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Celebrate King's life and legacy

In honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will be sponsoring events, including the second annual Service Awards Banquet. The banquet — with guest BHS Principal Vinnie Blye — begins with a meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Starke Woman's Club. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (up to 17 years old).

Activities on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 15, begin with the 10 a.m. parade from Shands Starke Regional Medical Center to the RJE Center. Participants are invited to line up in front of the hospital prior to the parade.

The annual celebration at the RJE Center featuring music and more will follow the parade at 11 a.m. A brunch will be held immediately after the program.

T-shirts are on sale now. Please call 904-964-2298 for more information or to place an order.

District spelling bee tonight

Bradford County School's District Spelling Bee will be held at the Santa Fe College Cultural Building at Call and Thompson streets in Starke on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. The top spellers from the elementary and middle schools will compete to move on to the state competition. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to come support the students.

The event is sponsored by the Bradford County Education Foundation.

Grow shiitake mushrooms

Growing your own delicious mushrooms is easier than you may think. Shiitake mushrooms are the topic of this month's meeting of the Alligator Creek Garden Club. Paul Still will give you information on where to get mushroom spores, demonstrate how to inoculate logs and tell you how to care for them until the edible mushrooms are ready for harvest.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Bradford County Senior Center, located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. (North 301) in front of the health department. Everyone is invited. At every meeting, there are refreshments and a plant exchange. If you like, bring a snack to share and any plants you wish to pass on to good homes.

For more information, call Pat Caren at 352-485-2666.

Miss BHS, a Woman of Promise

Grace Johns received the crown of Miss BHS on Jan. 6, placing first out of four contestants. She also placed first in the interview and on-stage-question portions of the event, which also included contestants Jayla Eiland, Bailey Griffis and Camee Morrow. Johns has also been chosen as a Woman of Promise by Santa Fe College. Administrators from the high school joined her in front of the school board Monday to share her many activities and accomplishments of this Bradford High senior, including Shands Starke Hospital Auxiliary, Communities in Schools, Altrusa Club of Starke, student government, yearbook, SWAT, National Honors Society, Girls in Pearls, and she had been dual enrolled at BHS and Santa Fe College since her senior year. As a Woman of Promise, she will represent the college at upcoming events to encourage excellence, education and community service. Johns is pictured below with Principal Vinnie Blye, and assistant principals Lindley Adkins and Chris Coffey. For more on Miss BHS, see inside.



Mayor regrets double-dipping decision

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Mayor Janice Mortimer wants the Starke City Commission to reconsider an ordinance passed last September that allows the police chief to "double dip" while he remains in office.

"I think we need to look at the double dipping and how that is affecting our retirement system," Mortimer said. "When I voted on that I didn't realize the long-term impact this is going to have on us."

Police Chief Jeff Johnson agreed that come next year he will be receiving both his salary and a retirement check from the city.

Florida eliminated the ability for state employees to reenter employment with the state after retirement because of the "double dipping" perception — that public employees were living the highlife at the expense of taxpayers. Some elected officials, who are

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Overpass could cost Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke could bear some unexpected costs when the state begins building a railroad overpass on State Road 100 in 2020.

According to City Manager Bob Milner, the state rejected the city's hardship waiver request and believes the city has the financial means to contribute to the \$400,000 cost of engineering the relocation of city utility lines.

The revelation, as well as the state's reluctance to incur the cost of moving all overhead utilities lines underground, had Commissioner Tommy Chastain calling for the city to back out of its support for the overpass.

Chastain complained the Florida Department of Transportation sold the project to the city with pretty images

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The Bradford County School Board shared its pride in the regional champion Bradford High School football team for its accomplishments this past season at its meeting on Monday. Superintendent Stacey Creighton thanked the teams and coaches. Assistant Superintendent David Harris said the district made the right choice in selecting head coach Brian Tomlinson and his team, and with the coaches' belief in the players and the players' belief in them, things are only going to get better for them all. Team members pictured included Erric Smith, Earl Green, Ian McGowan, Jace Oody, Pedro Carter, Travis Lee, Shaytron Cotton, Austin Lovell, Dante Banks, Jeremiah Vaughn, Hunter Smith, Nedro Davis, Caleb Patray, Nick Channell, Tre Daniels, Frankie Jimenez and Holden Bell along with manager Roger Crews, head coach Brian Tomlinson and coaches Brett Dukes, Caleb Dukes, Rob Charles and James McNeal. In back are Superintendent Stacey Creighton and School Board Members Sheila Cummings, Erica Reddish, Vivian Chappell, Cheryl Canova and Charnelle Whittemore.



Bradford students make first foray into LEGO robot competition

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford County children competed in a First LEGO League Challenge qualifier for the first time ever, and though none of the four teams earned the right to advance in the state's competition, they gained valuable experience and came home with an award in the process.

Southside Elementary School teacher Dan Wells, who is the instructor for Santa Fe College's after-school LEGO robotics program, met with the 15 participating students before the Christmas break, reminding the students that the three teams that earned the right to advance in the state competition have been together for years. The students on the team that placed first have been together five years.

"This was our first year trying it, so we're new to this," Wells told the students.

One of the Bradford teams — LEGO Legends — received the Rising Star Award, which is given to teams that show future potential. Another Bradford team — Hydrobros (named in relation to the Hydro Dynamics-themed competition) — that came up with a new solution to one of the tasks teams had to complete with their robots.

"I think we did pretty good with this being our first year," LEGO Legends team member Ian Wesson said.

"Guys, I was really proud of you," Wells told the students. "You did an excellent job. I know it was hard watching some of those other teams that did better than we did, but it was also kind of rewarding. You did some good things."



After-school LEGO robotics instructor Dan Wells (far left) observes what's happening with the robot of the LEGO Legends team, consisting of (l-r) Mateo Medina, Ian Wesson and Coveyon Desue.



Brodie Gunter (far right) gives instructions to his blindfolded Stingrays teammates Cadyn Carter (far left) and Carson McKenzie as they attempt to demonstrate LEGO's Core Values to judges.

Ian Wesson (far right) looks on as LEGO Legends teammate Brett Redding positions their robot on the themed playing field.

playing field), the Project (developing a solution to a problem the participants themselves identify, based upon the Challenge topic) and demonstrating First LEGO League's Core Values, which emphasize working as a team, honoring the spirit of friendly competition and placing an emphasis upon learning over winning.

For the Project portion of the competition, students were asked to identify a problem in regard to people finding, transporting or using water. Then, they had to come up with a solution to the problem. For example, one of the Bradford teams identified the problem of people leaving the water running as they're brushing their teeth. Their solution was to invent a toothbrush that had a water reservoir. By pushing a button, you could dispense water into your mouth as you're brushing your teeth. The remaining water could be used to rinse your mouth out.

In demonstrating Core Values, teams appear before a group of judges, who give them a problem to solve. Judges watch to see how the team members work together

to come up with a solution.

Judges also look for a demonstration of Core Values during the Robot Game. Though a team can be composed of up to 10 members, only two at a time can be at the table, upon which the themed playing field is set up, operating their robot. Judges want to see team members work together in deciding who will be at the table, with those in the background then encouraging those who are operating the robot.

The First LEGO League Challenge the Bradford students participated in was held in St. Augustine Dec. 2. Wells said the Robot Game portion of the event has quite an electric atmosphere.

"They had six Robot Game tables set up in the middle of the room," Wells said. "They had loud music playing. They had teams practicing. When they do the competition, it's almost like a wrestling match. They have an announcer who calls the teams up. Everybody gathers around the tables to watch. It's that kind of excitement."

Though it was the first-ever Challenge they had competed in, they didn't seem to be nervous.

"When we went to the real event, we were much more prepared. The kids knew what to expect, but we still didn't have as much done as we wanted to."

Bradford's after-school program didn't start when it was supposed to. The first week had to be cancelled because Wells was stranded in Houston due to Hurricane Harvey. The second week was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. Wells' house flooded as a result of Irma, so the third week was cancelled as well as he attempted to get his house back in order.

Therefore, the Bradford students built their base robots, but didn't spend the amount of time planned on programming.

With that in mind, as well as the fact that successful teams have spent years together com-

ing camps hosted by the Santa Fe College Andrews Center, were purchased by an AT&T grant received by the Bradford County Education Foundation. Canova, who is a member of the Bradford County Education Foundation, hopes to provide more robotics opportunities for children in the county. Those opportunities can continue in college, thanks to a National Association of Interpreters in Education grant, which will allow Santa Fe's Andrews, Watson and Davis centers to offer a course consisting of robotics, rocketry and STEM rotating with each subject area rotating among the centers.

"To me, it's like a builder program," Canova said of the existing robotics opportunities for young children.

Wells said in today's world,



Ashton Crawford, a member of Bradford's Savage Squad, watches his team's robot carry out programmed tasks.

Every year, a First LEGO League Challenge is created based on a real-world scientific topic, with this year's topic being, "Hydro Dynamics." The Challenge is composed of three parts: the Robot Game (programming a robot to score points by accomplishing tasks on a themed



Participating in the Robot Game are Hydrobros team members (l-r) Joshua Ross, Jack Hendrix, Kale Waters and James Barksdale.

peting, Wells told the students gathered before the Christmas break that any who are interested in participating in future LEGO competitions will continue to meet after school.

"In January, what we're going to spend some time doing is learning about how to program the robots better," Wells told the students. "Did you guys have some real struggles with some of the programming stuff? Yeah, because you kept running into problems over and over again, and you didn't know how to fix them."

The LEGO robotics kits made available for the after-school program, as well as for summer

the skills students learn in robotics are vital.

"Everything we're doing in society now is robot driven," Wells said, adding, "Everything's going to need to be programmed and updated and improved. There are so many technologies today that are based on the same basic program these kids are learning in this."

To get an idea of what the kids did during the First LEGO League Challenge, go to YouTube and enter "First LEGO League Hydro Dynamics" in the search bar to see a video of the Robot Game.



Stingrays team members (l-r) Cadyn Carter and Carson McKenzie watch their robot perform one of its programmed objectives.

Register for spring basketball

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County are taking applications for the spring Youth Basketball League. Registration

is \$30 (due at time of registration) for children age 4 to 13 years old. Registration ends Jan. 31.

Applications are available from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the RJE office. For more information, please call Sherry Williams at 352-278-3540, Alica McMillian at 904-966-1100 or Timothy at 904-669-6881.

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Area survives winter storm

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

A rare winter storm brought a combination of rain and freezing temperatures to North Florida last week. However, most of the troubles associated with the storm appeared to be commuter inconveniences like frozen trunks and doors.

Officials in Bradford County reported no major incidents.

Diane Gaskins of the Bradford County Senior Center said the biggest consequence for her clients were that they stayed inside.

"The cold and rainy conditions made people cautious," she said of Bradford seniors. "They were concerned

about getting sick."

In the Keystone Heights-area, officials reported no major incidents.

However, LaVerne Lanier said two clients of the Keystone Heights Senior Center had to seek alternative shelter because they had no heat. A Lake Region resident took both people in. Lanier also said some of her clients told her they had to keep their thermostats at 55 in order to hold down power costs.

Union County officials said they had no emergency calls related to the weather. However, many residents did call asking about road conditions.

An emergency management official said the fact that the rain

stopped around noon on Jan. 2, allowed roads to dry before temperatures plunged.

Clay Electric reported that most of the outages in its system occurred in Columbia County, where nearly 3,500 were without power.

Co-op spokesperson Wayne Mattox said the outages were caused by gusty winds.

Residents in Providence said they were without power for about two hours.

Several Union County residents reported snow flurries. However, sheriff's office spokesperson Lyn Williams said deputies only saw sleet around 1 a.m. on Wednesday.

State

Tallahassee in brief

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing editor

Typo blows up appropriations request

Last week we reported that Rep. Bobby Payne requested a \$69 million state appropriation to improve the City of Palatka's water infrastructure. The request turned out to be the largest in the Florida House this year. However, this week an aid to Payne said the multi-million-dollar ask was a mistake.

