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Arrested for killing 2 teens

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Alachua deputies arrested a 47-year-old Gainesville woman after Gainesville police accused her of killing two Lake Region teens and seriously injuring a third person in a September 1 traffic crash.

Jill Stone Barnash was arrested on October 3 for two counts of vehicular homicide and one count of reckless driving causing serious bodily injury.

According to traffic citations issued by police, the Haile Plantation resident was driving her 2019 Buick SUV on Northeast 39th Avenue near the Gainesville Regional Airport when her SUV hit the victims' vehicle head-on.

Police said Barnash was driving eastbound in the westbound lanes at over 100 mph when she struck the oncoming car.



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Killed in the collision were Calin Marie Coats and Ayden Tyler Graff, 17. Injured in the crash was Graff's mother, Sarah Piner of Green Cove Springs.

Elections chief: shame on you

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Clay County's Supervisor of Elections said he was appalled by the 18.89% voter turnout during the August 20 primary and warned a Lake Region civic club that if they value their privilege of voting, they better exercise that right.

Chris Chambless told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that the average turnout in a primary election is 26%.

"That's a 22-year average, so it was well below that," he said of the turnout.

The elections supervisor went down the excuses people give for skipping the primary.

"People say, well, Chris, I just normally vote in the presidential election, the big one," Chambless said, repeating a common excuse. "Well, the truth is most of the things that affect us day-in and day-out happen in local government. And so, I only have three words to that: shame on you."

The elections chief said some residents incorrectly claim they don't have the opportunity to speak up about local issues.

"The truth is, if they took part in local elections to where they elected their representation—See, we're a representative form of government, and if you really wanted to have a say, then you need to elect somebody that you entrust to make the decisions based upon your ideals and beliefs," he said. "And if they don't, then you need to look for somebody else. It's simple."

Chambless said another fallacy he has heard about the August 20 primary is that nothing was on the ballot.

Well, the ballot started with a U.S. Senate race," he argued. "Last I heard, that was pretty



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important. Then, it ended down at the bottom with the Clay County School Board. Wow, I've heard of a lot of things about the Clay County School Board with regard to concern, but yet nobody showed up to vote. We're talking about 120,000 Clay County voters who deemed it unworthy of their time to cast their ballot. It doesn't get any worse than that."

The elections chief argued that the real problem is laziness. He said many Clay County residents live in a bubble where "I'm able to go on vacation once a year and take the Mrs. out to dinner and maybe play a round of golf, then everything's good in my world, and I don't care."

"The republic is not going to last very much longer if we continue this mindset," he warned. We've got to get engaged in the process."

Chambless added that with a six-page ballot this November, he is concerned about voter

Homecoming Royalty



Union County High School Homecoming King Dallen Cox and Queen Ava Walker. See page 6.



Keystone Heights High School Homecoming King Layton Wright and Lexi Hamm. More coverage on the KHHS homecoming next week.

Milner rejoins Starke commission as Smith moves on

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The new fiscal year has brought a change in leadership to the Starke City Commission, with Shannon Smith stepping down and Bob Milner taking his place.

The Oct. 1 meeting began with a farewell to Smith, who is running as a Republican to replace Carolyn Spooner as the District 1 commissioner on the county commission. That meant resigning during the middle of his second term as a city commissioner. Smith was on the board for six years and has said he hopes to take what he has learned working for Starke and as a business owner to help the county get spending under control.

Fellow commissioner Scott Roberts said while it is voters who usually decide who sits on the board, every member volunteers themselves for the job — one that can be filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.

Roberts said he thoroughly enjoyed serving with Smith in a capacity he compared to growing up together — they've been through some things.

"On behalf of the city and your dedication and the time that you spent, we give you this plaque. It reads, 'In recognition and appreciation for the six years of outstanding service as a Starke city commissioner,'" Roberts said.

Smith shared his appreciation of the



Newly sworn Starke Commissioner Bob Milner with Judge Tatum Davis.



City hall bids farewell to Shannon Smith: (l-r) General Manager Drew Mullins; commissioners Scott Roberts, Shannon Smith, Janice Mortimer and Andy Redding; Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby; and Commissioner Danny Nugent.

board.

"We did a lot of good work in the last

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fatigue if residents don't study the ballot initiatives before going to the polls.

"I signed a check last week for sample ballots to go to every single voter in Clay County if they do not have a vote-by-mail request," he said.

Chambless added that he spent the \$51,000 in hopes that voters would study the ballot before election day and make better-informed decisions.

"Hear me," he added. "There are going to be lines every day during early voting. There are going to be lines on election day. There's no way around it. And it's not a lack of participation. It's this. It's the lack of preparedness."

Chambless said voting is worth the wait and added that most people will wait in line longer at an Orlando attraction ride than they will at the polls.



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WORTH NOTING

Correction

In an announcement submitted by the Bradford County Democratic Party for the Oct. 5 Community Fun Day and Voter Registration event, the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County was incorrectly included as a co-sponsor. The organization was not a co-sponsor. We apologize for the error.

Bradford Republicans meeting Oct. 24

Due to Hurricane Milton, the Bradford Republican Executive Committee moved their regular monthly meeting to Thursday, October 24, 2024 in the Capital City Bank community room beginning at 7 pm. The bank is located at 350 N Temple Avenue in Starke. All registered Republicans are welcome. You are encouraged to attend if you are interested in being a volunteer for the November General Election. We have several ways for you to volunteer. For more information about our meetings or how to volunteer for the 2024 election cycle, contact Chairman Richard Solze at 904-964-5803.

Bradford 4-H to hold annual auction

Bradford County 4-H will hold its annual 4-H Auction on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center. Advanced tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 5-17. Day-of tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth ages 5-17. Kids 4 and under are free. Table sponsorships are also available. Ticket price includes dinner and admission to the auction.

A variety of items will be available in both the live and silent auctions including quilts, gift baskets, cakes, knives, hay bales, and a 20-gauge youth semi-automatic shotgun. Funds raised will support the Bradford County 4-H Association and Bradford County 4-H clubs. The association is a non-profit organization that provides monetary support to 4-H programming in the county which includes club project supplies, youth scholarships for state 4-H events, trainings for volunteers, and recognition programs for 4-H youth.

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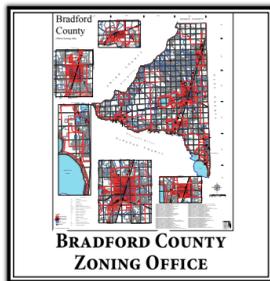
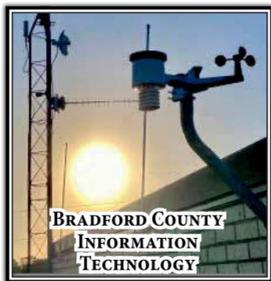
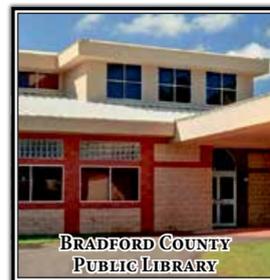
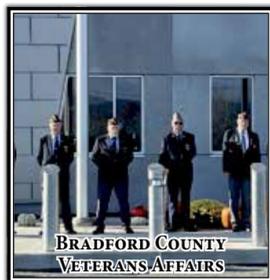
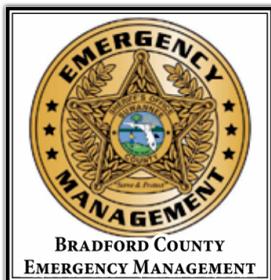
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two years. In my six years, we did a lot here, a lot of tough decisions, but hopefully Nov. 5, I get elected on the other side and I can continue working with you guys. I appreciate

everybody. It's a true honor," he said.

The chair didn't remain vacant for long, as Bob Milner was sworn into office by County Judge Tatum Davis. Milner qualified to run for the seat, but was unopposed.

Milner's many active roles

in the community include serving as sheriff for 16 years, being first elected in 1992. But his Starke specific roles have included past service on the city commission and more recently as city manager. Milner served as city manager from March 2017 through February 2020,

but he reminded everyone he and Jimmy Crosby, now serving as chief administrative officer, were both elected to the commission in 1980 — 44 years ago.

