

# UNION COUNTY TIMES

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### Primary election set for August 28

The 2018 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 28. In this election, voters may only vote for candidates within the party they are registered with. To change your party affiliation, register to vote or get more information about the primary, call the office of Debbie Osborne, Union County Supervisor of Elections at 386.496.2236.

### Farm Share food distribution July 14

The Farm Share food distribution for July will take place July 14 at the big pavilion at the Lakeside Park at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m. to help get unloaded and set up. The food distribution is free and is not based on income.

### Summer BINGO at the library

Summer BINGO is back at the Union County Public Library, promising fun for the whole family. The event will be held on Saturday, July 28 from 3-5 p.m. BINGO cards will be 3 for \$1. There will be free popcorn and drinks will be on sale. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Junior Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund.

### Fellowship Baptist Church to host VBS

Fellowship Baptist Church will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided and transportation from Spires if needed. Call Lori at 386.853.5637. Bring a bathing suit and a change of clothes. See you there!

### Magnolia MBC to honor pianist

Members of the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Raiford will celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their pianist, Bunny Taylor, on Sunday, July 15 at 3 p.m. The speaker for the hour will be Pastor Vidal Williams of Faith Bible Church in Sanderson FL.

### GCFBC to host VBS Family Fun Day July 28

Grace Christian Fellowship Baptist Church invites you to VBS Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The day will begin with VBS fun for ages nursery through 17 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by games and water slide fun from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This event is for the entire family.

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## Union County celebrates the 4th



Clockwise from top left:

Te'yah Jordan gets a temporary tattoo from Lynda Perry, owner and artist of Fabulous Faces Entertainment.

Jamie Thomas (left) stands by while Iris Thomas blows bubbles outside the Alachua County Victim's Services and Rape Crises Center booth.

Twice as nice - Twins Phoenix and Ava Edwards were enjoying the holiday celebration from the safety of their playpen in the shade.

Members of the Hare Krishna Iskcon Temple Mandir, in Alachua, brought the music and traditions of their faith to the celebration - a colorful example of the freedom of religion that is one of the founding tenants of our country. Pictured are Devotees: Tulsi dasi, Guruvagmi dasa, Satya Madhava dasa, Pundarika dasa and Jitari dasa.

Kaylee Hamrick, the current Miss Union County Teen (Teen USA 2018) was at the celebration to raise funds for a trip to compete in the Miss Florida Teen USA pageant in Tampa in early November.

### 4-H Clover's annual trip a BIG event



Kenli Jenkins, Kieren Seay, Jacee Box and Sydney Box taking their turn riding the elephant at Two Tails Ranch.

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Every year the Union County 4-H Clovers work hard to earn a special

"Mystery Trip" at the end of the year as a reward for all of their hard work.

This year the kids got to visit Two Tails Ranch, an

elephant rescue, rehabilitation center and educational project. The Clovers learned

See 4-H, 2A

### Election news from the Supervisor of Elections office

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Election time is fast approaching and everyone needs to make sure they are registered and ready to exercise their right to vote when the time comes.

The books will close on July 30 for the August 28 Primary Election. If you are not registered before the books close you will not be allowed to vote in the primary. Also, you may only vote for candidates from the party you are registered as being affiliated with.

The SOE office will hold voter registration drives during the month of July in preparation for the book closing on July 30. Once the books close there can be no new registrations or party changes until after the Primary Election. The voter registration drive sites will be as follows:

Friday, July 13 from 4-7 p.m. at Spires Grocery.

Friday, July 20 from 4-6 p.m. at the Raiford City Hall.

Friday, July 27 from 4-6 p.m. at Williams Grocery in Providence.

Saturday, July 28 from 11 a.m.

See VOTE, 4A

### Suit intended to resolve agency inactivity in resolving mining activities in Union and Bradford

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Reiner and Reiner, the legal firm representing Citizens Against Phosphate Mining and the Ecology Party of Florida has announced that it intends to sue seven federal and four Florida agencies for their failure to act on violations for, according to the press release, "unpermitted activities initiated for proposed new phosphate mining by HPS II, LLC in Union and Bradford counties."

The press release further states that rather than doing their jobs, the agencies instead proposed a \$2.5 million project to alleviate flooding resulting from the activities of another mining operation in the area.

In March of this year, David P. Reiner sent an 80-page notice of violations of federal law to all relevant federal and state agencies which described the unpermitted activities which have been allowed to take place on their watch. The notice was the first step required in the process to compel governmental agencies to enforce the law - making sure they are aware that violations are or have been taking place.

Since the March notice, there has been no change nor any action taken concerning the violations, so the agencies may now be sued for not doing their jobs. Legally, the federal government itself is immune from being sued, but its agencies are open to suits in cases of negligence, as is being claimed here.

The intent to sue lists alleged violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act and claims violations of "piecemeal work conducted without federal review or permits for proposed expansion of phosphate mining in North Florida, beyond the Central Florida area contemplated in the area-wide Environmental Impacts Statement and the proposed multimillion dollar funding for a USDA flooding project in Bradford County.

Listed recipients of the intent to sue document include: Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Col. Jason A. Kirk, District Engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers; Andrew Wheeler, Acting Administrator, US EPA; Ryan Zinke, secretary, U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Greg Sheehan, Director, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Leonard Jordan, USDA, NRCS, Office of the Chief; Jefferson Sessions, Attorney General of the United States; Noah Valenstein, secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Eric Sutton, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Hugh Thomas, executive director, Suwannee River Water Management District and Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., executive director, St. Johns River Water Management District.

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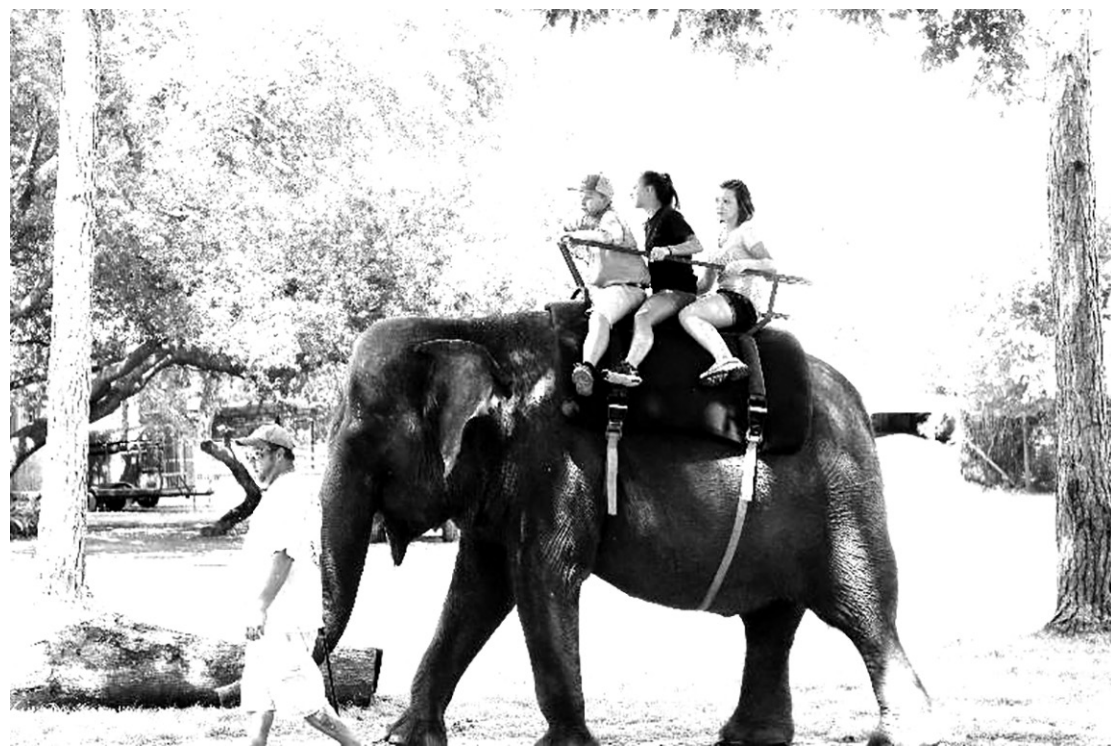
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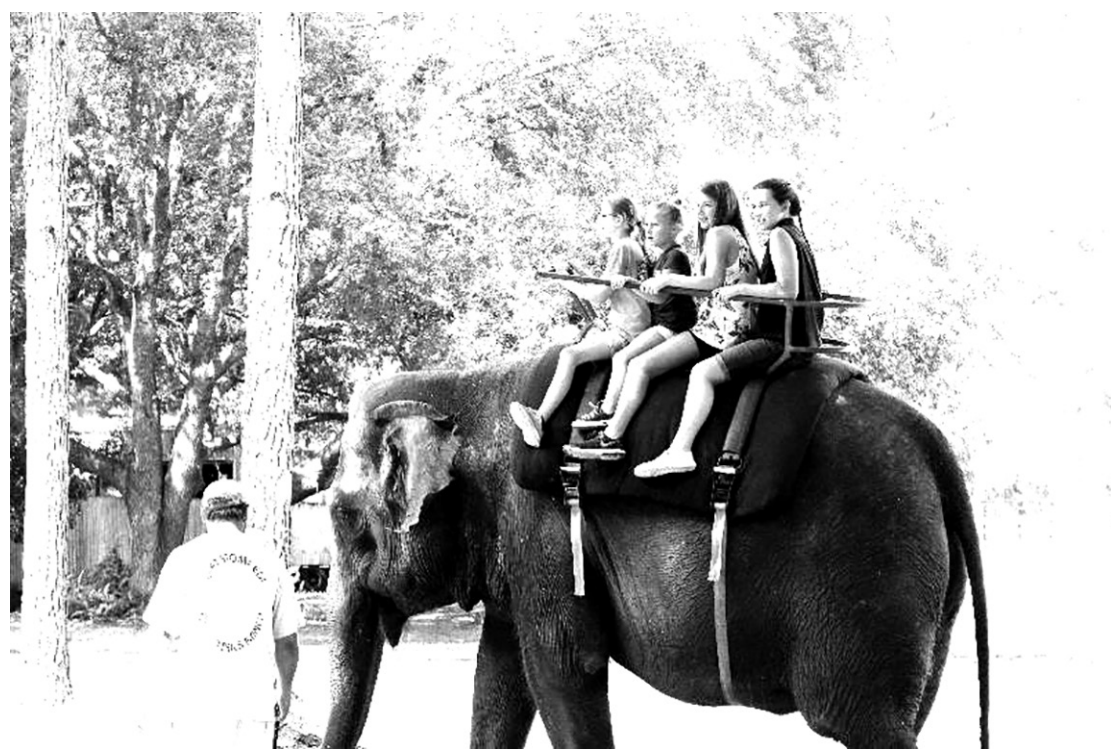
about elephants, both in

