

# UNION COUNTY TIMES

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### UCHS Class of 1963 to Meet

The Union County High School Class of 1963 is having a lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 12 noon at the Steakhouse in Starke. All members of the Class of '63 are invited to attend.

### Faith Baptist Church to Hold a Revival

Faith Baptist Church, located at 104 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Lake Butler, is continuing to hold a revival with Evangelist Tim Green on Jan. 18-19. Services are at 7 p.m. For more information please call 386-496-3384.

### Lake Butler American Legion to Meet and Seeking Members

Lake Butler American Legion Post 153 will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Lake Butler. The post is asking U.S. military veterans to contact Thomas Fortner, Adjutant, at 386-496-2473 or Ted Barber, Post Commander, at 386-496-2744 for information and possible membership.

### Santa Fe Baptist to offer Food to Those in Need

Bags of groceries will be distributed to those in need from Alachua and Union counties on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Santa Fe Baptist Church from 6-8 p.m. Santa Fe Baptist Church is located at 7505 Northwest C.R. 236 in Alachua.

### Free clothes at Fellowship Baptist

Free clothing for all sizes and ages at Fellowship Baptist Church in Raiford. Winter coats are also available. Open in the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

### Lake Butler Social Club on Saturdays

Lonely? Looking for something to do on Saturday evenings? Non-smoking, non-drinking, good clean fun? The Lake Butler Social Club offers a live band, dancing, a potluck dinner and good fellowship.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., all at the Lake Butler Community Center. Admission is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. Call Joe Miller at 352-284-9473 for more information.

### UC Recreation Board meets monthly

Union County's Recreation Board meets every second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Pop Warner building.

## 'We will rebuild.'

Tatum Brothers owners vow to continue business



The fire destroyed the mill's saw house which is the first destination for timber arriving at the facility.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

The owners of Tatum Brothers Sawmill said Tuesday they intend to rebuild the part of their facility that was destroyed by fire Monday.

Charles and Sylvia Tatum said that the day following the fire, the mill was open with all employees back on the job.

"They are still here and they will have a job as long as they want one," said Sylvia Tatum.

The blaze destroyed a key structure at the facility, about a mile and a half south of Lawtey.

Shortly after noon, employee Albert Baugess said he was eating a packed lunch, 20 feet away from the saw house.

"I heard a pop," recalled Baugess, "looked around and didn't see anything. Then I looked around again and all I saw was black smoke."

Baugess said he then shouted to co-worker Eric Thompson to get out of the structure.

Thompson and his brother Buck Thompson were greasing the debarker in the saw house.

Both heard the same pop that Baugess heard, and then found a small fire building at the saw house's air compressor. Eric grabbed a fire extinguisher, and pointed it toward the base of the flames.

"Just as I hit it, it went swoosh," Thompson said, describing a rapid ignition of the area around the flames, at the same time he sprayed the extinguisher.

Lawtey Fire Chief Michael Heeder said that Thompson could have witnessed a flashover: a sudden ignition of an entire area caused when materials reach ignition temperature at the same time.

Bradford County Fire Coordinator Chip Ware said the rapid spread of the flames was due to saw dust, pitch, bark and other materials in the saw house that "have large rates of heat release."

Lawtey Assistant Chief Alex Hatch said he was in Starke when he heard the alarm for the sawmill fire. Hatch drove to Lawtey's fire station in his vehicle, then drove Lawtey's engine to the scene. Heeder arrived after Hatch in the

company's tanker.

Hatch said that as he left Starke, he saw a large billow of black smoke rising from the direction of Lawtey.

Starke firefighters were first on the scene.

Also responding were units from Theresa, New River, Heilbronn Springs and Clay County.

Ware said firefighters first stopped the blaze from spreading, then isolated the fire and trained resources on hot spots. He added that 25 firefighters were on scene and that they left around 7:30 p.m.

Sylvia Tatum said the firefighters' quick action averted an even larger potential disaster.

"We have an above-ground fuel depot about 75 yards away from where the fire was," she explained. "That was always in the back of my mind."

The building destroyed by the fire is the first destination for timber arriving at the mill. It contains a cut deck, debarker and

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## City Finally Ranks Candidates, Ready to Negotiate with City Manager Applicants

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

Members of the Lake Butler City Commission have finally chosen an order of applicants to offer the city manager position to, after much discussion and two rounds of interviews.

In the first-round of interviews, all done by Skype, commissioners were able to eliminate one of the top four that had been selected by a dedicated committee. A fifth candidate had already withdrawn from the running. At its Jan. 9 meeting, the commission was unable to reach a consensus on who the best choice was, so they agreed to go ahead with reference and background checks on the three candidates they could agree on and get in touch with them to schedule a second round of interviews.

The interviews were scheduled for Jan. 12 and, as it turned out, two of them were able to be conducted live as those applicants were in the area on other business. The third applicant was re-interviewed on Skype. Each commissioner was allowed a single question with follow-up questions allowed to make the applicant expand on their answers.

First, in a live interview, was Dale Walker, a favorite for a couple of the commissioners. Commissioner Annette Redman asked the same question of all three men. "What characteristics make a good supervisor/manager in your opinion and which ones do you possess?"

Walker said the willingness and ability to listen and then give clear and concise advice

or direction, being able to mentor staff and "someone I would want to work for."

Both commissioners Jack Schenck and Deborah Browning were focused on supervisory and leadership styles and abilities, as well as familiarity with the development of personnel policies. Walker indicated he had experience in the areas of interest and said he thought it was usually best to listen before speaking and then attack whatever the problem was through honesty and integrity. He said it was important not to just recognize that there is a problem but also to understand it so it can them be taken care of and fixed.

Commissioner Scott Cason asked about a Japanese management concept and Walker was the only one who immediately knew what it meant — noting that it was not as frequently used in government as in industry and the private sector.

Second to be interviewed, also in person, was the other of the two most popular applicants, Doc Dougherty. He noted that one of the most important skills or characteristics in both supervision and management was the ability to create and maintain a positive work environment where people wanted to come to work. He also noted a vision toward the future, a "tenacity for action," knowing how and when to delegate and always remaining above board and transparent as necessary to success.

Dougherty brings no work experience in sewer or water

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## Car submerged in Starke retention pond, 2 dead



BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Rescuers spent the early daylight hours of Jan. 14 fishing a wrecked car from a retention pond off of State Road 100 and Lakewood Subdivision, west of Starke.

Both occupants of the vehicle died in the crash, and there are no known witnesses to what happened.

From its preliminary investigation, Florida Highway Patrol was able to surmise that the Chevrolet Malibu driven by 33-year-old Heather Dawn Jordan of Lawtey was traveling in a northerly direction on Lakewood Drive approaching the S.R. 100 intersection. The car crossed the highway onto the northern shoulder and became airborne, landing upside down in a storm water retention pond.

Investigators don't know when that happened, but the crash was fatal for Jordan and her passenger, 19-year-old Ciara Nicole Kearns of Lawtey.

FHP is continuing its investigation.

## Union County Schools Science Fair Winners Announced



Lake Butler Middle School Students advancing to the regional contest: L-R Caleb Ripplinger (Best in Fair), Ciara Woodall (Best Physical Science Project), Jackson Crook (Best Biological Science Project)

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

A total of 75 individual student projects, from grades 6 through twelve, were selected from a vast

array of choices, to participate in the Union County School District Science Fair last week, with six selected to move on to the next level of the competition ladder.

In the school system, every

student enrolled in a science class in the middle (Jr. division) or high school (Sr. division)

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Lake Butler Middle School Students advancing to the regional contest: Left to right - kneeling; Baler Waters, Jonathan Edwards, Caleb Ripplinger, Garrett Dicks. Row 2 - Ciara Woodall, Lily Neal, Jewel Dekle, Karli Jenkins, Lily French. Row 3 - Laura Park, Daegan Gainey, Eli Hendricks, Rylie Parrish, Jackson Crook, Chaz Strayer

## SCIENCE

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will complete a class project. This project is displayed in the student's classroom and the presentation of the project is given, by the student, to the class. The best of these projects are selected by the science classroom teachers to advance to the district level competition, in this case 75 of them.

Once the projects are judged at the district level and the winners chosen, a group of projects is

selected in each division to represent the school district in the regional science fair. These are picked by the judges as projects which are the best representatives of their division and the school district as a whole.

Students and projects winning first place in district competition include: Jackson Crook, "Chickens and Their Chicks," Jr. Div. Animal Science; Abigail Ripplinger, "Is it Best to Hatch a Chicken from Inside an Incubator or Outside with Hens?" Sr. Div. Animal Sciences. Caleb Ripplinger, "Do Males and Females Interact Differently with

Different Colored Lego Blocks - Year 2," Jr. Behavioral and Social Sciences; Jon Johnson, "Exploring the Benefits of Regular Mindfulness Exercises on the Attentiveness of Young Children," Sr. Behavioral and Social Sciences; Karli Jenkins, "Your Teeth vs. Your Drink," Jr. Biomedical Science; Kasie Murphy, "Bacterial Growth in Organic, Homemade and Conventional Baby Food," Sr. Biomedical Sciences.

Jewel Dekle, "Rotten to the Core," Jr. Chemistry; Mark Seager, "How Does Salinity in Water Affect the Oxidation of Iron?" Sr. Chemistry; Ciara Woodall, "Phosphorus, Nitrates and Dissolved Oxygen and Their Effects on Water Quality," Jr. Environmental; Emily O'Neal, "Methane Production from Animal Waste," Sr. Environmental; Annaston Lisson, "Egg Drop," Jr. Engineering; Colton Cox, "Homemade Solar Air Heater-2," Sr. Engineering; Brian Kish, "Which Water Filter is the most Inexpensive and Efficient," Sr. Engineering (a tie).

