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SFC scholarship application online

The 2018 Santa Fe College Foundation Scholarship application process is now available online. The priority application date will be Feb. 15 for all seniors from Bradford County schools. The website is www.sfcollge.edu/advancement/scholarships/index.

Students must have a Santa Fe College ID to complete an application. If their admissions application is more than 365 days old, they must be enrolled in current courses to have access to the application. If they have any issues completing the application, they may call 352-395-5203.

Republicans meet Feb. 8

The monthly meeting of the Bradford County Republicans will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Capital City Bank community room beginning at 7 p.m. The bank is located at 350 N. Temple Ave. (U.S. Hwy 301) in Starke. All Republicans are invited to attend.

For more information please contact Chairman Richard Solze at 904-964-5803.

Veterans dance for Valentine's

American Legion Post 56 is hosting at Valentine's Dance for veterans and their spouses on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 715 Edwards Road in Starke. Entry is \$5 for couples and \$2.50 for singles. Finger foods will be provided, and covered dishes are welcome. Door prizes will be awarded. RSVP to 904-769-1221.

Valentine's Art Party benefits animals

Norman's Produce is sponsoring a strawberry decorating class to raise money for Lake Area Animal Advocates on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Bradford Pet Care Hospital.

For a \$25 donation, you will learn how to decorate strawberries perfect for Valentine's Day. Decorate a dozen strawberries with all ingredients provided. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a snack and/or an alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverage to share.

RSVP by calling 904-964-3906 or emailing animaladvocates17@gmail.com.

The event is held in memory of Hazel Norman, a pet rescued by the Norman family.

Church hosts Black History Month program

True Vine Ministry will be hosting a special Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. The theme is "We Are Overcomers." There will be singing, praise dancing, reflective testimonies and so much more. There is no fee and the community is invited to attend. For more information, please visit www.truevinemin.org. For transportation, please call 904-964-9264.

Fire destroys Faith Baptist Church building

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

An early Friday morning fire destroyed the roof of Faith Baptist Church and caused smoke and other damage to the rest of the structure. The church is located on S.R. 16, near the Bradford-Clay county line.

The fire started in the attic of the western part of the structure, and firefighters were able to contain the flames from spreading throughout the entire building.

Pastor Shane Worten said that part of the building housed Sunday School classes and a children's worship area. He added that Wednesday night was the last time the building was occupied.

Bradford County Fire Coordinator Chip Ware said a passing motorist reported the fire after 1 a.m. He added that Starke's Engine 1 was first on the scene, arriving about seven minutes after the 911 call came in. Ware said when firefighters arrived, they saw 12-15-foot flames shooting from the roof. He said the eight-man Starke crew, in addition to 16 firefighters from Clay County and 11 from Bradford, stopped the forward progress of the flames and then extinguished the fire.

"Now we are in salvage and overhaul," Ware said about an hour after firefighters first arrived, "to save as much property as



Sixteen Clay County firefighters fought the blaze, as well as 11 from Bradford County and eight from the City of Starke.



Although the fire started and was contained to the west side of the structure, the entire building was damaged, including the main worship area, shown here. Photo by Chris Dilley.

possible." Worten also said the biggest challenge firefighters faced was water supply.

Worten, who also teaches sixth-grade classes at Hope Christian Academy, said he was awakened around 1:11 with a phone call from a church member.

While firefighters continued to work the fire about an hour after the first call, Worten gathered with a handful of other members, taking phone calls.

The Sunday following the fire, about 20 worshipers met in the church's mission house, next door to the damaged structure. Worten said the church uses the residence to host traveling missionaries.

He told the congregation that he has received calls from several local pastors and from some as far away as Texas offering help.

"God is faithful," he said. "He will give us grace to bear what we need to bear."

He told the congregation that in about a year, they would likely see a beautiful building in place of the burned structure that stood next door.

"And church, who knows," he added. "We might be out of here before that new building is even put up. Before tonight's service, we might hear that trumpet sound, and we won't be worried about that building anymore because the church will be in another place."

Milner: Criminal charges unlikely for double dipping

City settles with another employee

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A CPA's review of time sheets from the city of Starke and VyStar Credit Union found that the significant instances of so-called double dipping were by commanding officers with the police department, including the chief of police, who were not hourly employees.

As salaried employees, they did not keep actual time sheets for their scheduled work as they were exempt from being paid overtime anyway. Chief Jeff Johnson has argued this all along, saying the only reason he and his administrators even filled out the generic time sheets they submitted is

that the documentation was requested by a former city clerk.

Based on the review and Johnson's response, as well as his own 35 years in law enforcement, City Manager Bob Milner prepared a memo for the city commission in which he concludes there is very little chance any criminal charges could be brought against the chief or his administrators.

Former city employee Bridget Underhill and her attorney accused the police department of double dipping after reviewing the time sheets, concluding the officers were being paid by both employers for the same hours.

The review by James Moore CPA does note there were nine officers with overlapping hours. Most of them had one to two instances with overlapping

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Seven periods return next year

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The Bradford County School Board has approved a seven-period day for middle school and high school students beginning this fall.

Superintendent Stacey Creighton believes that instructional time is one factor in Bradford's academic performance when measured against neighboring districts and she ran on tacking that seventh period back on to students' schedules.

Principals John Green and Vinnie Blye both have experience with eight-period block schedules and floated that idea as another alternative to expanding instructional time. The district has experimented with block scheduling in the past, however, and even retired teachers spoke out about why it didn't work, Creighton said.

Her recommendation, which the board accepted, was for a seven-period day. All of the questions have

not been answered, such as the new start times or new bus schedules. The superintendent said they will add five buses to accommodate earlier start times for older students. A maximum of five new teachers each for the middle and high school could be needed based on the number of positions lost when the need to cut costs also cut the number of instructional periods down to six.

"If the reverse is true, then that's what we're looking at, but I think the opportunities for our kids will make up for that," Creighton said.

Teachers at Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School already work seven periods, with their first period being set aside for planning. Many will be glad to see their planning period moved to some other time during the day, offering them a break from teaching six periods straight.

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Brooker gets a boost

Test drives taken at Brooker's Fall Festival earned the school some cool new soccer equipment and a \$1,000 check courtesy of Beck Chevrolet of Starke and Bruce Lawton, and employee of the dealership and parent of a Brooker student. Students put on their new gear and gathered for a photo to celebrate the generosity.



Chamber award recipients exhibit upbeat spirit, persistence

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Managing Editor

Around 300 business and community leaders met at the Gov. Charlie E. Johns Conference Center in Starke Saturday night for the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting.

"The Great Gatsby" was the evening's theme, as attendees donned fashions of the 1920s, when Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth and Mickey Mouse first broke into the nation's consciousness.

Emcee Terry Vaughan reminded the crowd that electricity, commercial radio and speakeasys were emerging as dominant industries during that time.

After a silent and live auction to raise money for the Bradford Educational Foundation, Vaughan presented the chamber's annual awards.



Melanie Fuhrman addresses the crowd after accepting the Judy Becker Volunteer of the Year Award.



Vincent Esson, CEO of Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue, with the J.E. Tomlinson Businessperson of the Year Award.



Lawtey Police Chief Shane Bennett accepts the Eugene L. Matthews Citizen of the Year Award.



While Pam Whittle (left) and Brittany Loper look on, Kim Olinger of Beef 'O' Brady's accepts the Large Business of the Year Award.

Walgreens manager: cancer survivor, major force in Relay for Life

The chamber awarded the Judy Becker Volunteer of the

Year Award to Melanie Fuhrman. Vaughan remembered Becker as a "candle that illuminated

enthusiasm, cheer and hope."

"As someone who is proud to say that I have a record of 30-years of perfect attendance in the Kiwanis Club of Starke," Vaughan added, "perhaps there is nothing I have done within the club that made a greater impact than sponsoring Judy to be a Kiwanian many years ago. Judy was the consummate Kiwanian and the club is proud to sponsor this award presented in her memory."

Vaughan said Fuhrman: the store manager at Starke's Walgreens, embodies Becker's enthusiasm, cheer and hope. He said that with Fuhrman around, the pharmacy not only fills prescriptions, but offers help with people having a bad day or down on their luck.

"The remedy to which I am referring is the contagious smile and upbeat spirit the store manager brings to work every day," Vaughan said. "She is a survivor and her courageous and successful battle with cancer has inspired her to become a major force in Relay for Life. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised locally to help find a cure, and she remains a resource for others who face the same battle."

Vaughan also talked about Fuhrman's assistance to military families and the job fair and women's mentoring program she set up through her church: Starke Community Church.

Police chief polished Lawtey's image

The Eugene L. Matthews Citizen of the Year Award went to Lawtey Police Chief Shane Bennett.

Vaughan said that Matthews, who published the Bradford County Telegraph for 40 years, "was one of the great visionaries and leaders of this community."

Vaughan said that the chamber members who nominated Bennett for the award noted that perception is reality, and that for decades, Lawtey had been painted as a speed trap by the American Automobile Association and others.

"After being elected police chief in the town in which he grew up," Vaughan said, "that perception began to change under his leadership and the city enjoys a renewed perception, largely due to the example he has set."

Vaughan added that Bennett also serves on the tourist development board, the Santa Fe College Institute of Public Safety Advisory Board and is president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Starke.

"His law enforcement career spans over 23 years," Vaughan said. "He is a 1999 graduate of Stetson University and a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy's 266th session in Quantico, Virginia."

Workforce award accepted through mobile phone

Patricia Evans, Bradford-Clay

Dawn Strickland looks to Terry Vaughan after accepting the chamber's Small Business of the Year Award.

County president of Capital City Bank, was the recipient of the Pat Farnsworth Workforce Person of the Year Award.

Vaughan said Evans' efforts paved the way for a \$4 million U.S. Department of Labor grant through the Strengthening Working Families Initiative. It allows unemployed parents in North Central Florida to upgrade their tech and entrepreneurial skills while providing child care support in pursuit of economic independence.

Evans serves on the development authority, the workforce board and chairs Career Source of North Central Florida.

"Her upbeat personality and can-do spirit has been evident in her leadership roles with various civic groups," Vaughan said, "including the Women's Club of Starke and the Kiwanis Club of Starke."

Vaughan said Evans was inspired by her parents, who often worked two jobs while pursuing educational opportunities, so they could pave a way for her to chase her dreams.

"She says she was taught to look for and appreciate the little things —" Vaughan said, "To wake up each day and find something to be thankful for."

"Because of her dedication," Vaughan added, "many will

wake up each morning with the knowledge that their future is secure as a result of educational and training opportunities that have come their way."

Evans was out of town during the chamber meeting, so she accepted the award through Facetime, a video phone call application. While Vaughan held a microphone to the mobile phone of Chamber Board of Governors Chair Brittany Loper, Evans accepted the award. She thanked the chamber for the honor and her colleagues at Capital City Bank for helping her contribute to the community.

RV Park developer named businessperson of the year

The chamber named Vincent Esson the J.E. Tomlinson Businessperson of the Year.

Vaughan said that as CEO of Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue, Esson hoped to develop a high-level RV park nearby, modelled after a successful park in Williston.

"After hearing the word 'No,' instead of giving up, he

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- Oil filters
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
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- Fluorescent lamps
- Electronics
- Computers
- TVs
- Paints
- Batteries, all types
- Fertilizers
- Household cleaners
- Corrosives
- Propane tanks
- Medications
- Aerosol cans
- Used cooking oil



WHEN: Saturday, February 17, 2018

WHERE: Bradford County Courthouse Parking Lot
945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091

TIME: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

This service is free to residents, and is provided to small businesses for a fee. Residents can call Benny Jackson at 904-966-6212 for more information; businesses can call the Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 352-334-0440 for pricing.

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'New' new potatoes

Home gardeners and farmers are encouraged to attend a workshop on growing "new" or

"exotic" new potatoes Thursday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. The workshop will be hosted by the Alligator Creek Garden Club and UF/IFAS Extension. Bonnie

Wells, the extension agent from St. Johns County, will showcase University of Florida varieties of blue and gold pigmented new potatoes available for home and niche market production. Talking points will include where to get seed, how to grow them and the possible health benefits of consuming pigmented potatoes.

Refreshments and a plant exchange are enjoyed at every meeting. If you like, bring a snack to share and any plants you wish to pass on to good homes.

The club meets at the Bradford County Senior Center located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. (North 301) in front of the Health Department. For more information, call Pat Caren at 352-485-2666.

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Chamber President Pam Whittle gives a ceremonial gavel to outgoing governing board chair Brittany Loper, while incoming Chairman James Eison looks on.



The chamber honored outgoing board members Jenny Reed, vice-president and branch manager of Community State Bank in Lake Butler, and Wendy Martin, chief financial officer at Shands of Starke. Pictured (l-r) are Brittany Loper, Reed, Pam Whittle and Martin.



Patricia Evans, Bradford-Clay County president of Capital City Bank, accepts the Pat Farnsworth Workforce Person of the Year Award via cellphone. Also pictured (l-r) Chamber President Pam Whittle, Board of Governors Chair Brittany Loper and Emcee Terry Vaughan.

CHAMBER

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persevered," said Vaughan. "He demonstrated a willingness to provide concessions such as contributing toward a new fire station, and he addressed concerns respectfully."

Vaughan said that because of Esson's drive, the Starke and Keystone Heights areas can look forward to a state-of-the-art RV park that is expected to provide scores of new jobs while pumping over \$1 million a year into the local economy.

New management turned around Beef 'O' Brady's

The chamber's large business of the year award went to Beef 'O' Brady's.

