-causing substances they contain.

Cigarettes are also a common



form of litter.

"Not only do tobacco products devastate the human body, they cause havoc on the environment, ending up in our waterways, along beaches and in our parks," Reddish said. This adds up to 145,000 tons of cigarette butts accumulating annually in public places and waterways. Only 10% of cigarette butts are properly disposed of in ash receptacles, she said.

Signage alone isn't enough, as SWAT's cleanups of local parks continues to prove, Reddish added.

Small said passage of a smoking and vaping ban in county parks would have a positive impact on the community.

SWAT's overall mission is to discourage other young people from experimenting with something that could become a deadly habit, damaging their quality of life and sending them to an early grave.

"30.5% of Bradford County youth reported that they have tried cigarettes, vaping products, smokeless tobacco, cigars or hookah, and 16.4% reported that they are currently using one of these products," Small said. "Both are above the state average. We know this issue requires unwavering attention, and this is just one step in making a difference."

"It is our hope that through collaboration on policy, implementation, education and awareness, we can continue to improve our community and its public parks, not only for local youth, but for every resident," Reddish said.

They also thanked the commission for its continued support of SWAT. Commissioners thanked SWAT in return for its efforts.



Superintendent Will Hartley joins in the science fun during Southside Elementary School's recent STEM night.



Grant and Carley Lawson with their mom, Esther, working on a circuit project.



Victoria Ross and her son, Ja'Veon Childs, dig in for blocks to engineer a structure.



Kimber Redding works with her dad, Andy, on one of the building projects during STEM night.



Three minds are better than one. Talia Montaser, Skylar Delashment and Abel Detweiler work on a project together.



Another daughter and dad, Riley and Andrew Mikkelson.

Lake Region

Clay approves incentives for Canadian roofing company

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay County Commissioners approved an economic incentive package for a Canadian firm that has filed a site plan to build two manufacturing plants in the Clay Hill area.

The Jacksonville Daily Record reported that the site plan filed for IKO Industries includes a 306,476-square-foot insulation board manufacturing facility and office, a 265,381-square-foot shingles manufacturing facility, a 102,805-square-foot ice and water manufacturing facility, and a 21,184-square-foot processing building.

The development, labeled "Project Gator" by Clay County officials, will bring a minimum of 80 high-wage jobs to the area. Commissioners agreed during their Nov. 22 meeting to grant the company an economic development rebate and a tangible personal property tax rebate.

Commissioner Mike Cella called the rebates reasonable and said the company will pay local taxes even with the incentives.

"It's not a free ride," Cella said of the incentives. "They are still going to be paying quite a bit in terms of ad valorem taxes, and when you count that there's going to be 80 jobs to start with that pay anywhere between \$51,000 and \$55,000, that's a \$4 million financial impact on the community with those dollars being spent in the community."

He added that sacrificing future taxes is necessary to attract new businesses to the county.

"In this day and age, that's just the way it is," he said. "Unfortunately, just because we're nice folks and we have a need to move industrial businesses into our community, they don't just decide to move into your community unless there are some incentives."

Cella said the scope of incentives offered by Clay is in the same range as those offered by other similar counties.

"We're not throwing millions of dollars at an Amazon or Wayfair like some of our neighbors to the Northeast have done and continue to do," he said. "We just can't compete with that. But I think this is a good project, and it does what we have set out to do in terms of our economic development."

Commissioner Jim Renninger added that the employer will be operating in the county long after the tax rebates expire.

"There's a sunset clause on both those (tax rebates)," he said. "This project's going to be here long after the sunset, and then we'll enjoy the full benefit of this production facility."

Crawford Powell, president of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation, said that when the company first approached his organization a year-and-a-half ago, it was forecasting a \$120 million to \$150 million capital investment and was planning to bring 70 jobs to the county.

"As the project has morphed and grown," he said, "now they are looking at about a \$225 million capital investment. 'We're pretty sure this will probably be (one of) the top five largest capital investment projects for the state this year. They've increased to a committed minimum of 80 jobs.'"

Powell added that he believes the project will ultimately produce over 100 jobs. He said if the deal goes through, he expects construction to begin in the first or second quarter of 2023.

Project Buzz

Commissioners also approved an incentive package for an employer already operating within the county that has outgrown its current facility and is expanding.

Powell referred to the company as "Project Buzz."

"It will be expanding from roughly 100,000 square feet to a 250,000 square-foot manufacturing facility," Powell said. "They will also be employing a significant number of additional employees."

Powell said the company has committed to retaining 90 jobs within the county.

"They've got a \$33 million capital investment in the community," Powell said, "but more importantly, we're retaining these jobs. If we could not satisfy their need to expand their footprint for their manufacturing, they would have to look elsewhere."



Wreaths made for KH businesses

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city's Heritage Commission made 40 Christmas Wreaths for Keystone Heights businesses to display.

"We met on Nov. 15," said Heritage Commission Chair Nina Rodenroth, and made wreaths for all the businesses downtown as well as the city buildings."

Twelve volunteers assembled the ornaments.

Photo: Volunteers assembling Christmas wreaths for Keystone Heights businesses were (l-r) Front Row: LaDonna Hart, Mary Lou Hull, Nina Rodenroth, Valerie Treptow and Deirdre Murphy. Back Row: Debbie Beals, Lynde Jones, Deborah Kaufman, Christine Arnold, Helen Hersey, Kathy Moran and Terry Temanson. Photo: Keystone Heights Heritage Commission.

Keystone thanks former officials

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council gave keys to the city to two former officials and one city supporter during its Monday, Nov. 28 meeting.

Mayor Karen Lake recognized former mayor Mary Lou Hildreth, ex-council member Paul Yates and former business owner Doug Wise for their past contributions to Keystone Heights.

Lake credited Hildreth with launching the city's community redevelopment agency by applying to the state for the designation.

The mayor added that Hildreth secured \$3 million in grants for the city, including \$1 million for the airport, and was nominated as Mayor of the Year by the Florida League of Cities.

Lake said Yates revised the municipality's accounting procedures and financial statements.

"Paul Yates was methodical in approaching the work with an eye on detail, and whereas Paul Yates helped restore solvency to the city's finances, we stand on his shoulders," Lake said.

Lake added that Wise also helped revise Keystone Heights' financial statements in addition to contributing to the city in other ways. In other news from the Nov. 28 Keystone Heights City Council meeting:

Out sick

Council Member Tony Brown and Vice Mayor Steve Hart, in addition to City Manager Lynn Rutkowski missed the meeting due to illness.



Mayor Karen Lake (left) reads a proclamation honoring former Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth, former Councilman Paul Yates and Keystone Heights supporter Doug Wise. Also pictured are (l-r) Council Members Bobby Brown and Chris Thompson, Wise, Hildreth and Yates. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Monitor Editor.

Election for mayor scheduled

The council approved a proclamation establishing April 11, 2023, as the day to elect the municipality's mayor. The term of office is three years and qualifying for the seat will be from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

Charter amendments approved

The council forwarded to voters four amendments to the city's charter.

Keystone Heights' charter review committee proposed the changes to the city's governing document. The amendments will be put before voters during the April 11, 2023, election.

One amendment would establish a censor policy for city council members, setting

procedures to file complaints against council members and outlining an investigation, reporting, hearing and voting process for members accused of violating laws or city policies.

During an earlier charter review committee meeting, Chair Larry Peoples said he modeled the proposed amendment after a similar ordinance in Stockton, California, where he used to live.

"It is not meant for getting rid of somebody," said Peoples. "It is meant to correct somebody and so I think it's appropriate for this town to have a censor policy for the city council. I think the best way to do that is to put it in the charter. That way the city council or future city councils cannot remove it by themselves. They would have to have the people vote to remove it."

A second amendment brought to the charter review committee

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Grant report highlights High Ridge projects

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay County Government issued a draft report of its progress on administering community development block grant projects and highlighted in the document efforts to revitalize the High Ridge Estates neighborhood east of Keystone Heights.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report summarizes the progress made toward the five-year goals established in the county's CDBG consolidated plan. It describes how funds were allocated and the extent to which funds benefitted low- and moderate-income persons.

Funded activities must serve one of the three CDBG national objectives: 1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, or 3) to meet a community development need of urgency.

The county said in the report that some of its major accomplishments using community development block grants centered around the Lake Region neighborhood.

"Two community clean-up days to resolve code enforcement issues were organized in High

Ridge Estates," the report said. "These projects aligned with the High Ridge Initiative, a community-led effort to improve the quality of life in one of the county's low to moderate-income areas."

The county said a significant number of applicants for home rehabilitation and code enforcement resolution came from the Lake Region. Twenty-one eligible residents applied for the assistance from the Keystone Heights zip code, while 37 Middleburg area residents applied.

"Orange Park and Green Cove Springs each had 18 eligible applicants," the county said. "Jacksonville, Melrose, and Lawtey each had one eligible applicant; portions of these zip codes are located geographically in Clay County."

The county-funded 108 home rehabilitation projects, 25 mobile home replacement projects and nine code violation projects.

The report states that the average median income of all approved applicants for housing rehabilitation projects was \$25,674.

"The County also resurfaced Louie Carter Road in Middleburg, Florida, which benefited a residential area of 100 low to

moderate-income families," the report states.