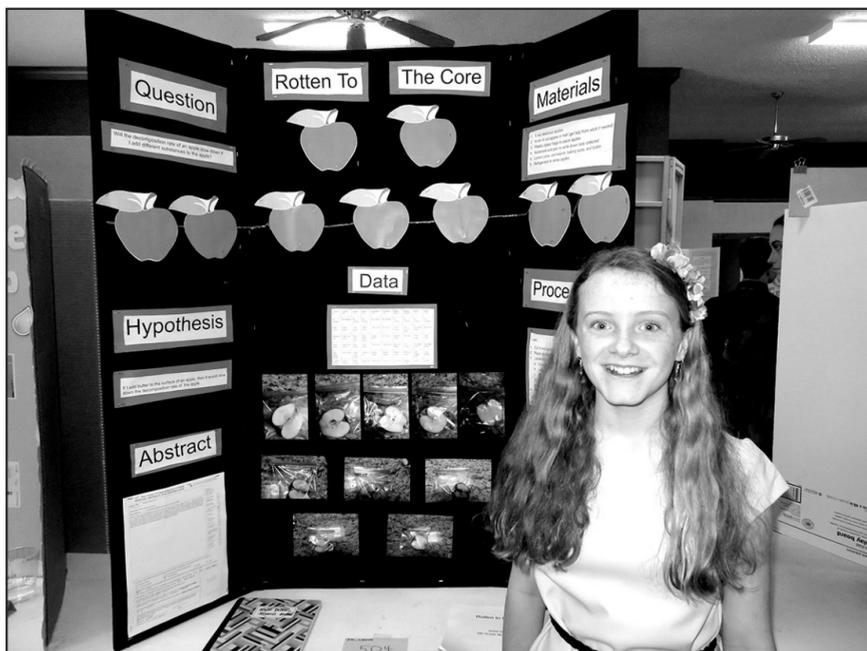
Alex Perez, "Analysis of the HGB2-4kb Dnase 1 Hypersensitive Site Before and After the Knockout of the HBD-1kb Region in the Beta-globin Locus," Sr. Mathematics and Computational Sciences; Jonathan Edwards, "Which Football has the Most Kick?" Jr. Physics and Astronomy; Hannah Perron, "Move Moon: How the Moon Phase Affect Star Visibility," Sr. Physics and Astronomy; Baler Waters, "Herbicide Control over Tropical Soda Apple," Jr. Plant Sciences; Ryan Hardin, "A Sticky Situation: Analysis of Resin Canal Volume and Quantities in Pines," Sr. Plant Sciences.

Of these winners, three were selected as the best overall in each division. In the junior division the top three were: physical science - Ciara Woodall; Biological Sciences - Jackson Crook and Overall in Division - Caleb Ripplinger. In the senior division the overall winners were: physical science - Alex Perez; biological science - Ryan Hardin and Overall in Division - Emily O'Neal.

This year's Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair will be held next month at Florida Gateway College. The event will include competitors from 10 counties (Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Union, Suwannee, Madison, Hamilton, Lafayette, Dixie and Levy). Students will transport and setup their projects and give the associated presentations and be judged.



Jackson Crook - 1st place Animal Science



Jewel Dekle - 1st place Chemistry



Caleb Ripplinger - 1st place Behavioral/Social Science

Traditionally, Union County Students have little trouble passing through this stage and moving up to state competition and will no doubt do so again this year.

Junior Division students that will be making the trip to Lake City next month include: Chaz Strayer, Jackson Crook, Caleb Ripplinger, Grant Dicks, Lily French, Rylie Parrish, Karli Jenkins, Daegan Gainey, Jewel

Dekle, Ciara Woodall, Jonathan Edwards, Laura Park, Eli Hendricks, Baler Waters and Lily Neal.

Senior Division students making the trip to regional competition include: Abi Ripplinger, Kiana Paytee, Jon Johnson, Andrew-Paul Griffiths/Madelyn Kish, Summer Atteberry, Kasie Murphy, Mark Seager, Braxton Dukes, Katie Caren, Emily O'Neal, Erica

Roseke/Madelyn Whitehead, Colton Cox, Brian Kish, Alex Perez, Hannah Perron, Emily Davison and Ryan Hardin. Alternates are: Katherine Dorsey, Millinea Jennings, Ciarra Hopkins and Roberto Saravia.

Renae Allen, Union County High School science teacher and Director of the District Science Fair, said she is constantly amazed by the quality of the work produced by students and the level at which they function.

"The degree of dedication and hard work the students put into their research projects amazes me each year," Allen said. "I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to teach and work with these outstanding students and their classroom teachers. We all have the full support from our school system and administrators. I can't wait to see further success from our students as they prepare for the next level of competition at the Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 17000049CAAAXMX FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. DEBRA A. BROTHERS; KEITH E. BROTHERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA A. BROTHERS, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2017, and entered in 17000049CAAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the Plaintiff and DEBRA A. BROTHERS; KEITH E. BROTHERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA A. BROTHERS are the Defendant(s), Kellie Hendricks Connell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, at 11:00 AM, on February 15, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 4.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17, AND RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 25 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 659.77 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 02 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 25 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 150.07 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1283.52 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 179.32 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER S-238 (80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 150.49 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 167.82 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 552.36 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 25 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 130.06 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 336.03 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 25 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE 130.06 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF

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Dated this 15 day of December, 2017. Kellie Hendricks Connell As Clerk of the Court By: Crystal Norman As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 63-2017-CP-0032

IN RE: ESTATE OF NORMAN H. RUSHTON, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of NORMAN H. RUSHTON, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, #103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE; ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 11, 2018.

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**NOTICE** Invitation for Bids IFB #18-01 New River Regional Landfill Installation of Landfill Gas Extraction Wells The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an Invitation For Bids for the installation of landfill gas extraction wells. The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, services, and incidentals required for boring and installing vertical gas extraction wells. All work shall be completed in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and contract requirements included as part of the

contract documents. NRRL is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office. After the bid opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be ensued. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submittal is February 7, 2018, 4:00 pm (local time).

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systems to the table on his resume and freely admits that, at the moment he knows little about it but that he was a quick study and was willing to put in the time and work to learn and to be prepared when arrived for day one if selected for the job.

The last interview, with applicant Michael Brillhard, was done using Skype and was the shortest of the three. He also stressed the importance of listening before action or trying to solve a problem. He said he felt that one must have a total understanding of all sides of a situation before the direction that the matter needed to move in. He told the commissioner that he had experience in developing and implementing personnel policies and considered himself to be capable of being a good leader.

After the third interview the commissioners discussed what they had heard and attempted to come to a majority vote about the ranking of the candidates but were unable to reach a consensus. They agreed to table the matter until the regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 16 and adjourned.

At the Jan. 16 meeting the commissioners were able to reach a decision and issue instructions to City Manager Dave Mecusker and City Clerk Sara Owen. They agreed to offer the position to Walker first and authorized the mayor, Fred Sirmones, City Attorney John Maines and Mecusker to enter into contract negotiations with Walker and, if an agreement could not be reached to do the same with their second pick, Doc Dougherty. They set a deadline for these activities to be completed and the results reported to them at the commissions regular February meeting on Feb. 6.

## FIRE

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a metal detector, which detects nails and other metal in trees before they are sorted and moved to other areas of the mill.

After moving through the saw house, lumber is stored in the facility's yard for three months before planing or shipment to

a treatment plant. During the three-month storage, the wood dries from water and resin.

Ware said the fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the blaze. He added however, that at this time, he believes the fire was accidental.

The company employs between 55 and 60 people.

Sylvia Tatum said it will take a few months to replace the damaged equipment.

Meanwhile, the facility will operate a second planing mill, used to convert rough boards into finished products. Tatum said the facility usually operates only one planing mill, but will now open a second line and work through a stockpile of drying lumber in the mill's yard.

In 2011 a fire destroyed the facility's shavings house. Last month another blaze took out a drying shed.



New River Chief Benji Bennett (left) and Joe Gangi.



Lawtey Assistant Fire Chief Alex Hatch walks along the remains of the structure destroyed by the blaze.



Sawmill workers, while walking around the burned saw house, find a hot spot, pick up a hose and douse it with water.

# Why Shop Locally?

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# Around the Region

## Clay officials lobby lawmakers

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

Keystone Heights officials joined other Clay County dignitaries in the second Clay Day in Tallahassee.

The series of events, led by County Commission Chair Gavin Rollins and County Manager Stephanie Kopelusos is an effort to draw the attention of state lawmakers and their staffs to the legislative priorities of Clay County.

Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake, City Manager Scott Kornegay, Clerk Lynn Rutkowski and Airpark Chair David Kirkland joined the sheriff, schools superintendent, county commissioners and other county and Clay municipal leaders.

On Wednesday night, the group held a reception at the headquarters of the Florida Professional Firefighters Association.

There, the Clay County legislative delegation of Sen. Rob Bradley, Rep. Travis Cummings and Rep. Bobby Payne was joined by Sen. Keith Perry and Rep. Chuck Clemons, both of Gainesville.

The following morning the Clay County group heard from Sen. Aaron Bean, Cissy Proctor, Executive Director of the Florida Office of Economic Opportunity, Manny Diaz, who chairs the House committee on K-12 education, and Joe Mobley, the county's lobbyist.

The group then reconvened in Bradley's office, where the senator reviewed last year's legislative successes and urged the group to focus on this year's priorities: continued funding of the First Coast Expressway and progress on the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project.

The group then set up for lunch in the capitol courtyard where caterer Stalvies served around 1,000 meals, and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis joined the Clay delegation.

Kornegay, who attended both this year's and last year's Clay Days, said the 2018 edition was better organized.

He also said participation from county leaders was significantly up from 2017.

Kirkland said the event not only allowed Clay County officials to build relationships with state policy makers, but also provided an opportunity for northern Clay County leaders to get more acquainted with Keystone Heights.

"I met some people from Green Cove Springs who did not know Keystone was in Clay County and did not know Keystone Heights had an airport," he said.

## Landfill may keep Alachua a little while longer

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

Alachua County is willing to continue disposing of its waste at the New River Regional Landfill, at least in the short term.

At her board's request, Alachua County Interim County Manager Michele Lieberman accepted New River Regional Landfill's invitation to extend the current contract in order to allow both sides time to negotiate a new interlocal agreement for the disposal of Alachua's waste.

Lieberman proposed a six-month extension to June 30, 2019, asking the county be spared a \$2.35 per ton surcharge during that additional six-month period. The surcharge is set aside to cover landfill expansion costs, which Alachua agreed to pay through the end of 2018 as part of a prior contract amendment.

NRSA previously offered to waive that surcharge while both sides negotiated a contract extension as an incentive to continue working with the landfill instead of opening garbage disposal up to bids. Disposal was bid, however, and New River came out on top, but there were questions about how the proposals were evaluated and whether the Sunshine Law had been violated.