"There was a typo when the appropriations request was sent to the State," wrote Payne Senior District Secretary Tammy Still in an email. "The correct appropriations amount is 695 thousand, which will be corrected when it is heard in committee."

Recreational marijuana petitions fall short

Two efforts to legalize the recreational use of marijuana in Florida are well short of the 766,000 signatures required to get the measures on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The group: Regulate Florida is gathering petitions for a

constitutional amendment that would allow Floridians over 21 to cultivate, sell and use marijuana. However, at the beginning of January, the organization had only secured around 40,000 signatures, just over five percent of the number required for the Feb. 1 deadline.

A similar initiative organized by Floridians for Freedom has collected around 30,000 signatures.

In 2016, Florida voters approved Amendment 2, which legalized the medical use of marijuana.

Seven states now allow the recreational use of cannabis: Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

An additional 27 states and the District of Columbia allow the drug for medical use.

Local governments resist restrictions

Last week, the Keystone Heights City Council passed a resolution that "urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose legislation that limits Floridians' constitutional right to govern themselves under municipal home rule powers."

Keystone Heights officials said the Florida League of Cities is behind the resolution. The statewide group is asking all its members to pass similar resolutions opposing what it calls intrusions on home rule.

Last year, lawmakers passed

a law regulating ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft, wiping out local ordinances that required driver background checks, mechanic inspections, logo requirements and licensing fees.

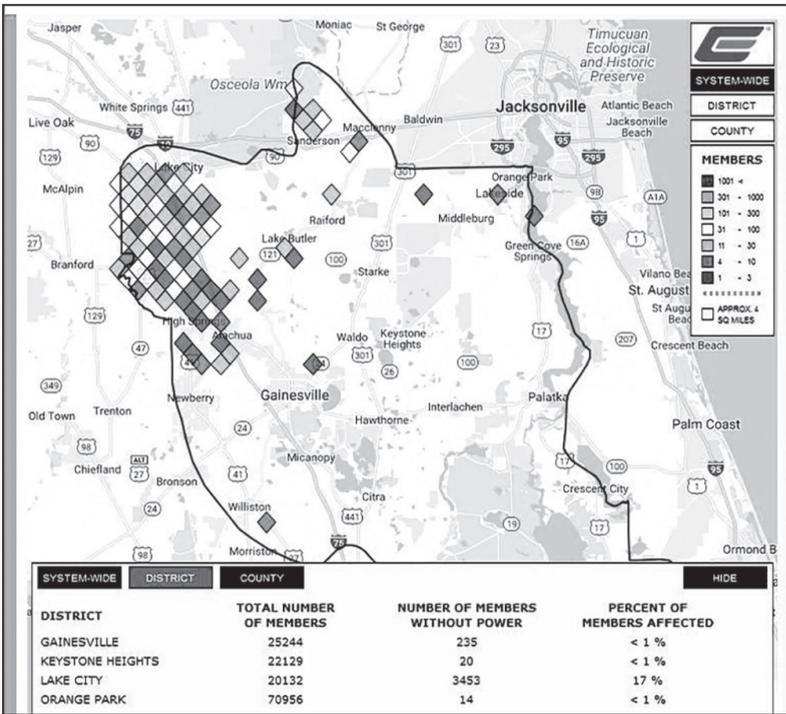
The state law imposed its own set of rules, including driver background checks and insurance minimums.

This year, lawmakers have filed bills that would preempt local governments from regulating transient housing and vacation rentals, such as those booked through Airbnb. Broward and Miami-Dade counties started collecting tourism taxes from the booking apps in 2017 and Clay County is making progress in taxing bookings made through the apps.

In addition, Sen. Rob Bradley, who represents Keystone Heights has sponsored a bill that would prohibit local governments from regulating residential vegetable gardens. His measure would also void any such current regulations.

In the House, a bill that would phase out community redevelopment agencies is in one committee. Other bills making their way through the lower chamber would require detailed audits of governmental units and would impose restrictions on travel expenses incurred by local officials.

In Keystone Heights, the community redevelopment agency has funded building facades, signs, benches and other downtown improvements.



City to begin rezoning corrections

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke is proceeding with rezoning dozens of incorrectly categorized properties

Many of the problems were already known to the city, which brought in a former zoning director, Nora Thompson, to consult on the work. Thompson said they personally contacted those who had reached out to the city with a zoning problem.

The city also advertised the opportunity to add other properties to the list, without response.

The correction will cover numerous parcels in District 2 where changes had been made to zone mobile homes out of the area. Properties in the district were previously changed from R-1D to R-1C even though there were mobile homes already installed. The change created a hardship when property owners wanted to replace their mobile homes and found they were no longer allowed.

Among the other properties is a multifamily property owned by Darrell and Susan O'Neal on West Jefferson Street, and next to it a parcel belonging to the Dale and Pamela Woodruff Trust.

Five neighboring properties on North Thompson Street that were inexplicably redefined as

a mobile home subdivision are being corrected and returned to Residential-1C zoning. Those properties belong to Simeon Cerdan, Shakeita Goodman, Mary K. Long, Jason and Cynthia Kelly, and John Maddox.

Finally, there are more than a dozen parcels that must be rezoned and corrected on the future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan. The land use much be changed from Commercial to Residential-Medium Density and zoning from B-2 to R-1C. One belongs to Alvin A. Griffis on Edwards Road behind Bradford Square Shopping Center. The others are all on Cherry Street, and many would be good candidates for renovation with the proper zoning. They belong to Robert and Mary Luignan, Cannon Homes LLC, Columbus and Robert Sellers, Fleming Island Properties, Baymeadows Trading LLC, Lancaster Investments, Leslie Davis, Oscar Davis et al., William and Stephanie Rankin, Cornerstone Construction, Mary L. Wilkerson, and AFS Homes LLC.

The city initiated the changes back in 2007 to bring zoning into compliance with the future land use map. Future land use determines the pattern in which land is expected to be developed

over time — agriculturally, residentially, commercially, etc. Each future land use category is assigned a number of compatible zoning categories, and a property's zoning determines what specific uses are allowed by right or special exception. For instance, Starke's residential zoning categories include labels like R-1A, R-2A, R-1C, etc. Each category allows for a different type of residential development and dictates how intensive that development can be (how many units are allowed per acre).

A property's land use and zoning must be compatible for development to proceed. If not, the landowner could face thousands of dollars in application fees to clear up the conflict.

Thompson received permission from the board to proceed with making the changes and the city commission serving as the applicant sponsoring those changes. By sponsoring the land use amendments, the city commission will be correcting the conflicts without expense the landowners.

Everyone will be notified individually of the process except, Thompson said, those involved in the District 2 changes because they cover such a large area.

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free of overhead powerlines, but is now being told if that's what Starke wants, then the city will have to come up with the additional money.

"Would it behoove us to tell them we don't want the overpass?" Chastain asked.

"I'm kind of thinking the same way," Commissioner Danny Nugent said, adding he wanted all future promises from FDOT to be in writing. "That way nobody 'forgets' what they tell us."

They weren't so much

promises, Chastain explained to Mayor Janice Mortimer, who wasn't on the board at the time.

"Each time we would ask, they would smile," he said of the utilities question.

Milner said the city would also be expected to contribute to the utility engineering costs associated with the replacement of Alligator Creek Bridge, also slated for 2020. That cost is estimated around \$100,000.

"All of our utilities literally run under that thing, along with FPL and some others," Milner said.

The city manager hopes the city will be able to appeal the decision from the state comptroller to

local legislators and others with budgetary influence.

In other business:

—Chastain asked about City Attorney Dan Sikes' contract, which expires at the end of January. Sikes is currently on military duty. Interim attorney John Cooper is filling in on a month-to-month basis and said there is no reason to take action until February.

Milner is going to verify if rumors that Sikes is not interested in continuing are true. If not the city could negotiate a contract extension, or in either case, the city could seek qualifications from all interested attorneys.

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Bradford Fest seeks contestants

The eighth annual Miss Bradford

Fest Pageant to raise money for scholarships to Santa Fe College will be held Feb. 17 at 7

p.m. at the Bradford High School auditorium.

Contestants will compete in the Western wear, evening wear, photogenic categories in the following age divisions: Little Miss for ages 4-7, Junior Miss for ages 8-12, Teen Miss for ages 13-17 and Miss for graduating high school seniors through 22 years of age. Teen and Miss contestants also compete in interview.

The winner of the Miss

category could win a two-year scholarship to Santa Fe College dependent upon meeting eligibility requirements.

The entry fee is \$125. Applications are available at Santa Fe College Andrews Center, or email Itatum1007@yahoo.com.

The deadline to enter is Jan. 23. For more information, please call Lisa at 904-966-1514.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That HENRY LOUIS WADE The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificates for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2017-0022
Certificate Number: 1034
Parcel Number: 04321-0-00400
Year of Issuance: 2012
Description of Property: LOT 4, 5, OF BLK 8, AS PER MAP OR PLAT OF LINCOLN CITY IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST
Assessed To: HATTIE WADE EST
All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) 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 the 14th day of February, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT
BY LISA BRANNON
DEPUTY CLERK
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, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 17000117CAAXMX
DIVISION:

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA CREWS, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Dec. 13, 2017, and entered in Case No. 17000117CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Linda Crews, Department of Children and Families State of Florida Benefit Recovery Program, Bradford County, Florida Board of County Commissioners, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 22nd day of February, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT 14, BLOCK 27, LIVINGSTON, TRUBY AND COMPANY'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF STARKE, PER PLAT THEREOF IN DEED BOOK J, PAGE 232, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 403 ST. CLAIR STREET, STARKE, FL 32091
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Bradford County, Florida this 14 day of Dec., 2017.

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Bradford County, Florida
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY,

FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000129
TD BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF EDWARD MARROLETTI, et al.,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000129 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida wherein TD Bank, N.A. is Plaintiff and Estate of Edward Marroletti, et al., are Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on March 8, 2018, at the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091 at 11:00 a.m., the following described properties as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:
PARCEL ONE (In Bradford County): A parcel of land lying in the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Northeast corner of the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and run S 01°06'19" W, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 33 feet more or less, to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of NW 75th Ave. (A County Graded Road); thence N 88°11'00" W, along said Southerly boundary, 843.60 feet to set iron rod for the POB. From the POB thus described continue N 88°11'00" W, along said Southerly boundary, 131.19 feet to a set iron rod; thence S 02°02'54" W, parallel with the Westerly boundary of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, a distance of 330.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence N 88°11'00" W, parallel with said Southerly boundary, 330.00 feet to an iron rod set on said Westerly boundary; thence S 02°02'54" W, along said Westerly boundary and along the Westerly boundary of the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 NE 1/4, a distance of 583.48 feet to a set iron rod; thence S 88°11'00" E, parallel with said Southerly boundary, 265.95 feet to a set iron rod; thence N 01°35'10" E, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, a distance of 483.48 feet to a set iron rod; thence S 88°11'00" E, parallel with said Southerly boundary, 202.60 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 01°35'10" E, parallel with said Westerly boundary, 430.00 feet to the POB.
Property Address: 2570 NW 223rd St, Lawley, Florida 32058
PARCEL TWO (In Duval County): A parcel of land in Lot 1, Block 90, Replat No. 1 of Part of Cedar Hills Estates, Unit 8, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 30, of the current public records of Duval County, Florida

