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THE NICE LIST



Southside Elementary's Braxton Grim is having a blast shopping with Starke Police Department's Moses Bellamy at the 18th annual Starke Shop With a Cop.



Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley (background) got into the act, too, escorting Starke Elementary students Loyal Davis (left) and Honestie Davis.



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The office of the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times and Lake Region Monitor will be closed Fridays, Dec. 23 and 30, for the holidays.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes include a variety of nonperishable items and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Children's Farm saying goodbye

After 36 years of loving, teaching and guiding the little hearts and minds of generations of children, sadly The Children's Farm is closing. Sandra Compass will be retiring and closing the doors of the Children's Farm on Dec. 22.

All past and current grandparents, parents and children are welcome to stop by and express their thanks, love and farewell to Sandra and her mother Irene Compass, founder of the The Children's Farm.

Collection site closings

Bradford County's solid waste collection sites will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23, through Monday, Dec. 26. They will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m.

They will close again on Jan. 1 and 2, reopening Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 10 a.m.

Toy giveaway announced for Dec. 23 at LB Woman's Club

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — In a last minute act of generosity the United States Marine Corps Reserve has gifted a local organization with a truckload of stuffed animals ready for Union County youngsters to take home for Christmas.

Catherine Reagan, local representative of Florida/Georgia Stuffed Animals for Emergencies

(SAFE) just got word late last week that the toys were coming and has been rushing to put together a last minute toy giveaway for Christmas. These stuffed animals are new or only slightly used and can fill a gap for many families struggling to make this Christmas a merry one for their children and still keep up with expenses.

The giveaway event, a combines efforts of FL/GA SAFE, the Lake Butler Woman's Club, the Lake

Butler American Legion, Boy Scouts of America Troop 140 and the Lake Butler Church of Christ, and will be held at the Lake Butler Woman's Club on Friday, Dec. 23 from noon until 4 p.m.

Residents of Union County will be served first, but everyone is welcome. There are a large number of toys and the limit is one per child, so there should be plenty for all. Although he could not promise he would be on hand, Santa has said that he will attend

to hear children's Christmas wishes if he can find the time during the last minute preparations for his annual flight the following night.

SAFE is a national organization that provides stuffed animals to law enforcement and other first responders so that they can give children in traumatic situations something to hold, hug and love to assist in handling fear, loneliness and anxiety caused by their experiences.

Lake Region honors veterans with wreaths

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Around 200 Lake Region residents attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Keystone Heights Cemetery Saturday at noon.

Mayor Karen Lake welcomed the crowd and introduced the participants in the ceremony, which concluded with a wreath and a rose placed at crosses representing each branch of the U.S. military.

After the commemoration, attendees spread out across the facility and placed wreaths on the graves of the over 500 veterans buried there.

Over 81,000 still missing

Pam Stoppelbein, a U.S. Merchant Marine veteran, paid tribute to prisoners of war and service members missing in action. She told the crowd that as of Dec. 15, 81,492 American service members were still missing in action.

"Half of them is presumed lost at sea," she said.

Stoppelbein said that according to government data, it is still possible

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AMVETS Post 86 Commander Bob Beinlich lays a wreath honoring U.S. Coast Guard veterans.



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Christmas Program at Greater Bethlehem

Greater Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church will have its annual Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 23, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1103 Ash

St. in Starke. Come out and help celebrate.

First Presbyterian Christmas services

The Christmas Eve service will take place at 5 p.m. on

Dec. 24, and the Christmas Day service will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 25.

Drive-thru Christmas Giveaway

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will hold a drive-thru Christmas Giveaway on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m. They will hand out toys for children and teens ages 1 to 14, plus Walmart gift cards.

The drive-thru will take place at the RJE gymnasium, 1080 N. Pine St. in Starke.

Donations of toys and money are still welcome. Please call 904-966-1100 or 352-278-3540.

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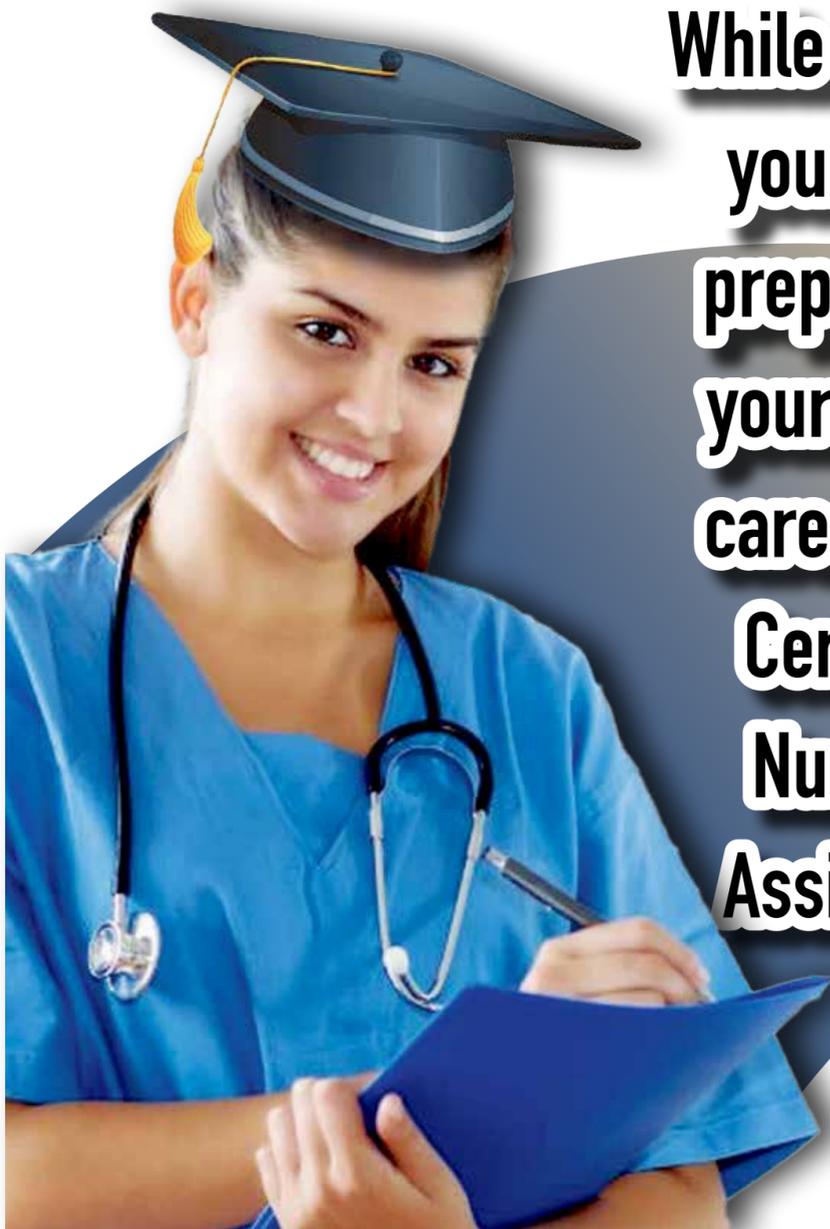
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New school hits milestone, future to be defined

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — A milestone was celebrated for Bradford County's new school on Dec. 16 with a topping out ceremony held in the school's cafeteria.

The school is, of course, still a work in progress, scheduled to be fully complete in June 2023. Topping out is a celebration of the structural completion of one or more buildings, and it was hosted by contractor Ausley Construction — represented by company COO Todd Duffy — and architect Paul Stressing.

Subcontractors in attendance included Lighthouse Masonry, Florida Concrete, Industrial Steel, MEC Drywall, Quality Plumbing, Exterior Finish Plastering, Big D Roofing, CT Mechanical, WW Gay Fire, WG Johnson, Straightline Painting and Ace Electric.

Staff from Southside Elementary also joined them for lunch, as did Reps. Bobby Payne and Chuck Brannan.

In addition to thanks for all the hard work that has gone into construction, Superintendent Will Hartley thanked Sen. Jennifer Bradley and Reps. Payne and Brannan for their advocacy.

Hartley thanked Bradley and Brannan in person at the legislative delegation meeting in Bradford on Dec. 19. Their work helped secure funding for the new school, which he noted will be the first new school built in Bradford County in 30 years. He offered to tour the campus with them anytime.

"I can't thank you enough for the work that you did to help fund that project. You and I know behind the scenes what that took and how close that was to not getting funded," Hartley said. "I know our students and families here in Bradford County appreciate it."

interview about the school's future, Hartley said growing student enrollment could have an impact on which grade levels attend each school.

He said the latest strategy discussed with the Department of Education proposes the new school open as a K-6 campus, at least for the first year. Having all elementary schools open next year as K-6 would allow the school district to monitor enrollment. The middle school campus would remain open for seventh- and eighth-graders.

If the district finds there is room in the new school for the seventh grade, then the shift would take place the following year. Eighth grade would be rolled over to the high school since the middle school campus could not remain an open cost center for around 200 students.

The wait-and-see approach would also help with student transitions, Hartley said, preventing some who have already moved up to the middle school moving back to an elementary school campus next year.

Enrollment numbers

Student enrollment is on the rebound, although Bradford hasn't recovered fully from the drop that began in 2018 and the dive taken during the COVID pandemic.

The following numbers were taken during the fall FTE counts.