Rather than go through the bidding process again, which New River believes would put it at a disadvantage, the landfill and Alachua County can negotiate as two governments with an existing interlocal agreement. However, the county did not have a formal extension agreement ready for the landfill board to vote on in time for its Jan. 11 meeting.

Executive Director Darrell O'Neal said once that new amendment is received, he will bring it to the board for consideration. He said rather than a new contract, it seems like Alachua could simply look for a temporary contract extension.

Lieberman's letter indicted interest in developing a new interlocal agreement for "2019 and beyond" that includes cost savings the landfill had previously committed to and partnership in future gas-to-energy projects.

O'Neal is hoping for serious negotiations that consider the county's disposal rate and contract length, but any participation on landfill projects like compressed natural gas would require a separate contract.

Alachua is not short of alternatives based on

conversation during a special meeting held last November — from going with another disposal site to opening its own landfill or developing a regional solid waste association with other interested counties.

Based on the its staff's analysis, Alachua could reduce its solid waste costs by developing its own landfill, and could earn a profit by developing its own gas-to-energy project.

Alachua Commissioner Mike Byerly acknowledged that the idea of a local landfill would be unpopular, but he added, "There's something to be said for taking care of your own mess."

Potential sites include reopening the old landfill in Archer or siting a new one at Balu Forest in Orange Heights. Commissioner Robert Hutchinson said no one is going to want a landfill in their backyard. Commissioner Ken Cornell said the liability of landfill ownership had not been considered in the analysis. Plus, the millions of dollars in capital investment have already been made by New River and its competitors.

Cornell also acknowledged how important the continuing success of New River Regional Landfill is to the county commissions in Bradford and Union counties — just as their decision about phosphate mining will be to Alachua County.

Cornell said he could be interested in a new long-term agreement with New River, depending on what could be offered in terms of energy project partnership.

He said he wanted staff to begin negotiating with the landfill. Hutchinson made that motion, supported by Commissioner Lee Pinkoson. Their instruction was for staff to negotiate the best deal possible. Concern for Bradford and Union aside, they should be most concerned with getting the best deal for Alachua County citizens.

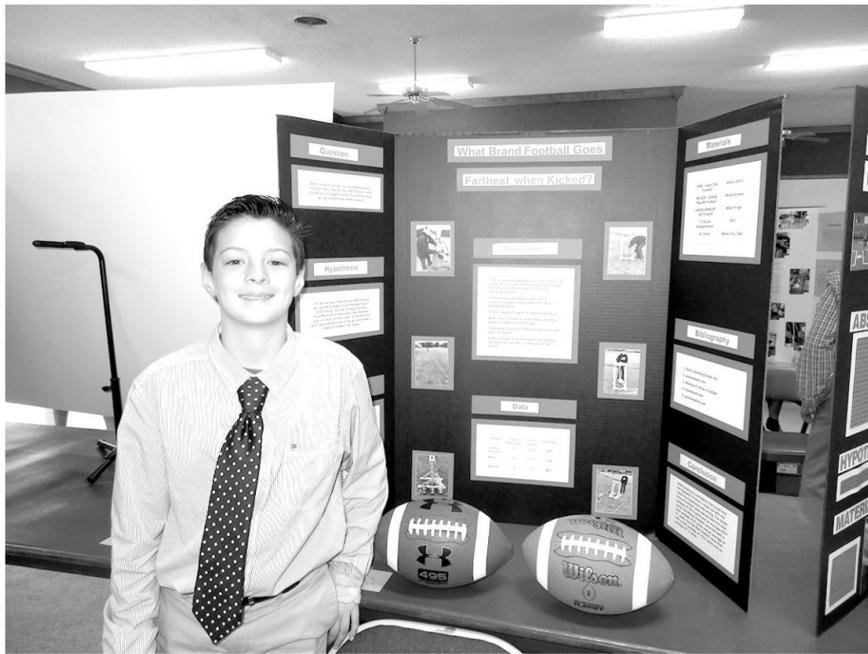
Byerly said the board was making a decision without all of the information. In order to avoid considering an Alachua County site, he said they were choosing to dispose of garbage with neighbors who were less organized to oppose them and maintaining a larger carbon footprint in order to do it.

"Trucking our junk somewhere else is not good policy," he said.

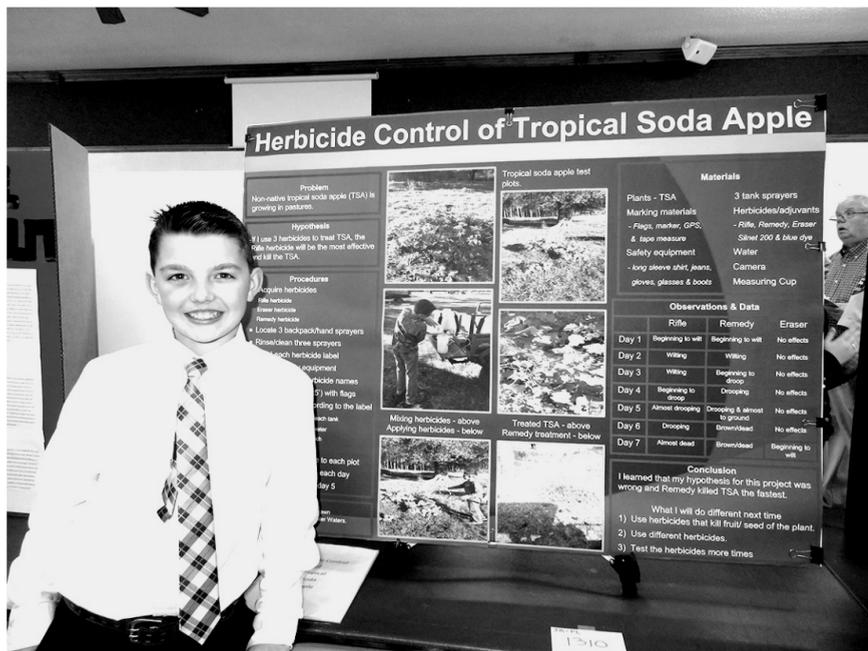
He wanted to conclude the analysis and not rule out options in advance. That's not a good way to make decisions, he said.

In other business: —The landfill's engineers have prepared a draft request for proposals from companies to develop gas-to-energy projects at the landfill. The projects could include turning methane from the landfill into compressed natural gas for vehicles or cleaning it up further and placing it in a pipeline where a utility would use it to generate electricity.

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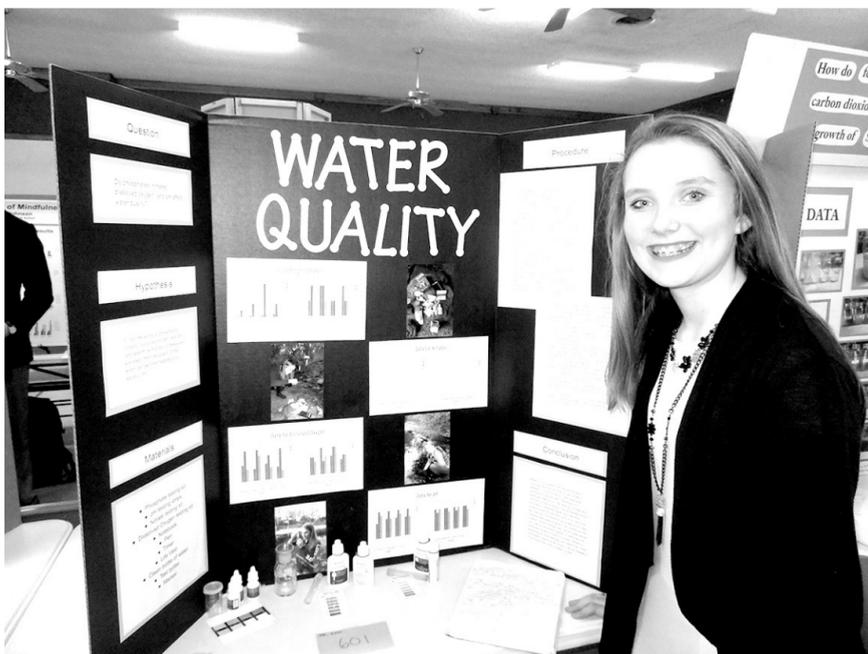


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## God's path for Graham man leads to Middle East and other locales

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
 Telegraph Staff Writer

Business or pleasure? When it comes to describing Chuck Slater's travels, there's another option: spiritual. Slater, who lives in Graham, has been all over the world, due in large part to his job as a consultant who assists engineering companies with the start-up of steel mills. Some recent travels, though, have been of a different nature as Slater has put turmoil in his life in the past and turned his life over to God.

"All of a sudden, my pathway has just exploded with all these different opportunities to do things," Slater said.

One opportunity had Slater in the Golan Heights, in the demilitarized zone on the border between Israel and Syria, as a volunteer with Friend Ships United, a nonprofit based in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that participates in humanitarian efforts based upon biblical principles. Friend Ships has established a medical field clinic at a compound known as Camp Ichay to provide care for Syrian war victims. Slater said the clinic is part of a "good-neighbor effort" by the Israeli government and that the compound the clinic is located on is monitored and operated by the United Nations.

"We were surrounded by barbed wire...and a minefield," Slater said. "Really, I spent 65 days inside that compound and never left."

Slater said he had various responsibilities at the compound, where people would come to receive medical care as well as receive bags of food to take with them when they left. He did anything from coordinating the distribution of food to keeping the portable toilets clean.

"I was just kind of the utility man for the triage center," Slater said.

His technical expertise was also useful in such things as making the hot-water systems were in working order.

"I was able to bring that skill

**Chuck Slater holds a child, whose family was visiting the compound he volunteered at. It was often chaos as families were gathering to leave the compound, and Slater would sometimes comfort crying children. "It was always fun. It was kind of counter to their culture," he said, explaining how men left the handling of children to their wives.**



set to the mission and help out," Slater said. "I assembled a portable x-ray station. I just did all those types of things."

One of the more interesting aspects of his time at the compound was conversing with the men who showed up for care for themselves and their families.

It made an impression on him to talk to young adults who showed him pictures of themselves carrying weapons and talked of their fight against the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"We were able to talk politics, religion and just social-type of

things," Slater said. "I just found that to be very interesting."