Part of the document addresses how the county handles the needs of homeless people within Clay.

"There are about 848 emergency shelter beds accessible to Clay County," officials said. "Several non-profit providers and faith-based organizations offer services and facilities to the homeless population, which include emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent support housing."

The report's 15-day public review and comment period is Wednesday, November 23, 2022, through Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the close of business. Comments from the public are encouraged and will be accepted during this period at the Department of Economic and Development Services, 477 Houston St., 3rd Floor, Planning and Zoning Division, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Comments can also be given by calling 904-541-3814 or emailing cdbg@claycountygov.com.

Officials are also holding a public meeting about the draft document. The meeting will be held at the Fleming Island Library at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

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UNION COUNTY

Union County mom creates national following

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — What started off as a hobby to help mothers deal with postpartum depression has grown into an internet business with followers in 36 states in addition to Canada and the United Kingdom.

Abbie Tucker, who has taught at Lake Butler Elementary School and has run a cake-decorating business from her Union County home, is the owner of A-TeamFitness.com.

Tucker said her clients are mostly mothers but include a variety of people like college students and premenopausal women.

She coaches them about eating habits and how to feel better about their bodies.

She also has an exercise component that she will soon be upgrading.

"I am going to be launching a subscription soon where women can come in and watch me work out with them live every day five days a week," she said.

Tucker said the business arose out of a personal struggle she had after the birth of her second child.

I was very scared

"My journey started mostly because I had severe postpartum depression to the point where I was going to admit myself to a mental health facility," she

recalled. "I was very scared."

Tucker said that one night, when the depression was particularly acute, she talked to her husband Corey about it and he advised her to see her physician the next day.

"He said, 'I'll stay home with the kids, and you take time to figure out what's going on.' So, I went and saw my OB and she told me I had postpartum anxiety and depression."

Among the treatments the doctor prescribed was more movement.

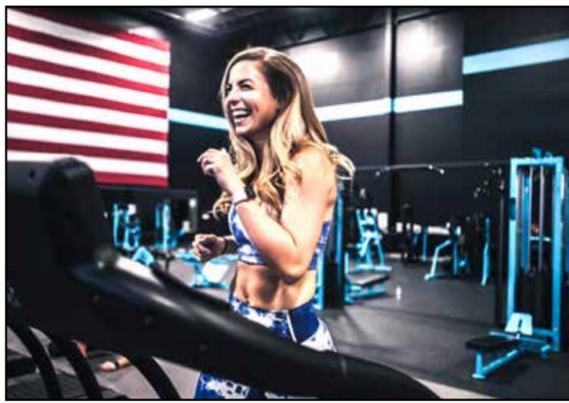
"She just told me: 'You need to walk every day for 30 minutes,'" Tucker said. "Take the kids outside; they need that Vitamin D you need the Vitamin D, and it allows you to escape being stuck inside of your home all the time.' So, I did, and she checked in on me every day for two weeks."

Tucker said the daily walks worked.

"Until that point, I had not ever really moved my body with an intention other than losing weight," she said. "I was actually moving for my mental health, to keep me sane, and then it just kind of grew from there."

No longer struggled to get out of bed

Tucker said that as she started to feel better, she had more



Union County Mom Abbie Tucker transformed her battle with postpartum depression into a coaching business that helps women in 36 states and two countries.

energy and could play with her children. She no longer struggled to get up in the morning because she looked forward to the events of the day.

Then she noticed her waistline shrinking.

"As I started to lose more and more weight and get deeper into it, I started to ask myself, how can I feel my body and lose weight and also nurse my baby at the same time?" she recalled.

Her quest for more knowledge led her to learning about exercise and nutrition science.

In April 2020, Tucker met a friend who was using an app to work out.

"She told me there's an app that allows you to track your

nutrition and it gives you a workout every single day kind of based on where you're at: if you're at home or in the gym and what you'd like to do. I was like, all right, let's sign up."

The following June, Tucker started sharing her journey on Instagram and other social media platforms.

"From there, it kind of just took off," she said. "People wanted to know: Okay what are you doing? How do you look so good? How can I look like you, or what can I do to lose weight and still breastfeed? That's a big concern for moms."

Feeling exhausted at the end of the day

The first women that she helped were all new mothers, around Tucker's age.

"And they were all struggling with the same things," she said, "like either, they're in that newborn phase or past the newborn phase and they are wondering when and how to start working out. Others were several years removed from that stage and just still carrying around excess baby weight and feeling just awful. Some felt exhausted every day, feeling like they had no excess energy left over to play with their kids at night after working a full day. They were in the same boat I was in, and I guess they experienced some success because they are still with me."

Tucker now has a community on Facebook that includes 500 men and women.

"It's a community of encouragement," she said. "They're women who are making friendships with each other across the country through this group that would never meet in real life."

She added that the benefit of coaching remotely is that she can help people all over the world.

"As of the last time I checked, my community is in 36 states, which is pretty exciting, and in

two countries: Canada and the U.K."

Husband: What are we doing here?

In January of this year, Tucker started to transform what had been a hobby into a business.

"Just the amount of people that I was getting to work with and realizing, wow, this takes a lot of my time," she said. "I really enjoy it, but I never realized necessarily how much time it was taking because I just enjoyed doing it so much. I was constantly answering a message or researching something for someone else or creating content or a workout or a recipe. Then I think in January just kind of hit me."

Around the same time, she also got some help in reevaluating her coaching activities.

"My husband was like: 'What are we doing here?'" Tucker recalled. "He said I was spending a lot of time on this and that I should consider making it a legitimate business."

Tucker said that since February, the growth in the business has come in waves.

"But it's been bigger than I expected and quicker than I expected," she said. "Obviously, there are still days that I wish I was further along, but then I think back to November when I was helping one person and now I'm helping hundreds of people."

Union Legislative Delegation hearing announced for Dec. 5 in Lake Butler

The Union County Legislative Delegation will hold its annual hearing Monday, Dec. 5, from 1-2:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Lake Butler City Hall, 200 SW First St.

The legislative delegation holds a public hearing each year to afford local officials, members

of the public, and other interested parties the opportunity to present legislative proposals or express opinions on state issues.

The Union County legislative delegation includes Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and Rep. Chuck Brannan (R-Macclenny). The 2023 regular

session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 7, in Tallahassee.

For additional information or to be placed on the agenda for the hearing, contact Sen. Bradley's office at 904-278-2085, or email her staff at Lee.Mary@flsenate.gov.

Soil and water group meeting

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office. The meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or call him at 904-368-0291 for more information.

Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. If you're ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group Thursday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Bradford County Health Department. Virtual options by computer and phone are also available.

This free, one-time two-hour group will give you tips on how to deal with triggers and withdrawal symptoms and how to prevent relapse. You'll also receive up to four weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges.

This group more than doubles your chance of quitting for good.

Pre-registration is required. Call 866-341-2730 to reserve your spot.

Christmas concert at Southside Southside Elementary School will host its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 15,

from 5 to 8 p.m. Entry is \$5 at the gate. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the outdoor show.

Every Southside student will receive a ticket for a chance to win a gift, and \$1 tickets will be sold for drawings to win a family vacation to Wild Adventures and a Yeti cooler. Food trucks will be selling pizza, barbecue, snow cones and more. Come and enjoy the seasonal fun.

Santa Express at LBES

Lake Butler Elementary School's Santa Express will take place after school on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale through Dec. 12. There will be Christmas crafts, photos with Santa and other fun activities. Students can be picked up in front of the cafeteria at 5 p.m.

Lawtey Christmas Parade Dec. 17

Lawtey's Christmas Parade will take place Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 10 a.m. Come enjoy the lineup of classic cars, church and community floats, horses and more. The parade travels from Lawtey Elementary School, east down Lake Street (C.R. 225) and across U.S. 301 and turns around at Walk by Faith Ministries.

For more information, contact Ben Strong at 904-782-3130 or Cynthia Ross at 904-782-3107.

Foundation holding drawing for vehicles, vacation

The Bradford County Education Foundation is currently selling tickets to enter drawings for three prizes: a 2016 Dodge Charger, a 2006 Honda Rancher 350 4x2 and a four-day, three-night stay at a cabin in Ellijay, Georgia.

Tickets for the drawing for the Charger, which was donated by the Starke Police Department, are \$100. A total of 200 will be sold.

A total of 100 tickets, at a cost of \$50 each, will be sold to enter the drawings for the Rancher, which was donated by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, and the Ellijay cabin (Blissful Bear). The cabin sleeps four.

Tickets can be purchased from any BCEF member. All profits go to help Bradford County public schools.

Plans are to hold the drawings at next year's Northeast Florida Chamber of Commerce banquet, though they could be held sooner if the all the tickets are sold before then.



Keystone Heights High School Principal Laurie Burke, Friends of KHHS Director Tina Bullock and Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake hold a ceremonial check from the Clay Electric Foundation.

Nonprofits land Clay Electric grants

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Clay Electric Foundation said it awarded 12 grants during its October grant cycle, with four going to Lake Region-based nonprofits. The October awards going to Keystone Heights-area charities were:

Knights of Columbus - \$12,000

The Knights of Columbus Council of Keystone Heights provides support in the community by offering services or products to individuals, families or organizations in need. Grant funds will support the Holiday Helpers program, which will supply toys for children and meet the needs of families and seniors during the holidays.