Vaughan said that in 1985, Jim Melody dreamed up the idea of a family-friendly restaurant — a neighborhood pub where folks could gather to enjoy good food and sports in a fun and comfortable environment.

"As a result," Vaughan said, "Jim and his wife Jeanette opened their first restaurant in Brandon, Florida and today the establishment is one of the fastest-growing kid-friendly restaurants in the country."

Vaughan added that the local outlet of Beef 'O' Brady's recently experienced a change in management, and the new

leadership has reached out to the community to support local causes.

"They allow use of their back room as a gathering place for area organizations," Vaughan said, "and they have hosted Bingo nights and Kiwanis poker tournaments."

Vaughan said the restaurant's new management, led by Kim Olinger, has sent a clear message that they care.

Pet boarding house awarded small business of the year

Home Sweet Bone, owned by Mark and Dawn Strickland is the

chamber's small business of the year.

Vaughan said that because of the special care Dawn Strickland provides at her operation, "your pet will have more fun during your vacation than you will."

The business offers climate-controlled accommodations, fenced-in exercise yards, a shampoo and blow dry service and according to Vaughan, "an unsurpassed level of devotion and passion for animal care."

The business is licensed with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to care for all animals.

The couple has also recently launched a second enterprise: Grooming by Sister.

Flu is here and highly contagious

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

It's flu season once again and everyone is running around, trying to avoid being breathed on by anyone who looks even remotely ill, shunning those who obviously are and chugging orange juice like it is going out of style. This is one annual event no one wants to be a part of.

This year's flu is more virulent and deadly than expected. Reports that this year's flu vaccine may be ineffective, or a little as 10 percent effective are false. The "10 percent report" comes from Australia and is one report of the effectiveness of the vaccine used there for the most common strain of flu circulating there (H3N2). The Center for Disease Control has not yet determined the effectiveness of the vaccine used in the United States and the strain of flu we are facing {A(H3)}.

In any case, according to the Florida Department of Health, any flu inoculation can be of some benefit, even if it is not for the specific strain going around. It seems that a flu vaccination can provide protection in the form of antibodies that are effective against other strains. After all, these strains are all types of influenza.

This flu season has been bad, one of the worst of the past decade. The Florida Department of Health manages a website called "The Flu Review" (www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/index/html) that is updated weekly with flu news. For Week 3, this newsletter reported Bradford County as having elevated cases reported (the only county in the state for that week). Week Four, which concluded Jan. 24, shows Bradford County, shows activity as moderate to slightly elevated

in Bradford County, moderate in Union County and mild in Clay County. As far as outbreaks, in this case sharp increases in flu cases connected with a setting where people congregate (schools, churches, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.), Bradford is listed as having only one or two, Union listed at zero and Clay also listed at one or two.

Statewide, the numbers have been more frightening. The percentage of emergency room visits for flu-like symptoms is the highest it has been in the past four flu seasons at almost seven percent. As of Week Four statistics, there have been 317 deaths from influenza in the state, including at least five children. State sources said they do not believe the health crises to continue and more deaths are expected. Just during Week 4 (Jan. 21-27) there were 82 outbreaks in 33 counties in the state.

Avoiding the flu is the only means of not getting sick. Vaccinations can help (see above) but avoiding places where people congregate and trying to avoid people infected with the virus are the best means. Unfortunately, the most common places listed above where people often congregate are also those places where the people considered to be most at risk from the virus.

At-risk persons include children younger than five-years of age and especially under age 2 (it should be noted that most child deaths occur in unvaccinated children with underlying health conditions), adults 65 year of age and over, pregnant women, residents of nursing homes and long-term health care facilities, people with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, neurological conditions, lung

disease, heart disease, blood, kidney or liver disorders and immune or metabolic disorders.

Flu shots are still available and are recommended. For persons who cannot afford one there are programs at county health departments to assist them, with no-cost or low-cost shots available. Anti-viral drugs are also recommended in many cases and there are also programs though the CDC for those who cannot afford them.

It is highly recommended that persons with the flu stay home until the fever had dropped and stays down for at least 24 hours. One person can infect an entire office or classroom in just a short time.

Most sources encourage seeking medical assistance if someone develops flu symptoms, mainly to prevent common complications such as pneumonia. Symptoms include a fever over 100 degrees F., headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches and stomach symptoms such as nausea or diarrhea. Danger signs include: fast or difficult breathing, a bluish skin color, not drinking enough fluids, not being able to wake up or interact with others, irritability (especially in children when they refuse to be held), symptoms which abate then return with fever and a worse cough and a fever accompanied by a rash. If a person shows any of these danger signs they should immediately seek medical attention.

Flu is a part of the winter season and we all must deal with it every year. Key is to know just what we are dealing with, what to expect and when to ask for help. If everyone does this then we can all come through this dreaded season in safety.

SEVEN

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Seven periods are an easier transition than eight. Creighton said, but still present a lot of advantages, including the ability to offer more courses overall and more challenging courses for advanced and gifted students. Struggling students whose elective periods are taken up by remedial courses will now have a greater opportunity to check out programs like band or career-technical training.

"We are definitely looking at where we can fill those gaps for our kids," Creighton said. "We have such a wonderful band and chorus program. I really feel like that will be beneficial to kids and maybe get them to like school. They can use their talents and thrive."

They would like to teach writing as a stand-alone course and give it the focus it deserves, as well as introduce a course on high school success for freshmen covering topics like note taking and study habits.

"I think there's an opportunity there to help our students adjust better to high school rigor," said Creighton.

With enrollment up, seven periods also helps with meeting class-size requirements. Students could benefit from the additional instructional time as well as smaller classes.

"When you look at our instructional minutes with the other counties around us, this will catch us up. So, obviously, if instructional time makes an impact on test scores, were hoping it will benefit us that way, too," Creighton said.

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We would also like to thank all those who helped make our show a success by volunteering time and energy. Your passion for the program makes all the difference!

Garden

The Garden column is sponsored by the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service in Bradford County. Readers who wish to pose gardening questions should forward them to Jim DeValerio at jid@ufl.edu.



Bluebird

Backyard bluebirds — My favorite

You're invited to an upcoming workshop on attracting bluebirds. You'll build your own bluebird box to take home. Sponsored by Bradford County Master Gardeners, the workshop will take place at 2 p.m. March 20, at the Bradford County Extension Office.

Although I adore the numerous, beautiful cardinals, particularly now when the landscape is so colorless, bluebirds remain my favorite bird to attract to our yard. Our backyard facing the lake offers bluebirds a wide open, grassy space dotted with a few shrubby bushes or trees. We have several types of trees available, since they like to hide in them right after their young have fledged. They aren't crazy about a thick forest, a swampy area (although we have that on our property), or an area that is heavily populated, so our neighborhood is suitable.

Bluebirds love high perches so they can look down on the yard in search of their favorite food — insects. Don't place your boxes near bushy shrubs to help avoid attracting house sparrows. We have placed two boxes in our



Nesting box

yard, designed just for bluebirds.

When it comes to eating, bluebirds primarily feed on insects during the summer, and insects, fruits and some seeds during the winter. Having a variety of native plants provide birds with a diverse amount of insects, fruits and seeds. Other cavity nesting birds, like the house sparrow, prefer the weed seeds, grains and livestock feed. Help your birds out by preparing a bountiful bird banquet.

Here are a few suggestions for enticing bluebirds into your yard:

—Mounting boxes: They are best mounted on a free standing pole of either metal or PVC materials. Bluebirds will nest as low as 3 feet and up to as high

as 20 feet; however, a height of 5-6 feet should be used for boxes that will be monitored. You may choose to use a predator guard, or "baffle," although I haven't needed to use them yet. We've mounted a box on a fence post, but it's not ideal since this makes it easier for predators such as snakes and raccoons to get to the box.

—Box maintenance: Boxes need to be cleaned after each nesting. They should be inspected and any repairs made or a change in location done at the end of a breeding season. All boxes should be inspected, cleaned and repaired in the late fall or early winter. Bluebirds begin their nesting cycle in March.

—Painting boxes: This is optional, but it may help them to last longer. I prefer the natural look, however, if you choose to paint your nest box, do not use treated wood or paints that contain lead or wood preservatives. The nesting box should be painted with opaque stain or primer and acrylic latex paint. Use light colors only in order to prevent overheating, and paint only the outside of the box.

Next week look for a second Telegraph article on Bluebirds.

Lynn Bryan, Master Gardener

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Church

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Church Street in Starke, invites you to its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Suggested donations are \$7 per adult and \$3 per child 3 to 7 years old. Children under 3 eat for free. Proceeds go toward outreach and programs.

Bradford Gospel Ensemble will be celebrating its 35th anniversary on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 18, at

5 p.m. at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church on Steel Mill Road (C.R. 100A). Come help celebrate Jesus, local talent and churches. Surrounding gospel groups will be performing.

True Vine Ministry will be hosting a special Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. The theme is "We Are Overcomers." There will be singing, praise dancing, reflective testimonies and so much more. There is no fee and the community is invited to

attend. For more information, please visit www.truevinemin.org. For transportation, please call 904-964-9264.

Starke Church of God by Faith has a food pantry open every first and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon with a variety of food items available to give away.

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

Senior Center

The Bradford County Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave in Starke. If you have any questions or would like further information on any activities or events, please call 904-368-3955. A calendar of events can be found at www.bradfordcountyfl.gov.

Cooking Smart

Learn easy, healthy and nutritious recipes, watch food demonstrations, and enjoy samples from the recipe of the day. This is not just a cooking class but one that will educate you how to stretch your grocery dollars, eat well and exercise, plus provide information and giveaways to help you be a healthy senior. Eat Smart, Cook Smart is a class sponsored by UF/IFAS and the Bradford County Extension Office. The next class will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m.

Medicare or prescription plans? SHINE — Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders — is available at the senior center every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Stop in and speak with a SHINE representative and get those questions answered. SHINE representatives can also review your current plan to ensure you have the best plan for your needs.

Yoga and tai chi

Need to improve your balance? Maybe you're having issues with range of motion in a shoulder knee or hip. The senior center offers classes to help with these issues. Join the Chair Yoga and Tai Chi Hour Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. One hour twice a week will improve range of motion and balance and refresh the mind. For a more advanced yoga class, join us for one hour every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m. for a new painting class. Ever thought about learning how to paint? Maybe you know how to paint but want to brush up on some painting techniques. Painting class will teach the fundamentals of art and painting in a relaxed and easy paced atmosphere. What a great way to get out and socialize while learning how to create beautiful pieces of art. For further information about the class or what supplies are needed, please contact the center at 904-368-3955.

Mobility for Life Safe Driving Class

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m., the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition will present an informational workshop on aging and mobility. Come learn how you can remain safe, independent and active in your community. The workshop will give seniors the resources to stay safe and mobile for life. To sign up, please call the senior center at 904-368-3955.

Medicare help

Have questions about your

Painting class

Join us Monday, Feb. 19, at

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periods of less than an hour up to two to three hours, and one with nearly 13 hours.

For officer David Bukowski, with 62 days on which hours were recorded for both the city and VyStar, there were 28 overlaps totaling more than 51 hours.

Chief Johnson had the next highest total of overlapping hours. On all 29 days where hours were recorded for both employers, there were overlaps totaling 161.5 hours, or an average of 5.6 hours per day.

Sgt. Perry Gorman logged time for both employers on 229 days, with 104 overlaps totaling almost 324 hours. His average was 3.1 hours per day.

Finally, there was Don Spriggle with almost 803 overlapping hours. Of the 146 days on which hours were reported for both employers, there were 125 overlaps. His average was 6.4 hours per day.

Spriggle retired with a public commendation from Johnson in 2016. He is also named in

Underhill's lawsuit against the city. She accuses him of sexual harassment and theft and uses him as an example of the unfairness with which she was treated, having lost her job in spite of multiple investigations that found no wrongdoing on her part.

Frustrated by the city's perceived inaction with regard to the double dipping investigation, Underhill and her attorney requested Sheriff Gordon Smith to open an investigation. He declined pending the outcome of the CPA's review. Johnson turned over time records to the assistant state attorney's office for a review and response last October, and Starke city attorney John Cooper said the results of the CPA's review have been sent to the state attorney's office as well. A response is expected in April at which time Cooper said he would be willing to comment more on the findings.

According to Johnson, there was no time that any administrator in his department was paid anything by the city above their set salary. As for the nonexempt employees, he said he has taken steps to correct the potential for overlapping hours while working for the city and VyStar, where they provide security services. This includes having them complete timesheets every two weeks instead of once a month.

Johnson and his command staff no longer complete timesheets.

The case may be closed for the city manager, but Underhill's attorney, Christopher Kinnaman, said they hope the city turns the information from the CPA over to the sheriff or state for investigation.

"Given the unbiased CPA review of the documents, I would hope the city would refer this matter over to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for proper investigation. That would be the only acceptable course of action that would maintain the public confidence in government,"

Kinnaman said. "Members of the law enforcement community are not and should not be above the law, but treated just as fairly as the members of the public at large."

Employee receives \$35k in settlement with city

When former Starke employee Mary Johnson claimed Bridget Underhill was guilty of wrongdoing, she expected she would be protected as a whistleblower. She claims she was fired for it, while the city maintains her termination by the former city manager came as a result of her falsely claiming overtime.

Mary Johnson sued the city, and while that trial was set for March, both sides were ordered to mediation, which took place Jan. 29.

As a result, the city of Starke and Florida League of Cities decided to resolve the case by paying Johnson a total of \$35,000, which includes her attorney fees.