He said he wasn't sure how much truth there was in some of the things he heard, but Slater said in his talks, which were aided by an online translator,

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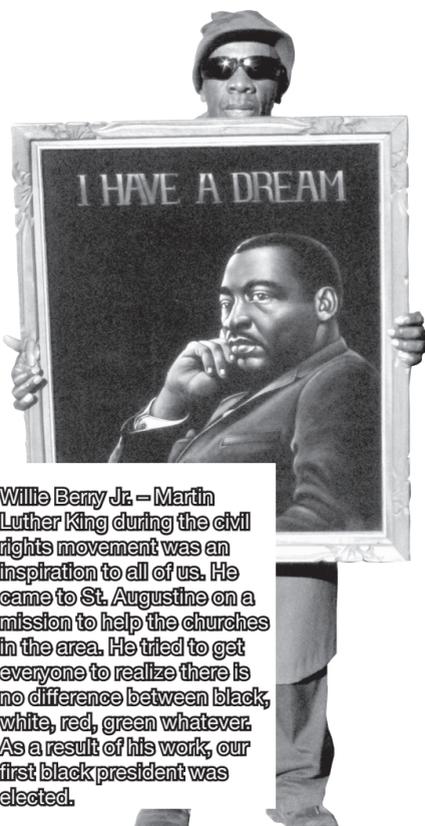
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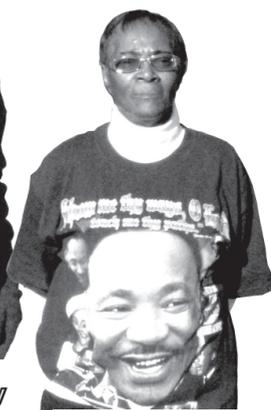
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**Kate Ellison**– My mother took me to a small demonstration when I was in high school when those four girls lost their lives in the Birmingham church. Ever since then, I've been following Martin Luther King's life and death and the civil rights movement that he sparked. I believe in justice for everyone. As long as someone is being oppressed, we are not living up to our founding father's ideals.



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## Starke native named an Outstanding Airman of the Year

**BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS CALEB WORPEL**  
56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Wilson, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment support NCO in charge, has been awarded as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and attributes his success to his rigorous fitness routine and family.

"I was overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude when I found out I was selected for this award," said Wilson, who is currently stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. "You don't wake up every day and think you will have an opportunity as great as this."

The Starke native, who is the son of the deceased Wayne Wilson and Christine Ritch and her husband, Shaun, is approaching his 10-year anniversary in his Air Force career. From a command chief executive to an Airman Leadership School instructor, Wilson explains he has utilized every opportunity the Air Force has brought his way.

"I have always tried to surround myself with people who push me to change, become better and step outside of my comfort zone," Wilson explained. "My mentors and leaders who presented me with opportunities are without a doubt part of the reason why I have been selected for this award."

Wilson's contributions to the Air Force chief of staff's second focus area of strengthening joint leaders and teams was a pivotal reason for his selection. During his four years at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Wilson was an Airman Leadership School instructor and found innovative ways to not only train Airmen, but also incorporate U.S. Army Soldiers into enlisted professional military education programs.

Wilson also helped advise and build the first NCO course for the International European Air Force Academy, among many other accomplishments.

On June 30 — just six days prior to his scheduled arrival at Luke Air Force Base — Wilson received a phone call notifying him that he had won the award. He was working out in the gym when Brig. Gen. Richard Moore, 86th Airlift Wing Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Bennett, 86th Airlift Wing Command Chief, called to notify him.

"There wasn't a better place to learn that I had won the award than the gym," said Wilson. "I was overcome with emotion. I had to take a moment and reflect. It was an amazing feeling."



**Tech. Sgt. Kyle Wilson** poses for a portrait at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Wilson attributes much of his success to his dedication to fitness and staying healthy. Photo by U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Caleb Worpel.

Wilson has returned to his original career field in AGE at Luke.

"Stepping into a new role here is exciting," explained Wilson. "There is opportunity to meet, teach and learn from a whole new group of people. I am thrilled to be a part of building the future of Airpower within the F-35A Lightning II program and I am driven to keep pushing our team forward to enhance the future success of Luke."

Wilson explains that a consistent fitness routine is what keeps him grounded and focused to be the best Airman possible.

"Working-out allows me to step away from my daily life and put myself into a different mind space," said Wilson. "I like to be up early and get a start to my day before most people even open their eyes. I can burn off any stress I might be carrying with me before the day starts allowing me to better focus myself at work to get the job done. It keeps me healthy, physically and mentally."

Wilson's wife, Master Sgt. Nalani Wilson, 56th Medical Support Squadron logistics flight chief, has played a vital role in supporting Wilson through his career. They share a passion for working out and contributing to Air Force culture.

Along with his step-daughter Aziya, son Cameron and daughter Kylie, Wilson explained that together with fitness, his family is a major contributor to his success.

"I actually met my wife doing my favorite thing — working out in the gym," Wilson said. "She is a huge supporter in my life and our children's. She has been there for all of us during every step we have taken forward in our lives. Family always comes first and they motivate me to become better every day."

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# Union County grad experiences special freshman season at Limestone College

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was an exciting first taste of college athletics for 2016 Union County High School graduate Jordan Howe, who was part of a Limestone College softball team that reached unprecedented heights.

"It was a great, new experience I would love for anyone to experience," the daughter of Kevin and Donna Howe said.

The Gaffney,

**Jordan Howe bats for Limestone College. She hit a home run in her first game, drove in three runs in her first two games and hit a three-run homer later in the season. Photo by Stacey Wylie and courtesy of Limestone Athletics.**

South Carolina program finished 2017 with the most wins in school history, compiling a 45-13 record as well as setting a new high mark for team home runs in a season at 36. That beat the old home-run mark by three, so the two Howe hit during her freshman year were important. Limestone also qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs for the second time ever and earned its first-ever regional win by defeating Lenoir-Rhyne 5-3. The Saints then defeated North Greenville 4-1 before losing

twice to North Georgia and missing out on advancing to the super regionals.

The expectations are high for Howe and her teammates entering this season.

"I think we're going to have a really good season," Howe said. "Last year, we were really good, and we went farther than people expected us to. This year, I think we're going to go even farther because our girls are just so talented. We just have a really strong team this year. I can't wait to see what all plays out."

Howe, a catcher who helped Union County advance to the state semifinals her senior year, played in 22 games last season, sometimes as a designated player or pinch-hitter. She batted .224 with two doubles, two home runs and eight RBI. One of her home runs occurred in her first-ever game, while the season, she hit a three-run home run as part of an eight-inning 11-4 win over Anderson.

One of Howe's best offensive performances was in the second game she played. She went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI in a 7-3 win over St. Andrews.

"There were some bumps in the road," Howe said of her freshman year, "but in the end, everything worked out as I wanted it to. There were some things I could've done better here and there, but for the most

part, (the season) was better than expected."

Howe admitted that some of those "bumps in the road" were having to deal with athletics and academics at the collegiate level.

"The schooling was definitely more difficult than high school was, but once you adjusted to studying more or doing your work early, it got easier. Schooling was definitely a bump in the road."

In regard to the athletics side of being a student-athlete, Howe said, "You had to fight every day for your position. Every day you showed up was pretty much a war. Everyone's just so good there. You want to be the best,

life," Howe said. Her preparations for the 2017 season began with "Earn It Week," so named, Howe said, because everyone, in essence, is trying to earn their spot on the team.

Basically, Earn It Week is a lot of running. "You just wanted it to end," Howe said, "but it made you better. I'm grateful for it."

Running during Earn It Week began at 6 a.m., so that was hard for Howe, who didn't like waking up to lift weights at 7 a.m.

Then there was the weather that early in the morning. "It was freezing," Howe said. "You wore sweatpants, but then

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"My clothes down here don't really keep me warm up there," she said. "I had to go buy all new clothes just to stay warm."

Whether it was getting used to the weather or the rigors of college academics or athletics,

but you also want the best for your team."

A typical day for Howe starts early, with weight training at 7 a.m. — another tough adjustment during her first year. "That was hard getting up that early," she said.

Then it's off to classes from 8 a.m. until noon. Lunch follows, with homework and perhaps a nap until practice begins at 2 p.m. Howe eats dinner after practice and then does more homework before "hopefully" going to sleep by midnight.

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life," Howe said.

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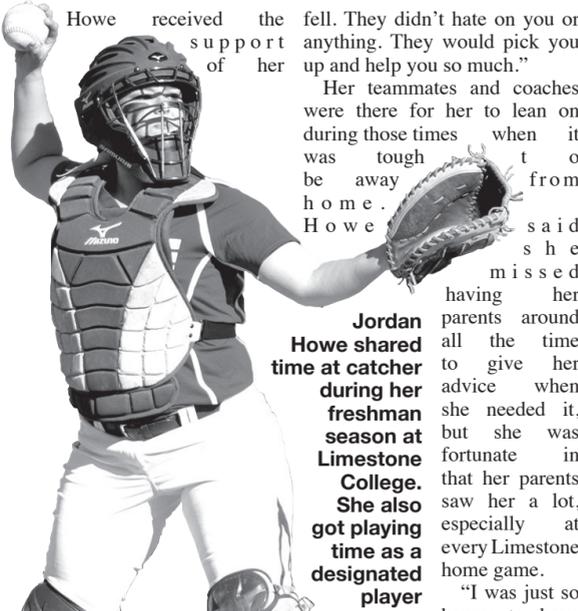
Whether it was getting used to the weather or the rigors of college academics or athletics,

but you also want the best for your team."

A typical day for Howe starts early, with weight training at 7 a.m. — another tough adjustment during her first year. "That was hard getting up that early," she said.

Then it's off to classes from 8 a.m. until noon. Lunch follows, with homework and perhaps a nap until practice begins at 2 p.m. Howe eats dinner after practice and then does more homework before "hopefully" going to sleep by midnight.

"You don't have much social



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**Jordan Howe shared time at catcher during her freshman season at Limestone College. She also got playing time as a designated player and pinch hitter.**

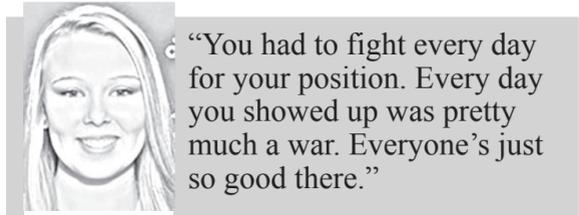
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Jordan Howe

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# Letters

## Opposes mining

Dear Editor:  
This week, the Union County Commission will likely have passed yet another year's moratorium on mining, while they continue to update their Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and Comprehensive Plan (CP). They are in a bit of a legal battle with HPSII, the company proposing phosphate mining in Bradford and Union counties, which is mad that Union won't accept a draft application that would let them avoid the new plans. Kudos to Union commissioners for not folding under pressure.