A portion of a parcel of land in Lot 1, Block 90, Replat No. 1 of Part of Cedar Hills Estates, Unit 8, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 30, of the current Public Records of Duval County, Florida, In Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 25 East, being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 90, Replat No. 1 of Part of Cedar Hills Estates, Unit 8, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 30, of the current public records of Duval County, Florida, said point being on the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 103 (Lane Avenue) (an 80.00 foot right of way); thence North 04 degrees 00'02" East along the said Easterly right of way line, and along the West line of said Lot 1, a distance of 61.76 feet to the beginning of a curve concave Southeastly having a radius of 25.00 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 47 degrees 01'28" East, 34.12 feet; thence Northwesterly, East, and Southeastly along the arc of said curve though an angle of 86 degrees 02'5r, a distance of 37.55 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Pinnocchio Drive (a 50.00 foot right of way), and to a point on the North line of said Lot 1; thence South 49 degrees 25'26" West, a distance of 18.64 feet; thence South 04 degrees 00'02" West, a distance of 73.61 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1; thence North 85 degrees 59'58" West along said South line, a distance of 10.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Containing 821 square feet, more or less
Property Address: 2231 Lane Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32201
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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The holder of the following certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2017-0018
Certificate Number: 526
Parcel Number: 01908-0-00300
Year of Issuance: 2015
Description of Property: Exhibit "A"
A parcel of land containing 1.68 acres, more or less, lying in the West 1/2 of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a found 1/2" rebar located at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35 and run North 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West along the West boundary thereof for a distance of 329.43 feet to a found 1/2" rebar for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run North 89 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 222.41 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run South 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 329.43 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence run South 89 degrees 40 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 222.41 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence run North 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 329.43 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to any covenants, restrictions and/or easements of record.
Easements: Also, together with and subject to an easement for ingress, egress, utilities and general road purposes across the following described lands: The South 30 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35 Township 5 South Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Together with the South 30 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35 lying West of a County Graded Road known as 12th Street (formerly known as Old Lawley Road) (granted by Rebecca Hamilton). Also together with the East 30 feet of the South 30 feet of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 35 (granted

by Edward Hamilton). Also together with an easement for ingress, egress, utilities and general road purposes across the following described lands: Commence at a found 1/2" rebar located at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35 and run North 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West along the West boundary thereof for a distance of 299.43 feet a set 1/2" rebar and the Point of Beginning of said easement. From Point of Beginning thus described continue North 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 303.81 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 303.81 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 01 degrees 01 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 661.25 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds East for a distance of 30.00 feet to a found 4" x 4" concrete monument; thence run South 01 degrees 01 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 661.20 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 303.81 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 111.40 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run South 00 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 30.00 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence run South 89 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 445.20 feet to the Point of Beginning (granted by Hamilton Heirs). Description Verified ejn/eml.
Assessed To: HERMER THOMAS, HERMER THOMAS NKA HERMER WILLIAMS
All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) 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 the 14th day of March, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

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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 intepreter@circuit8.org.
DATED this 29 of December, 2017.

RAY NORMAN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Deputy Clerk
By: L Brannon

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NOTICE OF FILING OF INTERAGENCY BANK MERGER ACT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Community State Bank, 811 South Walnut Street, Starke, Florida 32091 has submitted an application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia for its approval to acquire assets and assume liabilities, including deposit accounts, with respect to the Interlachen Branch Office located at 1120 State Road 20, Interlachen, Florida 32148 of CenterState Bank, N.A., 1101 1st Street South, Winter Haven, Florida 33880. Following the consummation of the proposed transaction, it is contemplated that Community State Bank will continue to operate Interlachen Branch Office. This Notice is published pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments, in writing, with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office located at 10 Tenth Street, NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3906 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following the first required publication. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non confidential portions of the application are on file at the FDIC Atlanta Regional Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.
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The holder of the following certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2017-0019
Certificate Number: 934
Parcel Number: 03739-0-00000
Year of Issuance: 2015
Description of Property: Legal Description: 03739-0-00000
A parcel of land lying in the Northwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, being also a part of J.G. Alvarez Addition to Starke according to Map or Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 25, public records of Bradford County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
All of Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), of Block Four (4), of said J.G. Alvarez Addition to the City of Starke and Commence at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Bay and Madison Streets in the City of Starke, and run Southerly along the Westerly boundary of Bay Street 508 feet to the Southerly boundary of Lafayette Street and Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run thence South 25 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 171 feet; run thence Easterly and parallel with the Southerly right of way line of Lafayette Street to the Southwest corner of said Lot Seven (7) of J.G. Alvarez Addition to Starke; run thence North and along the Westerly boundary of said Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) of Block Four (4) of J.G. Alvarez Addition to Starke a distance of 160.60 feet, more or less, to the Southerly right of way line of Lafayette Street; run thence Westerly and along the Southerly right of way line of Lafayette Street to the Point of Beginning.
Less and Except:
A parcel of land lying in lot 5.6,7, and 8, Block 4 of J.G. Alvarez Addition to Starke, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 25 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly

described as follows:
Commence at an iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 and being on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Lafayette Street for the Point of Beginning and run South 18 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary of said Lot 5 and 8, a distance of 168.34 feet of an iron pipe found at the Southeast corner of said Lot 8, also being the Southerly boundary of said Block 4; thence North 67 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 86.98 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 22 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds East, 163.12 feet to an iron rod set on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of said Lafayette Street; thence South 71 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds East, along last said Southerly boundary, 76.92 feet to the Point of Beginning, Description Verified ejn/eml.
Assessed To: RAYMOND A WILLIAMS JR, PATRICIA D WILLIAMS, PATRICIA WILLIAMS
All of the above property is located in Bradford County, In the State of Florida.
Unless such certificate(s) 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 14th day of March, 2018, at 11.00 a.m.

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RAY NORMAN
BRADFORD COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT
BY LISA BRANNON
DEPUTY CLERK
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, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Kimberly Evelyn Smith, deceased, whose date of death was December 28, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH (N SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 11, 2018.
Personal Representative
THE HINSON LAW FIRM, P.A.
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Attorney for Personal Representative
Personal Representative
Garrett Smith
1816 NW 93rd Drive
Gainesville, Florida 32606
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 04-2017-CP-000037
Division:

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KIMBERLY EVELYN SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ISLEE MITCHELL, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 1999, Case No: 04-2017-CP-137 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address 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 unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2018.
Personal Representative
Claranell Hudson
4439 S.E. 143rd Terrace
Starke, Florida 32091
Attorney for Personal Representative
John S. Cooper, Esquire
704 North Lake Street, Suite A
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(904) 964-4701
Florida Bar No: 0910340
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ISLEE MITCHELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of CHARLES H. MITCHELL, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 1999, Case No: 04-2017-CP-137 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address 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 unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2018.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 04-2017-CP-136
Division:

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES H. MITCHELL, Deceased.

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Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of CHARLES H. MITCHELL, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 1999, Case No: 04-2017-CP-136 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address 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 unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2018.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 04-2017-CP-000037
Division:

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ISLEE MITCHELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ISLEE MITCHELL, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 1999, Case No: 04-2017-CP-137 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 04-2017-CP-000037
Division:

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ISLEE MITCHELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ISLEE MITCHELL, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 1999, Case No: 04-201

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virtually guaranteed a job until they are defeated at the polls or leave voluntarily, have continued the practice.

Normally employees retire or enter the DROP program and delay their retirement while accumulating interest-earning payments in a DROP account. Upon the effective date of their resignation, they receive that lump sum and then begin receiving their monthly retirement checks.

The ordinance the city commission approved allows the chief to revoke his resignation after entering DROP prior to the effective date of the resignation and remain chief of police. That means when Johnson "retires" next year, he will receive his DROP distribution and begin receiving his monthly retirement check while continuing to collect his salary as police chief.

Johnson was just re-elected in 2017 to another four-year term, as was City Clerk Ricky Thompson.

The police chief said the attorney who works with the city's three retirement systems had vetted the procedure. Attorney John Cooper who represents the city commission said home rule allows the city to deviate from the state's retirement practices.

Mortimer said she regrets what she considers a "bad vote."

"I'm trying to be a good steward over the dollars I'm responsible for, and I voted yes to allow somebody to double dip out of the city's coffers, and I don't feel good about that," she said.

Mortimer wants the commission to reconsider its decision.

Johnson insisted the issue only concerns elected officials like himself, the clerk and the city commissioners — it does not allow other employees to come back to work for the city past retirement. But the chief has gotten around that, too, by recently contracting with a retired employee to continue working while another achieves certification to perform her duties. This double-dipping loophole has been scrutinized in other government offices in the state as well.

Meanwhile, the city has contracted with James Moore CPA firm to help look into double dipping of another kind. A former employee suing the city for her treatment and termination, Bridget Underhill, accused Johnson and several members of his department of double dipping after she obtained time sheets from the city and VyStar Credit Union, where the police department officers were earning additional money by providing security while not on police duty.

Underhill, however, said the time sheets show overlaps — times when the officers were working at VyStar while being paid by the city, and that amounts to theft, according to her and her attorney.

The commission committed to investigating the allegation by turning the time sheets over to a third party — not to determine guilt or innocence, but to examine the records and document any overlapping work periods.

Milner clarified that the review will include the officers who Johnson had claimed were "exempt" because they earn a salary from the city instead of an hourly wage. When the CPA firm obtained the names from the police department, those names had been excluded from the list

of employees who had worked for SPD during the five-year period in question.

Milner added the names back. In other business: —Milner called for a workshop to get the commission's feedback on what should be included or excluded from the city employees' handbook.

The handbook — under revision by the city manager, city clerk and an outside consulting firm, Dynamic Corporate Solutions — includes job descriptions for every position in the city. Dynamic has also trained supervisors in performing employee evaluations.

The commission did not schedule the workshop.

—Milner has for some time wanted to meet with the commission in a workshop to discuss the expensive but necessary upgrades to the city's wastewater treatment plant. That workshop has now been set for Thursday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

—The commission turned down a request from an out-of-town car dealer who wanted to have a tent sale in Starke. Commissioners took a strong stand in favor of local businesses who pay taxes and utility fees and contribute to the local economy.

The dealer in question was from New Port Richey, and the Commissioner Tommy Chastain felt that was too far to come to compete with businesses in Bradford County.

"I personally don't think that it's right," Commissioner Travis Woods agreed.

"We owe it to our locals to support them with our dollars, not send our money to New Port Richey," Mayor Janice Mortimer said.

A motion to approve the request by Commissioner Danny Nugent died for lack of a second.

Church

St. John Missionary Baptist Church on County Road 200B in Lawtey will celebrate Pastor James Rackley's 13th Appreciation Program on Friday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. with New Bethel Baptist Church in charge of the service. The celebration continues on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Theodor Kelly of Jacksonville speaking and at 4 p.m. with Elder Johnnie Burns of Mayport, Florida. Come help us celebrate.

Faith Baptist Church, 104 SW 12th Ave. in Lake Butler, is holding revival with Evangelist Tim Green on Jan. 14-19. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and weeknight services are at 7 p.m. Lunch will



be served following the Sunday morning service. For more information, please call 386-496-384.

Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Starke will hold its annual homecoming program on Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Minister Johnny Boswell of Gainesville,

but a native of Starke. The church's 70th anniversary and pastor's fifth anniversary will follow on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Starke's Rev. Abie Williams; Friday, Jan 26, at 7 p.m. with Ebenezer Baptist Church of Starke's Minister James Wilcox; and Sunday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. with Minister Loyal Aldridge, assistant pastor of Greater Bethlehem and 3 p.m. with Minister Vickie Givens of True Cannon Holiness Church of Starke.

Email the details of your congregation's upcoming special events to editor@bctelegraph.com. DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 5 P.M.

Library

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

Writers meetup — New day

Writers, both professional and amateur, meet at the library on the first and third Wednesday of every month to discuss, edit, critique and encourage. Whether you are working on a book, blogging on the internet or writing as a hobby, review sessions with other writers can be beneficial. The next meeting is at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Walk-ins are welcome.

Preschool story time

The hour-long early literacy program, Preschool Story Time, includes entertaining stories, children's songs, and engaging activities. It's the perfect mix of fun and encouragement for preschool-aged children. Preschool Story Time is scheduled for Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31. The fun begins at 10 a.m.