captivity and in the wild and then got the biggest treat of the day - they all got to ride an elephant! Union County 4-H Program Director Kristi

McCallister said all of the kids had a great time learning about the world's biggest land mammal.



Noah Williams, Karli Jenkins and Jolene Moore riding one of the elephants at Two Tails ranch.



Addison Wright, Malia Williams, Reagan Robinson and Lyndee Griffis enjoy their elephant ride.



Ella Griffis, Addyson Kelley and Myrick Summerhill seem to be having a wonderful time on their elephant ride.

# What does UF/IFAS do for the county?

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
*Telegraph-Times-Monitor*

If you have a farm or other agricultural endeavor, or if you ever participated in 4-H or FFA when you were in school, you probably are familiar with all of the services offered by the local UF/IFAS Extension Office. If you keep bees, or garden seriously, you may also know what services are offered there. But for many people, there is little idea of what is done at the office and what benefits they can garner there, even in a primarily agricultural county such as Union.

Agriculture is a big deal in Union County. In 2015 there were 1,092 jobs in agriculture and related industries in the county, about 20.5% of all of the jobs. The county produced \$45.8 million in gross regional product. It is estimated that for every dollar spent in agricultural research and Extension here is a return of \$20 to the community.

Funding for Extension services come from three main sources. In 2017 the state provided 65% of the total funding, with \$220,304. Federal funds supplied 6% of the total, with \$21,031 and the county provided 29% with \$98,545. Another funding source

is from county residents. There have been 463 recent donors to the program who reside in the county, and 280 more who donated sometime in 2017. Gifts to UF from county residents in 2017 came to a total of \$276,612 and gifts to IFAS from the same population totaled \$5,654.

Residents who used extension services and were satisfied with them rated the quality of those services at 100%. Of the clients who had the opportunity to use the information received, 86% said the information was effective and 83% said the information they were provided with either solved their problem or answered their question. Not only did the clients use the information themselves, 67% shared the information with someone else.

In 2017, the Union County UF/IFAS Extension Office provided 557 field and office consultations, 1,780 phone and email consultations and engaged with clients using social media 201,680 times. The office created 39 educational materials and hosted 3,235 participants at learning events.

Statewide, advice and information from Extension offices has helped residential participants save 176,405,796

gallons of water, helped 20,813 producers adopt recommended practices to improve their yield and had 56,562 adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices or improved health parameters.

As of Fall 2017 there were 34 UF students from Union County, 276 UF alumni residing in the county and 60 UF/IFAS alumni living in the county.

The catch-word at UF/IFAS is "The Science of Better Living," and they work hard to live up to it. Among the services and programs offered are environmental education, sustainable/alternative agriculture and natural resource education, 4-H youth leadership, life skills and development, information about food preparation, food safety and nutrition and housing.

The Union County UF/IFAS Extension Office is located at 25 NE First St. in Lake Butler. The director is David Nistler. For advice on anything from growing a full agricultural crop or a healthy steer all the way to a home vegetable or flower garden, or even keeping your lawn in top shape, the Extension office is the place to be. They can be reached at (386)496-2321 or on the internet at <http://union.ifas.ufl.edu/>



Everyone had a good time socializing with the elephants, who wanted to be included in the picture! Pictured are: (back row) Jolene Moore, Myrick Summerhill, Lyndee Griffis, Reagan Robinson, Joseph Harris, Jacee Box, Sydney Box, Karli Jenkins and Noah Williams. (middle row) Kenli Jenkins, Addison Wright, Macie Wilson, Kieren Seay, Miley Wilson, Hayden Robinson, Rachel Harris, Addyson Kelley and Jackson Jenkins. (front row) Delana Barton, Trinity Dyess, Marley Robbins, Malia Williams, Alexis Lukatz, Rilie Lukatz and Ella Griffis.

# 10 Bad Things We Do to Our Yard Trees

BY JAY TUCKER  
*Florida Forestry Service*

Frequently homeowners don't recognize signs their tree is in trouble until it is too late. Here are ten common easily avoided practices that harm trees growing in our yards.

## 1 - Do Not Love Your Tree to Death...

Staking and mulching newly planted trees comes naturally to novice tree planters. However, these practices are only beneficial when done correctly.

Staking and guying can help a tree grow taller, will anchor a tree in heavy winds, and can protect trees from mechanical damage.

tight enough to hold the tree upright, but loose enough to allow movement.

When mulching is done correctly, it can be beneficial to tree health. Tree roots need to breathe, so never apply mulch more than 3 inches thick. To prevent decay and pest damage, avoid mulching within 3-4 inches of the tree trunk.

## 2 - Trees Need a Little Love, Too...

A tree's health and care often takes a back most of our time. But, being a tree owner comes with responsibility, which tends to get put off to the point where the tree suffers permanent harm.

It is just as important to nurse a tree back to health as it is to plant and prepare it for a healthy future. Tree injury and improper pruning can lead to tree mortality. Regular maintenance and proper attention is necessary when a tree sustains injury.

## 3 - Do Not Girdle Your Trees...

Girdling is common. Girdling results in the eventual strangulation of a tree. To protect a tree from the lawnmower and weed eater, homeowners will cover a tree's trunk with plastic protector or other material.