Year	Enrollment
2017-18	3,214
2018-19	3,165
2019-20	3,072
2020-21	2,791
2021-22	2,867

The latest count for the fall of 2022-23 was 2,985, short of the district's pinnacle but headed in the right direction.

Enrollment in Union County was at its highest in 2019-20



Superintendent Will Hartley and Ausley Construction's Todd Duffy speak before the crowd at the ceremony, which included prize giveaways and many thank yous.



Workers and other guests were treated to lunch and even received T-shirts commemorating the event.

at 2,410, according to the fall count that year. It fell to 2,344 in 2020-21, keeping in mind the pandemic outbreak.

Schools shut down in early 2020 and struggled with online learning. Campuses were reopened for the 2020-21 school year, but not all students returned. Union County enrollment was back up to 2,521 in 2021-22.

Keystone Heights schools had a high of 2,592 in 2018-19 but had fallen to 2,473 students in 2020-21. The following year, the count was up to 2,521.

Dates announced for Community Resource Hub

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Tuesdays and Thursdays will be the initial service days when Bradford County's first Community Resource Hub opens in late January.

The days were announced along with some upcoming prelaunch dates during a meeting of the Health Equity Task Force and Coalition on Dec. 8. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The announcement will allow participating providers to finalize the services they will be able to offer.

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will be hosting the hub at the Bradford County Faith Community Center at 721 Old Lawley Road in Starke.

The task force is made up of service providers specializing in different areas of health and wellbeing for families, women, the elderly, jobseekers, veterans and more. By pooling their resources, they will provide the community with a one-stop location that meets many needs.

The hub will be featured during a prelaunch event at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Jan. 16. Providers will be there to share information with attendees.

Then, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., a ribbon cutting event will take place Bradford County Faith Community Center. The public will be invited to visit tables and get a passport stamped, which will enter participants into a special prize drawing.

While plans are still being made for the first hub, there is talk of opening a second hub location in Lawley, potentially at

Grace United Methodist Church. The church will serve as the site of community food drive on Saturday, Feb. 4, to help gauge community interest.

Iana Patterson, Minority Health and Health Equity Liaison at the Bradford County Health Department, noted the church is already a resource for the community, giving out food and clothing every Monday.

Partners include Answers Health and Resource Facility, Suwannee River Area Health Education Center, Civcom, UF/IFAS, Healthy Families, Centers for Independent Living, Partnership for Strong Families, Educational Opportunity Center, Bradford County School District, Tobacco Free Bradford, Elder Options, Disability Rights Florida, Hanley Foundation, city of Starke, Bradford County, CareerSource North Central Florida, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare and the Florida Department of Health.

Food distribution Thursday

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry is taking place Thursday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawley.

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

School's future

During a recent phone

School's name

The Bradford County School District has put out a call for suggestions to name the new school, believing the community should be involved. Anyone with an idea should email sellars.lila@mybradford.us.

The deadline for suggestions is Dec. 30.



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Christmas needs to be a time for receiving, for no one can give a gift unless it is received. The Bible says that the Gift of God, His Son, Jesus, "came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. Even to them that believe on his name; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13) Christmas is a time of happiness, as evidenced on the face of many. Happiness depends on happenings and can be short lived — to gain real Joy and Peace this Christmas, why not right now receive the greatest gift ever given, The Lord Jesus Christ? Jesus loves us and invites us to believe in Him. If you have not made this commitment, you should right now receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. If you have just now received Him...you can know the real Joy of Christmas for the first time. For those of us who already know Him — may we be drawn to a closer walk this Christmas.

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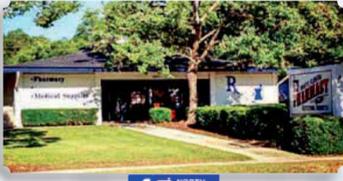


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Fourth-grader, Gavin Libby, was one of the many Starke Elementary students who waited in line for a picture and conversation at Santa's Breakfast. Photos: Melissa Pyle.



Starke Elementary student, and this year's Little Miss Winterfest, Maci Orton, posed by one of the many holiday decorations around the cafeteria.



Nicole Trowell holds baby brother, Elijah Belle, as they anticipated hearing the students of Starke Elementary sing Christmas carols.



The teachers and staff of Starke Elementary have their own wish list to share with Santa or maybe Santa needed help sorting out the all names on his list!



Teachers, Kinnard, Silcox, Hodges, and Lauramore, were joined by some extra elves, Macy Kinnard and Bristol Hilliard, to run the Bingo game. There were a lot of wonderful prizes for attendees to win.



As families left the breakfast with Santa, they were greeted with an extra surprise of the Kona Ice Truck. The Blye family were all smiles just after receiving their order. Pictured: Parents, Courtney, and Darrin with daughter McKenzie and son Josiah.



Music teacher, Cindy Conova, with student choir.

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Morningstar Baptist Church presents a Walk thru Bethlehem

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

After a hiatus for the pandemic, the pastor and congregation of Morningstar Baptist Church in Worthington Springs once again presented a Walk Through Bethlehem for the community to come and enjoy for the holiday season.

Morningstar is a small church and, as such, most of the members participate in the event – either behind the scenes or as characters in the walk. The church members built and presented a small representation of the city of Bethlehem with buildings, merchants, city officials and residents from the time of Christ's birth. Live animals were a part of the city, as they would have been at the time, and visitors were treated to the sight of familiar animals, such as goats, sheep and burros, and a pair of unfamiliar but friendly camels.

Church members welcomed families with cookies and a choice of hot chocolate or coffee, then they were escorted on their personal trip back in time by a guide, who took them through the "city" in small groups.

Stops on the walk included Mary being visited by the

Angel Gabriel and Joseph at work in his carpenter's shop. Once passing the Roman centurions at the "city" gates, who asked for a penny in tax to pass, walkers encountered the tax collector, cheesemakers, bread makers, produce merchants and basket weavers. Some offered samples of their wares, while others gave short talks, in character, about the story being told. The shepherds and the three Wise Men were shown by fireside as they traveled to get to the source of the star. Spectators got to see and hear the conversation when Joseph and Mary were turned away from the inn and sent to the stable.

At the end of the walk they viewed the stable, with an angel, Joseph and Mary next to the manger. Morningstar Pastor Michael Divine told the walkers the significance of the story and what it meant for people today.

Attendance was heavy Sunday night (Dec. 11) with about 300 people waiting in line to join a group, and attendance the previous night about the same. Families and friends came together and enjoyed learning about the Reason for the Season.



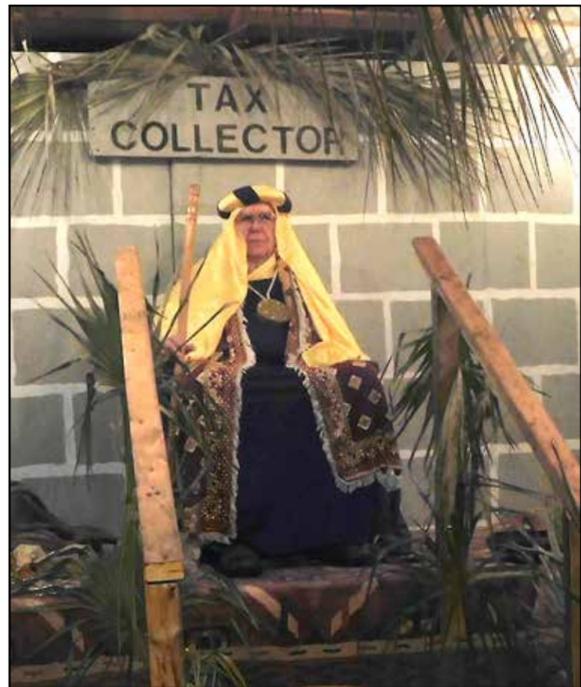
Pastor Michael Divine was the "Chief Shepherd" and told the story of the tableau behind him. The angel was Luanna Kirby, Joseph was portrayed by Travis Wall and Mary was Deborah Browning.



Lisa and Kevin Davis worked the basket shop for the Walk Through Bethlehem.



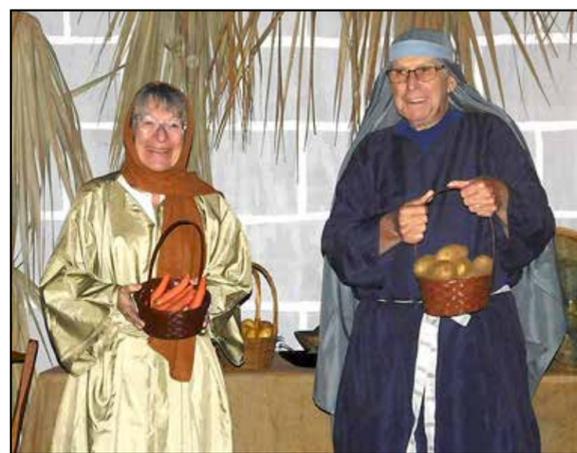
The Angel Gabriel, Tyler Bradley, visiting Mary, Audrey Hancock, to give her the good news about her future child.



Aaron Traver waiting to collect as the tax collector in Bethlehem.



Stan and Donna Land portraying bread merchants on the street of Bethlehem.



Sandra and Tommy King as produce merchants on the street in Bethlehem.

Emergency home energy assistance for the elderly

Energy Assistance is available for those 60 and older who are having problems keeping their home warm during the winter or cool during the summer.