"It's a pleasure to be back up here," Milner said, calling it an honor to replace Smith,

who along with the rest of the commission, did a great job. He attributed his own accomplishments to God and Carol, his wife of 50 years.

The evening also included the board's annual reorganization, and Commissioner Andy Redding was unanimously

appointed as mayor. Redding joined the board following his election in 2022. This is his first term as mayor. He served as vice mayor during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. Taking his place as vice mayor this year is Commissioner Janice Mortimer.



The site plan depicts the layout of the buildings and other features of the proposed development.

CityWalk developers asking for planned unit development

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Things continue to move forward for a new housing development in Starke for young professionals and other first-time homebuyers looking for something innovative and within financial reach.

Last week, Starke Zoning Board members recommended approval of an application to rezone the properties east of the Downtown Square from multifamily residential district and single-family, medium-density residential district to a planned unit development, or PUD.

City commissioners followed through by approving the first reading of the ordinance, which was added to the agenda for the Oct. 1 meeting. The ordinance will be advertised for a second reading before final approval.

The three separate properties between East Call Street and South Street are divided by St. Clair Street and Redgrave Street. Altogether, they are just over five acres. The townhouses are split among the properties in 10 blocks of four or five units.

Earlier this year, the city modified its qualifications for planned unit developments as small as five acres to allow smaller developments to take advantage of the flexibility PUDs offer to developers.

PUDs encourage creativity and innovation in planning, such as flexibility in building design and placement. They can blend a variety of land uses, property densities and dwelling types, resulting in a more desirable project than might be possible through the strict application of the existing land development regulations.

Among the advantages, PUDs:

—provide for efficient use of land, and the location and use of utility and transportation infrastructure.

—allow smaller networks of streets and utilities, resulting in lower development and housing costs.

—incorporate undeveloped, functional open spaces that preserve natural resources and scenic vistas.

In this case, the PUD would allow developers to present a high-density design concept in a relatively small footprint.

Building and zoning official Kevin Powell told city commissioners their vote was not regarding the proposed development or what it will look like. That will come later when they review the full site plan. The PUD declaration opens the door for the developer to formally present their plan.

Developers Dwight Hewett and Chris Raley have already talked quite a bit about their project with the commission, zoning board and downtown

business groups. CityWalk is a 45-townhouse development, yes, but it is also a concept tied to the revitalization of the downtown district.

The units are two-story, three-bedroom, two-bath townhouses with a garage. Each is around 1,550 square feet. The units feature solar power and are more than twice as efficient at insulating heat and cold than the standard home, according to the developers. They are designed to incorporate technology and withstand natural disasters.

Stormwater mitigation rain gardens dot the property. An in-ground collection system is also planned for irrigation. Four electric vehicle charging stations would be open to everyone, as would the linear park on the perimeter of the property providing views of Alligator Creek without encroachment from the residential development.

The zoning board's primary concern was if the intensity of the development would increase flooding of the surrounding area and how developers were going to address stormwater runoff.

Raley discussed those plans, which include the dry retention ponds planted with native species. They are using biochar in the planted areas, which both absorbs more water than traditional soil and filters out pollution. It will more than address the retention requirements of the development, he said, and it will accommodate runoff from the new section of St. Clair

Street constructed as part of FDOT's railroad overpass project. It could even mitigate historic flooding problems in the area.

Rain storage tanks will collect rainfall from the roofs of the buildings to be used for landscape irrigation. Hewett said they are also using pervious pavers within the development through which water can percolate. New streets to access the housing units will be the primary source of stormwater runoff, and Raley said they can more than accommodate that with this design, having worked on the numbers with the water management district.

Hewett told the zoning board about the multiple goals of the ambitious project, which include making it an environmentally sound and sustainable. They are also offering a pathway to home ownership in a community that needs housing, with the target buyers being first-time homeowners working in fields like education and public safety as well as military veterans. The units will be available to purchase outright, but they will also be offering a rent-to-own plan.

This is a self-funded project, but Hewett and Raley hope their innovations will attract attention, including financial investors, but also demonstrate that Starke is a community open to new ideas and full of opportunities.

Early voting begins soon

Election Day is Nov. 5, with early voting in Bradford County from Oct. 21-Nov. 3. The election is open to all eligible voters.

To vote in person, go to your polling location on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or to the courthouse on one of the early voting days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Photo and signature identification are required. To vote on Election Day, you must vote in the precinct of your legal residence. Your precinct is listed on your voter registration card.

Updated voter registration cards were mailed when redistricting altered voting precincts. If you need to update your address, do so by calling the elections office at 904-966-6266.

Registered voters may also vote by mail by calling the office or signing up at www.votebradfordfl.gov.

The deadline to request a mail ballot is Oct. 24 for the general election.

Signatures on file with the elections office are used to verify vote-by-mail ballots, candidate and petition for candidates and ballot initiatives. If your signature has changed, you can update it at the elections office or by mailing an updated voter registration.

For information on voter registration, candidates, what is on the ballot, where to vote and much more, visit www.votebradfordfl.gov.

In Bradford County, the final local races come down to two: the countywide race for superintendent of schools between incumbent Will Hartley and Alan Bhajan, and the District 1 race between incumbent county commissioner Carolyn Spooner and Shannon Smith, who currently sits on the Starke City Commission. Hartley and Smith are Republicans, Spooner is a Democrat and Bhajan's campaign is nonpartisan.

Starke voters are also being polled on an amendment to remove the position of police chief from the city charter, and Hampton voters are being asked to approve a "comprehensively reworded" version of the city charter.

Topics for amendments to the Florida Constitution include restoring abortion rights, legalizing marijuana, making school board races partisan,

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Mitchells' Yard is rockin' it

BY GINNY GEIGER AND BARBARA ANDERSON
Garden Club of the Lakes

Do you, by chance, remember what we wrote in one of our Yard-of-The-Month articles listing some of what "caught our eyes" as we were riding around? We mentioned the uniqueness of the landscape, or the variety of plants, or the beauty of the flowers or something just special. ROCKS! Yes, rocks caught our eyes in Ken and Mary Jean Mitchell's yard at 5500 S.E. 3rd Ave. Little did we know when we knocked on their door that we would find out some really fun history behind their rocks.

Mary Jean and Ken grew up in Northwestern Pennsylvania, where rocks were everywhere. They settled in Hawthorne in 1988 and then moved to Keystone Heights 25 years ago to continue

pictures, you will see a few large rectangular rocks. (Some of their "rocks" are so large they really need to be called "stones.") Those stones were part of the foundation of the old farmhouse where Ken grew up in Cory, Pennsylvania.

Then, there are the flat slate stepping stones making a path through their flowers. These stones are pretty heavy, so they brought back only one or two each time they visited. Ken and his brother got them from the "creek" behind the old farmhouse. Yep, that's right. When "CRICK" came out of Mary Jean's mouth, she started laughing at herself. "That's how we say it in Pennsylvania." Translation: "creek" is creek in regular English.

The small rocks placed all around the yard have a unique story, as well. Mary Jean and her sister, Ruthann, have gone on many trips together, and guess what—they brought back a rock from each of their trips. These sisters have visited at least 15 eastern states, always going somewhere they had never been before. They have gone hot air ballooning, parasailing, whitewater rafting, whale watching, sailing, and boating.

One of their most memorable trips was to Holland and Belgium. Unfortunately, their luggage was limited in weight, so no rocks came back from that trip.

Other than the numerous rocks, Ken planted dogwoods, magnolias, azaleas, crepe myrtles, camellias, bottle brush, red buds, sago palms, and bromeliads, to name a few. He planned out their yard to ensure he planted trees that would flower at different times so they could enjoy their beauty almost all year round.



Mary Jean's interest in pumpkins and their collection has been around for almost as long as she has collected rocks. Even though she is unsure how it happened, she finds that collecting pumpkins brings her much joy.

Ken's auction business. It did not take them long to realize they really missed rocks. Maybe a bit different, but they love rocks and the memories they hold.

Looking closely at the



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The trees, plants, flowers, and rocks are not the only things in the Mitchells' yard. Their fall decorations are also colorful and fun to look at.