Books & Brunch — Jan. 25

Start the year with two tales that other readers have found irresistible. Check out the light-hearted story titled "My Italian Bulldozer" to discuss with us at Books & Brunch on Thursday, Jan. 25. We will meet in the library at 11:30 a.m. and proceed to a local restaurant to talk about how we feel about the overseas adventure. "My Italian Bulldozer" will be followed by a historical fiction that has been labeled as delicious and satisfying: "The Girl You Left Behind" by Jojo Moyes. Find out if you fall for the spellbinding love story and meet with us on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Stress-free painting — Jan. 10 and 30

Relieve stress with art therapy at the library. Listen to the soothing sounds of musical legends, find inspiration in the artwork of others, and let the brushstrokes bring comfort to your soul. A morning program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, and an evening program starts at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Paper and paints are supplied at no cost. Canvas prices begin at \$1. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Children will not be admitted.

Zumba — Jan. 22

Make a resolution to add Zumba to your schedule. It's fitness that feels more like a party than a workout. You don't need dance experience. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, and discover how Zumba can add some zest to your life. Instructor Mackenzie Hallahan will guide you through the steps. We will meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 19.

Sports Camp — Jan. 17, 24, 31

For children and teens between the ages of 7 and 17, the library has a fun afterschool program that encourages an active lifestyle. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, 24 and 31, youths can participate in a Sports Camp, which is a high-energy activity that teaches character building techniques and promotes the importance of teamwork. The experienced trainers, Stefan Nichols and Christopher Latain, jam pack the hour with fun and instruction. Attendance is free! Parents will need to sign a medical release form for each child who participates.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Note veterans service office schedule

The Bradford County Veterans Service Office will be closed Friday, Jan. 12, and reopen the following Tuesday. Normal hours are Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Tuesday hours vary. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-966-6385 for an appointment.

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NOTICE OF MEETING
The Board of CareerSource North Central Florida will hold a Dual

County Consortium on January 11, at 1:00 pm at 10 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL. For more information please contact Talia Pate at (352) 872-5904.

NOTICE OF MEETING
The Board of CareerSource North

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Central Florida will hold a Strategy Committee Meeting on January 9, at 3:00 pm at 10 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL. For more information please contact Talia Pate at (352) 872-5904.

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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on January 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov.

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Women take majority of Lawtey council

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

With the swearing in of new Lawtey City Council Member Debra Jordan Norman, women now make up the majority of Lawtey's five-member council. Norman joins Virginia Warner, Sabrina Roberts, Dale Cray and Jimmie Scott on the town's governing board.

Also taking the oath of office during the Jan. 8 city council meeting were Warner, Scott, Police Chief Shane Bennett and City Clerk Lisa Harley.

Outgoing Councilman Wayne Massey thanked the town's citizens for placing their trust in him during his years of service.

Massey said he has lived in Lawtey for 70 years and has been keeping up with the town's politics for 50. He added that although leaving the council, "I am very interested in the future of Lawtey."

Massey recalled that in the 1960s he ran for the council and lost by one vote. "And later on, in the 70s I won by one vote."

"Back then we got \$2 a month salary," he said, "and later on it got raised to \$50 a month."

He also said that a city tax assessment of \$2 a year was considered large when he first joined the council.

Massey said he was pleased that during his time in city government, Lawtey's water and sewer systems were constructed.

He also said that in the future, he would like the municipality to establish a retirement plan for its employees.

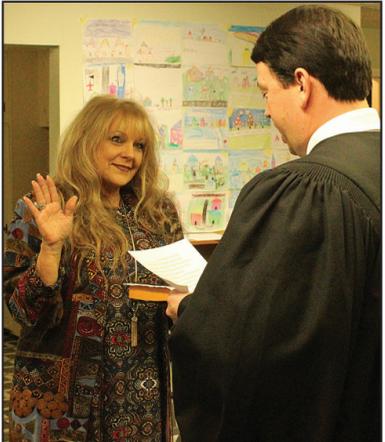
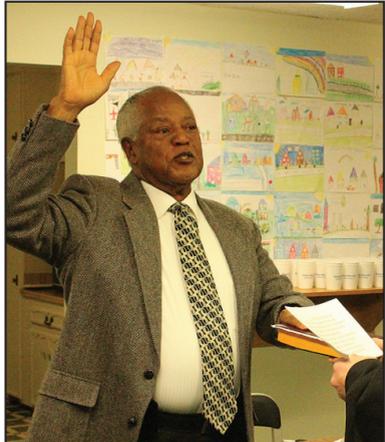
"We've been kicking it around for years," he said, "but we've never done anything about it. I think we need something like that."

Massey also recalled that during his early years on the council, three council members dominated the proceedings, consistently outvoting the minority.

Massey said that prior to Florida's sunshine laws, the majority would hold a private meeting before the official city council session, making decisions away from public view.

He also said that with changes to the city brought about by the Starke bypass, city leaders must work together to ensure a bright future for the town.

"We are going to see Lawtey grow," he said. "I hope it's good growth."



FROM TOP LEFT: Police Chief Shane Bennett takes the oath of office with his son Colton holding the Bible.

County Judge Tatum Davis swears in Council Member Jimmie Scott. Later in the meeting, the council elected Scott mayor.

County Judge Tatum Davis swears in new Lawtey City Council Member Debra Jordan Norman.

Outgoing Council Member Wayne Massey talks about the changes he has witnessed in Lawtey politics over the years.

City Clerk Lisa Harley takes the oath of office with her son Harley Troyer holding the Bible.

Council Member Virginia Warner takes the oath of office.

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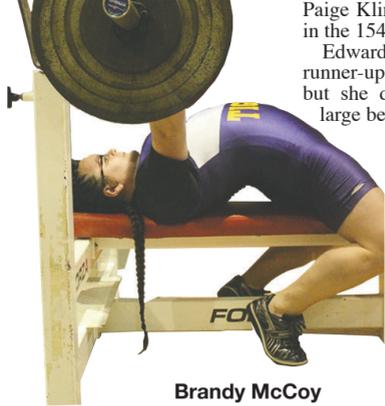
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Repeat weightlifting state champ, softball state title highlight UCHS sports in '17

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Union County Tigers had a lot to roar about in 2017, with weightlifter Brandy McCoy successfully defending her state championship and the softball team winning its first-ever fastpitch state championship.

McCoy won the 199 class as a



Brandy McCoy

freshman in 2016 and had no trouble winning it again in 2017. Her 480 total (265 bench press, 215 clean and jerk) was 70 pounds better than the next-closest lifter. In fact, she wrapped up the state title after just her first clean-and-jerk attempt.

It was just another title to add next to her name as McCoy won the District 4 and Region 2 championships as well.

Mia Jackson also competed at the state meet, finishing tied for eighth (12th officially) in the 154 class with a 300 total (145, 155). Jackson advanced to state

Keyshawn Young

by first winning the District 4 championship and then placing second at the Region 2 finals.

Five lifters advanced to the Region 2 finals. Joining McCoy and Jackson were Yvonne Edwards, who placed second in the 169 class, Sydney Personnette, who placed fourth in the 110 class, and Paige Kline, who placed fourth in the 154 class.

Edwards went on to finish as a runner-up at the Region 2 finals, but she did not receive an at-large berth to state.

Softball team knocks off 3-time-defending champ Chieffland

Devin Lewis drove in the only run the team would need, while pitcher Lexi Androlevich gave up four hits in a complete-game effort, leading the Tigers to a 5-1 win over three-time-defending champion Chieffland in the Class 1A championship game.

Lewis hit an RBI double in the first to put the Tigers up 1-0. Then, after Chieffland tied the score, she drove in another run on a groundout as part of a two-run third inning.

Tiffany Clark, who was 2-for-3, drove in a run on a single in the third.

Madelyn Kish, who was 2-for-3, hit an RBI single in the fifth, while Kensley Hamilton, who was 2-for-4, drove in the game's final run on a bunt in the sixth.

Androlevich recorded a strikeout to end a bases-loaded threat in the fourth as the Tigers finished the year with a 24-2

record.

The Tigers made it to the postseason by winning the District 6 tournament. First, they defeated Fort White 11-0 in the semifinals, with Androlevich giving up three hits and no walks, while striking out seven.

Clark, Lewis, Kamaya Cohen, Teala Howard and Brooke Waters each

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was fourth in the heavyweight class.

Bass and Hampton earned the automatic state berths at the Region 3 finals by winning their classes.

Highland finished fourth, while Nunu

was seventh.

Volleyball team finishes 2nd in state

The volleyball team advanced to its first-ever state-championship match, though it unfortunately came up short against powerhouse Sneads — the four-time defending champ — in a 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-10) loss to finish as the Class 1A runner-up.

Union, which finished the season 14-12, got into the regional playoffs by defeating Hawthorne 3-0 (25-8, 25-4, 25-4) in the semifinals of the District 6 tournament, getting 12 kills and 13 service aces from Madelyn Kish, six kills and eight aces from Kylie Stevens, and 22 assists from Madison Adams.

The Tigers then won their third straight district title, defeating Crescent City 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-23). Kish had nine kills, eight digs, 14 points and four aces, while Taylor Beatty had nine kills and four aces. Stevens added seven kills and nine points, with Adams recording 24 assists.

Regional play began with a 3-1 (25-18, 15-25, 25-15, 25-10) win over all in the semifinals. Kish and Beatty had 20 and 11 kills, respectively. Kish had 18 digs, while Emily O'Neal had 10. Adams had 34 assists.

Union then won the Region 3 championship for the second straight year, rallying to defeat Lafayette 3-2 (25-15, 10-25, 18-25, 27-25).

A Union error had Lafayette one point away from winning the match in the fourth set, but a

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Madelyn Kish

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J.C. Lovelace

three runs, while Waters, who hit a two-run homer, Cohen, Clark and Howard each drove in two.

While the Fort White game was over essentially soon after it began, Union didn't win the championship game against Baldwin until the bottom of the seventh. That was when Howard hit an RBI triple for a 1-0 win.

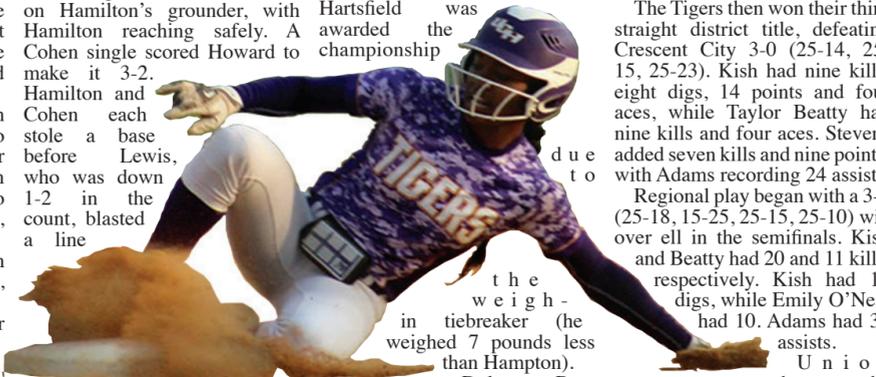
Macey Fulgham reached on a bunt single and advanced to second when Kish, who earlier reached on an error, was thrown out attempting to score. With two outs, Howard, who was 3-for-4, delivered the game-winner.

In the circle, Androlevich gave up five hits and no walks, striking out five.

Androlevich threw another shutout in the regional semifinals as the Tigers defeated Madison County 8-0.

Union scored three runs on either errors or passed balls, but they had plenty of big hits, too: Cohen had an RBI double in the first, Lewis a two-run homer in the third and Hamilton an RBI double each in the fourth and sixth innings.