Union County residents can have open discussions with their commissioners about any and all topics relevant to their county. It is a wonderfully healthy relationship for citizens to have with their representatives who are there to serve both immediate and long-term interests of the county.

The Bradford County Commission, on the other hand, failed to heed the advice of the North Florida Regional Planning Council that a moratorium was necessary in order to bring our very minimal LDRs and Comprehensive Plan up to today's standards. That faulty action allowed HPS, despite assurances that they would not, to submit a very incomplete Master Mining Plan that blocked the county from open dialogue with the citizens and left us without updating OUR LDRs and CP. This has gone on for two years now!

Meanwhile, HPS is FAR from satisfying the Requests for Additional Information presented by the Department of Environmental Protection, let alone the other agencies involved. How long can the Bradford County Commission

and the citizens of our county be held hostage, all because our BCC failed to adopt ANY period of mining moratorium, instead believing the promise that HPS would not do exactly what they then did, submit an application that blocked BCC's action?

Now, as a means of doing SOMETHING, the BCC wants to pay \$53,000 to an environmental firm to evaluate the hurriedly submitted "plan" of HPS. And, HPS will give the money to our broke county to cover the costs of the consultants. Will the BCC hire consultants again when HPS submits a completed ACTUAL application?

The quick fix out of the current mess would be to deny the plan, overturn the no vote and then immediately vote to enact a moratorium. Then we can update our LDRs and get on with our lives and future planning for the kind of county we hope to have in the future.

Bradford County's website has just been updated and shows a beautiful lake and the beauty that represents our county's natural assets. We are working on a new logo. We are trying to re-brand ourselves as an appealing place to come and live and start a business.

Phosphate mining is antithetical to the new way Bradford wants to depict itself. It does not represent the future that we envision for our county. It would be a step backward, not forward thinking.

Carol Mosley

## Thanks from food pantry

Dear Editor:  
The volunteers at the Bradford Ministries Food Pantry (Bradford Food Pantry) would like to thank every individual, business and organization that contributed to us being able to distribute

311 holiday food bags during November and December and serve 9,000 adults and children in 2017. We served 650 families during these two months.

My thought was "the Grinch DID NOT STEAL CHRISTMAS in Bradford County." From the 10-year-old child who saw something on TV about a child donating food and insisted to her mother that she wanted to do a basket for us; to the elderly gentleman who is reported to be not so turned on by Christmas, but who bought out of his pocket hygiene items for the homeless bags; to the lady who bought the supplies and donated 47 Christmas goodies, which were a sled made out of candy canes and candy bars with decorations on top. With small decorations, we decided to give them to our clients over 70. I wish she could have seen their smiles; to the business which donated holiday food bags donated by their employees and others in the small shopping center, already made up and decorated.

When Salvation Army says local donations stay here, they do. They buy our holiday meat every year. When you help our service organizations, you help the food pantry because they, in turn, make a donation. The Shop at Home campaign tells the truth when they say that our businesses donate to our local causes. We couldn't do what we do without their generosity. Our churches have always been supportive with food drives and money donations. Every person, business, church or organization who donated helped us feed 9,000 people last year, some just one time when an emergency came up, some on a bi-monthly basis. Just know, we pinch pennies (1,800 packs of hot dogs purchased at 18 cents each), and pay no salaries. Every cent goes to purchasing food and operating expenses.

I have always thought Bradford County was a loving community. Now I am convinced of it. You enabled us to move into a building more than twice as big as we had operated in for 28 years, with the help of our local state representatives and the Department of Agriculture. Our clients can now get in out of the heat and cold and rain and have a seat. We purchased two commercial freezers and are hoping to purchase two commercial coolers to enable us to have fresh vegetables on hand. We have a big need for younger men (our youngest is over 70) to help with pickups of food and unloading at our pantry. God Bless you all.

Betty Warren

# CRIME

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

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

### BRADFORD



Brannen

Kristy Lynn Brannen, 33, of Orange Park was arrested Jan. 12 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.



Chamberlain

Dylan James Chamberlain, 21, of Hampton was arrested Jan. 9 by Bradford deputies for two probation violations.



Davis

Jason Odell Davis, 31, of Glen St. Mary was arrested Jan. 12 by probation officers for an out-of-county warrant.



Fore

Charles Aaron Fore, 37, of Starke was arrested Jan. 14 by Starke police for driving with a suspended or revoked license.



Fraser

Luke Benjamin Fraser, 18, of Weston was arrested Jan. 12 by Lawtey police for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.



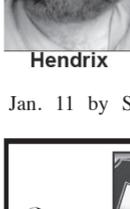
Fritz

Mary Liane Fritz, 28, of High Springs was arrested Jan. 9 by Bradford deputies for an out-of-county warrant.



Hankerson

Tray Markis Hankerson, 23, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 10 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.



Hendrix

Micah Elijah Hendrix, 21, of Maysville, North Carolina was arrested Jan. 11 by Starke police for

disorderly conduct. According to an arrest report, the defendant got into a fight with Thomas C. Johns in the parking lot of Whiskey River Saloon.



Jepson

David Edward Jepson, 33, of Lake City was arrested Jan. 13 by Lawtey police as a habitual offender for driving with a suspended or revoked license.



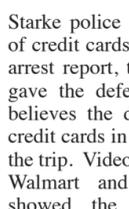
Johns

Thomas C. Johns, 38, of Richlands, North Carolina was arrested Jan. 10 by Starke police for disorderly conduct. According to an arrest report, the defendant got into a fight with Micah Elijah Hendrix in the parking lot of Whiskey River Saloon.



Lott

Jose Luis Julian-Rulfo, 38, was arrested Jan. 12 by state troopers for DUI.



Lott

Antonio Antwan Lott, 24, of Starke was arrested Jan. 11 by Starke police for fraudulent use of credit cards. According to an arrest report, the victim said he gave the defendant a ride and believes the defendant saw his credit cards in the vehicle during the trip. Video surveillance from Walmart and Dollar General showed the defendant using the credit cards to buy merchandise and then returning the goods for refunds.



Martinez

Jose Martinez, 51, of Hampton was arrested Jan. 9 by Starke police for battery. According to an arrest report, the victim told police the defendant came into her bedroom while she was asleep and woke her up. After an argument started, the defendant slapped the victim in the face.



McClellan

Jamie Diane McClellan, 33, of Starke was arrested Jan. 12 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.



Okam

Hillary Obinna Okam, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested Jan. 9 by Starke police for resisting

an officer, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, destroying evidence and carrying a concealed firearm while committing a felony. According to an arrest report, the defendant passed a Starke police officer on U.S. 301 in the area of Noegel's Auto Sales. The officer determined the car was travelling 41 in a 30-mph zone. After stopping the car, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The defendant then attempted to eat a green leafy substance that was in the car. The substance later tested positive for marijuana. When the defendant attempted to exit the vehicle contrary to commands by the lawman, the officer tased the defendant. The officer also found a black, Beretta 9mm semi-automatic handgun in the vehicle, in addition to a marijuana grinder with residue.



Powell

Shoun Christopher Powell, 18, of Jacksonville was arrested Jan. 10 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.



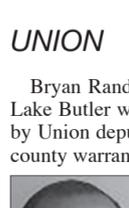
Saha

Reinaldo Rodriguez, 48, of Starke was arrested Jan. 12 by Starke police for an out-of-county warrant.



Sheldon

Robert Todd Sheldon, 53, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 11 by Starke police for DUI.

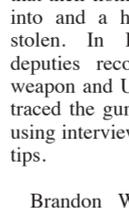


Turner

Jerome Terry Turner, 63, of Lawtey was arrested Jan. 8 by Lawtey police for fleeing and eluding and fraudulent use of credit cards.

### UNION

Bryan Randall Elixson, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 11 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant.



Jones

Landras Jones, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 9 by Union deputies for burglary, larceny, criminal mischief and possession of a weapon by a felon. According to an arrest report, on Nov. 13, 2017 a Lake Butler couple discovered that their home had been broken into and a handgun had been stolen. In December, Baker deputies recovered the stolen weapon and Union investigators traced the gun to the defendant, using interviews and anonymous tips.

Brandon Wayne McDonald, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested Jan. 15 by Union deputies for contempt of court. According to an arrest report, the defendant violated a restraining order.

Alvere Devaon Parker, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Tanga Peretta Smith, 47, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies for failure to appear.

Marcus Waugh, 27, was arrested by Union deputies for disorderly intoxication.

Corinthian Eli Williams, 21,

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This is a view Chuck Slater had from Camp Ichay, with the Syrian border not far away.



On New Year's Eve morning, Chuck Slater was part of a cross walk at the corner of S.R. 100 and U.S. 301. Pictured (l-r) are Slater, Mike Lowe, Thomas Sparks, Larry Lowe and God's Rescue House Pastor Gordon Davis.

## SLATER

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he learned how different regions of the country have "warlords," whom he described as "politically motivated leaders that aren't associated with the central government."

Slater also talked with those at the compound about such things as Russia supporting the Syrian government and the Sunni-Shia conflict.

"I'm trying to piece together these politics and what's happening," Slater said. "I am getting little bits and pieces of information."

As a Christian, Slater was interested in learning more about those of the Islamic faith since they, as he sees it, outnumber those of his own faith, meaning "Christians are losing this battle for souls."

"I'm not well-schooled in Islam," Slater said, "but after doing this mission, guess what? I bought myself a Quran. I'm starting to read it. I want to know what these people are looking at and where it's coming from."

In the midst of such serious discussions with men visiting the compound, Slater got to witness a little bit of fun as well. A play area featuring bounce houses and trampolines was set up for children of the visiting families.

"It wasn't an amusement park per se," Slater said, "but it was a safe place for these kids to just hang out for couple of hours because these people would come in groups of 30 to 50 every day, and they'd be here for four to five hours while they waited in line to see the doctor."

Still, there was an underlying sadness to the fun.

"None of these kids went to school," Slater said. "The education system has collapsed."

It's just one aspect of an area that has suffered because of conflict.