City Manager Bob Milner said the city's insurance requires no deductible in employment law cases, so the city will not actually pay anything toward the settlement.

"I cannot disclose the merits of the mediation," Milner wrote in a memo to the city commission, "but suffice it to say we all agreed this was a fair and equitable resolution in that Ms. Johnson cannot file any further actions against the city and this totally resolves the case."

Per the agreement, the city is not admitting fault and denies any wrongdoing. The sole purpose of the settlement from the city's perspective is to avoid the cost and inconvenience of further litigation.

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Peace coalition presenting programs, EarthFest

The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice is beginning a new series of special events Saturday, Feb. 10, from 7-10 p.m. at the Civic Media Center, 433 Main St. in Gainesville.

"For over 30 years, the Florida

Coalition for Peace and Justice has been bringing together diverse communities in the cause of peace. These special events will continue this vital work," said Lanny Smith, eco-artist in residence at the Peace Farm/Sustainable Living Center in Hampton.

These "Peace Farm Presents" programs will take place every other Saturday night, including Feb. 24, March 10 and March 24. They will feature powerful music, special guest speakers and an exploration of the

Florida Earth Charter Initiative. Donations will support the Civic Media Center.

The Feb. 10 event will feature: Lanny Smith, an award-winning eco-songwriter, educator and activist; Al Rubin, bicycle and canoe adventurer; Sue Blythe, leader of the Florida Earth Charter Initiative; and leaders of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice.

These events will culminate in an EarthFest on April 7 at the Peace Camp/Sustainable Living Center in Hampton. For

more information, please contact Lanny Smith at Earthman.tv@gmail.com.

Chili Cook-off at Kingsley

The Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association invites everyone to its seventh annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Kingsley Lake Civic Center, 6110 Kingsley Lake Drive. The event will get

underway at 5:30 p.m. when doors will open to entrants. Tasting and judging will start at 6 p.m.

There is no cost to participate in the competition. Other guests may make a donation if desired, but the event is free and open to the public. Attendees will enjoy a meal of chili, crackers, cheese, salad, drinks, hot sauce and dessert. Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place entries.

People wishing to enter the cook-off should contact the

association president, Billi West, at 904-449-9460 to register.

The Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the social needs of the community and preserving the beautiful and unique lake for which it is named. In addition, the association holds monthly community breakfasts for men at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month and for ladies at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That STEVEN GOODMAN The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said 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: 2017-0023 Certificate Number: 771 Parcel Number: 02731-0-00000 Year of Issuance: 2011 Description of Property: Legal Description: 02731-0-00000

Commence at the NE corner of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, thence run West 367.5 feet for a point of beginning, thence continue West 179.5 feet, thence run South 163.65 feet, thence run East 179.5 feet, thence run North 162.45 feet to the point of beginning, Description Verified enj/veml.

Assessed To: MATTIE DENNARD 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.

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 FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2017-CP-129

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNAMARY BAKLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNAMARY BAKLEY, deceased, whose date of death was December 31, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2017-CP-129, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, P.O. Drawer B, 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, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have

been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) 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 who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: February 1, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: NORBERTO S. KATZ Florida Bar No. 399086 THE VELIZ LAW FIRM 425 West Colonial Drive Suite 104 Orlando, Florida 32804 Telephone: (407) 849-7072 E-Mail: velizlaw@thevelizlawfirm.com Personal Representative DAVID BAKLEY 1035 Southgate Drive Starke, Florida 32091 2/1 2tchg 2/8-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 04-2017-CA-000412-CAAX-MX

VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID E. MATLACK; ET AL, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 17th day of January, 2018 and entered in Case No. 04-2017-CA-000412-CAAX-MX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and DAVID E. MATLACK; DEBORAH K. MATLACK F/K/A DEBORAH K. MOSELEY; TENANT #1 AND TENANT #2 AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, in the Lobby of the Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 12th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT A SITUATED IN THE CITY OF STARKE, COUNTY OF BRADFORD AND STATE OF FLORIDA: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.009 ACRES (401 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS, BEING PORTIONS OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3 OF PINEHAVEN SUBDIVISION, LYING IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH/ RANGE 22 EAST, IN THE CITY OF STARKE,

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3 OF PINEHAVEN SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, RUN NORTH 04 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 3, AS A BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR A DISTANCE OF 7.00 FEET TO A SET 1/2 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 117.47 FEET TO A FOUND 2 INCH IRON PIPE LOCATED AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 3 (SAID IRON BEING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MYRTLE STREET (A 50 FEET R/W); THENCE RUN SOUTH 77 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 5, BLOCK 3, FOR A DISTANCE OF 119.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO LOT 4, BLOCK 3, OF PINEHAVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PPN: 03886-0-00000

Property Address: 321 N. Myrtle 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

Dated this 23 day of January, 2018. RAY NORMAN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: L Brannon Deputy Clerk

LAW OFFICE OF MICHELLE L. GLASS, PA Attorneys for Plaintiff 7545 Centurion Parkway, Ste. 103 Jacksonville, FL 32256 Telephone: (904) 606-3903 Facsimile: (904)606-3936 2/1 2tchg 2/8-BCT

NOTICE

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a Public Auction on Friday February 16, 2018 @ 10:00 am at 2117 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL on the following storage units containing personal items.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That MTAG SVCS AS CUST FOR TAX EASE FUNDING 2016-1 LLC The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said 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: 2017-0021 Certificate Number: 1179 Parcel Number: 05047-0-00100 Year of Issuance: 2015 Description of Property: Legal Description: 05047-0-00100

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29 and run thence South 00°39'17" East along the Westerly boundary thereof, 1508.80 feet to an iron pipe at the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run South 74°25'41" East, 624.89 feet to an iron rod; thence run North 88°26'02" East, 68.85 feet to an iron rod; thence run South 02°43'47" East, 295.26 feet to an iron rod; thence run South 89°57'19" West, 679.57 feet to an iron rod on the Westerly boundary of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; thence run North 00°39'17" West along said Westerly boundary, 461.36 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress and egress along the Southerly 30 feet thereof.

Assessed To: RYAN HARVEY 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 4th day of April, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

RAY NORMAN BRADFORD COUNTY CLERK OF COURT BY LISA BRANNON, DEPUTY CLERK

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less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) gives notice of a draft permit and intent to conduct a public meeting regarding the permit application for Triple S Plumbing, Inc., Attn: Mr. David Skinner, President, who applied on March 7, 2017 to the Department of Environmental Protection for a permit under Chapter 62-640, F.A.C., for the land application of treated food-establishment sludge and domestic septage collected from private on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS). The restricted access land application site is rated to receive Class B biosolids from the Triple S Plumbing treatment facility in accordance with the nutrient management plan. Triple S land application site is located approximately at latitude 30° 4' 2" N, longitude 82° 7' 2" W, at 4581 NW CR 125, Lawtey, Florida 32058, Bradford County.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's proposed permitting decision to Tom Kallemeyn, Florida DEP, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 or an email sent to DEP_NED@dep.state.fl.us in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office by the close of the public meeting. Failure to submit comments within this time period may constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments must contain the following information:

The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed; A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;

A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision; and A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action.

PUBLIC MEETING DATE AND TIME: March 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM PLACE: Bradford County Government Court House located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091

PURPOSE: To obtain public comments on the draft permit for Triple S Plumbing Inc., Skinner Farm land application site, the format of the public meeting will be open information session and public comment. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to Tom Kallemeyn, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, emailing the Department at DEP_NED@dep.state.fl.us or visiting our webpage at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/northeast/>

Current-Topics/.htm.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/workshop/hearing is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the meeting/workshop/hearing by calling the Bureau of Personnel Services at (850) 245-2511, or by calling (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice) via the Florida Relay Service.

The public comment period is extended until the close of business on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection at any time through our electronic filing system at <http://wrmedms.dep.state.fl.us/Oculus/servlet/login> by searching for Facility-Site ID FLA979261 or during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256-1700 or email at DEP_NED@dep.state.fl.us. 2/8 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Thomas H. Kent Last known address of: 9705 NW 214th St Lake Butler FL 32054

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

Terry L. Vaughan Bradford County Supervisor of Elections P.O. Box 58 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C Starke, FL 32091 2/8 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on February 15, 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 2/8 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF MEETING The Board of CareerSource North Central Florida will hold a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, at 2:30 pm at 10 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL. For more information please contact Talia Pate at (352) 246-3326. 2/8 1tchg-BCT

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Schaefer found their romantic spark at BMS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
 Telegraph Staff Writer

Though there was no electricity, there was a spark.

Raymond and Melissa Schaefer have been married six years after first meeting each other as teachers at Bradford Middle School. It wasn't until a day in which the power went out for an extended period of time that they really began talking to each other.

"It was out for so long we had to take all of the kids into the gym," said Melissa, who is currently a teacher at Paterson Elementary School in Fleming Island. "We were there just managing the crowds. That's when we first started talking. That's when I first noticed him."

Melissa, who is the niece of Randy and Cindy Whytsell, confessed to not having noticed Raymond before just because she was focused on her career. Entering into a possible relationship simply wasn't on her radar, she said.

Raymond, who is currently the assistant principal at Starke Elementary School, had noticed Melissa, though, starting with a trip teachers took in the summer to Fort White for a training session. As a new teacher, he was also made aware of Melissa by his colleagues at BMS.

"The first thing they want to do is hook you up with somebody," Raymond said. "They had success doing that in the past, so they saw me as the next one on the list."

Despite the circumstances, that day in the gym with the electricity out seemed a good time to strike up a conversation since they were both in the same building.

"I think I was just trying to act calm and cool," Raymond said. "It was kind of a stressful situation. We didn't know when the lights were coming on. The kids were all in an area, and you're watching them like hawks."

"Then I saw the chance to just start up a side conversation. It was kind of like a how's-the-weather type of conversation, just to start somewhere."

Besides, Raymond knew he was being watched by those matchmakers on campus. It was time to act.

"I had pressure from ladies who were working there," he said. "There was like a shot clock on me. I had to make some kind of move."

Thinking back to that day, Melissa said what appealed to her about Raymond were his kindness and his humor.

"Anybody who knows Ray knows he's got the driest sense of humor," she said. "He is so funny, and he has a way of making you laugh and making you feel comfortable."

Displaying his humor, Raymond, when asked what initially appealed to him about Melissa, said, "I knew she was single, so that was a start." Seriously, though, he said he kept hearing from others about how nice she was, which he found to be true.

"It was her kindness that really brought me to her," Raymond said.

No tricks, just a date

It was Halloween time when Raymond asked Melissa out for a date. The couple were at a mutual

friend's and took a walk along Walnut Street during Starke's Great Pumpkin Escape.

"This was probably a couple of months since we'd known each other," Raymond said. "We'd just been kind to each other and talking to each other a little bit."

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks coming up, Raymond said he knew he needed to go ahead and ask Melissa out and see how things worked out.

The first date was at Leonardo's 706 in Gainesville.

"We got to the table, and it had a wobble in it, so we had to put a couple of sugar packets under the table," Raymond said. "Then it seemed like every date after that, we always ended up at a table with a wobble in it. It was the strangest thing."

Melissa said, "It makes us laugh."

The tables may have been wobbly, but the relationship was not. They fell into a comfort with each other. Melissa's kindness was still a big appeal to Raymond, while as she got to know him better, Melissa really began to appreciate how important family was to Raymond.

"The more we got to know each other, I got to know his family," Melissa said. "I got to see how he was with them. That, to me, was a huge attraction, just the way he treated his nieces and nephews and how he got along so well with his brothers and sisters and his parents. That whole family dynamic really made me understand who he was. It just kind of solidified to me that he was just a solid, strong person."

Popping the question...finally

After a couple of years of dating, Melissa was eagerly awaiting the day when Raymond would ask her to marry him.

"I think I knew pretty early on," she said. "I was set that I knew I was going to marry him early on. I told him that. He was like, 'Wait a minute.'"

It wasn't that Raymond didn't want to get married. It's just that he wanted to make sure everything was in order financially and that there would be some stability when they did get married.

"He wanted to have all his ducks in a row," Melissa said.

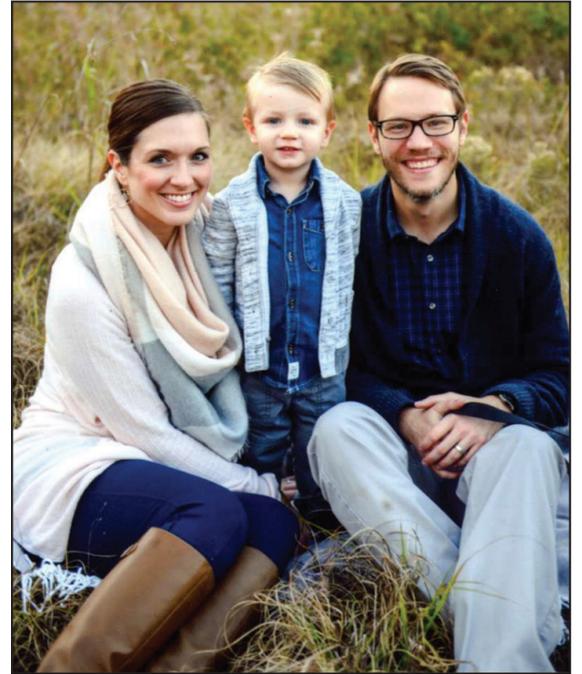
Raymond said, "Once I got those man type of things lined up, then I said, 'All right. Let's do this.'"

The proposal was simple so he could eliminate as much stress as possible.