The program can help with electricity bill payments; purchasing energy-related supplies such as fuel, fans, space heaters, wood and air conditioners; and repairing heating and cooling systems.

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An energy crisis is an electricity cut-off or impending cut-off, lack of fuel, fans, wood, blankets and heater, or a broken heating/cooling system.

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Food distributions in Starke and Lake Butler

The Children's Table Food Bank will be sponsoring food distributions in Lake Butler and in Starke on the first and third Saturday of every month.

In Lake Butler at 11:30 a.m., the bus will be parked at Little Rock Church, 375 SE Eighth Ave., behind the NAPA store.

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To save us from eternal fear.
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To fulfill His master plan.
To save the world from their sin,
He is the beginning and the end.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
Christmas is all about the Christ Child.
— Henry Hodges, Lawtey, FL

WREATHS

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to recover the remains of 40,000 missing service members.

"These men and women deserve to be found and returned to American soil," she said, "to give their loved ones closure, and where they can be remembered and honored as the heroes that they are."

The former merchant marine added that 21,118 remain missing from Europe and 48,568 from the Indo-Pacific region.

Stoppelbein concluded by giving her audience recent news from the search for missing service members.

She said that on Dec. 1, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency accounted for the last U.S. prisoners of war in Lithuania, and one month prior, five crew members from a lost aircraft downed over the Adriatic Sea were recovered.

"On November 22nd, searchers found five World War II-era US bombers in the waters off Croatia," she said. "They crashed into the Adriatic Sea, and 23 are still missing from that crew."

Stoppelbein also mentioned the story of Sharon Estill Taylor. The 77-year-old used love letters between her parents, research at the Library of Congress, military historians and a government excavation team to track down her father's remains.

Shannon Estill's plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire over Elsing, Germany, in 1945. In 2006 DNA tests confirmed that Taylor had fulfilled a promise made to her grandmother when Taylor was seven years old that she would find her father and bring him home.

Remembering Joan Jones

Master of Ceremonies Tina Bullock read a tribute to Joan Jones, who brought Wreaths Across America to Keystone Heights.

Jones died in October at the age of 95.

She also founded the Veterans Memorial Pathway at the cemetery.

"She was short in stature but a giant among men and women," Bullock said, "feisty and determined for this great cause."

"People didn't say no to Joan," Bullock added, "and the one day I tried, she didn't forget and reminded me many times, too."

Bullock said that in addition to laying wreaths honoring each branch of the military, a single rose would be placed with each wreath in honor of the Australian native and World War II war bride.

Hearts for veterans, darts to politicians

Retired Marine and former Clay County Commissioner Gayward Hendry gave the keynote address.

Hendry began by quoting Daniel Webster: "I was born an American. I will live as an American. I shall die as an American, and I intend to perform those duties incumbent upon me in that manner with absolute disregard for personal

consequences. No man can suffer too much or fall too soon if he falls in the defense of his nation and the Constitution."

The retired Marine added that there is a little of Daniel Webster in each of the approximately 500 veteran graves at the Keystone Cemetery.

"History tells us that liberty is never free," he said, "every generation has to make a down payment and sacrifice for its sake."

Hendry said that America's military strength, freedom and prosperity come from the blood, tears and sacrifices of past uniformed heroes.

Hendry then brought in George Washington to emphasize the importance of remembering and honoring those who served.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation," said Hendry, quoting the first U.S. president.

"That's the message we need to be sending to our youth," he continued, "and I think by your attendance this morning, we've taken a big step in that direction."

"Let us remember that the American people, for the most part, sleep safely at night because there are still warriors that will go forth and kill those people that would like to kill us," Hendry said.

The former Marine declared that the American service member is unbeatable.

"I fully believe that," he said. "They go forth as lions during war and as Good Samaritans during peace. They've got what it takes, and with that, we should be able to give them everything they need. Pray for them every time they need prayers and render to them a huge thank you that many or maybe even none will ever receive."

He had less kind words for the nation's political leadership.

"Socialists, incompetence, prevaricators, lack of pride in the America of our founding fathers," he said of politicians. "Shunning our traditions, our heritage, our military, our Constitution, and our God."

"It's not the past or present veterans and fallen warriors that are the cause of our nation's woes," he added. "We know where to look. We know the cause. You watch TV. You read the news. The American people are not as stupid as some of the politicians would think we are."

Hendry said the best hope for preserving and restoring democracy is the American veteran.

"The veteran whom we came here to honor today will be the lone sentinel and lone warrior that will slow, stop, and reverse



Art Tinney of the First Coast Highlanders plays the bagpipes during the ceremony.



Retired Marine and former Clay County Commissioner Gayward Hendry gives the keynote address.



Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake welcomes the crowd and introduces the participants in the ceremony.



Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Bob Conneely salutes U.S. Navy veterans.



Melissa Mann leads the Keystone Heights Elementary School Chorus in singing the National Anthem.

this insidious and treacherous movement," he said, "and return us to what our Lord God Almighty intended: one nation under God."

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Smashed photos of ex

Joshua Aaron Bogdan, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 14 for battery, obstructing justice, criminal mischief with property damage and burglary.

According to court papers, on Oct. 28 the defendant forced his way into his ex-girlfriend's home and argued with the woman.

"Joshua then went to where the photos were located of (the victim) and her current boyfriend in the living room and he threw them on the floor," wrote reporting officer Kaleb T. Dockery in a sworn complaint.

Dockery added that Bogdan recorded the incident and told the victim he planned to post it on Facebook.

When the woman called 911, Bogdan fled the scene.

Joshua Daniel Bostic, 38, of Starke was arrested on Dec. 11 for DUI.

Stephanie Antoinette Brunson, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 10 for a probation violation.

Jessie D. Carter, 56, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies and probation and parole officers on Dec. 13 for

a sex offender violation and an out-of-county warrant.

Lawrence Leon Cleesen, 27, of Starke was arrested by Lawtey police on Dec. 12 for contempt of court and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Treyonte Malex Covington, 29, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 27 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs and possession of marijuana.

Richard Earl Cribbs, 25, of Lawtey was arrested by FHP troopers on Dec. 15 for DUI.

Ivana Janel Green, 30, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Michael Phillip Griffis, 25, was arrested by probation and parole officers on Dec. 13 for a probation violation.

Belinda Hall, 57, was arrested on Dec. 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Mary Katherine Horsley, 49, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 12 for a probation violation.

Deryc Basil Isabelle-Davis, 29, of Baltimore, Maryland was arrested by Lawtey police on Dec. 16 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and fraud-impersonation.

Uncooperative victim

Robert Jackson, 39, of Lawtey was arrested by Lawtey police on Dec. 11 for aggravated battery on a pregnant person.

Reporting officer Robert Serafin wrote in an arrest report that the victim told him the defendant punched her in the stomach and head.

"I did not notice any apparent injury to (the victim's)

person during the time of my investigation," Serafin wrote. "(The victim) stated that she didn't want to press charges and refused to cooperate any further with my investigation."

The officer added that after telling him she was 10 weeks pregnant, the victim gathered her belongings and left the scene.

Serafin wrote that Bradford deputies stopped the defendant's car.

"I relocated to the scene of the traffic stop and placed Jackson under arrest for battery upon a pregnant person," he wrote.

Ozell Jones, 36, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 13 for failure to appear.

James Malcolm Lewis, 54, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 11 for contempt of court and an out-of-county warrant.

Iris Gabriela Munguia-Velasquez, 21, of Ft. Myers was arrested on Dec. 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Samuel Eugene Parker, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies and probation and parole officers on Dec. 13 for a probation violation and for failure of a sex offender to register an email address.

Madhavendra Puri Popoff, 26, of Alachua was arrested by FHP troopers on Dec. 16 for attaching a tag not assigned and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

John Joseph Sheffield, 53, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 13 for failure of a sex offender to register a change of address. After his arrest the defendant pleaded no contest to the charge and was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

Bryan Datrell Tanner, 36, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies and probation and parole officers on Dec. 13

for a probation violation and for failure of a sex offender to register an email address.

Bryan Vanderpool, 48, of Hampton was arrested by probation and parole officers on Dec. 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

Edwin Glenn Vickery, 37, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 15 for withholding support.

Amanda Rachel Wert, 48, of Lawtey was arrested on Dec. 13 by probation and parole officers for a probation violation.

Plumber steals customers' necklace and ring

Jesse Shane Williams, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 15 for larceny.

According to an arrest report, a Hampton Lake woman told Deputy Paul King that she was missing a 14-karat gold necklace valued at \$2,000 and that earlier in the day she left her home with two plumbers working in the residence.

"They were gone when she got home at (5 p.m.) and she noticed the necklace missing at (9 p.m.)," wrote King in an arrest report.

The deputy added that through an online search, he discovered that Williams had sold a 14-karat necklace to a High Springs pawn shop for \$80.

He later interviewed the defendant whom he said admitted to the Hampton Lake theft in addition to the theft of a wedding ring from a Lawtey-area home while working for his employer: a local plumber.

Shawn Dwayne Wright, 45, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 17 for DUI.

Union

Terrence Henry Connors II,

41, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 16 for felony battery by strangulation.

John Russell Eddy, 51, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 12 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jerry Ryan Jones Jr., 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 16 for battery and cruelty toward a child.

According to an arrest report, the defendant walked up behind the minor victim and placed him in a chokehold until the victim passed out.