Woman's Club of Keystone Heights - \$6,500

The Woman's Club of Keystone Heights is a community service organization that supports the local area in various ways. Funding from the grant will be applied to revitalizing and restoring the club building.

Friends of KHHS - \$15,000

Friends of Keystone Heights High School was formed in 2020 to support and assist programs of KHHS. Grant funds will support band, business and JROTC programs, as well as the Clothes Closet community program.

Operation Barnabas Inc. - \$15,000

Operation Barnabas, located in Keystone Heights, is a nonprofit that strives to provide hope, encouragement, and mentorship to at-risk Clay County veterans and first responders through outreach and resources quickly. Grant funds will support The Vet We Haven't Met Yet program.

Other grants awarded by the foundation for the October grant cycle were:

Bright Minds Youth Development - \$10,000 (Clay County)

Bright Minds Youth Development in Orange Park is a tutoring and mentoring program for youth and young adults. Grant funds will support programs like summer camp scholarships and tutoring sessions.

Service Dogs for Patriots - \$15,000 (Alachua County)

Service Dogs for Patriots serves and supports veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder living in Central Florida by providing qualified dogs and service dog training. Funds from the grant will provide service dog training to five veteran-service dog teams.

Educational Foundation of Lake County - \$10,000 (Lake County)

The Educational Foundation of Lake County is a nonprofit organization that directly supports the Lake County Public School district. Grant funds will help purchase equipment for high school science labs.

Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida Inc. - \$15,000 (Putnam County)

Feeding Northeast Florida is the region's largest food bank and hunger-relief network, working to establish food security across eight counties. Grant funds will go toward the Snack Pack Child Feeding Program, which provides food for children over the weekend.

First Readers Inc. - \$10,000 (Bradford, Baker, Volusia counties)

First Readers is a community-based organization founded to address the problem of children

entering kindergarten without basic early literacy skills and school readiness. Grant funds will be used to support the early childhood literacy development program in Bradford, Baker and Volusia counties.

CDS Family and Behavioral Services Inc. - \$8,400 (Putnam County)

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services Inc. is a nonprofit social services agency that targets familial strength through prevention, counseling and youth shelters. Funds from the grant will be applied to improvements to the facility.

American Red Cross of Northeast Florida - \$15,000 (All counties)

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing volunteers' power and donors' generosity. Funds from the grant will be applied to the Home Fire Campaign to provide critical services to people impacted by home fires and tools and information to support home fire prevention efforts.

Florida Center for the Blind - \$15,000 (Marion County)

The Florida Center for the Blind Inc. is a nonprofit serving Marion and surrounding counties. The organization provides services to any individual who is blind or visually impaired. Funds will be used to support the intervention program to provide rehabilitative training and intervention services to individuals with severe visual impairment or progressive disease to give them the skills to maintain their confidence and independence as their vision deteriorates.



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In addition to parks in specific areas, the study also took into account the county's regional sports park and allocated its costs to the entire county, since it will benefit residents throughout the area.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle said the total cost of the county's regional recreation park near State Roads 21 and 16 could be as high as \$33 million.

The updated report identifies \$371.9 million in future projects that need to be funded through 2045 to keep pace with the county's growth. Of that, \$144.8 million could be funded through impact fees, leaving the county with \$227.1 million to fund through other sources.

Values changed

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle told commissioners the updated report also values land and buildings differently than the original document.

"We changed the value of property to the appraised value out of the property appraiser's office versus the land value that we had calculated and instead of the price to acquire the land," he said. "So, we went to the actual appraised value, and we changed the values for the buildings from the construction cost to what our insured cost was since there was some concerns about the construction costs being inflated."

Nagle added that the county also used recent construction quotes for fire stations to estimate future costs of buildings.

"That's a more conservative approach that we took," he said.

Nine fire stations needed

During the workshop, several county agencies presented their outlook for the next 20 years.

Fire Chief Lorin Mock said that between 2015 and 2022, calls for service to the fire department increased by 40%.

Mock said he anticipates purchasing 10 ambulances, eight ladder trucks, five tenders and nine pumpers to meet growth projections. He added that the overwhelming majority of the 53,000 annual calls projected in the future will be medical calls. He also said the county will have to build seven additional stations



Clay County Fire Chief Lorin Mock (right) said the county will need to build seven new fire stations and replace two over the next 20 years. Also pictured (l-r) are Commissioner Mike Cella, County Manager Howard Wanamaker and County Attorney Courtney Grimm. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Monitor Editor.

and replace two over the next 20 years for a total anticipated cost of \$90.7 million, including the additional trucks.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle said the county will need \$104 million to fund future law enforcement needs. Impact fees would fund \$25.7 million of those costs.

The sheriff's office's chief financial officer said the agency's administrators are now spread out over 18 buildings. The office's CFO said they need to be under one roof. She also said the office now lags the state average in deputies per capita.

Criticisms

Home builder Michael Bourre told commissioners that even with the revisions, the study is inadequate. He said the impact fee study does not identify current standards for service levels. He added that the county has no separate studies on county deficiencies and that the impact fee study is deficient.

George Egan of the Reinhold Corporation said his organization supports the concept of impact fees, but that the impact fee study needs more detail and depth.

Erick Saks, representing Operation Lifeline which provides affordable housing for veterans, asked commissioners to consider discounts on impact fees for affordable housing. He said his organization can't work in St. John's County because no such discounts exist.

T.R. Hainline Jr. of the Roger's Towers law firm, representing the Northeast Florida Home Builders Association, said the impact fee study revisions are positive. He added that missing

from the study are existing county deficiencies. "This is important because you cannot use impact fees to fund existing deficiencies," he said.

Commissioners respond

Villarreal defended his report against the criticisms. He said the document is in compliance with Florida statutes and case law on impact fees.

Commissioner Kristen Burke said officials are criticized for not getting ahead on infrastructure. "If we are 63rd out of 67 counties in public safety funding, we are not doing our jobs," she said.

Commissioner Mike Cella, disagreeing with a development industry representative, said impact fees do not tie the hands of future commissioners. "It provides a plan for future growth," he said. "People don't want to sit in congested roadways, and they want parks where their children can play."

Cella also said Clay County is ranked near the bottom in the state in terms of per capita county government spending.

"The taxpayers are getting value for their money," he said. "Businesses coming into the county want to see that we have a plan for the future."

Commissioner Betsy Condon said a picture is worth a thousand words. She added that Mock's map of current fire stations showing the lack of coverage and future growth speaks volumes.

The board of county commissioners is scheduled to take up impact fees during its Dec. 13 meeting.

earlier charter review committee meeting.

The fourth amendment would increase the threshold for city purchases that require a bid. Now, the city must seek bids for all purchases over \$10,000.

During an earlier committee meeting, City Attorney Rich Komando said that some vendors are not responding to low bid requests because the small purchase amounts are not worth the time required to respond to the bid request.

Vape, cannabis, smoke shops regulated

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance that would allow cannabis dispensaries, vape shops and tobacco stores in the city's industrial land use zones as a use by exception.

Other uses permitted in the same zoning classification include mini-warehouses, light manufacturing, outdoor storage

with food for those in need.

The Blessing Box bears the words, "Take what you need, and leave what you can." The latter part of that statement is indeed true as the church has friends in the community who help it fill the box.

Besides hosting monthly bunco games, the church women are selling donations for a drawing for a handmade Afghan. The drawing will be held in December.

All donations for the drawing also benefit the Blessing Box.

For more information, please call St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 904-964-6126.

The church is located at 212 N. Church St.

THANKS

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by Councilman Tony Brown would change the mayor's office from an at-large, elected council seat to an office appointed by the council.

"This would not kick the mayor out as some people may want to characterize it," Peoples said during the charter review committee's April 14 meeting. "Whoever it may be next year (that) wins Seat 4 is still the mayor for three years and then after the end of the three years then this kicks in."

The third amendment would prevent council members from directing the work of staff members other than the city manager. The proposal is based on a current Clay County government policy.

"So, this rule would make a firewall between the city council and the workers underneath the city manager's authority," said Charter Review Committee Chair Larry Peoples during an

St. Mark's offers bunco games as part of outreach

The women of St Mark's Episcopal Church of Starke offer bunco in the parish hall the second Monday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. Prizes are awarded to the winner at the end of the games.

Bunco is open to the community.

Refreshments are available.

Proceeds from the monthly event help stock the church's Blessing Box, which is filled

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

Jon Dakota Andrade, 29, of Fort White was arrested on Nov. 25 for disorderly intoxication.

Ryan Christopher Barth, 34, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 19 for DUI.

Derrick Allen Brantley, 46, of Sanderson was arrested on Nov. 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Lamar Junior Bryant, 39, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 23 for failure to appear.

Annie Gale Burton, 33, of Palatka was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 25 for a probation violation.

James Harold Chadwick, 27, of Lake City was arrested on Nov. 21 for a probation violation.

Christopher Allen Coldiron, 48, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Nov. 21 for a probation violation.

Madison Lee Eillis, 25, was arrested on Nov. 23 for battery and criminal mischief with property damage.

Lamarr Hassan Finklea, 24, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 22 for a probation violation.