"I was really nervous, so I thought the smaller the audience, the better I was going to be and not mess up and drop the ring or something like that," Raymond said.

He chose a morning in November 2010. He was renting a house on Crosby Lake and had picked Melissa up so they could go to church. However, Raymond told Melissa he wasn't feeling well, so they stayed at his house. Then he said he wanted to show her something on the lake. Raymond said maybe he told her he wanted to show her an alligator. He couldn't quite remember. So they walked out onto his dock.

"I didn't know what he was talking about," Melissa said. "I kept looking and looking. Then



Melissa and Raymond Schaefer are pictured with their son, Henry. The Schaeferes began dating each other when they both taught at Bradford Middle School. Photo by Matt Whytsell Photography.

I turned around, and he was on one knee."

Though she was waiting for that moment, she said it was a surprise.

"I was not expecting it that morning at all," Melissa said.

Time together the best Valentine's gift

Valentine's wasn't expected to be a big to-do this year. Melissa's sister and brother-in-law were arriving in the area to visit, so when not visiting with them, the

couple expected to enjoy a quiet time at home after putting their young son, Henry, to bed.

"I think this Valentine's Day, with company coming in, we'll keep it very relaxed and easy going," Raymond said.

That's really no different from the quality time they spend together on any day.

"We love cooking together," Raymond said. "We love most of the same music now, which is great. We love the same TV

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Melissa and Raymond Schaeffer are pictured at their wedding in July 2011. Photo by Matt Whytsell Photography.

shows, for the most part. There are a few I won't touch."

Melissa laughed and said, "I love reality TV. I can't get enough. He does not."

They love watching shows on

Netflix, which they didn't have until her brother-in-law signed them up.

"I'm slow to pull the trigger a lot of stuff," Raymond said.

Melissa said having the

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service has been life changing. "We've just touched the surface of Netflix," she said. "The sky's the limit."

Sometimes they won't watch TV. They'll play whatever music fits the mood. It could be Ray Charles or the Allman Brothers Band or John Coltrane. Then they'll talk, just enjoying their time together.

"It's free, and you get so much out of it," Raymond said.

For one Valentine's Day, Raymond surprised Melissa with a night out. He encouraged her to give Henry a bath as soon as they got home from work, while he went into the kitchen and started preparing macaroni and cheese, which he said is a sure sign to Henry that his babysitter is coming over. The babysitter did indeed come, and off the couple went for a special evening.

"I had no idea what was going on," Melissa said, adding, "That was probably the most surprising Valentine's Day because it was a long day at work."

Aside from flowers and cards, you won't see Raymond and Melissa buying much for each other on Valentine's Day. They don't go for cute, plush animals or whatever else you see on

shelves this time of year. Melissa said that's partly because she throws away everything.

"We don't hoard," Raymond said. "We chuck stuff."

Well, that's not entirely true. Melissa keeps a box full of cards and love letters Raymond's given her over the years. Those are precious and make the best Valentine's gifts.

"My parents did that with each other," Melissa said. "I found their box when I was older. It was fun to see their lives at different stages. I want to have that for our kids one day."

Raymond admitted that since Henry was born more than three years ago, he hasn't written any letters to her, which he used to do a lot. He said his interview by the Telegraph-Times-Monitor might just be the thing to "kick me in gear."

"I've been slacking," he said.

It was meant to be

Being married isn't always easy, and Raymond and Melissa do have their quirks that bug each other. For example, Melissa said it's funny to her how when she asks Raymond to do something around the house, he says first he has to do some other task.

"My biggest pet peeve, and it doesn't make sense, is he always has to do something before he

does something," Melissa said.

Raymond's pet peeve?

"I have to say it would have to be either losing or dropping the cell phone all the time," he said. "It's a nice cell phone. We just got a new one."

Like anyone else, they may have their disagreements, but Raymond said it has helped them to realize they are different people, so those kinds of things are going to happen. The key is to move past those disagreements, and that doesn't mean not talking about them, which is what Raymond, by nature, prefers.

"I'm realizing more and more every year, the more I ignore something that I don't want to talk about, it doesn't go away," Raymond said. "Now I've learned how to talk about something I don't want to talk about. To me, that was life changing. I thought silence was perfectly fine."

Melissa admitted she's stubborn and she doesn't like to be the first to apologize or speak when it comes to a disagreement. Her faith has helped her in that regard.

"I think, for me, it's just the maturing process of learning you're with the person that God gave you," Melissa said. "Above all else, he should be respected more than anything."

That's what their marriage is

about. Respect. Something as simple as complementing each other or thanking each other for something they've done around the house goes a long way.

"Those are the easiest things to forget," Raymond said, "but they have the most mileage to them. They're so easy to forget in the daily routine."

Melissa said, "I think there's so much value in really encouraging your spouse."

Whatever happens in the course of life, Raymond and Melissa can't help but feel that being together was simply meant to be. They're both from the Midwest — Raymond moved from Missouri, Melissa moved from Ohio — and met each other at Bradford Middle School.

"We always talk about how crazy it is that we came to Starke," Melissa said.

So maybe the electricity going out one day at BMS wasn't necessary to provide the spark, but Raymond and Melissa are glad it happened.

"I wasn't expecting to find Ray when I did," Melissa said. "Now, I'm just so thankful I was in the right place at the right time."

UF learning center named for Bradford native

BY KIM BOX
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Just a few miles past Fairbanks, motorists who are heading north on Waldo Road (SR 24) whiz by a sign for the Austin Cary Forest Campus. Chances are they may have caught a quick, peripheral glance at the all-too-familiar University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) logo topping the sign; some may even have wondered what was going on in them thar woods; but most have never turned in at the entrance to further investigate.

As the newest addition to that sign hints, most, if not all, of your questions may now be answered by heading about a mile into the forest to the "Roland T. Stern Learning Center," named after Bradford native and BHS graduate Roland T. Stern. The \$2.3 billion learning center, completed and dedicated April 4, 2014, was built after fire totally consumed the previous conference center and all of its contents. Half of the building funds came from UF, but the other half came from 225 private donors.

While the old conference center served a maximum of 7,000 annual users, it is anticipated that the Roland T. Stern Learning Center will annually serve as many as 25,000. In addition to its primary purpose of serving as nature's classroom and forest conservatory, the center also provides the backdrop of rustic elegance — the oxymoron with which its builders were tasked — and a serene forest environment for scheduled Women's Club, Alachua County Commission, Alachua County Sheriff, Gainesville City Council, Santa Fe College and other community events and private weddings.

Attendees can enjoy the lake and also learn a little about why forests are important in their lives. The forest and center

connect people from all walks of life with Florida's forests. Event reservations can be made, and further information can be found at sfrc.ufl.edu/forestcampus.

After his death in 2017, the learning center was rededicated and named after Roland T. Stern. The lettering that denotes the building's new name was literally "unveiled" in a January 27, 2018, on-site ceremony. About 100 invited guests joined Stern's widow, the couple's children, grandchildren and great grandchild for a brief tribute, the unveiling ceremony and lunch afterward.

A kind-hearted man

All attended in memory of Stern, whom his grandchildren described in writing for his memorial dedication plaque as "a kind-hearted man, known for his generosity and his ability to be understood in just a few words. He loved his Christian faith, his family, his farm and watching the sun rise over Kingsley Lake."

Stern's commitment to the forest industry, an industry that has a \$25 billion impact on Florida's economy, is worthy of admiration and footstep-following. He was involved in forestry from his 1960 graduation from Lake City Forest Ranger School in Lake City, until his

death last year.

His father even cut and sold timber to fund Stern's education. But Stern himself definitely did his part to ensure his father's investment was profitable.

"He hitch-hiked back and forth to Lake City," Stern's widow, Lucinda, told the *Bradford County Telegraph* in a 2012 article about the history of the Stern family. "He'd stay there through the week. Every weekend, he would hitch-hike back home."

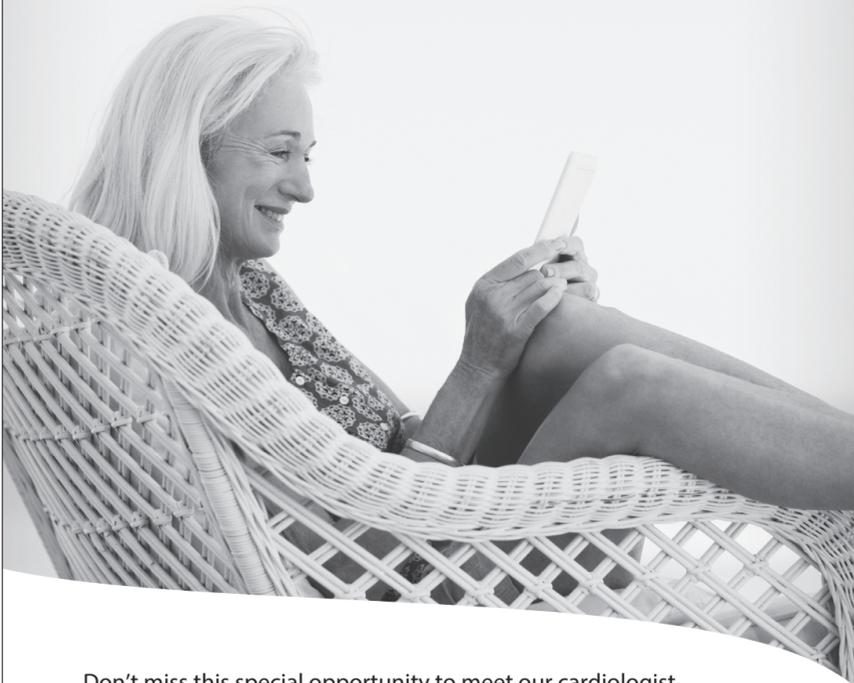
More than 100 years ago Stern's forefathers settled and cut timber on the same land that much of the Stern family still lives on today. From the first of that timber, they built a two-story house, which still sits behind the Stern family homestead in which Roland and Lucinda raised their daughters. A sawmill operation was established on site as well.

"Roland's father cut timber used in building many homes in Starke and the Kingsley Lake area," Lucinda told the *Telegraph* in 2012. "In fact, Harry Stern cut the timber used for the old Strickland's Landing on Kingsley Lake."

Lucinda's husband was always involved in some form of timber business. He formed Great South Timber, Incorporated, with a

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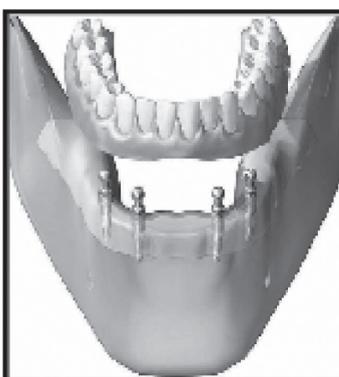
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Tigers cap season by lifting 1st-ever state trophy

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The good news for the Union County High School girls' weightlifting team? Brandy McCoy won her third straight state championship.

The even better news? Three of McCoy's teammates won titles as well, which helped the program win its' first-ever team championship at the Class 1A finals on Feb. 2 in Panama City Beach.

In describing the scene when she and her teammates heard UCHS announced as the team champion, McCoy said, "It was a lot of emotion. It was just really, 'Oh, my gosh. What did we just do? We won.'"

With Kurston Bakken, Josie Godwin and Mia Jackson winning their weight classes as well, the Tigers finished with 28 points to finish ahead of runner-up Baker County, which had 16 points. Union County is the smallest school in regard to student population to ever win a state title in girls' weightlifting.

"It shows that a small school can do big things," Jackson said.

Coach Bryan Griffis said Gerard Warren, the former UCHS football great who played at the University of Florida and in the NFL, spoke to the team prior to the start of the season about how it takes hard work and dedication to achieve success. Griffis said the girls told Warren, "Our goal is to win a state championship for little Union County."

"We worked really hard for it, really hard," Godwin said. "We sacrificed a lot of days for it. I wouldn't go back and trade any of those days."

Bakken said the championship proved nobody worked as hard as she and her teammates.

"It made me realize if you want it, you've got to go get it because nobody's getting it for you," Bakken said.

Griffis said the team had a lot of support, estimating 100 people from Union County were there cheering the girls on.

"You couldn't explain the feelings with all those fans rushing the floor as the kids won," he said.

Griffis coaches the team with Kepa Sarduy, but said credit for

the team's success also goes to his wife, Tammy, whom the girls have developed a close bond with.

"If it was not for her helping me, I don't know what I would've done," Griffis said.

3 in a row for McCoy

After winning state championships in dominating fashion as a freshman and a sophomore, it was expected McCoy would win again as a junior. She had a 275 bench press and a 225 clean and jerk in the 199 class for a 500 total, which was 165 pound ahead of runner-up Ramika Scott of Lake Weir.

McCoy, who is always low key in regard to discussing her accomplishments, said, "It feels great, I guess. I don't really know how to explain it."

Actually, she did show a little more emotion when it came to talking about her bench-press performance. McCoy was looking to break the state and national records in her class. She did 305 pounds — the current state and national records — at the Region 2 finals.

"I wasn't there to really win as much as I wanted to break that record," McCoy said. I was really mad."

Griffis said McCoy got sick and missed four days of workouts leading up to the state finals. She wasn't at full strength and neither she nor Griffis really knew what she would be capable of. Therefore, Griffis had her open at 275, which he knew she could get. Then she attempted 305, but just couldn't do it as her shoulders slipped on the bench. She brought the weight halfway up before stopping.

"That's never happened to me," McCoy said.