Now for another memory quiz: Do you remember that we wrote, "...without fail, the people responsible for the special yards turn out to be the most interesting people with amazing stories"? Most people have amazing stories, but many of us never have or take the time to listen. That is one of the great advantages of our Yard of the Month "job." We have time to talk and listen to some fascinating people.

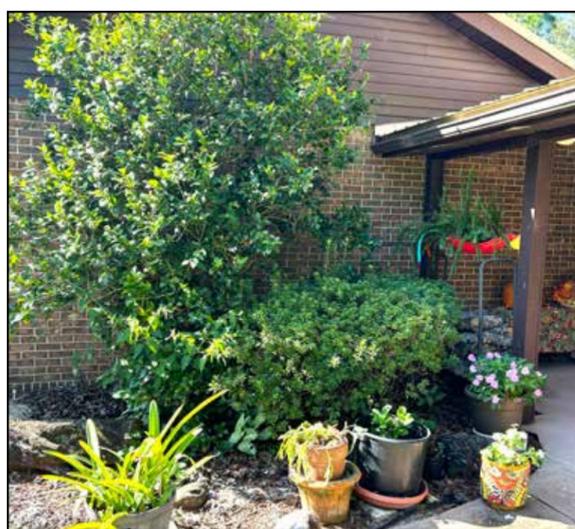
For this new year, we decided to do "unique" yards/people for a few of this year's awards. The Mitchells really helped us out with our new idea. When we went inside to get out of the heat and talk about their yard, we could not stop looking at what we were surrounded by — pumpkins — all sizes and shapes made out of some of the most unusual materials: woodchips, dryer vents, pinecones, leaves, grape vines, bark, rope, corn husks, blown glass, and cloth.

Outside, along with their other fall decorations, is a pumpkin made of horseshoes.

It was so interesting and unusual that we decided this Yard of the Month would be one of our unique ones. We have never done a Yard of the Month AND an "Inside of the Month," but this was an experience we just could not keep to ourselves! We wanted to share it all with you!

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The Mitchells are as fascinating as their pumpkin and rock collections. They were missionaries



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in Africa for three years, serving in Benin, West Africa, with the Sudan Interior Mission Board. They had three very young boys at the time, which made it quite an adventure. Since French is the language of Benin, the Mitchells had to go to Quebec, Canada, to learn French. Now that's dedication!

We have never assigned you an assignment before, but here it is: Go by the Mitchells at Christmas. Mary Jean is responsible for the

fall decorations, and Ken is the Christmas decorating guru. They have such a huge collection of holiday (ALL holidays) decorations that they had to get a climate-controlled storage unit. We are not joking about these collectors!

If you want to learn more about the Garden Club of the Lakes or nominate yourself or anyone in the community for Yard of the Month, please call Pat Lorenzo at (904) 728-9460.



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To reserve a table, purchase individual tickets, or donate an auction item, please contact the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.

Class of '90 reunion

Bradford High School's Class of 1990 is having their 35th Anniversary year this year. Please join us for a meeting on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at The Downtown Grill. Also, find the group on Facebook. We will be planning other events throughout the year to celebrate our 35th anniversary. We look forward to seeing you. Go Tornados!

Kingsley Lake Community Yard Sale Oct. 12

Buyers won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the multiple sale sites up/down the streets within the Kingsley Lake community, along Kingsley Lake Drive, and in The Cove. The sale runs from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, and is sponsored by Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association. There will be a wide variety of items for sale including holiday decorations, yard and power tools, books, CDs, DVDs, clothes, costume jewelry, handbags, and new and slightly used gift items. Come do your Christmas shopping.

Sheriff's Senior Expo

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Senior Expo with vendors, games and information for senior citizens about available resources. Lunch will also be served. The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bradford County Senior Center, 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

BES Track or Treat

Bradford Elementary School's Track or Treat will be held Friday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school bus loop. Dress up and bring a bag to collect treats. Entry is \$1 per person. Children under 3 enter free.

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preserving the right to hunt and fish, adjusting homestead exemption amounts for inflation and repealing public campaign financing for state elections.

In addition to the presidential race where the leading candidates are Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, there are also races for U.S. Senate and Congress. The incumbents, both Republicans are Rick Scott and Kat Cammack. They are running against Democrats Debbie Murcarse-Powell and Tom Wells, respectively.

The Circuit 8 state attorney race is between incumbent Brian Kramer, a Republican, and Yvens Pierre-Antoine. Incumbent Chuck Brannan is running again as a Republican for state representative, District 10, against Bobby Brady.

There are also a handful of judicial retention questions for Florida Supreme Court justices Renatha Francis and Meredith Sasso, and appeals court judges Stephanie Ray, Bradford Thomas and M. Kemmerly Thomas.

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Union County High School Homecoming Parade



Walking with the Juniors Float are (l-r) Rachel Archer, Dakota Gathright, Kimberlynn Beasley, and Katelyn Seay



Marching band members (l-r) Nolan Beighley (with sunglasses), Brodie Garmon (trumpet), Delana Barton (trombone), Tori Smeal (far right with sunglasses)



(Far left) Mr. FFA Joseph Harris and Miss FFA Madison Starling



Black Student Union Princess Amia Bethea



Supervisor of Elections (left) Debbie Osborne and her assistant Tammy Roddenberry. (driving).



Riding on the Freshmen Float are (l-r) Jamielynn Courson and Riley Trowell.



Cheerleaders (front, l-r) Kierston Clemons and Stefani Nash



FCA Prince Patrick Maxwell and Princess Holly Halfacre



Miss Union County High School Cailynn Boggs



Football players (L-r) front: Akireon Boykin, Clayton Cason, Ramsey Schenck, and Lane Jackson. Back row: Rhett Prevatt, Landon Cason, AJ Rivera, Alec McClellon, and Jaden McCray



On the runner-up Senior Float (l-r) Connor Bresee, Carter Whitehead, Ibn Williams, and Garrett Jackson



Joe Hendricks with the Union County Riding Club.



On the winning Juniors Float are (l-r) Jackson Thames, Erick Lassetter, Jeffrey Brugh, Parker Parrish, and Evan Roberts



Lake Butler Hospital's Nicole Horne and Destiny Garmon.



Carrying the JROTC banner are (l-r) Phoenix Forbes and Ariel Waters.



Middle school cheerleaders (l-r) Alayna Rengering and Allie Cason



JROTC Color Guard members (l-r): American Weapon: Charlie Newhouse; Color Guard Commander and American Flag: Lillie Lane; State Flag: Carli Trent and State Weapon: Kamerohn Wilson.



JROTC Princess Isabelle Kirsten and Prince Hunter Smith.

Tiger Growl Photos



The Freshmen won the skit competition.



The Juniors produced the third-place skit.



The sophomores placed fourth in the skit competition.



The Seniors' skit came in second.



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Homecoming court Amelia Grace Newsom and Jesse Chaikin

Bradford Fire Rescue shows off newest response unit

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford County Fire Rescue met with the Tourist Development Council to show off its latest acquisition.

In March, Bradford County commissioners approved spending \$40,000 in Tourist Development Tax revenue on a MERV — a mobile energy

response vehicle that can maneuver through crowds at festivals and other public events.

The tourist, or bed, tax is the 4% added to the bill for overnight accommodations lasting fewer than six months, so they are generally paid by visitors, not residents.

Bed tax revenue is usually used to promote local events to create more tourism in Bradford County, which in turn brings revenue to businesses. Visible

public safety also makes people feel better coming to the county, according to the TDC request. TDC director Pam Whittle said it will be used even more as visitation increases.

A MERV is designed to be much more helpful than that, potentially providing critical support during emergency situations such as natural disasters and other crises. This model from Polaris is capable of going off road and navigate

difficult terrain on fire-rescue missions. It's primary use at public events would be patient transport.

Bradford County Fire Rescue had two aging MERV units from 2001 and 2008. The first was acquired from the former Keystone Heights volunteer firefighters and the second was purchased with grant funding.



(L-r) Union County Schools Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, and Murray Automotive Group's Savannah Murray, Amir Asidi and David Green.



TDC's Gene Melvin, Pam Whittle, Steve Futch, Dale Woodruff, Vincent Esson and Fire Chief Ben Carter.

Union School District thanks Murray Ford

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Union County School District thanked Murray Automotive Group for its support during the school board's September 24 meeting.