Gendry Yordan Frometa, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 22 for failure to appear.

Joel Benjamin Hayes, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 22 for a probation violation.

Charlie Lee Jonas, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 20 for DUI.

Shawna Aymara Martin, 50, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Nov. 21 for disorderly intoxication, resisting an officer, possession of marijuana and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Alvin B. Stinson, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 22 for a probation violation.

Steven Michael Troy, 44, of Bronson was arrested on Nov. 21 for resisting an officer, driving with a suspended license and reckless driving.

Kenneth Elton Varnes, 44, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 20 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Union

Timothy Steven Cox, 29, was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 22 for burglary, petit theft and criminal mischief with property damage.

Brandon Joseph Croft, 39, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 27 for contempt of court.

Anthony Stephen Dunaway, 36, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 28 for larceny.

Michael Terrell Lawrence, 35, of New Port Richie was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 23 for disorderly intoxication.

Michael Dewayne Long, 53, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 23 for larceny and a probation violation.

Bryan Scott Robertson, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 27 for aggravated assault and improper exhibit of a weapon.

Crystal Marie Schneider, 35, of Summerfield was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 23 for failure to appear.

Kelly Ann Thornton, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 22 for failure to appear.

Clay

Shawn Matthew Eiserman, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Nov. 25 for possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.

Charles Jeffery McPherson, 66, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on Nov. 25 for battery and resisting an officer.

Union man facing animal cruelty charges

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The owner of a Union County slaughterhouse is facing a misdemeanor charge after abandoned livestock was discovered at his business.

A Florida Department of Agriculture investigator filed a sworn complaint on Nov. 22 alleging Roger Tanner, the owner of Roger's Wild Game Processing neglected a sow pig and a three-year-old gray heifer that was left at his business in a trailer.

A state investigator wrote in a sworn complaint that Union County Animal Control seized the livestock.

Tanner, when contacted about the animals, said he was in Williston and arrived at the scene five hours after the state investigator arrived.

The investigator contacted the owner of the animals, who said he dropped off the livestock to be slaughtered by Tanner.

The officer issued Tanner a notice to appear in court.

Food distribution in Lake Butler

There will be a Farm Share food distribution in Lake Butler on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 a.m. at the Lake Butler Community Center, 155 NW Third St. This is a drive-thru distribution. Volunteers will be on hand to assist. Please have your trunk open as you proceed through the distribution line. There is a limit of two families per vehicle.



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RMC hosts state CERT competition



A Suwannee Correctional CERT member puts his marksmanship to the test. Photos by Cliff Smelley except where noted.



John Palmer, the director of the Florida Department of Corrections' Region 2, speaks during the opening ceremony.



Florida State Prison CERT members Jesse Rehill and Ryan Davis. Photo by Ciara Johnson, Region 2 communications coordinator, Florida Department of Corrections.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Eight Florida Department of Corrections correctional emergency response teams (CERT) participated in a statewide competition on Nov. 17, hosted by Lake Butler's Reception and Medical Center, with Sumter Correctional Institution taking first place ahead of Santa Rosa Correctional Institution in second place and Florida State Prison in third place.

As part of his opening remarks, John Palmer, the director of Region 2 (which includes FSP, RMC, Lawtey Correctional, New River Correctional, Union Correctional and 12 other institutions), said it was an exciting day that served to help fulfill the Secretary of Corrections Ricky Dixon's goal of creating a family environment. CERT members, other department personnel and, for the first time ever, family members all turned out on what was a chilly morning.

"We're expecting over 300 people in attendance," Palmer said. "Today is a good day. Anytime we can be outside the chain-link fence together like this, enjoying each other's company, is a great day, isn't it?"

In speaking with the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, Palmer said the day was also exciting because it had been a while since such an event had been held.

"It's the first time we've had one in a few years because of COVID-19," Palmer said.

CERT members demonstrated their proficiency in a variety of tactical skills. Some of the events they participated in showed off their marksmanship, while an obstacle course put them through a number of strenuous activities.

"To see them go through those activities with precision, while their bodies are under physical and mental stress — it's something to see," Palmer said.

Palmer noted in his opening remarks that CERT members are "heroes" who "stand in the gap each and every day on behalf of our wardens and our regional directors and our institutions."

"Everything that we need, they rise to the call of duty," Palmer said.

Palmer told the Telegraph-Times-Monitor that the competition was a great way to strengthen the concept of team and build morale among CERT members. He added that with so many from the Florida Department of Corrections on site, as well as family members,



A member of the Suwannee Correctional CERT team goes through the obstacle course.



These Suwannee Correctional CERT members demonstrate teamwork on the obstacle course.

the event helped people network and build relationships.

"That's really what it's all about," Palmer said.

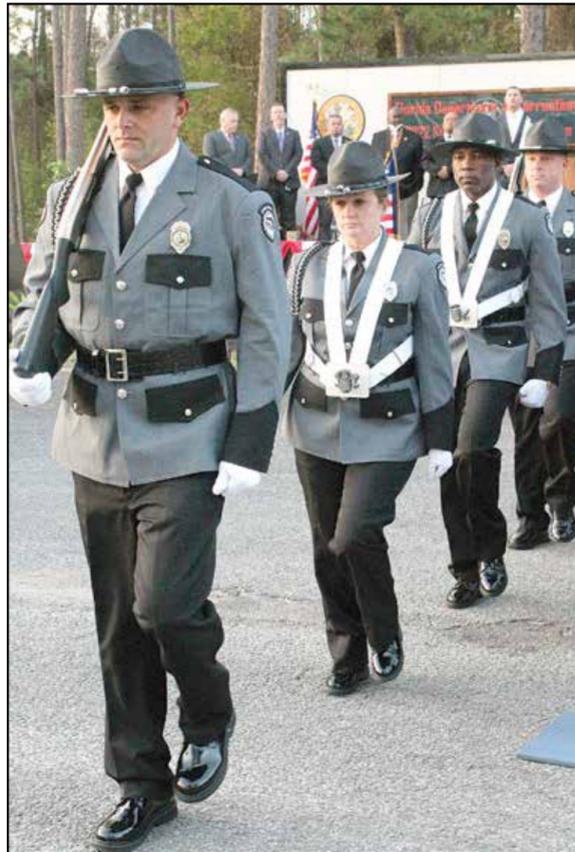
As part of the opening ceremony, "Taps" was performed on trumpet by Tomoka Correctional Institution Warden Jared Cox, who is from this area and worked previously at Union Correctional, and Inspector R. Clayton in memory of Sgt. Jorge

Ramos. Ramos, who worked at Miami-Dade County's South Florida Reception Center, passed away after falling ill during a CERT competition in 2016.

Palmer said he hoped that the day's performances would be inspired by Ramos' memory, legacy and his commitment to the mission of correctional emergency response teams.



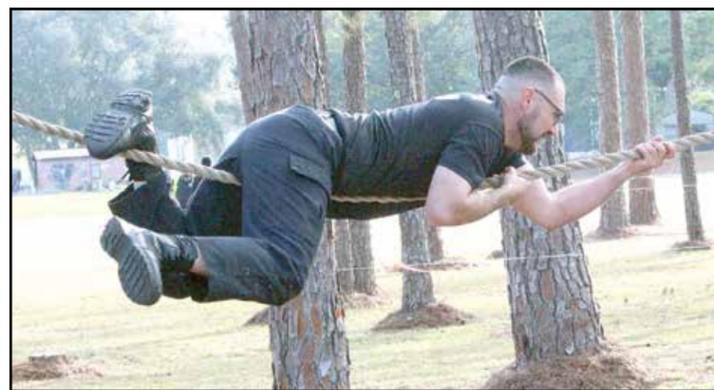
You certainly didn't want to be afraid of heights during this competition.



Correctional Officer Christopher Hunt, Sgt. Jennifer Cooley, Lt. Peter Divert and Correctional Officer Brenden Wilson take part in the opening ceremony as members of the RMC color guard.



Eight teams competed, including Suwannee Correctional (pictured).



The obstacle course consisted of numerous rope challenges.

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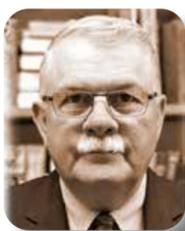
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The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Keystone

United Methodist Church (4004 S.R. 21).

A covered-dish luncheon will be served. Meat will be provided, while sides and desserts will be

brought by members who signed up to do so.

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

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Tornadoes outscore 'Cats 21-0 in 2nd half of 28-17 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was either win the second half or call it a season. Bradford High School's football team won it in a big way, scoring three touchdowns on plays of more than 60 yards each and getting a shutout from the defense in defeating visiting Baker County 28-17 to claim the Region 2-2S championship on Nov. 25.

"That's us," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said of his team's play in the second half. "That's what I thought we were going to have the whole time.

"The emotions got to us. Our kids were excited. Maybe I got them too hyped before we came out."

By overcoming a 17-7 deficit, the Tornadoes (12-1) earned a berth in the state semifinals for the first time since 2017. Bradford will host Cocoa (last season's Class 4A state runner-

up) on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

"It feels great," said Chason Clark, a standout on defense who also scored on a 79-yard pass play. "All the work we put in — it's paid off. We had a lot of adversity in the first half. I'm happy with how we responded after halftime."