Still, McCoy, with her latest title, has put herself in position to become the only girls' weightlifter to win four championships if she wins next year.

McCoy, though, was more excited about the fact that she shared the spotlight this year with three of her teammates.

"Four of us won. That's really awesome to me," she said.

Godwin was the only UCHS lifter to compete in the first session at state, so she set the tone for the other state champs that followed. McCoy said, "After she won, we were like, 'We've definitely got to win now.'"

First time's the charm for Godwin

Godwin, a junior, was making her first appearance at state. It was special, to say the least.

"It felt definitely worth it," she said. "All those long hours. All those yells (from Griffis)."

Godwin had a bench press of 190 and a clean and jerk of 165 in the 139 class for a 355 total, which was 5 pounds better than runner-up Haylee Watson of Jay.

She missed her second bench press attempt, but was able to get a personal record on her third attempt. Then, in the clean and jerk, Godwin again missed her second attempt, which Griffis said put his heart in "panic mode." The attempt was 165 pounds, which Godwin had done multiple times at UCHS leading up to state.

Godwin said she wanted to attempt 175 on her third attempt because she was worried about Watson catching her, but Griffis told her to attempt 165 again, which she successfully lifted. Griffis said the way he explained it to Godwin was, "We've got to get what we know we can get. Get pounds on the board and make that girl beat you."

Prior to this season, Godwin said she was going to win state. She did. So, what's next? She



How do you win a team state championship? Having four individual lifters win the championships of their weight classes is a great way to accomplish it. Placing first at the Class 1A finals for Union County High School were (l-r) Kurston Bakken, Josie Godwin, Mia Jackson and Brandy McCoy. McCoy, a junior, has now won three straight state titles.

says she's going out with a bang her senior year.

"I'm going to set records," Godwin said.

Bakken, Jackson go out with a bang

Seniors Bakken and Jackson had one more chance to try to win state titles, and they did it, with Bakken winning the unlimited class and Jackson winning the 169 class.

Jackson made a vow after last year's state finals that she would return to win it all.

"It feels good to know I put my mind to something, and I completed a task," she said.

Jackson had a bench press of

200 and a clean and a personal record of 185 in the clean and jerk to finish with a total of 385, which was 25 pounds ahead of Seriah Brokenborough of Eustis.

Griffis was especially proud of Jackson. He gave her the responsibility of being a team captain this year, which meant she made sure her teammates knew when workouts were and held them accountable when

they missed any. The coach said it's a stressful position to take on, but Jackson handled it well and still achieved personally at the highest level.

"She's done an excellent job," Griffis said. "I'm very proud of her for what she's done this year. She has really grown up

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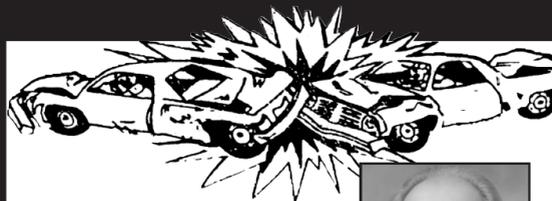
Union County's Josie Godwin competes in the clean and jerk en route to winning her first-ever state title. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.



Josie Godwin competes in the bench press, with coach Bryan Griffis spotting. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

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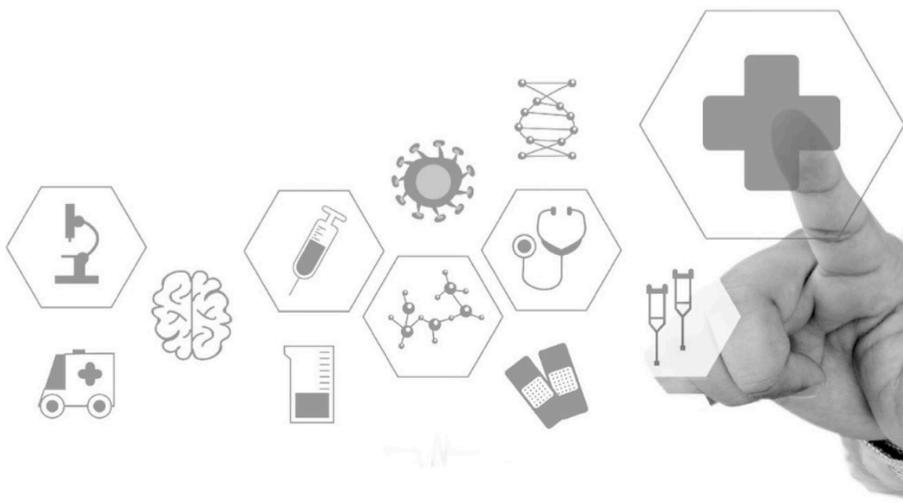
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The Roland T. Stern Learning Center

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group of men in 1985 and retired as company president in 2015.

Following Stern's death, the UF Board of Trustees adopted an Aug. 29, 2017 resolution (R17-90) to name the learning center the "Roland T. Stern Learning Center." That resolution, framed with a photograph of the center, will hang inside the building for all time. Before the curtains were drawn back for the official unveiling of the lettering that adorns the front entrance, Terrell T. "Red" Baker — director and professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation,

UF/IFAS — read the resolution aloud in its entirety to Lucinda while everyone listened.

Respect for the land

The dedication ceremony preceding the unveiling was simple, direct and honest just like the values of living that Stern held in high regard and instilled in his two daughters — Ronda Stern Crawford and Robin Stern Knox — who, in turn, instilled those values in his grandchildren who are already beginning to instill them in the first of the great-grandchildren.

Stern also taught his family, friends and colleagues to love and respect the land by demonstrating

his own love and respect for it. Six generations of Sterns have now lived on the Stern farm off SR 16 for more than 100 years, a fact of which Stern could not have been prouder or any more thankful.

"We'd like to be here all the days of our life," said Lucinda in the 2012 *Telegraph* article. "We love the land," she said. "That sounds corny, I know, but we do. One thing we continue to be amazed at is that we are blessed that God has given us this piece of land to be stewards of. We try to do the best we can with it."

Before the ceremony, Stern's daughter Robin gazed up at the soaring vaulted ceilings of the center and said her dad would not

have liked such a big deal being made about him. But she agreed that the gift itself would have been exactly what he wanted, especially the funds being used to support student scholarships.

Baker thanked the Stern family for their "incredible generosity and gifts" of \$750,000 in endowments that will go to support the Stern Learning Center and provide scholarships for students from Bradford, Union, Baker and Columbia counties.

Baker said, "The scholarships will help us build a new generation of foresters to follow in his footsteps."

Former pro player, college coach Mullins ready to guide Tigers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

He's played professional baseball and coached at the collegiate level. Now, Greg "Boo" Mullins is happy to have the opportunity to be more of a family man, while still devoting his time to the sport he loves, as the new head baseball coach at Union County High School.

Mullins, who played in the Milwaukee Brewers organization for four years, was the head coach at Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia, for seven years (2009-15). Though he enjoyed the experience, it was time to be there for his wife, Shannon, and their three

children: Garrett, Gabriele and Grace.

"College and pro ball is a lot of time on the road," Mullins said. "I kind of neglected (my family), if you will, during those years, being on the road so much. It's just very time consuming and very physically and mentally draining, honestly."

"I wanted to be a good father and a good husband."

Mullins actually spent approximately two years out of coaching, but looked to return to the high school level, where he previously coached at Nease and University Christian. It wouldn't take so much time away from his family. Plus, Mullins' son, Garrett, who is a

freshman, expressed the desire to be coached by him.

What followed was a search for the right fit for Mullins and his family. It just so happened the Palatka native discovered the job opening at UCHS, where Ronny Pruitt is the athletic director. Pruitt coached the football team at University Christian when Mullins coached baseball there.

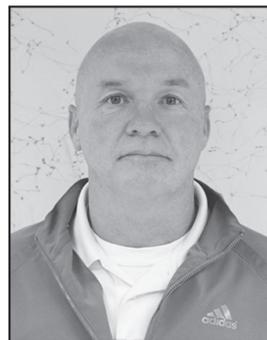
Also, right down the road is the University of Florida. UF assistant coach Brad Weitzel was an assistant coach at the University of North Florida when Mullins played there.

"He's been my mentor for 25 years," Mullins said. "He taught me everything I know. He taught me how to work, taught me how to be a leader, taught me how to be a good man — lifelong lessons that he taught me."

Plus, the opportunity at UCHS just presented him and his family the "total package" in terms of academics, a good support system and a nice community to be a part of.

Now, he's ready to do something positive for his son and everyone else who elects to play baseball at UCHS.

"I want to see kids smile



Greg "Boo" Mullins

and live the dream I got to live because it's a fantastic life," Mullins said. "That journey — I wish I could do it again."

'Boo' develops into college, pro player

Mullins grew up in Palatka and earned the nickname "Boo"

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immensely over the summer until now. I think she could be a coach one day."

For now, she's content with being a state champion.

"It just felt good to know all the hard work paid off," Jackson said. "All the soreness and getting up early some days and working out — it paid off."

Bakken earned medals for a sixth-place finish as a sophomore and a fifth-place finish as a junior when she attended Bradford High School. The transfer made a huge jump this year in winning her class with a total of 525, which was 100 pounds ahead of runner-up Jolie Miller of Nature Coast. Bakken had a 385 total last year.

"It was just crazy I improved that much in one season," she said.

Bakken's bench press of 300 set a state record in her class, while she set a personal record of 225 in the clean and jerk.

"It was overwhelming," Bakken said of winning. "I cried a lot. Tears of joy."

FHSAA expands play-off football field

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Florida High School Athletic Association approved a couple of changes in regard to football that will affect the classifications Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County are in, including expanding the number of teams that will make the playoffs.

As part of the new points system that was instituted last year to determine playoff qualifiers, the teams with the top four point totals in each region in classes 1A-4A advanced to the playoffs. This year, the top six point totals in each region will advance.

Now, the top two teams in each region will earn first-round byes. For example, last year, in Class 4A's Region 2, Bradford, Dunnellon, Trenton and Keystone Heights advanced to the playoffs with the top four point totals. Bradford, the top seed, played fourth seed

Keystone in the first round, which also consisted of second seed Dunnellon playing third seed Trenton. If this year's system had been in place, The Villages and Mount Dora would've qualified for the playoffs as the fifth and sixth seeds. Trenton would've played Mount Dora, while Keystone would've played The Villages. Bradford and Dunnellon wouldn't have played until the following week against those games' winners.

The FHSAA has also increased the number of points teams accrue for losses during the season by five points in each category. A loss to a team in Category 1 (won at least 80 percent of its games) now earns a team 35 points, a loss to a Category 2 team (won 60-79 percent of its games) earns 25 points, a loss to a Category 3 team (won 40-59 percent of its games) is 20 points and a loss to a Category 4 team (won 39 percent or less of its games) is 15 points.

BHS boys' cap perfect season in district

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chris Cummings scored 26 points and had four steals as the Bradford High School boys' basketball team put the finishing touch on an undefeated season against District 4-5A opponents, defeating host Fort White 71-52 on Feb. 3.

Jordan Lee and D.J. Mackey scored 16 and 10 points, respectively, with Mackey grabbing eight rebounds. Tavi'en Young had seven points and six assists, while J'cobi Harris had four points. Tally Chandler and

Taz Curry each had three points, with Jordan Hill adding two points.

Bradford (16-7, 10-0) played Palatka this past Tuesday and will conclude the regular season with a road game against Baker County on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., following a junior varsity game at 6 p.m.

The Tornados enter next week's District 4 tournament, hosted by BHS, as the number-one seed. They will play either fourth seed Fort White or fifth seed Keystone Heights on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. Fort White and Keystone play each other on Monday Feb. 12, at 6 p.m.

If Bradford wins, it will play for the championship on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. They would play either Interlachen or Newberry, who play each other in the Feb. 13 semifinals at 5:30 p.m.

while playing youth baseball. Mullins pitched, while his brother Brian played first base.

"He would just yell, 'Boo,'

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Cummings, Gainey gain experience

Juniors Breyonce Cummings and Taylor Gainey also competed for UCHS. Cummings was 13th in the 183 class with a 305 total (165 bench press, 140 clean and jerk), while Gainey was ninth in the 154 class with a 300 total (155, 145).

Cummings said the state meet was "crazy and exciting" and that the experience will motivate her next year.

"It'll help me to push myself more," she said.

Gainey, too, described the event as "crazy," but she settled in like any other meet and set a personal record in the bench press. Like Cummings, Gainey is looking forward to next year.

"It just makes me excited for what's next," she said.

Until then, she and her teammates can revel in being a part of school history. They brought home the first-ever girls' weightlifting state championship trophy.

"It was kind of like the ending to the perfect fairy tale," Gainey said.

KHHS boys defeat Taylor for 2nd straight win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Eddie Thomas scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the Keystone Heights High School boys' basketball team's 61-27 District 4-5A win over host Pierson Taylor on Feb. 2.

Ben Miller and Garrett Stanley had nine and eight points, respectively, while Sawyer Maxwell had six. Marco Flores had four points, nine assists and five steals, with Ray Kirtley scoring three points. Josh Hughes and Josh Pendergrast each had two points. Tyler Cumbs added one point.

The Indians (11-12, 2-8) got 12 points and 10 rebounds from Thomas in a 61-46 win over visiting Cedar Key on Jan. 30. Hughes and Maxwell each had 10 points, while Flores had nine. Miller and Stanley had eight and six points, respectively, with Kirtley adding two.