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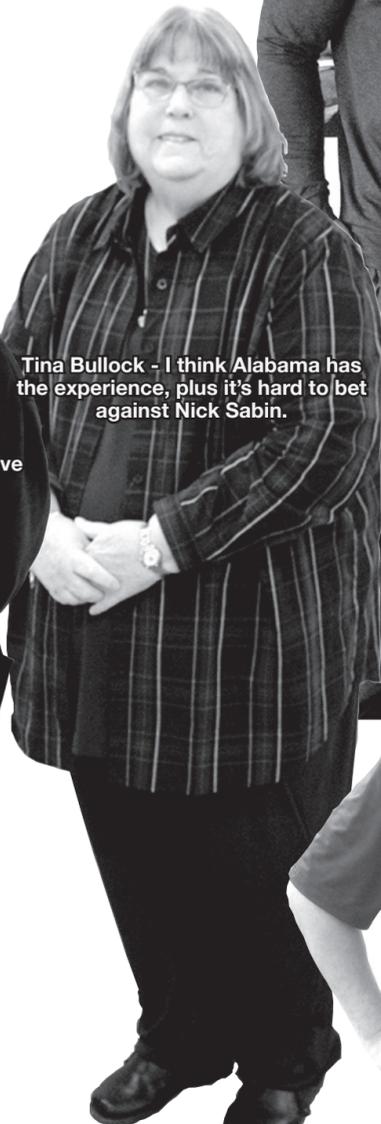
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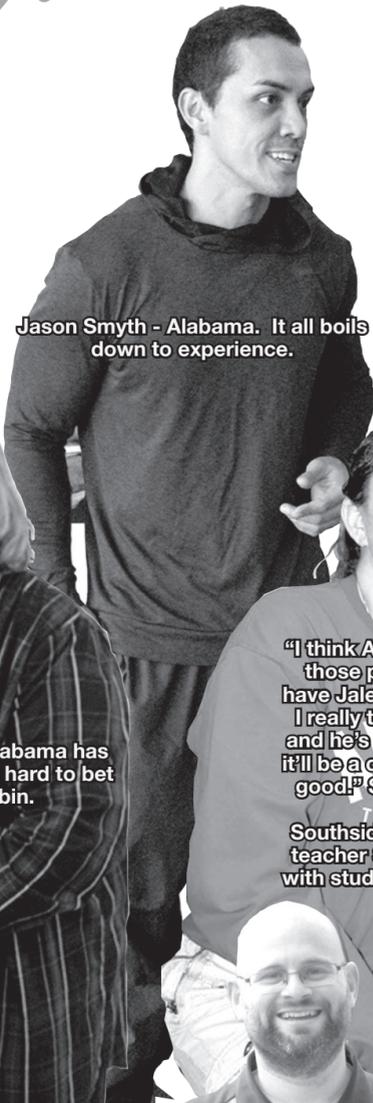
Before Alabama beat Georgia for the National Championship Monday night, we asked some of your neighbors for a prediction. Here's what they said.



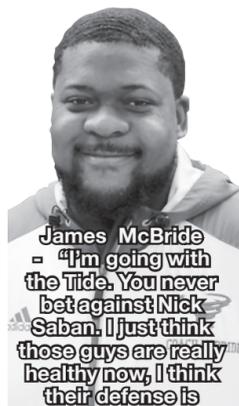
Chris Carson - Bama 21-14. They've got more experience.



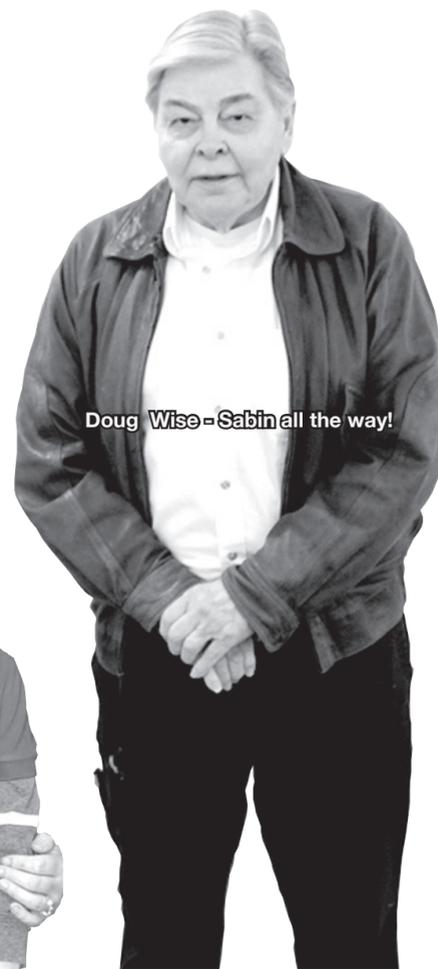
Tina Bullock - I think Alabama has the experience, plus it's hard to bet against Nick Sabin.



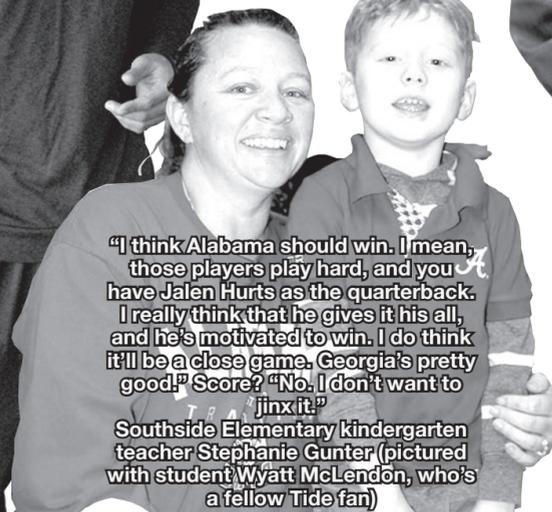
Jason Smyth - Alabama. It all boils down to experience.



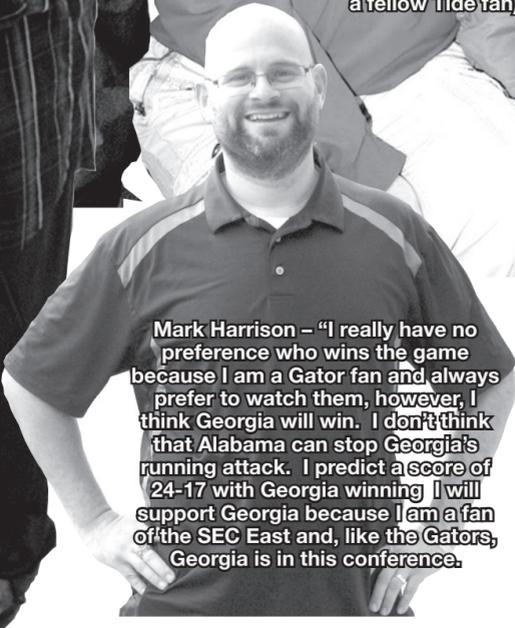
James McBride - "I'm going with the Tide. You never bet against Nick Sabin. I just think those guys are really healthy now, I think their defense is really clicking and I think they'll stick to what they do well."



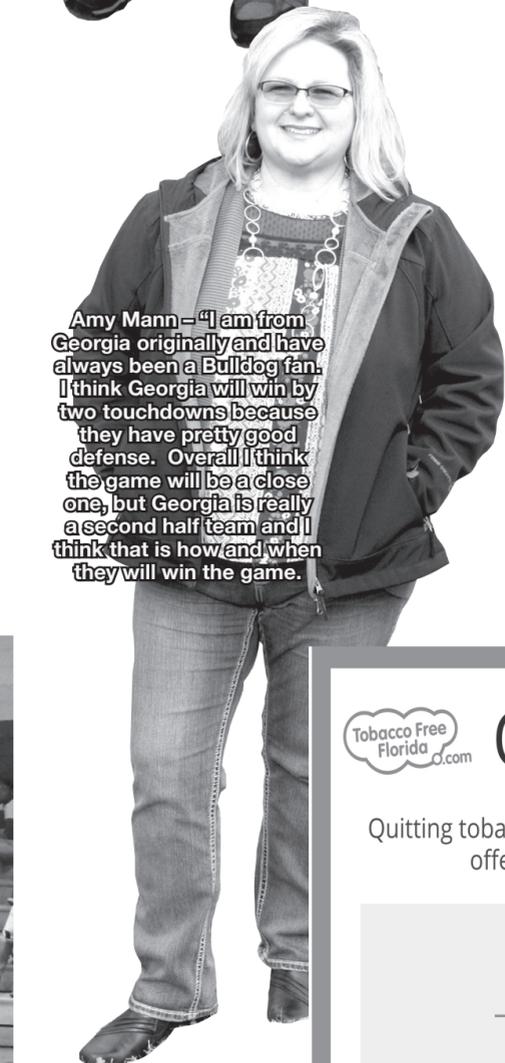
Doug Wise - Sabin all the way!



"I think Alabama should win. I mean, those players play hard, and you have Jalen Hurts as the quarterback. I really think that he gives it his all, and he's motivated to win. I do think it'll be a close game. Georgia's pretty good." Score? "No. I don't want to jinx it." Southside Elementary kindergarten teacher Stephanie Gunter (pictured with student Wyatt McLendon, who's a fellow Tide fan)



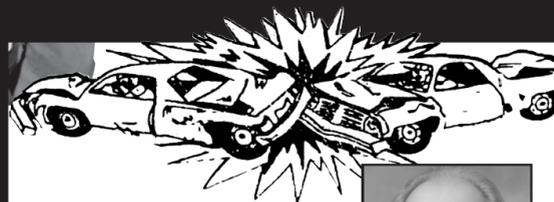
Mark Harrison - "I really have no preference who wins the game because I am a Gator fan and always prefer to watch them, however, I think Georgia will win. I don't think that Alabama can stop Georgia's running attack. I predict a score of 24-17 with Georgia winning. I will support Georgia because I am a fan of the SEC East and, like the Gators, Georgia is in this conference."



Amy Mann - "I am from Georgia originally and have always been a Bulldog fan. I think Georgia will win by two touchdowns because they have pretty good defense. Overall I think the game will be a close one, but Georgia is really a second half team and I think that is how and when they will win the game."

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The Weekly Paw Print:

You're reading a newspaper when suddenly your cat jumps onto your lap, forcing her way between you and the current events. She's purring and begins to knead your lap, circling around and finding a perfect position to curl into. She is completely oblivious to your desires as she focuses on the push and pull of her front paws. She's your cat, and she has a need to knead. Why cats knead - The kneading behavior begins early in life, while kittens are nursing. As kittens knead their mother's mammary glands, oxytocin is released, causing milk to flow. Animal experts believe other reasons cats knead might include:

- To show affection
- To mark territory: Cats have scent glands between their toes on their front paws
- Separated from mother too early
- Normal behavior of a female cat going into heat

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The state-champion softball team: (front, l-r) Jessica Howard, Teala Howard, Macey Fulgham, Devin Lewis, Kensley Hamilton, Brooke Waters, (back, l-r) Madison Andrews, Lexi Androlevich, Abigail Varnum, Natalie Anders, Madelyn Kish, Summer Fulgham, Kamaya Cohen and Tiffany Clark. Photo courtesy of Donny Joiner Photography.

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Kish kill forced side-out and tied the score at 25-25. Two straight attack errors by Lafayette gave the Tigers the win and forced a fifth set. Two service points each from Kish, O'Neal and Summer Fulgham helped Union go up 12-5 in the fifth, with Stevens recording the match-winning kill.

Kish had 14 kills, 14 points, nine digs and five aces. Fulgham had four blocks, while Adams had 28 assists.

It was Fulgham who recorded the match-winning kill in a 3-2 (29-27, 17-25, 18-25, 25-22, 15-10) win over Williston in the state semifinals.

Again, the Tigers faced a must-win situation in the fourth set, but they got the job done, with a Kish kill forcing a fifth set. Two straight points with Beatty serving put Union up 11-7 in the fifth, with a kill by Beatty later making it 14-9.

Kish and Beatty had 27 and 23 kills, respectively, with Kish adding 26 digs and 12 points. Beatty also had 10 digs and two blocks.

Adams finished with 58 assists and 11 digs, while Brooke Waters and O'Neal had 21 and 10 digs, respectively.