"The infrastructure's bad," Slater said. "The water systems don't work. The doctors and the hospital system — it's just a total mess."

After spending 65 days on the compound, Slater had the chance to go to Jerusalem. He walked through the Old City and visited the Church of the

Holy Sepulchre, which believed to contain the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.

Slater also visited Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee. He went to the Jordan River and Dead Sea, wading into each.

If he had a bucket list, those sightseeing trips would've been on it. Volunteering with Friend Ships United made those trips possible.

He became aware of Friend Ships approximately a year ago after hearing one of their advertisements on the radio, Slater said. However, he had to put off contacting them due to other trips he made abroad. He accompanied a Middleburg pastor on a missions trip to Africa, which put Slater in contact with those involved with Gina's Blessings, a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Starke. He did the preliminary investigation of a water system that was being installed through Gina's Blessings.

After that trip, Slater went to Thailand for five weeks to do work as part of his business, CS Tech Inc.

"I kept putting off the introduction with Friend Ships until finally in August (2017), I got over to Lake Charles," Slater said.

His work with CS Tech Inc. — a company in which he's the sole member — has taken him throughout the U.S. and throughout the world to such places as China, India, Mexico and Brazil.

"I assist engineering companies in starting up steel mills," said Slater, who is

originally from Pittsburgh. "I get a call, and I'll go to a site where they're putting a mill together. I'll work out the bugs with a team of commissioning engineers."

Slater, 67, said he was raised Catholic, but admitted he put "all that away" in the 1970s when he was in his 20s.

"I was a sales engineer," he said. "I entertained people. Drinking became a daily routine for me."

That was Slater's life, but he has not had a drink since Nov. 28, 1995. Becoming a Christian is what has helped him stay sober all these years.

"One of the things that will assure your sobriety is picking up a spiritual path," Slater said.

Though he put alcohol behind him, Slater experienced some recent turmoil when his wife left him for another man. Again, he turned to God and asked for direction in his life.

As a result, he's had chances to travel and participate in ventures such as the Friend Ships United humanitarian efforts.

"All of a sudden, my pathway has just exploded or blossomed with all these different opportunities to do things," Slater said. "I'm like, 'Well, I guess I am kind of an adrenaline junkie.' I just say, 'Give me more.'"

Besides taking various missions trips, Slater takes opportunities to talk about his background and share his testimony at churches throughout the area. He also accompanies pastors who go into prisons.

Sometimes, you may see him on the corner of S.R. 100 and U.S. 301 with other members of

## HOWE

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good while they were there. It was like, 'I can do this.' Having my dad sit there watching me — it was like old times."

Kevin Howe said he was there to tell his daughter what she was doing wrong at the plate and to tell the umpire when he blew a call.

"Definitely my biggest fan," Howe said of her father.

Her father always kept her updated on how the Union County softball team was doing, Howe said. She was happy the Tigers won the state title last season — something she and her three fellow seniors fell short of in 2016.

"I was incredibly proud of them," Howe said. "Coming from Union County, I can say,

Graham church God's Rescue House — a church he attends regularly — participating in a "cross walk," where he and others actually hold crosses as well as signs bearing such phrases as, "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life."

Slater also supports Alcoholics Anonymous groups, helping those struggling with sobriety.

It's all a way for Slater to help others, which he believes is his calling.

"What I've learned to do is give back what I've been given," Slater said.

Slater said he may go on a missions trip to Nicaragua in June, while an industrial job in Mexico will have him away from home for a month this summer. The Middleburg pastor he accompanied to Africa is planning to visit refugee camps along the China-North Korea border, but Slater said he's not sure he'll make that trip since it's in February, which means it's cold there.

Of course, Slater will be looking for other opportunities that God places in his path. It's what he's meant to do and what he wants to do.

"I've got a lot of life left in me," he said.

'Hey, the girls that I played with won it.' I think (the 2016 seniors) set a standard, and I just knew they would want to beat it. I'm glad they did."

Fortunately, Howe has three more years at Limestone as she hopes to surpass what last year's team did. In the midst of the players' hard work, they have an eye toward winning their conference. The Saints went 17-3 in Conference Carolinas in 2017 and finished in second place during the regular season, advancing to the conference championship game as the second seed before falling 5-4 to Pfeiffer.

"It would be such an excitement for all of us," Howe said if her team could win the Conference Carolinas crown this year. "We would definitely have to celebrate after it. It would feel like all that work we put in was worth it."

As she looks forward to another season, Howe said she'd give the following advice to anyone who gets an opportunity to be a student-athlete in college: "Even when your hopes are down, and you think it's not working for you, just keep pushing, because in the end, it'll all work out. You might not be the starter, but next year, they might want you. You just have to keep pushing."

"With your school, it gets hard, especially with finals, but you'll have support there, and you can get it done. Don't ever just doubt yourself. Keep believing."

## Socials



Nancy Powell and Randel Bivens

## Powell, Bivens to Wed

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

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

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

## CRIME

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of Raiford was arrested Jan. 10 by Union deputies for an out-of-county warrant and a probation violation.

## KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — MELROSE

Raymond Jerome Ardely, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 12 by Clay deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Russell Franklin Beck, 57, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 11 by Clay deputies for an out-of-county warrant.

Danny Richard Dustin, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested Jan. 10 by Clay deputies for battery.

Dylan Craig Hurt, 18, was arrested Jan. 9 by Clay deputies for child neglect without great bodily harm, vandalism, aggravated battery and throwing a missile into a vehicle or structure.

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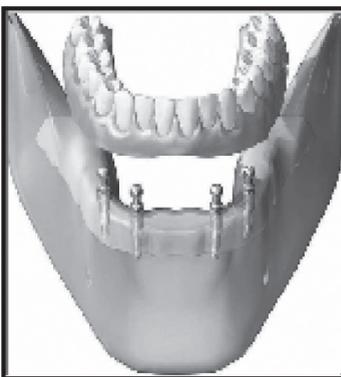
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## BHS boys roll to win over Baker County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chris Cummings scored 11 of his 22 points in the first quarter as the Bradford High School boys' basketball team built a 26-12 lead en route to defeating

visiting Baker County 72-54 on Jan. 13.

Jordan Lee also reached double figures with 10 points, while dishing out 11 assists.

Matthew Crawford and D.J. Mackey had nine and eight points, respectively, with Mackey grabbing 10 rebounds.

Taz Curry and J'cobi Harris each scored seven points, while Tavi'en Young had four. Tally Chandler and Dequan Hankerson added three and two points, respectively.

Bradford entered the game off a 55-53 loss to Gainesville on

Jan. 9 in Starke.

The Tornadoes lost to Gainesville by 20 points in the championship game of the Lake Area McDonald's-Kiwanis of Starke Holiday Tournament in December, but were in position to win or tie in the closing seconds of this most recent matchup. Curry missed on a shot in the paint, but the ball was knocked out to Lee for a long rebound. Lee then passed the ball to Young, who knocked down a three-pointer, which had the crowd going wild, thinking it was the game winner. However, head coach Adrian Chandler had called a timeout before the shot with four seconds remaining. When Bradford inbounded the ball, Young was forced to take a long three-pointer that was off the mark.

Two three-pointers by Cummings, another long-distance shot by Young and six points by Curry helped the Tornadoes go into halftime leading 31-24.

Gainesville's Christian Cardwell-Miller scored 11 points in the third quarter as the Hurricanes took a lead they would never relinquish.

Mackey and Curry finished with 15 and 14 points, respectively, with Curry also grabbing 13 rebounds. Cummings had nine points and seven assists, while Young and Lee had six and five points, respectively. Crawford added four points.

The Tornadoes host District 4-5A opponent Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. following a junior varsity game at 4:30 p.m. and a girls' varsity game at 6 p.m. Bradford hosts Eastside on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. before hosting district opponent Newberry on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The JV team will play at 6 p.m. prior to each of those games.

Bradford is currently 5-0 in District 4.

## 4 BHS lifters advancing to Region 2-1A finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's Khalia Donley successfully defended her championship, while three of her teammates also earned regional berths after their performances at the District 4-1A girls' weightlifting finals on Jan. 9 in Fort White.

The top six lifters in each class qualified for the Region 2 finals, which will be held at

Wewahitchka High School on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Donley repeated as District 4 champ in the 110 class with a 255 total that was 25 pounds more than the second-place finisher. Donley had a bench press of 130 and a clean and jerk of 125.

Auriyanna Hankerson actually had the best total (305) in the 183 class, but she finished tied with Union County's Breyonce Cummings. Cummings was

awarded the championship due to the weigh-in tiebreaker (she weighed two-tenths of a pound less than Hankerson), so Hankerson, who had a bench of 175 and a clean and jerk of 130, officially placed second.

Samantha Hopkins placed fourth in the 119 class with a 180 total (85 bench press, 95 clean and jerk), while Kayla Daniel placed fifth in the unlimited class with a 235 total (125, 110).



Earning the right to compete in the Region 2-1A weightlifting finals for Bradford were (l-r) Kayla Daniel, Auriyanna Hankerson, Samantha Hopkins and Khalia Donley. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

## The Weekly Paw Print:

Is your dog's bowl half full or half empty?

Dogs face stress in their lives like people. Also just like humans, some are more optimistic about their situations than others. As it turns out, a Kong toy helped determine which dogs would be optimistic and which would be less so.

The study conducted by researchers at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, used a simple Kong test to assess dogs for paw preference and how it might relate to their tendency toward optimism or pessimism. The Kong was placed on the floor in front of them. Researchers recorded their actions as the dogs tried to stabilize the Kong to acquire the food inside. Paw preference was determined by which paw the dog placed on top to stabilize the toy.

For the second part of the test, empty and food-filled bowls were placed around the room at random. The right "pawed" dogs were more likely to explore the bowls for food and found food more quickly. The lefties were less likely to search for the food. These results helped researchers to conclude that the lefties were more "pessimistic" about finding food.

Brain research in dogs has demonstrated each side of the body is controlled by the opposite hemisphere of the brain, just like humans. The left side of the brain, which also controls the right side of the body, inhibits fear, so it's more likely to encourage exploration of the world and new experiences. The right side of the brain, which also controls the left side of the body, is more likely to process fearful information, and promote avoidance of new experiences. Hence, why right pawed dogs were more explorative than the left pawed dogs. From the results of this study researchers further concluded that left-pawed dogs are at greater risk of struggling emotionally in challenging situations.