Keystone played Middleburg this past Tuesday and will conclude the regular season by hosting Oak Hall on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

The Indians are the fifth seed in the District 4 tournament at Bradford High School next week. They'll play fourth seed Fort White in a quarterfinal game on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. If Keystone wins, it will play top seed Bradford in a Tuesday, Feb. 13, semifinal at 7 p.m. A win there, and the Indians would advance to the championship game on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

Terry Akins Sr.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Terry Lewis Akins Sr., 65, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. He was born June 25, 1952 in Jacksonville to the late Lewis Watson Akins and Eva Mae Joyner Akins. He graduated from Terry Parker High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. He then went to FCCJ for Law Enforcement Certification and worked for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. He is preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Hildreth Carpenter, and Lavenia Singletary.

He is survived by: his wife of 40 years, Anita Barnes Akins of Keystone Heights; son, Terry Lewis (Dorothy) Akins Jr. of North Carolina; daughter, Angela (Derrell) Keaton of Keystone Heights; sisters, Sandra (Sam) Singletary of Lawley, Sadie (James) Witt of Ridgecrest, CA; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Woodland Acres Community Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Gene Eberhardy officiating. Interment will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 11:30 am where military honors will be rendered. The family will receive friends Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6-8:00 pm at the church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke.

Mary Boyd

LAKE BUTLER—Mary Bess Roberts Boyd, age 86, a very loving mother and grandmother, passed away, Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. Mary was a born Oct. 9, 1931 in Lake Butler to parents Matthew and Bessie Roberts. She worked as a surgical assistant for 25 years, was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy and loved to travel. Mary was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband, Charlie Clarence Boyd; one brother and four sisters.

She is survived by: her sons, Michael Charles (Brenda) Boyd and Andrew Richard (Gretchen) Boyd; and a daughter, Janet Karen Boyd Richendollar; 15 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held, Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:00 am in the chapel of Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, (904)781-4314

with Michael Boyd officiating, followed by interment in Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Fargo, GA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

PAID OBITUARY

Marianna Cooney

STARKE—Marianna C. "Ban" Cooney, 89, of Starke died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born in Westminster, MD on June 10, 1928 to the late Milton and Mary Cook, and moved to Starke almost 50 years ago from New Windsor, MD. She was a homemaker and of the Methodist Faith.

She is survived by: her husband of 70 years, Harry E. "Skip" Cooney; children, Daniel (Pamela) Cooney of Stanley, VA, Michael (Catrell) Cooney of Cocoa Beach and Rebecca Cooney of Ocala; sisters, Jean Means of Westminster, MD and Carlein Harris of Hanover, PA; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 7 with Harry Hatcher officiating. Interment followed at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

Curtis Hall

HIGH SPRINGS—Curtis R. "Papa" Hall, 87, longtime High Springs resident departed this life Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was a Godly man who loved his family. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force where he served as an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his son, Terry Hall.

Survivors include: his wife of 67 years, Susan Hall, High Springs; one daughter, Kathy Sue Hall, Lake Butler; daughter-in-law, Diana Hall, High Springs; one brother, William (Chubby) Hall, Tampa; eight grandchildren, Tina, Mike, Edward, Misty, Lisa, Derek, Dana, Alesha; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Saturday, Feb. 10th at Sardis Baptist Church, Worthington Springs with Military Honors. Interment will be at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by: Evans-Carter Funeral Home, High Springs. (386)454-2444

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MA and, coming from Savannah, had lived in Palatka from 1971 until 2001 when she moved to Keystone Heights. She was formerly employed by Union Camp in Savannah, GA where she met her future husband. She had worked as station manager at the former Greyhound Bus Station in Palatka.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights where she was involved in several activities. She enjoyed reading, solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles, scrapbooking and going to the beach.

Preceding her in death were her husband, L.G. Jasperson; a son, Glen Jasperson; a daughter, Barbara Gail Jasperson; and a grandson, Duane Jasperson.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and L.D. Osteen of Hollister, Lisse Jasperson of Palatka, and Rebecca "Becky" and Harold Strom of Keystone Heights; a son, Ernest "Andy" Jasperson of Gainesville; a daughter-in-law, Iva Jasperson of Foley, AL; six grandchildren and spouses, Darrell and Tisha Jasperson of Loxley, AL, Krissi and Jay Smith of Hollister, Timothy Paul (Jamie Wagner) of Palatka, Travis and Tori Osteen of Trenton, Elizabeth Ann and Russ Gregston of Copper Center, AK, and Tyler M. Strom of Ft. Myers.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31 at Masters Funeral Home with Dr. L.D. Osteen officiating. Burial followed in Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Windsor Health and Rehab Center (for needy patients), 602 East Laura St., Starke. Friends may sign the online register at www.themastersfuneralhomes.com. Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY

Renee Linville

STARKE—Renee Antoinette Louise Linville, 84, of Starke died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at Shands Hospital in Starke. She was born in St. Etienne, France on June 24, 1933 to the late Jean Claude and Catherine (Bonnin) Montagne and had moved to Starke ten years ago from Gainesville. She was a retired clinical pathologist.

She is survived by: her husband of 56 years, Richard A. Linville; two sons, Charles (Lori) Linville of Starke and Patrick Linville of Seattle, WA; and one grandchild. A private burial was at the Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

of Water Survival. Peggy was a very active longtime member of First Baptist Church and touched many lives as a surrogate grandmother. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Donald Everett Neel who passed on Jan. 16, 2018; and her brother, Jimmy Wiggins.

Survivors are, her sons, Donald A. (Cindy) Neel of Houston, TX, Kevin S. (Tamara) Neel of Albany, GA, sister: Susan (Phillip) Nichols of Starke; brothers, Gene (Paula) Wiggins of Newnan GA, and Bobby (Nancy) Wiggins of Virginia Beach, VA; sister-in-law, Carolyn Wiggins of Jacksonville. Also left behind are grandchildren, Nicole Neel (Nicholas) Williamson, Ami Joanna (Benjamin) Lansford, John-Paul Everett Neel and Chelsie (Beau) Hammock, great-grandchildren, Ashlyn Piper Edwards and Nolan Randy Williamson.

The family will receive friends at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 12 at First Baptist Church, 163 W. Jefferson Street in Starke with Pastor Justin Durrance and Pastor Ben Bryant officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1258, Starke, FL 32091 or Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com. 904-964-6200

PAID OBITUARY

Katherine Oliver

STARKE—Katherine L. Oliver, 86, of Starke and recently of Monticello, MS died on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 after a long illness caused by lung disease. She was born Oct. 30, 1931 to the late Alto and Nona Price of Pensacola. She was a Godly woman. Her daughter Kathy Oliver preceded her in death.

She is survived by: her husband of 68 years, Dewey G. Oliver of Monticello, MS; son, Michael G. (Debbie) Oliver of Pennsylvania; daughter, Jacqueline O. (David) Wainwright of Starke; and a brother, Keith G. Tullius of MS. Also left behind are nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; six sisters in law, three brothers in law and many other family members.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Roman Alvarez officiating. Interment will be at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

Doris Starling

STARKE—Doris M. Thomas Starling, 97 years of age, went to Heaven on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. She was born on Sept. 21, 1920, to the late Herman and Jessie Thomas. With the exception of three years in Texas, she was a lifelong resident of Starke. She was a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her loving husband of 46 years, Joe Starling; and her parents, Herman and Jessie Thomas; her brothers, Russell Thomas, Carl Thomas, and M.J. Thomas; and her great-grandson, Cole Gibson.

She is survived by: her sister, Agnes Thomas Wainwright. She is also survived by her daughter, Betty (Roman) Alvarez; sons, Frank (Linda Sue) Starling and Marty (Jessie) Starling; her nine grandchildren, Greg (Stephanie) Alvarez; Derek (Sherree) Alvarez; Stefanie (Gordon) Smith; Shelley (Tommy) Thornton; Jason (Sabra) Starling; Dennis (Misty) Hanson; Joseph Starling; Michael (Christie) Starling; and Rebecca Marie (Tim) Billups; her twenty great-grandchildren, Justin (Brittany) Alvarez; Heather Alvarez; Kylie Alvarez; Macy Alvarez; Hailey (Chris) Coffey; Hayden Smith; Anna Grace Thornton; Braden Thornton; Tyler Starling; Caleb Starling, Brylie Starling, Tanner Hanson; Anna (Knox) Strawbridge; Jordan Starling; Chase (Brooke) Starling; Skyler Starling; Spencer Starling; Sicilie Starling; T.J. (Allison) Billups; Tyler Billups; and Tobey Billups; and her seven great, great grandchildren Colin Alvarez, Harper Alvarez, Ridge Alvarez, Jack Gibson, Bryce Gibson, Caden Coffey, and Cobey Coffey. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Doris M. Starling were held on Sunday, February 4 at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Chapel in Starke. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by the memorial service at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com (904) 964-6200.

PAID OBITUARY

Esta Underhill

STARKE—Esta Mae Manning Underhill, 96, of Starke died on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at Shands UF in Gainesville after a brief illness. She was born in

Raiford on Oct. 21, 1921 to James and Della (Nettles) Manning. A longtime resident of Starke, she was a homemaker and a member of Bayless Highway Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband of 56 years, Jack H. Underhill; granddaughter, Jaclyn Tomlinson; and eight siblings.

She is survived by: her daughter, Mary Sue Tomlinson of Jacksonville; one grandson; three great-grandchildren; and many other family members. A graveside service was held on Feb. 7 at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

Starke.



Joe Usher

WELLBORN—Joe Usher, 90, of Wellborn, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. The Lakeland native moved to Wellborn from Lake City in 1992. He was a Veteran of WWII, serving in the Navy, an independent insurance agent, a rancher and was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Usher is survived by: his wife of fifty-one years, Jane Usher, Wellborn; half-sister, Willow Mae Wagoner; half-brother, Rufus Carroll; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

My son Ryan, a 5th grader at Starke Elementary, has been selling donuts for school for his end of year field trip to Universal/Islands of Adventure. He collected \$91 out of the \$120 needed for his trip. A couple days ago, his money was stolen. I called Starke P.D. to file police report in hopes the person who took his money would return it. Well, they didn't. Tonight, four of our finest officers showed up at our door and told us they took up a collection for Ryan. Not only did they collect his trip money, but also collected enough from the P.D. to send him with plenty of spending money. A huge thank you to Sgt. Keel and our awesome men and women in blue.

Sandi White



Carola Jasperson

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Carola T. Jasperson, 91, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at Windsor Health and Rehab Center in Starke following an extended illness.

Carola was born in Everett,

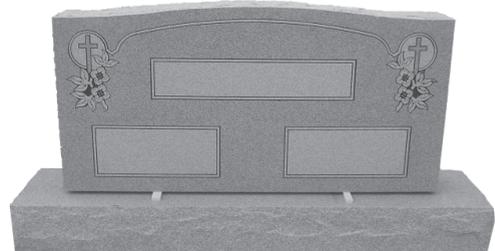


Peggy Neel

STARKE—Peggy Ann Neel, age 86, of Starke passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at Lake Butler Hospital and Hand Surgery Center. Peggy was born on Oct. 29, 1931 in Starke to the late Alva and Laura (Hemingway) Wiggins. Prior to retirement she worked for the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville as a secretary for the Department

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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 –

Jerry Taylor Atteberry, 22, of Lawley was arrested Feb. 5 by Bradford deputies for burglary and criminal mischief with property damage. Deputies responded to a call in reference to a burglary. Contact was made with the grandson of the property owner, Robert Atteberry, who stated that his grandfather was out of town. He said he had noticed a broken window in the north side of the residence. Deputies notices broken glass on the ground and heard someone inside the residence. Additional units were requested to respond, then the deputy tried to get the individual to come out, with negative results. When Lt. Luke Hass arrived, he was able to get the individual to come out and he was identified as Jerry Atteberry. Atteberry had willingly left the residence over a week before and taken his belongings. He had been told not to return. He was arrested due to the burglary call and the breaking of the window.



J. Atteberry

Angela Kay Black, 55, of Starke was arrested Feb. 2 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant.



A. Black

Dameon Daquen Butler, 41, of Starke was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for maintaining a place where controlled substances are kept, sold or used, selling cocaine and possession of cocaine.



D. Butler

Jeyson Steven Callejas Diaz, 22, of Houston, Texas was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for driving without a valid license.



S. Callejas

Toyota travelling southbound at a high rate of speed in a 45-mph zone. Radar indicated a speed of 68 mph.

The defendant was identified by his El Salvador passport. He told the deputy that he had no license. The officer checked Texas and Florida databases for a license and the search results were negative.

Thomas Chambers, was arrested Jan. 31 for two by Bradford deputies for probation violations and possession of drug paraphernalia. Chambers was approached by Deputy Hunzinger concerning a county warrant. Upon being searched the deputy discovered a clear glass pipe with burn marks on each



T. Chambers



K. Davis

violation.

Terry Preston Davis, 31, of Sanderson was arrested Feb. 5 by Bradford deputies on a warrant issued by Judge Davis for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling during a state of emergency and grand theft of a



T. Davis

firearm, both felonies. The warrant stems from a Feb. 26, 2017 incident which led to the arrest of Davis on multiple charges of grand theft of a firearm and burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. The victim called Bradford deputies and reported his guns missing and said he had not locked the deadbolt on his back door the night before.

The investigation into the matter was lengthy and yielded no results until almost five months later when a call came in from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office reporting that one of the guns had been recovered in a traffic stop. The driver, Samantha Nickerson was arrested and the gun confiscated. She eventually said the gun was given to her by two friends, one of who was Davis. Davis was serving a four-year sentence at the RMC Work Camp for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a controlled substance. Davis admitted to serving as a lookout for the burglary and assisting in its planning.