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## High School, Graduation and Coast Guard – High School Buddies to Coast Guard Coasties Four Friends Make the Journey Together



**Dawson Kitler**

E3 (Seaman) 19, is a 2017 graduate from Union County High School. After graduation, he left for Basic Training with the United States Coast Guard in Cape May, New Jersey and graduated on October 6, 2017. Kitler successfully completed eight weeks of intensive training requirements and is among 79 graduates with Zulu 194 company. He is the son of Woody and Nicole of Raiford, Florida. He is currently stationed in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. He will be attending Maritime Enforcement (ME) "A" school in Charleston, South Carolina. "Semper Paratus"



**Dalton Kitler**

E-3 (Fireman) 19, is a 2017 graduate from Union County High School. After graduation, he left for Basic Training with the United States Coast Guard in Cape May, New Jersey and graduated on October 6, 2017. Kitler successfully completed eight weeks of intensive training requirements and is among 79 graduates with Zulu 194 company. He is the son of Woody and Nicole of Raiford, Florida. He is currently stationed in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. He will be attending Machinery Technician (MK) "A" school in Yorktown, Virginia. "Semper Paratus"



**Noah Thompson**

E3 (Seaman) 19, is a 2017 graduate with from Union County High School. He is the son of Ricky and Carol Thompson of Lake Butler, Florida. Thompson graduated on April 6, 2018 from the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. He successfully completed eight weeks of intensive training requirements and is among 72 graduates with Tango 195 company. He is currently stationed in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. "Semper Paratus"



**Dylan Thornton**

E2 (Seaman) 19, is a 2017 graduate with from Union County High School. He is the son of Lester and Marla Miller of Lake Butler, Florida and Bruce and Carrie Thornton of MacClenny, Florida. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey on March 30, 2018. Thornton successfully completed eight weeks of intensive training requirements and is among 71 graduates with Sierra 195 company. He is currently stationed at the Golden Gate Sausalito, CA "Semper Paratus"

# MINES

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The intent to sue document states that it represents the plaintiffs in the case with respect to “current and past, unauthorized or illegal activities either sanctioned or permitted by your agencies and entities (e.g. clearing, dewatering, dredging, filling “and alterations of historic water levels and flows) of large areas in Bradford and Union counties for a proposed 11,000-acre phosphate mine by HPSII Enterprises, LLC in the headwaters of the New River, beyond the area contemplated in the Final Area-wide Environmental Impact Statement.” Also included are concerns about “the deficiencies in the Final AEIS and the addendum to the Final AEIS for the proposed expansion of phosphate mining in central Florida and the proposed multi-million-dollar funding to Bradford County for a US Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) Emergency Watershed Protection (“EWP”) project (“IRMA-BRA-01”).”

The letter of intent reiterates specific examples of violations reported in the Notice of Violations of Federal Law Document, including piecemeal preparatory work on areas identified as the “Shadd Tract” and the “Beasley Tract,” both owned by principals in HPSII, as well as the installation of

38 unpermitted monitoring wells for the proposed mining, including some located on private property without the knowledge or permission of the owner. These wells are claimed to pose a threat to the quality of the aquifer, “used as the sole source of drinking water for CAPM members and other rural residents.” Also noted are the draining, clearing and filling of wetlands areas, including some which provide habitat for federally listed endangered species.

The document states that the following actions are required by federal law to take place in the next 60 days: a “formal notice to HPSII from the Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) addressing the piecemealing violations and required actions, including the unpermitted taking of federally threatened and endangered species by those violations;” “a site inspection by USACOE enforcement staff, including CAPM representatives, to document the location of each of the approx. 38 unpermitted monitoring wells for the proposed phosphate mining and the removal of those wells at the expense of HPSII;” “a site inspection of . . . all of the locations described in the previous notice for piecemeal work that involved unpermitted ditching, draining and/or clearing/filling;” “the receipt required by the USACOE of a complete application from HPSII for the proposed phosphate mining . . . prior to any further preparatory work;”

and a reevaluation of the AEIS to resolve deficiencies and “to evaluate the regional adverse impacts of phosphate mining on the entire Floridan aquifer system.”

The conclusion of the document states that, “The USACOE, as well as other federal and local agencies, were put on notice during the AEIS process, that the likelihood of other actions to enable additional strip-mining for phosphate would occur with consequent impacts to the regional Floridan Aquifer System underlying the area proposed for phosphate mining by HPSII Enterprises, LLC. The proposed Bradford “flood abatement project, proposed for funding by USDA NRSC, does not comply with federal law in that no analysis of the environmental impacts or alternatives have been completed. The project is clearly an attempt to transfer the burden of commercial activities both current and proposed, to the taxpayers at an incalculable cost to the environment. This proposed project simply is one more step spreading strip-mining throughout the regional Floridan aquifer system. Unless a more comprehensive, regional environmental assessment or study is done to access the cumulative impacts of all of these projects, our office has been authorized to take legal action against all agencies, entities and persons involved under applicable state and federal laws.”

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Everyone is encouraged to bring your own towels because you will get wet!

The church is located at 4926 SW 107th Ave. in Lake Butler. For more information, call 386.496.2859.

# More Fun at the Library

The Union County Public Library is geared up for summer fun and offering something for everyone in the family.

Adult programs are open to adults age 18 and up and are presented on the second Tuesday of each month. The summer adult programs will conclude with Frame Art on August 14.

Summer programs, for teens and tweens 11 years old and up, are underway with the program for July 17 being Wood Art. There will be free snacks and prize drawings at this event.

Thursdays at 10 a.m. the summer Libraries Rock program is offered, with the series of programs ending on July 19 with an outside water party titled “Rockin’ Party!”

For more information about these programs or other offerings at the library please call 386-496-3432 or visit the library’s website at [www.unioncountypubliclibrary.org](http://www.unioncountypubliclibrary.org).

**Bradford County Telegraph**

**BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2019**

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WANT TO BECOME A PART OF A BUSINESS DIRECTORY THAT YOUR CUSTOMERS WILL KEEP AND REFER TO ALL YEAR?

The Bradford County Telegraph/Union County Times/Lake Region Monitor newspaper group is putting together a free three-county Business Directory 2019, printed in full color, which will offer your business an opportunity to be listed in this product free of charge.

The Directory will be placed in all three newspapers as an insert in the late fall, printed in an elite production process that will encourage readers to keep it, placing it by their phone book as an easy reference. A listing in the directory can be yours as easily as filling out a form with the information for your free listing. Should you desire to provide readers with more information about your business, paid display ads and advertorials will also be available.

A Business Directory listing is an inexpensive way to keep your business name and information “in front” of customers for the entire year - making the most of your advertising dollar should you choose to purchase an ad in addition to your free listing. Free copies will be made available to all advertisers so they can hand them out to their customers. We are estimating a circulation of about 9,000 for the directory, and that’s a lot of customers.

Don’t be left out - list in the directory and get those calls and visits from new and existing customers. For more information call Beth or John Ryan Tillman at (904)964-6305.

For FREE Listing Please fill out your

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# LEGALS

UCT Legals 7/12/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 18-CP-000028 Division: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD LEROY BURNSIDE, JR. a/k/a RONALD L. BURNSIDE, JR. Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of RONALD LEROY BURNSIDE, JR. a/k/a RONALD L. BURNSIDE JR. deceased, whose date of death was September 5, 2017 is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida. Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Room 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is July 5, 2018.

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Tucson, Arizona 85705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 18000022CAAXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AS TRUSTEE F/K/A NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RENAISSANCE HEL TRUST 2004-3, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SANDRA A. EDWARDS F/K/A SANDRA A. MULBERRY A/K/A

SANDRA MULBERRY, ET AL. Defendants

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
To the following Defendant(s):  
UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 5/11/05, KNOWN AS THE MULBERRY FAMILY TRUST (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) Last Known Address: 6365 SW 73RD CT, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

PARCEL M COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF THE E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SR #239-A; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SAID E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 1740.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 229.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 229.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 765.33 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF A GRADED COUNTY ROAD; THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH SIDE OF SAID GRADED COUNTY ROAD ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY, WHOSE RADIUS IS UNKNOWN, A DISTANCE OF 235.34 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 80 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 707.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 SPRINGER DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME:  
TITLE#: 74234475; VIN#: GAFLV34A26847SH21 &  
TITLE#: 74234476; VIN#: GAFLV34B26847SH21;  
A/K/A 6365 SW 73RD CT, LAKE

BUTLER FL 32054

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Janillah Joseph, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, PLC, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before August 9, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The UNION COUNTY TIMES and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff’s attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 206  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at [interpreter@circuit8.org](mailto:interpreter@circuit8.org).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 9 day of July, 2018  
KELLIE HENDRICKS-CONNELL  
CLERK OF COURT  
BY Crystal Norman  
As Deputy Clerk  
7/12 4tchg 8/2-UCT

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Evelyn S Jordan, PO Box 993, Glenn Saint Mary, FL 32040, sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: Branch of Life Elderly Care, PO Box 993, Glenn Saint Mary, FL 32040, intends to register said fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 6 day of July, 2018, in Baker County.  
7/12 1tchg-UCT

You Pick Blueberries \$1.50 per lb.  
Saturday 8am -12pm & 4pm-8pm.  
7839 S.W. 126th Ave. Lake Butler.  
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# TREES

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But, they do not realize the tree could be suffering a slow death from this protection. Generally, it is just not a good practice to cover a tree's base—especially on a permanent basis. Instead, think about using a good mulch that will keep the tree's base weed free and worry free. In combination with a small amount of annual herbicide, the mulch you apply will conserve moisture as well as prevent weed competition.