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger presented the company's representatives, Amir Asidi, David Green, and Savannah Murray, with a plaque expressing the district's appreciation for the dealer's support.

"For many years, Murray Ford

has been a huge supporter and a great partner of the Union County School District athletic teams and other teams and competitions," said Ripplinger. "We are very, very grateful for that."

Murray Ford General Manager Amir Asidi said the company appreciated the recognition.

"I've been with the company since its inception, since 2009," he said. "So, 15 years, and when we first came up to Starke, it was a small store in a small town. It's been an honor to meet so many wonderful people, not just

in Bradford County, but Union County, which we consider our hometown."

Asadi recalled selling and then replacing a truck for school board member Curtis Clyatt because the first vehicle did not have a PTO.

"And I think Curtis and I have been friends ever since, but that's just the way you do things," the manager added.

"That truck is sitting right outside," the school board member replied.



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Casey Allen Akers, 43, of Longview, Texas, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 29 for failure to appear.

Jessie Eugene Barnes, 18, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 28 for loitering, trespassing, possession of burglary tools, and wearing a mask, hood, or other device on the property of another.

Raymon Jakravis Campbell, 20, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 28 for trespassing, ordering, possession of burglary tools, and wearing a mask, hood, or other device on the property of another.

Jon Alan Carney, 39, of Davenport, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 30 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ruddy Jack Clervil, 32, of Wesley Chapel, was arrested by Lawtey police on September 28 on an out-of-county warrant.

Gabriel Augustin Antoni Gonzalez, 19, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Dejor Jaerail Hill, 34, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for a probation violation.

David Edward Johnson, 71, of Ocala, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 4 for a probation violation.

Jamell Larenz Deshai Jones, 27, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 3 for trespassing.

Zachary Chelon Lewis, 35, of Seffner, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for a probation violation.

Jaden Manns, 19, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 28 for trespassing, laundering, possession of burglary tools, and wearing a mask, hood, or other device on the property of another.

James Timothy Mefford, 57, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for failure to appear.

Mary Robin Thornton, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dalen Ray Whitford, 47, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 29 for DUI.

Earl David Williams, 55, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for selling drugs.

Malique Levaughn Williams, 27, of Alachua, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 4 for failure to appear.

Christopher Shawn Woods, 42, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 29 for battery.

William Lee Woods, 39, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for a probation violation and an out-of-county warrant.

Union

Eric Charles Bay, 50, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on October 6 for aggravated battery.

Robin Michelle Dampier, 33, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 5 for an out-of-county warrant.

Hayden Ray Irwin, 18, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 4 for possession of over 20 grams of marijuana.

Jenny Kay Hernandez, 33, was arrested by Union deputies on October 3 for trespassing.

Kendice Nacole Mach, 35, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on October 6 for resisting an officer without violence.

Shannon Britton Miley, 37, was arrested by Union deputies on October 2 for trespassing, possession of drug equipment, and possession of drugs.

Jeffrey Michael O'Barr, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on October 2 for a probation violation.

Clay

Trace Allen Broadway, 33, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay Deputy on October 3 for probation violations.

Bridget Yvonne Sanford, 44, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 29 for violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

Neighbors complain, drug dealer sentenced



Slocum

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A Starke man was sentenced to 15 years after pleading to drug and weapons charges and after the defendant's neighbors complained about his drug activities.

On April 7, Bradford deputies executed a search warrant for the home of Marvin Christopher Slocum, 52.

According to an arrest report, officers found a box of 9mm ammunition, a digital scale, 29.2 grams of fentanyl, and 36.7 grams of cocaine.

"Prior to the execution of the search warrant," wrote Detective Hunter Redding in the arrest report, "the Bradford County Sheriff's Office had received complaints of Slocum selling illegal narcotics from the residence."

The detective added that the sheriff's office conducted several controlled buys of illegal drugs from the defendant.

Slocum's previous convictions include the sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine, burglary, DUI, driving with a suspended or revoked license, battery, and home invasion robbery.

Cameras flag car burglaries

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The Bradford County Sheriff's Office said it caught three adults and two juveniles burglarizing cars in the Keystone Heights RV Park after security cameras showed the gang scaling the facility's perimeter fence.

The adults arrested were Jessie Eugene Barnes, 18, Raymon Jakravis Campbell, 20, and Jaden Manns, 19. The sheriff's office said all three were from Gainesville, and each was charged with loitering, trespassing, possession of burglary tools, and wearing a mask, hood, or other device on the property of another.

In a social media post, the sheriff's office said that around 3:25 a.m. on September 28, the park's security office reported that cameras showed several suspicious males scaling the facility's perimeter fence.

After Bradford and Clay deputies entered the park, four of the five were captured while attempting to flee back over the barrier. The fourth ran back into the park and was taken into custody later.

According to an arrest report, five RV park residents reported that their vehicles were burglarized, with a firearm, knife, oxycodone, \$75 in cash, a wallet, and a backpack taken from the vehicles.

9 years for selling stolen generator



McNamara

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A Lake Region man accused of stealing a generator near the Dollar General on County Road 214 east of Keystone Heights and then selling it to a Bradford County pawn shop

was sentenced to nine years for dealing in stolen property.

Sean P. McNamara is already serving a seven-year sentence for burglary. Judge James Colaw gave the 56-year-old two more years by sentencing him to the nine-year term that will run concurrently with his other sentence.

This marks the seventh time McNamara has been sent to the Department of Corrections. His first sentence began in 1985 after convictions for armed burglary, grand theft, and other charges. His previous convictions also include forgery, escape, possession of a firearm by a felon, organized fraud, and petit theft.

According to court papers, Clay deputies informed Bradford detectives about the generator, which the pawn shop had placed on hold. Detective Joseph Shiller wrote that McNamara received \$40 for the generator and gave false verification to the shop that he owned the power device.

Arrested 8 times for driving with a suspended license

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A Jacksonville man was sentenced to 18 months' probation after his eighth conviction for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Michael Beachman Pope, 33, was stopped by Bradford deputies on July 11 after an officer saw him driving without a seat belt.

The deputy found that the defendant's license had been suspended 15 times, most recently on August 14, 2023, primarily for failure to pay fines.

No lights on bicycle, meth in bag

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A 34-year-old Melrose woman was sentenced to 18 months' drug offender probation after pleading to possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

According to an arrest report, Bradford deputies stopped Kaeli Dezaray Jones and another person riding bicycles on U.S. 301 near Duval Chevrolet on October 25, 2023.

"Neither bicycle had front or rear lights," wrote Detective Andrew Johnson in the report, "therefore creating an unsafe environment for motorists traveling on U.S. Hwy. 301."

According to Johnson, after he asked the defendant if he could search her bag, Jones dumped its contents onto the sidewalk, and the officer saw a plastic bag containing a white crystal residue.

"When I asked what the white crystal residue was," wrote the detective in the arrest report, "Jones advised she did not know what it was and that she found the plastic bag inside of a dumpster."

Johnson reported that he ultimately found two plastic bags with 2.17 grams of methamphetamine.

Lied on witness stand

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Keonda Judson, 34, of Tallahassee, was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading to perjury in an official proceeding.

According to a March 25, 2022, complaint, Judson was a witness in the murder trial of Marcus Whitfield, who was ultimately found guilty in the July 2020 shooting death of 19-year-old Blake Williams.

Demetrius Wilson was also convicted of manslaughter and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder for his involvement in a teen's death.

Williams was found shot in the head on Old Lawtey Road near State Road 16 in 2020. Prosecutors said Wilson believed the 19-year-old stole money from him, and he hired Whitfield to kill the teen.

According to the complaint against Judson, she told jurors that at the time of the shooting, Whitfield was with her in Havana, Florida, just outside Tallahassee.

"The outcome of the trial indicated that Marcus was guilty," wrote Starke Police Detective Hunter Redding in the complaint. "Therefore, Marcus was not with Keonda...in Havana, Florida during the time she stated while being sworn under oath."

Ran from traffic stop, backpack had drugs, gun

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Jeremiah Lee Merriweather, 34, of Starke, was sentenced to 18 months' drug offender probation after pleading to tampering with evidence during a criminal proceeding.