In the state-championship match, Union faced a team in Sneads that had not lost to a 1A school in five years and had not even lost a set against a 1A school since Oct. 24, 2013.

Kish and Beatty had five and four kills, respectively, in the match, while Adams had six assists, five aces and two blocks. Fulgham had two blocks as well.

Baseball team makes 2nd straight playoff appearance

Ty Cook contributed on the mound and at the plate as the

baseball team qualified for the regional playoffs for the second straight year — the first time the Tigers made consecutive playoff appearances in 10 years.

In a 4-1 win over Baldwin in the semifinals of the District 6-1A tournament, Cook gave up two hits, while striking out four, in five innings. He also hit a two-run double to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead.

J.C. Lovelace and Matthew Starling went 2-for-3 and 2-for-2, respectively, with each hitting a double.

Lovelace earned the save, giving up one hit and striking out four in two innings.

Though the top seed, Union would lose 5-0 to Williston in the championship game.

Williston scored all of its runs in the fifth inning, taking advantage of two doubles, multiple errors and a balk.

The Tigers wasted an opportunity in the fourth with the bases loaded and no outs.

Union played without three injured starters: leadoff hitter and center fielder Taz Worrell, second baseman Dylan Thornton and shortstop Phillip Joyner.

As the district runner-up, Union traveled for a Region 3 semifinal game, losing 4-0 to Madison County.

The Tigers were held to two hits.

Starting pitcher Cook gave up four hits, while striking out nine, in 4.1 innings.

Fletcher advances in track and field

Union had one athlete advance beyond the district level in track and field when Klara Fletcher placed fourth in the 100m hurdles at the District 5-2A finals with a time of 18.52.

At the Region 2 finals, Fletcher placed 15th with a time of 18.09.

Football team makes postseason despite late struggles

The football team ended the regular season with three straight losses, but still made the regional playoffs as the number-four seed.

Union began the season 6-1 and was most likely helped by a stretch in which it won three straight games against Baldwin, Newberry and Hawthorne.

In a 28-14 win over Baldwin, Charles Strong rushed for 298 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Brian Scott rushed for a score as well.

The defense came up with interceptions by Jaylon Diston, Sidney Johnson and Maurice Strong, while T.J. Robinson and Demetrious Weldon each had a fumble recovery.

Scott threw for 171 yards and two touchdowns in the Tigers' 28-15 win over Newberry. Shamar Highland and Keyshawn Young each caught a touchdown pass. Young also ran for a touchdown, as did Charles Strong.

Tyler Alexander and Maurice Strong each had a fumble recovery.

Charles Strong scored the game-winning touchdown in a 31-25 overtime win over Hawthorne.

Strong rushed for 182 yards and three touchdowns in all.

Scott added two rushing touchdowns.

Maurice Strong had four sacks, while Robinson, Young and Dawson Johns each recovered a fumble.

The Tigers, who finished the year 6-5, traveled to play eventual state champion Madison County in the first round of the playoffs, losing 50-6.

KHHS girls place 3rd in Cedar Key tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Savannah Channell and Victoria Snider each posted a double-double as the Keystone Heights High School girls' basketball team defeated Chiefland 33-30 in overtime on Dec. 20 to place third in the Cedar Key Christmas Tournament.

Channell and Snider had 12 and 10 points, respectively, with Channell coming up with 12 steals and Snider grabbing 15 rebounds.

Keystone got eight points from Haley Julius, while Carissa Gagnon had two. Madison Heskett added one point.

The Indians went 2-1 in the tournament, opening with a 55-32 win over Fort White on Dec. 19. Snider had another double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds, while Julius, who made six three-pointers, led the team with 26 points.

Channell added 10 points, nine rebounds and six steals. Destiny Bright and Emily Pressley had six and two points, respectively.

Keystone lost to host team Cedar Key 32-28 on Jan. 2 and a 44-28 loss to Orange Park on Jan. 4. Keystone played District 4-5A opponent Interlachen this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Bradford on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

The Indians then travel to play Hawthorne on Monday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Pierson Taylor on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Keystone was 3-4 in district play prior to its game against Interlachen.



Union's Nate Norman (left) and Keystone's Ray Kirtley give chase to a loose ball.



Keystone's Josh Hughes (far left) fights Union's Jaquez Hendrieth for a rebound as Keystone's Eddie Thomas looks on.

Indians withstand late Tigers rally for 64-59 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Eddie Thomas went 4-of-4 from the foul line in the final 37 seconds as the Keystone Heights High School boys' basketball team held on to defeat host Union County 64-59 on Jan. 4.

Union's Keyshawn Young, who led all scorers with 31 points, made a three-pointer to make the score 61-59 in favor of Keystone with 27 seconds left. The Tigers then got a steal by Jaquez Hendrieth, but an off-target pass from Young to Corey Hill went out of bounds, giving the ball back to Keystone.

Keystone's Marco Flores was fouled with nine seconds left. He made 1-of-2 free throws, with Thomas rebounding the miss and getting fouled on a follow-up shot attempt. Thomas made both free throws for the final points of the game.

It was the sixth win in the past

10 games for the Indians (7-7), who started the season 1-3, while Union (3-13) lost its eighth straight.

Two straight three-pointers by Young, who had seven overall, put the Tigers up 11-5 in the first quarter. Keystone scored six straight to close out the first quarter and tie the score at 11-11. Flores scored on a drive to the basket and was fouled. He missed the ensuing free throw, but Thomas rebounded the miss and scored. Flores later scored on another drive.

The teams traded three-point shots in the early stages of the second quarter, with Young making two for the Tigers and Josh Hughes and Garrett Stanley each making one for the Indians. A Young basket off a steal by Hill put Union ahead 21-18, but Keystone scored the final eight points of the quarter to go into halftime leading 26-21. Flores made a floater in the lane and made two free throws, while Ray Kirtley

was set up for a layup by Flores' drive into the lane. Kirtley was fouled, making the ensuing free throw and making the score 25-21. Kirtley later added another free throw.

A Sawyer Maxwell basket put the Indians up 33-25 in the third quarter, but Union scored seven straight on a Young three-pointer, two free throws by Agelu Nunu and a Hendrieth basket following a turnover. Hill later gave the Tigers a 39-38 lead when he made a three-pointer and then knocked down a pull-up jumper following his own steal. A Young three-pointer kept the Tigers ahead 42-39, but Stanley tied the score with a three-pointer of his own, while Stanley scored off an offensive rebound to send Keystone into the fourth quarter leading 44-42.

Keystone scored nine straight points to start the fourth quarter.

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Letters Community State Bank to acquire CenterState in Interlachen

Letter to Editor:

I want to thank the amazing person who turned my purse in at Walmart in Starke. It was just a day or two before Christmas, and I made it all the way home before realizing I had left it in the shopping cart after loading my trunk. God Bless You, Kind Person!

Vicki Overman

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Community State Bank family is going to expand with the acquisition of CenterState Bank in Interlachen.

"Over the last year or so, we've been actively looking into other markets to expand the Community State Bank franchise," Community State Bank President Jeff Oody said.

Oody said CenterState Bank is currently undertaking several large acquisitions and had some market areas, including Interlachen, Community State Bank was able to explore. By purchasing the Interlachen bank building and its deposits, Community State Bank will add \$25 million to its assets size, said Oody, who expects the transaction to occur in April or May.

"The first thing we did, once we filed the application, is we went down and met every one of the employees," Oody said. "We spent about an hour just going through what our bank is about, what the change will be about and how we're a little different from CenterState. CenterState's



Oody

a great bank, just well known throughout the state of Florida. We wanted them to give them a perspective as to how we operate."

The bank is almost identical to Community State Bank in Lake Butler, Oody said, in regard to its size and handful of employees.

"Even the building looks almost identical to the Union County office," Oody said. "Their personnel structure is identical to it. It's just a perfect fit."

The bank in Interlachen is the only bank in that city, though

there is a VyStar Credit Union ATM.

"I think it's going to be a huge opportunity for us," Oody said, adding, "We're going to be able to do with them the same we've done in Starke and in Union County, and that's giving them the ability to be heavily involved in the community. It'll be heavily involved with the city. It'll be heavily involved with the school system and especially with all the small businesses that are in town."

In fact, the Interlachen employees will get a taste of the Bradford County community as they will be attending the annual North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce banquet, Oody said.

Between now and the transaction, Community State Bank employees representing each department will go to the Interlachen bank to train those employees. Likewise, the Interlachen employees will make trips to Starke as part of the training process.

Oody said the ability to work with the staff prior to the transaction is rare.

"That's very fortunate that for CenterState to allow us to kind

of have that communication with staff," Oody said. "Most acquisitions do not allow that, but there's no competition, really. We're so far apart, there's no competitive nature there."

Within a few weeks of the transaction, the Interlachen bank's server-operating and phone systems will be updated to match those of Community State Bank, Oody said, noting \$150,000-\$200,000 will be spent in equipment, which will also include new ATM systems and signage.

Oody said other areas for Community State Bank to open in are being explored, though nothing in that regard would occur until after the Interlachen bank transaction and once ongoing renovations at the Starke branch are completed.

"I can tell you that with the support of our board of directors, we have targeted four specific market areas," Oody said. "We anticipate being able to really get serious about some of those market areas after we've completed this transaction and the building project is completed here. I think toward the end of this year, if we can find those markets that are very similar to

what we have now, that you could see some other things happen."

The \$2.3 million renovation project (consisting of technology and physical-appearance upgrades) at the Starke branch is progressing as expected and should be completed by July or August, Oody said. Some other things also going on at the bank include changing to a new core server and transitioning to a new website design.

Oody can't say enough about the bank employees who are having to work amidst the renovations as well as having to soon work in training employees and preparing for the conversion of Interlachen's CenterState Bank.

"The 30 employees we have at Community State Bank — I would stack them against any organization that you can think of," Oody said. "They're a phenomenal group of individuals, both professionally and personally."

With all that's going on, there's never a dull moment. That's the way Oody likes it.

"I wake up every morning ready for the next challenge," he said.

CRIME

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

The following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights area) counties.

BRADFORD —

David Michael Laycock, 31, of Starke was arrested on Jan. 8 by Bradford deputies for possession of cocaine and fleeing/eluding police. No bond has been set.

Jose Martinez, 51, was arrested Jan. 9 by Starke officers for battery. No bond has been set.

Jerome Terry Turner, 63, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 8 by Bradford deputies for fraudulent/illegal use of credit cards and fleeing/eluding police. No bond has been set.

Ricky Robert Tyson, 60, of Starke was arrested Jan. 2 by Bradford deputies for larceny, resisting an officer and possession of drug equipment. No bond has been set.

Jernard Davonta Beard, 27, of Starke was arrested Jan. 5 by Bradford deputies for violation of conditional release and possession of marijuana. No bond has been set.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 46, of Starke was arrested Jan. 4 by Bradford deputies for trespassing. Bond has been set at \$5,000.

Corbett Brandon Rhoden, 23, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 3 by Bradford deputies for DUI — unlawful blood alcohol. Bond has been set at \$10,000.

Ronald Roland Rihm, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested Jan. 5 by Bradford deputies for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana, amphetamine trafficking and possession of drug equipment. Bond was set at \$80,000.

Brandy Renee Tyler, 34, of Waldo was arrested Jan. 4 by Bradford deputies for a moving traffic violation and three counts of drug possession. Bond was set at \$20,000.

UNION COUNTY —

Betty Lou Smith, 61, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 7 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, accessory before the fact battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT, resisting an officer without violence, and possession of narcotic equipment. Smith was involved in an incident with two other suspects, Derrick Dewayne Edwards and Tony Ervin Paytee (see below). Bond was set at \$27,500.

Tony Ervin Paytee III, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 7 for accessory before the fact battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT. He was involved in an incident with Betty Lou Smith (above) and Derrick Dewayne Edwards (below). Bond was set at \$30,000.