## 4 - Don't Plant a Big Tree Under a Power Line...

Power lines and trees just don't mix. You can invest money in a tree and years of growth only to see the tree topped by an electric utility crew when the limbs touch their electric wires. You will get no sympathy from your power company and can expect a fight when you ask them to spare your tree.

Utility right-of-ways are a tempting place to plant trees. They are usually open and clear. Please resist that temptation. You might get by if you plant a small tree that has a maximum height that is lower than the height of the power line.

## 5 - Do Not Force Your Tree to Compete with Other Plants...

In many cases trees cannot compete with an aggressive plant, like wisteria, that grow over the tree stealing nutrients and light. Many plants can take advantage of their spreading habit (such as vines) and can overwhelm the most vigorous tree. You can plant spreading shrubs and vines but keep them away from your trees.

## 6 - Some Trees Need Full Sunlight...

Some tree species, can't handle too much shade.

Conifers and many hardwood trees require full sunlight most of the day and are referred to as "shade intolerant" species. Likewise, trees that prefer shade are "shade tolerant" species. When planting a tree, be sure to select the right tree for the site.

Shade intolerant examples are pine, red maple, oaks, red cedar, sweetgum, elm, and sycamore. Shade tolerant examples are dogwood, redbud, southern magnolia, and holly.

## 7 - Remember Your Tree's Space and Growth Requirements...

Every tree has its own unique growth potential. How tall and wide a tree grows is not only determined by its health and the condition of the site, but the final size of a tree will also be determined by its genetics. When planting a tree, make sure you select a location with ample space for the tree to grow. Think about how large the tree will grow in 20-30 years. Most good tree guides will give you height and spread information.

## 8 - Root Damage Via Compaction and Storage...

A tree's root system is the most vital organ on a tree. When roots fail to work properly the tree will eventually decline and die. The most common mistakes made by homeowners are building or paving over roots, excavating on and around the tree, park or store equipment, and/or toxic material over the root zone.

## 9 - Tree and Property Incompatibility...

Poor tree placement can harm both your tree and your property. Always avoid planting trees that will outgrow the space provided. This frequently leads to

# Union students participate in 4-H legislature

BY TARA HOLTZENDORF

Florida 4-H Legislature is a program like no other. This program allows youth from all over the state of Florida to take part in our legislative process whether it be from a media standpoint, legislative, or even a lobbyist.

The youth that attend this event perform countless hours of research: making points of debate on their bills.

Representatives and senators are placed on committees. These committees have bills that relate to certain problems in our home towns and in our communities. For example, there was a bill on property tax cuts for managing beehives and free admission for Florida residents to state parks.

Our media correspondents had to write articles to put in a newsletter called the Leg Times. These articles consisted of the events and legislation passed that day. They also included some helpful tips from seniors graduating from the program, introductions to our Governor and Lt. Governor, and introductions to our media team since they are always behind the camera.

Along with the newsletter, they created a slideshow to showcase pictures from the day and captured memories that we shared with participants.

As for the lobbyists, their jobs were to convince the senators and representatives to pass or fail certain bills that made it through the committees. The lobbyists work hard on their pitches to



Union County 4-H youth: (L-r) Hunter Williams, Tara Holtzendorf and Dalton Hutchison.

the congressmen and they go as far as handing out goodies that have to do with their bills.

One lobbyist pair gave out feminine hygiene products for their bill on public bathrooms providing such products in the state of Florida.

I was fortunate enough to be on the planning committee for this historic event at our state's capital.

Planning this event is a lot of hard work. The planning committee is there to make the participants' experiences great. Whether that be just debating on a certain bill to entice debate or running around the capital just to get

a picture of a certain person because they haven't been put in the senior section of the slide show.

On the Florida 4-H Legislature Planning Committee I had the privilege of being the Co-Head Media Correspondent along with two other very close friends of mine. Being on the planning committee was like being part of a big family. We all had to get to know each other and learn to trust one another. I know even after this past year I made more lifelong friends than I have in previous years.

The Florida 4-H Legislature program as a whole provided

me and others with a way to get out of our comfort zones, practice our citizenship, and make lifelong friends we know will be there forever no matter if they live in Miami, the Panhandle, or just 30 minutes away in Gainesville.

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## Bradford County Sheriff's Office training 13 to be school guardians

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

School employees receiving training to prepare for the new school year is nothing unusual, but some who work in the Bradford County School District are learning skills outside of the norm in an effort to better protect students.

As part of the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, which falls under Florida's newly created Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, 13 Bradford school employees are in the midst of being trained by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in weapons proficiency and how to act in an active-shooter scenario.

Guardians are volunteers who must have concealed-weapons permits. They will be armed while on campus, with guns issued to them by BCSO. By law, though, a guardian can only aid in the prevention or abatement of an active-shooter incident on campus. They are not to use their weapons in any other situation. They also cannot make arrests.

"Their powers are very limited," said BCSO Detective Sgt. Brad Witt, who is one of several BCSO employees who helped devise the training the Bradford guardians are going through.

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith said, "This is basically the last line of defense."

As of June 29, 21 Florida sheriff's offices (including BCSO) were involved in training guardians, though in some counties, not all of the schools will have guardians. For example, guardians will be at elementary schools only in Clay County and at charter schools only in Alachua and Sarasota counties.

Not just any school employee can become a guardian, which seems to be a misunderstanding some people have. By state law, full-time classroom teachers cannot become guardians, though there are exceptions: JROTC instructors, current military members and current or former law-enforcement officers.

Also, the guardians have to undergo rigorous training, with BCSO requiring them achieve a higher percentage rate of success (85) than what its own deputies have to achieve (80). They must pass background checks and psychological evaluations.

"The standards these folks are getting held to are extremely high," Witt said. "A lot of people thought this was going to be a Wild-West kind of thing — teachers running around with guns — but it's not. There are standards set forth by law, and there are standards set forth by our policy. They have a six-page policy by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office that they have to adhere to along with our other policies about use of force, firearms — anything like that."



Bradford County Sheriff's Office Lt. Kevin Mueller observes a guardian program participant. Bradford's guardians' identities are being kept confidential, though that is not the case in every county.

The state requires ongoing training at least annually, but BCSO will require guardians to do more than the minimum.

"We plan to hold as much training as we can for them," Witt said. "The number of how many

a year has not been set in stone, but we will hold training, where we continue to reinforce what they were taught and continue to develop their skills."

Some sheriff's offices that are training guardians are issuing

them uniforms that identify them as such, but the guardians in Bradford will wear plain clothes and be anonymous. It also won't be revealed how many guardians are at a specific school.

Smith said whereas an active shooter can easily identify a school resource officer, he or she will not be able to identify a guardian by sight.

"Now when you come onto campus, when you start shooting, you don't know who's going to be shooting back at you," Smith said.



Sgt. Brad Witt

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areas to increase their chances of hitting their targets. "That's a lot of what we call aim-small, miss-small drills," Witt said.

—Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction via

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### Guardian requirements

State law dictates that guardians will receive 144 hours of training, which are broken down into the following:

—80 hours of firearms instruction based on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law Enforcement Academy training model, which includes 10-20 percent more rounds fired than in academy training.

—16 hours of precision pistol instruction, where those training learn to zero in on smaller target

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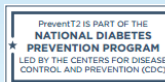
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**Bradford County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Brad Witt displays a target and points out the area guardian trainees will aim for.**



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simulator exercises. "In this virtual shooting range, they can do everything from displaying a static target up there to (displaying) a moving scenario," Witt said. "This simulator forces them to do reloads. It's CO2-equipped. It'll actually give the simulated guns recoil to make it realistic to shooting."

—Eight hours of instruction in active-shooter scenarios. "We will actually take them to the school and put on some live scenarios, where somebody will play a suspect," Witt said. "They will hear shots and have to respond to them and confront that suspect."

—Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics. "If they get to a suspect, and this person stops shooting — the deadly force situation is gone — they have to be able to safely defend themselves should something occur or have to be able to safely help law enforcement detain this suspect," Witt said, adding, "Also, a big part of defensive tactics are your use-of-force laws and knowing when you're justified in using force."

—12 hours of instruction in legal issues.

—Pass a psychological evaluation.

—Submit to and pass initial and subsequent drug screenings.

—Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon inspection and firearm qualification on at least an annual basis.

—Successfully complete at least 12 hours of a certified, nationally recognized diversity training program.

"You're going to be trained just like our deputies," Witt said.

Guardians will not only be responsible for going through

and passing subsequent training. They are expected to act appropriately in the role of guardian.