According to an arrest report, on March 10, the defendant was a passenger in a black Hyundai that made an illegal left turn at the corner of West Call Street (State Road 230) and Temple Avenue (U.S. Highway 301).

Victims hold thief at gunpoint until law arrives

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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An Alachua County man was sentenced to six months in jail followed by two years' probation after pleading to stealing a truck and trailer.

Chase Andrew Taylor pleaded to grand theft auto and grand theft.

According to a June 6 arrest report, the husband-and-wife victims arrived at their Sampson City-area farm to discover a truck and trailer missing.

Later in the evening, the wife told her husband she saw what appeared to be their F-350 and Texas Trailer traveling south on U.S. 301 toward Hampton.

The couple caught up to the tandem in the area of County Road 18, where the wife called 911 and the husband pulled up beside the truck and demanded that the driver pull over.

Bradford Deputy Tyler Oliver reported in the arrest report that when he arrived on scene, "I observed a white male, identified as Chase Taylor, lying in the median, face down, with (the victim) standing over top of him with a firearm held at his side."



Taylor

Deputies said Merriweather ran north, dumped his backpack into a trashcan, and then proceeded to the Circle K at the corner of the U.S. highway and Brownlee Road, where they arrested him.

Officers reported that they found a Glock 9mm handgun, 21 grams of marijuana, and a wallet with two debit cards containing the defendant's name in the backpack.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Oct. 10, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1027
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04716-0-0201
Case Number: 2024-TD-16
Description of Property:
A parcel of land lying in the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and run South 88° 49' 33" East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 404.70 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 88° 49' 33" East, along said Northerly boundary, 581.14 feet to a found iron rod; thence South 00° 13' 19" West, 205.63 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 33' West, 124.67 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 73° 29' 35" West, 166.06 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 87° 24' 23" West, 74.94 feet; thence South 00° 15' 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' 33" West, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00° 15' 11" East, 151.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an iron rod set at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run South 69° 28' 56" East, 549.39 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of Lincoln City Road; thence South 22° 07' and 54" West, along said Westerly boundary, 25.01 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 69° 28' and 56" West, 549.11 feet; thence North 67° 32' and 33" West, 123.79 feet; thence North 73° 29' and 36" West, 160.55 feet; thence South 87° 24' and 23" West, 71.98 feet; thence North 00° 15' and 11" East, 25.03 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 87° 24' and 23" East, 74.94 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 73° 29' and 36" East, 166.05 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 57° 32' and 33" East, 124.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Above described parcel being subject to an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run North 00° 15' and 11" East, 30.00 feet; thence South 88° 49' 33" East, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 00° 15' and 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' and 33" West, 231.52 feet to the point of beginning.

Note: Prior Deeds and PA show 67° 32' 33" West (Line 4 of legal). Current Deed shows 57 degrees.

Name in Which Assessed: DALE E HASTINGS SR

Name on last tax roll, if different:

All said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Kyrrah Smith, Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: September 10, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 3, 2024, October 10, 2024
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 778
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 02843-0-01500
Case Number: 2024-TD-17
Description of Property:

IA parcel of land containing 0.86 of an acre, more or less, and lying in the NW 1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 27 and run South 89 degrees, 40 minutes and 32 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 39.06 feet to the Easterly boundary of the right of way of Old Lawley Road; thence South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 590.74 feet to the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning

thus described continue South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds East, 374.21 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence South 59 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds West, 374.21 feet to the Point of Beginning. Name In Which Assessed: MARTHA J WHITLEY

Name on last tax roll, if different: All said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 85
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 00551-0-03401
Case Number: 2024-TD-18
Description of Property:
A Parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 82 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said South 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 88 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds East, along said North line, 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run South 55 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 243.30 feet and a chord of 238.14 feet; thence run South 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center-line 26.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having as its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac. Please note-per the Property Appraiser Records, this legal has been split into 2 separate parcels. No conveyance found with the new legal description to show. Less & Except (per survey provided by owner)

A parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said NE 1/4 and run S 89 deg 39 min 07 sec W, along the South line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 14 deg 18 min 20 sec E, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run N 82 deg 11 min 40 sec W, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run N 00 deg 17 min 40 sec W, 391.75 feet to on iron pipe on the North line of said S 1/2 of the NE 1/4; thence run S 48 deg 42 min 43 sec E a distance of 313.60 feet to the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 35 deg 19 min 26 sec, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 209.62 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 31 deg 58 min 07 sec W, 206.31 feet; thence run S 14 deg 18 min 20 sec W, along said center-line, 26.77 feet to the Point of beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southeasterly 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for Utilities

and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Name in Which Assessed: JULIE L EVERITT

Name on last tax roll, if different: All said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Kyrrah Smith, Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: September 9, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 3, 2024, October 10, 2024
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 84
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 00551-0-03400
Case Number: 04-2023-CP-0071
Description of Property: A Parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 82 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said South 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 88 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds East, along said North line, 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run South 55 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 243.30 feet and a chord of 238.14 feet; thence run South 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center-line 26.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having as its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac. Please note - per the Property Appraiser Records, this legal has been split into 2 separate parcels. No conveyance found with the new legal description to show. Less and except (per survey provided by owner)

A parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said NE 1/4 and run S 89 deg 39 min 07 sec W, along the South line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 14 deg 18 min 20 sec E, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet; thence run N 82 deg 11 min 40 sec W, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run N 00 deg 17 min 40 sec W, 391.75 feet to on iron pipe on the North line of said S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and the Point of Beginning; thence N 88 deg 52 min 40 sec E along said North line a distance of 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run S 00 deg 17 min 40 sec E, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run S 55 deg 18 min 20 sec W, along said center-line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 5 deg 40 min 47 sec, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 33.70 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 52 deg 28 min 14 sec W, 33.69 feet; thence run N 48 deg 42 min 43 sec W, 313.60 feet to the Point of Beginning and to close.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southeasterly 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for Utilities

and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac.

Name in Which Assessed: JULIE L EVERITT

Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: September 11, 2024

DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024; OCTOBER 10, 2024; OCTOBER 17, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-0071

In Re: The Estate of: LOUIS FELIPE DONATO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LOUIS FELIPE DONATO, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-0071, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Ave., (P.O. Drawer B), Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is October 3, 2024.

HARVEY E. BAXTER

Personal Representative
HARVEY E. BAXTER
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Gainesville, FL 32605
352-339-3813
Florida Bar No.: 278475
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2024-CP-110-0

Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILBERT D. SEWELL SR.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WILBERT D. SEWELL SR., deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 2024, is pending in Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court 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 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: October 3, 2024.

Jimmie Sewell, Personal Representative, 22334 SE 77th Lane, Hawthorne, FL 32640
Temika L Hampton, Esquire, Florida Bar No. 105217, Attorney for Personal Representative, Email: temika.hampton@thamptonlaw.com, Temika L Hampton Law, PLLC, 581 N. Park Ave, Unit 2234, Apopka, FL 32704. Telephone: 407-494-1471, Secondary Email: admin@thamptonlaw.com

10/3 2tchg 10/10-BCT

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on October 1, 2024: Dale Murray, 13447 US Highway 301 S, Starke, FL, 32091 has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-203705-3. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, and includes 2.63 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 5.20 acres.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Waldo. Will sell for CASH to the highest bidder on Storageauctions.net

For location at 15540 NE HWY 301, Waldo, County of Alachua, Florida; ending at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October; 2024, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0B001 Matthew McGranahan
10/10 2tchg 10/27-BCT

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke will sell for cash to the highest bidder on storageauctions.net for location at 1630 North Temple Ave, Starke, County of Bradford, FL, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October; 2024 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:

0B028 Charlesetta Lee
0G019 Connie Collins
0J015 Yvonne Williams
10/10 2tchg 10/17-BCT

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARJORIE JEAN STARLING, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (summary administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Marjorie Jean Starling, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-000075-CPAX-MX, by the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091; that the decedent's date of death was March 12, 2023; that the total value of the estate is \$22,256 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Carmella Bugbee, 326 Gawain Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Robert C. Bugbee, 326 Gawain Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32301
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 October 10, 2024
Attorney for Person Giving Notice: J. Dinkins G. Grange, Esquire
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Florida Bar No.: 0373760
722 North Orange Ave.
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Ph. 904-652-0060
Person Giving Notice: Carmella Bugbee

10/10 1tchg 10/17-BCT

COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on October 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center, 1610 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2024-CP-000033

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY JAMES MARSHALL, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HARRY JAMES MARSHALL, JR., deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2024; File Number 2024-CP-000033, 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, FL 32054. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH 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: October 3, 2024.