Derrick Dewayne Edwards, 39, of Raiford was arrested Jan. 7 by Union deputies for battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT and burglary with assault or battery. Deputies responded to a report from a woman that her husband: a correctional officer, was being attacked by a man who had driven up into their driveway, located in state-housing. By the time deputies arrived, several suspects had fled the scene on foot and the victim was pointing a gun at the car, unsure whether or not it was still occupied. Once the vehicle was checked and found empty, deputies moved around the exterior of the home and found a man hiding in a laundry room. Edwards came out of the laundry room as requested and surrendered to the deputies, stating that there had been two people with him and they had fled on foot (see two reports above).

The victim reported that he was outside his home when he saw a vehicle pull up in his driveway and a large man wearing a hoodie (Edwards) get out and start moving toward him. Someone in the vehicle called out that they were there to get a gas can since they had run out of gas and Edwards agreed. Edwards approached the victim and pushed him with

his chest. The victim pushed back and retreated into his house to secure a gun.

Also arrested in this incident were Betty Lou Smith and Tony Ervin Paytee III. Edwards is under \$100,000 bond.

Brandon Joseph Croft, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 5 by Union deputies for contempt of court — violation of an injunction of protection of domestic violence. Croft was arrested when deputies were called to Spires IGA by the victim, who stated that she had been trying to help Croft get some medicine when he became loud and argumentative in the vehicle and continued to yell and scream at her in the store. He was arrested outside, sitting up against the building. It was discovered that he had a non-expiring domestic violence injunction with the victim as petitioner. No bond has been set.

Shawn Michael Gibson, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 6 by Union deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), driving while knowing his license was suspended, revoked or canceled, resisting an officer without violence and possession of narcotic equipment. No bond has been set.

Hellen Roxanne Satterfield, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 7 by Union deputies for simple battery-domestic violence. According to an arrest report, Satterfield had been in an argument with her mother about a dog and other matters when Satterfield

swung at her mother several times. Satterfield's brother had called the UCSO to come and see about the disagreement after noticing his mother's injury. When deputies arrived, the mother was holding the side of her head near her eyebrow, where she had a small laceration which still showed blood on it. No bail has been set.

Claude Whitehead, 56, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 5 for possession of cocaine with intention to sell within 1,000 feet of a house of worship or business, possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a house of worship or business and possession of narcotic equipment. Deputies were called to Whitehead's residence to assist with a probation search and Whitehead cooperated fully with them, either providing drugs he had on hand to deputies or telling them where they were hidden in his residence and admitting that he sold the drugs to other people, although he denied using them himself. He is being held in the Union County Jail on the above charges, as well as violation of felony probation. No bond has been set.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS —

Eduardo Buenaventura Macedo, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 7 on an out-of-county warrant.

Terry Sorensen, 62, of Starke was arrested Jan. 3 by

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Nancy Powell and Ray Bivens

Jan. 20, 4:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the Lake Butler Church of Christ is the date chosen by Randel Bivens of Midway and Nancy Powell of Lake Butler to celebrate their marriage.

Nancy is the daughter of Martha Powell of Lake Butler and Ray Powell of Ocala.

Randel is the son of the Late Hazel and Leonard Bivens of Midway. No invitations are being sent.



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Obituaries



Doris DeLance

STARKE—Doris B. DeLance, age 92, of Starke passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 in Gainesville at Haven Hospice at E. T. York Care Center after an extended illness. Doris was born in Rutland, VT on Nov. 26, 1925 to Park John and Grace Irene (Stoodley) Blanchard. She was a Registered Nurse her entire working life and taught nursing around the world. Doris enjoyed gardening, sewing, and visiting people. She also loved to spend time with her family and grandchildren. Doris will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by: her parents and her siblings.

Doris is survived by: her children, Diane F. DeLance (Chuck Edmiston) of Montana, Donna D. Green (Mark Green, whom she considered a son) of Vermont, Judy A. DeLance of Vermont, and William F. "Bill" DeLance Jr. of Starke; along with four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is now at peace and has gone home to see her dad.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11 at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Joshua Kelsey

STARKE—Joshua "Josh" Lee Kelsey, 44, formerly of Geneva, NY passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 at UF Health Shands Hospital due to a motor vehicle accident.

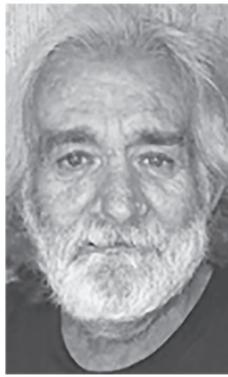
Josh was born on March 24, 1973 in Wurzberg, Germany. He was born to John Kelsey Jr. and Debra McLaughlin. Josh graduated from Midlakes High School in Clifton Springs, NY. After graduation, he joined the US Navy and was a Seabee for 9 years. Josh was also a Corrections Officer for the Florida State Prison system. In July 2017, Josh graduated from the Florida State Law Enforcement Academy and was to start the Florida State Highway Patrol Academy in January 2018. Josh was a very active member of the Florida Blood Trailing Network.

Josh loved spending time with his son Kobe. He was a very devoted and loving father and cherished every second he shared with Kobe. Josh loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and loved to fish. Josh was very talented and could fix anything that was broken. He loved to be busy and he always liked to help people. He was kind and gentle and he was very loved. Josh was predeceased by: both his paternal grandparents, John and Louise Kelsey and maternal grandparents, Don and Ann McLaughlin and his best friend Kevin Davies.

Josh is survived by: his father, John Kelsey Jr. (Sharon Fulkrod) of Geneva, NY; and mother, Debra McLaughlin (Rob Devens) of Ovid, NY; son, Kobe Carter of Jacksonville; brother, Casey Kelsey of Winston-Salem, NC; sister, Kim Ilacqua (Jeff) of Geneva, NY; girlfriend, Tammy Gibson and her daughter Dinnah Fugatt of Starke; Kobe's mother, Tammy Carter of Jacksonville; aunts, uncles and cousins and his dogs Chief and Jane.

A celebration of life will be held at his home in Starke on Jan. 27th beginning at 2 pm. Contributions may be made in Josh Kelsey's name to The Humane Society of the United States at www.humanesociety.org or by calling 202-452-1100 or 866-720-2676.

PAID OBITUARY



Frederick Mead

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Frederick Lee Mead, 67, of Keystone Heights died at his home Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. He was born in Huntington, WV on Sept. 29, 1950 to the late Herbert B. and Norma J. (Rust) Mead. He had served in the United States Army, would help maintain golf courses and did carpentry work. His two brothers Herbert A. Mead and Larry Rust had preceded him in death.

His survivors are: brothers, Michael R. (Eldonna) Mead of Keystone Heights, Richard Thomas (Trudy) Mead of Jacksonville and James L. (Vickey) Mead of Kenova, WV. At the request of Mead, there are no services to be held. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.



Arlene Ross

UNION COUNTY—Arlene A. Ross, 89, of Union, died at the Cushing Homestead in Cushing on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. Arlene was born July 13, 1928 in Union County to Lennie S. Burns and Marion Thurston Burns. She grew up in Union County and graduated from Union County High School of 1947. Arlene worked at Gordon's Market for many years as a sales clerk in the hardware department. She was also a homemaker. She enjoyed knitting, bowling, tennis, and playing games. She was a member of a local Hook Rug Club in Hope. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Union, and attended the Sampson City Church of God in Starke. Arlene was well known for being a happy woman, and for her extraordinary homemade biscuits. She was predeceased by her first husband, Ralph L. Mank; infant daughter, Rosemary Mank; second husband, Douglas J. Ross; brothers, Chester A. Burns, Keith Burns, and Reginald Burns.

She is survived by: her daughters, Brenda (Roger) Overlock of Benton, Virginia (Lee) Flood and of Belfast; sister, Arabelle (Ernest) Davoll of Rochester, MA; grandson, Matthew (Ashley) Elwell of Union County; granddaughter, Raquel (Aaron) Willson of Limington; and ten great-grandchildren.

A graveside service to celebrate Arlene's life will be held at the East Union Cemetery

in Union County to be announced. Condolences for the family may be shared at hallfuneralhomes.com Arrangements are entrusted to Hall Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Waldoboro.

PAID OBITUARY



Shirley York

STARKE—Shirley May York, age 68, of Starke passed away at her home, Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. She was born in Hayti, MO on July 14, 1949 to the late Robert "Bobby" and Katherine (Ottinger) James. Shirley has been a long time resident of Starke and the proud owner of the Red Dog Saloon for over two decades. Shirley's primary passion and her world was her grandson, Richard Shaffer III (Little Richard) and her family. She loved talking and cutting up with the patrons of the Red Dog who were thought of not only as friends, but family over the years. Her husband of 33 years, Doug York had preceded her in death along with her daughter in-law, Linda Lawhorn and a great grandson.

Survivors are: two daughters, Melissa Shaffer (Wallace Black) of Hampton, Veronica York (Jeremy Beuhn) of Indiana; two sons, Richard Shaffer of Starke and Michael York of Indiana; one brother, Burley James (Doris) of Hampton. Also left behind are twelve grandchildren, Lil Richard, Jeffery, Courtney, Devin, Paul, Colter, Marshal, Danielle, Brianna, Michelle, Ryder and Race along with seven great-grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 9 with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Clyde Wagner

LAKE BUTLER—Clyde Shelby "Sonny" Wagner, 81, of Lake Butler, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 at the E.T. York Care Center - Hospice in Gainesville. Clyde was born in Lawrence County, IN on April 17, 1936 to the late Clyde G. Wagner and Elsa (Goad) Wagner. On Aug. 4, 1954, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as Gunners Mate 3rd Class on the USS Missouri, USS Pittsburg and USS Harry E. Hubbard. Clyde moved to Lake Butler in 1973 where he lived until his passing. He was employed until his retirement in 1989 as the Head Master Welder at General Electric/Gates/Energizer in Hauge, Florida and was an active member of the Local IBEW. Clyde never met a stranger and loved to share his talents and experiences with others. He taught welding courses for several years through the Union County Adult Education Program and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. His sharp wit, great smile and generous heart will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him.

Clyde is survived by: the love of his life and wife of 30 years, Portia Dean Wagner; son, Bradley Wagner; daughters, Beth (Gary) Blunk and Marsha Witt; step-daughters, Priscilla Cole and Diane DiMarco; 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, brother Jack Wagner and sister Doris Warren along with many friends. He is predeceased by his parents, Clyde Glessner Wagner and Elsa (Goad) Wagner; son, Vance Wagner; sisters, Agnes Fish and Helen Reynolds; and brother, Kenneth Wagner.

Graveside Military Services will be held on Jan. 16 at 2:00 pm at Rosemary Cemetery in Bronson. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to be made in Clyde's honor to the E.T. York Care Center - Hospice Gainesville, Florida. Memorial donation forms are available online at www.floridahospices.org

PAID OBITUARY

BALL

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Kirtley scored five points during that span, while Flores and Thomas each added a basket to put the Indians up 53-42. It was an eight-point game with 1:50 to play after Thomas scored on a dunk and was fouled, making the free throw. Union responded with eight straight points, getting a free throw from Nunu, a baseline floater from Hill and a Young layup off a turnover, but Keystone helped its cause by converting its free-throw opportunities.

Thomas, who finished with 23 points, went 11-of-13 at the foul line.

Kirtley and Flores joined Thomas in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Hughes and Stanley each had six points, while Maxwell had four. Ben Miller added two points.

Hill was Union's second-lead-

ing scorer with 12 points. Hendrieth had six points, while Nunu and Nate Norman each had three. Caden Cox and Blane Workman each added two points.

Keystone played St. Johns Country Day on Jan. 5 and District 4-5A opponent Newberry on Jan. 9. The Indians host district opponent Interlachen on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. Keystone was 1-4 in district play prior to playing Newberry.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, Keystone travels to Orange Park to play St. Johns Country Day at 7:30 p.m.