Rodgers said he talked to his players during halftime about how important the first offensive series of the second half was going to be, but the Tornadoes managed to cut into Baker's lead before even taking a snap. Jametrius "Jip" Pringle fielded the kickoff to start the third quarter, catching it at his own 2 and taking it back all the way for a touchdown.

"It made it a field-goal deficit with no plays being run in the second half," Rodgers said. "That was exactly what we needed."

Pringle said his teammates told him, "Jip, we need one." His

response? "I've got you, boys."

The Tornadoes took their first lead when quarterback Jeremiah McKenzie scored on a 61-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-1 play on the team's first offensive series.

"I was just hoping to get the first down," McKenzie said. "I broke free, and that was it."

As far as Rodgers was concerned, it was a done deal at that point.

"I knew our defense was going to do what it had to do," he said, adding that his team gave the Wildcats all of their scores in the first half because of turnovers and penalties.

"Honestly, it should've been a shutout," he said.

It was Bradford that was in position to put the first score on the board. Willie Pollard had five carries for 39 yards to help the Tornadoes drive to the Baker 6-yard line. A fumble, however, was scooped up by the Wildcats' Hudson Register, who almost took the ball back for a score before being chased down and tackled by Clark at the Tornadoes' 5-yard line. Baker quarterback Blake Mays scored on a run from there on the first play of the second quarter. Mays added the PAT to put the Wildcats up 7-0.

The next time the Wildcats (9-4) had the ball, they were facing a third-and-1 at their own 29. Bradford's Trente Jenkins tackled Joshua Holmes for a 1-yard loss, forcing Baker to punt.

Bradford began the ensuing series at its own 41. The Tornadoes moved past midfield on a 14-yard pass play from McKenzie to Chalil Cummings. A penalty and a tackle for a loss had Bradford going in the wrong direction, but Pollard, who finished the night with 132 yards



Gavin Cook (foreground, left) upends Baker County's Cam Smith. Chason Clark (right) is also pictured. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Torin Brazell (right) prepares to sack Baker County quarterback Blake Mays.

on 21 carries, bounced a run outside for a 48-yard touchdown at the 6:34 mark of the second quarter. Hayden Hughes kicked the extra point to tie the score.

The Wildcats' Davion Dean, who was the game's second-leading rusher with 81 yards on 10 carries, ripped off a 48-yard run to the Bradford 22. An unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty later set up first-and-goal at the 8. Cam Smith eventually scored on a 1-yard run on fourth down with 2:58 remaining in the half. Mays kicked the extra point for a 14-7 Baker lead.

Bradford had a promising drive going after a 23-yard pass from Dae'Jon Shanks to Cummings resulted in a first down for Bradford at the Baker 40. Mays, however, intercepted

a pass at his own 18-yard line and returned it to the Bradford 35 with 17 seconds left until halftime.

Two incomplete passes and a penalty had the Wildcats facing third-and-15, but a personal-foul penalty on the Tornadoes resulted in a first down at the 25-yard line. That set Mays up for a 42-yard field-goal attempt, which he made on the last play of the half to put Baker up 17-7.

The penalty that set up the field goal was one of five 15-yard penalties assessed on Bradford in the first half.

Clark said he and his teammates were mad at themselves over how they were letting their anger put them at a disadvantage. The key, he said, was to come out and play with more discipline in the

second half. The Tornadoes had only one 15-yard penalty in the second half and cut its penalty yardage in half after having 80 yards marked off against them in the first half.

"I think that's what changed the game for us," Clark said.

Of course, it's nice to be able to have a big play coming out of the locker room. The Tornadoes got that with Pringle's kickoff return, which, after Hughes added the PAT, pulled Bradford to within 17-14.

"He got everybody going," McKenzie said.

Clark said, "It was amazing. Jip really stepped up and showed why he's a senior leader."

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BHS to host state runner-up Cocoa in state semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School is set to play a state semifinal football game for the first time since 2017 and for just the fourth time in 19 years when it hosts Region 3 champion Cocoa in a Class 2S matchup on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Cocoa, which advanced by defeating South Sumter 35-7, is no stranger to the state semifinals, having now advanced for the 16th straight season. The Tigers (9-3) have won four state championships during that span (2008-10 and 2016) and finished as state runner-up three times, including last season in Class 4A.

The Tigers have an overall postseason record of 50-19 and are in the postseason for the 19th straight year.

In its three playoff games this season, Cocoa has outscored opponents 136-16. Conversely, Bradford has outscored opponents 113-17.

The two teams played one similar opponent this season in Dunnellon, with the Tornadoes recording a 44-0 win and the Tigers recording a 52-6 win in the first round of the playoffs.

Cocoa's three losses during the regular season came against bigger schools in Metro classifications that all qualified for the postseason. The Tigers lost 29-19 to 3M Orlando Jones

(a 6A state semifinalist in 2021), 42-14 to 3M St. Thomas Aquinas (the 7A state champion in 2021) and 35-29 to 4M Seminole (an 8A region finalist in 2021).

Of the team's six regular-season wins, four were against playoff qualifiers that had winning records: 44-3 over 4S Melbourne, 47-0 over 2S Titusville, 35-0 over 2S Palm Bay and 28-20 over 2S Rockledge.

The Tigers opened the playoffs with the win over Dunnellon, followed by a 49-3 win in a rematch against Palm Bay.

In the 35-7 win over South Sumter in the Region 3 final, senior quarterback Blake Boda, who played for Daytona Seabreeze last season, completed

25 of 38 passes for 368 yards and five touchdowns. It was the fifth game in which Boda has thrown five touchdown passes.

Boda has completed 229 of 354 pass attempts this season for 3,444 yards and 45 touchdowns, averaging 287 yards and four touchdowns per game.

The Tigers' receiving corps is led by junior Ric'Darius "DayDay" Farmer, who has 15 offers from colleges such as Miami, Penn State, Michigan State, Iowa State and Missouri. He has 52 receptions for 793 yards and nine touchdowns.

Senior Cedrick Hawkins, an Ohio State commit at defensive back, has 34 catches for 601 yards and five touchdowns,

while sophomore Jayvan Boggs has 30 catches for 499 yards and four touchdowns.

Cocoa has three more players with at least 300 yards in receptions: senior Kyon

Calhoun (29 for 375 yards and nine touchdowns), senior Jaden Edgcomb (30 for 374 yards and four touchdowns) and junior C.J.

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Obituaries

Carl Byrd

Carl Byrd, 90, of Starke, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, in Orange Park. He was born June 19, 1932, in Starke to Ernest and Adele (Box) Byrd. He worked for the city of Starke, where he was a driver for the sanitation department. He was an avid horseback rider and, in his free time, loved to hunt and fish. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Clare (Deigraph) Byrd; children, Junior Byrd, William Byrd, Joe Allen Byrd, and Johnny Byrd; brother, Jasper Byrd; sister-in-law, Ann Barns Byrd; and daughter-in-law, Patty Campbell Byrd.

Survivors are his daughter, Darlene (James) Geiger of Lake Butler; grandchildren, Terry (Josh) Hodges of Hampton Lake, Rebecca Geiger and Rodney Geiger, both of Starke; five great-grandchildren; as well as his sister, Jo Williamson of Hampton; and nephew, Able Campbell of Starke.

There will be no services held at this time.

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

PAID OBITUARY

James Cellon

James (Jim) Eugene Cellon, 75, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. He was born in Gainesville on Aug. 11, 1947, to D.M. and Mildred Cellon. Born and raised in Gainesville, he was a graduate of Gainesville High School, Class of 1965, and remained a resident of Gainesville until his retirement from Gainesville Regional Utilities in January 1997. He then retired to Keystone Heights to fulfill his dream of living on a lake. He was an avid hunter and Gator fan. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Craig Cellon.



He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Carole Anne; daughter, Christina (Brett) Waterhouse; son, Christopher (Tiffany) Cellon; parents, D.M. and Mildred Cellon; brother, Don (Tootsie) Cellon; granddaughters, Breanna and Megan Waterhouse; grandsons, Cody and Garrett Cellon; sister-in-law, Nancy Ingalls; niece, Kim (Steve) Briede; nephews, Paul Cellon, Roy and Alan Mizell.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, 404 N. Main St., Gainesville. Burial will follow in Antioch Cemetery near La Crosse. The family will receive friends Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 3324 W. University Ave. #128, Gainesville, 32607. Please visit his memorial page at www.williamstomasthomasfuneralhome.com. For Further information contact Williams-Thomas Downtown 352-376-7556.

PAID OBITUARY

Louis Mosley Jr.

Deacon Louis Wesley Mosley Jr., 95, of Gainesville, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2022, at E.T York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. He was born in Donaldsonville, Georgia and moved to Florida at an early age. He was a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Starke. He served his country in the United States Army and retired from Gainesville Oaks Mall as a janitor. He was a member of the American Legion, and the NAACP and Head Deacon of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Deacon Board.