Signed on September 24, 2024.

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Tornadoes finish strong in 41-0 district win over Panthers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School scored touchdowns on its final four possessions, turning a 14-0 game into a 41-0 rout of District 5-2A opponent Palatka on Oct. 4 in Starke.

The Tornadoes (6-0, 2-0 District 5) fumbled on their first possession, squandered a scoring opportunity inside the 10-yard line and had three touchdowns nullified by penalties, but they eventually looked like what they are — the number-one team in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 2A power rankings.

"We started off slow," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "Things were a little bit off — senior night, rain. We had a lot of things going on. We were out here a little over an hour early for pre-game (due to senior-night festivities).

"Everything was a little bit off, but we figured it out at halftime and got what we needed to get."

What they got was a district win that sets up a huge game on Friday, Oct. 11, when the Tornadoes travel to play Newberry. Though Bradford has one more district game (against Santa Fe on Oct. 25), the winner between the Tornadoes and the Panthers will be the district



Palatka's Lawrence Evans attempts to find room to run while surrounded by (background, l-r) Jy'Quez Cason, Jeremiah McKenzie, Tyler Berry and Brian Cliffin.

champion.

Newberry (4-2), which is 14th in the Class 2A power rankings (and third in Bradford's Region 2), improved to 3-0 in the district with a 49-0 win over Santa Fe on Oct. 4.

"There's nothing better than playing for a trophy," Rodgers said. "That's what gets competitors going."

The Tornadoes' competitors seemingly got going early against Palatka (4-3, 1-2). Bradford's defense stopped the Panthers on a fourth-down play on the game's opening drive, while the offense got an immediate spark on its first play, with 24-yard pass play from quarterback Zack Paulk to Elijah Lawrence that set up a first down at the Palatka

33. The promising drive, though, ended two plays later when the Panthers recovered a fumble.

After Bradford's defense forced a three-and-out, the Tornadoes began their second offensive series at the Palatka 37, thanks to an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty assessed against the Panthers following their punt. Paulk drew Palatka offside on first down, followed by Gino Addison breaking loose for a 17-yard run to the 15-yard line. The Panthers' defense made tackles for lost yardage on the next two plays, but a pass-interference penalty on third down gave the Tornadoes third-and-4 at the 9. After an incomplete pass, Bradford went for it on fourth down, with Addison being stopped inches shy of the first down.

Palatka gained a first down on the ensuing series, with quarterback Tommy Offord running for an 18-yard gain. A chopblock penalty and a 12-yard sack by the Tornadoes' Trevis Johnson eventually forced the Panthers to punt on fourth-and-23.

Jy'Quez Cason fielded the punt on the run at his own 44 and took it the distance for a 56-yard touchdown with 11 seconds to play in the first quarter. Cy Cubbedge kicked the extra point

as Bradford led 7-0.

The Panthers gained a couple of first downs on their next series on runs by Offord and Lawrence Evans. On first down at their own 33, the Panthers' Evans

was dropped for a 3-yard loss

by Johnson and Trente Jenkins. After a penalty for delay of game, Bradford's Branden Williams

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Bradford Elementary School's first-ever student government members are pictured following their swearing-in ceremony, which was conducted by Bradford County Judge Tatum Davis. Pictured (l-r) are Student Government Sponsor Jaquan Bryant, Assistant Principal Karen Brugh, Avery Crawford, Kamryn Dyal, Willie Perry, Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije, Sawyer Shuford (front), Judge Davis (back), Adam Montaser, Addison Sweeney, Student Government Co-Sponsor Venessa Sweeney, Jaliyah Carter and Addison Jackson.

Bradford County Judge Davis swears in Bradford Elementary's 1st-ever officers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Five sixth-grade students at Bradford Elementary School stood before County Judge Tatum Davis on Sept. 19.

They weren't in any trouble. Instead, they were officially becoming leaders at their school, being sworn in by Davis as newly elected student-government officers.

"This is an honor," Davis told the students. "It's important that you all have taken the opportunity to put yourself out there for leadership positions. That's great. You'll learn a lot through this process."

The officers who were sworn in were President Avery Crawford, Vice President Kamryn Dyal, Secretary Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije, Historian Addison Sweeney and Treasurer Adam Montaser.

Before the ceremony began, Davis shared how he was elected his class president as a third-grade student in 1992 at Lawtey Elementary School. He and his fellow officers participated in a swearing-in ceremony conducted by George Pierce, the county attorney at the time.

"It's kind of come full circle for me," Davis said.

Davis told the officers they deserved a pat on the back because of the "courage to put yourselves on the ballot," adding, "The fact that you've been elected is a reflection on you and what kind of a person you are."

After the last officer was sworn in, Davis said, "Good luck with your terms in office. I hope they're happy terms and that you get a lot accomplished in student government here at Bradford Elementary."

This is the school's first-ever student government group, which also consists of representatives from fifth grade (Jaliyah Carter, Addison Jackson) and fourth grade (Willie Perry, Sawyer Shuford).

Jaquan Bryant is the sponsor, while Venessa Sweeney is co-sponsor.

"We're very excited," Sweeney said. "I have a feeling we're going to do really great things. I know we're going to be good examples for everybody on this campus."

Assistant Principal Karen Brugh, who was present

at the ceremony, told the student-government members, "Congratulations to you. We

look forward to what you have planned or are going to plan for our campus."

Avery Crawford is sworn in as president by Bradford County Judge Tatum Davis during a Sept. 19 ceremony at Bradford Elementary School.



Vice President Kamryn Dyal



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Union sweeps BHS in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's volleyball team remained hot, winning its fourth straight match, while a young Bradford team continued to struggle in the Tigers' 3-0 (25-14, 25-10, 25-16) victory on Oct. 7 in Lake Butler.

The Tigers (14-7), who are eighth in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power poll, scored the first five points of the first set with Bella Johns serving, getting two kills from Jailyn Simmons. A couple of Indi Knox service aces later helped Union take a 9-2 lead.

Knox, Simmons, Layla Barber and Morgan Smith all had kills as the Tigers continued to pull away. A Simmons block of an Autumn DeKorver attack made the score 17-8.

Barber had three kills late in the set, including one for the game-winning point.

Class 3A Bradford (2-13) got some good plays early in the second set from DeKorver, who blocked an attack by Barber and recorded a kill. It was a one-point game before the Tigers reeled off five straight points with Simmons serving. Abby Williams assisted on kills by Barber and Smith during that span as Union went up 9-3.

The Tigers scored four straight with Barber serving, getting a kill from De'ashia Gainer in building



Union's Abby Williams prepares to set up a teammate for an attack.

a 14-4 lead. A three-point span with Knox serving that included kills by Knox and Barber later made it 21-7.

Williams served up an ace to win the second set.

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Union's Indi Knox (left) attempts to spike the ball past the block of Bradford's Wynter Barrington.

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Indians drop homecoming game, lose 42-10 to Warriors

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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West Nassau produced 327 offensive yards, leading to a 42-10 win over the Indians in Keystone Heights on Oct. 4.

The Warriors' trio of running backs — Gaven Carter, Skyler Freeman and Smo Green — ran for over 60 yards each.

Keystone's first drive looked promising, with the Indians (2-4) driving 52 yards on 14 plays to the Warrior 5. From there, Tyler Sapp hit the left upright on a field-goal attempt, but the ball ricocheted between the uprights, and Keystone got on the board first with a 3-0 lead.

However, the Warriors answered with an 11-play, 55-yard drive of their own, culminating with a 20-yard touchdown pass from Pryce Arnold to Colby Gay. However, Andi Ataiza's run for the two-

point conversion fell short, and the Callahan-based team had to settle for a 6-3 lead.

West Nassau scored again just before the half on a 30-yard gallop by Freeman. Arnold's 2.5-yard run for the two-point conversion was good, and the Warriors took a 14-3 lead into halftime.