This could explain why some dogs are more fearful or nervous than other happy go lucky pups. Next time your dog is chewing on a bone or toy see which foot is on top. If it's the right you might just have an optimist in your midst.

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## KHHS hosts girls' district soccer tournament starting Jan. 22

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School will be the host of this year's District 5-2A girls' soccer tournament, which starts Monday, Jan. 22, and runs through Friday, Jan. 26.

Keystone is the third seed and will not be in action until Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Play begins at 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 with top seed P.K. Yonge playing eighth seed Williston. Second seed Santa Fe and seventh seed Interlachen play following that match at 7 p.m.

Fourth seed Fort White and fifth seed Newberry start the action at 5 p.m. on Jan. 23, with Keystone playing sixth seed Crescent City at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, the P.K. Yonge-Williston winner will play the Fort White-Newberry winner at 5 p.m., while the Keystone-Crescent City winner plays the Santa Fe-Interlachen winner at 7 p.m.

The Jan. 24 winners advance to the championship match at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26.

Both championship participants will advance to the Region 2 quarterfinals, which will be played Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.

## Indians lose to Rams despite Thomas' double-double

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Eddie Thomas posted his fourth straight double-double in points and rebounds, but the Keystone Heights High School boys' basketball team lost 46-35 to District 4-5A opponent Interlachen on Jan. 12 in Keystone.

Thomas scored 20 points and had 14 rebounds as the Indians (8-9) fell to 1-6 in district play. Sawyer Maxwell had three steals.

Prior to playing Interlachen, Keystone defeated visiting St. Johns Country Day 58-41 on Jan. 5 before then losing 58-47 on the road against district opponent Newberry on Jan. 9.

Thomas had 19 points and 12 rebounds against St. Johns Country Day, while Marco Flores had eight assists. Flores and Ben Miller each had four steals.

Against Newberry, Thomas had 15 points and 11 rebounds, with Maxwell adding eight rebounds.

46-35 loss to Interlachen Jan. 12.

Thomas 20 points, 14 rebounds Maxwell three points, three steals

The Indians played St. Johns Country Day this past Tuesday and will host district opponent Fort White on Friday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. following a junior varsity game at 5:30 p.m.

## KHHS takes 4-1 district boys' soccer victory over Interlachen

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players scored one goal each for the Keystone Heights High School boys' soccer team, which won for the fifth in time in six matches, defeating District 5-2A opponent Interlachen 4-1 on Jan. 11 in Interlachen.

The Indians (10-7-2) got goals from Alex Cruz, Caleb Cushman,

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# Obituaries

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## Herbert Adams

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**—Herbert "Clif" Adams, 75, of Keystone Heights passed away suddenly Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, at Shands Hospital in Starke. He was born in Jacksonville on May 24, 1942, to the late Roy and Mattie (Roberts) Adams and had served his country in the United States Navy. Mr. Adams was a retired engineer from Southern Bell and was a member of Freedom Baptist Church. He also enjoyed woodworking and loved fishing. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Chris Adams.

Survivors are: his wife of 10 years, Brigitte (Cox) Adams, and a brother, Malcolm (Thea) Adams, both of Keystone Heights; and three stepchildren Derek Greene of Fayetteville, Georgia, Bill Staus of Woodland Park, Colorado, and Cheryl Penny of Sharpsburg, Georgia. Also left behind are two nieces, Joy Sapp and Sandy Hammond, and one nephew, Mal Adams, all of Keystone Heights, along with two great nieces, Cori Aretino of Lake City and Sutherlyn Adams of Keystone Heights, and four great-nephews, Jarrod Hammond, Steven Sapp, Ethan Sapp and Rease Sapp, all of Keystone Heights, and four great-great nieces.

Funeral services for Mr. Adams will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at Freedom Baptist Church, with Pastor Jason Stephens officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Freedom Baptist Church, 7207 S.R. 21, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights (352-473-3176; www.jonesgallagherfh.com).

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## Herman Crews

**LAWTEY**—Herman Floyd Crews, 67, of Lawtey died on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. He was born in Blackshear, Georgia, to the late John and Bertha Crews. He served his country in the United States Army and in the Vietnam War. He had been a Union County resident since 1954. He retired from Florida State Prison after 25 years.

Herman is survived by: his wife of 45 years, Sandra Adkins Crews; son, Herman S. Crews; daughters, Gretchin Dianna Crews (Cord McKellips) and Sandra Jane Crews; brother, Asbury Crews; sisters, Vera Jaco and Louise Hill; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

## James Fletcher

**PALM COAST**—Deacon James Russell Fletcher, 85, of Palm Coast died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at his residence. A native of Jacksonville, Georgia, he attended the local schools. He was employed with the Pantry Pride Division and retired as a longshoreman with the Port of Miami.

He is survived by: his wife, Thelma Campbell Fletcher of Palm Coast; children; grandchildren; sisters; brothers; and many other family members.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, Jan. 20, at New Bethel Baptist Church in Starke, with Rev. Abie Williams conducting the services. Interment will be held at Oddfellow Cemetery in Starke. Arrangements are under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. of Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 19, at New Bethel Baptist Church from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until the hour of service on Saturday.

## Edith Hathaway

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**—Edith Hathaway, 97, of Keystone Heights died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in Tennessee. She was born in Mechanicville, New York, on April 15, 1920, to the late Joseph and Carolina (Castaldo) Laurenzo. Prior to her retirement, she had been a supervisor for an assisted living facility in Keystone Heights. She was a member of Park of the Palms Church and was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hathaway; one brother; and two sisters.

Her survivors are: children, Anne Vitale of Cloverdale, Virginia, Ruth Tashjian of Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, and Frank E. Vitale of Canaan, New Hampshire; brother, Abraham Laurenzo of New York; five sisters, Connie Carota, Marian Laurenzo, Mary Capuano and Elsie Palmer, all of New York, and Helen Marinello of Clearwater; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights.

## Thomas Hurley Sr.

**GAINESVILLE**—Thomas Lee Hurley Sr., 64, of Gainesville, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. He was born to the late Carl and Billy Jo Hurley in Washington, D.C. He lived most of his adult life in Gainesville and worked as an automotive mechanic.

He is survived by: his wife, Vicky T. Hurley; and son, Thomas Lee Hurley Jr.

A graveside service was held at Dekle Cemetery on Jan. 16. Arrangements were under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.



## Jack Leigh

**STARKE**—Jack Lawrence Leigh, 90, of Starke passed away Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville. Jack was born in Camp Hill, Alabama, on Oct. 22, 1927, to the late Grady E. Leigh and Catherine Heard Leigh. Jack enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II after graduating from Pasco High School. He was a radio man in the submarine service for four years. Jack worked at and retired from CSX Railroad after 47 years of dedicated service. Jack loved God and his family. He enjoyed traveling, camping, scuba diving and watching the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. The world has lost one of the best. His beloved wife, Kim, will love him always and forever. Jack is predeceased by his parents; and brother, Louis Leigh.

Jack is survived by: the love of his life, Kim Viocck Graham of Starke; best friend and brother, Gerald M. Leigh of Atlanta; children, Pete (Mary Lou) Leigh of Pennsylvania, Pat Leigh, Paul (Mary) Leigh, both of Washington state, Beth Ann (Greg) Geoghagan, Mary (Steve) Myers, Jack Leigh Jr., Justin (Tammy) Graham, Ashley (Adam) Levine, all of Florida; and several grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. There are also two very special grandchildren who he spent most of his days with, and who he adored dearly: Brooklyn and Bennett Levine, who were always there to put a smile on his face.

A Celebration of Jack's Life will be held Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Johnnie T. Hobbs officiating. A reception with refreshments will follow the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the funeral home to assist with expenses. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke (904-964-5757). Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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## Richard Mayben Jr.

**BROOKER**—Richard Allen Mayben Jr., AKA "The Supervisor," of Brooker died on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at North Florida Regional in Gainesville. He was born on Aug. 20, 1965, in Gainesville to Richard Allen Mayben Sr. and Mary Ella Green Mayben.

He is survived by: brothers, Gregory (Kammie), Russell (Sheri) and Harold Mayben; sister, Mattie Foster May; stepchildren, Marrisa Jones, Amberlyn Squires, Krystal Geraghty, Kenndal Dickson and Kyler Thorton; and girlfriend, Vickie Starling.

A service was held Jan. 8 at Archer Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the care of Archer Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

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## Anne Thomson

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## John Weaver Jr.

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**—John Luke Weaver Jr., 85, of Keystone

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Heights passed away Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. He was born in Jacksonville March 9, 1932, to the late John L. and Elizabeth (Donaldson) Weaver Sr. and was in the graduating class of 1950 at Robert E. Lee High School. Following graduation, he joined the United States Air Force, served in the Korean War and received several military awards. Mr. Weaver was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed camping and traveling. His granddaughter, Shannon Renee Alvers, and brother, James C. Thomas, preceded him in death.

Survivors are: his wife of 68 years, Anna (Cregg) Weaver of Keystone Heights and their two daughters, April (Ken) Alvers of Keystone Heights and Cheryl Eisenacher of Orlando. Also left behind are two grandsons and their wives, Daniel (Kim) Alvers and Ben (Shelly) Alvers, along with four great-grandchildren, Caleb, Gunner, Connor and Eliza. Funeral services for Mr. Weaver were Saturday, Jan. 13, at Trinity Baptist Church, with Pastor Scott Stanland and Rev. Daniel Alvers officiating. Interment was at Gadara Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 S.W. 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Keystone Heights (352-473-3176; www.jonesgallagherfh.com).

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## Denton Devoe II

3-18-77—12-24-17  
The family of Denny Devoe would like to thank our family and friends for all their prayers, visits, food, phone calls and support during this difficult time. We extend a special thanks to Ronald Kimbrell for officiating the service and to Archer Funeral Home for all they did. We will forever be grateful for the compassion and care that has been shown to our family.

The Denny Devoe Family

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Dean Hogg and Jacob Hopkins. Cushman, the team's goalie, scored on a penalty kick, while in the net, he made five saves.

Cruz had two assists, while Peyton Box had one.

Keystone entered the game off an 8-0 loss to district opponent

Santa Fe on Jan. 9 and is now 5-5-1 in district play.

The Indians played St. Francis Catholic this past Tuesday and district opponent Newberry on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Keystone hosts Palatka on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. before traveling to play Columbia on Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. The junior varsity team plays prior to each match at 5 p.m.