He is survived by his sons, John Wesley Mosley and Steve Baker; daughters, Mary Alice Mosley and Sandra Bellamy; brothers, Thomas White, Eddie H. Mosley, Charles Mosley Sr., Wendell Mosley, David W. Mosley and Gerald L. Mosley Sr.; sisters, Ruby Green, Thelma J. Mosley, Shirley Dennis, Ruth M. Morris and Mary Strong Mosley; and a host of grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1662 Old Lawtey Road, Starke, with Pastor James Morris conducting the services. Interment will be held in Bob-Love Cemetery (Pleasant Grove), Starke under the direction of Haile Funeral Home, Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-7905. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1662 Old Lawtey Road, Starke, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Cortege will form at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Starke.

PAID OBITUARY

Annette Norman

Annette Estelle Norman, 74, of Starke, went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at her residence with her loving family by her side after a long battle with dementia. She was born in Gainesville on Nov. 10, 1948, to the late Lloyd Cecil Padgett and Mary Estelle Waters Padgett. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Starke. She graduated from Bradford High School in 1967 and married the love of her life, Gerald Norman, on March 3, 1968. They were happily married for 54 amazing years and enjoyed all their time together. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved all her family dearly. She loved being a homemaker, raising her sons, and helping to raise the children she babysat for years. She was filled with love and gave that love to those around her. She was truly a gift, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Cauthorn, Cecil, Kenneth, and Elwood Padgett; brother-in-law, Rudy Sapp; and sister-in-law, Janie Padgett.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gerald Norman of Starke; three sons, Chester D. (Angela) Norman of Newberry, Timothy C. (Karen) Norman of Jacksonville, and Wesley A. (Karen) Norman of Lake Butler; sister, Catherine Sapp of Starke; sisters-in-law, Kay Padgett of Starke and Sue Padgett of Hampton; and six grandchildren, Austin, Alex, Audrey, Rachel, Rosalea, and Rebekah.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Starke with Brother Matthew Page officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday an hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Starke Building Fund or Haven Hospice in honor of Annette's precious life.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Catherine Pusateri

Catherine Shirley Pusateri, 89, of Starke, went to her Heavenly home on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 1, 1933, to the late Michael Phillips and Catherine Goniak Phillips. She was raised in Pittsburgh and graduated from St. Michael's Catholic School. Shortly after graduation, she married her high school sweetheart and best friend, August Michael Pusateri. They were happily married for 58 amazing years and enjoyed their longtime companionship. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who had a successful career as a medical secretary. In the mid-1950s, Michael and Catherine relocated to south Florida. She proudly served at the city of Sunrise, Florida, in their administration office for many years until her retirement. When not working, she loved being outdoors tending to her plants. She loved the peacefulness of being outside and enjoying the sweet aesthetics of God's creations. She also enjoyed sewing and was very active in her prayer circle. She knew the power of prayer and was a very faithful prayer warrior. In 2005, Michael and Catherine made Starke their forever home and became members of Grace Community Fellowship Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, August Michael Pusateri; daughter, Monica Owen; son-in-law, John Owen; and sisters, Patricia Gales and Mary Ann Borneman.

She is survived by her children, Greg (Annette) Pusateri of Starke and Michele Pusateri of Melbourne; grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Melissa (Jeff), Bradley, John (Christy), Andrea, and Laurel; and great-grandchildren, Skylar, Lilly, Mattie, Rayne, John Knight, Andrew, Mason and Cashton.

Her family will receive friends on Friday, Dec. 2, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel.

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PAID OBITUARY

Helen Ridlehoover

Helen Ridlehoover, 84, of Keystone Heights, died peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, after a courageous battle with heart disease. She was born in Hamlin, West Virginia in 1938 to her parents, Lester and Bessie Gartin. Her family moved to South Florida during her teens, where she graduated from Pompano Beach High School in 1954. Soon after graduation, she married Calvin Ridlehoover; a marriage that lasted 64 wonderful years. She was a most loving, selfless, and supportive mother to her three daughters, Annette, Karen, and Monica. She was instantly loved by anyone who knew her, and she always greeted everyone with love and joy in her heart. She simply never met a stranger and was a friend to all. We will miss the sparkle in her eyes and the beautiful smile that she shared with everyone. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Calvin Ridlehoover.

She is survived by her three daughters, Annette (Greg) Pusateri, Karen McRae, and Monica Ridlehoover; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Grace Community Fellowship Church.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

William Spruill

William Leonard Spruill, 56, of Starke, went to be with his Lord and Savior after a long and courageous fight with cancer on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Nov. 25, 1966, to Leonard and Dianne Spruill and grew up in Maryland until moving to Florida where he lived out the rest of his days. He met his best friend and the love of his life, Cindy, right down the road from where they lived in Maxville. "Mr. Leonard," as everyone knew him, will be remembered as a very friendly and generous man. He enjoyed hunting, whiskey jug collecting, and searching for arrowheads in his free time. He was also known as an avid Florida Gator fan and the best "Papa" in the world. He was very strong in his faith and lived his life that way as well. He was truly loved and is going to be missed by many. He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Dempsey Spruill.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Cindy Spruill of Starke; mother, Dianne Bezilik of Baldwin; one son, "LJ" (Cheyanne) Spruill of Bryceville; two daughters, Lyndsey Spruill of Lake City and Danyell Carter of Starke; one brother, Travis Spruill of Bryceville; one sister, Bobbie Jo Bezilik of Baldwin; and eight grandchildren, Jaxson, Daylon, Callay, Dameron, Judson, JR., Korbyn, and Kohen. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A gathering and celebration of life will be held privately at a later date. Final disposition will be by cremation.

Guerry Funeral Home, U.S. 90 East, Macclenny, has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. Please visit www.guerryfuneralhome.net to leave condolences for the family.

PAID OBITUARY

Carol Watt

Carol Kathleen Watt, 70, passed away on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at her home in Keystone Heights. She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on Dec. 22, 1951, to the late Norman and Nora (Killion) Watt.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

John Wilkinson

John David "J.D." Wilkinson, 90, of Clay Hill, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at the Centerfield Care Center in Middleburg. He was born on Feb. 18, 1932, in Clay Hill, where he lived and worked his entire life. He was a great provider for his family and set a strong example for his children. During his career, he owned and operated a pulpwood and logging business for many years before turning his attention to full-time farming, where he raised cattle and poultry. When not working, he enjoyed local politics in Clay County, attending and watching NASCAR races, and he was a lifelong Ford fan. One of his favorite pastimes was sharing the many stories of his younger years making moonshine with his father, Buddy Wilkinson, and others, in the Clay Hill community. He was a generous person and was always willing to help others when in need. He was preceded in death by his father, David W. "Buddy" Wilkinson; and mother, Nellie Lee Faircloth; his beloved wife of 52 years, Millie (Starling) Wilkinson; his son, David N. Wilkinson; and infant daughter, Elizabeth Wilkinson.

Survivors include his sons, Alan (Cindy) Wilkinson of Clay Hill and Glen (Laurie) Wilkinson of Brooks, Georgia; daughter-in-law, Donna Wilkinson of Clay Hill; sister, Louise Johns of Clay Hill; grandchildren, Tela, Brandy, Kyle, Kaitlin, Christian, Claire, Candy, and Amanda; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Long Branch Baptist Church with Pastor Harry Conaway officiating. Interment will follow in Long Branch Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at the funeral home.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Blackburn-Curry Funeral & Cremation, 380 N. Lowder St., Macclenny, 32063. 904-259-2806. Please share your condolences with the family online at www.blackburncurryfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Mary Zimmerman

Mary Lou Zimmerman, 89, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, in Starke. She was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Huntington, West Virginia. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David "Davey" Zimmerman in 2020.

Graveside services will be held Monday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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

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Tigers rush for almost 400 yards in 41-6 win over Hornets

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Rayvon Durant and Dayviontae Thompson rushed for two touchdowns each as the Union County High School football team relied upon a ground that churned out 389 yards in a 41-6 win over visiting Lafayette for the Region 3-1R championship on Nov. 25.

The Tigers (8-2) now hit the road, having to travel to Century to face Region 1 champion Northview (12-0) in a state semifinal game on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Durant, A.J. Cortese, Hance Jones and Markus Strong served as captains for Union, which was coming off a 26-17 win over defending state champion Madison County in the Region 3 semifinals. Lafayette, which advanced with a 31-13 win over Hilliard, was represented during the coin toss by captains Carter Higginbotham and Karlos Murphy II.

Murphy came up with a big defensive play for the Hornets (10-3) on the game's opening series. Union received the kickoff to start the game and drove down the field, earning two first downs. On a fourth-down play, a Cortese pass was deflected by receiver Daylyn Diston before being intercepted by Murphy. Murphy returned the ball to the Lafayette 47-yard line before having it stripped from his possession by Dee Williams. The Hornets got lucky when Jacob Keast recovered the loose ball at



the Lafayette 49.

That was pretty much the highlight for the Hornets in the first half.

The Union offense struck with 3:48 left in the first quarter when Cortese took the ball 80 yards on a keeper for a touchdown. Jonathan Edwards booted the extra point through for a 7-0 Union lead.

The Union quarterback carried the ball seven times in all, finishing with 89 yards.

Early in the second quarter, Durant took a handoff 47 yards for another score, making the score, after Edwards' PAT, 14-0.

The Hornets received the

kickoff to open the third quarter and tried to make something happen against a tough defense that recorded 15 tackles for loss on the night. Strong recorded one of his 3.5 sacks on a first-down play, while Connor Bresee, who finished with two sacks, took the quarterback down on a third-down play to force a punt.