Dinner not ready, punched her in the face

Christian Alegandro Morales, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 17 for aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

According to an arrest report, the victim hold deputies that the defendant came home drunk again and she was aggravated which led to an argument.

During the argument, Morales struck the victim on the left side of her face with a closed fist.

The victim refused to submit a written statement, did not allow a deputy to photograph her injuries and said she just wanted Morales gone for the night.

The arresting officer interviewed the defendant who told him that when he came home from work, the victim did not have his dinner ready, he got angry, and the couple started arguing.

The defendant added that although he hit the victim, he didn't mean to because she is pregnant.

Astra Maia Perez, 27, of Fleming Island was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 13 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Candice K. Phillips, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 12 for DUI with property damage.

James Earl Shaw II, 33, of Satsuma was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 18 for failure to appear.

Brian Anthony Stalnaker, 35, of Ft. White was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 12 for an out-of-county warrant and a pretrial release violation.

Clay

Jessica Eleina Curtis, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Dec. 13 for battery.

Bought fake money off the internet

Christopher Carl Fuller, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Dec. 15 for uttering a forged instrument and petit theft.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the defendant attempted to purchase a trimmer and a gas can from a Keystone Heights merchant on Dec. 7, 2021, using two counterfeit \$100 bills.

The cashier noted that the words: "This is a Replica" were printed in tiny print on the front and back of the two Benjamins. She kept the money and merchandise and called 911. The defendant fled the scene.

Clay Sheriff's Detective David Schlofman wrote that he later interviewed the defendant who told him he obtained the fake money off an internet website to prank a friend.

"After pranking his friend, the defendant realized it was easy to use," wrote the detective. "The defendant admitted to knowingly passing the fake money at several businesses in Clay County."



Thanks to funds from the Friends of the Library for prizes and the help of County Manager Scott Kornegay, who successfully performed duties as Holiday Bingo Caller, Bradford County Public Library was able to bring families together for an evening of festive fun. Pictured here are Angela Quinn, Melanie Jackson, Scott Kornegay, Robert Perone as the BCPL Grinch, Cyndy Weeks and Kathy Paddock.



Bethany DeBruin showered the BCPL Grinch with holiday cheer during Holiday Family Bingo at Bradford County Public Library.



The BCPL Grinch found a reason to smile when he received a holiday drawing made by Natalie Tomlinson, who is shown here with her mom, Teresa Tomlinson.



The BCPL Grinch wanted to take Connor Austin's hat, but chose to take a picture with the player instead.



When the BCPL Grinch noticed that Stephanie Linkkila appeared to be losing hope that she would win Bingo, his heart grew bigger and he went over to give her some Grinchified good luck. Linkkila had two in a row, then three, then four. As soon as the guest Bingo caller, County Manager Scott Kornegay, called out the last square that was needed for a win, little Stephanie Linkkila threw up her arm and shouted with excitement, Bingo! After a coloring book was selected, Linkkila posed for a photo with the holiday legend.

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This is a drive-thru event, so please allow trunk access. For more information, please call 904-966-6299.



Rachel Kyle, who grew up in Virginia, is the new county forester for Bradford and Union counties. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

New County Forester Kyle feels at home in Bradford and Union

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Rachel Kyle loved working outdoors in her home state of Virginia, but she decided she'd enjoy it more if she could do it in better weather.

Kyle eventually moved to Florida and is now the Florida Forest Service's new county forester for Bradford and Union counties.

"I loved working outside, but I hated working in the snow," Kyle said. "I was like, 'Where can I do outdoors work and not have to deal with the snow?' Florida came to mind."

Kyle, who went to Daytona State College before transferring and graduating from the University of Florida, is in her first year of working for the Florida Forest Service after a stint in the Florida Park Service. She's been the Bradford/Union county forester since June after working in Baker County.

"I'm just kind of starting to get to know the community and some of the landowners," Kyle said.

Though she came from another state, the new county forester

feels right at home in Florida — especially this part of Florida.

"I grew up in a pretty rural area," Kyle said of Chesterfield, Virginia, which is south of Richmond. "It's actually pretty similar to Union County. There wasn't much around where I was. It was so far from the public schools that I went to a little, private, Christian school for 10 years."

Kyle entered the public school system when she got her driver's license. That enabled her to drive to the nearest high school, which was 45 minutes away.

She enjoyed where she lived, though, saying she participated in all the "typical country stuff." She enjoyed fishing and was around chickens, goats and horses.

"I always wanted to be outdoors," Kyle said.

Yet she once contemplated a career path that had nothing to do with the outdoors and nature.

Theater a dream, but not her true passion

At first, Kyle had the childhood dream of being a zoologist.

"I wanted to be Steve Irwin," she said. "Who didn't want to be Steve Irwin?"

Along the way, though, she developed an interest in performance arts, participating in theater in high school. What Kyle discovered was she enjoyed the camaraderie that comes with the theater more than the desire to actually act for a living. While in high school, she was part of a trip to Broadway. She and her fellow students had the chance to

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Indians defeat Tigers 54-51

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A 10-2 run to open the fourth quarter helped the Keystone Heights High School boys basketball team defeat visiting Union County 54-51 on Dec. 16.

Seth Gagnon and Andru Siemer each scored four points in the fourth quarter as the Indians snapped a two-game losing streak, improving to 5-4.

The Tigers (3-2) were attempting to win their fourth straight game, but couldn't quite erase the seven-point deficit they faced. Union had a chance to send the game into overtime, but Thomas Williams' three-point attempt at the buzzer was off the mark.

Keystone used a 10-1 run to take a seven-point lead early in the first quarter. It began with Zeke Pelham making two free throws to tie the score at 4-4. Darrion Grady came up with a steal and dribbled the length of the court for a score that gave Keystone its first lead of the game. Union's Gavin Jenkins attempted to score on a layup following his own steal, but he had his shot blocked by Gagnon. Grady then sank a three-pointer to make the score 9-4.

Each team made one free throw before the Indians' Michael Bruzzese made a three-pointer to make it a 12-5 game.



Keystone's Andru Siemer (center) puts up a shot between Union's Jason Thomas (far left) and Johnte Nichols in the Indians' 54-51 win. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

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332 children 'Shop With a Cop'

332 kids take part in Starke Shop With a Cop
BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

There's no law against stealing someone's heart, but law enforcement was present at Walmart of Starke in force anyway during an annual event that epitomizes the season and what it means for a community to show love for its children.

A total of 332 children from Bradford County's public elementary schools as well as Lake Butler Elementary School participated in a \$100 shopping spree as part of the 18th annual Starke Shop With a Cop.

As you can imagine, it causes quite the excitement in the children who are chosen to participate, but it's also an emotional experience for the adults who escort the children up and down the store's aisles. Many who participate as an escort for the first time return again and again because of the joy it brings to their hearts.

"We put smiles on kids' faces at Christmastime," said Starke Police Department Maj. Barry Warren, who coordinates the event. "The officers love it, too."

The event, which was held on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, pairs children with escorts from law-enforcement agencies as the Starke and Lawtey police departments and Bradford



Southside Elementary student Tillaysia Weaver (right) and her escort, Daphne Robinson of RMC, are all smiles. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Starke Elementary students Gino Rocca and Robert Griffis are loading up their cart with help from Dalton Digs of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office.



Florida State Prison's Dan Philbert (center) shops with Southside Elementary students Da'Kaiden Davis (far left) and Anthony Holland.

County Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies such as the Florida Forest Service and the Florida Department of Corrections. In fact, DOC provides the bulk of the escorts as the other local agencies simply don't have the numbers to match up with all the children.

"Without them, it probably would not be possible, especially with as big as it's gotten," Warren said.

It's a big event because of the community. The number of children who participate is solely determined by the amount



Despite the hat, Michael Shemer (center) of RMC isn't Santa, but he helps Lawtey Elementary students Madalynn Brewer (far left) and Hayden Thornton get some toys just the same.



Lawtey Police Department's Avery Perich suggests which direction he and Starke Elementary student Mason Kapellen should go in.

of donations Warren receives. Warren cannot say enough about the people and businesses of Bradford County for their support each year.

"Small, small county with the biggest heart," Warren said. "We cannot do it without that heart."

Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson said times are tough for so many right now, but you wouldn't know if you observed the scene at Walmart during Starke Shop With a Cop.

"I know economically we're not real strong right now," Johnson said, "but look at the effort people put into this. This still happens."

The event got its start during a brainstorming session between members of the Starke Police

Department and Brian Jackson, who was the manager of the Starke Walmart at the time. The first Starke Shop With a Cop consisted of 34 children.

In 2021 — 16 years after the inaugural event — the event had grown to consist of 300 additional children.

Some of the businesses that played a big part in helping this year's event include almost the same number of students as last year were Bradford Gun, which held a drawing for a semi-automatic rifle, raised \$6,000, and Community State Bank of Starke, which raised \$7,000 through various fundraisers.

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Wyatt Elledge (far left) of the Florida Forest Service shops with Starke Elementary students Emarie Milligan (center) and Kinzlie McKinney.

about what was going on with Mom," Warren said. "He was still doing the right things, so he was selected."

The day after that student was selected, his mother passed away.

It's impossible for outsiders to know what's going on in a particular child's life. They may come from families that are doing well financially, but that doesn't mean they don't deserve to take part in Starke Shop With a Cop.

"Don't judge who's there," Warren said, adding, "(The schools) select the right ones."