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# Tornadoes top Indians in turnover-filled game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Olyvia Griffin scored six points during a 7-2 run to close the game, giving the Bradford High School girls' basketball team a 39-33 District 5-2A win over Keystone Heights on Jan. 12 in Starke.

Bradford (6-8) improved to 4-3 in the district and is in third place behind Newberry and Interlachen. Keystone (5-10) is 2-6 in the district and in fifth place in the six-team district.

In the end, the game came down to who could take advantage of turnovers, which were prevalent as the teams combined for more than 70. All of the Tornadoes' last seven points came following turnovers.

Griffin, who led all scorers with 12 points, scored eight points in all off fourth-quarter turnovers.

The game got off to an incredibly sloppy start as the teams combined to turn the ball over more than 10 times before the first points, which were a pair of free throws by Bradford's Jah'mya Henderson with 3:38 remaining in the first quarter. The first field goal didn't occur until the Indians' Savannah Channell scored on a drive to the basket at



Bradford's Raynisha Hunter (left) puts up a shot against Keystone's Madison Heskett.

the 2:33 mark.

It wasn't quite as slow of a start to the second quarter, but the teams combined to score only seven points in the first five minutes. A Haley Julius drive resulted in Keystone taking an 11-10 lead with two minutes remaining in the half. Brittnee Smiley's free throw for the Tornadoes tied the score. Talia Brown then knocked down a jumper to put Bradford ahead 13-11. Keystone's Karyn Teemely hit a jumper off a Channell assist to tie the score before halftime.

The Indians opened the second



Keystone's Victoria Snider (foreground, left) tries to beat Bradford's Chloe Raab to a rebound.



Bradford's Jade Baker (left) drives past Keystone's Skylar Rollins.

Keystone's Savannah Channell scored on a drive to the basket and later added another score off her own offensive rebound. Julius then sank two straight jump shots for a 21-14 lead.

Bradford responded by outscoring Keystone 13-3 the rest of the quarter. Jade Baker



Bradford's Olyvia Griffin (left) goes in for a layup against Keystone's Savannah Channell.



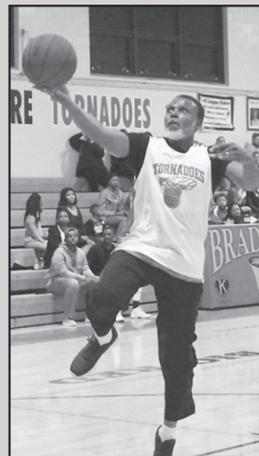
Channell (left) handles the ball against defensive pressure by Bradford's Jah'mya Henderson.

grabbed an offensive rebound and promptly made a jumper. Brown had a field goal before Smiley made a three-pointer, which tied the score. Henderson grabbed a defensive rebound and threw a pass downcourt to Smiley for a basket. Griffin then scored off a turnover to make the score 25-21 in favor of the Tornadoes before Keystone's Julius made two free throws.

Raynisha Hunter and Regina Roberts each made a free throw for Bradford, while Teemely added a free throw for Keystone, making the score 27-24 in favor of the Tornadoes entering the fourth quarter.

Keystone's Madison Heskett tied the score on an old-fashioned

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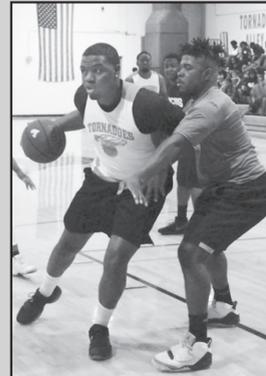
Warren Bright gets a basket for Bradford.



Keearis Ardley (right) goes up strong for a basket.



Deantre Burch (right) goes in for a layup as he and fellow Bradford High School alumni teamed up to defeat Baker County High School alumni 73-55 on Jan. 12, preceding the schools' boys' basketball game on Jan. 13, which the current Tornadoes also won by a score of 72-54.



Ya'keem Griner (left) works while being closely guarded.

three-point play to start the final quarter, but a pair of Henderson free throws gave Bradford the lead for good.

Free throws by Julius and Victoria Snider pulled the Indians within one point later in the quarter, but Griffin had a layup off a turnover to put the Tornadoes ahead 34-31. A steal by Sara Foster led to another

Griffin layup, while Baker, who had a steal, was fouled in the act of shooting, making one free throw to increase the Bradford lead by six. Griffin then scored off her own backcourt steal, giving the Tornadoes their final points.

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Griffin and Henderson finished with eight steals apiece.

The Indians, which got a rebound putback from Snider for their final points, turned the ball over four times in the final two minutes.

Henderson and Smiley each finished with eight points for Bradford, which also got four points from Brown. Baker and Hunter had three and two points, respectively, with Foster and Roberts each adding one.

Hunter had eight rebounds, while Griffin had seven. Henderson had five assists.

Julius and Channell led Keystone with nine and eight

points, respectively, while Heskett and Snider each had five. Teemely and Destiny Bright had three and two points, respectively, with Skylar Rollins adding one.

The Tornadoes entered the game off a 46-42 district win over host Fort White on Jan. 11. Griffin had 16 points and eight steals, while Roberts had 10 points and 15 rebounds. Henderson, who

had nine rebounds, added nine points, while Foster had seven points. Baker had three points, with Brown adding one.

Prior to playing Bradford, Keystone hosted district opponent Interlachen, losing 38-37 on Jan. 9. Julius had 17 points and 12 rebounds, while Snider and Heskett had 13 and 11 rebounds, respectively. Channell and Snider scored seven and

six points, respectively, while Heskett had four. Lexi Northway added three points.

Bradford played Middleburg this past Tuesday and will host three straight district games: Interlachen on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m., Pierson Taylor on Friday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. and Newberry on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. Bradford's junior varsity team plays at 5 p.m. prior to the

Taylor game.

Keystone played Pierson Taylor this past Tuesday and will host Bishop Snyder on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. The Indians then travel to play district opponent Fort White on Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. The JV team plays prior to each game at 5:30 p.m.

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## Tornadoes top Tigers 95-49

Bradford's Taz Curry (left) drives against Union County's Agelu Nunu in the Tornadoes' 95-49 win on Jan. 16 in Lake Butler. Bradford (11-6) was led by Jalen Williams' 21 points, while also getting double figures in points from Chris Cummings (16), Jordan Lee (12) and Curry (11). Union's Cody Hill (pictured in the background) led the Tigers (4-16) with 23 points, while Keyshawn Young had 11.



The District 4-1A champion Union County girls' weightlifting team: (front, l-r) Kurston Bakken, Abby Davis, Breyonce Cummings, (middle, l-r) Sydney Personette, Erica Roseke, Caitlyn Gainey, Cora Johnston, Josie Godwin, Mia Jackson, Katie Tomlinson, Madelyn Whitehead, Brandy McCoy, Tyler Herndon, Taylor Gainey and (back, l-r) coaches Bryan Griffis and Kepa Sarduy. Not pictured: Reah Jones. Photo by Shelley Rodgers.

## UCHS girls' weightlifters win first-ever district title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Led by seven first-place finishers, the Union County High School girls' weightlifting team won its first-ever district championship, topping Bradford, Fort White, Santa Fe, Suwannee and Taylor County at the Jan. 9 District 4-1A finals in Fort White.

In all, Union will send 12 lifters to the Wednesday, Jan. 17, Region 2 finals in Wewahitchka. The top six lifters in each class earned the right to advance.

"They went crazy," Union coach Bryan Griffis said of his lifters. "They jumped, and they hollered. They cried. The most important thing they did? They wanted to pray and thank God."

It was business as usual for Brandy McCoy, who competes in the 199 class. The junior has now won a third straight district title as she eyes winning a third straight state championship. Her 360 total (225 bench press, 135 clean and jerk) was nowhere near what she's capable of (she had a 480 total in winning state last year), but Griffis simply had her do what it took to win. As it was, she still won comfortably.

"There was nobody in her class close to (360)," Griffis said.

Mia Jackson won her second straight title by winning the 169 class with a 340 total (185, 155).

Breyonce Cummings battled it out with Bradford's Auriyanna Hankerson in the 183 class. Each lifter finished with a 305 total, but Cummings was awarded the championship due to the weigh-in tiebreaker (she weighed two-tenths of a pound less than Hankerson). She had a 155 bench press and a 150 clean and jerk.

Kurston Bakken was the unlimited runner-up last year when she was a student at Bradford High School. This year, she won the class with a 495 total (290, 205). Her bench press and clean and jerk were both personal records and school records.

Also winning championships were: Katie Tomlinson with a 145 total (70, 75) in the 101 class, Josie Godwin with a 325 total (170, 155) in the 139 class and Taylor Gainey with a 280 total (135, 145) in the 154 class. Godwin's bench press was a personal record.

Erica Roseke was the runner-up in the 119 class with a 195 total (100, 95), while the following each placed third: Madelyn Whitehead with a 215 total (110, 105) in the 129 class, Reah Jones with a 225 total (115, 110) in the 139 class and Cora Johnston with a 220 total (110, 110) in the 154 class.

Sydney Personette will also advance to the Region 2 finals after posting a 175 total (90, 85) in the 110 class.

Griffis and the lifters had said their goal this season was to win the state championship as a team. Winning the District 4 championship was the first step.

"I'm praying for two more (championships)," Griffis said.

## KHHS sending 8 lifters to Region 4-1A meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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After sending six girls' weightlifters to regional competition in each of the last two years, Keystone Heights High School is sending eight this year, as determined by their performances at the Jan. 12 District 7-1A in Interlachen.

The top six lifters in each class earned the right to advance to the Region 4 finals, which were held Jan. 17 in St. Augustine after press time.

Hannah Forshee was the runner-up in the 110 class with a 160 total. Placing third behind her was teammate Kamrey Dowdy, who had a 115 total. This is the second time in three years each lifter has earned the right to move on.

Also taking third was Isabella Hanna, who had a 200 total in the 129 class, and Isabel Woodell, who had a 240 total in the 169 class.

Three lifters earned fourth-place finishes: Zoe Dearborn with a 205 total in the 119 class, Kayle Daily with a 175 total in the 154 class and Kayla Goodin with a 195 total in the 199 class. Dearborn advanced for the second time in three years.

Makayla Smith also earned a regional berth for the second time in three years, placing fifth with a 180 total in the 199 class.

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