Joshua Gordon Gaines, 28, of Perry was arrested Feb. 1 by Bradford deputies for non-support.



J. Gaines

Stephanie Dawn Gooderham, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 1 by Starke police for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of cocaine, possession of drug equipment and destroying evidence.

According to a police report, arresting officer Paul King observed the suspect driving



S. Gooderham

without a seatbelt west on Estelle Street around 5:09 p.m. When King asked Gooderham for her license, she said it had been suspended, and King confirmed though dispatch that not only was the license currently suspended, it had been suspended eight previous times for failure to pay court financial obligations.

"I advised the suspect not exit the vehicle at which time I observed her chewing on something," King wrote in the report. "Due to my previous contacts with the suspect, I know that she is a user of crack cocaine and was leaving a residence known for narcotics activity. Due to my experience, I know that crack cocaine is often hid inside the mouth."

King ordered Gooderham to open her mouth, and when she refused, he grabbed her jaw and "was able to get a small piece of a white substance from inside her mouth."

In a field test, the substance tested positive for cocaine, and while preparing Gooderham's vehicle for towing, King found a glass crack pipe with residue, between the driver seat and center console.

Riley Leonard Griffis, 60, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 5 for first degree battery-touch or strike. He was involved in an altercation with a woman at their residence, putting his hand over her mouth aggressively and telling her to shut up. The victim was not injured.



R. Griffis

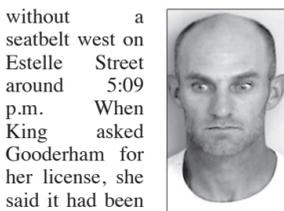


C. Hall

James Daniel Lewis, 23, of Starke was arrested Feb. 5 on a warrant for felony violation of probation. He was transported by Bradford deputies to the Bradford County jail.



Lewis, J.



D. Prescott

Feb. 3 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Nathan Fleetwood Prosser, 53, of Starke was arrested Feb. 3 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.



N. Prosser



X. Qelemeni

Xhulia Qelemeni, 25, of Jacksonville was arrested Feb. 1 by Starke police for larceny.

According to a police report, arresting officer Karly Jones was dispatched to Family Dollar on South Walnut Street after a store employee called 911.

A store employee told Jones that the suspect took several items from the store's automobile aisle without paying. The worker attempted to stop Qelemeni from leaving the business but was unable. After the worker called 911, the suspect returned several of the items to the shelf.

Jones searched the suspect's backpack and found several cleaning products taken from the store. The total value of stolen items was \$20.45.



D. Saunders

David Burton Saunders, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 31 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.



P. Sheffield-Nester

Patricia Renee Sheffield-Nester, 50, of Jackson, Georgia was arrested Feb. 3 by FHP troopers for an out-of-county warrant.



L. Terrell

Lynzi Michele Terrell, 25, of Starke was arrested Feb. 5 by Bradford deputies for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment and a probation violation.

Ryan Matthew Walker, 26,



R. Walker

homeless was arrested Feb. 3 by Starke police for larceny.

Thomas E. Wichterham, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 5 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license.



T. Wichterham

Kimberly Diane Wilson, 37, of Lawley was arrested Jan. 30 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.



K. Wilson

UNION COUNTY -

Ethan Etienne Anderson, 37, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on a warrant stemming from Nov. 3, 2017 charges for selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a house of worship or business and possession of cocaine with intent to sell within the same area.

Angela Castlen Bailes, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on a warrant for failure to appear.

John A. Carney, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on a warrant stemming from an Sept. 16, 2017 charge of theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000, a third-degree felony.

Bradley Spiegall, 15, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Jan. 29 on a warrant stemming from Jan. 11 charges of burglary of a structure or conveyance without a person inside, a third-degree felony.

Shane Ryan Summers, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 2 on a warrant stemming from Nov. 29, 2017 charges for larceny, theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000, a third-degree felony, and vehicle theft, a grand third-degree offense.

The theft of a 2011 Dodge Ram 3500 white flatbed truck and a 2005 ANDS Gooseneck 25-foot trailer from Smith and Sons Sod Company was reported at midnight on Nov. 29. In the report, the owners stated that the vehicle was usually kept unlocked with the keys inside.

Union deputies had been in pursuit of another stolen vehicle, which they lost sight of for a short time. When this vehicle was found it was abandoned and it was discovered that the suspects had taken another vehicle from Smith and Sons. The truck and trailer were not found at the time. The truck was located in Cook County, GA by the Adel Police Department in the possession of Summers and a female accomplice named Ceceilia Hall, also of Lake Butler. They had been arrested on local charges, so UCSO Sgt. Townsend traveled to GA to interview the suspects. Summers did not admit to the theft, but divulged information that only the person involved in the theft would know. He also revealed where he had disconnected and left the trailer (in Columbia County). The total value of the truck, trailer, cargo on the trailer, fuel burned and recovery expenses exceeds \$39,000, with the figure not including delaying in production for the business caused by the lack of the truck and equipment.

Sylvester Warren, 41, of Gainesville was arrested Feb. 4 by Union deputies for two counts of larceny, petit first-degree property \$100 to \$300, both misdemeanors. Deputies responded to a call at Hungry Howies on West Main St. in Lake Butler concerning the theft employees of a tip jar. The suspect had fled the scene before the deputies arrived, but was described to them by the manager as a tall, black male who had been observed standing

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 This week I was in Orlando attending the 2018 VMX conference. It is one of the largest veterinary conferences in the US and Canada. Florida veterinarians are required to get 30 hours of continuing education every two years. This means we have to continue our education by attending classes either live, as in the VMX, or online. I go every year because information is expanding so quickly that I don't want to get left behind. This was a very exciting year as delivery of care for patients is now moving more to digital resources. Right now I already consult with my specialists through digital formats. In the future we will be able to have consultations with our pets and their parents through digital format. These products are in their infancy right now but are already becoming available. Over the next coming months I will be highlighting on Facebook and WEAG New products in the digital world that we think will be a benefit to our pet parents. So stay tuned.

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CRIME

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outside of a long time. When the employee on duty went to the back of the store, the suspect entered and grabbed the money out of the tip jar and he walked out of the store, despite being told by the employee, who had returned to the front in response to a noise, to put the money back.

The store manager followed the suspect and caught up with him near the intersection of SW First St. and SW Sixth Ave. She told the suspect to give the money back and he handed her part of it and told her to stop bothering him. The manager reported that the suspect still had the majority of the money in his possession. He walked away in the direction of Spires IGA.

The manager reported the suspect had gone into a convenience store just before coming into Hungary Howies and they had surveillance of him. Deputies were shown pictures of the suspect taking a case of liquor from the store the day before. He was identified by employees of the store as Sylvester Warren.

Deputies canvassed the area and the suspect was observed walking west bound on SW Third St. carrying a Spires grocery bag containing several recently purchased items. He stated he has just come from Spires and was going home. The suspect was restrained and arrested at that time.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION—

Leighann Helen Baker, 27, of Hampton was arrested Feb. 1 by Alachua deputies for larceny.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer William Jones observed the suspect conceal merchandise inside her purse while inside the Pilot Travel Center in Waldo.

“This was clearly an effort to conceal the items and remove them from the store,” Jones wrote in the report.

Store employees told Jones that they saw Baker take clothing items off the shelf, walk to the bathroom and hide the merchandise in her purse.

The value of merchandise recovered from the purse totaled \$340.91.

Alejandro Manuel Brown, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 4 by Clay deputies for battery.

The suspect was in an argument with his live-in girlfriend and prevented her from leaving their residence when she attempted to do so. He bumped against her hard enough that she was knocked into the door frame and hit her head against it. He then shoved her with both hands in the chest so hard that she fell onto the bed than onto the floor. The victim claimed that he also spit in her face three times. She said she attempted to use the suspects iPad to call 911, but he snatched it away from her and threatened to hit her with it, but then shattered the device over his knee.

The victim was able to get out of the residence, accompanied by her 15-year old cousin. The suspect followed her outside, got into his vehicle and left. She walked to a nearby business and called her family who responded

to the residence and called 911. The victim stated she had redness and swelling to her chest and harm from the encounter.

During the course of the investigation the suspect called one of the victim's family members and was convinced by them to meet them at the family's home. Deputies responded to that residence and took the suspect into custody.

Jessica Marie Sue Ernest, 28, of Melrose was arrested Jan. 29 by Putnam deputies for possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.



J. Ernest



K. Fowler



S. Hall



Hardee, D.



S. Hoskinson



Hurley, D.



J. Loper



J. Roberson

Kaylee Marie Fowler, 27, of Keystone heights was arrested Jan. 29 by Putnam deputies for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Stanley Joseph Hall, 53, of Melrose was arrested by Putnam deputies for failure to appear.

David Payne Hardee, 36 of Melrose was arrested Feb. 3 by Clay deputies for driving with a suspended or revoked license and failure to appear.

Sherry Louise Hoskinson, 53, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 5 by Putnam deputies for battery.

Delson Ray Hurley, 44, of Keystone heights was arrested Feb. 5 by Clay deputies for failure to appear.

Jacob Ryan Loper, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 30 by Clay deputies for violating a domestic violence injunction.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer T.J. Hayden found the defendant at the home of a family member after the victim called 911. Earlier that same day, another deputy served a temporary injunction order to the defendant, prohibiting him from being near the family member.

John Kenneth Roberson, 41, of Melrose was arrested Feb. 2 by Putnam

KHHS girls' season ends in district quarterfinal game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School allowed an opponent to receive an inbounds pass all alone under the basket for a layup with less than eight seconds remaining, resulting in a 49-48 loss to Fort White in the District 4-5A girls' basketball quarterfinal game on Feb. 5 in Starke.

The Indians (8-15) got a combined 19 points from Destiny Bright and Savannah Channell in the fourth quarter to erase a seven-point deficit and take a lead, but they couldn't hold on. It didn't help that Keystone went 3-of-8 from the foul line in the final quarter, including missing the front ends of two one-and-one opportunities in the last 30 seconds.

Bright and Channell each scored 14 points, while Victoria Snider had 11. Haley Julius and Skylar Rollins added seven and two points, respectively.

Keystone entered the tournament off of wins in its final two regular-season games.

In a 41-24 win over visiting



Lexi Northway sets up for a shot.

Cedar Key on Jan. 30, Julius and Channell had 14 and 11 points, respectively, with Snider adding 10. Victoria Bannon and Lexi Northway each had two points.

Channell scored 17 points in a 45-38 win over visiting West Nassau on Feb. 2. Snider and Bright had 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Julius had five. Carissa Gagnon added two.



Keystone's Savannah Channell (right) drives to the basket.

deputies for failure to appear.

Kyle Ross Weaver, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested Feb. 2 by Clay deputies for failure by a sexual offender to report internet identifiers.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer R.M. Ellis received information from the social media company: Pinterest that Weaver had posted an image of child pornography to the site.

Through a subpoena, the deputy also received information that the image was uploaded from a device located at Weaver's permanent residence on Deer Springs Road.

As a registered sexual offender, Weaver is required to register all internet identifiers with law enforcement, including email addresses and social media accounts. Ellis determined that the defendant had only registered two email addresses with the sheriff's office, and no Pinterest account.

Ellis, with Detective Jeremiah Gosila, then interviewed Weaver and searched his laptop and mobile phone. The officers found no contraband on the defendant's devices, but did determine he had Pinterest, Facebook, and Kik accounts that he failed to register with the sheriff's office.



Haley Julius handles the ball on the perimeter.

NCA is SECC girls' basketball runner-up



Northside's Karissa Lawrence (left) drives to the basket in the first half.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Caroline Smith outscored the entire Brunswick Christian Academy team 10-5 in the third quarter, but Northside Christian Academy had too big of a deficit to overcome, losing 36-21 in the finals of the South Eastern Christian Conference Middle School Girls' Basketball championship on Feb. 3 at Northside.

Smith scored 17 points for the Eagles, who trailed 21-6 at the half. Harli Mosley added four points.

Northside, which was the number-one seed in the east half

of the bracket, advanced to the championship by defeating Old Plank 29-22. Smith and Tatiana Coleman each had 10 points, while Karissa Lawrence had nine.

This year's Northside team was composed of Coleman, Lawrence, Mosley, Smith, Krislynn Faulkner, Arianna Norman, Grace Sefcik, Chloe Templeton, Miya Warren and Krysta Wheeler. The Eagles were coached by Shelsea Rickman and Kristi Faulkner.

Northside hosted the two-day championship event for girls' and boys' teams. Eleven schools, including NCA, participated.



The Eagles' Grace Sefcik (center) battles for a rebound.

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BHS girls advance to District 4-5A title game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School held Interlachen to one field goal and four points in the third quarter to pull away and ride Jah'mya Henderson's 22-point effort in a 45-31 win in the Feb. 6 semifinals of the District 4-5A girls' basketball tournament in Starke.

Olyvia Griffin and Raynisha Hunter had seven and five points, respectively, as the third seed Tornadoes (11-11) now play top seed Newberry

for the championship on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at BHS.

Jade Baker and Meghan Harris each had three points in the win over second seed Interlachen, while Chloe Raab and Dezirae Tabet each had two points. Brittnee Smiley added one point.

Prior to the tournament, Bradford closed the regular season with a 50-12 road win over Baldwin on Jan. 30 and a 51-27 loss to visiting Eastside on Feb. 1.