Starke Shop With a Cop is about more than making Christmas a little happier for children. Its intent is to also foster positive relationships between children and law-enforcement officers. Warren encourages escorts to get to know the children they're paired with. Ask them how they're doing in school. Ask them about the things they like to do for fun.

Conversely, Warren encourages the children to talk to their escorts. As he likes to tell children before they begin shopping, "I hope you will get to know them and understand that

we, as police officers, care about you."

That's an understatement when it comes to Warren. He puts in a lot of work making sure Starke Shop With a Cop takes place every year. He also grows his beard out leading up to the event. With the facial hair and a red-and-green outfit, he makes his appearance at the event as "Po-Po Elf."

Johnson has praised Warren's efforts in the past (and continues to do so). As part of a 2017 story, Johnson told the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, "It's evident how much work (Warren) puts into this. He gets the whole community involved. You go anywhere else — this program is second to none."

Of course, if the community didn't have a generous heart, it wouldn't matter how much effort Warren put forth to make Starke Shop With a Cop happen. That's why an event that started out with 34 kids has now had more than 300 participate in each of the last two years.

"This does not surprise me because this community takes care of its people," Johnson said. "That's why I love Starke."



Charisse Cherry of Madison Correctional Institution has fun with her trio of shoppers (l-r): Starke Elementary students Madison Culbreth, Evelyn Nance and Elijah Borgner.

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Community State Bank Owner Don Wenner is CEO and founder, provided matching funds.

For the last couple of years, donations from Union County have allowed some Lake Butler Elementary students to participate in the event as well. This year's event consisted of 38 children from Union County.

"I hope they can provide more and bring more kids next year and grow right with it," Warren said.

As is the case most years, Warren received donations past deadline. He uses those to take care of more children after the official Starke Shop With a Cop dates. When it's all said and done, he expects the total number of children who benefitted year to be around 380.

So, who gets to participate in Starke Shop With a Cop? Some people mistake the event for serving only those children who come from financially disadvantaged families. Warren said it's those children, as identified by teachers, administrators and counselors, who have financial, emotional or psychological needs, but who are still striving toward doing their best in school. For example, one year's event included a student

from Hampton whose mother had been in and out of the hospital.

"He was still going to school, but he was crying to his teacher



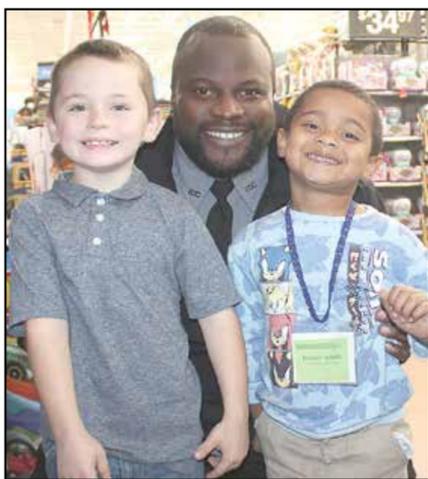
Lawtey Elementary students Jaxson Hart (left) and John Baxley lead escort Michele Southerland of RMC down one of the toy aisles as they begin their shopping spree.



Gregory Garrett (left) of Union Correctional Institution escorts Southside Elementary student Kameron Faison.



Lawtey Elementary students Justin Starling (far left) and Kinsley Hendricks (far right) are pictured with their escort, Bernard Goods of Union Correctional.



LEFT: RMC's Gregory Wright (center) poses with his shoppers, Lawtey Elementary students Jonathon Deese (far left) and Arlandin Roberts. RIGHT: Julie Beighley (center) of Florida State Prison has fun escorting Southside Elementary students — and sisters — Nichole Brewer (far left) and Chleo Brewer.



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Obituaries

Calvin Henley Jr.

Calvin E. Henley Jr., "Little Calvin", passed away on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at Shands Hospital, Gainesville from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was of the Pentecostal faith and attended the Sampson City Church of God. He was known as an excellent fisherman and enjoyed spending time outdoors. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Calvin Henley Sr. and Helen Henley; brothers, Charles and Stephen Henley; and nephew, Justin Hardenbrook.



He is survived by his companion Elizabeth "Liz" Payne; his brother, Everett (Blanche) Henley; his sisters, Sheila (Sam) Bassett, Jeanne Peacock, Marolyn (Dale) Bradley, and Carolyn (Mark) Hardenbrook; his children, Tammy (Robert) Joyce, Tasha (Michael) Holloway, Charles David Henley and Tabetha Ehler; 11 grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held graveside at Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke on Friday, Dec. 23, at 1:30 pm with the Rev. Gene Bass officiating. All relatives and friends are welcome.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Lonita McGill

Lonita Frances Roberts McGill, 90, of Lake Butler passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. She was born on June 5, 1932, in Ocala to George Wesley Roberts and Fay Fagan Roberts. She graduated from Alachua High School in 1949 and from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in education in 1953 and a master's degree in 1966. She married William (Bill) McGill of Lake Butler in Alachua on March 23, 1952. They lived most of their married life in Lake Butler.

She was a teacher for over 35 years. Most of her career was spent teaching mathematics at Union County High School in Lake Butler. The exceptions were a year she and Bill taught in High Springs, and a year she and Bill taught in Guantanamo, Cuba. She was respected and appreciated by her students and fellow faculty members. She had a significant impact on the lives of many students in Union County. She and Bill retired in 1989 and traveled the country and the world. They were members of the New River Ramblers and were always off in their motor home to their next adventure in the U. S. and Canada. Their world trips and tours took them to Europe, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand. She loved to paint, read, and play cards and games. Most of all, she loved being with her family and grandchildren. She would plan cruises for her family (19 total) to destinations in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Alaska, Bermuda, Cuba and Canada, in addition to beach holidays in Florida and Georgia. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lake Butler for almost 70 years. She was also a member of the Lake Butler Women's Club for over 60 years. She and Bill were active in Lake Butler with church, school, veterans and community events up until recent years. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; her son-in-law, William (Bill) Warrick; sister, Dottie Roberts; brother, George Roberts; and sister-in-law, Jean Hitchcock Roberts.

Survivors include daughters, Lindy Warrick of Williamsburg, Virginia and Jeanne (Don) Ternier of Houston, Texas; sons, Jack (Sheri) McGill of Orlando and Tim (Teri) McGill of Augusta, Georgia; sister-in-law, Mary Sue McGill Mosby, of Canton, Mississippi; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Butler. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Donations can be given in lieu of flowers to the Bill McGill mission fund at Lake Butler First Baptist Church.

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PAID OBITUARY

Virginia McLendon

Virginia Lee McLendon, 86, of Waldo, went to her heavenly home on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at Magnolia Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville. She was born in O'Brien on July 7, 1936, to the late Wayne Leroy Lee and Alma Webb Lee. She was raised in Suwannee County and graduated from Suwannee County High School in 1954. She met and dated her best friend, Darrell McLendon, before he was drafted into the United States Army. Upon his return, she and Darrell were happily married on July 3, 1955, and enjoyed 60 amazing married years together. In 1957, they made Waldo their forever home and became members of the First Baptist Church of Waldo. She proudly served as a school cafeteria manager at Waldo Community School where she worked for 20 years until retiring. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who cherished her family the most, but had a passion for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She and her family also loved worshipping the Lord and listening to gospel music. For years they traveled to listen to "The Inspirations" gospel group and even planned family vacations around gospel singing. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts and cooking. She made her children's clothing for years. They were always made with special love. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Darrell McLendon; brother, Jerry Lee; sister, Loiselle Standridge; sister-in-law, Gladys Lee; and brother-in-law, Elmer Standridge.

She is survived by her children, Debbie (Glenn) Gay of Starke, and Eddie (Tiffani) McLendon of Newberry; brothers, Edward "Buddy" (Helen) Lee of Luraville, Terry Lee of Tallahassee, and Leroy (Diane) Lee of Live Oak; sisters, Edna (Craig) Elixson of Worthington Springs, Lynette Blankenship of Live Oak; her six grandchildren, Lena (Bobby) Fulton, Michelle (Daren) Whitehead, Darrell (Jana Hammet) McLendon, Meghan (Kyle) Wilson, Cody Thomas, and Tristan (Violet) Hester; and her great-grandchildren, Remy Wilson and Elena Whitehead.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at First Baptist Church of Waldo with Reverend Jim DuBois officiating. Interment followed at Dedan Cemetery in Brookier.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Franklin Matthews

Franklin "Frank" Lee Matthews, 83, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home Monday, Dec. 13, 2022. He was born Aug. 17, 1939, in Salem Township, Ohio to the late Obil E. and Sylvia (Davis) Matthews. Prior to his retirement, he was employed with the City of Jacksonville Fire Department for 35 years. He was a master carpenter and enjoyed bird carving, boat building, and photography.



He is survived by his wife of 53.5 years, Camille (Wansley) Matthews; and their children, Franklin L. Matthews II, Kelly M. West, and Joshua D. Matthews. He was also lovingly called "Papa" by eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 19, at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gary Shilling officiating. Interment followed at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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Union's Dee Williams (left) and Keystone's Garrison Teague battle for a rebound.

HOOPS

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It was then Union's turn to go on a run as the Tigers outscored Keystone 13-3 to close out the first quarter. Gavin Jenkins and Johnnie Nichols scored consecutive baskets off offensive rebounds to pull the Tigers to within three. After a three-pointer by Keystone's Bryce Hollingsworth, Union's Deonte Jones scored off a turnover. Jenkins' slam dunk put the Tigers up 16-15 before Thomas Williams was fouled on a drive to the basket. Williams made both free throws to send Union into the second quarter leading 18-15.