The Warriors got the ball to open the second half, and it took them only three plays to extend their lead to 18. Carter broke free for a 43-yard sprint from the West Nassau 48 to the Keystone 9 and then gained 7 more yards on a subsequent rush before Ataiza finished the drive with a 2-yard rush with 10:39 left in the third quarter. Kevin Sheppard's extra point was good, and the Warriors took a 21-3 lead.

Keystone's kicking game produced the team's only other score when Kyle Perkins picked up a muffed punt by the Warriors

and took the ball into the end zone. Sapp added the PAT, pulling the Indians within 11 with a 21-10 score.

But the Warriors came right back, with Arnold hitting Gay on a 32-yard post pattern and the junior wide receiver hitting paydirt. Sheppard's extra point was good, and the Warriors' chances of improving their record to 7-1 looked favorable.

The Callahan crew took their 28-10 lead into the fourth quarter and wasted no time putting more distance between themselves and the home team, engineering an eight-play, 60-yard drive that was capped with a 5-yard scoring run by Green. Sheppard added one more, and the Warriors had a 35-10 lead.

West Nassau's final score came after recovering a Keystone fumble, which gave the Warriors the ball on the Keystone 24. Three plays later, Green ran in from the 10, and Sheppard concluded the night's scoring with another successful kick, giving West Nassau a 42-10 win.

Keystone goes on the road this week to face winless Santa Fe in Alachua on Friday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders have been outscored 214-30 this year and have not scored in their last four games.

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Tigers roll up 40 points in 1st half of homecoming win

BY CECE THOMAS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Union County Tigers added another win to their record, putting together a great game plan and doing a good job on the field in defeating visiting Zarephath Academy 47-14 on Oct. 4.

Zarephath (7-1) was thought to be a tough opponent, but the Tigers outscored the Eagles 40-6 in the first half in improving their record to 6-0.

Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas had some good things to say about the homecoming win.

"I thought we handled distractions well," Thomas said. "This is a high-scoring team, and I think we handled it well, and the defense played really well. They challenged us physically, and we knew we would have to win on the line of scrimmage on both sides, and we pulled through with this win."

The Tigers, who are first in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings, received the opening kickoff, which rolled out of bounds at the 42-yard line. With the 5-yard penalty, the Tigers started at their own 47, but a penalty on them put them back to the 42. Running back Drew Simmons gained back the penalty yardage and then made about an 8-yard gain on another carry. On third down, Alec McClellan got enough yardage for a first down at the Eagles' 41. Simmons took a handoff and picked up a couple of yards. Ashton Newsom got the carry on second down and picked up the first down.

Simmons, who rushed for 136 yards on 17 carries, then took it into the end zone for the first of his three touchdowns. The two-point conversion was good, putting the Tigers up 8-0 with nine minutes left in the first quarter.

After bobbling the kickoff back and forth, the Eagles recovered and started a drive at their own 40. A flag for being offside left them needing 15 yards to pick up a first down. A pass was caught for big yardage, but an illegal-formation call brought the play back. A completed pass gained about 5 yards, but the next pass attempt was almost intercepted as it grazed off the fingertips of Gavin Jenkins. On third-and-15, a pass was tipped away from the intended receiver by Jesse Chaikin. The Eagles punted, with the Tigers taking over at their own 45-yard line.

McClellan had a big run, bouncing off a couple of tackles and gaining a first down at the Eagles' 45. A C.J. Ivey run set up second-and-3. Ivey, on another handoff, had a big run for first down. Simmons had a big play, carrying the ball for a first down at the 15-yard line. He then took the ball in for another touchdown with three minutes left in the first quarter. A pass-interference call on the two-point play resulted in half the distance being marked off. The Tigers lined up for two again, with Ivey taking the ball into the end zone to make the score now 16-0.

The Eagles fumbled the Jenkins kickoff again, but recovered, taking over at their own 38-yard line. The Eagles ran the ball and picked up a first down at the Union 47. After a 2-yard gain, a penalty made it second-and-13. Zarephath then scored a touchdown on a pass completion with 2:30 left in the first quarter. The two-point conversion failed, making the score 18-6.

With the second quarter underway, Simmons took a handoff on a third-down play and got a first down at the Eagles' 26-yard line. After Newsom was tripped up for no gain, Simmons



ABOVE: Drew Simmons (center) carries the ball as the rain falls.

RIGHT: Jesse Chaikin looks into the Zarephath backfield before a snap. Photos by CeCe Thomas.



carried the ball into the end zone for his final score. The Tigers set up for another two-point conversion, with Ivey taking it in, making the score 24-6.

Bryan Tyson made a good tackle for a 5-yard gain on a third-and-14 play, forcing the Eagles to punt, with the ball rolling to a stop at the Tigers' 42. A personal-foul penalty on the Tigers, however, had them starting the drive at their own 35.

Ivey carried for about a 5-yard gain on first down and then fumbled on second down. The Tigers recovered. On third-and-5, Simmons got the carry and produced a big run for a first down at the Eagles' 48-yard line. Ivey had a hard carry straight up the middle for another first down at the 34. A huge pass play from Trenton Klein to Jenkins was good for a touchdown with five minutes left in the second quarter. McClellan carried it in on the two-point conversion, making the score 32-6.

Jenkins had a good kickoff, with the Eagles returning it to their own 38. A pass play was completed, but Iben Williams made the tackle for only a 5-yard gain. The Eagles fumbled on second down, with Chaikin recovering for the Tigers at the Eagles' 34-yard line.

A Newsom carry picked up about 8 yards. Klein, on a keeper, picked up huge yardage and a first down at the 6-yard line. After a 5-yard carry by Simmons, Klein completed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Tyson with two minutes left in the first half. The two-point conversion was good, with the Tigers leading 40-6.

Jenkins' kickoff to start the second half went out of bounds, with the Eagles taking over at their own 35. The Eagles faced a third-and-2 play, which they converted on a quarterback keeper around left end. That put them at the Union 32.

A completed pass play on which the receiver broke two tackles gave the Eagles a first down at the 19. Zarephath was then flagged for being offside. The quarterback rolled out to pass, but was sacked by Klein for a huge loss. On second-and-26, Newsom almost had a sack before the quarterback got the pass off. The receiver slipped as he caught

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Union led by six in third set, but the Tornadoes scored three points with Manduo Wei serving to make the score 11-8.

Two kills by Knox and a tip by Simmons helped Union take a 15-9 lead. The Tigers' Kamryn Southerland later made a play off a bad pass from a teammate, tipping the ball over the net for a point and a 16-12 lead.

Southerland recorded an assist on the following play, leading to a kill by Simmons and a 17-12 lead before DeKorver forced side-out with a kill off a Kingslee Phillips assist.

A couple of aces by DeKorver helped the Tornadoes pull to within 20-16, but Simmons had a couple of aces of her own as the Tigers closed out the match with five straight points.

Union entered the match off a 3-0 (25-12, 25-16, 25-20) win over Class 2A P.K. Yonge on

Oct. 1 in Lake Butler.

The Tornadoes, who've been swept in every loss but one, were coming off a week in which they dropped 3-0 matches to Class 4A Baker County on Sept. 30 and fellow Class 3A teams Interlachen on Oct. 2 and Baldwin on Oct. 3.

District tournaments are scheduled to begin the week of Monday, Oct. 14, but matchups and times weren't known by deadline.

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tackled Offord for just a 2-yard gain. A holding penalty then wiped out most of a big run by Offord, setting up a third-and-10 play. Palatka gained 2 yards on a pass play and punted.

A third-down scramble by Paulk gained 5 yards and gave Bradford a first down at its own 48. A 6-yard run by Jeremiah McKenzie and runs of 3 and 8 yards by Addison moved the Tornadoes to the Palatka 35. Williams then lined up to take the snap, running his way through the defense for a touchdown with 3:23 to play in the first half. Cubbedge added the PAT for a 14-0 lead.

McKenzie and Jeremiah Hill came up with big tackles for Bradford on Palatka's next offensive series to force a punt. The Tornadoes' Marlin Haywood fielded the ball at his own 23 and took it the distance for a touchdown, but the score was nullified by a penalty for an illegal block.