"They are subject to being removed from it at any time should they not be operating in a manner that's consistent with what we're looking for," Witt said.

Witt said he and BCSO Sgt. Joe Shiller were tasked with creating the training program for the Bradford guardians. They consulted with the Polk County Sheriff's Office because it was going through the same process, Witt said. Then he and Shiller turned to members of their own office, such as Lt. Kevin Mueller.

"He's kind of the lead instructor on anything firearms-related because of his tactical background," Witt said of Mueller. "He's our SWAT commander. He's a law-enforcement firearms instructor."

Capt. George Konkel, Sgt. Terrell Williams and Cpl. Hannah Haas of the BCSO have also been instrumental in instructing guardians. Plus, BCSO is getting the services of Sgt. Scott Andrews of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

"We don't have a defensive tactics instructor in house," Witt said. "(Andrews is) right next door in Union County. They were very gracious and have allowed him to participate in helping us."

Many others within the BCSO have assisted in tasks such as processing applications and assisting with background checks.

"It's been a huge team effort," Witt said.

**A lot of material in a short amount of time**

The instruction guardians are

going through is intensive and makes for long days. They are completing everything in a three-week period prior to the start of school. Smith said weekend training can consist of at least 12-hour days.

It's a testament to the commitment of those who want to become guardians Witt said. It's not like they get four days of instruction during the week, with time at night to study, before taking a test on the material on the fifth day.

"They'll go through a 12-hour legal section and then be handed a test and be immediately expected to pass at 85 percent," Witt said. "You are expected to work to retain this information. They're doing a phenomenal job of that so far."

Those who were interested in volunteering attended an interest meeting, which detailed the amount of training, the number of hours and the various other requirements necessary to become a guardian. Several people who attended that meeting decided not to pursue the training, Witt said.

The ones who stuck with the program went into it knowing that regardless of the hours they put in, if they didn't meet the established criteria to pass or if they didn't pass the psychological evaluation, they would not be certified as guardians.

"This is not something where just because you're here, it's going to be handed to you," Witt said. "It's something that's going to be earned. It's going to be something you're going to work hard for."

Witt said those going through the current training have been enthusiastic.

"They're putting in very good work right now," Witt said. "Every test that has been taken to this point has been passed

**Church prays for the best and prepares for the worst**



**For events that draw large numbers of children, like Vacation Bible School, the team notifies the local probation and parole office which then schedules an officer familiar with registered sex offenders and predators to work the event.**

**BY KIM BOX**  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Most of the recent headlines about mass shootings have focused on public schools, following the tragedy at Marjorie Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida. However, last November, a Texas shooting underscored another class of organizations vulnerable to violence when 26 people were killed at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

"No church should assume that 'It will not happen here,'" said Bob Milner, who leads the safety team at Madison Street Baptist Church in Starke. "The last 20 years have demonstrated that all churches are at risk for crimes and critical incidents, regardless of denomination or size."

well beyond the 85-percent (requirement). They're doing a very good job of retaining a lot of information that they're being given in a very short period of time."

It's all about BCSO doing what it can to better ensure the safety of students. Witt said he's glad Smith made the decision to train guardians to complement the resource officers.

"With the training these folks are receiving and having that school resource deputy in every school, I can't imagine a safer Bradford County School District unless you're going to put a 10-foot barbed-wire fence around the place and make it look like a prison," Witt said.

Milner, who is Starke's city manager and a former Bradford County sheriff, said the church's pastoral staff did not walk blindly into its decision to develop a team to handle church security and safety issues. They had been discussing ideas and exchanging information for several years prior to 2017 when they formed the current safety unit.

"From the parking lot to the pulpit, our goal is to help create a place where members and guests can freely worship the Lord with

**Training and recruiting**

In implementing the congregation's security plan, Milner first completed two church security training sessions. Three other members of the initial team then attended two training sessions: "Church Intruder Awareness" and "Response and Conflict Management for Church Personnel and Volunteers."

Next, Milner recruited



**Bob Milner**

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fellow believers," Milner said. "Anyone entering a service of any kind at MSBC will find a very warm and welcoming environment for them and their children — they should not have to give any thought as to whether they are safe or may be threatened."

captains for four teams, one team for each week of the month. Each team captain has either a public safety or an emergency management background. The existing safety team, including the newly appointed captains, then recruited 10 members for each of the four teams.

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# Dealer executive: The future of driving is here

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

The vice president of Beck Automotive Group told a Keystone Heights business association about the future of driving, during its July meeting.

Wayne McClain said many features of self-driving cars are already apart of today's newer models, like adaptive cruise control, automatic parking, lane-departure warning and steering assistance, blind spot detection and lidar systems.

He also predicted that in the future, most traffic injuries and fatalities will be pedestrian-related.

"You're not going to see fatal car crashes with cars crashing into each other," he said. "You're going to see pedestrians getting hit, bicyclists and that type of news. Great news for some people, not so great for other people."

McClain said that one of the most dangerous practices on the road today: texting while driving, will be a thing of the past in the next 20 years.

He said that the federal government has mandated to all automobile manufacturers that by 2019, new cars come with technology that makes texting while driving impossible.

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"If you look now at any commercial that's going on television, 60 percent of all automobile manufacturers feature safety in their commercials," he said. "It's what people are interested in now, especially younger people."

McClain went over some of the technologies available as options in luxury cars today that he said will be standard equipment in the future, including:

## — Lane departure warnings:

## CHURCH Continued from 2B

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For events such as these two that draw large numbers of children, the team notifies the local probation and parole office which then schedules an officer familiar with registered sex offenders and predators to work the event.

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## Protecting children

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Wayne McClain, vice president of Beck Automotive Group, talks to Keystone-Lake Region Business Association member Janet Temple after the association's July meeting.

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## Medical team being organized

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## —Tire pressure monitoring:

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## — Fatigue warnings:

"On the Lincolns now," McClain said, "there's a little icon of a coffee cup that comes up if the car notices that your eyelids are drooping. Cadillac has that also on some of its models."

## — Backup rear view camera:

"This is almost the standard now on cars," he said. "This was done some years ago because a young boy was hit in a driveway and his mom and dad advocated to the government. They were the ones that got the rear camera (into cars). Great tool."

## — Automatic parallel parking:

"If you are driving down a street and you see that open spot, you can press the button on your console, and it'll back the car in there," he said. "There's a commercial on television now of a young kid that's trying to impress his girlfriend's parents, and they watch him (parallel) park the car, but it ain't him, it's the car."

## — Young driver key:

"Here's one for those of you who have grandkids and teenagers," McClain said. I'm just using this one, but other manufacturers also have them. This one is the My Ford Key. It's a separate key for teenagers that has a seat belt reminder that will not let them play music if their seatbelt's not on. It has a top speed indicator. You can set it for how fast you want it to go. It screens radio content and can have them tone it down.

"We have kids that come in after their parents have bought a car and they get the key and they'll come in to the service department and they'll go, 'This car will only go 65 miles an hour!' We'll just tell them to call their parents, and they say, 'Oh, no, don't call my parents!' Great, great

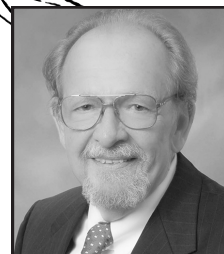
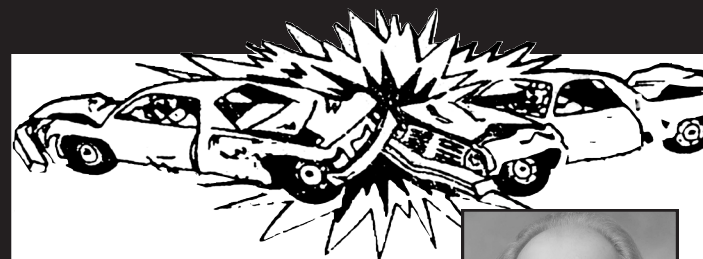
thing."

McClain also gave the business group car buying tips. He advised the crowd to get prepared before visiting a vehicle seller, arrange for financing in advance and take a prospective used car to a

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# CRIME

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay or Union

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

### BRADFORD –

Nicolis Chase Altman, 28, of Starke was arrested July 8 by Bradford deputies for driving with license suspended or revoked and attaching a tag nor registered to a vehicle.

Alexandria Bodden, 28, of Somerville, SC was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Alan Eugene Crawford, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Matthew Justin Ellis, 32, of Brooker was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for two counts of violation of probation, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Christina Elizabeth Gibbs, 37, of Hampton was arrested July 7 by Bradford deputies for resisting an officer.