The teams exchanged leads several times in the second quarter, which featured four

points each by the Indians' Pelham and the Tigers' Jenkins. Two free throws by Keystone's Wil Rogel put the Indians ahead 26-24, but the Tigers scored three straight points, with Williams making a free throw and Dee Williams scoring after a Nichols steal.

Pelham was fouled with 1.1 seconds remaining in the half. He made the front end of the one-and-one opportunity and then sank the bonus free throw to send Keystone into the break leading 28-27.

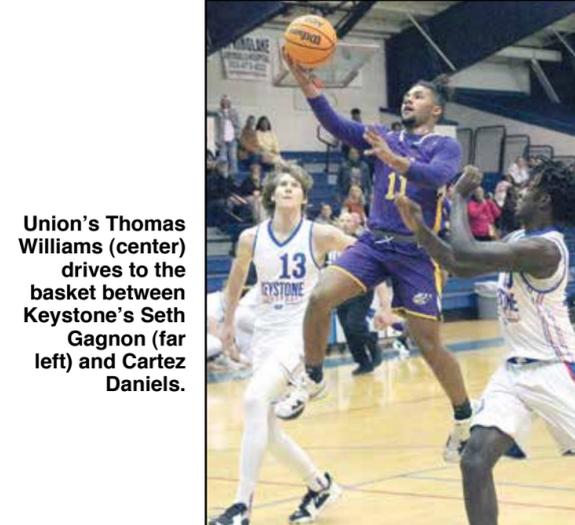
Union got off to a quick start in the third quarter, scoring six straight points. After a Dee Williams basket opened the second half, Nichols scored off his own steal. Nichols then added a layup on a fastbreak opportunity to put the Tigers ahead 33-28.

The Indians responded by scoring 10 of the next 14 points. Garrison Teague made a free throw and had a basket off an offensive rebound. Siemer made two straight baskets to put Keystone ahead by two. Union got two free throws from Dee Williams and basket by Nichols to go back on top before Bruzzese sank a three-pointer to put the Indians up 38-37.

A basket by Nichols sparked a 6-0 Tigers spurt, which also included two free throws by Thomas Williams and a rebound putback by Jenkins.

Keystone's Gagnon scored four straight points to end the quarter. He made two free throws before scoring off an offensive rebound as the Indians went into the final quarter trailing 43-42.

The Indians took the lead for



Union's Thomas Williams (center) drives to the basket between Keystone's Seth Gagnon (far left) and Cartez Daniels.

good with four straight points to open the fourth quarter. A Cartez Daniels rebound led to a basket by Teague, while Gagnon grabbed an offensive rebound and slammed it home for a 46-43 Keystone lead.

Seimer had consecutive baskets after a score by Union's Nichols to put the Indians up by five. A layup by Rogel made the score 52-45.

Keystone missed its next six field-goal attempts as the Tigers scored six straight points. Thomas Williams scored on a drive to the basket, while Jayden Jenkins sank a turn-around jumper. Jenkins hit a floater in the lane with 50 seconds remaining to leave Union trailing 52-51.

Gagnon rebounded his own missed shot and scored to put the game's final points on the board. He finished with a team-high 13 points.

The Indians got eight points

from Siemer and seven points from Teague. Bruzzese and Pelham each had six points, while Grady had five. Rogel and Hollingsworth added four and three points, respectively, while Bryant Kubisak chipped in two.

Union had three players score in double figures, with Nichols scoring a game-high 15 points. Thomas Williams and Gavin Jenkins finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Tigers also got six points from Dee Williams and four points from Cole Andersen-Davis. Jones and Jayden Jenkins each chipped in two points.

Keystone entered the game off losses to Ridgeview on Dec. 13 (62-58) and Interlachen on Dec. 15 (59-46).

The Indians played three games in the Lake Area McDonald's-Kiwanis of Starke Christmas Tournament at Bradford High School Dec. 19-21. Results will be published in the Dec. 29 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor.

After opening the season with a 60-33 loss to Crescent City, Union recorded wins over Lafayette on Dec. 6 (52-42), Baker County on Dec. 9 (55-41) and Chiefland on Dec. 15 (45-41).

The Tigers played Middleburg this past Tuesday (Dec. 20) and will host Lafayette on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

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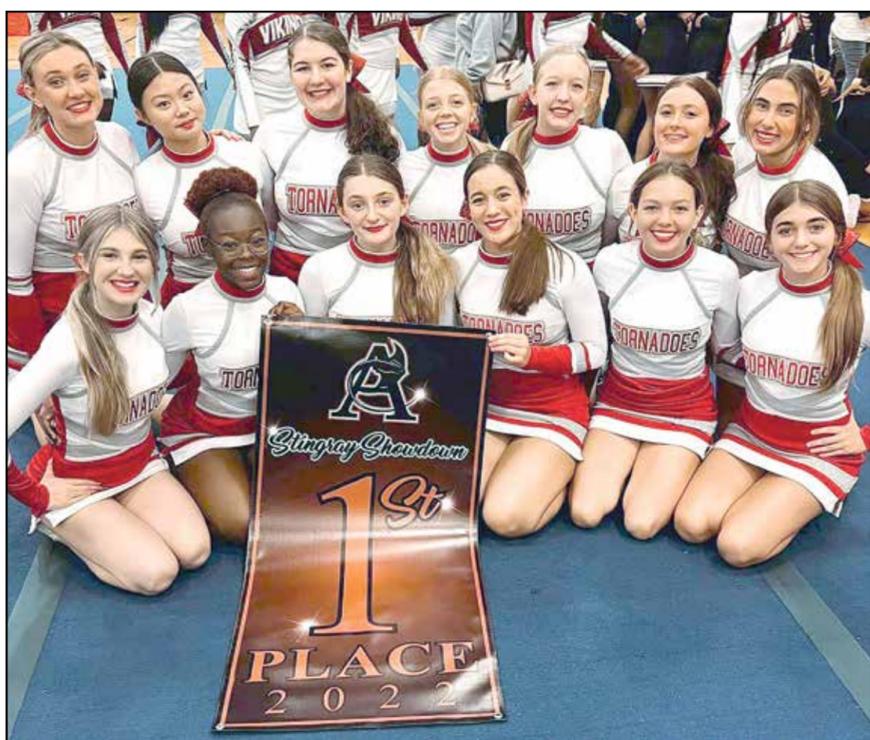
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BHS is top small school at cheer event

Bradford High School, participating in competitive cheerleading for the first year, won the Small Varsity division at the Dec. 10 Stingray Showdown, hosted by Jacksonville's Atlantic Coast High School. It was the third competition of the season for the Tornadoes, who'll next participate in the Battle in the Jungle at Hernando High School on Friday, Jan. 6. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Abbigale Moore, Nivaiah Foster, Skyla Buonacore, Kendall Cook, Lily Mercer, Madison Casey, (back, l-r) Emma Mueller, Jamie Lin, Amy Prescott, Abigail Casey, Desirae Jones, Kayla Mueller and Kailey Marr.

KHHS girls soccer team takes 3-2 win over Santa Fe

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School recorded its first win over Santa Fe in 11 tries as the Indians got two goals from Kiersten Shaw in a 3-2 road win on Dec. 16.

Shaw, who's second in the state with a total of 41 goals, also recorded an assist, which led to a goal by Ella Hutchins.

Goalkeeper Miranda Yow made seven saves.

It was the Indians' first win against the Raiders since beating them 5-4 for a district championship in 2012-13. Santa Fe had defeated Keystone 10 straight times since then, outscoring the Indians 61-4 during that span.

Keystone (10-4) entered the match off a 6-1 District 4-3A win over host Williston on Dec. 13. Shaw scored four goals and had an assist, while Hutchins had one goal and two assists.

Hutchins has 15 assists for the

season, which ranks sixth best in the state.

The win also included a goal and an assist from Elizabeth Waughon and one assist by Alec Horton.

Keystone is 3-0 against district opponents.

The Indians return to action with a home match against Suwannee on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Keystone also plays home matches against Menendez on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7:20 p.m., Williston on Friday, Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m. and district opponent Fort White on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

KHHS and Bell play to 3-3 tie in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Skylar Kedgley scored two goals as the Keystone Heights High School boys soccer team settled for a 3-3 tie against host Bell, which entered the match having won four straight.

Logan Spence scored a goal and had an assist, while the Indians also got an assist each

from Bryce Huntley and Aaron Wiley.

Keystone (5-3-2) entered the match off a 6-1 loss against District 4-3A opponent Williston on Dec. 13 in Williston. Spence scored the lone goal off a Wiley assist.

The Indians are now 1-1-1 against district competition.

Williston improved to 9-1-1.

The Indians return to action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, in a road match against Baker County at 7 p.m. Keystone travels to play district opponent Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. before hosting Williston on Friday, Jan. 6, at 7:15 p.m.

Keystone plays home matches against Crescent City on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. and district opponent Fort White on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:20 p.m.

KYLE

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meet the cast of a performance.

"These people were living in a shoe box, eating Ramen noodles and being rejected every other day," Kyle said.

She discovered many actresses worked as waitresses for five to 10 years. Many continued that work even while they had stage work so they could make ends meet.