Union played District 6-1A opponents Hilliard and Hawthorne on Jan. 5 and Jan. 9. The Tigers were 0-4 in district play prior to playing Hilliard.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Union travels to play Branford at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers then host Bradford on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Cruz has another big night in KHHS boys' soccer team's 3-2 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

For the third time in four matches, Alex Cruz scored at least three goals, scoring all three in the Keystone Heights High School boys' soccer team's 3-2 District 5-2A win over visiting P.K. Yonge on Jan. 5.

Peyton Box, Dean Hogg and Jacob Hopkins each had an assist as the Indians (9-6-2) improved to 4-4-1 in District 5. Goalie Kaleb Dockery made seven saves.

Cruz has now scored 14 goals in the last seven matches.

Keystone entered the match off a 2-1 win over visiting Orange Park on Jan. 4. Hopkins and Landon Ricketts each scored a goal, with Cruz assisting on both. Matt White played goalie, making eight saves.

The Indians played district opponent Santa Fe this past Tuesday and will travel to play district opponent Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 12, Keystone hosts Suwannee at 7:20 p.m. The Indians then host St. Francis on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. before traveling to play district opponent Newberry on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.

Keystone's junior varsity Indians (1-7) play at 5:30 p.m. prior to the varsity team's Jan. 12 Suwannee match. Christopher Anderson scored the JV team's lone goal in a 6-1 loss to Orange Park on Jan. 4.

BHS boys drop 72-64 game to Hawthorne

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

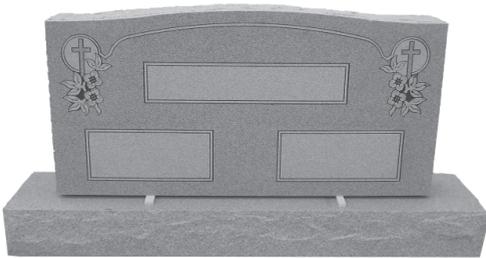
The first action of the new year for the Bradford High School boys' basketball team involved playing the last team it played in 2017, but this time, the winner was Hawthorne, which outscored the Tornados 39-25 in the first half en route to a 72-64 victory on Jan. 5 in Hawthorne.

D.J. Mackey posted a double-double in Bradford's 64-61 win over Hawthorne

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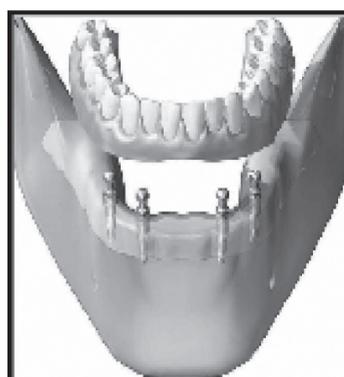
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Grace Johns is crowned Miss BHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Grace Johns was crowned Miss BHS 2017-18 during the high school's annual pageant on Jan. 6.

Johns, a 17-year-old senior and daughter of Kevin and Amie Johns, was one of four competing for the title. She was crowned by Miss BHS 2016-17 Maudrey Tenly and received a \$300 scholarship. Johns was also the winner of the interview and on-stage-question portions of the pageant.

Jayla Eiland, a 17-year-old senior and daughter of Marvin and Lanie Eiland, received the Miss Photogenic and Director's

awards and also received a trophy for having the highest ticket sales. The Miss Photogenic Award gives her the opportunity for a mini photo shoot with Traci Waters Photography. The Director's Award, given to the contestant who adhered to all deadlines and, in essence, made pageant director Jenna Hewett's life a little easier, came with a \$25 gift card. Eiland also received \$25 for having the highest ticket sales.

Bailey Griffis, a 17-year-old senior and daughter of Jody and Staci Griffis, was the evening-gown winner. She also received the award for selling the most ads in the pageant program.

Camee Morrow, a 15-year-

old sophomore and daughter of Chuck and Julie Morrow, was the People's Choice winner. The People's Choice was determined by audience voting during the intermission.

Each participant was asked to vote for one of her fellow participants for Miss Congeniality. As it turned out, each participant received a vote, resulting in a four-way tie.

"I think they planned it," said emcee Carson Elder, a 2016 BHS graduate who won the event herself in 2014 as well as winning Bradford-Union Strawberry Princess and Miss Bradford Fest titles.



Grace Johns was crowned Miss BHS. Competing in this year's pageant were (l-r) Jayla Eiland, Camee Morrow, Johns and Bailey Griffis.



Bailey Griffis in her evening gown.



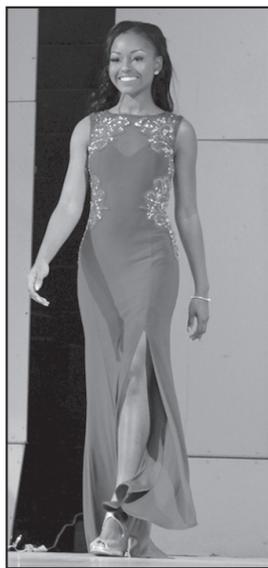
Grace Johns in her casual wear.



Grace Johns in her evening gown.



Camee Morrow in her casual wear.



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Camee Morrow in her evening gown.

HOOPS

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on Dec. 30 and did so again in this meeting with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Taz Curry was the leading scorer with 16 points, Chris Cummings and Jalen Williams each had 11. Tavi'en Young and Jordan Lee had six and four points, respectively, while Tally Chandler added two.

Cummings also had eight assists and eight rebounds, while Curry had seven rebounds.

Bradford (9-5) played Gainesville this past Tuesday and will host Baker County on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. The Tornadoes then travel to play Union County on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity games will be played prior to each game at 6 p.m.

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Bradford's Vaughan has chance to chauffeur Bobby Bowden



Terry Vaughan (far right) and his wife, Jennifer, are pictured with legendary FSU coach Bobby Bowden. Terry had the opportunity to drive Bowden to his home from Tallahassee following an event in Gainesville.

some network back to Burt."

Vaughan doesn't know Reynolds, but he knows Sue Hall, who was Bowden's secretary at FSU. Hall and Reynolds were good friends, so Vaughan gave the Arc director Hall's contact information.

As it turned out, a conversation with Reynolds' agent revealed that the event was too far out (9-10 months) for Reynolds to make a commitment. When the Arc director called Hall back to thank her anyway for her help, she said, "Well, if you can't get Burt, why don't you see if Bobby will do this for you?"

"To give you an idea of what kind of fellow Bobby is, Mark calls Bobby at home, and Bobby answered the phone," Vaughan said. "They worked out the entire situation over the phone."

Bowden participated in an hour meet-and-greet prior to the Arc event. He then talked and answered questions for an hour during the event itself. Vaughan said Bowden was very engaging and even talked about that football program in Gainesville, the rival Gators. He was complimentary of former Florida coach Steve Spurrier, who is now an ambassador at UF.

"He spoke very highly of Steve Spurrier and how he pretty much revolutionized the game," Vaughan said. "The prevailing thought when Steve Spurrier came onto the scene was you had to run the football consistently to win. Coach Spurrier changed all that."

An audience member asked Bowden what he considered his most exhilarating win against Florida and also his most devastating loss to the Gators. Bowden said his most devastating loss was when his number-two undefeated team went to Gainesville and lost 32-29. FSU led 29-25 with 2:38 remaining, but a 63-yard Doug Johnson-to-Jaquez Green pass play and a 16-yard Fred Taylor run helped the Gators score a touchdown and pull out the win.

The most exhilarating win

occurred in Bowden's second season (1977) when the Seminoles ended a nine-game skid against the Gators with a 37-9 win. Jimmy Jordan threw a pair of touchdown passes in the second half as FSU outscored Florida 20-0.

"Basically, Florida State was a struggling program trying to make its mark," Vaughan said. "That was kind of they day where (Bowden) felt they made a statement."

Vaughan enjoyed hearing Bowden also talk about his faith. The coach shared a story about player Pablo Lopez getting shot to death in 1986. He said as he delivered the news to his distraught players, he took the opportunity to witness to them, asking them if they were sure of their salvation.

Following his meeting with the team, Bowden said Mark Richt, the University of Miami head coach who was an assistant

on his staff at the time, came to his office, wanting to talk more about the situation.

"He said through that experience, Mark Richt accepted Christ right there at his desk," Vaughan said. "He said Mark Richt is one of the finest Christian fellows you'll ever meet. That was a neat story."

Vaughan said what really made an impression on him was when Bowden talked about people getting discouraged about setbacks in life.

"He said he thinks God allows troubles to come our way as a means for us to grow spiritually and mature as humans," Vaughan said, adding, "His faith is the true foundation for everything he does and he way he lives his life."

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

What do you do when someone asks you drive a coaching legend home? You gladly accept, then pray you get him there without incident.

It was good news all the way around for FSU fan Terry Vaughan, who got the opportunity to safely chauffeur Bowden from a fundraising event in Gainesville to Tallahassee.

Bowden was the featured guest at the Arc of Alachua County's Gala IV: Bowden and Bowties on Jan. 6. Mark Johnson, the director of the Arc of Alachua, is a friend of Vaughan's and asked him if he'd be willing to take Bowden home following the event.

"Of course, I said, 'Absolutely. I would be honored to take coach Bowden back to Tallahassee.' Any Seminole fan of my age would jump at the opportunity to do such a thing," said Vaughan, who is the supervisor of Elections in Bradford County.

Vaughan said his assistant supervisor, Amanda Seyfang, asked him if he would be nervous being around Bowden. His reply was that Bowden is such an unassuming person that he puts everyone at ease.

However, driving Bowden home was cause for caution.

"I was scared to death about the possibility of an accident or getting pulled over," Vaughan said, adding, "I was very deliberate in the way I drove him home to make sure I got him back safely."

In fact, Vaughan, who was also accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, drove so safely, you could say Bowden was able to sleep like a baby. Vaughan said he and Bowden talked for about the first 10 minutes of the drive. After that, though, Bowden, who able to stretch out in the back of the van Vaughan was allowed to use, courtesy of Nick Merizzi and Murray Ddodge, and relax. Bowden had a 7 a.m.



Terry and Jennifer Vaughan are pictured with Bobby Bowden in the 1980s.

flight the next day so he could attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes event in Atlanta at 9 a.m.

"He basically fell asleep and didn't wake up until about a mile from his home," Vaughan said.

When he did get to talk to Bowden when he was awake — as well as prior to Arc Gala IV — Vaughan said it was fun to talk about mutual acquaintances, including

Dwayne Elder, a 1955 Bradford High School graduate, who played football and baseball for Bowden at South Georgia State College. Bowden, who coached both sports as well as basketball at South Georgia State, told Vaughan he sees Elder every year during a reunion.

"When I mentioned Dwayne's name, his eyes lit up," Vaughan said.

They talked about Vaughan's father, who was a building contractor in Tallahassee.

"Coach Bowden once looked at a home my father had built, and my father showed it to him many years ago," Vaughan said.

Vaughan had gotten Gala IV: Bowden and Bowties tickets for legendary Bradford High School

football coach David Hurse and his wife, Myrna Lou. Vaughan said he asked Bowden prior to the event if he remembered Hurse. Bowden made Vaughan laugh when he seemed surprised to learn that Hurse was still alive. Vaughan told Bowden, "Coach, he's younger than you are, and you're still alive and doing well." Bowden replied, "Well, it just seemed like he was around forever."

On the drive to Tallahassee, Vaughan asked Bowden what he thought of new FSU coach Willie Taggart.

"He felt like it was a very, very solid hire for Florida State and that coach Taggart would be very successful," Vaughan said.

Vaughan was indirectly responsible for Bowden being the Arc event's guest. The organization's director originally wanted to try to get actor Burt Reynolds, who played football at FSU, involved. He called Vaughan wondering if Vaughan knew how to get in touch with Reynolds.

"He knew that I had graduated from Florida State and had been a Florida State fan for many years," Vaughan said. "He assumed maybe I would have

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