Blanche Dironda Hayes, 43, was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Frank L. Hernandez, 39, of New Port Richey was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Gharrett Andrew Herres, 27, of Starke was arrested July 3 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Andre Maurice Johnson, 30, of St. Petersburg was arrested July 2 by Lawtey police for driving with license suspended or revoked.

Mark A. Kimbrell, 42, of Hampton was arrested July 3 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant.

Curtis Lee Moody, 47, of Hawthorne was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

Sara Jade Morton, 32, of Ocala was arrested July 2 by Starke police for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

### Paid \$1 for 6-pack of Bud Light

Colton William Poulette, 23, of West Palm Beach, was arrested July 2 by Bradford Deputy Corey Turner for larceny - petit theft first degree, at least \$100 but less than \$300.

The current incident is connected to a previous one which occurred on June 2. According to the arrest report, at that time Turner had responded to the MJM Food Store on U.S. 301 in reference to a shoplifting incident. He made contact with Poulette, who was standing in front of the business. When Turner approached, Poulette is reported to have gotten down in his knees, put his hands behind his head and said, "Take me." At that time Turner noticed a six-pack of beer sitting next to Poulette. The report states that Turner believed that Poulette had been drinking since some of the beer bottles were empty and his breath smelled of an alcoholic beverage.

Poulette did not want to talk about the incident at that time, simply saying that he knew he was going to jail and "just do what you need to do." He also told Turner that the bicycle he



C. Poulette

was riding had been stolen. He told Turner that "what I did was foolish." He was detained and patted down for weapons while Turner investigated the incident further.

Turner entered the business and contacted the complainant, who told him that Poulette had entered the business, walked to the alcohol section and picked up a six-pack of Bud Light that was worth \$9.41, then approached the counter and handed her a \$1 bill and told her to "call the police - I will be waiting outside." Two witnesses claimed to have seen Poulette throwing beer bottles outside, but Turner saw no evidence of that.

The complainant was asked to sign a sworn statement and she agreed, noting that she had called the business owner after she had called the police. The owner informed Turner that he wanted to have Poulette trespass and to press charges for the stolen beer. Poulette was placed under arrest for retail theft and searched.

Kansas Lashae Robinson, 35, of Cedar Bluff, Alabama was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies on an out-of-county warrant, violation of probation, two counts of possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Edward Laverne Tipton, 55, of Jacksonville was arrested July 6 by Bradford deputies for violation of probation.

### Failed to return rented merchandise

Angelica M. Tower, 26, of Starke had a warrant issued for her arrest on July 7 for fraud in connection with an investigation by Starke police.

Starke Police Officer Paul King responded to Rent-A-Center in Starke in reference to failure to redeliver rental property. According to the warrant affidavit, King contacted a store employee who said Tower had rented a queen-size mattress and box spring and a 55-inch smart television and was at that time 31 days past due on the rental payment. She was not answering or returning phone calls. King was also told that store representatives had tried to contact Tower at her home to retrieve the property, with negative results.

A certified letter had been sent to Tower, requesting her to return the items or to contact Rent-A-Center. The letter was delivered and signed for by Tower's grandmother. A sworn complaint was filed on Tower for failure to redeliver leased property valued at over \$300.

Samantha Wells, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested July 5 by Bradford deputies for disorderly intoxication.

Bobby Ihan Williams, 40, of Starke was arrested July 4 by Bradford deputies for driving with a license suspended or

revoked and possession of marijuana.

### UNION COUNTY –

Lothario Emmanuel Dennard, 38, was arrested July 3 by Union deputies on a Union County warrant for possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture or distribute and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Willie Robinson, 45, of Lake Butler was arrested July 6 by Union Deputy Robert Fipps for battery-touch or strike and disorderly intoxication.

Fipps was dispatched to the apartments at 715 W. Main Street in reference to a reported disturbance. According to the arrest report, upon arrival Fipps made contact with the victim, who was also the reporting party. The victim stated that Robinson was outside the apartment complex, yelling. She said she went outside and asked him what was going on. She said Robinson came up outside her apartment and asked her for her cell phone. She also reported that he seemed to be intoxicated.

The report states that the victim said that Robinson struck her on the right wrist (on which she had recently had surgery) when she told him he could not have her phone. She added that she was attempting to call law enforcement when Robinson struck her.

The victim told Fipps that Robinson was inside an apartment and when Fipps made contact with him he appeared to be intoxicated. He was arrested for battery and disorderly intoxication, handcuffed and escorted to Fipps' patrol car. Robinson became belligerent and refused to comply with Fipps' orders, but finally complied.

According to a note in the arrest report, this was Robinson's third arrest in a 12-month period and the second in a 7-day period.

### Caught with gun and drugs on DOC property

Marquita Letres Smith, 35, of Palatka was arrested July 7 by Union Deputy David C. Gladding for two counts of smuggling contraband into a prison, in the form of



M. Smith

a controlled substance and a firearm/weapon or explosive. According to the arrest report, Gladding responded to the Regional Medical Center Work Camp in reference to assisting another agency. Upon arrival, Gladding made contact with Correctional Officers Tucker and Johnson, both of whom are K-9 Handlers for the DOC. Tucker advised that his K-9 had alerted to a vehicle in a parking lot on state grounds. He said the owner of the vehicle, identified as Smith, had been located and had given consent for the vehicle to be searched.

Johnson told Gladding that, prior to the search, Smith had advised that there were a few marijuana blunt ends on the passenger floorboard and a firearm next to the central console. The items were located, along with a bag of a green leady substance in the center console that Smith denied was hers. The substance weighed 3.5 grams and was field-test identified as marijuana. The firearm was a 9mm handgun, found with a magazine and ammunition next to it.

Smith was charged based on the items found in her vehicle, placed in wrist restraints and transported to the Union County Jail without incident.

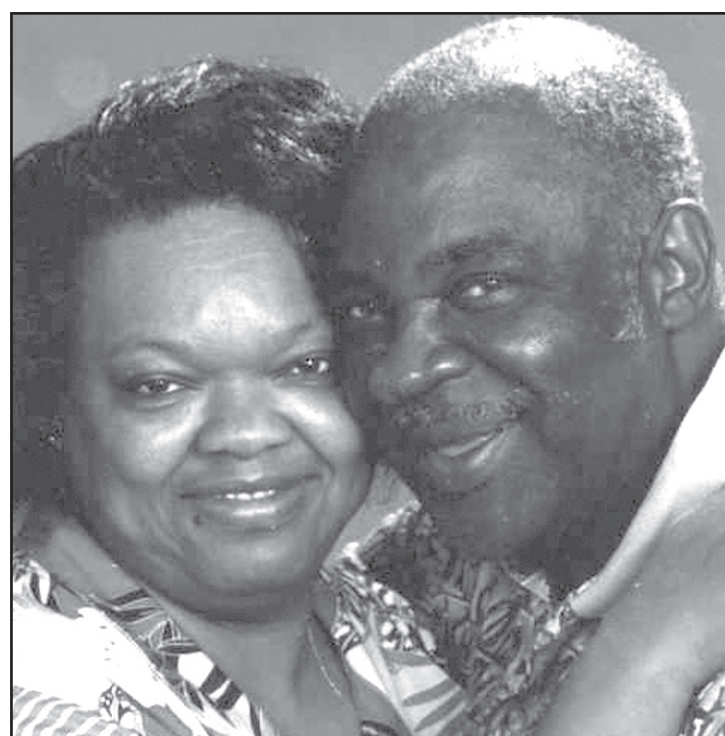
### KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND LAKE REGION –

Tracy Lyndon Rigdon, 57, was arrested by Clay deputies on July 5 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and driving while license suspended - first offense.

Jillian Kimberly Miranda, 36, was arrested by Clay deputies on S. Lawrence Blvd. in Keystone Heights for resisting/obstructing/opposing an officer without violence and driving while license suspended - third or subsequent offense.

William Homer Scott, 36, was arrested by Clay deputies on Temple St. in Keystone Heights for simple battery (domestic).

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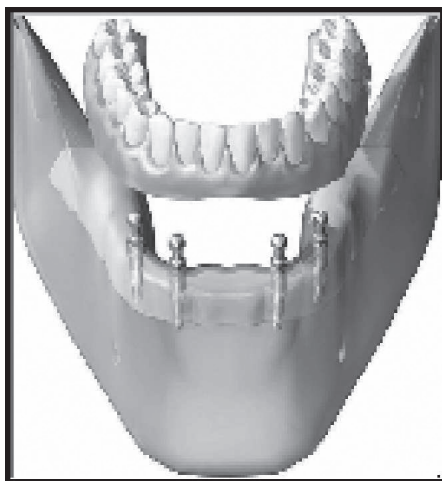
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That is when I decided to have ice cream sundaes on the first Thursday of each month to bring a little of that nostalgia back. This is also to thank the citizens of Starke and Bradford County on behalf of Doc Mitchell and my dad for the support we have received from the community through the years.