"I kind of realized I enjoyed the socialization of theater more than I enjoyed the actual theater," Kyle said.

While still in high school, she took advantage of a volunteering opportunity cleaning up trash at Pocahontas State Park. She was invited back to work in the park by her fellow volunteers. Once-a-week trips to the park eventually became twice-a-week trips to the park.

Kyle said she did that for about a year before the volunteer coordinator suggested she look into working for AmeriCorps, which was how she got introduced to such concepts as prescribed burning.

The experience also showed her that numerous opportunities exist when it comes to outdoors-related career fields. Before, when she thought of outdoors jobs, she thought of something like marine biology. Her view, she said was very narrow.

"(AmeriCorps) showed me there are a lot of different things you can get into," Kyle said.

The same can be said of the Florida Forest Service.

"I like the Forest Service because it's versatile," Kyle said, adding, "The Forest Service is great because there are so many different job positions. It's not like the military, but it has a lot of opportunities like the military has."

Helping neighbors

Though she enjoys working with prescribed fires, one of her main roles as a county forester is providing assistance to private landowners.

She's more than happy to do that, saying getting out and meeting landowners in person is her favorite part of her job.

"They remind me of my neighbors that I grew up with," Kyle said. "They see the importance of having land and

wanting to make it productive and planning for your legacy and wanting to get the most out of your land. I want to help people do that."

Kyle will make inspections and/or collect samples if landowners have trees that are sick or dying for unknown reasons of if they think they have a presence of Southern pine beetles or other pests.

Her job also entails helping landowners get the resources they need and to help those interested in harvesting timber aware of the Florida Tree Farm Program, which is available to those with 20-plus acres of timber. Kyle said it's hard for small landowners to achieve the certifications that large companies like Rayonier can. Many mills will buy timber that only comes from farms with such certifications.

"The biggest part of the Tree Farm Program is to protect our landowners so they can sell their wood," Kyle said. "They won't have limited options. They can sell their wood to pretty much any mill."

Kyle is also available to help create land planning, even if it has nothing to do with wanting to harvest timber.

"Some people just want wildlife," Kyle said. "Some people call me and say, 'Hey, I want to get more deer and quail and turkey. What do I have to do to do that?' I get up with an FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) biologist, get her out there and write a plan and try to get that happening for them."

Kyle looks forward to educational and tree-planting opportunities. She's already participated in a career day at

Lake Butler Middle School and has two Arbor Day events scheduled in January where she will work with FFA students in both counties to plant trees.

She also wants to work with Lake Butler and Starke in recertifying their Tree City USA status.

On the job and off

When she's not devoting her time to the Florida Forest Service, Kyle said she enjoys fishing — both freshwater and saltwater. When it's saltwater, she likes to fish for pompano.

Kyle also enjoys rock climbing, or at least the indoor version of it since she lives in Florida. However, she looks forward to future opportunities to do it outdoors, which she got a taste of on a recent trip to Colorado.

"I'm not prepared for real rock climbing yet, but I'm working toward it," Kyle said. "There's a lot of gear involved and a lot of different styles of climbing."

When she's on the clock, Kyle is continuing to learn the ins and outs of her role as county forester, with one eye also cast toward the future.

"I'm still learning the position," she said. "A lot of trial and error right now. I'm looking forward to working with the community a little bit more and maybe getting a tree-planting workshop on the way this winter."

Bradford and Union counties are a long way from Broadway, and that's just fine for the outdoors enthusiast who once gave thought to reciting lines on stage.

"I love this job," Kyle said.

Curtis A. "Lex" Sanders Attorney at Law



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tions can be picked up at the Administration Office at New River Regional Landfill located at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford FL 32083 or requested via email to lgreene@nrswa.org. Deadline for submitting applications will be Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. For further information, call 386-431-1000. New River Solid Waste is a drug-free workplace; drug testing will be required. NRSWA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

REPORTERS-WRITERS....Need writers

to cover local governmental meetings. Lawtey, Hampton, Brooker, Starke, Lake Butler; Bradford & Union Counties: These will be day and evening meetings on different days of the week. If you are interested send email to classads@bctelegraph.com. Can be full or part time employment. For more information call 904-964-6305.

THE CITY OF LAWTEY is taking applications for full time Maintenance Supervisor. Applicant must be able to pass and maintain a

non-DOC supervisor class, drug test and backgroundcheck, to get inmate labor. Application and full job description can be picked up at Lawtey City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, FL 32058, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications are due by January 6, 2023 by 4 p.m. City of Lawtey is an Equal Opportunity employer and a drug free work place.

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Hope Christian boys suffer 1st loss after 6-0 start to season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hope Christian Academy has been rolling in boys basketball, with the Lions winning their first six games before a 72-60 loss to Ludowici, Georgia's Faith Baptist Christian on Dec. 20.

After opening the season with a 28-22 win over Northside Christian (which was covered in the Dec. 8 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor), the Lions defeated visiting Westwood Christian of Live Oak 76-25 on Dec. 1. Marcus Chever and Jude Hanson scored 23 and 20 points, respectively, while Dalton Thomas scored 11 points.

The Lions also got seven points from Aiden Wilson, six points from Zach Hansen, four points from Traven Chandler,



Traven Chandler (far left) and Jude Hanson (far right) prepare to battle for a rebound in Hope's 76-25 win over Westwood Christian. Photo by Malena Hanson.

three points from Julio Casielles and two points from Tavian Frazier.

Frazier, Hanson and Wilson each grabbed eight rebounds, while Thomas and Hansen had seven and six, respectively. Frazier also had a team-high six assists, while Chever had five. Chever led the team in steals with four, while Frazier and Thomas each had three.

On Dec. 6, Chever poured in 31 points in a 71-69 win at Gainesville Christian Community.

Hanson and Thomas had 16 and 10 points, respectively. Wilson scored six points, while Chandler and Frazier each added four.

Chever finished with a double-double as he added 12 rebounds to his stats. Chandler led the

team in rebounds with 16, while Hanson had 10. Frazier finished with six rebounds.

Hanson led the team in assists with eight and steals with four.

The Lions defeated host Corinth Christian in Jasper on Dec. 8, with Chever and Hanson scoring 25 and 10 points, respectively.

Thomas and Frazier had nine and eight points, respectively, while Wilson had six. Chandler added four points, while Hansen chipped in two.

Chandler and Frazier each grabbed six rebounds, with Frazier also dishing out three assists.

Chever and Hanson each had three assists as well, with Chever also coming up with four steals.

Hope won its sixth game of the season when it defeated host Old Plank Christian 42-32 on Dec. 12 in Jacksonville.

Chever had 15 points, while the Lions also got eight points from Wilson, six points each from Chandler and Frazier, five points from Thomas and two

points from Hanson.

Frazier grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds. Chandler and Wilson each had seven, while Hanson had six.

The Lions played Old Plank this past Tuesday (Dec. 20) and will return to action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, with a road game against High Springs' First Christian at 6 p.m. Hope plays home games against Byne Christian (Albany, Georgia) on Friday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. and Corinth Christian on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

KHHS girls basketball team defeats Rams by 9

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Dezaray Bright scored 22 points as the Keystone Heights High School girls basketball team won for the fifth time in six games, defeating host Eastside 41-32 on Dec. 15.

Bright finished with a double-double as she grabbed 13 rebounds. She and Yasmin Bryant each had a team-high five steals.

Kiley Channell scored eight points. The Indians also got four points from Kaitlin Brown, three points from Bryant, two points from McKinlee Kirkland and one point each from Brynn Creekmore and Jaynell Hill.

Channell added 11 rebounds to her totals, while Brown had seven.

Keystone (8-3) entered the game off a 45-16 loss at Middleburg on Dec. 12.

The team was without starters Bright and Channell. Bryant and Creekmore scored six and five points, respectively. Hill added three points, while Kadence Massey had two.

Massey had five steals, while Bryant and Alana Anderson each had three.

The Indians played Palatka and Wildwood this past Monday (Dec. 19) and Tuesday (Dec. 20) and will participate in a tournament at Navarre High School next week.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Dec. 22, 2022

BRADFORD

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 on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 9:50 AM, before the Honorable Jodi Cason, at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

NOTICE OF 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.**** WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Starke, Bradford County, Florida, on this 23rd day of November 2022.

Denny Thompson Clerk of Circuit Court By: Romane Jefferson Deputy Clerk Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 01/06/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. SFPYKIF4XAB005861 2010 HOND This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 12/22/2022.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE Two (2) wheelchair equipped transit vehicles. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be mailed (please do not hand deliver any bids) to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live Oak, FL 32064 by Friday, January 13, 2023. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked on bids submitted. Vehicles may be inspected by appointment only. For appointments to inspect vehicles call Sheryl Hartzog, Operations Manager, at 386/496-0624. For additional information or questions contact Stephanie Barrington, Director of Transportation, at sbarrington@suanneec.net. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid.