Smiley scored 16 points in

the win over Baldwin, while Regina Roberts and Baker had eight and seven points, respectively. Meghan Harris and Henderson had six and five, respectively, with Griffin and Hunter each scoring three. Raab added two points.

In the loss to Eastside, Griffin and Roberts scored seven and five points, respectively. Henderson and Raab each had four points, while Hunter and Tabet each had two. Baker, Harris and Smiley each added one point.



The Tornadoes' Dezirae Tabet (left) fights for possession of the ball.



Jah'mya Henderson drives to the basket in the Tornadoes' 45-31 district semifinal win.



Bradford's Raynisha Hunter (left) goes up for two.

MULLINS

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when he wanted me to pick the guy off," Mullins said. "For some reason, I don't know why, it just stuck."

Mullins would go on to pitch for Palatka High School. He said he wasn't the prototypical athlete, describing himself as little and skinny with no strength, so he wasn't necessarily envisioning a baseball career after graduating in 1990.

What Mullins did have was a work ethic, thanks to parents James and Patricia Mullins.

"We were a poor family," Mullins said. "Money didn't matter. Nothing mattered but your name and your work ethic. For some reason — and it can be cliché — that just stuck with me. I was going to be the hardest working kid on every team I played on."

Mullins' career did continue. He played at St. Johns River College and then for UNF, where he said head coach Dusty Rhodes and the aforementioned Weitzel "turned me into a professional baseball player."

Again, his work ethic was still evident.

"I had to be better than the bigger, stronger guys because I was the little guy," Mullins said. "I had to work harder, I had to lift more weights and I had to throw more because every scout wants a 6-4 guy. I was the 5-9 guy. I was the guy who wasn't supposed to make it."

He wasn't drafted, but Mullins, did sign with the Milwaukee Brewers in 1995 as a free agent.

Getting called up

The greatest days of Mullins' life are when he got married and when his children were born. After those events, though, his best day was getting called up to the big leagues.

He started off his professional career in the minor leagues, recalling how he roomed with seven guys during rookie ball, making approximately \$342 a month. He remembered an incident during his second year, when he played for the Stockton Ports of the California League, when his team bus broke down at midnight in California's High Desert, leaving the team stranded until someone else happened along.

"It was a grind," said Mullins, who compiled 55 saves in the minors.



Jake Worthington (far left) and Trevor Rogers (far right) get some instructions from new head coach Greg Mullins.

He was called up by the Brewers in 1998, joining the team on Sept. 18, 1998. Though he didn't play, that first game with the team was memorable. It was against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field during the year where the Cubs' Sammy Sosa and the St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' home run record. Mullins watched Sosa hit two home runs that day.

Mullins' first appearance in a game occurred three days later against the Cardinals. He struck out Delino DeShields, the first-ever batter he faced.

During one game of a home series against the Cubs, Mullins retired batters Jeff Blauser and Lance Johnson. Though not off of him, he watched Sosa hit another couple of home runs.

It was during that series that Mullins injured his shoulder. Three surgeries and extensive rehab followed. A fourth surgery was recommended by a doctor, but Mullins knew he had reached his limit. He retired in 1999.

"You know your own body," he said. "It wasn't happening again."

It may not have played out like he wanted it to, but he's thankful for God blessing him with the time he did spend in the big leagues. Whether it's Sosa, McGwire or any other Major League Baseball superstar you want to name, he and Mullins both made the same dream come true.

"I played against them and with them," Mullins said. "Even though they played longer than me, I was still as good as them. That's not being boastful. It's being very humble because I'm very thankful for the God-given abilities and the opportunity that he gave me."

A new career

Mullins and his family moved to Jacksonville, where he resumed his studies at UNF (he had one course to complete to earn his degree). Then UNF assistant baseball coach Scott Benedict asked head coach

Dusty Rhodes why a former Major League pitcher who was on campus was not part of the Ospreys' staff. Mullins said Rhodes dragged him out of class and told him, "You're my new pitching coach."

He worked in that capacity for two years, then got his first head-coaching opportunity at Nease High School. Nease went 49-12 in Mullins' two seasons (2005-06), setting school records for wins in each of those seasons, advancing to the regional finals both seasons and playing in the state semifinals in 2005.

Mullins said he was blessed by having Joey Russell as an assistant coach and having the support of players and their parents.

"I had good players at that place," Mullins said. "I had a great team. It was the best baseball team I've ever had."

One of his players was Tim Tebow, who played for Mullins as a junior in 2005. Tebow didn't play in 2006 because he enrolled early at the University of Florida, where he excelled in football.

Mullins would've loved to have seen Tebow stick with baseball, saying, "He would've been in the big leagues by now."

"I tried my hardest to get him to play baseball, but his heart, his passion, was football," Mullins said.

Mullins took the head-coaching job at University Christian. The baseball program was down at that time, but in his two seasons there (2007-08), the Christians went 40-12.

Big leagues of another sort

Just like going from the minors to the bigs as a player, Mullins moved up a level in coaching, taking the head baseball job at Brewton-Parker College in 2009. He compiled a 248-113 record in seven seasons, with the Barons winning one conference championship and advancing to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics postseason six times.

He enjoyed his time at

Brewton-Parker, which also included serving as athletic director and baseball coach at the same time during his final two years.

"We won," Mullins said. "Kids got drafted. Kids were graduating. The camaraderie was good."

However, Mullins just needed to step away and focus on his family.

"The moral of this story — I wanted to be a good daddy and a good husband," he said.

Back on the diamond at UCHS

Now, Mullins has rejoined the coaching ranks, ready to guide the Tigers. So far, he's received overwhelming support from parents and the community, saying, "It's as equal to the most support I've ever had at any place."

He describes his team as having "a bunch of good, young talent." The Tigers lost a lot to graduation, so Mullins said many may be expecting a down year.

The number of wins and losses remains to be seen. What Mullins expects is the same work ethic he possessed as a player. He had his team participate in extensive conditioning during 5:30 a.m. workouts in the fall.

"Someone might have more talent for us," Mullins said, "but we will not be outworked."

What will excite Mullins most about watching his players take the field for the first time is watching them get that opportunity to showcase the result of their hard work to this point. The Tigers participate in a preseason tournament at P.K. Yonge on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, before opening the regular season with a home game against Interlachen on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

"We have a long ways to go to where I want to be," Mullins said, "but we're already on the right track."

His "right track" in regard to the successes he's experienced as a player and coach was paved by so many people. That's why Mullins wishes to express his thanks to all who played a part, whether it be the coaches and mentors he had as a player or his family — his wife, children, in-laws Bill and Betty Saunders, brothers Brian, Jimmy and Richard, and, of course, his parents. If it wasn't for James and Patricia Mullins, he wouldn't be where he is today.

"My parents were the most important two people in my life," Mullins said. "They were my two best friends, and I wanted to reward them for what they sacrificed for me. I didn't need to give them anything. I just wanted to reward them with seeing me be successful."

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BHS' Donley places 4th at state finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Illness prevented Bradford High School's Khalia Donley from competing the Class 1A girls' weightlifting finals last year — her first time qualifying — but the senior was well enough this year, placing fourth in the 110 class to earn a medal for a top-six finish.

"I'm just very grateful," Donley said. "I felt very honored to even go to state let alone place at state."

Donley had a bench press of 130 and a clean and jerk of 125 to finish with a 255 total. She entered the meet hoping to place in the top three and actually had the third-best total. However,

Fivay's Isabel Martinez was awarded third place due to the weigh-in tiebreaker. Martinez weighed four-tenths of a pound less than Donley.

"It was (frustrating), but that's just how it works," Donley said.

She joked that if she had known how heavy the weight would feel in the bench press, she would not have attempted 130 pounds. Instead, she wished she had done 125 and saved up some strength for possibly doing 10 pounds more in the clean and jerk.

Still, a medal is a nice way to cap a senior season.

"It was pretty memorable," Donley said. "The whole entire experience of this year was



Khalia Donley
Photo by Shelley Rodgers
memorable."



Bradford's Khalia Donley competes in the clean and jerk en route to placing fourth in the 110 class at the state finals. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

Avon Park's Earlnajah Collins won the class with a 280 total, while River Ridge's Katelyn Kirves was runner-up with a 260 total.

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Keystone softball team aiming for the top

BY BRANDON LUDWIG
Monitor correspondent

1989. While the year is the name of a popular Taylor Swift album, it also carries significance in that it was the last time the Keystone Heights Indians Softball Team won a state championship.

Now this isn't to say that the team hasn't been successful since then. The Indians have been district champions many times in the years after, were regional champions as recently as 2012 (making it to the state final four that year) and have been a regional softball powerhouse.

Last season, the Lady Indians went 19-10, were district champions, beat South Sumter 6-0 in the regional quarterfinal and made it to the regional semifinal, where they lost to the eventual state-runner up: Eustis. The squad had significant victories over prominent teams, including the Santa Fe Raiders, Bradford Tornadoes, Middleburg Broncos, and perhaps most importantly, a win over the Class 1A State Champions, the Union County Tigers. The Indians and Tigers have a competitive team rivalry, despite the fact that Keystone plays in Class 5A.

In an exclusive interview with the 2018 team, I was fortunate enough to get to meet with the players and Head Coach Jessica Marquart to find out their winning philosophy, and how they hope to translate that philosophy back into on field success this season.

Senior core leads team

The team took last year's disappointing loss to Eustis in the regional semifinal to heart.

Junior Cami Worley phrased it best when she said that, "You know, we've been trying to work even harder since then, and really, since the start of our high school careers, it's just who we are as a team."

Senior Pitcher Megan Moncrief then chimed in, saying with the agreement of the team that, "When it comes to our whole team, we've all really bonded together pretty well over the past few years. We all work hard, we have fun, and we're all focused on the same goal... becoming the Class 5A State Champion before we graduate, and we want this to be the year

that we make that happen."

The team is comprised of a core group of eight seniors, seven of which are returning from last season. These seniors are Megan Moncrief, Bailey Story, Ashleigh Jennings, Skylar Rollins, Molly Crawford, Lexi Northway, Makayla Smith, and Emily Pressley. Along with these seniors, the team also features juniors Cami Worley and Savannah Channell, sophomores Ashton Ludwig and Madison Heskett, and freshman Daelynn Eatmon, along with preseason player Britney Hollingsworth.

Marquart is not one to mince words either, saying that she expects the best out of her team, both on and off the field. When it came to finding out the qualities that she expected from her players, Coach Marquart stated that, "I want to see hard work, dedication, and the girls working together as team players at all times. Every player is going to have their own personalities, but if they can't get past them for the sake of the team, we'll never be able to get to the level of success we want. Luckily, these girls are doing just that, and I know they're definitely ready."

When asked about her expectations for this season, Marquart echoed the sentiments of her team as well, having this to say about their goals. "Many of these girls have been on varsity since their freshman year and have been working hard to get to this point. Our biggest goal is taking games one at a time, focusing on each opponent, and working our way to a state championship."

Tough opponents await Indians

This season though will be no cakewalk for the team, as they face what could potentially be one of the toughest schedules in the state. The Indians will kick-off their season with a big home matchup against the aforementioned Union County Tigers on February 12th at 7 p.m.

After this game, they'll go on to face several important district matchups against teams such as Palatka, PK Yonge, Newberry, and Fort White. Along with these, they'll have critical games against two district powerhouses: Santa Fe and Bradford, in

matchups that determine seeding for districts in the postseason.

These schools were both ranked in the top-20 teams in Class 5A for at least a month last season, with Keystone finishing seventh and Santa Fe finishing 10th, according to the Miracle Sports Softball Poll.

Along with these matchups, the Indians will face inter-county rivals, Clay High and Oakleaf, the latter of which is the defending Class 8A State Champion, and the team that the Indians believe presents the biggest hurdle for them this season.

Said Centerfielder Ashleigh Jennings: "Each team that we take on this season is tough in their own way, but Oakleaf is even more challenging, because they are built as a team similar to how we are, but we plan on working hard, and hopefully shocking the local softball world later in the spring."

Other noteworthy games come against Gainesville High School, a 2016 Class 7A State Champion, and against Trenton, a contender in Class 1A that made it all the way to their state class's final four last season.

They will play each of these schools at least once at the Lady Indians' home field known as Beulah Land, located adjacent to the KHHS football stadium parking lot, which has also undergone significant renovations this offseason in preparation for 2018.

Facilities upgraded

Highlighted by what will be a fully-renovated concession stand, newly-painted dugouts, trimmed-up trees, and cleaned-up bleachers, the biggest improvement is the addition of a large paved area between the home bleachers and concession stand, which will make the venue more handicap accessible, and allow for an increased capacity of fans.

With so much at stake this year and a challenging schedule, how will the Indians be ready to take it all on? The answer to that question lies in an explosive offense, and a stifling defense.

According to MaxPreps, the team scored 193 runs while



Top left: 2017 Indians softball team celebrates with the District Championship Trophy after defeating the Santa Fe Raiders, Top right: Indians shortstop, Molly Crawford getting ready to steal third base in a win over PK Yonge. Bottom Left: Indians Catcher, Bailey Story, attempts to slap bunt in a win over Union County. Bottom Right: The 2017 team celebrates a final-inning, five-run comeback win over Middleburg, 7-6 on Senior Night.

allowing just 95 runs, over 29 games last season. With nine homeruns, 89 stolen bases, and 16 games that the Indians held their opponents to three runs or less in 2017, Keystone should be ready to compete yet again with some of the best teams from

around the state.

Senior Centerfielder Ashleigh Jennings will be signing to play college softball at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton on Monday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

For any fans wishing to find

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