We have five generations living in Bradford County all because of you. Thank you and come have an ice cream sundae made the way it's supposed to be!

Carolyn Crews

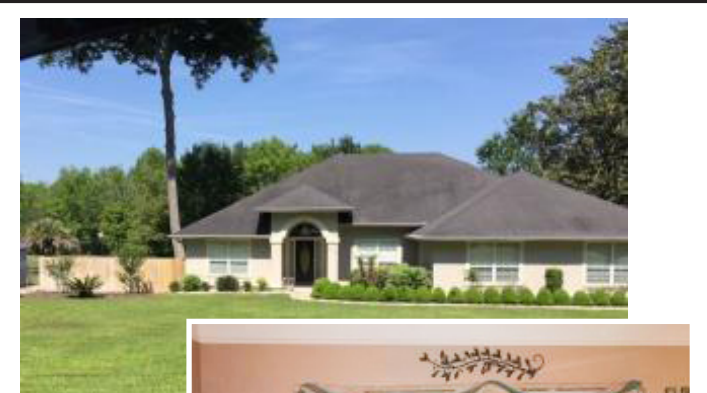


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# Tomlinson recovering and ready to be on the sideline

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Brian Tomlinson will be victorious on Aug. 17.

The Bradford High School head football coach has said as much regarding his team's preseason kickoff classic, which will be played that night at Newberry, but he's not making a bold prediction on which team will be ahead on the scoreboard. In fact, if Bradford loses, that doesn't change his thinking.

You see, Tomlinson understands that standing on the sideline coaching a football game is not a given. He's approximately three weeks removed from open-heart surgery. His body has been fighting a deadly infection for longer than that.

Tomlinson is grateful to be alive.

"That first game, I think, for me, will be a win, no matter the outcome of the game," he said.

Win or lose, that Friday night will become another piece of a life being re-assembled into a sense of normalcy.

"It'll feel like our life is finally back to what we're used to," Tomlinson's wife, April, said. "It's been really thrown out of whack the last two months."



Brian Tomlinson pictured during a spring practice in 2017 after he had been hired as head coach. He hopes to at least observe the first week of fall practices this year and be on the field by possibly the second week as he continues to recuperate from open-heart surgery and a serious infection.

## Unexpected results

In December 2009, Tomlinson's father, Marvin, went into cardiac arrest. He was resuscitated and diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — a thickening of the heart muscle that can make it difficult

for the heart to pump blood. The condition is hereditary, so Tomlinson was encouraged to get tested for it.

Tomlinson did have the condition and had an internal defibrillator implanted in April 2010. Sometimes it bothers him that he has the defibrillator. He wants to be "normal," he said, but he realizes the defibrillator allows him to be just that.

"It's never limited me except for MRIs. I don't get to do those anymore, which doesn't hurt my feelings because I'm claustrophobic," Tomlinson said with a laugh.

His defibrillator had to be replaced this past April. What happened afterward wasn't normal.

Tomlinson's incision was taped shut, but the area began to itch. His assistant coaches noticed that he was constantly reaching up and scratching around the area, Tomlinson said. When removing the surgical tape, the entire area around the incision was red. Part of the incision was still open and oozing.

That was on May 13, the Saturday before Mother's Day. Tomlinson called his cardiologist at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 15. That led to Tomlinson being put on a couple of antibiotics. When his condition didn't improve, it was determined that his defibrillator needed to be removed. That occurred on May 25. A wire coil snapped off when the defibrillator was removed and

remained embedded in Tomlinson's heart.

Still, the infection, which would only get worse, remained. Tomlinson said it was like he had the worst-ever case of flu.

"He even looked gray," April Tomlinson said. "You could tell he was pretty sick."

Doctors thought the wire coil left behind after the defibrillator removal could be infected, thus preventing Tomlinson from getting better. Still, other tests were performed first to determine if the infection was from another source rather than go straight into removal of the coil, which would require open-heart surgery.

Tomlinson was re-admitted to the hospital on June 15, a Friday night. On June 17, his cardiologist told him the plan, after one last test ruled out infection from another source, was to proceed with open-heart surgery. When he and April asked when that would be, the cardiologist said the next day.

"You feel like the air is just knocked out of you because that's not what you want to hear," April said. "You didn't have time to mentally prepare for it."

## God's plan

Tomlinson and his wife prayed that he would not need to undergo open-heart surgery. They had others praying the same thing. Therefore, it was a little disheartening to hear that he would need to have the surgery.

"I kind of sat there going, 'Why is this happening?' I just didn't understand," April said.

On the morning of June 19, Tomlinson underwent surgery. His wife described the time as the "longest four hours of my life."

"Thankfully, I had a lot of family around me," April said. "(BHS Athletic Director) Lamar (Waters) actually came and sat with me through the surgery as

well — he and his wife (Erin)."

It was discovered during the surgery that the embedded coil was in a position where it was blocking one of the valves of Tomlinson's heart, preventing blood from going where it needed to go.

That surgery that so many prayed wouldn't happen was necessary in more ways than one. "Either way, the surgery needed to happen," Tomlinson said. "God's plan was better than ours."

April said, "When the doctors came and told us, I was more than grateful my plans weren't fulfilled because His were better than ours."

What if events unfolded differently? Tomlinson has thought about that. Supposed the antibiotics worked or he had never developed an infection? It wouldn't have been discovered that he had a blocked valve.

"He's the great physician," Tomlinson said of God.

Tomlinson feels like God's plan is also for him to become a better person through this experience and better impact the lives of young people.

"I honestly believe it's for me it's to be able to reach the kids and help lead them — show them how a Godly person is supposed to live," Tomlinson said. "I feel that's what I'm called to do."

Of course, Tomlinson's outlet for doing that is as a coach. Now, he's working to get better so he can join his team.

## Road to recovery

Once he was taken off post-surgery medication, Tomlinson said the pain was the worst he's ever experienced. Things are better now as long as he follows doctors' precautions. Yawning, though, he can't help. After doing that once during the interview for this story, he said, "I wish I didn't have to do that all the time because it hurts."

He's not allowed to push, pull or pick up anything during the four weeks post-surgery. He can't drive or even ride in the front seat of a vehicle right now due to what could happen in the event of an airbag deploying.

When he stands up out of his recliner, he clutches the red heart pillow he was given to his chest with both hands, relying upon his abdominal muscles rather than

his arms to get up.

"I guess probably the thing I've had the adjust to the most is depending on April to do everything for me," Tomlinson said. "She goes above and beyond."

April said her husband's a good patient.

"Sometimes he can get needy," she said, "but for the most part, he's pretty easy."

Tomlinson will eventually have another defibrillator implanted (he's relying on a wearable defibrillator at the moment). That will occur in four to five weeks, following the antibiotics regiment he is undergoing intravenously at home.

Barring no further complications due to an infection, Tomlinson would like to attend the first week of football practice, which begins July 30. If there, he won't be on the field, but observing while seated in his truck.

"The doctors have said that first week is a no-go," he said. "Now, they haven't heard my plan of sitting in my truck on the track in air-conditioning."

Tomlinson said he thinks he can actually on the field for the second week of practice, but said if not, he should definitely be on the field for the third week, which concludes with the kickoff classic.

He has given thought to not coaching anymore because of what he's gone through, but April was having none of that. She said if he's healthy enough to do it, then he's coaching.

"He's hard to live with when he doesn't coach," she said. Then, looking at her husband, she said, "That's who you are."

"It is," Tomlinson said, "but the family you see in this house — that's more important to me than football. It's like I tell the players. Their families are more important than football ever will be."

During his illness and recovery, it must have appeared to Tomlinson that his family has grown so much larger if you consider all the people who've prayed for him and supported him and his family in some way.

## Amazed, grateful and emotional

Since he's been recuperating, Tomlinson has more down time, so he's been logging onto Facebook more than he normally would. What he's seen is enough to bring tears to his eyes, he admitted.

Numerous posts about his condition have been shared and commented on. A campaign known as "#Prayers4CoachT" was circulated, as people near and far prayed for Tomlinson and his family. Lindley Adkins, one of Bradford High School's assistant principals, told him people all over the country were praying for him.