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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a meeting on January 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: DAVID BAUMWALD, 15912 NE 14th Ave., Starke, FL 32091 sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: LIGHTS ON 14th, 15912 NE 14th Ave., Starke, FL 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 14th day of December A.D., 2022, in Bradford County.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Keystone Heights The Keystone Heights City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on January 9th, 2023, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to consider Ordinance 2022-599. The PUBLIC HEARING will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 in the Council Meeting Room. ORDINANCE 2022-599 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 17, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II - BASIC DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS AND ARTICLE IX - ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAPS; TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR A CANNABIS DISPENSARY, SMOKE SHOP AND TOBACCO STORE; TO AMEND THE USE BY EXCEPTION IN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

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RE-NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R. PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 420

AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made to any matter considered at such hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceeding for such purpose. He or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights City Manager by mail at Post Office Box 420, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, or by telephone at number (352) 473-4807, no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LAWTEY

Notice is hereby given that proposed Ordinance No. 23-01 whose title appears below, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of Lawtey, Florida. The first reading will be held on January 3, 2023 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter that may be heard at City Hall, 2793 Lake St., Lawtey, Florida. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, Lawtey, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAWTEY, COUNTY OF BRADFORD, STATE OF FLORIDA DECLARING THE USE OF AN ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER A NUISANCE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAWTEY'S CORPORATE LIMITS. PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Notice is hereby given: Joy C. Gray Last known address of: 21050 NW 82Nd Ln Starke FL 32091 You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph Amanda Seyfang Bradford County Supervisor of Elections P. O. Box 58 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C Starke, FL 32091 Date: December 19, 2022

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Year of Issuance: 2015 Parcel Number: 01599-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0005 Description of Property: The North 110 feet of Lot 4, of Otts Subdivision, as per plat, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 8 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida. Name in Which Assessed: DENTON II LLC Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 1/04/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Kanetra Jenkins Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: December 19, 2022

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Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R. PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 415 Year of Issuance: 2015 Parcel Number: 01575-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0012 Description of Property: The East half of the South East quarter of the North East quarter of the North East quarter quarter of Section Twenty six, Township Five South of Range Twenty two East and containing five acres more or less. Name in Which Assessed: MARION SAMS Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 1/4/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 04-2022-CA-000427 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, PAUL G. FRIESE AKA PAUL GLENN FRIESE, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, PAUL G. FRIESE AKA PAUL GLENN FRIESE, DECEASED Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida: COMMENCE AT THE POINT WHERE THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 18, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 26' EAST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST COURSE RUN, A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 26' WEST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET, TO THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE; RUN THENCE EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 208.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 6978 SW CR 18 HAMPTON FL 32044

has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Bradford County Telegraph. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 19th day of December, 2022. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Lisa Brannen Deputy Clerk

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2022-CP-0040

IN RE: The Estate of DEWAYNE DONALD DUKES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of Dewayne Donald Dukes, deceased on September 23, 2021 is pending as Case No. 2022-CP-0040 in the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW as set forth in Section 733.702, Florida Statutes, which is on or before the later of the date that is 3 months after the time of the first publication of the notice

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to creditors or, as to any creditor required to be served with a copy of the notice to creditors, 30 days after the date of service on the creditor. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of notice to creditors was December 22, 2022.

/s/ A. Leigh Cangelosi A LEIGH CANGELOSI, ESQ. Florida Bar No.: 425494 BOGIN, MUNNS & MUNNS, P.A. 2700 NW 43rd St., Suite C Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone: (352) 332-7688 Fax: (352) 332-7692 E-Mail: lcangelosi@boginmunns.com Attorney for Personal Representative /s/Judy Ann Dukes Judy Ann Dukes 10357 SW 40th Terrace Lake Butler, FL 32054 Personal Representative

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD IN THE FAMILY COURT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 2022-DR-20-170 Latonya L. Thornton, Plaintiff vs

Keith M. Thornton, Defendant SUMMONS FOR DIVORCE (One Year Continuous Separation) TO THE DEFENDANT Above-Named: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued by the Plaintiff for DIVORCE in the Court indicated above. You must respond in writing to the attached Complaint for Divorce and serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff at the address below within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, not counting the day of service, or thirty-five (35) days if you were served by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before submitting your Answer to the Plaintiff. If you do not answer the Complaint within the required thirty (30) days, the Court may grant a DIVORCE and grant the Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint. Date: September 6, 2022 Latonya L. Thornton, Plaintiff's Signature

Winnboro, South Carolina STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD IN THE FAMILY COURT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 2022-DR-20-170 LATONYA L. THORNTON, Plaintiff vs. KEITH M THORNTON, Defendant NOTICE OF HEARING A hearing has been set in the above entitled action on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 09:30 a.m. You are hereby notified to be present in the Fairfield County Family Court at time. Date: December 20, 2022 Winnboro, SC Judy M. Bonds Clerk of Court BY: Beverly Simmons Address of Family Court: Fairfield County Family Court 115-A South Congress Street Winnboro, SC 29180

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LEFT: Santa looks over the list Phoebe Barber brought him at the Bradford County Public Library's Dec. 8 Santa and His Reindeer Games. The event drew more than 420 people. RIGHT: Abigail Hodges (left) prepares to toss a ball for a chance to win a prize. Her brother, Cooper, looks on.



Chance Reed and Aspen Reed visit with Santa. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Santa can make room for multiple siblings. Here, he's joined by (clockwise from bottom left) Ally Bradshaw, Aaron Bradshaw and Aubri Bradshaw.



Kolby Wheeler and Abigail Hodges (background) move from space to space while the music plays at the Cookie Walk game.



Joe and Mara Chason try to guess the number of candy canes in a jar.



ABOVE: Ivey Gault (right) contemplates what move to make as she plays the Lollipop Game, which is manned by Ada Cox. LEFT: Cora Massey, Abi Higginbotham and Claire Massey (l-r) show off their festive attire.

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Channell is Clay County Student-Athlete of the Month

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School senior basketball player Kiley Channell, who plays guard, was named the Northeast Florida Builders Association Clay County's Student-Athlete of the Month for December.

John Sgromolo, Clay County's coordinator of district athletics, presented Channell with a certificate, an Under Armour quarter-zip pullover (courtesy of BSN Sports) and two tickets to a Jacksonville Icemen home game (courtesy of Jacksonville Icemen).

Channell, who also plays softball and signed a letter of intent to play that sport FAU, has a 4.311 grade-point average and more than 147 community service hours.

"Clay County is so proud of you," Sgromolo said. "Keystone is so proud of you. Not only are you unbelievably awesome in the classroom and on the softball field and the basketball court, you're also involved in the community."

Channell (through Dec. 15) leads the KHHS basketball team in scoring at 13.9 points per game and in assists with 3.4 per game. She was four points shy of 1,000 career points prior to the Indians'

Dec. 19 game against Palatka. When Sgromolo, as part of a promotional video for the Clay School District, asked Channell how she got involved playing basketball, she said she was always playing sports with her brother and his friends. She also got involved with the Keystone Youth Basketball Association when she was in second grade.

Channell played on the KHHS varsity team as an eighth-grader and earned first-team All-Clay County honors her freshman and junior seasons. She was a second-team pick her sophomore year.

Sgromolo pointed out that Channell was a New4Jax Super Six player as well as the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Class 4A Player of the Year for District 6 last year. Yet it's softball that she'll continue playing after graduation. Sgromolo asked Channell about making the decision between playing basketball or softball at the collegiate level.

"When I was younger, I always wanted to play college softball," said Channell, a shortstop/second baseman. "I always had that in the back of my mind."

She started on the KHHS varsity softball team as an eighth-grader and was a first-team All-Clay County pick that year.



KHHS senior Kiley Channell (center) was named the NEFBA Clay County Student-Athlete of the Month for December. She is pictured with Clay Coordinator of District Athletics John Sgromolo (far left) and KHHS Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson.

"We've never had that happen in Clay County," Sgromolo said of an eighth-grader earning such honors.

Channell went on to earn second-team All-Clay County softball honors as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

When Sgromolo asked her why she chose to continue her softball career at FAU, Channell said, "The coaches just really stood out to me compared to

all the other coaches. The head coach is just like an older version of me. Even her childhood stories were like how I grew up. It really made me want to visit them more often."

Sgromolo asked Channell what her senior softball season would mean to her, especially coming off a year in which the Indians played for a region championship.

"Obviously, it's a big year for

me," Channell said. "I want to go out with a bang."

Clay's Student-Athlete of the Month awards recognize the complete student-athlete, so academics are an important part of the award as well. Sgromolo told Channell her 4.311 GPA was "unbelievable," prompting him to ask her who some of her favorite teachers were.

"I really love math," Channell said. "I had (Cindy) Loose for three years. I don't have math this year because I finished all my math credits, but she's been like one of the best teachers I've ever had."

This year, Channell takes American Government as a dual-enrollment student at Santa Fe College, while taking Economics and Journalism at KHHS. She intends to study Business Financial at FAU.

"I'm looking into becoming a sales rep, maybe for medical, but also, eventually, I want to own my own business, like an event-planning business," Channell said.

Sgromolo talked with Channell about her involvement in the community, which includes her participation with the Senior Girls Club at KHHS and with the Keystone Youth Basketball Association. Channell said she and other varsity girls and boys players help coach and referee in YBA, which consists of grades 1-8 in three divisions.

"It's just for the kids to learn basically the techniques and mechanics of basketball to get better for when they come up to play for the high school," Channell said.

Sgromolo said Channell was humble, pointing out that he had just learned that she was crowned this year's homecoming queen.

"I was really excited to win," Channell said. "I didn't really know they called my name until I heard my last name. I was like, 'Oh! My partner next to me was like, 'Hey, you won.'"

Sgromolo said, "Keystone could not have selected a better representative as their homecoming queen."



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