Bradford had another touchdown called back as time expired in the half, with another illegal-block penalty wiping out a 50-yard score by Cason, who caught a screen pass in the middle of the field.

The Tornadoes' first drive of the second half had two long runs called back because of penalties before an interception gave the ball to the Panthers.

Palatka's Offord got loose on a 19-yard run to the Bradford 31 on the first play following the turnover. Two runs by Justin Fells netted 6 yards, setting up third-and-4. The Panthers, however, were penalized for illegal procedure. After a 3-yard run by Offord, Palatka went for it on fourth-and-6. An incomplete pass resulted in a turnover on downs at the Bradford 27.

Three plays later, the Tornadoes increased their lead. A 31-yard run by Williams resulted in a first down at the Palatka 40. Cason then lined up to take the snap, scooped up a fumble and



Jy'Quez Cason (right) returns a punt 56 yards for Bradford's first score.

carried the ball for a touchdown with 3:45 remaining in the third quarter. Bradford led 21-0 after Cubbedge's PAT.

Palatka went three-and-out on its next drive and shanked a punt out of bounds at its own 39.

Two runs by Iyen Addison resulted in a net gain of 8 yards before Gino Addison broke free for a 19-yard run to the 12. An additional 5 yards were tacked on by a facemask penalty, giving Bradford first-and-goal at the 7. McKenzie scored on a run from there to put the Tornadoes up 27-0 with 11 seconds left in the third quarter. The PAT was no good.

Jenkins recovered a fumble on the Panthers' next series, giving Bradford the ball at the Palatka 19. Gino Addison promptly scored on a run from there, but a holding penalty brought the play back. A 12-yard run by Cason on third-and-12 set up first-and-goal at the 9. Gino Addison carried the ball in from there on a touchdown that counted at the 9:10 mark of the fourth quarter. Cubbedge kicked the extra point to make it 34-0.

Bradford added its final score on a five-play, 34-yard drive. Iyen Addison had runs of 6 and 12 yards to move the ball to the 16. Brian Clifflin then had three

straight carries, with the third resulting in a 3-yard touchdown. Cubbedge added the final point on the PAT.

It was a defensive performance that has been typical since Rodgers has been the coach, with the Tornadoes allowing 148 yards in recording their second straight shutout. Only eight of Palatka's 42 snaps occurred on Bradford's side of the 50.

Bradford has allowed 41 points on the season (an average of seven points per game).

The game was also an example of the number of playmakers Bradford has at its disposal. Besides Paulk, eight players touched the ball, either running it or catching it. All but two had at least one play of more than 10 yards, including Cason, who had two carries for 52 yards, two receptions for 27 yards and the punt return for 56 yards. Williams gained 30-plus yards on two of his run attempts, finishing with 65 yards on three carries.

"We've got a lot of weapons," Rodgers said. "It's hard because there's only one football. We can't pass out four footballs and let everybody run with them. I wish we could, but we can't. We've got one ball."

"We've just got to make sure we get our playmakers the ball."

BHS, UCHS are both number 1 in football power rankings

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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For the second week in a row, Bradford and Union County high schools are the number-one teams in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps football power rankings, which are used to determine playoff qualifiers and seeding.

Bradford (6-0) has been the top team in Class 2A since the release of the inaugural rankings on Sept. 24. Union (6-0) was behind Jay in the inaugural Rural Classification rankings, but the teams switched positions in when the rankings were updated on Oct. 1. The latest Rural rankings have Cottondale now second behind Union.

The top eight teams in each region qualify for the playoffs (district champions will automatically be placed in the top eight).

The Rural Classification isn't divided into regions, so the top 16 teams in the class qualify for the playoffs.

Rankings, which take into account results and strength of schedule, are updated every week until the end of the regular season.

To view rankings, visit fhsaa.com.

BHS and Class 2A

In Region 2 of Class 2A Bradford is number one ahead of Cocoa (3-3), which defeated the Tornadoes 20-6 in last year's state-championship game. Newberry (4-2) is third, followed by Clearwater's Calvary Christian (5-2), Palatka (4-3), Berkeley Prep (3-3), The Villages (4-2) and Titusville Astronaut (5-2).

The top-10 overall teams in 2A (regardless of region) are Bradford, Gadsden County (6-1), Sarasota Cardinal Mooney (6-0), Pensacola Catholic (5-1), Bolles (5-1), Taylor County (5-0), Fort Myers Bishop Verot (4-2), Marianna (7-0), West Palm Beach King's Academy (6-0)

and Miami Immaculata-La Salle (4-1).

In combining all classifications (Rural-7A) Bradford is ranked fourth out of 460 teams. Class 6A Nease (5-0) is number one, followed by 6A Seffner Armwood (6-0) and 5A Lakeland (6-0).

UCHS and Rural

In looking at the top 16 teams in Rural, Union is one of just four that are undefeated.

Two-time defending Rural state champ Hawthorne (5-1) is ranked third behind Union and Cottondale (6-0). Fourth through 16th are Jay (6-1), Chiefland (6-0), Chipley (5-1), last year's state runner-up Madison County (4-2), Pahokee (4-2), Fort White (4-2), Aucilla Christian (6-0), Williston (4-2), Franklin County (5-1), Jefferson County (5-1), Baker (6-1), Holmes County (4-2) and Blountstown (3-2).

In combining all classifications, Union is ranked 31st.

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BHS, Newberry to play big football game in District 5-2A

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Two highly ranked teams in Class 2A will meet in a big game that will determine the District 5-2A championship when Bradford travels to play

Newberry on Friday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Milton hadn't impacted the date and time as of deadline.

The Tornados (6-0) are the top team in the Florida High

School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 2A power rankings, while Newberry (4-2) is 14th. In breaking it down to Region 2 of Class 2A, Bradford and Newberry are first and third, respectively.

Bradford is 2-0 in district play and will have one more district game (Oct. 25 at Santa Fe) to play. However, if the Tornados beat Newberry, they will be the district champs regardless of the outcome of their final district game.

The Panthers are 3-0 in the district, outscoring those teams by a combined 129-0. Bradford has won its two district games by a combined score of 81-0.

Newberry's only losses have come against two-time defending Rural state champ Hawthorne (28-27 in overtime) and fourth-ranked Class 4A Vanguard (23-0).

The Panthers are scoring an average of 33 points per game, while opponents are averaging 12 points per game.

Bradford is scoring an average of 28 points per game, while

allowing only seven per game.

Newberry averages 241 rushing yards per game, led by Kaleb Woods, who has 768 yards and nine touchdowns on 75 carries. Jamarcus Wimberly had 349 yards and two touchdowns on 35 carries.

The Panthers average 105 passing yards per game. Collin Dunsmore has completed 33 of 63 passes (with only one interception) for 498 yards and six touchdowns.

Hayden Moore leads the receiving corps with 294 yards and five touchdowns on 16 catches. Trenton Campbell has 93 yards and a touchdown on four receptions.

Newberry has turned the ball over only twice all season.

Defensively, the Panthers have a trio of Division I commits in tackle Jarquez Carter (6-2, 280,

Ohio State) and end Mykah Newton (6-3, 260, Miami) and linebacker Logan McCloud (6-1, 220, Wofford).

McCloud leads Newberry in tackles with 47. Carter, who received more than 30 college offers and selected Ohio State over Florida, FSU, Miami, UCF and Penn State, has 39 tackles, with nine sacks and 25 total tackles for loss.

Lineman Dyllan Strappy also has 39 tackles, nine sacks and 25 total tackles for loss.

Newton, who flipped his commitment from N.C. State to Miami, has six sacks and 10 total tackles for loss.

The Panthers have eight interceptions, with four made by defensive back La'Harry Debose.

Kicker Zane Spiers is 11 of 13 on PATs and 4 of 7 on field-goal attempts. His longest field goal is 45 yards.

Newberry will be just the third team that Bradford has played that is in Class 2A. The Tornados' first four games were against larger schools: 13-7 win over Baker County, 29-14 win over Dunnellon, 28-7 win over South Sumter and 18-13 win over Mandarin. Mandarin is ninth in the 6A power rankings, while in 3A, Dunnellon is 10th, South Sumter 13th and Baker County 15th.



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