A personal foul assessed against Lafayette on the punt return had the Tigers starting a drive at the Hornets' 35-yard line. The Tigers cashed in, with Thompson busting through the defense for a 23-yard touchdown run with 7:45 remaining in the third quarter. Edwards added the PAT for a 21-0 lead.

Lafayette's problems seemed to mount as the game progressed. The Hornets' next possession saw Union's Timmy Taylor cause and recover a fumble at the Lafayette 16. Once again, the Tigers handed the ball off to Thompson, who sidestepped defenders and was virtually untouched on his way to the end zone for another score. Edwards' extra-point kick

was good as Union built a 28-0 lead with 6:19 to play in the third quarter.

Thompson finished with 48 yards on just four carries.

The Tigers continued to romp on their next series. Facing third-and-2, Durant, who finished with 155 yards on 15 carries, took a handoff and went untouched straight up the middle for a 28-yard touchdown run. Edwards, who was 5 of 5 on PATs, added his final extra-point kick of the night to make it a 35-0 game.

As the defense continued to shut down the Hornets in the fourth quarter, Union began subbing out its starters. Jamez Jamison, who entered at running back on the Tigers' first series of the final period, scored on a 16-yard run to make the score 41-0 with 3:45 remaining. The two-point conversion attempt was no good.

The Hornets finally put some points on the board when quarterback Tywan Williamson

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ABOVE LEFT: Markus Strong (right) sacks Lafayette quarterback Tywan Williamson in the Tigers' 41-6 Region 3-1R championship win. LEFT: Rayvon Durant (center) gets out in front of two Lafayette defenders for a 47-yard touchdown run. Photos by Lisa Holtzendorf.

UCHS to take long trip to play Northview

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The road to Tallahassee, where the Class 1R state championship game will be played, will take the Union County High School football team way beyond the state's capital as the Tigers have to travel to Northview High School in Century for a state semifinal game on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Union's first road game in the playoffs — and first road game since Sept. 23 — will have the Tigers traveling 332 miles.

Northview (12-0) advanced to the state semifinals by defeating Chipley 42-6. It was the ninth time the Chiefs have scored more than 40 points this season.

Senior running back Jamarkus Jefferson continued his impressive season, rushing for

164 yards and five touchdowns on 25 carries in the Region 1 championship win. Jefferson now has a total of 2,093 yards and 41 touchdowns on 237 carries this season.

Northview averages 278 rushing yards per game.

Senior quarterback Kaden Odom's stats against Chipley weren't posted on MaxPreps along with the team's other stats, but Odom entered that game having completed 73 of 100 attempts for 1,343 yards for an average of 112 yards per game. He had 14 touchdown passes prior to the Chipley game.

Junior Wyatt Scruggs leads the receivers with 17 catches for 316 yards and six touchdowns. Senior Terrell Bridges has 21 catches for 300 yards, while senior Maliki Haynes has 15 catches for 299 yards and three

touchdowns.

Bridges, who also plays defensive back, leads the Chiefs in tackles with 98. Junior linebacker Joe Wright has 73 tackles, while Odom, a defensive back, and senior Simeon Sanders, a lineman, have 61 and 60, respectively.

The Chiefs are making their fourth trip to the state semifinals and their first trip since winning the 1A state championship in 2012, which is their only state title.

This is Northview's fifth straight year in the playoffs and their 12th trip in the last 13 years. The Chiefs' overall postseason record is 16-16.

Northview played only three teams in the regular season that had winning records, with all three qualifying for the playoffs. The Chiefs beat 1R Baker 49-

10, 1R Blountstown 49-0 and 2S Bay 41-6.

The Chiefs are scoring an average of 44 points per game, while opponents are scoring an average of 14 points per game.

Northview won its two playoff games by an average score of 38-16, while Union won its two games by an average score of 34-11.

The Union-Northview winner will play either Hawthorne (10-0) or Blountstown (9-4) for the state championship on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee.

Union is making its first state semifinal appearance since 2011. The Tigers lost 27-6 to Jefferson County, which went on to win the 1A state title.

The Tigers are looking to make it to the state championship game for the first time since 2003.

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Baker responded by driving past midfield, with a 16-yard run by Smith giving the Wildcats a first down at the Bradford 37. Dean picked up another first down on a 2-yard run to the 25. The drive stalled there, resulting in Mays attempting his second 42-yard field goal of the night. The kick was wide left at the 7:02 mark of the third quarter.

Two 5-yard runs by Pollard gave the Tornados a first down on the ensuing series. A tipped pass by Shanks was caught by Gavin Cook, setting up a third-and-1 play at the Bradford 39. McKenzie was then held to no gain, but he got the call again on fourth down and didn't stop running until he crossed the goal line with 3:54 left in the third quarter. Hughes added the PAT for a 21-17 Bradford lead.

"That was a big relief," Pringle said. "I'm not even going to lie. We needed (that score)."

Rodgers initially called for Bradford to punt on the fourth-down play, but he said he gave in to players' pleas to go for it.

"I'm a players' coach. It did make me look good," Rodgers said of the decision.

A muffed punt by the Tornados to end the third quarter gave the Wildcats the ball at the Bradford 26-yard line. Smith promptly ripped off an 11-yard run to the 15. Two plays later, on third-and-4, Torin Brazell sacked Mays for a 3-yard loss, forcing Baker to settle for a 29-yard field-goal attempt. The Tornados' C.J. Carn got a piece of the ball as the kick was no good with 9:09 left in the game.

The Wildcats had one more scoring threat when they began a drive at the Bradford 43. Mays had runs of 8 and 11 yards to pick up first downs as Baker drove to the 18. Smith had a 5-yard run to set up a second-and-5 play, but he was then tackled for a 2-yard loss by Clark. After an incomplete pass in the end zone, Baker went for it on fourth down, with Brazell coming up with another big sack, dropping Mays for a 12-yard loss.

Two runs for a net loss of 1 yard, along with a 5-yard penalty, had the Bradford offense facing third-and-16 from its own 21. Clark, who was backpedaling

behind a defender, caught a short pass from McKenzie and took it the distance for a 79-yard touchdown with 2:56 remaining. Hughes kicked the extra point to cap the scoring.

Bradford's defense got interceptions by Carn and Cummings on the Wildcats' final two offensive series.

Bradford finished with 351 total yards. McKenzie rushed for 69 yards on 11 carries, while completing 3 of 4 passes for 115 yards. Cummings caught two passes for 37 yards, while Pollard caught one for 22 yards.

Shanks completed 2 of 5 passes for 31 yards.

The win marked just the second time this season Bradford's been involved in a game that was decided by less than two touchdowns. The first was its 10-7 loss to Suwannee.

Clark believes the closer-than-usual game will benefit the Tornados.

"That first half really showed that we're able to lose," he said. "I think that's the biggest thing we've got to get in our minds. We've got to remember we're not invincible and learn to play every play to the best of our

ability instead of trying to take some plays off."

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McBride sets 2 UAB records in 37-27 victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Starke native DeWayne McBride set two UAB school records in the Blazers' 37-27 win over Louisiana Tech on Nov. 26.

The senior set the record for most rushing yards in a game with 272 on 16 carries. That put him ahead of Jordan Howard, who rushed for 262 in a game in 2014.

McBride now has 1,713 rushing yards this season, which is another record. Howard held the previous record with 1,587 yards in 2014.

The 1,713 total rushing yards

this season also puts McBride in first in the NCAA ahead of Illinois' Chase Brown, who has 1,643 yards. McBride also leads the NCAA in rushing yards per game at 155.7. Minnesota's Mohamed Ibrahim is second at 144.9.

McBride had one touchdown in the win over Louisiana Tech, giving him 19 for the year. That puts him and Ibrahim in a tie for second in the NCAA. Pittsburgh's Israel Abanikanda leads the nation with 20.

The nation's leaders in rushing yards per attempt are Michigan's Donovan Edwards (7.47), East Carolina's Keaton Mitchell (7.40) and McBride (7.35).

UAB's regular season is finished. The Blazers will play Miami (Ohio) on the Friday, Dec. 16, HomeTown Lenders

Bahamas Bowl. The game will kick off at 11 a.m. on ESPN.

Channell pours in 26 points in 50-29 KHHS girls hoops win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kiley Channell made six three-pointers and finished with a game-high 26 points in leading the Keystone Heights High School girls basketball team to a 50-29 win over visiting Eastside on Nov. 22.

The Indians (3-1) led by only two at the half, but outscored Eastside 25-6 for the 21-point final margin.

Channell also had seven rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Dezaray Bright had 12 points, 15 rebounds and four steals, while Yasmin Bryant had six points and three steals. Kaitlin Brown and Alana Anderson scored four and two points, respectively, with Brown also grabbing 10 rebounds.

Rexi Lewis pulled down five of the team's 43 total rebounds.

Keystone entered the game off a 56-50 win at Fort White on Nov. 21. Channell again led the way in points with 22, while Bright had 15. Channell added nine rebounds, five assists and four steals, while Bright had 14 rebounds and five steals.

Brown and Jaynell Hill had six and five points, respectively, while Bryant and Lewis each

had four. Brown also had 10 rebounds.