"I don't know half of these people," Tomlinson said. "I probably don't know a quarter of these people, but they're all talking about me and praying for me, and they're praying for my family. It was humbling. It was just, wow."

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Pictured at home 17 days after undergoing open-heart surgery is Bradford High School Head Football Coach Brian Tomlinson and his family (l-r): wife April, daughter Emery and son Brysen. Tomlinson expects to be on the sideline coaching the Tornados when the season starts with a preseason kickoff classic at Newberry on Friday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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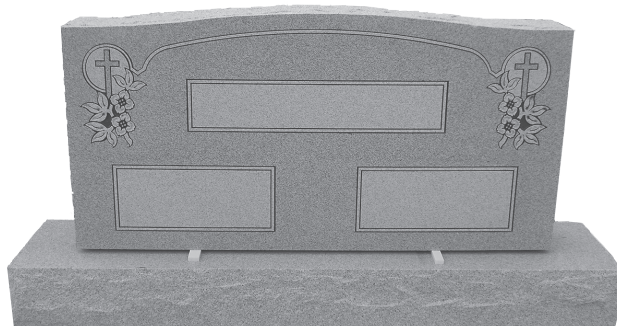
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# UCHS has top girls' athletic program in Class 1A

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Union County High School's volleyball team, which was the state runner-up, earned 16 of the school's first-place 42 points in the Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All-Sports standings in Class 1A for girls. Pictured after winning the District 6 championship are: (front, l-r) Madelyn Kish, Madison Adams, Brooke Waters, Taylor Beatty, (back, l-r) Head Coach Jordan Windham, Shelby Spratlin, Kylie Stevens, Mackenzie Bradley, Summer Fulgham, Abi Ripplinger, Emily O'Neal and Assistant Coach Owen Beatty.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Union County High School's accomplishments in girls' athletics have placed the Tigers on top of the Class 1A standings in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup

All-Sports awards. Schools earn points based upon postseason results. Union had the top girls' program in 1A with 42 points, which was 10 points better than second-place Sneads. "In a small town, it goes in cycles," UCHS Athletic Director Ronny Pruitt said. "Right now, our girls' cycle is

really strong. We've got a lot of numbers participating right now." The bulk of the Tigers' points were earned by the weightlifting and volleyball teams. "Our girls' weightlifting is the one that really hit it out of

See UNION, 8B

# Grandson of Lake Region man recovers from gunshot



People Magazine reported on the recovery of Joey Slaight in its May 28 issue. The 11-year-old is the grandson of Lake Region resident Troy Stephens.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Managing Editor

In January 2015 Lake Region residents Troy and Lisa Stephens experienced an ordeal few can imagine. Troy's daughter Morgan had shot and killed her own 6-year-old son Jaxon and critically injured herself and her other son Joey. Troy, then the owner of Keystone's Frozen Pelican Restaurant, made the 21-hour drive to Wisconsin while Lisa stayed in Keystone to run the family business. While Troy was in Wisconsin, family members decided to take Morgan off

life support after doctors advised the family that there was no chance she would survive her injuries. Physicians also told the family that the remaining survivor of the shooting: Joey had a less than five-percent chance of survival. If he survived, doctors added, he would have no sight in his left eye. He might not be able to speak, and his memory center was destroyed. Now, three-and-a-half years later, Joey is thriving. He is undergoing speech and physical therapy and his

grandmother, a retired first-grade teacher, is teaching him to read again. In May, People Magazine highlighted Joey's recovery in the story: "Shot by his Mother, a Boy's Brave Fight." Troy and Lisa's restaurant is no more. Troy is now the pastor at The Church

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# UNION

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the park,” Pruitt said. The weightlifting team earned 20 points by winning the program’s first-ever state championship. Four individual champions — Kurston Bakken, Josie Godwin, Mia Jackson and Brandy McCoy — made that possible.

In all, the weightlifting team accounted for 24 points by factoring in its district and regional titles.

The volleyball team accounted for 16 points, 12 of which were earned by finishing as state runner-up.

Pruitt said the school has been blessed with a number of talented girls’ athletes, but something he believes is also



“In a small town, it goes in cycles. Right now, our girls’ cycle is really strong. We’ve got a lot of numbers participating right now.” — UCHS AD Ronny Pruitt

factoring into the equation is the fact that weight training is a part of the school’s PE classes.

“We have a group of girls that loves to work out,” Pruitt said. “They’re not all on the weightlifting team.”

Union placed fifth overall (girls and boys combined) in the 1A standings with 46 points.

The Gainesville Sun, which has devised a formula to recognize the top 10 small-school and big-school programs, recently announced Union as its top small school.

In Class 5A, Bradford placed fourth in the boys’ standings with 19.3 points, finishing behind Raines (32), West Florida (30.8) and LaBelle (24.5). The football team was the biggest reason for that finish, earning 11 points by winning a regional

championship and finishing as a state semifinalist.

Keystone Heights placed 13th in the 5A girls’ standings with 13 points. All but two of those were earned by the softball team, which won a regional championship and finished as a state semifinalist.

When combining boys and girls, Bradford placed 16th with 18.8 points, while Keystone was 18th with 18 points. The Bradford girls’ program finished with a sub-zero number after having half a point deducted due to a Level 2 ejection/unsporting conduct. Keystone was 22nd in the boys’ standings with five points.

Keystone finished tied for eighth in The Gainesville Sun’s top big-school rankings.



Union County High School weightlifters (l-r) Kurston Bakken, Josie Godwin, Mia Jackson and Brandy McCoy won state titles, which led to the program earning its first-ever team state title. By winning championships at the state, regional and district levels, the weightlifting team earned 24 points in helping UCHS place first atop the Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All-Sports standings in Class 1A for girls. Union compiled 42 points overall, with points being awarded for postseason results.

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Troy Stephens serves a customer at his restaurant, the Frozen Pelican. The eatery went out of business in September 2015.

## BOY

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Courageous in Keystone Heights.

He is well known in the area for helping people with substance abuse problems, victims of domestic violence and those needing a helping hand.

Even while he was waiting on customers at the Frozen Pelican, Troy was engaged in counseling customers through difficult times in their lives.

Early in 2015, Stephens, who has a background in ministry, began mentoring Tim Carlson, who had just launched Riptide Family Church. The new congregation met in the building that used to house St. Mary’s Episcopal Church.

In August 2015, Carlson accepted a position at a church in Baxley, Georgia, so Stephens filled in for him at Riptide.

Soon thereafter, he reorganized the church, changing the name to the Church Courageous.

He said that helping people through difficult times was

## COACH

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“Why me? Really? Who am I? It was unreal.”

Some of that support came from former players, including those who played for him when he was the head coach of the Lake Butler Middle School football team from 2000 through 2006. It let Tomlinson know that as a coach he does have an impact on young people’s lives.

“I guess when you’re in the middle of it, you don’t realize you’re making a difference,” he said. “Heck, sometimes I feel like I’m just being mean. To have them text you and tell you how much they love you — it’s just very humbling.”

April said one of her friends held a fundraiser as a way of assisting the family with its medical costs. People have cooked meals for the family and are still cooking meals she said.

“We’ve even had people come and offer to mow the yard for us,” April said. “Tons of people have reached out to help in any way.”

Tomlinson is amazed by the support and extremely grateful.

“I just want to tell them all thank you,” he said. “They have no idea how much they’re appreciated.”

the most rewarding part of running the Frozen Pelican.

“This is my 14-foot pulpit,” he said while the restaurant was still operating, pointing to the wood counter with a half-dozen bar stools lined up in front.

As for Joey, Stephens calls the boy his miracle kid.

“He is doing things now the doctors said he would never do,” said Stephens.

Last week Stephens suffered another hardship, surviving a heart attack while driving a forklift. This week he was back at work.

## KHHS girls’ golf meeting set for Friday, July 13

A meeting for students — and their parents — interested in playing for the Keystone Heights High School girls’ golf team will be held at the home of Head Coach Billy Jackson on Friday, July 13, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Interested students will receive vital information about the requirements to play as well as a schedule of practices and matches.

Please RSVP by Monday, July 9.

Call Jackson at 352-494-9430.

## BHS to host volleyball camp July 28-29

Bradford High School will host a volleyball camp, featuring Prostyle Volleyball Academy coaches, on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29.

The camp is open to rising sixth-12th-graders.

Times are 6:30-9 p.m. on July 28 and 1-4 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. on July 29.

Participants are asked to bring water, lunch and extra socks, shirts and shorts.

The cost is \$75.

Please register by Tuesday, July 24, at BHS or by contacting BHS Head Coach Katie Crews at 904-408-6345.