Brynn Creekmore and Hill had three and two steals, respectively.

The Indians host Ridgeview on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. before hosting their annual Winter Shootout on Saturday, Dec. 3 (see related story). Keystone travels to play Union County on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

KHHS to host annual Winter Shootout tourney Dec. 3

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High

School's girls basketball program will host its annual Winter Shootout on Saturday, Dec. 3, with the seven-game event tipping off at 9 a.m.

Hope Christian will take on Branford in the first game, followed by Keystone playing Northside Christian at 10 a.m. The 11 a.m. and noon games feature Fort White vs. Wildwood and Hope vs. Eastside.

A three-point competition will take place at 1 p.m., followed by the announcement of the all-tournament team at 1:30 p.m.

Play resumes at 2 p.m. with Branford playing Northside. Eastside takes on Fort White at 3 p.m. before the tournament's last game, which will pit Keystone against Wildwood at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$10, with children 8 and under admitted free.

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Name in Which Assessed: LK WHITEHEAD & MAY BELLE WHITEHEAD
Name on last tax roll, if different: MAY BELLE WHITEHEAD (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 02/15/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: November 8, 2022
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 04-2022-DR-439
DEXTER M. CARLTON

Petitioner and MARIA E. CARLTON Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: MARIA E. CARLTON 242 BUCK RUN WAY ST. AUGUSTINE, FL (last known address)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DEXTER M. CARLTON whose address is 2180 SE 144th St., Starke, FL 32091 on or before December 29, 2022 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 945 N. TEMPLE AVENUE, P. O. DRAWER B, STARKE, FL 32091 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: November 18, 2022
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: K. JENKINS
DEPUTY CLERK

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Kassie L. Reid
Last known address of: 15820 SW County Road 18 Brooker FL 32622

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Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
Date: November 28, 2022
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Notice is hereby given:

Trudy L. Randolph
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IN THE COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION

CASE NO. 04-2021-DP-113
IN THE INTEREST OF: W., B. (M) DOB: 9/25/2021
Minor child

NOTICE OF ACTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: Jeremy Smith
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: B. W. born on 9/25/2021. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear

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*****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO.*****
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Denny Thompson
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Romane Jefferson
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UNION

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
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2022-2023
UNION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR

December 13, 2022	6:00 p.m.
January 10, 2023	6:00 p.m.
February 14, 2023	6:00 p.m.
March 14, 2023	6:00 p.m.
April 11, 2023	6:00 p.m.
May 09, 2023	6:00 p.m.
June 13, 2023	6:00 p.m.
July 18, 2023 (Third Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.
August 8, 2023	6:00 p.m.
September 12, 2023	6:00 p.m.
October 10, 2023	6:00 p.m.
November 14, 2023 (Reorganization)	6:00 p.m.

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COMMISSION MEETING
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New leadership to usher in new era for Bradford little league

Bradford Youth Athletics will be taking over youth baseball and softball from Bradford County Sports Inc. starting in the spring of 2023. A new leadership group will aim to make Bradford's youth baseball and softball a program for all kids to further their experience. Brad Poole, the president of Bradford Youth Athletics, said, "My goal is to not only make the league more competitive, but to also bring a new experience to little league for our local families. I've gathered some of the best people I know in this community to help better this league in all aspects. We want the input of our parents and community leaders on what they would like to see improved in the league. I'm thankful to have the leadership from BCSI supporting us in this endeavor and making it as smooth as possible." Pictured (l-r) are Softball Commissioner Rebecca Hancock, Grounds Commissioner Kyle Jerrels, Concessions Commissioner Meghan Miscally, Baseball Commissioner Cletis Brown, Vice President Ashley Poole, President Brad Poole, Secretary Valerie Strickland (in front of Brad Poole), Treasurer Celia Hinds and T-ball Commissioner John Griffis.

Jackson leads 13 KHHS athletes receiving Clay All-County honors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's Candace Jackson was announced as a first-team selection in girls golf with the release of the Clay County School District's All-County honors in fall sports.

Jackson won the individual District 3-1A championship for the second straight year with an 18-hole score of 77 and placed 16th at the Region 1 finals with a score of 85. She had Keystone's top score in every match and earned overall first place in four matches. She was the overall runner-up in six matches.

Teammate M.J. Rivera received honorable mention. Rivera earned nine top-five finishes, including placing fourth at the District 3 finals with a score of 98.

Jackson and Rivera helped the Indians win the District 3 championship as a team.

Keystone's volleyball team had two players earn second-team honors in Riley Barry and Kori Jennings. Barry had a team-high 59 blocks to go along with 147 kills, while Jennings led the team in assists with 586.

The Indians' cross-country program also produced two second-team picks in siblings Tyler and Olivia Griffin. Tyler placed 19th out of 140 with a time of 17:58 at the District 2-2A finals, helping the boys team place eighth and earn a berth in the Region 1 finals. He would've qualified for the Region 1 meet

Candace Jackson led Keystone in every match and won her second straight district championship. She was one of 13 KHHS athletes to receive Clay All-County honors in golf, cross country, football and volleyball. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



even if his team hadn't. Olivia earned the right to advance past the District 2 meet with a time of 24:02, which placed her 53rd out of 125.

In boys golf, Keystone had a second-team pick in Alex Addington, while teammate Connor Guy earned honorable mention. Addington was the District 3-1A runner-up with an 18-hole score of 78, while Guy tied for third with a score of 79. Their efforts helped Keystone win the team championship for the second straight year.

Guy tied for 18th at the Region 1 finals with a score of 80. Guy shot an 85 to tie for 29th.

The Indians' football team had a second-team selection in

cornerback Darrion Grady, while the following earned honorable mention: defensive lineman Tyler Anthony-Rozier, offensive lineman Brayden Wester and running backs Cartez Daniels and Bryar Schenck.

Grady had three interceptions to go along with 21 tackles. Athony-Rozier recorded 37 tackles, with three sacks and one caused fumble.

Wester helped pave the way for a rushing attack that averaged 5 yards per carry and 190 yards per game. Daniels led the team in rushing with 860 yards and seven touchdowns on 161 carries, while Schenck was second with 628 yards and seven touchdowns on 125 carries.

COCOA

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Bragg (20 for 300 yards and six touchdowns).

The Tigers are rushing for 117 yards per game, led by senior Anthony Bridgewater, who has 570 yards and four touchdowns on 79 carries. Sophomore

Malachi Coney has 355 yards and three touchdowns on 61 carries.

Defensively, junior linebacker Samadre Hawkins leads the team in tackles with 88. Junior linebacker Dai'veon Parham has 78 tackles.

Linemen Da Varius Robertson (a junior) and D'Andrevious Dorsey (a senior) lead the team in tackles for loss with 17 and 15,

respectively.

Cocoa is scoring an average of 40 points per game, while opponents are scoring an average of 12 points per game.

The Bradford-Cocoa winner will play either Florida High (13-0) or Bishop Verot (10-2) for the state championship on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee.

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threw a touchdown pass on the final play.

Throwing the ball wasn't a priority with a ground game that produced an average of 10 yards per carry, but Cortese did complete 4 of 6 attempts for 12 yards. Trenton Klein completed his only pass attempt for 8 yards.

Diston caught four passes for 12 yards, while Ashton Newsom had one for 8 yards.

Defensively, the Tigers were led in tackles by Strong and Thomas Williams, who had six each. Bresee, Taylor and Thompson made four tackles each.

Bresee, Strong, Taylor, Williams and Ezekiel Taylor each finished with multiple tackles

behind the line of scrimmage.

Besides the fumble recovered by Timmy Taylor, the Tigers forced another turnover, with Auntrell Ross intercepting a pass.

After the game, both teams took to midfield, facing each other as Pastor Thomas Dixon, chaplain for the Lafayette team, gave an inspirational and spiritual talk. He praised both teams for a well-played game and wished Union much success moving forward in the playoffs.

Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas reminded his team that the journey isn't over.

"We have to go on the road and travel and still be able to win a football game," he said. "You have to stay focused on the job ahead of us."

Fans are asked to decorate their storefronts and marquee

signs to show their Tiger pride this week. Bring on those purple and gold balloons and signs and get ready to send the football team to Northview pumped up and ready to bring home another victory.

The team will depart from the high school on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m., traveling north on S.R. 121. Students and staff at Lake Butler Elementary and Lake Butler Middle schools will hopefully be allowed to go outside and cheer the team on as it leaves town. Fans are asked to gather at Sprinkle Field at 1:20 p.m.

Tickets to the game are available via gofan.co only. Enter "Union County High School" in the search bar.

Northview's stadium is located at 4100 C.R. 4 in Century.

Christmas on Call Street

Starke's Hometown Christmas Celebration



Events Schedule

Friday, Dec. 9th

- 6:00 PM: Live Music Begins
- 6:30 PM: Funtastic Christmas Light Tours
- 6:45 PM: Christmas Tree Lighting
- 7:00 PM: Call Street Christmas Choir & Live Nativity at Concert Pavilion

Saturday, Dec. 10th

- 10:00 AM-9:00 PM: Vendors & Live Entertainment
- 11:00 AM-6:00 PM: Bouncehouses
- 3:00 PM-5:00 PM: Car Show
- 6:00 PM: Christmas Parade on Historic Call Street
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